



During the examination and trial of a negro known as Cantrell in Indianapolis, Ind., it became known that he is the head of one of the most audacious organizations of murderers ever known in that city. It seems that these people have made a regular business of robbing graves in various cemeteries, and in addition to such crimes it has become known that nearly a score of known murders have been committed by this gang and the bodies of the victims disposed of to the medical colleges.

Four persons were killed and at least twelve were injured by the collapse of a board walk in Philadelphia, Pa., during the progress of a ball game when the walk was crowded with spectators.

A fire in the N. L. building, Omaha, Neb., on August 8 caused a property loss of over \$100,000, fully covered by insurance, however. Street car traffic in the vicinity of the fire was blocked for several hours.

On the retirement of Lieutenant General Miles from the command of the United States army at Washington on August 8, General Young was sworn in as his successor and assumed command of the army.

The so-called Ramsey bill, enacted into law by the last legislature of the state of Nebraska, and dealing with matters pertaining to location of elevators, etc., will very likely soon be tested as to its legality in the Nebraska courts. Eighty farmers of Cass county have formed an organization and will seek to compel the railroads of that section to furnish a site for an independent elevator.

A partly successful experiment with the fifteen-foot Langley airship was made near the Potomac river in Virginia on August 8, and after a flight in the air of some hundred yards, deflected into the water of the river and sustained some injury to its machinery.

The coronation of Pope Pius X. took place at Rome on August 9 and was witnessed by about 70,000 people. The impressive rite took place in the basilica of St. Peter's and was attended with great splendor.

According to advices from Baku, South Russia, via St. Petersburg, 45,000 men are involved in the strike which commenced July 15 for an eight-hour day and increase of wages. There are now about 60,000 troops in Baku and wholesale arrests are being made among the strikers.

Alfred Moseley, the well-known Englishman, has announced his intention of taking a representative body of English educators to the United States in order to study the American system of education. Mr. Moseley is to pay all the expenses of the pilgrimage, the deputation representing every branch of education, primary, secondary, technical, and university.

At Versailles, France, on August 9 an attempt was made to assassinate Premier Combes. Two pistol shots were fired at the premier, but he escaped unhurt. The would-be assassin was arrested and it is believed that he is an anarchist.

At Chautauqua assembly the week

beginning August 10 was given over almost entirely to a discussion of the apparent rise of the mob spirit in America, all phases of the subject being discussed. On the opening day of the discussion Dr. W. G. Frost of Berea college in the mountains of Kentucky was the chief speaker and discussed the recent disturbances in Breathitt county, of that state.

A hurricane of great violence swept over the island of Martinique, in the West Indies on August 9 and caused much destruction of property. The hurricane also affected the island of Jamaica doing great damage to several banana plantations.

A fire took place on the Metropolitan electric railway, which runs mostly under ground, in Paris on August 10 and so far as known about ninety persons lost their lives. In some manner two empty trains caught fire and caused a stampede of the passengers of a train closely following.

It was reported from Washington on August 10 that Postmaster General Payne has decided to make the experiment of employing baggagemen on trains which are not provided with mail clerks to take charge of and deliver open newspaper mail. This decision was made as a result of many petitions from newspaper publishers of the country in regard to the matter.

It was announced from Vienna on August 10 that in consequence of the assassination of King Alexander and Queen Draga and the subsequent attitude of the Servian military officers, both Russia and Austria have decided to send home all the Servian officers studying in their military schools. Russia has forbidden her officers to have either official or social intercourse with Servian officers.

The convention of the National Building councils at Denver, Colo., on August 11 adopted a resolution indorsing W. R. Hearst as candidate for the nomination as president of the United States. The Hearst resolution names as the reforms needed that of government ownership of public utilities; government control of the circulating medium; the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people; the enactment of laws providing for an income tax; the abolition of government by injunction, and of child labor; the prosecution of all persons engaged in illegal combinations, and the impartial enforcement of all laws concerning trusts.

Twenty-one persons were injured in a railroad accident near Schell City, Kas., on August 11. Spreading rails caused the ditching of the train and three cars were smashed.

On August 11 it was announced from Washington that Secretary Root will tender his resignation as secretary of war to the president before he sails to London to sit with the Alaskan commission. It is not thought, however, that the resignation will be acted upon until after congress shall meet this fall, and it is also believed that Judge William H. Taft, now governor of the Philippines, will be appointed to succeed Mr. Root.

Later reports as to the storm in Martinique recently confirm the press reports of the disaster and gives the number of those made homeless as 500,

several villages on the island being destroyed by the hurricane.

An important decision in the railroad world was recently made by Judge Munger at Omaha, Neb., when he granted to the Chicago Great Western railroad the right to use the Union Pacific bridge and terminals as far as South Omaha, Neb. This decision was based upon the so-called bridge act of congress.

The members of the sub-committee of the senate committee on finance, consisting of Senators Aldrich, Platt, Allison and Spooner, met with President Roosevelt at his home in Oyster Bay, N. Y., on August 12 and discussed the financial question with relation to some currency legislation at the coming session of congress. It is understood that a currency bill will be prepared and introduced at the session which will be called for November 9.

The democracy of Seneca county, Ohio, met at Tiffin, August 8, and adopted resolutions as follows: "The democracy of Seneca county, in mass convention assembled, hereby renews its pledge of allegiance to the tenets of the democratic party as enunciated in the declaration of principles adopted by the democratic national convention held in Kansas City, Mo., in 1900." "Resolved, that the delegates and alternate delegates this day selected to represent the democracy of Seneca county at the approaching democratic state convention be and they are hereby instructed to use their influence and votes to frustrate the efforts of so-called reorganizers, men who have not been in harmony with the party for the past seven years, who would have the grand old party of Jefferson and Jackson again sold out to the money power of the country as it was in 1892."

The recent disturbances in the Balkans continue and it is feared that serious conditions will soon ensue. The Macedonian troops are rapidly arming and massing for the purpose of meeting the Turkish troops and the uprising has spread throughout almost

the whole of the district. On August 13 it was announced from London that the Turkish troops have looted several Christian villages and it is feared that a climax of horrible massacres may occur at any time. So far twelve villages have been destroyed by the Turks. It has been reported from Vienna that statements from Bulgarian sources assert that the revolutionists have 35,000 rifles, 15,000,000 cartridges and four tons of dynamite; that the insurgents number 25,000, of whom 10,000 are in the vilayet of Monastir.

The first move for construction under the new irrigation act was made on August 12 when the secretary of the interior approved the award of a contract for the construction of an irrigating canal to connect the Truckee and Carson rivers in Nevada, the proposed canal being thirty miles in length, and will irrigate about 8,000 acres of land about it.

An encounter took place on August 12 between an American fishing boat and the Canadian revenue cutter Petrel near Erie, Pa. The revenue cutter opened fire and chased the American boat because of alleged violation of the fishing ordinances on the Canadian side of the lake.

The effects of the recent hurricane upon the island of Jamaica are greater than at first believed or reported. Thirty fatalities have already been reported and it is feared that there may be more lives lost. Almost all the banana plantations in the eastern part of the island are entirely destroyed and great destitution prevails.

It was announced from London on August 12 that the house of commons today accepted all the amendments to the Irish land bill adopted by the house of lords, except two which are of an unimportant nature. It is believed the lords will accept the bill in its present form.

The British vice consul at Odessa, Russia, was recently sent by his government expressly to K'shineff to ob-

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