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TELEGRAPH CLERKS DEFEATED.

Ignominious End of the Agitation for Better Hours.

London, Aug. 21.—The agitation among the postal telegraph employees for the betterment of their condition has come to its ignominious end.

This, however, was a hollow victory, as the operators soon learned that they were not at all likely to obtain anything from this concession.

This took all the fight out of the clerks, and they will now seek to get all the outside operators into their union.

A DISCORDANT CONCERT

Great Britain Alone Holds Out Against the Turks' Demands.

The Moslems Have Practically Won Every Point in the Diplomatic Game.

London, Aug. 21.—The refusal of Lord Salisbury to agree to the gradual vacation of Thessaly by the Turks is said to endanger the concert of the powers.

The desire to hold Thessaly, Larissa and Yolo, the most important of the Thessalian cities, only abandoning them as instalments of the war indemnity shall be paid by Greece.

As there is little prospect of Greece paying the indemnity for many years this would practically amount to Turkey retaining possession of the country.

Lord Salisbury has strenuously objected to this, and as a result all manner of threats to form an alliance against Great Britain are made.

Lord Salisbury has consistently maintained that the Turks shall evacuate Thessaly territory as soon as the treaty of peace is signed, but in this he receives no support from the other powers.

It is believed that the American public is a unit in favor of annexation, and that the Hawaiian government that might change public opinion or betray the confidence of President McKinley's Administration is to be carefully avoided.

A THRILLING EXPERIENCE.

How Mrs. W. J. Scruggs Came Near Losing Her Life.

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 21.—Mrs. W. J. Scruggs, wife of ex-Minister to Ecuador, has recovered sufficiently to tell a thrilling story of an accident that came near costing her her life on a Southern Railroad train near Columbia.

The recalled recitation of the Turkish frontier is shown by the latest details at hand to place Greece entirely at the mercy of the Turks.

SITUATION IN THE EAST.

Bomb Explosion in Constantinople Likely to Cause a Massacre.

London, Aug. 21.—It is generally considered that the bomb outrages in Constantinople will prove a peg on which to hang another Armenian massacre.

The Turkish authorities, however, are thoroughly controlling the mob and preventing assemblages of vagabond Moslems.

Numerous arrests have been made of both Turks and Armenians. The man who is generally credited with the explosion in the Ottoman Bank is an Armenian named Serik.

He belonged to an association, the members of which drew lots to decide who should attempt to blow up the bank.

The task fell to him, and he did his best to carry out the scheme of the conspirators. He declares that he received ample funds from the association, and that an accomplice had arranged for a second bomb explosion should the first prove successful.

THE INCIDENT CLOSED.

Austria Accepts Apologies and Explanations From Stoloff.

Vienna, Aug. 21.—M. Sirmadjeff, in behalf of M. Stoloff, the Bulgarian prime minister, has submitted to the Austrian government a formal assertion that the interview with M. Stoloff published in the Berlin Lokal Anzeiger, which called forth a demand from Austria that M. Stoloff's name be deleted from certain statements therein, was distorted.

A BOLD MOVE ABANDONED

Hawaiian Flag Still Floats Over the Sandwich Islands.

SCHEME OF ANNEXATIONISTS

They Had Planned to Raise the Stars and Stripes Over the Government Buildings—The Project Abandoned After the Receipt of Important Washington Dispatches.

Honolulu, Aug. 15, via San Francisco, Aug. 21.—Despite the confident predictions that the Stars and Stripes would be raised on August 2, the Hawaiian flag still floats over the government buildings.

The annexationists, fearful that the motions which must intervene before Congress again assemblies would prove fatal to their cause, had planned a bold move to force the United States Government to take the islanders under its protecting wing.

It was to have been a grand stand play, probably as ineffectual in the end as was the protectorate of Minister Stevens in 1893, but it was intended to test the strength of Japan's opposition to the annexation treaty.

The plan for the raising of a protectorate was abandoned immediately after the arrival of the Hawaiian flag on July 28, with important dispatches from Washington.

All orders were countermanded within twenty-four hours. The annexationists, however, did not give up. They declared, gave positive assurance of annexation in December, and said that the Japanese protest was not a matter for serious alarm.

The naval demonstration in Honolulu harbor, the annexationists said, had been declared off, and there could be no possible excuse for the United States minister to declare a protectorate over the islands.

The dispatches from Washington said further that Minister Sewall's instructions are not to raise the American flag, except in case of emergency.

UNCLE JOHN'S EXPIRING EFFORT.

His statements it now seems probable that the total number of victims of this St. Charles gang of assassins will exceed a dozen, nearly all murdered within a radius of a couple of miles.

The gang murdered everyone upon whom they could lay their hands who seemed to have money. The trouble arose from one of the American officers of the Alliance who were above interested, and finally the Americans were taken on board their vessel, which then sailed.

BANK ROBBERY AND MURDER

Cashier Found Unconscious and Dying in the Vault.

Shepherd, Mich., Aug. 21.—Elmer E. Struble, cashier of the Farmers' Bank here, was killed this morning by robbers. He was found unconscious in the vault.

Just a few hours later, before he died it is said, he rallied from the stupor into which his wounds threw him and made out that he recognized three of the robbers, and he gave their names to the prosecuting attorney and the sheriff, but these officials refuse to divulge the names.

It is learned that in this statement Struble swore that he forced the shooting, as he refused to give up the money, and in the fight which followed he recognized his assailants, who killed him to save themselves from being known.

Struble was in the vault when approached from behind and the robbers demanded the money. He was the first shot in the wrist and then in the side, while trying to shut the vault door.

The robbers again opened fire and shot him in the back. The prosecuting attorney says that Struble yesterday afternoon held a conversation over the telephone with J. F. Ryan, the owner of the bank, who demanded that he send all the money and bonds to Mount Pleasant, but he refused to do so.

It is supposed that this conversation was heard by some parties having money in the bank who were expecting it to fail, and they concluded to secure themselves by robbery and bid themselves in the building for this purpose.

The bank was in no danger of failing, as Struble said last night he could stand a run if necessary. The officers hid the truth in regard to Struble's condition before his death, for the greater part of the day, it being first given out that he had died without regaining consciousness.

J. F. Ryan, of Mount Pleasant, the owner of the bank, is here, but refuses to even give an estimate of the amount of money taken, although it is reported that the sum is large.

A SEVEN TIMES MURDERER

Many Crimes for Which Antonio Richard Has to Answer.

ZEIGLER HIS LAST VICTIM

He Was Leader of a Gang of Outlaws—Among the Persons He Killed Was Alexis, for Whose Murder Two Innocent Italians Were Lysched.

New Orleans, Aug. 21.—Antonio Richard, alias "Creole," the negro arrested on the Ellington plantation, in St. Charles parish, a few miles above New Orleans, charged with the robbery and murder of Louis Zeigler, is actually staggering the authorities with the extent of his confessions.

Creole was the leader of a gang which included two other men named Morris and Washington, and two women named Octavia and Lavinia Alexander.

They were arrested because some of Zeigler's property was found in their possession. Creole confessed the crime and told how Zeigler was robbed and murdered, and he confessed to a second murder, saying that he had killed Charles Constantine, a peddler, who has been missing for some time, and then hid the body in the swamp.

He pointed out the place of burial and the remains were found there today with proof that the body was Constantine's and that he had been murdered in the manner in which Creole stated.

Today Creole renewed the confessions and admitted five more murders. He pointed a man named Patterson in St. Landry and a year afterward a tramp at Metairie, in the same parish. They made it too hot for him in St. Landry and he moved to St. Charles.

In 1895 he killed a negro woman at Lone Star, the camp near Ellington plantation, where he was working; also Alexander Johnson, a colored laborer on that plantation; also an old Spaniard by the name of Alexis, the murder of Alexis, which occurred last June, created a great sensation at the time, and was attributed to two Italians, who were said to have killed him through business rivalry and jealousy.

The result was great excitement in the parish. The Italians were confined in the local jail, but were taken therefrom and tracked by a mob, which came from the neighboring parish of Jefferson. The United States paid damages to the Italian government only the other day for these lynched Italians.

Including the Zeigler and Constantine crime, Creole confesses in all to seven murders, all being committed for robbery. In one case the murder yielded him only \$3.25.

Creole confessed to a number of minor crimes. He beat and severely injured a boy, knocking out his eye, for which crime he served two years in the penitentiary, and he was once imprisoned for robbing a man, but he was released after a few days.

There seems to be no reason for the authorities to doubt the truth of his confessions, as he has been able to substantiate his statements.

OBEDYING THE WHISTLE'S CALL.

Hillsboro, Ill., Aug. 21.—One hundred miners responded to the nine whistle at Coffee's this morning, disregarding the entreaties and threats of the strikers, who are still in possession of the village.

Camp meeting at Randle Park, Congress Heights, every evening. Take new electric cars from Navy Yard Bridge. auto-145

A SHERMAN TO THE RESCUE.

President Whitman Not Called by Brown University.

ANDREWS MAY BE RESTORED

Dr. Whitman Avers That Brown University Did Not Want Andrews to Resign—A Mutual Understanding Between Him and the Trustees Probable.

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He said no one of the corporation had said a word to him about taking the position, and, in fact, he did not consider that there was any position to take.

He said to a Times man: "But, really, I hope there is to be no change at Brown. It's my true friend of the college hopes so, I am sure. And I do not believe there is to be any other. My own interest with regard to the matter would be that President Andrews should remain where he is so well fitted and so much beloved. I should not want to think of a change there at all. And I fully believe that there has been a misunderstanding that will be cleared up."

I want to say that I think much has been said that is unfair to President Andrews, and to the corporation, too. In the first place, I think it was wrong for the news of the action of the corporation in appointing that committee, to be published in the papers at the time it was. I imagine that the first news President Andrews had of the movement was from the papers. It would naturally not be pleasant to him.

I can see no way in which President Andrews was forced to resign. He may have thought he ought to, to save his self-respect. But I do not believe there was any such intention on the part of the corporation when that committee was appointed, or that the corporation was expected to take any steps which should lead to any such result. I think the corporation was perfectly fair and right, and only did what it ought to do when it appointed a committee to confer with President Andrews for the good of the university.

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While the captain and Chief Engineer Craigie were at dinner, six armed Chinese burst into the saloon and attacked them. The officers were unarmed and defended themselves with chairs, but were terribly slashed about the hands and arms. Both succeeded in reaching the deck. Craigie made his way to the engine-room, where he bolted the door and was safe. He was not badly hurt. The captain then sprang on deck, when he was attacked by one of the Chinese with a carving knife, taken from the table, and was literally disemboweled. As he fell the others hacked him with their knives, and he soon breathed his last. The pirates then attacked the mate and steersman and cut them down on the bridge.

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