AIKEN MAN SHOT TO DEATH.

BRADFORD COURTNEY KILLED BY NEGRO AS RESULT OF DISPUTE.

Posses Scour Country with Bloodhounds in Search for Harris Miles, Who Did Shooting.

Aiken, Dec. 12.—Bloodhounds from the State penitentiary are tonight trailing Harris Miles, a negro, who, if caught before morning, will be lynched. The negro this afternoon shot and killed Bradford Courtney, one of the foremost citizens of Aiken county and one of the county's most successful planters. Posses of determined men are scouring the country in search of the negro who was seen in the outskirts of Aiken shortly before 7 o'clock tonight. He was shot at but escaped.

The Miles negro worked on Mr. Courtney's place, four and a half miles from Aiken, near Prothros mill, where the killing took place this afternoon about 4:30 o'clock.

Miles followed Mr. Courtney to his lot after having been reprimanded by his employer for some misconduct and demanded a settlement. Mr. Courtney refused to settle with the negro, telling him that as he (the negro) was angry to go home and come back latter. The negro stubbornly refused to leave as ordered, and Mr. Courtney took up a stick and struck him.

The negro pulled a pistol and fired, the bullet entering Mr. Courtney's throat directly beneath the chin. He wheeled and walked toward the house, but fell dead before he had taken 20 steps. But for the fact that the pistol was loaded with only one ball, Mr. Courtney's son, O'Neal, would likely have been killed by the negro also.

After shooting Mr. Courtney the negro turned the weapon on his son. B. O. Courtney, a brother of the dead man, running up, interfered, and, snatching the smoking pistol from the negro's hand, turned it upon him. It snapped. Throwing the pistol away, Mr. Courtney caught hold of the negro with one hand and tried to secure his knife with the other. The negro broke away, ran and made his escape.

Because of the prominence of Mr. Courtney, the news reaching town created much excitement. The frienzied search for the negro begun immediately. Sheriff Rabon wired to Columbia for the bloodhounds, which came through the country in an automobile, reaching here about 8 o'clock. It is believed that the negro is still in the vicinity of Aiken and half a dozen posses are guarding against his making his escape either to Georgia or out of the county The searching parties believe they will catch him tonight. If they do, he will be shot to death.

The dead man has a large family connection in this county, and besides his wife and son, he has two brothers living here. Mr. Courtney was about 56 years of age.

IRVIN T. JONES IS SHOT BY CHIEF OF POLICE.

Mistook Citizen for Fugitive in Patch of Woods.

Aiken, Dec. 12.—Irvin T. Jones, a well-known farmer living near Aiken, was shot and seriously wounded tonight by H. H. Howard, chief of police of Aiken, while both were engaged in search for Miles Harris, the slayer of Bradford Courtney.

Chief Howard had gone to the edge of the town where the negro had last been seen and had posted men at points there to keep a lookout for the fugitive. As he was returning, passing a patch of woods, he saw a man approaching him with a gun, and thinking it was the negro wanted, he covered him with his revolver. The man promptly covered the policeman with his rifle. It developed latter that Mr. Jones thought chief Howard was the negro wanted.

After the policeman had fired it was discovered that Irvin T. Jones had been seriously wounded. The bullet struck him in the stomach and striking a button was deflected through the body. The injured man was hurried to his home and an operation performed, removing the bullet. While dangerously wounded the injury will not necessarily prove fatal.

Mr. Jones is a well-known farmer, residing just outside the city of Aiken. He formerly lived at Wagner and is a director of the bank of that place.

The British battleship Meanichi, was badly damaged by a fire in her hold while loading cotton at the Rogers-McCabe wharf in Charleston.

The North Carolina baseball league was formed at Charlotte Thursday. Spartanburg, Greenville and Anderson were dropped and the league is now composed of Charlotte, Greensboro, Winston-Salem, Asheville, Durham and Raleigh.

PEACE DELEGATES IN LONDON.

BALKAN COMMISSIONERS READY FOR CONFERENCE.

Greeted by Cosmopolitan Gathering, Including Members of the Various Legations.

London, Dec. 12.—The Greek, Servian and Montenegrin peace commissioners arrived in London tonight from Paris. They were greeted at the Charing Cross station by a cosmopolitan crowd, which included members of the various legations.

The Greek premier, M. Venezelos, and other delegates expressed appreciation of their indebtedness to the British government's courtesy and earnest hope for the speedy and successful conclusion of their mission. M. Venezelos said they were determined to do their utmost to gain a lasting peace and desired hereafter to be the best of friends with the Turks.

Details of procedure and the date of the first meeting of the conference will not be arranged until all the delegates arrive. Sir Edward Grey, the British foreign secretary, will attend the opening meeting and make a short speech of welcome.

UNEASINESS IN PARIS.

Continued Austrian Mobilization Gives Rise to Fears That All is Not Peaceful.

Paris, Dec. 12.—The continued Austrian mobilization which, accompanied by heavy expenditure of money in that country, has resulted in the disturbance of commerce and industry, is causing considerable uneasiness here.

Austria's tactics on the eve of the Balkan peace conference and the meeting of the European ambassadors in London are not understood, although assurances have been received in Paris that Austria is bent upon peace if what is called honorable peace be possible.

Roumania's suggestion that her representative participate in the ambassadorial conference has not been voiced by either France or Gerat Britain as it is desired to limit the discussion to the six great powers. Premier Venezelos of Greece declared that Greece was certain to negotiate side by side with her allies at the peace conference. He admitted that a number of problems existed among the allies, but declared that all of them recognized the necessity of maintaining the Balkan confederation strong and indissoluble.

War Risks Higher.

London, Dec. 12.—War insurance risks were quoted in London yesterday at 25 guineaus per cent to cover the risk of an outbreak of war between Austria and Servia within six months. The Daily Mail's Saloniki correspondent reports massacres by Bulgarian bands in the villages 50 miles to the northwest of Saloniki.

Conferences at Berlin.

Berlin, Dec. 12.—Conferences were held today between Alfred von Kiderlin Waechter, the German foreign minister, and Dr. S. Daneff, one of the Bulgarian peace plenipotiaries who passed through the German capital on his way to London.

To Demand Much.

London, Dec. 12.—The strictest instructions have been given to the peace delegates to insist on the cession of Adrianople, Scutari and Janina, according to a dispatch to The Times.

The governor has paroled Edward Wooten, who was convicted in Spartanburg county in December, 1911, on the charge of violating the dispensay law and sentenced to two years on the county chaingang. In the parole it is required that Wooten pay the clerk of court of Spartanburg county $200 and leave the State within 12 hours after his release.. It is also provided that should Wooten ever return to the State under any circumstances he is to be rearrested and committed to serve out the remainder of his term. The governor offered a reward of $50 to the party or parties who report the return of Wooten to South Carolina.

Deafness Cannot Be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed. Deafness is the result and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by Catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

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RULES OF PARCELS POST.

HITCHCOCK ANNOUNCES REGULATIONS FOR SYSTEM.

New Plan to be Inaugurated With Beginning of New Year—Provision of Order.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Regulations to cover workings of the new parcels post service, which is to go into operation January 1, next, were made public by Postmaster General Hitchcock today. The new system will be effective throughout the entire postal service at the same time and will affect every postoffice, city, rural and railway mail transportation route in the country. Every precaution will be taken by the postoffice department to have the mails moved with the usual dispatch, and all postmasters, superintendents and inspectors have been directed to familiarize themselves and their subordinates with every phase of the new system.

The regulations provide that parcels of merchandise, including farm and factory products (but not books and printed matter) of almost every description up to 11 pounds in weight and measuring as much as six feet in length and girth combined, except those calculated to do injury to the mails in transit, may be mailed at any postoffice for delivery to any address in the country. Delivery will be made to homes of people living on rural and star routes, as well as those living in cities and towns where there is delivery by carrier. Where there is at present no delivery by carrier, the parcels will go to the postoffice as is the case with ordinary mail.

The postage rate for the zone, that is, within distance not exceeding 50 miles, will be 5 cents for the first pound and 3 cents for each additional pound. Rates increase for each successive freight zone in which the country is divided, the maximum rate being 12 cents a pound, which will carry a parcel across the continent, or even to Alaska, or the Philippines. For a fee of ten cents a parcel may be insured and if the parcel is lost in the mails an idemnity to the amount of its value not to exceed $50 will be paid to the sender.

The law provides for the use of distinctive postage stamps and there is now being distributed to postmasters for use in the parcel post system as set of stamps of 12 denominations. Parcel post maps with accompanying guides are to be sold to the public at their cost, 75 cents, through the chief clerk of the postoffice department.

FOUR TEAMS TIED.

Y. M. C. A. Bowling Contest Grows More Interesting.

As the series of matches progresses in the Y. M. C. A. bowling contest for the bowling trophy the contest grows more and more interesting to the members of the four teams and those who have watched some of the matches at the Y. M. C. A. alleys. As a result of the match Thursday night and the defeat of Team No. 3 all four teams are now on an equal footing, each having an average of 500 per cent, something quite unusual in contests of this kind, but which shows how evenly matched are the four teams.

The match Thursday night was an interesting one, although not as good scores were made by most of the bowlers as are usually made. The first game was won by Team No. 4, which came out ahead 54 pins. In the second game Team No. 3 won by 19 pins, while the third game went to Team No. 4 with 42 pins ahead, making them the winners in the match by 77 pins. Each team has won two matches and lost two and the contest from now will be only the more interesting and harder for any team to win.

Drives Off a Terror.

The chief executioner of death in the winter and spring months is pneumonia. Its advance agents are colds and grip. In any attack by one of these maladies no time should be lost in taking the best medicine obtainable to drive it off. Countless thousands have found this to be Dr. King's New Discovery. "My husband believes it has kept him from having pneumonia three or four times," writes Mrs. George W. Place, Rawsonville, Vt., "and for coughs, colds and croup we have never found its equal." Guaranteed for all bronchial affections. Price 50 cents and $1.00. Trial bottle free at Sibert's Drug Store.—Advt.

The Florida Citrus Exchange has discontinued shipments of oranges from Florida to prevent the glutting of the markets.

California Woman Seriously Alarmed.

A short time ago I contracted a severe cold which settled on my lungs and caused me a great deal of annoyance. I would have bad coughing spells and my lungs were so sore and inflamed I began to be seriously alarmed. A friend recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, saying she had used it for years. I bought a bottle and it relieved my cough the first night, and in a week I was rid of the cold and soreness of my lungs," writes Miss Marie Gerber, Sawtelle, Cal. For sale by all dealers.—Advt.

JUNIOR ORDER OFFICERS.

Men Who Will Hold Office in Sumter Council No. 7, During Following Year.

At a meeting of Sumter Council, No. 7, Junior Order of United American Mechanics, held in the Masonic hall on Tuesday night officers were elected for the ensuing year, the election resulting as follows:

Councilor, J. A. Warren; Vice-Councilor, L. E. Wood; Recording Secretary, R. S. Hood; Financial Secretary, B. C. Wallace; Conductor W. M. Wolfe; Warden, J. N. Hill; Inner Sentinel, H. M. Phelps; Outer Sentinel, W. N. Brown; Trustee, William Yeadon.

MOTHER FINDS STOLEN CHILD.

John Wilson, Greenville Boy, Located. George and James Metcalf Accused of Kidnaping.

Asheville, N. C., Dec. 12.—After practically an all night search the members of the police department today located John Wilson, the crippled boy, who his mother, Mrs. Harriet Rogers, declares was kidnaped from her home in Greenville, S. C., Tuesday.

The two men accused of kidnapping, George and James Metcalf, are in the city jail, being held without bond to answer the charge of kidnapping before Judge Adams tomorrow morning.

The crippled boy was found at Weaverville, about eight miles from this city, and is being kept out there until tomorrow morning, when he will appear in police court as a witness against the Metcalf brothers. His mother left today for Weaverville, to stay with him tonight and bring him to court in the morning.

The two Metcalfs are reported by the police to have told two different stories about the affair. One of the brothers said late last night that they had brought the boy with them, but that he had left the train at Biltmore and they had not seen him since. The other is reported to have said today that they did not want to bring the boy with them, but when they got to the train they found him there with his ticket already purchased and he announced his intention of going. He said that when they arrived in Asheville the boy announced his intention of going to Yancey county to visit relatives and that he then took the car for Weaverville.

The two men will be arraigned in police court tomorrow morning.

Fit His Case Exactly.

"When father was sick about six years ago he read an advertisement of Chamberlain's Tablets in the paper that fit his case exactly," writes Miss Margaret Campbell of Ft. Smith, Ark. "He purchased a box of them and he has not been sick since. My sister had stomach trouble and was also benefited by them.' Sold by all dealers.—Advt.

Four hundred midshipmen at Annapolis have been punished for betting on the Annapolis-West Point football game.

Foils a Foul Plot.

When a shameful plot exists between liver and bowels to cause distress by refusing to act take Dr. King's New Life Pills, and end such abuse of your system. They gently compel right action of stomach, liver and bowels, and restore your health and all good feelings. 25c at Sibert's Drug Store.—Advt.

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NO REASON FOR IT.

You Are Shown the Way Out.

There can be no just reason why any reader of this will continue to suffer the tortures of an aching back, the annoyance of urinary disorders, the dangers of serious kidney ills when relief is so near at hand and the most positive proof given that these ills can be cured. The following is convincing proof.

Mrs. J. O. Hathcock, 1418 Front street, Georgetown, S. C., says: Doan's Kidney Pills did me more good than any other remedy I ever used and I am grateful to them. I suffered terribly from backache and pains in my kidneys and some days I was unable to get around. No position I assumed was comfortable and I also had a great deal of annoy[illegible] my kidneys. After using [illegible] medies and getting no [illegible] Kidney Pills were r[illegible] d to me and I got a suppl[illegible] king this remedy, my kidn[illegible] nor mal and I felt well [illegible] ely speak highly of Doan' [illegible] Pills." (Statement given Ma[illegible] 08.)

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NOT FOR SALE, THAT'S ALL.

Levy Turns Down Offer of $750,000 for Monticello.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 12.—"I cannot now commercialize the sentiment of years by puting a price on this noble property," said Jefferson M. Levy in a telegram tonight to Governor Mann, regarding the attempted purchase, at a price of $750,000, of Monticello, the home of Thomas Jefferson, now owned by Mrs. Levy. Those back of the effort to purchase the Jefferson home would deed it to the State of Virginia.

Mr. Levy said that, beside his "deep affection for the place," he had also full assurance that his care of it would continue to be "abundant and constant, in view of which he was "not prepared to make or accept any offer depriving me of this cherished right."

How to Bankrupt the Doctors.

A prominent New York physician says "If it were not for the thin stockings and thin soled shoes worn by women the doctors would probably be bankrupt." When you contract a cold do not wait for it to develop into pneumonia but treat it at once. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is intended especially for coughs and colds, and has won a wide reputation by its cures of these diseases. It is most effectual and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by all dealers.—Advt.

OVER TWO MILLION EGGS SOLD.

Philadelphia Housekeepers' League Floods Market With Hen Fruit at Price Below Normal.

Philadelphia, Dec. 12.—More than two million eggs were retailed at 24 cents a dozen by the Housekeepers' league today to aid the campaign to reduce the cost of living started here yesterday. Teh President of the league, Mrs. Derr, tonight issued a call for additional volunteers to aid in selling the eggs and for more automobiles to distribute them that still larger quantities may be disposed of tomorrow. She says the supply is practically inexhaustible and she proposes to "continue the campaign until the retail dealers who have been maintaining high prices have been taught a thorough lesson."

Retailers made a general reduction in their charges for storage eggs today but few were as low as the prices set by the Housekeepers' league.

The Secret Terror.

The haunting fear of sickness and helplessness is the secret terror of the working man. Health is his capital. Kidney diseases sap a man's strength and vitality. They lessen his earning capacity. Foley Kidney Pills bring back health and strength by healing the disease. They are the best medicine made for kidney and bladder troubles. The genuine are in the yellow package. Refuse any substitute. Sibert's Drug Store.—Advt.

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