

BLACKMAIL PLOT EXPOSED

Gothlieb Storz Threatened Attempt to Secure \$4,000.

GERMAN PAINTER UNDER ARREST

Denies Writing Letter Demanding that Gold Be Put in Designated Place on Penalty of Death to Storz Family.

Charged with attempting to extort \$4,000 in gold from Gottlieb Storz, president of the Storz Brewing company, by means of a blackmailing letter, Mathias Stefan, painter, musician and artist, has been placed under arrest by the United States authorities.

The matter had been brewing for three or four weeks, but only came to the surface Friday afternoon when Stefan was placed under arrest upon the complaint of Postoffice Inspector L. B. Thompson, who, with Detectives Mitchell, Sullivan and Ferris of the local police force, had been working up the case.

Letter in Disclosed Hand.

The letter is written in German and the handwriting bears every indication of a labored effort at disguising the handwriting of the composer. A translation of it follows:

"Mr. Storz, I want you to read this letter to all by yourself. Nobody should know it, what it is reading means. You read it in that is drawn in the lottery when you have \$4,000 in gold Friday October 4, 1907, evening at 8 o'clock you have to bring to Atlas and Thirteenth street, one black east to the right. There is a red coal box in said box there you will find a piece of newspaper as a sign. But if you do not bring the money and perhaps report to the police, then Good Bye with you. Then we are going to get you, big and small, out of your home and we are going to cut life strips out of your folks. But bring the money at the certain time and have it well wrapped in a piece of cloth and lay it down where the sign at the coal box is. Then sign a move on your coat now you have to come all by yourself. You are from day to day and every day under guard. If you do come you are under guard. People are watching you very close. Don't you think it is fun. No pardon, therefore keep quiet. Bring the money and don't say anything to nobody. You have plenty of time to get the money ready. In a year from now your money will be paid back. Amen. Good bye with you if the police traces us up or are on our heels. They won't get us, but you are the one that will suffer by it."

The letter was addressed to "Mister G. Storz, Farnam and 37th st. Omaha, Neb." It was mailed at 1:30 p. m. October 1.

Immediately Upon Receipt of the Letter

Mr. Storz turned it over to the police and a watch was set for the writer at the place indicated. There was no signature to the letter, but on the back of it was a diagram showing the route Mr. Storz was to take in depositing the money, and the identical street, corner and house was indicated by a cross under which the characters, \$4,000, evidently to remind Mr. Storz of the exact amount required.

Catarrh of The Stomach

A Most Dangerous Disease, Which Causes Serious Results, Unless Properly Treated.

Catarrh of the stomach is very common and is known as one of the most obstinate diseases, which, when neglected or improperly treated with cheap patent medicines, tonics, drugs, pills, and other secret quack remedies, results in a broken down constitution and often consumption and death.

DES MOINES' MODEL MAN

Marvelous in What He Has Missed, as Well as in What He Has Done.

Whenever some paragraph of virtue rises from an obscure place and testifies to the fact that he has never, never, "by word or deed," committed a wrong, the world pauses long enough to smile. It is little short of marvelous that in this day and generation a man could live to maturity without being human and possessing at least some of the ordinary human frailties.

He Recognized His Property.

The landlady was invited to the house of one of his late patrons.

Stefan as the writer. This will, however, not be produced until the preliminary examination Monday.

Three Detectives on Case.

Detectives Mitchell, Sullivan and Ferris have worked incessantly on the case since it was turned over to them by the federal authorities, and all of the evidence secured against Stefan was mainly through their efforts.

HORSE MEETS HIS MASTER

Former Army Trooper Succeds in Shoeing Him After a Desperate Struggle.

With eyes flashing, nostrils distended, ears laid back, mouth open and whiskers standing sharply on end, Satan, a vicious horse, gave desperate battle with a branny blacksmith in Des Moines.

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