

SQUADRON ARRIVES

ADMIRAL COTTON MAKES REPORT OF AFFAIRS AT BEYROOT

OUTBREAK AT NIGHT

TROUBLE CAUSED BY LAX ENFORCEMENT OF LAW.

INVESTIGATIONS MADE

Turkey Promises to Afford All Facilities to Officials to Ascertain Facts and to Give Ample Guard to Foreigners.

Washington, Sept. 9.—The navy department has received the following cablegram from Admiral Cotton dated Beirut, September 7.

"Violence and bloodshed between Mohammedans and native Christians occurred at Beirut Sunday. Six Greek Christians, two Mohammedans and one Turkish soldier were killed, three Greek Christians, three Mohammedans and three Turkish soldiers were seriously wounded. Other murders are reported. Flag lieutenant and United States consul were present Sunday and Monday in the disturbed quarter and verify details of statement. Turkish government willing to afford facilities for their investigation and guard promised of 1,000 more Turkish soldiers. Turkish soldiers present sufficient if properly disposed of to handle situation at Beirut. Well patrolled and all quiet Sunday night and today, Monday. Turkish government promises to do all in its power to restore authority. Many houses closed and business suspended. I have prepared to land force for protection of property of American citizens if situation demands. Will act with caution. Present trouble due to animosity between inimitable and native Christians and failure to control crimes."

Constantinople, Sept. 9.—A consular dispatch from Beirut, received at one of the embassies here, states that a fierce brawl occurred there Monday between parties of Mussulmans and Christians.

It was due to a shot fired by a Mussulman upon a Christian employed at the American college. The Christian was wounded. The fight broke out while the val was on board the United States cruiser Brooklyn, returning Admiral Cotton's visit. No further details have been received.

A diplomatic circle here the affair is regarded as being serious and a renewal of the disturbances is feared.

An official version of the Beirut affair telegraphed later to the Ottoman ambassadors abroad for communication to the powers says that Christians were assailants, and that they had fired upon the Mussulmans. A fight had occurred during which Mussulmans and Christians came to the assistance of their respective companions.

This, says the report, compelled the troops to intervene and they succeeded in restoring order. Three soldiers were wounded and one was killed and one was wounded. These figures evidently are incorrect, as the rioters must have lost more heavily than the military.

The British consul at Beirut immediately after the riot called upon the val and threatened to ask Rear Admiral Cotton to land marines from the American squadron in the event of the renewal of the disturbances.

In official circles here the disturbances are attributed to the arrival of the American squadron and the belief is expressed that the Christians at Beirut are endeavoring to bring about the landing of marines from the war ships.

Paris, Sept. 9.—Official advices received by the Foreign office here give brief details of the outbreak at Beirut. The killed number five or six and many persons were wounded. The city is in an intense state of agitation.

The outbreak occurred during the night of September 6 between Christians and Mussulmans. The fighting was furious, firearms and knives being used. The Italian consul rescued one Christian who had been stabbed and who had fallen in front of the door of the consulate.

This was the first information received here showing the really serious conditions prevailing at Beirut. It caused much apprehension in official quarters as being an indication of the spread of the disorder in the Turkish Empire. The presence of the United States cruisers Brooklyn and San Francisco at Beirut is regarded as a fortunate circumstance. It is expected that a number of other foreign war ships will gather there.

Harmless Man is Arrested

New York, Sept. 9.—A powerfully built man caused considerable excitement as President Roosevelt was about to board the train in Hoboken for his trip to Syracuse by persistently trying to follow and making several efforts to speak to the chief executive. He was seized by the chief of police of Hoboken and two policemen and hauled into a waiting room, where he was searched. He was found to be unarmed and was released.

FOUR PERSONS KILLED

ACCIDENT ON A NEW HAMPSHIRE ELECTRIC LINE.

Pelham, N. H., Sept. 8.—Through a head-on collision yesterday between two electric cars, each running at a rate of more than twenty miles an hour, four persons were killed and nineteen so seriously injured that they are under physician's care. Several of these are expected to die. As there were seventy passengers on the two cars, many others received cuts and minor wounds which did not prevent their going to their homes. The accident occurred on the line which runs through this town between Lowell and Nashua and one of the cars, which was coming from the latter city, was nearly filled with people on their way to a summer resort.

The collision was due, according to the officials of the road, to a misunderstanding of the starter's orders. The accident occurred on a curve, on either side of which were long stretches of straight track. The dead as reported up to ten o'clock last night were as follows:

Charles H. Gilbert, fifty years, Nashua.
Gabriel Collet, twenty-five years, Nashua, N. H.
George C. Andrews, fifty-six years, postmaster, Hudson, N. H.
Samuel Mays, motorman on the Nashua car, Hudson, N. H.

As the accident took place some distance from any large city the injured were distributed among the hospitals at Lowell.

The accident occurred on the Hudson, Pelham and Salem division of the New Hampshire Traction company's railway. The cars met on a curve, neither motorman seeing the approaching car until it was too late to avoid a collision. Neither was there time for the passengers to escape by jumping when the cars came together with a force that threw the westbound car directly upon the forward part of the other, crushing the top of the car down on the passengers and pinning those occupying the first three seats in the wreckage.

Will Not go Back to Work

Kirkville, Mo., Sept. 8.—Members of district No. 25 of the United Mine workers of America held a mass meeting at Novinger, Mo., which was attended by five hundred miners, but nothing was accomplished to change the rife situation. T. L. Lewis, vice president of the united mine workers of America, addressed the meeting for three hours, during which he urged the men to go back to their work. He attempted to show the men that their action declaring a strike made it more difficult to obtain demands from the operators and injured the prestige and power of the national officers and the national organization. Mr. Lewis advised the men to resume work and await results of the conference with operators to be held in Kansas City, next Thursday.

Has Odd Mania.

New York, Sept. 8.—Francis W. Benque, who sent a threatening letter to Secretary of State Hay, and who for years has given trouble to officials at Washington with letters, was Sunday declared insane by Dr. Gregory, in the psychopathic ward at Bellevue hospital.

He will be committed to an institution for the insane for permanent care. Dr. Gregory said that Benque's mania is that he is being persecuted. Benque, even today, wrote several letters. He says himself that he wrote to Mrs. McKinley, among others.

Benque's capture was made possible by the fact that he made no effort to conceal either his name or address, both being plainly given.

Benque, who is respectable in dress and manner, expressed satisfaction when arrested, declaring that publicity would aid him in getting the money. When asked why he wrote the letter Benque replied: "I want my money. It is what the German government owes me."

The Washington police state that the amount demanded by Benque from the authorities of Hamburg, Germany, was 10,000 marks. This sum, he says, was invested in 1859 in a photograph gallery in that city and he claims to have lost it when he was expelled because he refused to perform military duty on the ground that he was an American. He was given three days to leave Germany, but through Secretary of State Blaine the time was extended to three months.

Tried to Kill the Mayor.

Tuscola, Ill., Sept. 8.—Two men attempted to assassinate Mayor Chas. L. McMasters Sunday at midnight as he was entering his barn to put up his horse after a drive. The men were concealed in the barn and attacked Mayor McMasters with paving blocks, felling him twice with blows on the head. One blow was struck from behind the mayor fought off the assailants and they fled. The mayor believes he recognized the men as friends of two women he had arrested yesterday.

LITTLE GIRL KIDNAPPED

CHILD'S SCREAMS ALARM MAN WHO STOLE HER, AND HE TAKES TO HIS HEELS.

Grand Island, Nebr., Sept. 7.—What is considered as an attempt at kidnapping, or a worse fate for the little one, or the action of some half-witted person, caused considerable excitement in this city yesterday. On the previous evening the little eight-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. McAllister was forcibly dragged away from in front of her father's store, taken through an alley, and only released when her cries were presumed by the criminal to attract attention, when she ran back to the store unharmed with the exception that her little arm painfully indicated the force the man had used.

The little girl had come down town with her mother at nine o'clock in the evening to get her father who maintains a fruit stand, and take him home in the carriage. The father was not at once ready to go home and Mrs. McAllister hitched and went into the store. The daughter stood on the outside of the door, leaning against it, when a man walked up and took her by the hand, leading her away. She was at first not alarmed, thinking the man was playing with her. But when he made for across the street and the opening of an alley she became frightened, and particularly so when upon entering the alley he told her she would never see her father and might just as well come along quietly. The little girl tugged away with all her little strength and the man took a firmer hold on her upper arm, dragging her into the alley. She then began to scream and her captor let go of the arm and made for the railroad tracks. The little girl running back through the alley and to the store. The father and others had by this time missed her and had set out to look for her. They returned to the vicinity of the store immediately after the girl had returned and at once gave the alarm. The railroad men were given notice and as much of a description as the little girl was able to give, but the offender has not been apprehended. Charles Russell, an employe of the Koehler hotel, was arrested but not identified by the little girl, and the testimony of his fellow employes indicates that he was in bed at the time the crime occurred.

Russell was given a severe sweating process, the police first believing they had the right man. The Koehler hotel kitchen door is close to the alley through which the man ran. After a thorough investigation it is concluded by the police that the man is innocent and that it was the act of some stranger.

Greek Boys Are Sold

Kalamazoo, Mich., Sept. 7.—Anthony Demers, proprietor of a shoe shining stand, confessed that he paid \$75 for Nicholas Demoggor, a Greek boy thirteen years old, who ran away from him Thursday. Demers was "sweated" and his revelation of a system of child ponaage followed.

Every year boys are being picked up in the streets of Greek cities and sold in this country. The purchasers pay from \$50 to \$75 for a 5 or 6 year old boy for the first year. The second year the price is advanced \$25. Each succeeding year a small advance is made until the boy is of age. Then the purchaser must take his chances with his purchase.

Anthony Demers and a brother, Alex, are at the head of a shoe-shining organization which operates shoe-shining parlors in Kalamazoo, Battle Creek, Jackson, South Bend, St. Joseph, Benton Harbor, Detroit and Chicago.

With possibly two exceptions, the work of polishing shoes is all done by Greek boys whose ages range from five to eighteen years. The boys are shown how to polish shoes and a reward to pick up all the English they can. Their education ends. They can get ran away on account of abuse.

The immigration commissioners have been communicated with and arrests are likely to follow.

Score Virginia Governor

Richmond, Va., Sept. 7.—An indignation meeting of about 500 citizens at Chase City Saturday adopted resolutions harshly calling the governor to account for respiting the thirty days "Dr. Bacon, colored, condemned to be hanged with Addison Finch, who was executed last Tuesday for an attempt at assault upon a lady living near Chase City. The resolutions, among other things, implore the governor "not to make it necessary for good citizens to take the law into their own hands for the protection of their wives and children.

Girls Drowned in a Pond

Albany, N. Y., Sept. 7.—Three girls from the St. Joseph industrial school, an institution for orphans, were drowned in a pond in St. Agnes cemetery here. Four girls from the school were having an outing. They found some planks and made a raft. The frail thing sank with them in deep water. Mary O'Brien, aged nineteen, Grace Burns, eighteen, and Mamie Green, eighteen, were the ones drowned.

LIVE IN TERROR

CONDITIONS AKIN TO ANARCHY PRESENTED AT BEIRUT.

UPROAR IN MOSLEM

THIRTY PERSONS KILLED SINCE LAST FRIDAY.

ADMIRAL COTTON WELCOMED

PRESENCE OF WARSHIPS HOPE OF THE FOREIGNERS.

Coast Reconnoitered and Marines Able to Land on Short Notice. Maceoatians Give Notice of Reprisals.

Beirut, Syria, Sept. 10.—Via Port Said.—Vice Consul Magesse, when he was fired at recently, was near a police booth. His assailant is not yet known. The authorities are indifferent, and thus far have given no satisfaction.

The Moslem section of the city from Friday up to Tuesday night was in a state of anarchy and thirty persons were killed, among whom, however, were no foreigners. The shops are closed, the streets deserted and the government is seemingly unable or unwilling to assure safety to the residents.

The arrival of the American cruisers Brooklyn and San Francisco was most opportune. Admiral Cotton is on the alert and signal men and a guard slept at the United States consulate last night. The men on board the warships are under arms ready to disembark on a signal from the consulate. The boats of the Brooklyn and San Francisco have reconnoitered the coast below the property of the American mission in order to select landing places in case of need. The American consuls on authorities have demanded guards from the governor for the protection of the mission printing office and the mission property. An attempt to enter an American residence on Saturday was frustrated.

The Americans here think the United States government should insist on the dismissal of the val of Beirut, a notorious bribe-taker, and to whom all the disorders are attributed.

Berlin, Sept. 10.—A delayed dispatch from Constantinople to the Lokal Anzeiger, which sometimes prints official news, says: "Telegraphic consular reports received here Monday, says that the murder of Christians in different parts of Beirut continues. Disorder prevails and traffic is destroyed."

"The consuls also decided to call on Rear Admiral Cotton for eventual protection for the foreign consulates, which he later agreed to furnish. It is considered that the Americans could land 500 men. Some Americans, it is believed have already landed. The American warships are cleared for action. Other warships are expected."

The German foreign office approves of Admiral Cotton's intention to land a guard to protect the United States consulate at Beirut, if necessary, and of his holding a landing party in readiness to protect the foreigners there.

Nevertheless the feeling in quarters over the appearance of the American ships off Beirut appears to be that it complicates the Turkish situation "because" it is asserted, "an element has been brought in which acts independently of the powers now that the pressure of the powers is more or less co-ordinate and the port may know what to expect. But the American action is not easily calculated, and will tend to excite the Turkish ferment and add to the perplexities."

Several of the German newspapers, while rather restrained in their language, look with distrust upon the presence of the American warships at Belmont. Other papers however say it is not fair to ascribe the outbreak to the arrival of the Americans.

Candy-Makers Locked Out.

Chicago, Sept. 10.—Acting upon the advice of the Chicago employers' association, fourteen candy manufacturing concerns closed yesterday and between 1,500 and 2,000 persons were thrown out of work as a result of the strike action taken by the candy-makers' union yesterday. The employes say that the lockout will continue until the candy-makers dissolve their union and return to work as individuals.

Shot by a Burglar.

Ashland, Ky., Sept. 10.—Sheriff Hene, with a posse, is hunting a burglar who shot and seriously wounded Colonel Williams. Colonel Williams, in discovering the burglar ransacking the house, fought him with a saber until the burglar shot him and escaped. Mrs. Williams and their small granddaughter were the only other occupants of the Normal home; Mrs. Williams, midway between Ashland and Catletburg, and they called the neighbors, who summoned a physician.

SHOT HIS FATHER-IN-LAW

COMMUNITY IS TERRORIZED—DESPERADO KILLS FATHER-IN-LAW AND THREATENS OTHERS.

Waterloo, Ill., Sept. 11.—William A. Hoffman, a young farm hand, living near Marystown, Ill., called his father-in-law, Dr. William Brandt, to the door of his house and shot him to death. Then he rode back to his home, told his wife that "he had killed the old hound, her father", gave her two dollars which he said he wanted her to spend on the christening of their baby, kissed her and their four children and rode into the woods. "There are two men I must kill before I kill myself", he said to his wife before leaving.

The family of Dr. Brandt offers a reward of \$300 for Hoffman's capture. Sheriff Ruch and a large posse are searching for him. He is heavily armed. Just before killing his father-in-law he purchased fifty rounds of cartridges.

Hoffman is an unerring marksman, and the officers believe, given to recklessness by whisky and his imaginary troubles. Before he murdered Brandt he told Herman Papes: "In one hour there will be a warrant out for me. But look out: I will shoot you or Ruch or anybody else who tries to arrest me."

Hoffman's wife says that as he left he declared: I must kill two more people, then myself. If the sheriff or his deputies try to arrest me, I must also kill them."

Sheriff Ruch thinks Hoffman is hiding in the woods near his home at Rock Cliffs. He and his deputies are heavily armed and prepared to shoot the fugitive at sight. This entire section of Monroe county is terrorized, as the fugitive is regarded as desperate. It is not known who are the other two persons he intended to kill and both men and women are so badly frightened that they will not leave their homes without arms.

It is supposed that Hoffman's motive for killing his father-in-law was that the old gentleman refused to increase his weekly allowance. Dr. Brandt was quite wealthy and had been practically supporting his son-in-law and family. He gave Hoffman a certain amount of spending money each week.

A Kansan Man Killed.

Winfield, Kas., Sept. 11.—Mont Sartin, a point keeper, was shot and instantly killed by William Greenwell at Dexter today. Sartin for some time has had trouble with officers on account of his business and recently Greenwell testified against him. This enraged Sartin and last night he struck Greenwell with a revolver from behind. A struggle followed and Greenwell shot Sartin three times. Greenwell is a cattle inspector in the service of the state live stock sanitary commission. Sartin was a brother of postmaster Sartin of Kansas City, Kas.

Guards Dead Mistress.

New York, Sept. 11.—In a gloomy old-fashioned house in Dane street, Brooklyn, the police, who battered down the door, have found the body of Mrs. Margaret May lying on a bed in an upper room. At her feet lay the body of a fox terrier dog. Until recently the old house has been a mecca for the poor of that quarter. Since the death of Mrs. May's husband, who was quite wealthy, the woman had distributed charity to all who applied. She had not been seen for at least a month, and weeds had grown high in the usually well kept garden where she formerly had spent much time. Finally, alarmed at her non-appearance, the neighbors notified the police and the doors were broken open. The woman had been dead nearly a month, evidently from natural causes, but the little dog had never quitted his vigil and died from starvation.

Guarding Against Plague.

Marseilles, Sept. 11.—A number of buildings on the outskirts of this city, where suspected cases of bubonic plague had been reported, were destroyed by fire today. The sanitary officials used sulphur in the disinfection of merchandise in the buildings and the flames communicated to the buildings themselves.

The officials here continue to assert that the existence of the plague has not been established, but they admit that eight suspected cases, five of which resulted in death, have occurred. These cases originated in a cargo of rags brought here in a vessel from Constantinople.

Carpenters Strike.

Nebraska City, Neb., Sept. 11.—The carpenters that have been employed at the Argo starch works have gone on a strike. There are thirteen of them and they are employed the year round in the plant. They have been paid 25 cents per hour for work during the week and time and a half for Sunday work. They demand 30 cents per hour which is the union scale and is paid for all work outside the factory.

Nebraska Notes

Mrs. James Morris died Thursday night at Johnston, after a short illness.

The Cass county prohibition convention will be held in Weeping Water, September 5.

The second district judicial republican convention will be held in Nebraska City next Tuesday.

James Blair, who squatted on the site of Linwood, Nebr., May 16th, 1855, celebrated his seventy-first birthday.

Dr. J. B. Carnes, state superintendent of the Anti-saloon league has organized a league at Papillion.

Mat Mesbaly has been appointed Postmaster at Slocum, Holt county, in place of M. L. Erb, who has been removed.

The wedding of John W. Hendrick and Miss Hazel F. Chalfant occurred at the home of the bride's parents at Murray Thursday evening.

George Foster, 76 years of age died at Kearney yesterday. He had suffered from dropsy for the last sixteen months.

Harold Smith, a Wabco lad, was shoved from a coal shed upon which he was playing, by his sister and broke his arm.

A competitive examination for the appointment of a cadet to the military academy at West Point is being held at Hastings.

James Gallaway of Kearney was adjudged insane and taken to the asylum at Lincoln yesterday. He was worried over religious troubles.

Henry C. Grimes, an aged citizen of Plattsmouth, died Sunday. He traveled for a Chicago firm twenty-five years.

Burglars entered Whitaker's restaurant at Holdridge last night, securing \$10 in money and about \$25 worth of pipes tobacco and other merchandise.

The Sons of Herman at Norfolk, last evening tendered a banquet to Daniel J. Koenigstein, former grand trustee, who leaves for Los Angeles, Cal.

Four hundred tents have been erected and several hundred more are being held in reserve at Hastings for the state reunion of the G. A. R.

The city council of Norfolk, by means of a tracer, has just located a car load of bridge lumber that had been ordered, in a ditch in Minnesota. The lumber had been in a railroad wreck.

The Nicholas County Teachers' institute, which has been in session at Nelson, with 125 teachers in attendance, closed Saturday evening with an address by Deputy State Superintendent J. J. McBrien.

Miss Rebecca Wilson, vice president of the first district of the Nebraska Federation of Woman's clubs, is dead. Her funeral was held at Falls City last Sunday.

E. Stockham manager of the Updike Grain company at Wahoo, was taken ill last week with appendicitis and was taken to Omaha to undergo an operation.

After living thirty-five years near Fremont William Hillman will take a ride on the cars. He is going to California and he has not been behind a steam machine since coming to the state.

The Nebraska State Fair managers deny the rumor that Crescenzo will not be one of the attractions this year: saying they have a written contract that the horse will give an exhibition mile against time.

John Rush of Omaha was in Lincoln yesterday seeking information relative to the whereabouts of his father-in-law, James Ferry, who disappeared from his home in Omaha August '06.

Elmer Russel of St. Edward, Neb., was bound over to the district court yesterday on the charge of incest. He is alleged to have carnally known his 16-year-old daughter during the past year. His wife caused his arrest.

The Nebraska Methodist conferences will be held as follows: At Valentine, September 17; Lincoln, September 18; Fremont, September 23; Lexington September 30.

The Gage county institute is in session at the High School building at Beatrice. Yesterday President Clemmons of the Fremont normal and Deputy State Superintendent McBrien delivered addresses. A large number of teachers are present.