

AN ANARCHIST PLOT.

A SCHEME TO BLOW UP WASHINGTON.

Startling News from the National Capital—H. J. Jaxon of Chicago, a French-Canadian Half-Breed, Said to be at the Head of a Conspiracy to Blow Things to Kingdom Come by Means of an Infernal Machine to be Exploded by the Sun.

To Blow Up Washington.

WASHINGTON, June 19.—An anarchist plot to blow up the public buildings in Washington has been discovered by the district police.

The leader of the anarchists is H. J. Jaxon, a half-breed French Canadian who has for years been closely identified with the Chicago Anarchists, and whose office has been located in the Times building in that city.

For weeks past a house at 1921 Vermont avenue in this city, where the secret meetings of the anarchists have been held, has been watched by the police and a man named De Masters, known both as doctor and professor, and an ex-Episcopalian minister, has attended the meetings and is the informant.

The formula from which the explosives were to be made has been obtained, the compound made and tested. It is the latest hellish device of the anarchists and explodes from the heat of the sun, throwing out a deadly poisonous vapor. No arrests have been made and the police refuse to reveal their full information and have sought to keep the story from the papers. Knowledge of the plot became, however, too generally known to prevent a leak.

Sergeant-at-Arms Bright of the senate was the first to receive any information. The vice-president was then informed; also the night watch at the capitol, and the speaker of the house. Secretary Carlisle was told of a plot against the treasury department, and the president was also informed of the situation. With the police working steadily on the case for weeks past, not enough information has been obtained upon which certainty of conviction could be assured, and for this reason arrests have been postponed day after day.

Jaxon's presence in the city was hinted at in the telegraphic dispatches before the arrival of Coxy. He came here before the commonwealth army, and rode over the route which Coxy would follow.

The information which De Masters brought was that Jaxon had expected to find no difficulty in organizing a strong association of Anarchists here, and that it was also expected that Anarchists would flock in here from all directions with the commonwealers. Jaxon was disappointed in finding the local Anarchists, but on the day of the commonwealth parade came from New York, Philadelphia and Chicago, and a meeting was held. A hint of this meeting was given the police at the time, but the suspects departed and the fear temporarily subsided.

Shortly after this Sergeant-at-Arms Bright received a letter which was of such an earnest nature warning him of a plot to blow up the capitol and other public buildings that he decided to investigate. It was one of hundreds of letters that he had received, but the earnestness manifested by the writer caused him to make an investigation. He consulted with Major Moore, superintendent of the District police, and the author of the letter was met per agreement, and proved to be an ex-preacher, De Masters, who had been taken in by the anarchists. De Masters was put under pay, and instructed to attend all the meetings. He did so, and made reports to the chief of police.

Word was finally brought that with the arrival of Frye's army, now in the Cumberland valley, there would be an influx of Anarchists and that the time for putting the plans into execution would then be ripe. It was decided to wait until then before making any arrests, and in the meanwhile Jaxon and his followers have obtained information that they were being watched.

Even with the knowledge that the facts were to be published, the police last night refused to give out the information in their possession as to the extent of the plot, or the names of the men who were associated with Jaxon. It is settled that eight men met regularly at 1921 Vermont avenue, but whether this comprised all those in the plot could not be learned. Jaxon will be remembered as chief lieutenant to Louis Riel in the half-breed Canadian rebellion.

Sherman's Long Service.

WASHINGTON, June 19.—Senator Sherman was congratulated by many of his associates on the floor of the senate Saturday on the fact that he had reached a term of service in the senate equal in length to that of Senator Benton, whose service had heretofore held first rank in duration, covering a period from December 6, 1821, to March 3, 1851, making twenty-nine years, two months and twenty-seven days.

Commodore Esby Passes Away.

WASHINGTON, June 19.—Commodore John W. Esby, United States navy, retired, is dead, aged 75 years. He was an inspector of government gunboats during the late war and subsequently became a naval constructor. During President Garfield's administration he was appointed chief of the bureau of construction and repair, navy department, with the rank of commodore.

NEWS NOTES.

The M., K. & T. trainmen have assured the Indian Territory miners that they will haul no scab coal.

The miners of Cripple Creek have formed a vigilance committee to rid the camp of undesirable characters.

The United States government will not interfere in the case of Kissenski, the Pole who returned to Russia and was deported to Siberia.

The report of the government statistician of the agricultural department for June shows the peach and apple crop to be in extremely poor condition.

ACTRESSES ON WHEELS.

Parisian Women of the Stage Indulge in a Ten Mile Race.

PARIS, June 19.—The bicycle race of actresses took place in the Bois de Boulogne yesterday.

There were sixteen starters, dressed in tight-fitting jerseys or blouse waists, snug knickerbockers and black stockings. Some of the best wheelmen in France devoted their efforts towards bringing their respective favorites through first by means of systematic pacing. Each of the girls was surrounded by a corps of obsequious followers on cycles, with advance couriers shouting at people to keep the track clear. There were one or two cases of broken tires and one tumble over a boy with a dog cart, but otherwise there was no accidents. The distance was ten miles.

Mlle. Blanche Dupre of the opera pedaled her bike over the ten miles in 28.14, defeating her fifteen competitors by a very safe margin. The second rider to finish was Mlle. Solange of the Menus-Plaisirs, her time being within one minute of that of the winner. The Gaiety theater came next on the scene with Mlle. Aïse Bertin as its champion.

THE AGONY NEARLY OVER.

It Is Thought the Tariff Bill Will Pass the Senate This Week.

WASHINGTON, June 19.—Senator Harris said when the senate adjourned Saturday that the tariff bill would pass the senate by Saturday, and when Senator Aldrich the leader of the opposition to the bill, was asked what he thought of Mr. Harris' prediction, he expressed the opinion that it would not be entirely realized. It would come near it.

"I think," he said, "that by next Saturday night we shall be on the fag end of the bill."

Both declined to state whether there had been any negotiations for an agreement as to the time for the final vote between the leaders on the respective sides of the chamber. It is known, however, that the situation has been canvassed more or less in the numerous conferences which have taken place between Senators Cockrell, Harris and Jones on the Democratic side and Senators Aldrich and Allison on the Republican.

SUICIDE BEFORE A MOB.

A Louisiana Fire Bug Hangs Himself With the Assent of Vigilantes.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., June 19.—For six months past incendiary fires had been of almost nightly occurrence in Monroe, La. Last Wednesday night fire was discovered in the vicinity. Half the town turned out and the flames were easily extinguished. Bloodhounds were brought to the scene and soon struck the trail, which led them to the house of a white man named Day, a former private night watchman. He was arrested and confessed, stating that he burned the houses to get even with the people for discharging him.

On the way to jail, Day said he wished to die, and asked permission to hang himself. The request was granted, and Day deliberately fastened a rope to a limb of a tree, tied the noose around his neck and jumped off. He was allowed to hang until life was extinct.

BRECKINRIDGE WILL NOT ACT.

The Kentuckian Concludes Not to Attempt to Run the Deficiency Bill.

WASHINGTON, June 18.—Breckinridge of Kentucky, reported the deficiency bill to the house to-day from the committee on appropriations, but the fact that it has at length been definitely determined that he shall not manage it on the floor deprives his action of important significance. He is said to have determined that his candidacy will make such demands upon him as will not enable him to attend to the bill. If he holds to this threatened sensation will be avoided.

Another Coxy Demonstration Proposed.

PHILADELPHIA, June 19.—C. T. McKee, Christopher Columbus Jones' commissary, has opened headquarters in Moore's hall for the purpose of recruiting another commonwealth army, to start in Washington June 25 to take part in a proposed demonstration July 4. Coxy has been invited to come to this city and address a mass meeting of commonwealers next Sunday.

Sale of Oleomargarine.

WASHINGTON, June 19.—The treasury officials are in almost daily receipt of information showing the law of August 2, 1886, as to the sale of oleomargarine, is being violated in all parts of the country. These violations consist principally in selling oleomargarine at retail in packages not properly marked and branded, and offering it for sale after it had been removed from the original stamped packages. Steps are being taken to punish every violation of this act that they may discover.

A Texas Minister Disappears.

DENTON, Texas, June 19.—Elder Charles Baker, pastor of the Christian church here, left last Thursday morning for Tioga, on business, promising to be back on the afternoon of the same day. He has never been seen or heard of since. He was married three weeks ago to Miss Carrie Dunbar, a member of his church.

Another of the Dalton Gang Killed.

WICHITA, Kan., June 19.—John Ward, member of the Dalton gang, was shot and killed yesterday morning at Bear creek, near Luman, Ok., by Deputy United States Marshal Tom Covington. Ward made a hard fight, and when he died ten empty shells were found at his feet.

The Ottawa Assembly Opened.

OTTAWA, Kan., June 19.—The sixteenth annual Ottawa Chautauqua opened this afternoon despite the heavy rain of this morning. The management and leading instructors of training department organized their classes. The formal opening exercises were held at 8 o'clock this evening.

Swallowed Poison Before His Family. ST. JOSEPH, Mo., June 19.—George Parker, a farmer living near Tarkio, committed suicide in the presence of his family yesterday by swallowing a dose of rat poison.

SUGAR SPECULATION.

MR. QUAY SAYS HE BOUGHT TRUST STOCK.

More than that He Says He Would Do So Again—Senator Ransom's Son Also Took a Hand in Speculation—A Large Number of Senators Called Before the Investigating Committee—Other Late Washington News of General Interest.

Speculated in Sugar.

WASHINGTON, June 18.—Senator Quay was before the sugar trust committee just before 3 o'clock. He boldly told the committee that he had bought sugar stock for speculation and that he would do so again.

When Senator Ransom appeared before the senate sugar trust investigation committee to-day, he was asked, as were other senators who had been before the committee, the following question by Senator Lodge: "Has any member of your family or any person in your employ or any clerk employed under the laws of the United States in your service, been to your knowledge, interested in any of the ways indicated in any of the preceding questions in any transactions in sugar stocks or certificates during the period mentioned?"

Mr. Ransom said that Thursday night he had been visited at his home by Mr. Howland, correspondent of the New York Press, who asked him substantially the same question as had been put to him by the committee. He had made an explicit denial, whereupon Mr. Howland informed him that a brokerage firm in this city—Silsbee & Co.—had an entry in their books which indicated that the senator had speculated in sugar stocks during the period of the tariff debate.

"Mr. Howland," continued Mr. Ransom, "asked me if I knew any other person by the name of Ransom in the city. I told him I knew of but one person in the city by the name of Ransom and that was my son George who was my clerk. He asked me where he was and I said he was in the parlor and I would step in and bring him in. I was perhaps more cautious than the occasion required and I said to Mr. Howland that I would thank him to come with me to the door so that he could see no communication should take place between me and my son. I went to the parlor door where George was and beckoned him to come in. I did not speak to him or see him between the parlor and my room, and when he got in my room I asked the gentleman to state his business to him, and told my son whatever the matter was to tell the truth about it."

"My son," Mr. Ransom went on, "stated that he had bought some sugar stock on the 17th or 18th of April. He put up a margin of \$10 which he paid the broker on sugar stock. He said on the same day he put up a margin of \$25 on cotton. He said he lost on cotton and made \$10 on the sugar and that after that he repeated the same bet on sugar, but not on cotton, and I think he lost the second. He then stated that he and Captain Barnes, a messenger here at the commerce committee room, after that on two occasions bought \$10 worth of sugar stock. They went in together. I asked the correspondent to examine my son as fully as he pleased and examine Captain Barnes, too."

Mr. Ransom proceeded to relate that about two weeks ago Captain Barnes had come to him to tell him that a friend had informed him that he (the senator) had been speculating in sugar. The senator denied the story and sent Barnes to investigate it. The latter returned with the assurance that there was no basis for the assertion.

The senator had told the correspondent Howland about this incident withholding the name of Barnes' informant which had been communicated to him in confidence.

Senator Ransom advised the committee to examine Mr. Barnes and see if his story did not correspond with what had just been stated to the committee.

The senators examined up to this morning were Messrs. Lodge, Gray, Allen, Lindsay and Davis, members of the investigating committee, and Messrs. Allison, Bates, Berry, Blackburn, Blanchard, Brice, Call, Camden, Carey, Chandler, Cockrell, Coke, Culbourn, Daniel, Davis, Dixon, Dolph, DuBois, Faulkner, Frye, Gallinger, George, Gibson, Hale, Hansbrough, Harris, Hawley, Higgins, Hill, Hoar and Huntton.

UNCLE SAM'S FINANCES.

Estimated Results of Treasury Operations for the Year.

WASHINGTON, June 18.—As the end of the fiscal year is only fifteen days distant, treasury officials are able to give a fairly accurate estimate of the net results of the treasury's operations for the year. Up to this time the receipts aggregate \$282,204,721, and the disbursements \$356,197,337, leaving a deficit for the eleven and a half months of \$74,992,616.

It is thought by the officials that the deficit for the year will not be materially greater than it is now, and that \$74,500,000 will probably more than cover it, even should the customs receipts continue to decline, and those from internal revenue remain as during the last fortnight. While the cash balance yesterday reached \$115,095,282, and the gold balance \$67,804,972—the lowest point since the January bond issue—the situation is causing but little uneasiness at the treasury department.

No Indian Warehouse for Chicago.

WASHINGTON, June 18.—Chicago lost the Indian supply house in the house to-day. Mr. O'Neill of Massachusetts, in the chair, on motion of Mr. Strauss of New York ruling that the proposed removal of the warehouse from New York to Chicago was new legislation and on its face did not reduce appropriations.

Agricultural College Dedicated.

GUTHRIE, Ok., June 18.—The new \$20,000 building of the Territorial Agricultural college at Stillwater was dedicated yesterday, ex-Chief Justice E. B. Green delivering the address.

SENSATIONAL SUICIDE.

Ex-Congressman Tom Payne Takes His Life.

WASHINGTON, June 18.—In a fit of despondency resulting from long and incurable illness and depressed by a sudden and violent attack of dangerous symptoms, Thomas M. Payne, for seven terms representative of the Allegheny district in congress, at 10:15 o'clock this morning forestalled the end by sending a bullet through his head and killed himself instantly. At the time he was alone with the servants in his handsome and luxurious home at 1629 Massachusetts avenue, in the most ultra-fashionable part of the city, his wife being temporarily absent in Philadelphia.

He had been ill for a long time and indeed it was his ill health which caused him to resign his labors in congress where he had earned a reputation as a clever, vigorous debater and an expert on the complexities of the metal schedule of tariff bills. About eighteen months ago he was induced to take a voyage around the world and when he returned last July it appeared that he had improved very much. This gain was but temporary, however, and he suffered greatly from fits of depression consequent upon the mutations of his disease which was consumption. Recently he had failed so that it became necessary to have a trained nurse constantly with him.

About 6 o'clock this morning Mr. Payne called the nurse and said he was suffering, having just had a hemorrhage which had covered his breast with blood. The nurse did everything in her power to make him comfortable, but at 10:15 o'clock when she was absent from the sick room for a moment a shot rang out. She rushed back to find him lying unconscious with a revolver beside him and a ghastly hole in his right temple.

Medical help was speedily summoned and Dr. Sowers responded but when he reached the bedside, Mr. Payne had breathed his last. Coroner Woodward, who had also been called, soon appeared and decided that the facts were so evident inquest was unnecessary. He therefore gave the necessary certificate of death self-inflicted.

The news of the sad event spread rapidly and the Pennsylvania delegation in congress being notified, W. A. Stone, Mr. Payne's successor in congress, came to the house and took charge of affairs, summoning an undertaker and addressing a telegram to Mrs. Payne in Philadelphia.

Mr. Payne was one of the best known Republican politicians in Pennsylvania and was on the ways and means committee in the last congress. He declined to run again for this congress on account of ill health, and had since been out of active politics. He belonged to the branch of the party of which Senator Quay is the head.

A SILVER PLATFORM.

House Democrats Formulate One for the Endorsement of Conventions.

WASHINGTON, June 18.—A platform has been unofficially agreed upon by a number of Democratic silver members of the house of representatives as expressive of their views and as likely to commend itself to congressional conventions as concisely stating the silver, tariff and other issues. The purpose is to have conventions adopt uniform planks on these subjects. The platform is as follows:

"We are in favor of tariff for revenue only, and indorse the Wilson bill as it passed the house as the nearest approach to such a tariff attainable at this time.

"We are in favor of the income tax as a permanent part of our fiscal system, and welcome it as a step toward the restoration of equality in taxation.

"We are in favor of the immediate restoration of the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the present ratio, without waiting for the aid or consent of any other nation on earth.

"We believe that all paper money should be issued by the general government, and should be made a full legal tender for all debts, public and private, and that hereafter no contracts for a particular kind of money should be permitted.

"We are in favor of the election of United States senators by a direct vote of the people."

WORKING ON WOOL CLAUSES.

The Senate Begins Active Consideration of the Schedule—Vest on Shoddy.

WASHINGTON, June 18.—After the close vote in the senate yesterday afternoon on the Peffer amendment to put low duties on wool, Mr. Sherman offered an amendment, which was defeated, 29 to 34, and Mr. Peffer one to place all woolen manufactures on the free list. This was taken up when the senate met to-day and at once voted upon. It was defeated—3 to 46. The three Populists, Allen, Kyle and Peffer, alone voting in favor of it. Mr. Hansbrough announced that he would have voted "aye" had he not been paired.

The senate then plunged into the actual consideration of the woolen schedule. The first paragraph (278) placed a duty of 15 per cent on wool and hair in the form of stubbing, waste, mungo shoddy, corded waste, carbonized wools and wool in the form of roving, roping or tops in the following paragraphs dutiable at 15 per cent. Mr. Vest explained that the finance committee had been moved to place a duty on shoddy and waste in order to exclude them from the country. One of the purposes of placing wool on the free list was to discourage the manufacture of shoddy. Under the McKinley act the manufacture of shoddy had doubled. Last year it had reached \$90,000,000.

A Dalton Gang Member Confesses.

PERRY, Ok., June 15.—J. E. Sanford, alias "Bitter Creek," on trial here for horse stealing, has confessed that he is a member of the noted Dalton gang. He was arrested near this place two months ago after a hard fight.

The Anti-Options Bill Next.

WASHINGTON, June 18.—Mr. Hatch of Missouri announced to-day that he would call up the anti-options bill Monday. He expressed confidence that it would receive prompt attention and that it would pass by a large majority.

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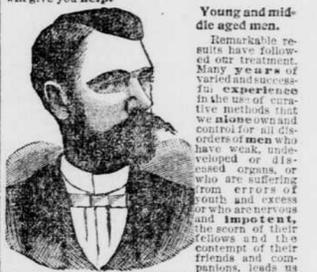
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