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TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Lausanne, May 10th.—M. Vorovsky, an unbidden guest from Soviet Russia at the Lausanne Conference, lies dead tonight, slain by a Swiss, formerly an officer in the Russian service, and two of his lieutenants are seriously wounded with two bullets in their bodies. One of the wounded is Herman Ahrensa, Bolshevik from Berlin, who was the Russian press agent at both the first and second Lausanne conferences. The other is J. Didwilewsky, Vorovsky's young Russian Secretary. The assassin, Maurice Alexander Conrad, whose home was at the caption of garrisons, shot the three Russians while they were dining at the hotel Cecil, headquarters of the Russian delegation. Most of the guests in the dining room had finished dinner when the assassin drew his revolver and advancing quickly fired upon the Russians. The first bullet struck Vorovsky behind the ear. He fell across the table and uttered no word and probably he died immediately. Ahrensa, who is always armed, drew his weapon after being shot twice. Before he could use it, a waiter seized his arm, apparently fearing for the safety of the guests who were crowding the doorway. The assassin, however, kept on firing, shooting at Ahrensa, and also Didwilewsky, then he walked up to the proprietor of the hotel, surrendered his weapon and said he would wait for the police. Panic pervaded the hotel. It was half an hour before the police arrived. Meanwhile the wounded men had been carried to their rooms in an unconscious state, but Ahrensa recovered his senses to say, "Switzerland will pay dearly for this." By

some the murder of Vorovsky is regarded as a tragic sequel to his attacks on the Swiss Govt for refusing a visa for a Russian courier to Berlin. The recently organized fascisti took up the matter and warned Vorovsky and his colleagues to leave Lausanne by tomorrow. Vorovsky ignored the warning. The leaders of the fascisti, however, disclaimed responsibility for the crime. They asserted that the only plan they had in view was to kidnap Vorovsky tomorrow and escort him to the Italian frontier. The assassin Conrad tonight told the police that he was born in Petrograd, of Swiss parentage. He said he served as a captain in the Russian army during the world war. He is an engineer. The hotel manager said that when Conrad surrendered to him he told of the murder by the Russians of his Uncle and brother, adding "I am happy to have avenged my Uncle and brother David, the great Swiss patriot who saved the Canton of Vaud. He saved one Canton, but I have saved all humanity." Count Massigli, Secretary of the Lausanne Conference, went to the scene of the shooting tonight and made exhaustive enquiries. The official attitude of the peace conference is that the Russians were not here in any official capacity and that they obtained their visas before the Swiss Govt. was informed of the conditions under which they could be invited to participate in the conference. The Murder however is profoundly deplored by the conference and no one is more outspoken in condemning it than the Turkish delegation. While M. Vorovsky came to Lausanne to attend the Near East Conference, he was not recognized as a delegate, as the Allies had made Russia's participation in the resumed conference contingent upon the Soviet acceptance of the straits convention, drawn up at the first meeting. As a result of this non-recognition of his status as a delegate, M. Vorovsky had been in controversy, both with the conference heads and the Swiss Govt., charging that the latter acted unfairly and partially, in directing its representatives in Berlin to refuse a visa to Soviet Courier on his way to Switzerland from Moscow. The Swiss fascisti injected themselves into the situation early this week, when they issued a statement asserting that Vorovsky, because of his condemnation of the Swiss Govt's action, must be deported. The statement added that the Facisti were adequately armed

and that everything was ready to enable them to deal with the Soviet representative unless he left the country of his own accord. Upon his being apprised of this statement M. Vorovsky declared he would ignore the warning.

Publication.

It is hereby brought to public notice that according to the scheme of Amortization for St. Thomas Harbor 4% Loan of 1910, the drawing by the Notary Public, St. Thomas, of twelve bonds at Frances 1,000 has taken place, resulting in the drawing of the following bonds.

Numbers

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47
132
264
310
318
323
326
330
336
378
433

These twelve bonds are hereby called in for redemption on 11 June, 1923, after which date the bonds will cease to bear interest.

St. Thomas Harbor Board, 9 May, 1923.

J. J. GAFFNEY,
Acting Chairman of
the Harbor Board.

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