

"WE LIFT UM HEAD" THEY CRY

Servians in Gary Camp Threaten to Assassinate Chief Joe Martin When He Attempts to Make Arrest Among Foreigners.

PLANNED TO BURY HIM IN THE SAND

Burly Brute Flashes a Butcher Knife Behind the Back of the Official—Timely Withdrawal From Den of Murders, Saves Life Police Chief.

For the third time in the history of his service on the police force, Chief of Police Martin's life was threatened. Last Saturday while making an investigation in a Servian camp, the foreigners surrounded him and shouted, "We lift um head," meaning we will take your head off.

The story of the thrilling adventure of Chief Martin would probably never have been known were it not for the fact that he had disclosed it to a few of his most intimate friends. There was no official report made of the affair because of the chief's well known dislike of notoriety. His story of his narrow escape from death, however, was none the less thrilling when he was finally induced to relate it.

Shortly after dark last Saturday night, accompanied by a Hungarian, who could understand the language of the Servians, Chief Martin went to the shack of a gang of the latter for the purpose of securing evidence against some of them on a certain charge. As soon as he entered the shack the loud talking which could have been heard for some distance stopped and the men were as still as possible.

Surround the Chief.

Martin informed them what he was there for and addressed some of the men. He asked them what they knew about the case in question, but all stoutly refused to disclose any information. Finally to scare them into talking he told two of the men to get their coats on, inferring that he was about to arrest them. Both of them hesitated, however, and in the meantime three or four of the burly looking fellows drew up about Martin and his companion in a threatening manner.

Suddenly they began shouting and jabbering among themselves and the Hungarian, who understood what they were saying, became frightened and begged the chief to get out. The latter did not do so, however, and kept on with his work until he found that he could not do anything with them, and then left the place.

"We Lift 'Um Head Off."

The Hungarian, who accompanied the chief could not speak English, so after securing an interpreter he disclosed to him what the men had said. "If you had attempted to arrest those two men," he said, "you would have been killed. One man was standing at your right hand side with a butcher knife in his hands and his companions kept telling him to stick it into him. It appeared as if this man's intentions were to kill the chief in case he arrested the two men, otherwise he would not be molested. They kept saying, 'We lift 'um head,' and that they would bury us in the sand."

In speaking of the matter yesterday, Chief Martin said:

"It was one of the narrowest escapes I have ever had. That gang of men is the same that fired on us during the Servian riot, almost killing Officer Miller, and in which one of their number was killed by us. I did not realize my danger at the time, but the Hungarian standing at the door heard and saw everything and he became so frightened I thought he would faint. Fortune seemed to favor me all the way through, for if I had not decided not to make the arrest of those two men, there undoubtedly would have been trouble. The place is located along the Lake Shore tracks near Virginia street, so that if anything happened it would have been hard to get assistance."

Two Former Escapes.

The two other narrow escapes experienced by Chief Martin were when he had his hat shot full of holes in the famous wild man hunt, and another time while chasing a culprit down the Lake Shore tracks, the man, who was later arrested, turned on him and pulled the trigger of his revolver twice, the hammer hitting an empty shell. The next chamber of the gun was a loaded cartridge, but the man was overpowered before he could shoot it.

T. C. PLATT PRAISES ROOSEVELT.

New York, Nov. 10.—Senator Thomas C. Platt, who announced more than a year ago that he would not be a candidate to succeed himself, last night expressed the opinion that either President Roosevelt or Secretary Elihu Root will be his successor. Mr. Platt said:

"I don't know that Mr. Root is a candidate for the place. I would not be surprised to learn that he was. I should say that if the president wanted to be United States senator every other fellow would get off the track and let him have it. He outclass any aspirant for the place. All he would need to do would be to say that he would take it."

MILLER TOWN BOARD CRIES "ENOUGH"

Third of Trustees Steps
Down and Out and Suc-
cessor Is Appointed.

SAY THEY ARE NOT IN WRONG

GARY TOWN BOARD TO APPOINT ARCHITECT

Franchise For New Interurban May Come Up
Today.

THE REGULAR SESSION TODAY

Threats Made By Deposed Officers
Against Men Who Ousted
Them From Office.

Matter of Stringing Wires of Gary
Heat, Light & Water Co. Over
Street Car Co's Jobs Dire.

(Special to THE TIMES.)
Miller, Ind., Nov. 10.—At a special meeting of the town board of Miller tomorrow, the third of the town trustees who were invited almost unanimously by the citizens to resign, will vacate his office and a new trustee will be appointed. Pat Malone and John Carr have already cried "enough" and have stepped down and out. They will be followed tomorrow by Gustave Anderson. Those who have been chosen to fill their places were John North, the postmaster, and John Olander.

Say They Are Innocent.

Although they have stepped out of office both men maintain their innocence of misdemeanor. They claim that they are bowing to the will of the people, but feel that they have done nothing wrong. Never in the history of the city has there been so much excitement and dissension. Now that the officials have resigned from office they are making threats. It is understood, against some of the citizens who have been instrumental in causing their being deposed from office.

Doesn't Fear Result.

Among these is Judge William Westgreen, who is one of the oldest citizens of the town. They have made threats of criminal suit against the justice of the peace, and although Judge Westgreen believes that they will carry out their threats, he does not in the least fear the result.

Of the franchises which have been passed by the town board, there is only one which is objectionable to the people which has been annulled. This is the electric light franchise which was secured by Arthur Blank of that place. A new electric light franchise will be let by the board in the near future according to the will of the people.

SMITH COMES UNDER WIRE AHEAD

Furnishes Proper Bond in
Fight For Possession
of Building.

KOPELKE WILL BE A CANDIDATE.

(Continued from Page One.)

Bryan and Kern and the state ticket and his liberal views as an anti-local optionist caused many to espouse the democratic ticket in this and other parts of the state.

Among the Germans of Indiana the judge is especially strong and he has a following among them that will make him a strong candidate from more than one point of view.

Was Guest of Kopeik.

While Governor-elect Thomas R. Marshall was in Crown Point, he was entertained by the Kopeikas and he counts him as one of his strongest supporters. Judge Kopeik's entrance into the senatorial fight complicates it exceedingly and his friends hope to make him the logical candidate from the northern part of the state.

Popular With All Classes.

Regardless of party affiliations, Johannes Kopeik has hosts of friends who will give him their best wishes for success. It is pointed out that he is one of the veteran democrats in Indiana. He has been in politics actively for a score of years and his attitude on questions of national importance, his ability as a jurist, his career as a publicist, student of political economy and jurisprudence, and the blamelessness of his private life make him a strong candidate for the senatorial toga.

The fight for the United States senatorship promises to be one of the most fiercely contested in the history of Indiana politics. Even thus early in the game leaders are predicting just what strength will be drawn by each candidate in the race.

Thus early in the campaign it seems as if John W. Kern will be Judge Kopeik's strongest competitor in the field. It is understood from Indianapolis that Thomas Taggart has refused to commit himself as to his candidacy.

First In Justice Court.

The case was first brought up in a justice court, and a change of venue was taken to another justice court at East Chicago.

Here Mr. Feuer won his case, and the matter was appealed to the superior court.

The case has been on the docket ever since and the matter has laid dormant, except in the past two weeks, when a successful effort

was made to prove that the bond filed by Smith was insufficient and he was forced to secure a new one.

This he was able to accomplish on the last day.

The bond, however, will be disputed in court, and if Mr. Feuer can have it thrown out, like the first, the case will come to an end.

The bond filed yesterday was signed by Judge Townsley of Tolleston, and Arthur Russell of Griffith.

PRISONER PROVES A PUZZLE.

Ray Lamphere Is Nervous at One
Moment, Then Calm the Next.

FUNERAL ON THURSDAY

The Late August Kohlhase
Interment Will Take
Place in Chicago.

INERT

The funeral of the late August Kohlhase, the aged Chicagoan who died in Hammond last Sunday evening from injuries sustained in an automobile accident, has been arranged to take place on Thursday. Many from Tolleston will attend.

Services will be held at the home of his son, Frank L. Kohlhase, with whom he has been making his home, at 2035 Harvard Street, Chicago. The hour for the services has been set for noon and interment will be in Concordia cemetery, Chicago.

August Kohlhase was born in Germany, 80 years ago, and came to Lake County when quite a young man. He and his wife settled on a farm near Tolleston, where they spent all of their active years. About twenty years ago he and his wife, being retired, moved to Hammond, where they were numbered among the pioneers of the city. They lived here until last year, when Mrs. Kohlhase died. The father then went to live with his son, Frank, in Chicago.

Frank L. Kohlhase is the only son of the old man and is a prosperous business man, being president of the National Stamping and Electric works at 158 South Jefferson street.

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