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BERNE - 36 HOUR SEIGE AT LEGATION.

In the Rumanian Legation at Berns, three armed bandits defy Swiss police and troops. Six broke into the villa and, (having shot and stabbed to death a legation chauffeur,) took control. Two fled and one surrendered. The Legation staff who were forced outside, included Erik Staffel, the Charge d'Affaires. Troops, wearing bullet-proof waistcoats, block every exit. The gunmen say they will continue their seige until five "anti-Reds" are freed from jail in Rumania.

The water is cut off, but there is ample wine in the legation's cellars. Detectives wait outside whilst a priest talks to the three remaining bandits within. Then the priest leaves the villa with the news that the gang will surrender, despite their oath to die rather than give up. They were escorted from the legation. Rumanian authorities now demand that the men be handed over to them. The Swiss refuse, stating that they intend to put them on trial in Switzerland.