

# The Farmers' Leader

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IN ABJECT TERROR

## NATIVES TREMBLE IN FEAR OF WHOLESALE MASSACRE

Destitution is widespread, and even Civil and Military Officers are Reduced to Beggary—Natives Say Only Hope is in Intervention.

A dispatch from Port au Prince says that while there have been many arrests of natives suspected of being connected with the late revolution, and political prisoners continue to be brought in batches from interior points, there have been no more public shootings there. Indeed, the government denies that any more executions have taken place. This, however, is incredible in view of the fact that many persons are known to have been dragged from their beds at night and that all trace of them has been lost.

In the executions of March 15 President Nord Alexis achieved the double purpose of obliterating as many of his foes as he could lay hands on and striking terror to the hearts of those who were beyond his reach.

Since then his name, and that of his ferocious lieutenant, Gen. Jules Alexis Coloux, who personally directed the shooting of the prisoners, including some of his own blood relatives, are not mentioned in whispers. All Hayti trembles before them. Alexis has made the significant statement that if he is not permitted to end his term of office unopposed he will, rather than submit to deposition, write his name on the scroll of fame in the blood of such a massacre as Hayti has not seen since the days of Dessalines, once known as Jean Jacques I. No one doubts his ability to carry out this threat, which is understood to be intended as a deterrent not only to revolutionists, but to any attempt at foreign interference in the affairs of Hayti.

With order restored and their lives and property under the protection of ships of war the foremost question in the minds of foreign residents is whether the time has not come for the adoption of a final solution of the Haytian question. All agree that Hayti, during her 105 years of independence, has not shown great capacity for self-government, and the affairs of the island have now reached about the lowest ebb in its history.

## BATTLE IN HOTEL

Two Men Killed and Two Seriously Wounded at Warrensburg, Mo.

James Ryan, chief of police of Warrensburg, Mo., and Byron Hall, aged 30, son of J. E. Hall, a farmer living near Warrensburg, were killed and James E. Basham and Robert Pollock, night officers, were wounded Sunday night in a pistol fight in the corridor of the Estes hotel.

The three officers were attempting to take a revolver from Hall when he shot all three. The officers returned the fire and Hall was shot twice. Two more shots were fired at him by Louis Little, the negro hotel porter.

After shooting the officers Hall ran up the stairway in the lobby and stood on the landing as the portier fired at him. He then staggered into an alcove off the landing and another shot was heard. When Hall was found he was dead and his powder-burned shirt showed that he had been shot a third time, through the heart, supposedly by himself. Basham is not expected to recover.

## BIG FUND FOR CHELSEA

Fully \$400,000 Needed to Aid 10,000 Victims of Fire.

Many thousands of people Sunday walked through the ruins of the fire which one week ago swept through Chelsea, a suburb of Boston.

One more body was found Sunday in the ruins. It is believed to be that of Capt. Benjamin Knowles, a Grand Army veteran. This makes the twelfth body thus far found in the ruins.

The general relief committee in a statement declared that 13,000 people were made homeless and that 10,000 of these need not only temporary aid, but must be rehabilitated at least to the extent of absolutely necessary housekeeping equipment, which will involve the expenditure of \$400,000.

The relief fund at present amounts to over \$200,000 and is steadily growing.

**Stolen City Live Stock Market.**  
Saturday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Beesves, \$4.00 to \$4.50. Top hogs, \$5.55.

**Street Car Strike Settled.**  
The street railway strike inaugurated at Cumberland, Md., Saturday morning upon the refusal of the company refusing to reinstate two men discharged on account of gambling in the company's car barn office was amicably settled Sunday night.

**Mistaken for Burglars.** John and William Frank, of Columbus, O., were shot and killed early Sunday morning by City Policemen Heinze and Casey.

**Ready to Send Freed to Turkey.** Orders have been issued for the Italian squadron to make a demonstration in Turkish waters, the reason being that Turkey has objected to the presence of Italian warships in Turkish territory which are maintained in those countries.

**Strong Move Plans to Resound.** By the remarkably close margin of one minute the big Cunard liner Massachusetts, which arrived Friday, established a new record for the Atlantic. Her time for the passage was 4 days, 23 hours and 59 minutes.

## CLERGYMAN SHOOTS SELF.

Suicide Startles Town of Woodbury, New Jersey.

The quiet little town of Woodbury, N. J., was greatly shocked Friday over the sensational suicide of the Rev. Geo. W. Tomson, pastor of the Woodbury Presbyterian church, and the subsequent developments which involved names of at least three women of that town. Rev. Mr. Tomson was found dead in the Newton hotel with a bullet in his brain. At first those who knew him would not believe that he had died by his own hand, but the evidence to that effect was so strong that they at last had to admit that it was only too true. But the sensation caused by his suicide was as nothing compared with the conditions that were developed when the clergyman's friends searched for a motive for his act.

About a week ago public announcement was made of Rev. Mr. Tomson's engagement to wed Mrs. Fannie Kenworthy, a wealthy widow of Woodbury and a member of his church. Most people who knew them were greatly pleased, and there was every prospect of a happy marriage.

When the tragedy came Friday it was learned that the preacher had been paying attention to another woman, a Miss Helen Moore, who had been living at the same hotel where Rev. Mr. Tomson resided since the death of his wife. Miss Moore is alleged to have declared in a meeting of Sunday school teachers that Rev. Mr. Tomson had promised to marry her, and she further declared that he would never marry Mrs. Kenworthy. Miss Moore was not believed by other members of the congregation, and last Monday she left Woodbury for Philadelphia, where she is now employed.

Now that the clergyman is dead there are many stories coming out as to the life he led, but how many of them are true it is impossible to ascertain.

## BOLD DAYLIGHT BANK ROBBERY.

Two Men Secure \$3,000 in Raid on Kansas Town.

Two men entered the Citizens State bank at Chautauque, Kan., at 9:30 Friday morning, locked the cashier, C. C. Waterhouse, and Del Easley, a business man, in the vault, secured all the currency in sight, about \$3,000, and escaped into the hills across the line in Oklahoma. Four posses are in pursuit, and as the roads are muddy, it is believed the robbers will be captured.

The robbery was one of the most daring ever executed in this part of Kansas, the scene of many holdups on the part of the Dalton, Star and other gangs of outlaws, who from time to time have made their rendezvous in the mountainous country of nearby Oklahoma. Cashier Waterhouse had scarcely opened the bank at Chautauque and placed his currency on the counter ready for the day's business when the robbers entered. The only other person in the place was Del Easley. The robbers, both of whom were well dressed, made their way leisurely to the cashier's window. One of them was a man well known about town, and when he commanded Waterhouse and Easley to throw up their hands the latter two took the matter in the light of a joke. The serious intention of the robbers was realized a moment later, however, when they both drew their revolvers, ordered them to get into the vault. Without further ado Waterhouse and Easley complied, and the robbers quickly slammed the door shut. Then they leisurely went about their business of looting the bank. First they drew down the window shades facing the street and closed the doors to prevent interference.

**Drives the Italians Out.**  
Thirty Italians, who have been employed by the Illinois Central railroad at Clinton, Ill., were driven from town Thursday night by a mob, who intimidated them with a fusillade of shots from guns and revolvers. There has been much indignation against the Italians since Mayor Edmondson received a "Black Hand" letter threatening his life. The Italians were charged with its authorship.

**A Fierce Gale on Lake.**  
The storm which prevailed on Lake Michigan Wednesday, and which vesselmen declare was the fiercest in many years, continued Thursday but with slightly abated violence. None of the boats which run all winter between Chicago and Michigan points ventured out Thursday.

**Solyph's Brother to Jail.**  
Alexander Solyph, of St. Petersburg, the well known publicist and brother of the Russian premier, has been sentenced to one week's imprisonment and to pay a fine of \$50 for libeling Paul Bulatet, the noted reactionary leader.

**A Battle in Algeria.**  
The French column posted on Taza hill, which commands the plain of Tanquet, was attacked fiercely at daylight Friday by a number of Berbers. Although the French scored a victory after a desperate fight it was costly.

**Call Girl a Horse Thief.**  
Josephine Grill, 16 years old, was arrested at Varma, Ill., for horse stealing and is now in the county jail. She drove off a horse owned by N. A. Hall of Varma, and was captured six miles away.

**Two Liners 1,000 Feet Long.**  
It is announced from Liverpool that the White Star Steamship company is about to have constructed two liners 1,000 feet long for its Southampton-New York service.

**Fills Big Egg Order.**  
Gathering 10,500 dozen eggs in one week was the record accomplished by John Haverstall, at Low Point, Ill. Last week he received an order from Boston to rush the shipment and was given a week in which to fill the order.

**Makes New Ocean Record.**  
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## MOB ATTACKS CARE.

Riot and Bloodshed in Strike at Chester, Pa.

Riot and bloodshed marked the third day of the street car strike at Chester, Pa., Thursday when the Chester County Traction company attempted to operate its cars with imported strike breakers. The strikers and their sympathizers stormed the trolley car that was started out of the barns. In the melee two men were shot. William Griesmer, a claim agent for the company, was struck in the arm by a bullet, and William Bergmann, the motorman who had charge of the car was struck in the foot by another bullet. He was dragged from the car and beaten and was rescued from the angry strikers and their sympathizers with difficulty. Griesmer, besides being wounded, received a dislocation of the shoulder. Several other traction employees were also cut and bruised. A mob of fully 1,000 men stood guard near the trolley barns at daybreak awaiting a move on the part of the traction officials, and when the first car was run out on the tracks, followed by the appearance of about forty strike breakers in charge of Griesmer, the crowd became furious. The car was attacked and the strike breakers set upon.

The local police were unable to cope with the situation, and after many conferences between the traction and city officials, it was decided to ask Gov. Stuart to send the state constabulary to take charge of the situation.

**FANATICS PUT ON TRIAL.**  
"Dreamers" Are Arraigned at Medicine Hat on Sensational Charges.

At the trial at Medicine Hat, Man., of nine members of the sect known as the "Dreamers" for burning John Leh's home the testimony revealed that the members of the order had to obey the instructions of the leader, who, because Leh refused to join the congregation, ordered his followers to destroy Leh's home and slay his family at midnight because he was a heretic.

Michael Brosts testified he had been a Dreamer, but severed connection with the organization when the members began talking of burning and killing. He stated Jacob Merkels and David Hautman, of Java, N. D., were the heads of the order. Dreams were told by members and interpreted by Merkels. A "Dreamer" had to carry out the purpose of his dream as instructed. Leh's name had come up and it was agreed to burn him out. The "Dreamers" believed in killing everyone who did not believe with them. The witness had received threats of the kind instituted in the federal court for a year or two.

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It will be remembered that Clark was the first to give the officers information of the murder, and that he alleged that the crime was committed by three mysterious strangers who appeared at the shanty a short time before the murder. The short distance below the jury which investigated the case returned a verdict to the effect that Southman had died from a gunshot wound, and that to the best of the belief of the jurymen the shot had been fired by Clark.

The case is expected to come up for trial at a term of the circuit court, which will convene in Sioux Falls next week.

**Insane Negro Wanderer Caught.**  
Occupying a cell in the Lyman county jail is a negro whose identity is a complete mystery. He was found in the Lyman county Indian reservation after terrorizing the residents of the reservation for several days and was taken into custody by Indian police, who took him to Lyman county and surrendered him to the authorities there. He will be kept in custody of the sheriff pending the result of inquiries as to his identity and place of residence.

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# SOUTH DAKOTA STATE NEWS

INTERESTING HAPPENINGS  
From Day to Day Condensed  
FOR OUR BUSY READERS

## FUNDS FOR SCHOOL MONUMENT.

Shall to Be Erected on Site of First Building in Territory.

Good progress is being made in the work of raising funds for the erection of a monument to mark the site of the old building erected in Dakota Territory. The site of this historical building is at the old town of Bon Homme situated within eight of the Missouri river in Bon Homme county. The movement for the raising of funds and the erection of a monument to mark the site of the old building was inaugurated by the Pioneer's Association of Bon Homme County, and the officers and members of the association are doing everything within their power to secure contributions to the fund, which is assuming good proportions. The teachers of the various schools of Bon Homme county have taken hold of the matter and have succeeded in securing a number of fine contributions from the pupils of the schools and their parents. As soon as the fund reaches proper proportions the contract for the erection of the monument will be awarded. When this has been accomplished there will be elaborate dedication exercises, which will surpass anything of the kind in the history of the state. The interesting ceremonies in connection with the erection of a monument to the first school building erected in the old territory.

**GEORGE BYERS PLEADS GUILTY.**  
Ranchman Pays a Fine of \$500 for Illegal Fencing.

When arraigned before Judge Carland, of the United States court, at Sioux Falls, a rancher residing in Lyman county, through his attorney, Frank R. Alken, of Sioux Falls, entered a plea of guilty to an indictment charging him with fencing a tract containing about 1,000 acres of government land. The indictment against him contained three counts.

In accordance with the request of the defendant, Judge Carland immediately pronounced, Judge Carland imposed a fine of \$500, and ordered that in default of the payment of the fine the defendant should be kept in the Minnesota county jail until the fine was paid. However, Byers was prepared to pay his fine, and turned over to Clerk Pendar, of the federal court, the necessary amount and was released from custody.

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## FOR CATTLE RUSTLING.

DeMarsche and Monteau Are Indicted at Sioux Falls.

The United States grand jury which convened in Sioux Falls on Tuesday of last week has not yet completed its work, there having been a large number of cases for the grand jury to investigate and take action upon.

The grand jury returned a "no bill" in the case of J. R. Muldoon, of Parker, who was arrested on the charge of carrying on a retail liquor business without having first paid the special government tax.

George Evers, a prominent ranchman of western South Dakota, was arraigned before Judge Carland on the charge of having unlawfully fenced about 1,000 acres of government land. Edward Livermont entered a plea of not guilty to an indictment charging him with having introduced liquor into the Pine Ridge reservation. He entered a similar plea to another indictment charging him with assault with a dangerous weapon.

Vital Valandry entered a plea of not guilty to an indictment charging him with introducing liquor into the Rosebud reservation.

**BIG PRAIRIES ABLAZE.**  
South Dakota Farmers Suffer Enormous Losses.

Huron was entirely surrounded by smoke fires Tuesday afternoon, the smoke from which was so dense that the sun was obscured and dust and ashes were driven in clouds by the high wind. The first fire came from the northeast, but the wind changed and fires soon were sweeping in from all directions. Broadland, a small town north of Huron, suffered the most. The Chicago and Northwestern station house, water tank and two prairie fires. None are reported from carelessness with matches for the two months.

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The Presho people are very enthusiastic over their move for a vote on county seat removal. They claim to have a total of 1,500 names on their petition asking for a vote on removal from Onocoma to Presho, with a vote of 1,800 in the county at the last election. They believe that their petition is not only strong enough to assure the submission of the question, but also assure them of enough votes to make them the county seat, when the votes are counted after the election in November.

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# WORK OF CONGRESS

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While the socialists are attacking the money law in its free provisions alone, the prohibitionists will attack the law in so many places that if sustained in all their contentions, the law would be void in so great a part, that it would practically be a null and void. At the last legislative session specifically repealed the caucus law, the prohibitionists in their contention hold that there is no law in regard to filing names of nominees except that of 1903, and today attempted to file a ticket under the provisions of the old law.

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The Senate was not in session Saturday. Debate on the naval appropriation bill in the House resolved itself into a discussion of the possibilities of a war between the United States and Japan. Mr. Holton of Alabama pleaded for four nois and Mr. Badger of Tennessee made exhaustive speeches justifying the action of the committee in reporting what they characterized as a conservative naval program for the next fiscal year. Messrs. Foss of Louisiana and McKinley and Knowland, California, pleaded for a navy of such size as to be capable of upholding at all times the honor of the country at home and abroad, while Mr. Barlow of Missouri advocated a halt in naval increase and the substitution for it of arbitration in matters of international disputes. Consideration of the bill had not been concluded when the House took a recess until 11:30 Saturday.

The brief session of the Senate Monday was devoted to the transaction of routine business and the delivery of a speech by Senator Scott of West Virginia, urging adequate appropriations for public buildings so that official business may be transacted with the greatest efficiency and economy. When the naval bill was laid aside for the day in the House it had been one-half disposed of. The hopes of the officers of the navy and marine corps for an increase in pay were dashed to the ground when, on a point of order by Mr. Madden of Illinois, there was stricken from the bill the provision for such increase. On a similar point by Mr. Mudd of Maryland, an amendment by Mr. Barthold of Missouri prohibiting naval or marine hands accepting private employment in competition with civilian musicians was lost.

The two features of interest in the Senate Tuesday were the speech of Senator Foraker on the Brownsville affair and the President's message advocating the building of four more battleships. The delivery of the message consumed practically the entire time of the session. The expected fight in the House over the question whether there shall be two or four battleships authorized for the coming year did not materialize, while the naval appropriation bill was under consideration. Instead, most of the session was devoted to a lively debate in regard to naval stations in the Philippines. The sum of \$100,000, as recommended by the committee for improving and developing the navy station at Olonago, Subig Bay, was allowed to stand. The special message from President Roosevelt urging four battle ships elicited loud applause. The naval bill was not coming out of the House until 11:30 Wednesday.

The Senate devoted its entire time Wednesday to considering bills on the calendar. Among the measures passed were those supporting the battleships and games of various kinds in the District of Columbia, providing for the purchase of land between Pennsylvania avenue and the Mall in Washington as sites for government buildings, creating a lion range in Montana, and settling the boundary line reclamation bill was considered for a time and was made the unfinished business of the Senate. The House devoted the entire session to the navy increase appropriation bill and chief interest centered in the question of two battleships, as recommended by the committee, or four, as urged by President Roosevelt. The vote was 190 to 83 to sustain the committee's recommendation.

The Senate was not in session Thursday. The long existing controversy as to whether the United States navy should have submarine torpedo boats of the Holland type, as recommended by the committee on naval affairs, was settled in the House when the proviso limiting the Secretary of the Navy to purchase only boats of the Holland type was stricken out. The effect of this action was to give the Secretary a free hand in the selection of submarine torpedoes, which he had general friendly clashes with Mr. Hobson of Alabama over warships and balloons, commanded the attention of the House for some time. After agreeing to take up the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill next, the House adjourned.

**NATIONAL CAPITAL NOTES.**  
The Senate passed a bill repealing the act of 1867 prohibiting payment of the claim of any one who could not prove his loyalty to the United States during the Civil War.

The House committee on judiciary voted to table the report of the subcommittee which investigated the charges against Judge Willey of