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IN GRIP OF CHOLERA

DEADLY PESTILENCE SWEEPS OVER ST. PETERSBURG.

Conditions in Hospitals and Tenements Such as to Breed Disease—Pestilence Spreading at Rapid Rate Throughout Russia.

St. Petersburg is in the grasp of the Asiatic cholera, which already has exceeded in severity and numbers the visitation of 1893. The disease is increasing daily at an alarming rate, and unless the authorities show in the future a greater degree of ability to cope with the situation than they have in the past there is every reason to fear that it will get out of hand.

The government's threat to apply the provisions of martial law has driven the municipality officials to bend all their energies to clearing the city of the scourge.

The aldermanic council Sunday voted $250,000 to enlarge the hospital space, to purchase and distribute disinfectants, the supply of which in St. Petersburg is well nigh exhausted, and to expedite the interment of bodies, which has been notoriously slow. The dead houses are overcrowded and many corpses lie unburied.

A beginning was made when public schools were transformed into hospital wards. A number of the grammar schools were closed and 4,000 students sent to their homes.

The department of war has opened stores to supply immediate needs, and army field kitchens have been dispatched to the poorer quarters to dispense free food.

The situation assumes a graver aspect from the appearance Saturday of a very virulent type of the disease, in two cases of which death followed within fifteen minutes of the first symptoms.

DROUGHT IN NEW ENGLAND.

Lack of Rain Seriously Cripples Many Industries.

Anxiety is filling the heart of the New England farmer for a drought, which is pronounced to be one of the severest in many years, has spread itself over the New England states, causing suffering to its people and cattle throughout the section.

On Aug. 16 the last general rainfall came to New England. In many places the wells are running dry. Water in the lakes has been receding at the rate of an inch a day. Numerous forest fires have started. Many mills have been crippled by the lack of water supply and others have been compelled to shut down. Cattle have been suffering and the milk supply is becoming limited. In Vermont mills have been seriously crippled or shut down, throwing hundreds out of employment. Quarries about Montpelier were closed during the past week. For several days past the water has been the lowest since 1881 in Lake Champlain and steamers have discontinued touching at St. Albans Bay.

DEMAND FREE "NEAR BEER."

Georgians to Fight Action of Legislature in Imposing Tax.

The Georgia prohibition law, so far as taxing "near beer" is concerned, is under fire. The extra session of the legislature which adjourned Saturday authorized a tax of $500 on manufacturers of this product. Two hundred dollars is the amount proposed on dispensers of "near beer."

Shortly after midnight Saturday night Judge Ellis, of the superior court, enjoined the comptroller of the state, the sheriff of Fulton county, which includes Atlanta, and his deputies, from collecting this tax. The injunction was granted on the petition of 115 dealers in the "prohibition product."

The "near beer" dealers claim that the legislation was unconstitutional. The case will be carried to the highest courts.

Killed in Auto Wreck.

Mrs. Stephen B Lee, of Buffalo, N. Y., wife of Assistant Secretary Lee, of the Erie county bank, was killed and Mr. Lee was fatally injured in a collision between their automobile and a Lacakawanna freight train. Mr. Lee's skull was fractured.

Fleet Sails Tomorrow.

The American battleship fleet is to leave Albany, W. Australia, Friday instead of Thursday, as originally planned.

Sioux City Live Stock Market.

Saturday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Beeves, $5.50@5.75. Top hogs, $6.90.

Porto Rican Assembly Balks.

The extraorinary session of the Porto Rican legislature, which was called principally to pass the $3,000,000 irrigation project, adjourned Saturday without having passed the measure.

Sold Last Slaves in Missouri.

Killiam W. Payne, who is 1858, as constable, sold at auction the last slaves put on the block in Missouri at the city hall at Kansas City, died Sunday, aged 72 years.

KILLED BY CARELESS NURSE.

Three Patients in San Diego Hospital Die of Poison.

Three deaths have already resulted from the carelessness of Mary Arthur, a 19-year-old nurse at the county hospital at San Diego, Cal., a fourth death is expected and four others are seriously ill, though their illness is not expected to be fatal.

The dead: J. Young, Charles Kemp, Henry C. Schuette.

A. Paisler is not expected to live and Capt. A. Paulsen, B. Tisler, Geo. King and Mr. Penny are seriously ill.

All were taken sick Thursday afternoon, and evidence of poison was so great that an investigation was started, ending finally in a confession by Miss Arthur that she had neglected to throw out some water in which there was a quantity of atrophine and that her patients had got hold of it for their medicine. She realized her mistake as soon as they became ill, but did not confess her error until the investigation had brought the deaths almost home to her. Young died about midnight, Kemp early Friday morning and Schette later in the day.

Miss Arthur is in a state of collapse, but is kept under surveillance.

The inquest has been postponed until the result of Paisler's case is known.

THIEVES VISIT MARK TWAIN.

Humorist's Unbidden Guests Tote Off Some Silver.

Two burglars who broke into the residence of Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain) in Redding, Conn., Wednesday night were captured early Thursday on a New Haven railroad train between Bethel and Redding after a desperate fight, in which Deputy Sheriff Bank, of Redding, was shot in the leg. The prisoners are believed to be professional crooks who came there from New York for the express purpose of entering the Clemens villa.

Miss Lyon, Mr. Clemens' secretary, was aroused about midnight by the sound of breaking glass. She found the dining room lighted and that the sideboard, with its silver, was missing from its customary place. Through an open window she saw two men rifling the sideboard, which had been carried out into the garden. Miss Lyon summoned Mr. Clemens and the butler and telephoned for the sheriff and neighbors. The burglars meanwhile had fled with the silver, but they were captured on a train after a fierce fight in which the sheriff was wounded twice and one of the men shot himself in the head. The silver was recovered.

CAUGHT AFTER LONG CHASE.

Murderer of Six Persons in California Said to Be Prisoner in Texas.

The further evidence that William Hatfield, the man who is being held in Sherman, Tex., is James C. Dunham, who murdered six persons in San Jose, Cal., in 1896, was received Friday by Sheriff Langford in a dispatch from U. S. Marshal McAfee, of erman, as follows:

"Two inch scar left foot, beginning on big toe, angling back to second toe. Height 5 feet 11½ inches, blue eyes, large depression between. Told cellmate he would die before he would go to California. Your man sure."

This description tallies closely to Dunham. District Attorney Free left Friday for Sacramento to secure requisition papers and immediately upon his return Sheriff Langford and a deputy will start for Sherman after the prisoner.

BROTHER HEARS THE NEWS.

Countermands Orders Given for Preparation for Flights.

Wilbur Wright, brother of Orville Wright, now at Lemans, France, was very much perturbed when he heard the news from Washington that his brother had suffered an accident in which Lieut. Thomas E. Selfridge lost his life. He at once countermanded the orders given for the preparations for his flight, in which he purposed to try for the Michelin and Aero club prizes.

ACCUSATIONS CAUSE SUICIDE.

British Army Officer Throws Self Under Train.

Maj. Gen. Charles Edward Luard, retired, whose wife was mysteriously murdered near London on Aug. 24, committed suicide by throwing himself in front of a railroad train at Wateringbury, Eng. He left a note saying he had received letters accusing him of murdering his wife and could not stand the strain of the accusations longer.

Build Schools, Not Warships.

"If I had my way I would build a couple of warships less, yet one would be enough, and I would take the $5,000,000 which it would cost and with it construct 1,000 schools of agriculture within the United States," declared James J. Hill at the dedication of Stephen hall, an agricultural institution at Crookson, Minn.

Baby Found in Cornfield.

Burned to a blister in the hot sun, but still alive, a new born baby was found in a corn field, near Gayville, S. D., Friday.

Fire in a Packing Plant.

Fire threatened the destruction of Swift & Co.'s packing plant in South St. Joseph Friday. The cold storage building was badly damaged. The loss is $60,000.

Booth Company Bankrupt.

The creditors of A. Booth & Co., the fish firm recently placed in the hands of receivers, filed a petition in bankruptcy in the federal court at Chicago, Friday.

ORGANIZED HUNT FOR GIRLS.

Renewed Activity by Chicago Vice Syndicate.

Fifteen young girls have disappeared in Chicago in the last seventeen days. So numerous have the missing girls become that Chief of Police Shippy has detailed a special squad of police and detectives to make a systematic search for them. It is the theory of the chief of police that many of the girls have been lured from their homes and sold into white slavery. Recent revelations in the police courts that young white slave girls have been sold for as high as $200 is the cause, it is believed, of the unwonted activity of the agents of the vice syndicate.

Last winter police court records showed that girls were sold for as low as $50. Chief Shippy believe there is a regularly organized band of professional kidnapers at work in Chicago and that these kidnapers have the assistance of at least two women. The notable instances of a missing girl since Sept. 1 is that of Emily Hoban, who accompanied a strange man from her home, leaving a note to the effect that she had received word that her sister was very ill. Afterwards she wrote her mother she was being kept prisoner by a woman in a small room. Clews to the whereabouts of the little Hoban girl have been discovered by Detectives Specht and Massett, of the North Robey street station. These are expected to lead to the discovery of the girl and the capture of her kidnapers.

Two of the young women for whom the police are searching live in South Chicago. The fact that a man was seen to accost one of them shortly before her disappearance was noticed led the police to believe that he may have been a kidnaper. These girls are Elizabeth Lally, 15 years old, 234 Seventy-fourth Court, and Annie Donilon, 15 years old, 1005 Green Bay avenue. Both have been missing since Sept. 12.

CARRIE CALLS ON TAFT.

Reformer Visit the Home of the Candidate.

Mrs. Carrie Nation, without her hatchet, dropped into Cincinnati Thursday and went direct to the Taft residence. Judge Taft admitted Mrs. Nation.

"You know me?" she demanded.

The candidate admitted that from public prints he knew who Mrs. Nation was.

"Well, I have come here to have a discussion with you on the liquor question," was her next remark.

"You will have to excuse me from entering upon any discussion with you," was Taft's reply. Whereupon Mrs. Nation began one of her characteristic speeches against the drink evil, not overlooking condemnation of all those who did not go valiantly to the work of reform as she believed it should be carried on.

Taft was modestly backing away, and Mrs. Nation, seemingly somewhat awed by what she was doing, also backed, and her interview was ended.

HEAVY FOG IN CHICAGO.

All Transportation Companies Are Greatly Handicapped.

A dense fog covering Chicago and its environs handicapped the transportation companies and was responsible for a number of accidents. Through passenger trains slowed up and suburban service was delayed through inability to distinguish signals. An interurban car from Aurora crashed into an elevated train on the Oak Park incline, injuring several passengers. Three crossing accidents due to the fog were reported to the police.

While the Duluth limited train on the Chicago and Northwestern was waiting for a signal to proceed into the city yards a suburban train crashed into its rear end. Half a dozen persons were injured, one seriously, on the suburban train, while those on the limited escaped with a shaking up.

Slain by Burglar.

Edward Quick, a penitentiary guard, was murdered in his home at Michigan City, Ind., early Thursday by a burglar. Mrs. Quick was awakened by a noise and, seeing a man at a dresser, nudged her husband. The burglar commanded Quick to lie still. Quick nevertheless raised himself on his elbow. Instantly the intruder fired, the bullet stirking Quick in the head. The slayer escaped.

Against the Railroads.

The United States circuit court of appeals, in reversing the decision of the lower court at Richmond, Va., holds that the interstate commerce law casts upon a railroad company the plain duty of furnishing a fair and equal distribution of car facilities, and this duty cannot be evaded by the carrier claiming it is not the owner of a portion of the cars carried over it lines.

Circus Rider Fatally Hurt.

Capt. Demetri, a Russian Cossack, with Campbell Bros.' circus, was fatally injured at Musactine, Ia., by being struck by a tent pole while riding.

Powder Magazine Explodes.

A powder magazine at McAlester, Okla., was struck by lightning Wednesday evening, the force of the explosion killing one miner and seriously injured eight others.

On Trial for Perjury.

The trial for perjury of Samuel Whitlow, recently acquitted of the murder of Miss May Sapp, who died Sept. 27 last, is in progress at Iola, Kan.

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PRESBYTERY AT EMERSON.

Large Attendance at the Regular Fall Meeting of Presbyterians.

The Niobrara presbytery met Tuesday evening at Emerson with a large attendance. A Presbyterian brotherhood was organized, with Rev. E. T. Hammond, of Lynch, as president, and Joseph B. Cherry, Ph. D., was received upon his letter from the Omaha presbytery and a call from the Presbyterian church of Ponca was presented to and accepted by him and arrangements were made for his installation later.

A request was presented by Rev. T. C. Osborne, of Wayne, to be sent to the congressman of that district asking him to do what he can to prevent Hon. Joseph G. Cannon from being selected as presiding officer of the house of representatives.

A. D. Halloway presented the matter of the county Young Men's Christian association, which has just been undertaken in the counties of Dixon, Wayne and Cedar as a district. The presbytery was much interested in this new movement in the northeast portion of Nebraska and gave voice to its encouragement.

Francis Patton Churchill, whose father is the Presbyterian minister at Pender, was taken under the care of the presbytery as a candidate for the ministry. Mr. Churchill will take his college course at Bellevue.

PECULIAR COURT MIXUP.

District Judge Mandamused to Enforce His Own Injunction.

Some time last spring James Q. Keefe, of Sioux City, procured an injunction to be issued out of the district court of Thurston county restraining Silas Lieb from entering upon forty acres of land which Keefe owned near Pender. At the hearing of a motion to dissolve the injunction an order was entered dissolving the injunction, and when Keefe offered a bond to keep the injunction in force till final trial Judge Graves announced from the bench that Lieb might feel at liberty to disobey the injunction and that he would not be punished for contempt. Thereupon Keefe's attorneys made an original application to the supreme court of Nebraska for a writ of mandamus to compel the district judge to enforce his own order of injunction while it stood. Notice has been received that a peremptory writ of mandamus had been sued by the supreme court of Nebraska.

TWO FREIGHT TRAINS COLLIDE.

Several Trainmen Injured, but None Seriously.

An extra freight train on the Missouri Pacific going south ran into the rear of local freight No. 196 at Weeping Water. The caboose and a car of merchandise were wrecked and the freight engine front caved in. James Olsen, fireman, jumped, receiving a contusion of the right knee and cheek. Engineer E. A. Rolfe in jumping sprained the muscles of his left arm. L. R. Lyon, a brakeman, received a sprained back. He was thrown against the stove. Conductor Albert Bysel has a sprained back and his right arm was thrown against the stove. All were sent to the Kansas City hospital. The homes of all are at Atchison.

Pender Prisoner Escapes.

Last Sunday Marshal Clark brought a man back from Omaha charged with stealing $80 from a farmer near town for whom he had been working. The county attorney was out of town at the time. When the city marshal went to the city jail to produce his prisoner he had escaped through the opening from one cell into the other, and the latter cell being open his departure was easy.

Fell from Hay Stack.

A. J. Dyche, a prominent farmer is lying in a critical condition at his home near Clarks, partially paralyzed as the result of a fall from the stack while putting up hay. Mr. Dyche stood too near the edge of the stack as the load came up and either the teeth of the stacker or some of the hay pushed him backwards. He fell on his head and shoulders.

Crops Good in Boone County.

The corn crop of Boone county, one of the heaviest ever raised, is now practically out of the way of frost. This is the verdict of a majority of the farmers. With an exceptionally good crop of wheat and alfalfa and prices never better, the Boone county farmer is not losing any sleep as to where his living is coming from the coming year.

Double Tragedy at Helvey.

James Greenwall, a well-to-do young business man of the village of Helvey, shot and instantly killed Hilda Simonson, daughter of a farmer. The young woman was employed in the village. Greenwall, after killing the girl, shot himself, dying soon after. The two had been regarded as sweethearts, but recently the girl refused to have anything further do with him.

Injured While Threshing.

Don Cloud, while working on the farm of Carl Gale, three miles south of Beatrice, fell from a threshing machine, breaking his left arm in two places and a bone in his right hand. In his descent he barely escaped falling into the machinery, which was running at full speed.

Carpenter Has Fatal Fall.

W. W. Sherer, aged 68 years, met sudden death while at work on the construction of a new residence in Grand Island. He either was overcome by weakness or made a misstep and fell between the joists to the floor below, fracturing the skull and the spine.

Injured in Runaway.

While threshing at the Wisherd ranch, six miles northeast of Leigh, William Wisherd sustained a broken arm and leg in a runaway.

CREIGHTON GIRLS KILLS SELF.

Student of Brownell Hall and About to Return to School.

Miss Vivian Cheney, for three years a student at Brownell Hall, Omaha, and the daughter of H. A. Cheney, president of the Security bank of Creighton, committed suicide by swallowing carbolic acid. She belongs to one of the oldest and most prominent families in Knox county and was a favorite at Brownell Hall because of her light-hearted disposition. She was 17 years old.

The cause of the act is supposed to be disappointment because she could not come to Omaha a week before Brownell Hall opened, though it is also believed she took the drug to frighten her parents into letting her come, expecting to take an antidote which would prevent death.

She had her trunk packed, ready for the trip, her parents being under the impression school opened this week. When they learned it would not open for another week they insisted she wait. She was very much disappointed. About 11:30 she went into a room adjoining that her mother was in and swallowed the contents of a small bottle of acid. She rushed out to her mother and told her what she had done, telling Mrs. Cheney to give her eggs and milk to counteract the effects. This was done, and a physician was called, but in a few minutes she was dead. About three years ago Miss Cheney ran away from home, but was found and brought back before she had gone far. Five years ago her grandfather, George E. Cheney, fell down an elevator shaft in the Drexel hotel in Omaha and was killed.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL FOR ALLIANCE

St. Agnes' Academy Opens for Work in Western City.

St. Agnes' academy, the only Catholic institution of its kind west of Grand Island, was opened at Alliance Monday to a full attendance.

The building is a four-story brick and stone structure and was erected during the last year at a cost of $35,000, and through the Herculean efforts of Father W. L. McNamara, who supervised the whole work, the school doors are thrown open practically free from debt.

The academy is under the management of the teaching order of the Sisters of St. Francis, who come highly recommended for their teaching abilities.

The new high school, which was begun about the same time as the academy, will be ready for occupancy about Sept. 25. These two schools will relieve the congested condition that has existed in the public schools of Alliance for the last eight years.

With the completion of the new Burlington depot, which will be thrown open to the public the latter part of the month, and which is the finest building of its kind outside of Omaha, costing $65,000, will have ended public work in this city for the last year, amounting in round numbers to a little better than $135,000, all of which has enabled Alliance to make advanced and permanent strides as the metropolis of western Nebraska.

FARMERS TO FIGHT FOR LANDS.

Organizing to Contest Claims of the Union Pacific.

Charles Wooster, of Silver Creek, has gone to Duncan to attend a Union Pacific right of way meeting, the third of the kind held at or near that place. The next meeting is to be held at Silver Creek on Saturday, Sept. 19, to which the farmers along the Union Pacific and others interested are invited.

Mr. Wooster refuses to state the purpose of these meetings, further than to say that a big fat hen is on. It is believed on very good authority that the farmers meditate bringing some sort of action against the Union Pacific railroad. This is over the contention of the right of way wherein the Union Pacific claims 400 feet right of way and which people owning land contiguous to the railroad track throughout the length of the state of Nebraska deny. If the company is successful it will take thousands of acres of land to which the farmers now claim title.

GENOA FARMER ENDS LIFE.

Domestic and Business Troubles Said to Be Cause.

Olat Hansen, a farmer of Genoa, by attaching a wire to the trigger of a shotgun and fastening the wire to a buggy in his barn, manufactured a machine by which he killed himself when he pulled the gun toward him. He had had business and domestic difficulties, but they were of so slight consequence that when he called to his wife to come and see him in the barn, she thought nothing of the matter. The report of the gun followed. His family is left in destitute circumstances.

Contractor Disappears.

Steven J. Kelso, a Beatrice contractor and builder, disappeared, leaving behind him unpaid bills aggregating $5,000. He had thirty-five men in his employ, nearly all of whom he owed two weeks' salary. For the last week he has been acting strangely and it is believed his mind is unbalanced.

Nehawka Fair a Success.

The fourth annual fair of the Nehawka Social Fair association was held Friday and Saturday, with a record breaking attendance of 5,000 people.

Beatrice Man Killed by Cars.

Word was received at Beatrice Monday stating that Horace Mitchell, a former Beatrice resident, was killed in a railroad accident at Atchison, Kan.

Sheriff Finally Locates Man.

Sheriff Trude and Chief of Police Moore of Beatrice, have gone to Winfield, Kan., to take charge of Thomas Hopkins, a half-breed Indian, wanted on a charge of criminally assaulting Florence Mogum, a 14-year-old girl at Beatrice last November.

New Waterworks for Weston.

Work on the waterworks system for Weston began Monday. This plant when completed will be one of the finest in the state in towns of the same class.

NORTH FORESTS BURN; TOWNS LAID IN ASHES

Flames Sweep Through Minnesota Woods and Leave Ruin in Their Wake.

PALL OF SMOKE IN CHICAGO.

Homeless Settlers and Wild Animals Driven from Raging Forest to Lake Shore.

Blown more than 500 miles by gentle, steady air currents and kept close to earth by peculiarly favorable atmospheric conditions, the smoke from Northern forest fires blew over Milwaukee and Chicago Saturday and Sunday. In Milwaukee Saturday its density had increased until only the outlines of buildings four blocks distant could be made out.

This is the first time in many years that Chicago has seen and felt the effects of the forest fires that rage in the far north every summer. The fires about Hibbing, Minn., and the Michigan copper country are more severe than usual, and the country within a radius of 200 miles of the blazing districts is covered with a pall of thick smoke. The enormous cloud drifted southward on a gentle wind.

Peculiar atmospheric conditions permitted the light smoke to descend until it covered the whole city, allowing the rays of the sun to filter down as through a light fog. The smoke was thick enough to afford the spectacle of the sun hanging like a copper red disc in the heavens.

Lake traffic was badly hampered by the smoke, and the government fog whistles were put to work.

Rescued by Naval Reserves.

The dramatic story of the rescue of the north shore settlers and the citizens of Grand Marais by the Duluth naval reserves on board the steamer Gopher, is told by a correspondent who was aboard the vessel. The most heart-rending scenes were witnessed all along the north shore of the lake. Homeless settlers, with everything they possessed licked up by the flames, fled to the lake shore for refuge, with little food and no clothing but what they carried on their backs. The Gopher coasted along the shore, picking up the refugees. The shore was alive with wild animals of all kinds, driven out of the woods by the fires. Three men had been forced to take refuge in the waters of the lake and were picked up by the Gopher. One woman with a pack on her back and a sick baby in her arms fled three miles from her homestead to the lake and was picked up by the boat.

With Grand Marais, a town of 1,500 people, on the Lake Superior north shore, partly destroyed, and Beaver Bay, 80 miles away, also attacked by the flames, and a dozen smaller towns in great peril, it was apparent Saturday that, unless rain came soon, the entire forest fire-swept district was doomed to total destruction.

Among the larger places in peril were Colerain, Bovey, Nashwauk, Warble, Hibbing, Buhl, Big Bay, Chicago Bay, Cotton, Aurora, Mountain Iron, Renshall, Fort William, Ont., Hymers, Ont., Port Arthur, Ont., Cascade and Nutson.

The Great Northern, Northern Pacific and all State railroads had fire trains out fighting to save property along the lines and protect bridges and stations. It was a battle in which all able-bodied men throughout the threatened territory took a hand, and hundreds were near exhaustion as a result of the week's struggle.

Scene Was Awe-Inspiring.

The scene along the shore Saturday night was an awe-inspiring sight as seen from the water. For a distance of more than 100 miles the flames appeared to be almost continuous. The roaring of the fire could be heard for miles. Great trees were suddenly enveloped in flames, the fire rushing up balsams with a swish like a giant rocket. The great peat beds of northern Minnesota were all ablaze.

In response to Governor Johnson's appeal $45,000 has been raised by the Duluth relief committee for the homeless refugees. The supply of food and clothes now seems to be ample. Relief measures are being taken in all the cities throughout the State to help the fire sufferers. Along the north shore of Lake Superior the situation is critical.

The Fire Monster's Work.

Here's a summary of the fire monster's work:

Duration of fires, two weeks.

Cause of fires believed to be incendiary.

States and provinces visited by fires—Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan and Ontario.

Towns and mining settlements destroyed, about ten.

Towns in imminent danger, twenty.

Total fire loss (estimated), from $10,000,000 to $15,000,000.

People homeless, about 30,000.

NEWS OF MINOR NOTE.

In a jail at Calcutta, India, a number of imprisoned revolutionists killed one of their comrades who had turned against them and revealed their plot to assassinate high officials and start a general rebellion.