

PLOT TO KILL TAFT AND DIAZ

Secret Service Men Have Discovered One to Assassinate Them at El Paso.

DIRECTED FROM CHICAGO.

Chief Wilkie Advised Cancellation Of Public Meeting of the Two Presidents.

Anarchists Have Been in Consultation In Every Large City in the Country.

Chicago, Oct. 15.—The Chicago Journal today declares that an anarchist plot, directed from Chicago by men planning to assassinate President Taft and President Diaz at El Paso, Texas, tomorrow, has been discovered by secret service men here.

The Journal story proceeds:

"Chief Wilkie of the secret service bureau, has assigned many detectives to Chicago to learn the identity of the men selected to kill the two presidents."

"For the last two weeks, it was learned today, meetings have been held by the anarchist groups in every large city of the country, but the assassination plans, according to government agents, were completed in this city."

"Four of Chief Wilkie's men disguised as laborers, attended the Socialist meeting here last night at which the execution of Prof. Ferrer in Spain was demanded."

The Journal declares that secret service men have been brought here from Denver and other cities to assist in the investigation and that others have been raised to El Paso.

It is asserted that the cancellation of a public meeting of the heads of the two governments was at the advice of Chief Wilkie.

NO REPORTS OF PLOT RECEIVED IN DENVER

Denver, Oct. 15.—No secret service men have been sent to Denver to assist in the investigation of the plot, or President Diaz.

A member of the Denver staff of the secret service went to El Paso last Wednesday, on receipt of a telegram from Chief Wilkie. No reports of a discovery of a plot to assassinate Presidents Taft and Diaz have been received, and according to the secret service men, no meetings of the anarchists have been held in Denver.

SOME SECRET SERVICE MEN DENY PLOT EXISTS

El Paso, Tex., Oct. 15.—Secret service men now in this city deny that a plot has been discovered to assassinate Presidents Taft and Diaz.

It is a fact that numerous anonymous letters have been received at local newspaper offices, the Mexican consulate and by other Mexican officials, denouncing that "bombs are ready for Diaz."

One of these letters, it is understood, was sent to the Chicago Journal. The author, who has apparently not yet taken these letters seriously, as they have been floating about El Paso prominently ever since the revolutionary disturbances here a year ago, local newspaper men have avoided reference to such letters lately in accordance with the promise made to the local presidential committee, so as not to put the fears of assassination into people's minds.

It is reported that a bomb was found this week in the lower part of El Paso, but the report was not confirmed and the reported finding of a bomb in Juarez is also discredited.

TROOPS WILL POLICE EL PASO.

El Paso, Tex., Oct. 15.—President Diaz of Mexico arrived at Ciudad Juarez, across the river from El Paso, this morning. He will not cross the Rio Grande river into United States territory until tomorrow when he will be received by the Mexican minister at Washington today.

General chief of Texas will his start, arrived here this morning.

Bomb-breaking time was made in seeing the Third cavalry, Ninth Infantry and three batteries of artillery pass from San Antonio to El Paso for the morning. He will not cross the Rio Grande river into United States territory until tomorrow when he will be received by the Mexican minister at Washington today.

REQUEST LINDSAY DEAD.

Frisco, Ky., Oct. 15.—Former United States Senator William Lindsay died at his home here early today.

Mr. Lindsey was formerly chief justice of the Kentucky court of appeals and had served as state senator and representative before going to the United States.

After putting political life behind him, he began the practice of law in New York. He was 72 years old.

EXPECTS MUCH FROM AEROPLANE AS WAR MACHINE

New York, Oct. 15.—Charles R. Flint, the millionaire who just arrived from Europe, declared that he is the man to whom the Wright brothers and the government expect much from the aeroplane as a war machine.

"I have been financing the Wright brothers for some time," said Mr. Flint. "I have not been generally known and I did not want it known that the success of their machine was demonstrated. The Wrights have not had the best of treatment here, but I believe that this government should have bought the machine from the Wright brothers from the beginning."

A message was also sent to Commander Peary at Eagle Harbor, Me., saying:

"Board of National Geographic society wishes to act upon your expedition at regular meeting next Wednesday, Oct. 21, in Boston, Mass."

The message, signed by Willis L. Moore, president of the National Geographic society, said:

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TERrible STAGE ACCIDENT NEAR RENO

Reno, Nev., Oct. 15.—One man lies at the point of death and several others are seriously injured as the result of a hair-raising ride taken in the Bodie-Thurman stage coach, Tuesday night, in the mountains near the Bodie desert and dragged the passengers down a steep grade at lightning speed.

Driver Frank Williams was thrown out and dangerously hurt. It is thought that he suffered internal injuries and had to be cut out of the stagecoach.

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FIRE RAGING IN SOUTHERN PACIFIC SNOWSHEDS

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HOWARD F. CONGER MISSING.

New York, Oct. 15.—Since Howard F. Conger, son of Col. J. W. Conger, one of the wealthiest residents of Colorado, boarded a Metropolitan steamship last Monday night, nothing has been heard of him.

The Spanish consulates throughout Portugal are being guarded. The delegates were the guests of local hotel men at various entertainments.

CONTROVERSY OVER COOK IS FIERCE

Officers of Arctic Club Making Every Effort to Find Edward Barrill, the Guide.

DID HE SIGN THE STATEMENT?

Prominent Man Who Hunted With Him Doesn't Believe He Did—Request to Copenhagen University.

New York, Oct. 15.—New York became the storm center of the north pole controversy again today when Dr. Frederick A. Cook and several others who have figured prominently in the discussion arrived here from different parts of the country.

The explorer came from Atlantic City to attend a public reception in the Alderman chamber and received the "freedom of the city" from the board of aldermen. The Arctic club of Astoria also planned to give him a gold medal, which was not finished in time for presentation at the big banquet that welcomed Dr. Cook soon after his arrival from Copenhagen.

The officers of the Arctic club were making every effort today to find Edward Barrill, the guide, whose affidavit denying that Dr. Cook had ever visited Mount McKinley was the genesis of the north pole controversy.

Barrill is expected here today.

Dr. Roswell O. Stetson, chairman of the executive committee of the Arctic club, said today that three days ago Dr. Cook received a telegram from Barrill asking Cook to meet him in Copenhagen.

The explorer was unable to come to that time, but he sent his wife, who remained at the hotel all day yesterday waiting in vain for the guide to appear.

DID BARRILL SIGN STATEMENT?

Hartford, Conn., Oct. 15.—James A. Bolen, a coal mining operator well known in the southwest and who says he has hunted with the companions who made the Mount McKinley trip with Dr. Frederick A. Cook, is creditable to his son, who has been hunting as far west as Alaska.

Mr. Bolen is president of the Associated Press here today. Mr. Bolen declared that he did not believe that Barrill had signed the Mount McKinley affidavit credited to him in the story sent out from New York yesterday.

Christiansburg, Va., Oct. 15.—The hospital list of the Detroit team was all gone to tommorrow, but the team will come west to care for his sister's orphan children. It is believed that he was persuaded to leave the train here by robbers, who snatched him, took his money and left him crazed and helpless.

BAESEK REPORTS PREPARE FOR TOMORROW

Detroit, Mich., Oct. 15.—The two competing teams in the world's champion ship series spent the day in preparation for the final race of tomorrow, which will decide the base ball championship of the world. Both teams had a hard session at practise at Bennett park.

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Mr. Bolen is president of the Bolen-Dernell Coal company of McAlester, Oklahoma, and was in Hartford today on business. He formerly lived in Kansas City.

When Dr. Cook lectured at Kansas City on Oct. 15, Mr. Bolen met and talked with the explorer. Mr. Bolen was credited with having, during that interview, told Dr. Cook a story of the Mount McKinley trip of exploration that had been related to him by Dr. Cook's guide, Fredrick and Fred Prince.

As a representative of the Associated Press here today Mr. Bolen declared that he did not believe that Barrill had signed the affidavit credited to him by Dr. Cook.

Mr. Bolen said to the Associated Press:

"I have on files at my office either in Kansas City or McAlester, Okla., correspondence with Barrill and Fred Prince. Cook's guides in his two attempts of Mount McKinley. Until I see the pictures which Cook has of these two guides, and will verify their signatures, I am inclined to believe that Barrill signed that affidavit denying that he was not the man who skinned the bear."

President Taft and party made a brief stop at Gallup this morning, the president appearing on the back platform of his car to say a few words to the crowd gathered at the station. He left again at 10:15 for Albuquerque.

President Taft has not yet been informed of the completed arrangements for his meeting with President Diaz tomorrow morning at El Paso.

The general plan has been known for some time, consisting simply of a call by President Diaz on Mr. Taft at 11 a. m., a return call by Mr. Taft at 12:30 p. m., a return call by Mr. Taft at 1:30 p. m., and an outing banquet at 2:30 p. m.

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Until I examine that correspondence, I can only talk from memory. I associate with Prince and Barrill in 1906 and corresponded afterwards. My recollection is that he was not present at the attempt on Mount McKinley in 1906, which failed 2,000 feet from the summit. The letters describe the successful ascent in 1906 and state positively that they did reach the summit and that Barrill claimed to have reached the summit a few feet ahead of Cook.

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