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FRICK NOT DEAD,

Although Seriously Wounded by the Bullet and Knife of a Desperate Character.

THE FIGHT IN HIS PRIVATE OFFICE.

An Alleged Interview with the Would-be Murderer—Why He Did It.

By Telegraph to the News.

THE ASSAULT ON FRICK.

A Desperate Fight in the Manager's Office.

PITTSBURG, July 23.—It was a few minutes before two o'clock this afternoon when a young man entered the Chronicle-Telegraph building and asked to be let off at Frick's office. The young man had been a frequent visitor for the last few days and the elevator boy thought nothing of the request. Two minutes later the occupants of the building and passers-by on Fifth avenue were startled by three pistol shots, fired in rapid succession. The man had tried to assassinate the great steel-master, but the latter, notwithstanding two bullet wounds and four ugly gashes from a dagger, is still alive and will probably recover.

Before the man came in, Mr. Leishman, a business partner of Frick, had entered the office and was holding a private conference. The office boy noticed a man come in hurriedly from the hall and pass through the railing, but before he could stop him the stranger had entered the private office. He spoke to William Abbott, the clerk of Frick, and quickly drawing a revolver, pulled the trigger. The first cartridge did not explode, but the second shot entered the back of Frick's neck, glanced downward and passed out below the armpit. Frick jumped to the window on the left avenue and tried to open it, Leishman rushed up to him again and fired, the ball entering the left side of the neck, and passing around, lodged under the right ear. At this moment Mr. Leishman threw himself on the assassin and struggled to get the revolver. He clinched the barrel and turned the muzzle up as the man pulled the trigger again, the ball entering the ceiling.

THE DESPERATE MAN

then drew a dagger and attempted to stab Leishman. Frick saw the gleam of the steel and although staggered by the shots of his wounds and bleeding profusely, he jumped between the men and seized Bergman's arm. The latter freed himself from Leishman's grasp and plunged the dagger into Frick's right hip just above the hip, making an ugly wound three inches long. He made another lunge and this time the knife struck higher up, but the point struck a rib and glanced without inflicting much injury. Twice again was the same threat into Frick, but he was barely scratched.

By this time officers, clerks and Deputy Sheriff Mey entered. May had drawn his revolver and was about to shoot Bergman in the back when Frick cried out:

"Don't kill him, we've got him all right; leave him to the law."

The men then struggled and tried to escape, but was secured and taken to the station. In five minutes half a dozen surgeons were at Frick's bedside and his wounds were quickly attended to. He was calm and had perfect command of his faculties, and apparently was less excited than any other person in the room. From time to time he made suggestions, and half an hour after the shooting situated a message to Andrew Carnegie about the assault. At his request all communication with his residence was shut off. His brother-in-law was sent to inform his wife and to reassure her. She had a stroke of paralysis a few days ago and is still confined to her room, but though greatly distressed she stood up bravely.

AFTER CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTY

the bullet which lodged in his neck was removed and Frick was soon resting easily.

The news of the attempted assassination spread like wildfire. In five minutes after the shooting Fifth Avenue from Grant to Wood streets was blocked with people, and the greatest indignation was expressed at the cowardly deed. When Bergman was brought out of the building by the police officers to be taken to the Central Station, cries were heard of "Shoot him now!" Some growled, "Let him have what he gave Frick," but the better element [illegible] forward and helped to keep [illegible] mob back. Bergman is not inclined to be cheerful until he was back in the station, for he would open his mouth and allow two dynamite cartridges to be taken out of his pocket. He intended to follow the example of Louis Lingg, the Chicago Haymarket anarchist, and commit suicide by exploding the cartridges in his mouth. It appears the caps would not work and the scheme failed.

After the dynamite cartridges were taken from the prisoner Bergman became more talkative. He told the inspector that he was 20 years of age and had been working as a compositor on a New York paper, but he declined to give the name of the paper. He said he came to Pittsburg day before yesterday. Bergman is not inclined to talk freely, and all attempts to interview him have been unavailing. A charge of fiendish assault has been preferred against him, and the police authorities up hard will be refused.

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SHOTS FAIRLY.

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CONGRESSIONAL.

The Criticism of Devlin on the Pinkerton Examination Causes a Scene.

GENERAL GATES' STRONG LANGUAGE.

Senator George Addresses the Senate on the Anti-Option Bill.

By Telegraph to the News.

CONGRESS.

A Lively Scene in the House—Devlin and Oates.

WASHINGTON, July 25.—There was a lively scene this morning in the House. Just before assembling Jno. Devlin of the executive committee of the Knights of Labor came near getting a great blow from General Oates, the one-armed Confederate veteran, and at present chairman of the special committee investigating the Homestead trouble and Pinkerton system.

The trouble grew out of statements made by Devlin on the conclusion of yesterday's examination of the Pinkertons and instructions that no adjournment of the committee was taken to enable the members to vote on the deficiency appropriation bill and thus give the Pinkertons time to prime themselves with answers to the questions to be put to them by the Knights of Labor. His manner as well as his words, offended General Oates, who told him the committee had treated him with his associates with extraordinary consideration, having given their questions precedence over those of the committee and that he had spent two days patiently and impartially. More words followed and Oates told Devlin he might go to hell. Devlin again changed his tactics and called Mr. Morrison to order for the remainder of the session, and it will go down into history as "Monongahela, or Homestead in 1892." It is said that Hugh McPherson, one of the strikers, has been offered a position in the company on his own terms.

Hoadley and Harrison.

HOAD, July 24.—President Harrison having telegraphed King Houdley earlier he was pleased to hear of the dispatch of the cruiser Charleston to take part in the New York Columbus celebration as a signal demonstration of the ancient friendship between Italy and the United States, King Humbert replied as follows:

"I desired my Government to participate in the celebration of glorious memory in order to bring to the attention of the world the ancient and cordial friendship binding together Italy and the great people of the United States. I thank you for so nobly interpreting my thoughts."

An Ill-fated Expedition.

LONDON, July 24.—The Times says: Mageja Ben Bonchaga, a colleague of Captain Stairs and Captain Bodom in the ill-fated "Catanga" expedition, was named at Mazeppe. He describes how Mazeppe was attacked by natives and how Stairs sent Bodom to King Mtesi to parley with him. Mtesi was about to kill Captain Bodom, when the latter, in self-defense, shot Mtesi. Bodom was then himself killed by the natives. The expedition was for twenty-six days without food, except nuts and roots. Captain Stairs died at Mtesi. One hundred and ninety natives attached to the expedition also perished.

Conrad Ryder and Wife Arrested.

COPENHAGEN, July 24.—The police authorities deny that American Consul Ryder is suspected of the counterfeiting of money orders issue.

Mrs. Ryder, the wife of the United States Consul, was arrested in connection with the charge on which her husband is confined.

The Race War.

CHARLESTON, S. C., July 25.—A race war is threatened at Aiken. George Kenard, a negro, outraged Mrs. Aldrich, and the white talk of lynching. The negroes armed Aiken's arsenal and gathering there. This morning Lewis Brown a negro, became insolent and S. R. Blakeugh shot him. Trouble is feared tonight.

The latest a View from Aiken tonight state that the negroes are arming and sending runners into the country to help. While the whites are preparing for defense, and trouble will certainly occur.

Fire in the "Charleston."

PORT ORCHARD, Wash., July 24.—Spontaneous combustion caused a fire in the coal bunkers of the United States cruiser "Charleston" Friday. The crew were promptly set to work and had the fire subdued in a short time. Considerable damage was done to the berths, deck and fittings.

Divorced for Telling Lies.

In the circuit court at Bostron, Neb., Saturday, William Tressdale was granted an absolute divorce from his wife Elizabeth. The petition filed charges on which divorce was sought to be the most serious one ever filed in court. It recites the fact that the wife is an incorrigible gossip, whose tale tell the proprietors and merchant for people, and in fact all who listen to her.

Tressdale swore that in the three years he has lived with his wife she has told 10,000 lies. "This cannot tell the truth," he declares in his petition, "and I pray to be made free of a disease, I believe it incurable. Hence I ask relief in a divorce."—Cor. Philadelphia Press.

He Settle Proved to Be Loaded.

A young boy named Gilbert, in company with one more other boy, was on the sewer dock and discovered several bottles in an old box back. In one of the bottles was a white substance. Young Gilbert's curiosity was aroused. He produced a match and, lighting it, dropped it into the bottle. He felt the bottle to be light but, and to some, but the match struck the bottom of the bottle then an explosion followed, throwing the bottle to atoms, filling Gilbert's face with the fragments of the glass and also nearly blinding the boy out of his hand.—New Haven Register.

CONGRESS.

Senate—Resolutions of the Pinkerton Investigating Committee Discussed.

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