

The new minister was essentially an Austro-Hungarian statesman. His efforts were directed with singleness of purpose to raising the prestige of the dual empire, which, under the regime of his predecessor, had sunk to the level of a satellite of Germany. He played for the vital interests of Austria as a great power, German prestige, he thought, was becoming too strong in the Triple Alliance. So he addressed himself to the other partner and sought to conciliate Italy and the Italian subjects of Austria at every turn. He did not succeed in going so far in this direction as he would have liked, but this was because opposing influences were too much for him. For the realization of his patriotic ends, he needed peace. So conciliation was the general keynote of his policy.

Once, however, for a great prize he risked a war. But he had laid his plans carefully, and though the clouds hovered very close for a while, they passed away, leaving von Aehrenthal with the thing he had schemed for. This was in 1908, when Austria, without consulting her ally Germany, announced the annexation of the provinces of Bosnia and Herzegovina, which, by the Treaty of Berlin, were placed under Austrian administration but were not regarded as a part of Austrian territory. The Czar of Bulgaria protested, and Russia was inclined to aid him. Von Aehrenthal, however, had made his calculations correctly. Germany was displeased, but she did not dare to let Russia resort to arms. St. Petersburg was warned off, and the net result of the affair was that Austria emerged from the crisis greatly strengthened and supreme in the Balkans.

The Kaiser's Intrigue.

The German Emperor, however, never forgave the minister who was responsible for the coup, and undertook the task of undermining his power. Von Aehrenthal's strongest friend at court was Francis Ferdinand, and this support the Kaiser sought to snatch away. He was the first of European sovereigns to cordially and publicly extend royal greetings to the archduke's morganatic wife. The Kaiser was well aware that there had been difficulties made about receiving her at most other European courts, and he seized an opportunity to go out of his way to affectionately and respectfully welcome her at Berlin.

This action made an instant effect on the archduke, whose love for his wife, in his strongest impulse, and at once paved the way for a better understanding between the two. The Kaiser persevered, deftly aided by the German ambassador at Vienna, and in the past year or so has become persona grata with the Austrian heir. As their friendship increased, the good relations between Aehrenthal and Ferdinand waned, and it is only a few months ago since the archduke inspired the minister of war to make a bitter attack on his colleague. Just before he was taken seriously ill the great foreign minister passed away.

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ALL QUIET IN SONORA

Situation in Mexico Is Improved—Clashes Continue in Some Quarters.

Washington, Feb. 19.—Although reports to the state department today from consuls and other sources of information in Mexico showed a continuance of the turbulent clashes that have existed there for the last fortnight, the impression prevails that the situation is improved. In Sonora, where insurgents have been very active, there now are no political disturbances.

ABSOLUTE LIE, SAYS DR. SUNDER SINGH

Sikh Champion Combats the Statements Made by Mr. H. H. Stevens, M. P.

Toronto, Feb. 19.—Dr. Sunder Singh, in an interview here, combatted the statements of Mr. H. H. Stevens, M. P. for Vancouver, who spoke to the Women's Canadian Club on Saturday afternoon. Mr. Stevens said Dr. Sunder Singh was a seditionist and exploiter of his fellow-countrymen, to which the Hindu champion replied that it was "an absolute lie and absurd." He said:

"Mr. Stevens is posing as a champion of labor and is throwing his adventurous spirit of former days in Vancouver into politics. He recognizes the Sikhs in regard to raising loans for them to purchase real estate, but he declines to recognize their primary right, that of citizenship."

DECLINES TO INTERFERE

U. S. Court Refuses to Annul Initiative and Referendum Legislation.

Washington, Feb. 19.—The Supreme Court of the United States declined today to annul an unconstitutional initiative and referendum method of legislation in the States. It decided that it has no jurisdiction.

PARADE OF UNEMPLOYED

Fifty Thousand Workless Men Said to Be in San Francisco.

San Francisco, Feb. 19.—Plans were announced today for a parade of 10,000 unemployed to be held here Saturday, under the auspices of the Labor Council and the Building Trades Council. The men will march with muffled drums and carry huge signs. Business agents of the Building Trades Council declare there are 50,000 unemployed men in the city.

All the bills have been returned to the bank, where they were identified by the accountant, Mr. W. H. Phipps, as part of the money stolen by yeggmen last fall.

How the Account Stands.

This brings the total amount of money recovered to date up to the sum of \$34,700. On the night of Sept. 15, the bank was robbed of \$271,000. On Oct. 31 John Bozyk was arrested in Vancouver and in his room at the City Hotel was found \$1130. He is now awaiting trial on a charge of having stolen money in his possession. On Nov. 2 workmen in the employ of the city of New Westminster, while removing an old wooden sidewalk on Fourth avenue discovered \$24,350 of the stolen money. Since that time it has been rumored that about \$2000 of the missing coin had been discovered in Buffalo, N. Y., by Pinkerton detectives.

Notwithstanding the amounts recovered at different times the robbers, if they are still at large, have enough to live on, for there is still a sum in the neighborhood of \$235,000 which has not been accounted for.

A strange feature of the most recent development is that the money should have been found in Tipperary Park by Chinese boys. The park is nowhere near the Chinese quarter, which is strictly defined in New Westminster. It is quite near the Central school which is attended by several China boys, but the places where the money was found is on the opposite side of the park from where the school is and is not on the line of travel between Chinatown and the school.

Opposite Dr. Walker's.

It will be remembered that the only man who saw the robbers at the time the crime was committed was the Chinese janitor of the bank. The actions and character of this man were thoroughly investigated at the time of the crime, but he was given a clean "bill of health" by the detectives. Since then it is rumored that he has gone back to China. The Oriental feature again became apparent when the money was found beneath the sidewalk in front of the residence of Dr. Walker. The doctor had a Chinaman working for him who was closely associated with the janitor of the bank and it was opposite the servants' quarters and right alongside of a hole in the fence leading into the doctor's grounds that the money was found.

This is the third place that money has been found in the city since the great robbery and the youthful population are busy today scouring all the brush heaps and little parks within a mile of the Bank of Montreal.

MINER WAS MURDERED

Shot at Frank While on Way to Work Last Night.

Frank, Alta., Feb. 19.—George Macdonald, a miner, was shot and killed by some unknown person while on his way to work last night. The victim was about 40 years of age and married. The mounted police, who have the case in hand, have absolutely no clue.

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The larger items Police patrol system, extensions, \$14,000; street lights, \$5,000; 200 new arc lights in the newer parts in addition to those which from the thoroughfare street standards.

NO EXPLOSION CONVE

Resolution to Th to Have Been Ironworkers

Indianapolis, Feb. 19.—Its contention that the Workers' officials were the disorganizing element, it is said, is not, as evidence, the resolution alleged introduced at the Ironworkers' convention at Indianapolis in 1910, providing that should take place during the session.

When a photograph was shown to U. S. District Attorney Miller, it was a good picture in the government's hands, not add what action on the resolution or whose hands the picture passed.

The resolution says no more bombs or explosions in session.

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Delegation Would, If Hull Ruled As Wash

Ottawa, Feb. 19.—A delegation who waited until this morning for the creation of a federal commission, said that he was much pleased with the proposal. He asked, however, to turn the matter over to their proposal.

On Inspection

Mr. V. J. Borland, chief of staff of the Canadian Railway, left today on a tour of inspection of construction work at main and North Thompson.