

MARSHAL COLEMAN KILLED BY DESPERATE NEGRO

Negro Captured and Dragged By The Neck Behind Automobile

The St. Tammany Farmer.

The Blessings of Government, Like the Dew from Heaven, Should Descend Alike Upon the Rich and the Poor.

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Germany Issues Ultimatum to Italy, Which Is Mobilizing, With Indications It Will Join England. England, France and Russia Joined By Italy Would Make the Greatest War In History of the World.

London, 4.—Great Britain declared war on Germany to-night. The momentous decision of the British government, for which the whole world has been waiting, came before the expiration of the time limit set by Great Britain in her ultimatum to Germany demanding a satisfactory reply on the subject of Belgian neutrality.

Rejected by Germany. Germany's reply was the summary rejection of the request that Belgian neutrality should be respected.

The British ambassador at Berlin thereupon received his passports, and the British Government notified Germany that a state of war existed between the two countries.

All Europe is in arms, and Asia may take a hand. On the one hand, Austria-Hungary and Germany are opposed by Russia, France and Great Britain, Serbia and Montenegro.

Italy has declared her neutrality, but is mobilizing. Belgium, Holland and Switzerland have mobilized.

Belgium Makes War Plans. The German demand that the Belgium government should permit the free passage of German troops through Belgium was answered by a hasty reply that Belgium was ready to defend her neutrality.

Sweden has made no answer to inquiries from Russia and Germany regarding her attitude, but is preparing to defend her neutrality.

Japan is making ready to live up to her alliance with Great Britain in case of certain eventualities.

Spain is reported to be preparing a proclamation of neutrality.

Austria-Hungary for the moment has retired from her campaign against Serbia for the purpose of holding back Russia, and Serbia has mobilized with the reported intention of invading Bosnia.

The war is said to have extended to Africa, and engagements are reported off its northern coast. South America, notably Brazil, has felt the stress of war through the hampering of financial arrangements. The Dominion of Canada is preparing to aid Britain with men and ships, and Anstalaia is taking active steps to do her share. From India have come rumors of unrest, and it is feared the natives, many of whom have been trained in modern war methods, will rise. Actual military operations are in progress in the China seas and at other points off the eastern coast of Asia.

War Now Worldwide. The war begun by Austria-Hungary and eagerly seconded, apparently, by Germany, to-day became worldwide. Various opinions for its causes have been advanced here. What could have inspired Emperor Franz Joseph, oppressed with cares, bowed down with the weight of age and sorrow, to stir up the strife passes comprehension here.

But the chief subject of speculation is the Kaiser. Admitted to be perhaps the foremost figure in the world's history, William II to-night is being called one of two things. Either he is a madman or he has an ambition so lofty and an aspiration for military glory so great that neutrality should be respected. His Majesty's ambassador at Berlin has received his passports, and His Majesty's government has declared to the German Government that a state of war exists between Great Britain and Germany from 11 o'clock p. m., Aug. 4.

Receives Passports. The British Foreign Office has issued the following statement: "Owing to the summary rejection by the German Government of the request made by His Britannic Majesty's government that the neutrality of Belgium should be respected, His Majesty's ambassador at Berlin has received his passports, and His Majesty's government has declared to the German Government that a state of war exists between Great Britain and Germany from 11 o'clock p. m., Aug. 4."

Reports of actual military operations come in slowly. Cable and telegraph lines have been cut on all sides. A great naval battle was reported to-day off the English coast, but, if it took place, no details have reached London.

London, Aug. 6.—Germany has sent an ultimatum to Italy. There have been rumors that Italy, owing to the strong antagonism existing between Austrians and Italians, was likely to break away from the Triple Alliance and declare herself on the side of England.

The Kaiser's defiance of the last of the European powers caused intense excitement when news of Germany's action reached here. That Italy might remain neutral was considered more than probable, but that the fatherland, already allied with Russia, Great Britain, France, Belgium, Holland and, indirectly, Serbia and Montenegro, would defy the formidable fighting force of Austria's southern neighbor was an idea that had not been formed in Europe's mind.

The Italian army on a peace footing numbers 300,000 men, and on a war footing, numbers practically 2,500,000. Many of these are veteran soldiers. Italy also has a formidable navy.

Small State Furiously Rises to Repel Invasion by Great Eastern Neighbor.

Brussels, via Paris, Aug. 6 (1:38 a. m.)—Several thousand dead and wounded is the toll paid by the German army of the Meuse for its attack on Liege. The Belgians made a heroic defense, repulsing the Germans after heavy and continuous fighting.

The fortified position of Liege had to support on Wednesday the general shock of the German attack. The Belgian forts resisted the advance fiercely, and did not suffer. One Belgian squadron attacked and drove back six German squadrons.

Wounded Transferred. Eight hundred wounded Germans are being transferred to the city of Liege, where they will be cared for.

Prior to the attack on Liege, Gen. Von Emmlich, commanding the German army of the Meuse, issued a proclamation calling for an open road through Belgium for the advance of his forces, and suggesting that prudence would show it to be the duty of the Belgian people to accede to this, to avoid the horrors of war.

Shoot Many Citizens. The Germans committed reprisals against the civil population of the town of Vise, eight miles northeast of Liege, burning the city and shooting many residents.

The prompt destruction of bridges by the Belgian troops checked the advance of the Germans.

Belgian reconnoitering parties have located three German army corps—the Tenth Army Corps, at Eysden; the Seventh Army Corps, 40,000 strong, at Verviers; and the Sixth Army Corps in another locality not named. The Tenth German Army Corps is operating along the northern line, and, finding unexpected resistance, moved further northward, invading Dutch territory at Tilburg and crossing the Meuse at Eysden.

Expected No Opposition. A German officer taken prisoner by the Belgians said he was amazed at the resistance offered to the German advance. The Germans had been given understand at Berlin that they would not be opposed in Belgium.

A German military aviator was killed. The German troops attempted to cross the River Meuse on a pontoon bridge, but a sharp bombardment by the batteries of the forts destroyed the bridge as soon as it was completed.

Later invaders succeeded in crossing the river near Maestricht. Belgians Well Pleased. The Belgian War Office announced last night that fierce fighting had occurred in the environs of Liege, and that, so far as the Belgians were concerned, the situation is excellent.

"The Germans," the announcement says, "were driven back by a heroic attack made by a Belgian mixed brigade, which already had earned for itself the highest honors. No Ger-

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BEULAH CARPENTER ENDS LIFE BY POISON

Despondent over fact that she was soon to become mother of child whose father had not given it the legal right to assume his name, and not having the courage to face the stigma, she prefers death.

Tragic Death of Beulah Carpenter.

Nervous and disheartened—tormented with the knowledge that her condition would soon expose her to the criticism of a cold and unthinking world, and abandoned by the man who was the cause of all her trouble and who was then walking care-free in the streets of Picayune, Miss., little Beulah Carpenter, scarcely 16 years of age, ended her life by swallowing strychnine at Lewisburg last Saturday evening.

Mr. T. M. Carpenter moved with his family to Ewingsburg from Picayune a short time ago. The man of the family are all mill men and Beulah's mother is dead, while she was watched with fatherly care, and was not known to go out much, except to church on Sunday, she had managed to get acquainted with and to fall in love with a man in Picayune, whose name is not made known, for legal reasons. The sequel shows that he accomplished her ruin.

When it was found that Beulah had taken poison Dr. Van Zant was called in and worked hard to save her life, but the deadly poison had already too strong a hold to relieve her, and she died at 2 o'clock Sunday morning. Beulah said she had taken the poison from the bottom of her father's trunk, but Mr. Carpenter said that he had used the last of the poison in his trunk about two years ago, and at that time had scraped the bottom of the bottle in order to get the amount he needed. So it is a mystery just how Beulah obtained enough to end her life, and it is suspected that she obtained it somewhere else.

Coroner Heintz viewed the body and accepted the certificate of Dr. Van Zant that death was due to poison. Mr. Carpenter is very bitter in his feelings against the man who caused Beulah's ruin, and he is determined to bring him to justice. Under the law no prosecution can be made in Louisiana for seduction accomplished in Mississippi, so he will have the body exhumed at his own expense so that Coroner Heintz may hold an autopsy to prove positively that Beulah was in a few months to become a mother.

This evidence in shape for prosecution, he will return to Mississippi and see that the man suffers the penalty of his crime.

It has transpired that Beulah wrote to this man to ask if he could not send her something to relieve her from her condition. It might turn out that she in this way got the poison.

Beulah was buried in Mandeville Sunday.

Inflection and Insect Bites Dangerous. Mosquitoes, flies and other insects, which breed quickly in garbage pails, ponds of stagnant water, barns, musty places, etc., are carriers of disease. Every time they bite you, they inject poison into your system from which some dread disease may result. Get a bottle of Sloan's Liniment. It is antiseptic and a few drops will neutralize the infection caused by insect bites or rusty nails. Sloan's Liniment disinfects Suts, Bruises and Sores. You cannot afford to be without it in your home. Money back if not satisfied. Only 25c. at your Druggist.

To Cora Bremmer: Whereas the undersigned has purchased at tax collector's sale, for the taxes of the year 1913, on the 13th day of June, 1914, the following described property, to-wit:

213 14-100 acres, south half of northwest quarter, fractional sq or qr of qr of sq and sq or of sq or section 3, township 7, range 14 east.

Which property is assessed in the name of Cora Bremmer, as per tax deed executed by T. E. Brewster, sheriff and ex-officio tax collector of the parish of St. Tammany, La., on June 25, 1914.

Notice is hereby given to whom it may concern that I have caused the said deed to be registered in Conveyance Book No. 63, page 415, of the official records of St. Tammany parish, La.

A. D. CRAWFORD.

PARISH WILL MAKE EXHIBIT STATE FAIR

Secy. Brueggerhoff Writes Mr. FitzSimons State Will Donate \$250.

COMMITTEES WILL BE APPOINTED BY UNION

Commagere Asked By Secy. FitzSimons to Take Athletes in Hand.

Matters are taking shape relative to the Parish Fair. While the State Fair secretary, Mr. Louis N. Brueggerhoff, made an effort to have the dates of our fair changed so as not to conflict with the State Fair dates, upon being assured by Secretary FitzSimons that an exhibit would be put on at the State Fair from this parish in probably better condition than if taken directly from the Parish Fair exhibits announced himself as satisfied.

Mr. Brueggerhoff worked hard to secure the \$250 State appropriation to parish fairs, which is more than has ever been given before, and is desirous not only that the State Fair shall be a success, but that the parish fairs may also make a good showing. He has made arrangements for a special rate for this parish to the fair at Shreveport in November.

The following letter has been addressed to Mr. Foster Commagere, athletic instructor of St. Paul's College. While an answer has not yet been received from this letter, it is hoped that Mr. Commagere will accept the charge, as he is widely known as a successful worker in this line:

St. Tammany Parish Fair, Covington, La., July 27, 1914.

My Dear Mr. Commagere:—This committee, in charge of the fair to be held this fall, wants to make it the best ever, and toward that end I have been instructed to write you and ask that you take charge of and arrange for us an athletic program for the closing day of our fair, which will be Saturday, November 7.

Please at your earliest convenience let me know how you feel about this, assuring you that we will be able to offer prizes enough to make it interesting.

Very truly yours, N. H. FITZSIMONS, Secretary.

It is expected soon to have committees working in every part of the parish to awaken interest and secure exhibits, especially stock and agricultural. An effort will be made to have this a farmers' fair, so as to show what is being done in the parish in the agricultural and stock line.

The catalogue is now being made ready for the press.

Mrs. E. R. Moses, vice president of the Women's Progressive Union, has called a meeting of the Union for next Monday at 4:30 p. m., at the rooms of the M. C. E. Library for the purpose of arranging for fair matters.

often contaminated and is more likely to ferment in your stomach. Then you are apt to drink much cold water during the hot weather, thus injuring your stomach! Colic, Fever, Ptomaine Poisoning and other ills are natural results. Po-Do-Lax will keep you well, as it increases the Bile, the natural laxative, which aids the bowels of the congested poisonous waste. Po-Do-Lax will make you feel better. Pleasant and effective. Take a dose to-night. 50c. at your Druggist.

Summer Constipation Dangerous. Constipation in summertime is more dangerous than in the fall, winter or spring. The food you eat is

POPULAR SLIDELL MARSHAL KILLED

Negro Desperado Shoots Him While He Is In The Act of Making Arrest In Performance of His Duty.

Crowd Puts Rope Around Murderer's Neck and Drags Him Through the Town Tied to Automobile.

Slidell was the scene of a lynching Wednesday morning, shocking in its details, yet brought about by the brutality of which aroused the people to a pitch of indignation thought to moral responsibility. Slidell has had unsavory experience with the criminal negro element, and its officials are in constant risk of life and bodily harm in the performance of police duty.

Tuesday night a negro known as Romeo quarreled with Cornelius Johnson, another negro, about a woman, when Romeo drew a gun on Johnson, who made a charge against him to Night Marshal Coleman, who started out to hunt up Romeo, and found him at the colored eating house of Sylvest Jackson. When Coleman placed his hand on Romeo's shoulder and told him "come along," Romeo said he didn't know whether he would or not, and drawing his gun clinched with Coleman. In the scuffle that followed Coleman received two bullets in the back of the head, one back of the neck and one ball fractured his right arm. Romeo made a break for a thicket about 200 yards from Jackson's place. As he ran, Marshal Elliott, who had also been a target for the negro's bullets and had escaped with a hole through the lapel of his coat, shot Romeo in the right chest, neck, shoulder and wrist. Marshal Elliott had suffered a dislocation of the shoulder, in what manner he could not explain, and went to Dr. Griffith's office to have it attended to. In the meantime Coleman was lying dead at the Jackson eating-house.

Sheriff Brewster received notice of the killing in Slidell and left Covington about 2 o'clock Wednesday morning with Coroner Heintz and Deputy Sheriff Ed. Lacroix in his automobile, arriving in Slidell about 4 o'clock. Search was made for Romeo and he was found in the thicket mentioned above. He was put in a wagon and taken to Dr. Griffith's office, where Elliott was. By this time the crowd had begun to gather and threats of lynching were made. Sheriff Brewster and Deputy

Lacroix defended the prisoner as best they could. Three or four times Sheriff Brewster took the rope from around the prisoner's neck. He was badly shot and could not live, but the crowd clamored for retribution and would not be satisfied. Finally Sheriff Brewster was seized and held while the mob placed the rope around the negro's neck. He was then tied to an automobile and dragged through the streets until life was extinct. The body was then strung up to the gallery of the place where Coleman was killed.

A negro named Harris, who gave false testimony to the coroner, was arrested and brought to Covington, where he was placed in the Parish Prison. Sheriff Brewster and party reached Covington by automobile at 10:35 Wednesday morning.

Stephen B. Coleman was the very popular night marshal of Slidell, and his death is deeply regretted. He leaves a widow and five children. Before coming to Slidell he was marshal of Pearl River, being succeeded by Mr. Joseph F. Crawford. Mr. Coleman's body was prepared for shipment by Undertaker Wallace M. Poole to be shipped to his home in Tuscaloosa, Ala., for burial. It is a strange fatality that Mr. Coleman was preparing to make this trip with his family on the very day he was so brutally murdered. The following letter is the last he wrote before his death:

Slidell, La., Aug. 4, 1914. Mr. T. E. Brewster, Covington, La.:

Dear Sir—Can you send me check for the seizures I made for you on logs and timber, sworn out by Batson at Willow Lake? This bill, including my time and help, stable and boat expense came to \$12.50. I am fixing to try and get off for Alabama for a few days and could use this fine.

Yours very respectfully, S. B. COLEMAN.

The Coroner's Jury brought in a verdict that Romeo came to his death by strangulation at the hands of unknown parties.

Town Council

Covington, La., Aug. 4, 1914. The Town Council met in regular session, Mayor P. J. Lacroix, presiding, and the following members present: W. H. Kentzel, M. P. Plauché, F. J. Martindale, A. C. McCormack, A. R. Smith and D. T. Addison. Absent, none.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

The secretary submitted his report for the month of July, 1914, as follows:

RECEIPTS.	
Licenses	\$ 40.00
Corporation taxes	50.10
School building tax	3.20
Special school tax	1.80
Finely	67.00
Rent birdome	5.00
	\$166.90

DISBURSEMENTS.	
Check to J. Seiler, treasurer	\$159.40
Cash on hand	7.50
	\$166.90

On motion same was received and referred to the finance committee.

The secretary reported that he had notified all delinquents for taxes and assessed in this connection, the Cumberland Telephone and Telegraph Company who were reported delinquent, produced their voucher, check No. 1063, acknowledged and endorsed by L. P. Delcroix, City Tax Collector, under date of February 28, 1914.

Moved by Mr. W. H. Kentzel, seconded by A. R. Smith, that the secretary write to L. P. Delcroix in reference to differences in his accounts, giving him thirty days in which to adjust same. Carried.

Moved by A. R. Smith, seconded by

M. P. Place, that the finance committee be authorized to purchase a Peerless check protector. Carried.

Mr. Adrian Schwartz was appointed health officer to succeed Mr. A. C. McCormack.

The following bills were paid during the month of July, 1914:

Street work to July 6	\$ 39.20
Street work to July 11	25.55
Street work to July 18	31.10
Street work to July 25	29.65
St. Tammany Ice and manufacturing Company	373.50
R. L. Aubert, on account	100.00
Mrs. L. Miles	11.75
Louis Dutrush	30.40
Alexius Brothers	33.57
St. Tammany Farmer	32.00
J. Louis Smith	2.00
Frederick Desinfestant Company	25.00
Underwood Typewriter Co.	22.50
Theobald Brothers	16.45
Preston Burns	.87
Thomas Hebert	.25
Smith Hardware Company	.10
Plauché's Woodyard	19.50
W. H. Kentzel	1.50
H. J. Smith & Sons	87.81

Cumberland Telephone and Telegraph Company 2.25 |

Dr. C. Heintz 10.00 |

Emile Frederick 12.00 |

D. I. Addison 10.55 |

W. M. Poole 4.50 |

Total \$926.20 |

The secretary was instructed to send bill to the Great Northern Railroad Company for lights.

On motion of Mr. W. H. Kentzel and Mr. L. A. Perreand were appointed a committee to purchase an assessment book and ledger. Carried.

There being no further business the Council adjourned, subject to call. L. A. PERREAND, Secretary.