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SEVERE CASUALTIES

COL. COBBS REPORTS CASUALTIES OF OVER 160 MEN.

British Lose Heavily in Fight with the Mad Mullah's Forces in Somaliland—Col. Swayne Asks for Reinforcements of 600 Men.

London: The foreign office has issued an undated dispatch from Col. Cobbs, commanding one of the columns of British forces operating against the Mad Mullah in Somaliland. The dispatch was forwarded through the British vice consul at Berbera, Somaliland. The British forces engaged were composed entirely of native troops and levies.

Col. Cobbs says: "My force reached Erigo in the morning. When about one day's march north of Mudig it was attacked in the thick brush. Two advances were made, and the enemy was beaten back in the morning. Their losses were heavy and we proceeded to collect animals for transportation purposes and to join the detachment at the stockade camp. In the afternoon a reconnaissance was made, and after sharp fighting the enemy was again driven back.

"I deeply regret to report the following casualties: Col. Phillips and Capt. Angus and fifty men killed, and about 100 men wounded. There were several losses among the transport and riding animals. The force was reduced to the stockade camp tomorrow, and will advance to attack the enemy."

The vice consul also telegraphs the substance of a later dispatch from Col. Swayne, who states that he is bringing up reinforcements from all sides. Col. Swayne is much hampered owing to the necessity of transporting the wounded and the scarcity of water. He is retiring on Botho. He asks that 600 further reliable troops be dispatched from Berbera forthwith.

The severe reverse in Somaliland places the small British force there of about 5,000 men, of doubtful reliability, in an exceedingly perilous situation.

CHARGED WITH POISONING.

Woman in New York State Suspected of Murder.

Syracuse, N. Y.: Mrs. William Kiehl, 17 years old, of South Onondaga, was arrested Saturday on the charge of killing her brother-in-law, Adam Kiehl, with strychnine.

Her husband died suddenly in February. It is said that she was infatuated with Adam, and the night following her husband's death asked to marry her, but he refused. On Sept. 19 Adam Kiehl went to bed apparently well, and was found dead in the morning.

The sudden death of the two brothers was regarded as suspicious and an investigation was made by the coroner. It is believed that poison was put in tea which Kiehl drank. When Mrs. Kiehl was taken to jail she broke down and cried, declaring her innocence.

"JIM" YOUNGER DEAD.

Famous Ex-Bandit Commits Suicide in a St. Paul Lodging House.

St. Paul, Minn.: James Younger, one of the famous Younger brothers, former associate of Jesse James, committed suicide Sunday by shooting. Younger was recently paroled from the Stillwater penitentiary and he and his brother, Coleman, were serving life sentences for participation in the Northfield, Minn., bank raid in 1876.

Younger left a letter to the press in which he gives as a reason for his act despondency and continued ill health and separation from his friends.

A SWEEPING VICTORY.

Gen. Castro Defeats the Venezuelan Revolutionists.

La Victoria, Venezuela: messenger advised here Sunday that the scene of the engagement near this place between the government troops and the revolutionists, bringing news that after seven days of terrible fighting 9,000 rebels, under Gen. Mendonza, had abandoned the field, having retreated to their last positions, six miles from La Victoria, Friday night, retreating in the direction of Villa de Guera. According to President Castro the killed and wounded number 8,000.

The Terrible Souffriere.

Kingstown, St. Vincent: The eruption of the Souffriere volcano on Oct. 15 and 16, the fourth terrific outbreak since the catastrophe of May 7, has plunged the colony into deeper distress than before existed, crippling its agricultural resources by further devastating the arroyroot fields and completely destroying wide areas of growing crops.

Officers Hurt in Fight.

Memphis, Tenn.: A special from Lake Village, Ark., says that in a fight between officers and whisky boatmen Saturday afternoon Sheriff Strang and Deputies William Wallace and Parker Brawner were seriously shot. A posse of armed men has gone to the scene of the trouble.

Two Persons Killed.

Memphis, Tenn.: Two agrons were killed, one fatally and the slightly injured in an explosion which partially wrecked the tugboat Fred Nellis, of St. Louis, near Mound City, Ark., early Sunday.

Five Persons Drowned.

Constantinople: Fifteen persons were immersed and five of them drowned as a result of the collapse Saturday of the bridge over the Golden Horn connecting Constantinople with the suburb of Galata.

Postmaster 74 Years.

Washington: Officials of the postoffice department are expecting a visit from Rowell B. Hensley, who for seventy-four years has been postmaster at North Lansing, Tompkins county, N. Y. He was commissioned postmaster July 14, 1828, by John McLean, postmaster general under President Jackson, and has served continuously ever since.

Charged With Murder.

Zanesville, O.: P. J. Glancy, an engineer on the Baltimore and Ohio Road, was arrested at Bellville Sunday night charged with the murder of John Schlicht, his fireman.

PERDOMO FRIENDLY.

New Commander of Colombia Forces Takes Americans.

Panama, Colombia: Gen. Perdomo Friday notified the foreign consuls here that he had assumed the functions of supreme commander of the Colombian forces on the isthmus, as well as those of the minister of state. In an interview Gen. Perdomo said:

"With the exception of the department of Panama, where Gen. Herrera has his forces, and a few guerrilla bands in the departments of Magdalena and Bolivar, the republic is pacified. In the department of Bolivar there remain today not more than 100 organized revolutionists.

"I have been very greatly impressed with the American forces on the isthmus. At Colon the American conduct, aided me and was very kind and amiable. The commanding officer of the American marines placed a guard of honor on the train which brought me over, and this guard was put under my orders.

"As a result of my conversation with the American consuls I have absolutely no fear that any difficulty will arise between Colombia and the American forces here or the railroad company. I think the landing of United States marines has been effective in maintaining free transit over the isthmus.

"I expect soon to have a powerful army here, and will then clear the railroad line of guerrilla bands, whose only object is to create complications between Colombia and the United States.

"I am a great friend of the United States, and I admire that country. I and all Colombians favor the construction of a canal by the Americans, and my principal object in pacifying the isthmus is to make possible a meeting of the Colombian congress to consider the canal bill."

ENDS THREE LIVES.

Fearful Tragedy Occurs in a New York Law Office.

New York: William C. Turner Friday shot and killed Albert Hamilton of Pittsburg and W. J. Mallard in the office of the law firm of Cantor, Adams & McIntyre, in Broad Street, and then committed suicide.

Turner was at one time treasurer of the Clinax Bottling Company, in which the other two were interested. The three met Friday to effect a settlement growing out of an alleged defalcation on the part of Turner. During the conference a heated discussion arose. Turner drew a revolver, and the tragedy resulted.

Turner came from Mt. Vernon to New York.

MAY BE GEORGE TAYLOR.

Private in the Army is Charged with Murder.

Atlanta, Ga.: George Burrus, a private in the army, stationed at Fort McPherson, was arrested here Friday on the charge of being an accomplice in the murder of the Meeks family in Sullivan county, Mo., two years ago.

It is claimed that Burrus is one of the two Taylor brothers, who were sentenced to the penitentiary for the murder of William Taylor was afterward captured and hanged, but George was never recaptured.

TO REDUCE THE ARMY.

Re-Enlistments Will be Restricted.

Washington, Oct. 8: Reports having been made to the minimum of 80,000 men in course of preparation at the war department, and is one of a series of orders that have been issued cutting down the regular army, as the decrease could be made as a result of reduction of the force in the Philippines.

The manner in which this order will be carried out is to discontinue enlistments until the number fixed has been reached.

Rear Admiral Selfridge.

Boston: Rear Admiral Thomas O. Selfridge, Sr., U. S. N., retired, is dead at the McLean asylum in Waverley. He was probably the oldest living officer of that rank in any navy of the world, and there is no other navy which had two admirals, father and son, both retired.

The elder admiral was born in Massachusetts and was appointed to the navy from that state on January 1, 1818. The son, Rear Admiral Selfridge, Jr., was born Feb. 16, 1836, and joined the navy at the age of 15.

DeWet's One Boast in Paris.

Paris: The Gaulois says while the Boer generals were sightseeing on Tuesday in Paris they were shown the Vendome column and were told that the metal casing was composed of guns captured by Napoleon. Gen. DeWet, after looking at the column carefully, remarked: "We could have made a pillar one-third higher than that from the guns we took from the English."

Raid on Gambler's Safes.

New York: The safes in the various alleged gambling resorts in the Tenderloin on which raids were made have been opened. Nearly \$300,000 was found in them, \$2,000 alone in cash and securities, the property of Edward A. Marks, the bookmaker, being taken from one safe.

New Steamer Launched.

Camden, N. J.: The steamship Massachusetts of the Atlantic Transport Company, was launched Wednesday afternoon at the yards of the New York Shipbuilding Company. The Massachusetts is the first vessel of the Atlantic Transport line which will carry the American flag.

Young Indicted for Murder.

New York: The grand jury Friday found an indictment for murder in the first degree against William Hooper Young, who is under arrest in connection with the killing of Mrs. Anna Pulitzer, whose body was found in a canal near Jersey City.

Forming a Hardwood Combine.

Memphis, Tenn.: A strong effort is being made in Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana and Arkansas to organize every saw mill firm of any importance into the Hardwood Manufacturers' Association of the United States.

Lipton's Challenge Accepted.

New York: The New York Yacht Club Thursday sent a cablegram to Sir Thomas Lipton accepting his challenge for the America cup on the same conditions for which it was raced for last time.

Collided in a Fog.

Ironton, O.: The westbound express on the Norfolk and Western Railroad collided with an eastbound freight near Portsmouth Friday in a heavy fog. Both engines were demolished. The engineers of both trains received serious injuries. Eighteen passengers were badly shaken up, many being cut and bruised.

Ten Persons Injured.

St. Joseph, Mo.: In a head-on collision between the Creston branch passenger train and a southbound freight train on the Burlington road, ten persons were injured, three of them seriously.

COMMITTED THREE MURDERS

Terrible Crime of a Young Man in Michigan.

Mr. Pleasant, Mich.: Maddened by the filing of a divorce suit by his wife, charging him with personal violence, Archie Woodin, aged 26, Thursday committed a series of murders which shocked the community, and after shooting himself, inflicting a serious wound, was overpowered just as he had again raised the weapon to his head.

Woodin killed his wife's parents and his 2-year-old daughter and then attempted suicide.

Woodin was a soldier in the Cuban war. At the jail he refused to talk, except to regret that he failed to kill himself.

He was laboring under the impression that his wife's parents had caused the divorce proceedings.

BATTLE IS STILL ON.

Minister Bowen Says Fighting Continues at Victoria.

Washington: The greatest battle that Venezuela has ever known is still in progress, according to a cablegram from United States Minister Bowen, at Caracas. The dispatch is dated Thursday, and reads:

"Fighting continues at Victoria. No communication is to be had with Valencia."

MONEY IN DAIRYING.

Stanley County Man Finds Eleven Cows Profitable.

A dispatch from Pierre says: Among those who settled in Stanley County early in the summer was a man by the name of Blodgett, who decided that such a good cattle country would be to get the feed he would buy at the market for six miles from Fort Pierre, and began milking eleven cows. He was in the city Thursday and stated that his cash returns from these eleven cows for the summer had been \$65 per month for the milk, and he had sold a hundred and a half butters, as one of the Fort Pierre merchants has driven out and taken it with his home every week. He is not one who thinks the range section of the state is a failure.

CATTLE FEEDING PROFITABLE.

Iowa Man Finds Money in South Dakota Grazing Lands.

A Letcher special says: J. W. Thorp, an Iowa feeder, bought 900 acres of land a year ago and placed on it a herd of his growing cattle. Thursday evening he shipped 172 head of heavy steers back to Iowa to feed this winter, and still has a nice bunch on the place. He has been feeding his cattle here on the rich native grasses to much better advantage than on the high priced land in his own state. He and many others have learned that they can grow four cattle here for the cost of growing one in Iowa.

IN FINE FOR SHIPPING GAME.

Herman F. Becker of Elk Point is Appeared before Judge Carland and pleaded guilty to an indictment charging him with violating the Lacey act, otherwise known as the national game law, his offense consisting of shipping game, a fine of \$200, which Becker paid. This was the second time he had been fined for shipping game out of season, a fine of \$50 having been imposed upon the first case.

Woman Changes Her Mind.

A Hipon special states: In spite of her declaration to the contrary Mrs. Geo. E. McElathorn, the recently divorced wife of a popular and well known traveling man and owner of a large cattle ranch in the northern part of this (Beadle) county, was married to a man on Oct. 4. They are living on a leased farm near Doland, in Spink county. This is the couple that created so much of a sensation last June by a fake report of the effect that Mr. McElathorn's horse had run away and the woman was drowned in the Jim River, but later was found in a St. Paul hotel.

Grass in Prime Condition.

A Pierre special says: Ranchmen coming to the city from the west of the river report that the grass had so far matured before the frosts came that no material damage was sustained by the range cows. When the frosts came last year a serious injury was done because of the fact that the grass was not nearly matured but had been kept green and growing by the continued warm weather and frequent rains. It is considered that the grass is in prime condition to carry through the winter.

Secret Society Victory.

Court Decides Fraternal Tribunes Not Liable for Injurious Effects.

Rock Island, Ill.: Judge Est in the circuit court Thursday morning instructed the jury to return a verdict of not guilty in the case of Dr. William Sinsbaugh for \$50,000 against the Fraternal Tribunes, a beneficiary order. The plaintiff alleged that the Tribunes, in the initiation ceremony, the court held that the plaintiff was a willing participant in the ceremony and that there was no intention on the part of those associated with him to injure him.

PANIC ON ATLANTIC LINER.

Steering Passengers on the Germanic Try to Seize the Life Boats.

Queenstown: The steamship Germanic, which sailed from New York on Wednesday Oct. 8, reports having experienced heavy weather during the entire voyage. Gales prevailed constantly, and on approaching the Irish coast a hurricane broke over the vessel. The steering passengers became panic stricken and wanted to take to the life boats. The doctor, however, succeeded in calming their fears.

Negro Protected from Mob.

Houston, Tex.: A special train bearing three companies of militia arrived at Henderson early Thursday, and after forming a square with Jim Buchanan, murderer of the Hicks family, in the center, marched to the train, which is on the Texas penitentiary at Rusk, where the negro was landed safely at noon. Gov. Sayers will not permit the negro to be taken to Nacogdoches for trial except under military guard.

Epsom Salts Found in Illinois.

Metropolis, Ill.: A large deposit of epsom salts has been discovered in a bluff a few miles above Golconda, Ill., on the Ohio River. It was found by prospectors searching through the Pope and Hardin county mineral region for copper. The salts have been tested by pharmacists and pronounced good. The only other principal deposit is in Epsom, England.

Man Killed in Collision.

Baraboo, Wis.: In a head-on collision Thursday on the Chicago and North-western road between a double-header north-bound freight and a southbound freight train between Summit and Norwalk Fireman Davis was instantly killed and three trainmen were badly injured.

Opium Smuggled to Prisoners.

Lincoln, Neb.: Harry A. Harris, car-penter at the state penitentiary, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of smuggling opium to the prisoners. The practice has been going on for a long time.

Vienna Paper Eulogizes Roosevelt.

Vienna: Discussing the coal strike in the United States, the Zeitungs makes a highly eulogistic comment on President Roosevelt's action. It says: "The president filled a role in the world's theater as a special pleader in behalf of the oppressed, vacant since the death of Gladstone."

Bullet Fired into Parsonage.

Centralia, Ill.: Early Thursday morning a bullet was fired through the window of the Christian church parsonage occupied by William W. Thomas and family. The motive for shooting is not known by Mr. Thomas or his friends.

WEEK'S HAPPENINGS

NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CONDENSED FORM.

Mitchell is Feeling Proud—Corn Palace was an Unqualified Success in All Ways—Displays of Grains, Vegetables and Fruit Attractive.

A Mitchell special says: The strenuous times of corn palace are over, and the people of Mitchell are jubilant over the success of the exposition. The enterprise was favored with excellent weather all through, in fact it was ideal, with the exception of the third day, when it rained for a long time. The crowds that came to see the corn palace were large, not any great surging crowd one or two days, but a crowd sufficiently large to fill the seating capacity of the corn palace at every one of the twenty concerts that were given. The people were coming and going every day of the exposition. There were a good many eastern people present at various times—those who came from Iowa and Illinois, and they were lost in the throng of the structure. They hardly thought it possible that the west could produce anything of such a nature.

It has been decided at the state department that the United States naval vessel, the Marietta, now at La Guayra, the port of Caracas, is sufficient for the present needs.

FATAL WRECK.

Trains Collide Near Keelsville, Ind.—Two Men Killed.

Brazil, Ind.: Passenger train No. 8, eastbound, and passenger train No. 21, westbound, on the Vandallia came together near Keelsville, on miles east of here, completely demolishing both engines. Al Hedden, engineer of No. 8, was fatally injured. Mail Clerk Herman and G. B. Kirby, who were riding on the mail car, were killed, and many others seriously injured. Two baggage cars are piled up a total wreck.

ARRESTED FOR OLD MURDER.

Held as Accessory to Killing of City Treasurer of Newcastle, Pa.

Newcastle, Pa.: Frank J. Fields, a contractor of McKees Rocks, was arrested Thursday morning in connection with the murder of City Treasurer John Blewitt in 1898. Fields is charged with being an accessory to the crime, which is said to have been committed by his brother, who is now dead. Charles McClaren of Newcastle is the prosecutor and he is said to have in his possession the written confession of Judson Fields, brother of Frank J. Fields. McClaren is said to have evidence in the shape of papers stolen from the city treasurer on the night of the murder.

BURGLAR SLAIN AS HE WORKS.

Station Agent Kills Man Who is Attempting to Loot Safe.

West Superior, Wis.: Station Agent E. G. Towne of the Duluth, South Shore and Atlantic Railroad killed one of two robbers at Lake Nebagamon, thirty miles from here, early Wednesday. One of the burglars was attempting to rob the safe at the depot while the other was keeping watch on the outside. As Towne came along the outside man fired at him, but missed. Towne returned the fire, killing his man instantly. The inside man escaped without securing any booty.

BOY IS A MATCH MANIAC.

St. Louis Falls Youngster Sent to the Reform School.

A St. Louis Falls special says: Judge D. R. Bailey, of the county court in this city, has just disposed of a peculiar and unusual case. It was that of John J. Olin, a 10-year-old boy, who is a "match maniac," recently arrested in St. Louis. He was seized with an uncontrollable desire to secure it and set fire to anything that comes within his reach, even to his own clothing. As the result of the hearing before Judge Bailey it was decided to send the boy to the state reform school at Plankinton.

MAD LOVER'S ACT.

Tyndall Man Shoots Girl Who Had Jilted Him.

A Tyndall special says: John Komarek, aged 25, a tailor in the employ of Tom and Dite, Monday shot Anna Vachon, aged 20, a servant girl for John Komarek, and then turned the weapon upon himself.

Komarek is dead, but physicians hope to save the girl's life. She was hit in the back and the bullet lodged in her lung. Both came to this country a year ago. Komarek was a farmer and industrialist. It is said he shot the girl because she had jilted him.

Decorations Will be Elaborate.

An Aberdeen special says: Chicago decorators have secured the contract for the decorating of the new opera house. The contract price is \$2,000, and the firm guaranteed the theater to show the finest decorations in the north-west.

Held on Charge of Fraud.

A Yankton special says: John Culligan, recently arrested in Sioux City for demanding Mrs. Rahn of Yankton County, was bound over Thursday in the circuit court.

May Meet at Aberdeen.

A proposition has been made to hold the next meeting of the state dairymen's association at Aberdeen, providing a bonus of \$100 is guaranteed to pay the expense of the meeting.

Snowstorm Was Quite Severe.

An Aberdeen special says: Sunday's snowstorm was much more severe at points north than here. At Edgley three inches of snow fell, and at Oakes the fall was nearly as heavy.

Fatally Hurt.

William Feltz, a farmer 60 years old, fell from a buggy in Volin and is not expected to live. He was standing in the back of the buggy box, and lost his balance, striking on his head.

Snow at Aberdeen.

An Aberdeen dispatch says: Light rains Sunday, followed by snow, which fell steadily for an hour, gave the first taste of winter.

Salem's Electric Lights.

The new electric light plant at Salem is now completed. The lights were turned on last week, and the brilliant effect was enough to compensate the people of the town for the work they have had to secure an up to date lighting system.

Badly Damaged by Fire.

The general store of Meyer & Wilde-muth at Tripp was badly damaged by smoke and water in an effort to put out a fire which in some way started, the cotton batting on the top shelf of the store.

Arlington School Teachers Strike.

An Arlington special says: The teachers in the city schools have organized a strike. They held a meeting and decided that the wages are not sufficient, and appointed a committee of three to interview the school board and demand a raise of \$5 a month.

Woman Hurt by Blast.

Mrs. T. R. Jewell, wife of the owner of the hotel at Henry, was struck by a piece of flying rock Saturday morning and seriously injured. She was watching men blast rock for a foundation and a small piece struck her on the temple. The woman was rendered unconscious.

SERIOUS PRAIRIE FIRE.

Considerable Damage Done in the Vicinity of Castlewood.

A Castlewood special says: A prairie fire five miles west of here did some \$2,500 damage. On Monday P. Parham all burned out. He paid no further attention to it. A strong wind Tuesday afternoon fanned the smoldering embers into a fierce prairie fire, burning sixteen acres of hay and two stacks of wheat. M. E. Newton, all the grain on sixty acres of land for P. C. Parham, besides a large granary filled to the roof with wheat, the buildings on A. J. Preston's farm, 1,200 bushels of oats and 350 bushels of fax for D. M. Oxford. The fire came near burning all of the buildings on Mr. Oxford's farm, passing within a few feet of stacks which surrounded them.

COLD BLOODED MURDERS.

Apparently No Excuse for Killing of Taylor and Shaw.

A Sioux Falls special says: W. G. Porter, assistant United States attorney, has returned from Geddes, where he represented the government in the preliminary examination of George Bear, a full blooded Sioux Indian, who on the 8th inst. shot and killed J. C. Taylor, school teacher and additional government farmer at the Ponca sublease station on the Rosebud reservation, and John Shaw, an Indian.

The murderer is now an inmate of the county jail in this city, pending action upon his case by the United States grand jury, which convenes here next week. The killing was done in cold blood, there being no motive for it.

ENGINEER STICKS TO POST.

Retains Place in Cab Though Stricken with Apoplexy.

A Sioux Falls special says: After being stricken with apoplexy Engineer Chauncey J. Fox of the Rock Island ran a passenger train from Point Mile out safely to Sioux Falls depot before he collapsed.

After being stricken he was dazed and could scarcely retain his seat in the cab, but stuck to his post with heroic devotion until his destination was reached and the train was safe.

CRIMINALS ALMOST ESCAPE.

Desperate Prisoners Nearly Work Their Way Through Brick Wall.

An Aberdeen special states: Several criminals confined in the county jail made a desperate attempt to escape Monday night. They had worked a hole through the brick walls in the corridor nearly large enough to crawl through when discovered.

An alarm given by outsiders narrowly prevented a wholesale jail delivery. Two of the prisoners are desperate characters, implicated in holding up and shooting the mail last summer. They will be kept in a steel cage hereafter.

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