

## DESPERATE NEGRO KILLS FOUR MEN.

Trouble in First Instance Arose  
Over Destruction of His  
Melon Patch.

### FIRST WARNED THEM TO STOP.

Then Went and Got His Gun, Fired into  
Crowd Wounding Nine out of Eleven,  
Wantonly Killing Others.

Merlin, Ala., Aug. 17.—News has just reached here that four men were killed and nine wounded in Randolph county the latter part of last week by a desperate negro named Sledge. The sheriff and posse are in pursuit, but have not yet been able to capture the murderer.

The trouble started over a difficulty in a watermelon patch. A party of white men were working on the public road at Beaver Creek, near Lamar. Sledge has a watermelon patch near the road, and when the men finished working they asked permission to eat a few melons. Sledge told them to help themselves, but requested that they take care not to destroy the vines.

As soon as the men entered the patch they began to cut and slash melons in every direction. The negro warned them to stop, and then went after a gun. Returning, he emptied the weapon into the crowd, wounding nine out of eleven.

Immediately after the shooting Sledge fled. A posse, headed by the sheriff, overtook the negro near the steel bridge over the Tallapoosa river, five miles from Wedowee. He was ordered to surrender, but replied by firing his shotgun, instantly killing Thomas Ebbitt and Robert Ford. This afternoon Sledge was accosted on the road by James Moore and Bud Wilson. Without warning the negro raised his gun and fired, instantly killing Moore and fatally wounding Wilson.

### FOURTEEN MEN INJURED.

Were at Work on the Battleship  
Connecticut.

New York, Aug. 18.—Fourteen men have been injured at the New York navy-yard while working upon the new battleship Connecticut.

### EMBEZZLEMENT CHARGED.

William and Harry Kaufmann Are  
Arrested in Chicago.

Chicago, Aug. 18.—William Kaufmann and Harry Kaufmann, his nephew, were arrested last night, charged with embezzling \$2,000, and with taking goods valued at \$1,700 from Isaac Leopold, a wholesale merchant at Houston, Tex. Leopold, it is said, engaged the men to travel as salesmen, giving them a commission of goods and money for expenses. The Kaufmanns, it is alleged, sold part of the goods, then shipped the remainder to Chicago, where they disposed of them to second-hand dealers, using the proceeds to buy a saloon.

### Eng Hok Fong Arrives.

San Francisco, Aug. 18.—President Eng Hok Fong of the China Commercial Steamship company, the new trans-Pacific line, arrived here from Hongkong. The company has now in service the steamers Lothian, Ching Wo, Athol and Clavering. Manzanillo, Mex., is the western terminus of the line. San Francisco holds a port of call on the return trip. President Fong is here to confer with the Mexican authorities and the Chinese minister at Washington.

### The World's Apple Crop.

Boston, Aug. 18.—A report on the world's apple crop of 1903 has just been issued by the Boston chamber of commerce. It shows that Great Britain is short of all fruits, notably apples. Europe is generally short of apples, but with a heavy crop of Valencia oranges and Almeria grapes.

### A CURE FOR LOCKJAW.

One Discovered by Dr. S. A. Matthews of University of Chicago.

Chicago, Aug. 18.—A cure for lockjaw has been discovered by Dr. S. A. Matthews of the University of Chicago, and has been successfully used in treating George Newman, South Chicago.

### WILL TEST IMPORTED FOODS

Agricultural Department Wants  
To See if They Are Adulterated.

New York, Aug. 18.—Instructions have been received from the treasury department by collector of Port of New York to hold up more than a hundred invoices of food productions which the agricultural department desires sampled under the provisions of the new pure food law. The orders thus far sent out apply almost entirely to French and Italian products and include shipments to some of the best known grocery importers in the city. The merchandise included table delicacies, wines, olive oil and canned goods.

It appears that alleged adulteration does not constitute by any means the largest item in the orders to hold certain items of foodstuffs. A large invoice of French peas, imported by one of the largest grocery houses in the city, has been claimed that the peas are adulterated but that lead has been used in soldering the cans and that this lead comes in direct contact with the contents. It is not alleged under the laws of the country of export, and therefore under the new food law the merchandise cannot enter this country.

## Cured of Asthma After 35 years of Suffering.

It will be gratifying to Asthmatic readers to learn that an absolute cure has at last been discovered by Dr. Schiffmann. That the remedy is an effective one cannot be doubted after perusal of such testimony as that of C. W. Van Answarp, Fulton, N. Y., who says: "Your remedy (Schiffmann's Asthma Cure) is the best I have ever used. I bought a package of your drug and tried it and was completely cured of Asthma, and I have not had it since. I can now go to bed and sleep all night with perfect comfort, which I have not done before for 35 years and I thank you for the health that I now enjoy. I hope that you will publish this letter, that others may learn of its wonderful virtues." Sold by all druggists at 50c and \$1.00. Send 2 stamps to Dr. K. Schiffmann, Box 80, St. Paul, Minn., for a free sample package.

## DIAMONDS ARE FOUND IN LIBERIA

Republic's Consul General in London,  
Mr. Hayman, Officially  
Makes That Statement.

### AND SPECIMENS OF CORUNDUM.

Discovered by Prospectors Sent by West  
African Gold Concessions Co.—Americans  
and Frenchmen Are Interested.

New York, Aug. 18.—The Republic of Liberia which, as an experiment on behalf of the negro has not been much to boast of, may have better times in store as a new field for white enterprise, says a Herald dispatch from London. It is officially stated by Mr. Hayman, consul-general of the republic in London that diamonds have been discovered in the country, and following this it is now announced that prospecting party, sent out by the West African Gold Concessions company, limited, has returned, with fine specimens of corundum in the form of both rubies and sapphires.

This news is of interest in America and in France, where a fair proportion of the stock of the company that owns mining rights in the republic is held.

### THE ORDER OF EAGLES.

Annual National Convention Will  
Be Held in Tammany Hall.

New York, Aug. 18.—The annual national convention of the Fraternal Order of Eagles will be held at Tammany hall the first five days of next month. It will be attended by representatives of lodges in every state in the union. On the first day general business will be transacted and officers elected; the grand parade will take place on the second day. On the third day there will be a banquet and on the fourth and fifth days visitors will be shown about the town.

President Roosevelt, who is an honorary member of the Cowboy lodge at Cheyenne, Wyo., will be invited to attend the banquet.

### COST OF LIVING INCREASES

Chicago Employers' Association  
Demonstrates This Fact.

Chicago, Aug. 18.—After receiving a report from a corps of experts concerning the price of commodities in districts where the organized working men of the city live, the Employers' association has discovered that the cost of living has increased 15 per cent during the last five years, and has decided that wages should be increased in like ratio. In many cases the increase already has been granted; in future cases this will be the basis of wage raises.

For more than a decade the employers throughout the country have been trying to find an equitable standard by which wages may be adjusted and the Chicago association intends to test the solution it has found. Whether or not the labor organizations will accept it, the employers intend to put it into effect at once.

### A WEALTHY WIDOW LOST.

Left Her Home in Lawrence,  
Mass., July 27. No News Since.

San Francisco, Aug. 18.—Ellen Kellier, a wealthy widow, 65 years of age, left Lawrence, Mass., July 27, and has not been heard from since. She had purchased a ticket for San Francisco, and all the evidence of her movements after leaving home are the stule which were taken up by the conductors on route, and which indicate that she left the train somewhere between Albany and Buffalo, on the line of the Buffalo and Maine railroad.

Mrs. Kellier is an aunt of Mrs. J. J. Dunn of this city and was on her way to make her home with Mrs. Dunn, who, the misfortune, whatever it was, which put an end to her journey, overtook her. Every effort is being made to trace the whereabouts of the missing lady but so far without success.

### NOAH BROOKS IS DEAD.

He Was Well-known as a Writer  
And Newspaper Man.

Pasadena, Cal., Aug. 17.—Noah Brooks, once a well known writer and journalist, is dead at his home in this city, aged 47. He served in the navy, and after reaching San Francisco he identified himself with the Alta California. Later he became historical writer of the San Francisco Chronicle. From 1885 to 1899, he was editor of the New York Times. He was the author of several books, among them a "Life of Lincoln" and "First Across the Continent."

### SUBBED PROFANITY.

Some years ago, in a south of Ireland prison town, there was stationed an officer, whom we may call X—who had achieved a reputation almost as great as that of "Dynamite" for strong language. One day Lord Wolsey was expected for an inspection, and X—received from a brother officer a serious warning against the use of "cuss words" while the commander-in-chief, who was known to hold strong views on the subject, was present.

The great soldier at length arrived, and the inspection began. In the course of the proceedings X—had to order his trumpeter to sound the "charge." The order was duly given, but to X's chagrin, the unhappy man blew the "retreat." Then X—traced himself for the usual volleys. Suddenly, however, he caught Wolsey's eye upon him. What to say he knew not. The cuss words were upon his lips, and he looked wildly around. The suddenly, as though it were an inspiration, he turned quickly upon his unhappy victim, and roared out to the intense amazement of his brother officers: "You naughty, naughty, trumpeter!"—Army and Navy Journal.

## COLOMBIA WANTS NO CANAL TREATY

Her Senate, by a Unanimous Vote,  
Rejects the One Submitted  
For Ratification.

### CANNOT GO TO THAT BODY AGAIN

President Disappointed—Extra Session May Take Matter Up—What Will Become of Panama?

Washington, Aug. 17.—A cablegram, dated Aug. 12, has been received at the state department from Minister Beaupre at Bogota, saying that the Panama canal treaty has been rejected by the Colombian senate. The vote was unanimous.

President Roosevelt was immediately advised of the news. Mr. Beaupre's telegram being forwarded to Oyster Bay. Little additional information concerning the action of the Colombian senate could be obtained at the state department. Mr. Adee, acting secretary, would not say what course the United States would pursue.

It will be impossible for President Marroquin to again submit the treaty to the Colombian congress in its present form. The treaty cannot again come before that body. President Marroquin, however, can send the treaty, slightly amended, to the senate and request the canal debate. It is believed at the Colombian legation that President Marroquin will adopt some such procedure.

Dr. Herran, the Colombian charge d'affaires, has received a cablegram from the Colombian secretary of state, dated Aug. 13, containing the brief announcement of the senate's rejection of the treaty on the day previous.

The reason given for the rejection of the treaty by the Colombian senate, it is said here, was the alleged encroachment on Colombian sovereignty which its opponents contended would result from the treaty. This information was contained in a dispatch received tonight by Dr. Herran, the Colombian charge d'affaires, from Minister Rivas at Bogota. This dispatch showed that in its present form the treaty was absolutely unacceptable to the senate, for the reason above stated, and that it had been rejected unanimously.

The view taken by the senate was at variance with that held by the government of Colombia, which felt satisfied when it submitted the treaty to congress, that there would be no impairment to Colombian sovereignty if the treaty should be ratified. Incidental to the general question of sovereignty, the senate was of the opinion that the strip of land through which the canal was to be constructed, and the debate in the Colombian senate indicated that that body regarded this as amounting to a sale of that land, therefore objectionable.

When the treaty was submitted to the senate by the committee to which it had been referred seven of the sen-



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ators favored it with certain amendments which they proposed and the remaining two opposed it absolutely. The amendments proposed by the majority are not stated here, but they evidently referred to the question of sovereignty, as is indicated by the subsequent rejection of the treaty in its present form.

An interesting feature of the whole debate in the Colombian senate and the committee's report favoring the treaty is said to be the entire absence of reference to the question of indemnity offered by the United States for the right-of-way. It was generally supposed that this would cut a considerable figure in the discussion of the subject in Colombia, but the question of money consideration, it is said, faded away and was replaced by the sovereignty issue.

While President Roosevelt naturally is disappointed at the action of the congress, according to advice from Oyster Bay, he does not desire at this time to make any comments upon it. When it was learned recently that the Colombian congress intended to amend the treaty, it was understood that an intimation was conveyed to the Colombian government that such amendments as were proposed would be unsatisfactory. The absolute rejection of the treaty followed. It is quite certain that the action of Colombia will induce some consultations of importance in the near future, and possibly some action by congress at the extraordinary session.

### COLON IS MUCH PERTURBED.

Colon, Colombia, Aug. 17.—The rejection of the canal treaty by the Colombian senate has produced a tremendous sensation on the isthmus. It was generally thought that the treaty would pass with some modifications. There is good reason to suppose that the majority of the senate regard the Spooner amendment, to build by the Nicaraguan route if the Panama route was rejected by Colombia, as a mere threat on the part of the United States. They are convinced that the Nicaraguan project is impossible, and that the United States will again deal with Colombia.

The rejection is a heavy blow to property owners here, who have been investing heavily on the prospects of the treaty being ratified.

Panama, Colombia, Aug. 17.—The unanimous rejection of the Panama canal treaty by the senate has caused a profound impression here in all circles. The question on all lips is, what will become of Panama? The only consolation the Panamanians have is that the rest of the republic, with the exchange at a very high figure and with the upward tendency will suffer a great deal.

It is rumored today that President Marroquin has been authorized by congress to make a new treaty which will not require further ratification, but that the basis given for the treaty will probably prove unacceptable to the United States. It is considered, however, in official circles, according to reliable information that the authorization given by congress to make a new treaty will furnish a basis for reopening negotiations with the United States.

It appears that one of the objections to the ratification which carried weight in the senate was that the Panama Canal company did not come to a previous arrangement with the Colombian government for the transfer of the concession. This action taken by the senate, moreover, seems to have been influenced by the communication made by the American minister, in which the introduction of any amendment to the treaty was objected to.

### FOURTEEN STRIKERS KILLED

Hundred and Fifty Wounded in  
Military Onslaught at Kiev.

London, Aug. 18.—Fourteen strikers were killed and 100 to 150 wounded in a military onslaught which occurred in the vicinity of Kiev as late as Aug. 11, according to a Russian correspondent of the Times. The troops, he says, fired several volleys into the strikers at close quarters.

The correspondent regards this occurrence as a significant comment on the officially inspired report that matters had resumed their normal aspect in the disturbed districts of south Russia.

### Don't Molest King Edward.

New York, Aug. 18.—An urgent request by the burgomaster of Maribad to visitors not to molest King Edward, appears to have produced the desired effect. Says a Times dispatch from Vienna by way of London.

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