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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR

## WAR CLOUD LOOMS

### Impending Conflict Between Central American States.

### ALL MAY BECOME INVOLVED

State Department at Washington is surprised to hear news that hostilities may again be resumed in Central America.

Washington, Aug. 17.—The news from Mexico of an impending conflict between the Central American states, which Costa Rica was received here with surprise and incredulity, for up to this moment all of the advice from that quarter of the world which have reached Washington were to the effect that the asperities caused by the last Nicaraguan attack upon Aguadilla, Salvador, has been smoothed down under the combined influence of the governments of Mexico and America.

Washington Expected Conference. Indeed, it was the belief of the state department officials here that arrangements were about to be perfected for a conference in Washington next fall or winter of delegations from the Central American states, the only obstacle being the reluctance of each of the parties to taking the initiative in asking for the conference.

Wednesday the state department received a cablegram from American Minister Lee at Guatemala City, stating that Guillermo Aguirre, the minister of finance of Guatemala, accompanied by Secretary Root and another official, had just left that city for the City of Mexico for the purpose of meeting Secretary Root upon his approaching visit there. It is understood this Guatemalan delegation is clothed with full power to represent their government in the effort to improve the relations between Guatemala and Mexico, which have not yet recovered from the strain to which they were subjected as the result of the refusal of President Cabrera to surrender to Mexico for trial the alleged instigators of the assassination of the late General Barillas.

Root's Visit to Mexico. All official statements relative to Secretary Root's projected trip have been to the effect that it is to be absolutely unconnected with politics, but it is scarcely expected he would refuse to meet the Guatemalan delegation, in view of his freely expressed desire to use his best efforts to preserve the peace in the south. For the same reason, if the meeting takes place, and was has not in the meantime broken out between the Central American states, it is probable that Secretary Root would feel it his duty to pass beyond the simple question of the relations between Guatemala and Mexico and endeavor to impress upon the delegations the wisdom of conserving the peace with their other neighbors.

### TELEGRAPHERS' STRIKE.

#### Railroad Telegraphers Will Not Be Called ut.

Chicago, Aug. 17.—At a conference held Thursday night between President S. J. Small of the Telegraphers' Union of America; Secretary Russell, President Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, and several other labor leaders, it was decided definitely that there should be no strike of the 47,000 railroad telegraphers of the United States.

These operators will be called upon shortly to contribute a strike fund of \$50,000. Two of their general officers attended the meeting.

### Found Hanging to a Bed Post.

Danville, Ky., Aug. 17.—Jane Sluggans, an old negro woman, was found dead in her room with many evidences of foul play. There were marks on her throat that indicated she had been choked to death, and that afterward her body was suspended from the top of a bed post by means of some strips of bed clothing. It is thought the old woman was murdered in order to secure some money which she was supposed to have hidden in a house.

### PAYS DEATH PENALTY.

#### Georgia Negro Hanged For Outrage on White Girl.

Cuthbert, Ga., Aug. 17.—Will Price, commonly known as "Buster," a negro man about thirty years old, was hanged here Thursday for the crime of rape, committed upon the person of Sarah Burks, a white girl about 14 years old, on July 6, about 6 miles southeast of Cuthbert.

Although the execution was private, there were several hundred people here from all sections of the county, being attracted through mere curiosity, to hear the condemned man's last talk or to get a glimpse of his remains after execution. Only a very limited number were permitted by the sheriff to witness the execution.

Price's crime, according to the evidence given at a special term of Randolph superior court, called for the purpose of passing upon his and other crimes, was a most atrocious one.

Sarah Burks and her little brother, 10 years old, had come to Cuthbert on Saturday and had left town about 4 o'clock in the afternoon for their home, 6 miles in the country.

They were walking and Price, who was in a buggy with another negro, passed them, leading his mule behind the buggy. Later Price met them in the road, after leaving the negro in the buggy. He made some remarks to the girl and brother as he passed, and later returned, when he was said to have made a most fiendish and brutal attack upon the girl. She being almost a child, and her brother a child, were unable to resist his attack, her arms being pinioned under her body. Her little brother came to her rescue, but he was powerless in making his blows effective. The assault was at a point remote from houses, and as she was dragged from the road her cries were not heard, on account of the distance from the nearest house.

Later the girl and her brother went to her home, about a mile from the place of assault, and communicated what had happened to her mother.

A posse of citizens of the neighborhood soon gathered. The identification of Price being conclusive, a warrant was sworn out and later he was arrested by Sheriff Bynum and brought to jail.

Judge Worrell called a special term of court, a bill was found, counsel assigned and a full and fair trial afforded the negro. The jury found him guilty, and he paid the penalty.

### GERMAN TARIFF AGREEMENT.

#### May Go Into Courts for a Judicial Decision as to Validity.

New York, Aug. 17.—The German tariff agreement, it is now probable, will be taken into the courts for a judicial decision as to its validity.

This action is likely as the result of a decision by the general appraisers here sustaining the advanced value on an importation of chocolate from Germany. Their decision was based on and followed the decision of the supreme court of the United States in the Passavant case.

It is understood the importers will appeal on the strength of the laman tariff pact, a proceeding that is desired by all importers, as they wish to obtain a judicial ruling.

### Heir Is Born to Krupp Fortune.

Kell, Germany, Aug. 17.—There was a holiday at the Krupp ship-building works here Thursday with a distribution of money to all the work men in celebration of the birth of a son and heir to Herr and Frau Krupp von Bohlen und Halbach. At Essen the birth of the heir was also celebrated. The various Krupp works, including those at Balboa, employ 61,000 persons. They recently have been reconverted from a temporary stock company into a firm under Frau Krupp von Bohlen und Halbach's private ownership.

### Two Bothers Drown.

Carlisle, Ky., Aug. 17.—While in bathing at Abner's mill Frank and Charles Bryant, brothers, aged 14 and 16, were drowned. The younger boy was seized with cramps and the other undertook to rescue him, but lost his own life. Their bodies were recovered by persons who witnessed the drowning, but reached the spots too late to be of assistance.

## TRENTON SCHOOL TO BE FINE BUILDING

### Work Already Begun, and Will be Rapidly Pushed.

### LIVINGSTON GETS CONTRACT.

#### He Was the Lowest Bidder, and Proposes to Give the People of Trenton District a Building of Which They May Well Feel Proud.

The contract for the elegant new school building at Trenton has been let, and George W. Livingston, well known throughout the West End, has secured the job, he being the lowest and best bidder, according to the manner in which the bids were figured by the board of trustees of that district.

To begin with, the board may expect a good job, as Mr. Livingston is regarded not only as a competent mechanic but a reliable man, a man able and willing to comply with the plans and specifications in a faithful and reliable manner.

This building, when completed, will be the most up-to-date school building in the West End. It was designed and planned after modern ideas, with a view to the rapidly growing Trenton section, and in all will be a credit, not only to the district, but to the educational interests of the county.

Contractor Livingston went at once to work in the matter of ordering material, etc., and will push the work as rapidly as it is possible to do a satisfactory job.

The building will be one of the most commodious in that section of the county when completed, and the enterprising people of Trenton district to be congratulated.

### A PLEASANT OCCASION.

#### Miss Bessie and Earl Kelley Entertain a Number of Friends.

One of the most enjoyable social functions of the season was the party given by Miss Bessie and Earl Kelley, complimentary to their young friends, at the home of their parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Kelley, 500 South Arredondo street, Thursday evening. There were about forty present, and those who attended thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

The feature of the evening was the game of Prophecy. Numerous pieces in the form of clover leaves were cut out and hand painted, and each guest was required to prophesy as to the future of another of the opposite sex.

During the evening Misses Leonora Vidal, Ila Eddins and others performed on the piano, and Miss Rosabel Pedrick favored the guests with some sweet vocal selections.

Delicious refreshments of ice cream and cake were served.

The home was attractively decorated with Japanese lanterns, suspended from the porches, with floral decorations on the interior.

At a late hour the guests departed, with an expression of many thanks to the clever entertainers for the pleasure of the evening.

### See Island Cotton.

Savannah, Ga., August 17.—The sea island market was inactive during the past week, no sales being reported. Quotations are nominal in the absence of business. Some little uneasiness is felt by the trade over reports of shedding on account of frequent showers recently, with intermissions of hot sunshine, causing the fruit to drop. As yet results have not been serious, but the situation may easily become so.

The following prices are based on factors' quotations:

Ex. fancy G's and F's. 35  
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Ex. choice G's and F's. 33 @ 34  
Choice G's and F's. 32 @ 33  
Ex. fine G's and F's. 31 @ 32  
Fine G's and F's. 30 @ 31  
Common G's and F's. 29 @ 30

### PICNIC DID NOT OCCUR.

#### Young People of Waldo Were Anticipating a Good Time.

The young people of Waldo were anticipating a picnic and big time generally on Friday, and had made elaborate preparations for the same, so it is reported, but owing to the illness of one of the young men, who was a prime mover in the matter, the function has been postponed until a date which will be announced later.

The young people of Waldo are up-to-date when it comes to anything, and picnics and fish fries are their specialties. They had extended invitations to a party of Savannah young people who are spending their vacation at Cedar Key, to join them. The Savannah people did go, but upon their arrival learned of the postponement and the reason, and were in hearty sympathy with the cause.

It is expected, however, to hold this picnic at an early date, as friends of the young man who is ill expect him to recover shortly.

### "MEMBRINE FRANK" SOLD.

#### One of the Finest Colts in Florida Changed Hands Saturday.

There was an important deal in horseteak on Saturday, when George Taylor of Palmer, superintendent of the Gainesville Peach Orchard Co., sold to Ira J. Carter of Newberry "Membrane Frank," one of the finest colts in the State, and a prize winner at the Florida State Fair in Tampa last year.

The colt is one of the best dispositions, one of the fastest, and, in all, one of the best in Florida, and had many admirers at Tampa among the horsemen during the fair.

Mr. Carter, who is a fine judge of horseteak, has been on a "trade" with Mr. Taylor for some time for this valuable animal, and the matter finally came to a head Saturday, when Mr. Carter paid the price, tied a halter around the animal's neck, and drove some towards Newberry. His friends will congratulate him upon his purchase.

### TRENTON ON A BOOM.

#### New School House, Store and Residence are Being Erected.

The bustling town of Trenton, located in the West End a few miles from the old Suwannee, made famous by song and history, is surging ahead with surprising rapidity, which means that her enterprising citizens are by no means asleep.

W. H. Jones, one of the Trenton builders, was in the city Friday. He states that work is progressing rapidly on the new school building, that J. A. Durrance of Chiefland is erecting a new and commodious store, and that several residences are going up.

In all, Trenton is growing fast, and is yet destined to become one of the leading towns of the county, since the people enjoy the advantages of railroad facilities.

### WILL ERECT A CHURCH.

#### Christian Congregation of West End Have Effected Combination.

The congregations of the Church of Christ of Trenton and Jennings Lake sections have combined and decided to erect a neat and commodious church edifice in Trenton, where all may worship together.

There are a great many members of the Church of Christ, commonly known as the Christian Church, in the section including the towns of Trenton and Jennings Lake, and it is their purpose to have erected a church which will prove a credit to them.

### Mr. Guster Here.

Among the visitors to Gainesville is Herman Guster of Florence, a graduate of the University of Florida at the last session of that institution.

Mr. Guster is a graduate of civil engineering, and it is learned, he has been assigned to duty with the geological survey of Florida, authorized by the last Legislature. It is understood that work will begin on this survey within a short time.

## SOUTHERN PROGRESS

### Healthy Rate of Increase in Annual Valuations.

### GEORGIA'S GAIN SUBSTANTIAL

#### Rate of Increase Shows the Health of the State and Steady March the Country is Making Toward Greater and Greater Wealth.

Baltimore, Md., Aug. 17.—Gains from typical counties show a healthy rate of increase in annual valuations, properties that are characterized by their increase in value in the past few years. The total assessed value in Louisiana this year is \$1,000,000,000, an increase over last year of \$100,000,000. The assessment in the same State last year was \$900,000,000, an increase of \$100,000,000. In Ohio the increase was \$100,000,000, from \$800,000,000 to \$900,000,000. In a large number of States already in such condition that the total value of property in Tennessee, including the railway property, is in the year by the State is thought to be an increase of \$100,000,000. The total value of property in the State is \$1,000,000,000. The total value of property in the State is \$1,000,000,000. The total value of property in the State is \$1,000,000,000.

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