

THE SAMPSON DESPERADO.

Sentenced For Three Years and Held to Await the Death of the U. S. Marshal.

(By Associated Press.) Raleigh, Dec. 18.—W. A. Gantier, the desperado of Sampson county, who yesterday shot two United States deputy marshals who went to arrest him, was today sentenced to three years in the Atlanta prison for destroying rural mail boxes. One officer, B. G. E. Daughtrey, is not expected to recover and Gantier is held in jail here pending the result.

Deputy Marshal A. F. Surles and Deputy Sheriff B. G. E. Daughtrey, were shot and seriously injured Wednesday night near Dunn, Sampson county, North Carolina, while attempting to apprehend W. A. Gantier, whose presence is desired at the present term of the federal court for destroying mail boxes. Gantier failed to answer at Raleigh when the case was called and Surles was sent with a capias to make the arrest. Upon reaching his house last night the officers were met by a fusillade from within, which continued until Gantier's ammunition was exhausted. After great difficulty he was apprehended and brought here today. Surles, a very brave officer, was shot through the arm and the ball lodged in his breast. Daughtrey was shot in the abdomen and his condition is quite serious.

FRIAR LANDS SOLD.

Governor Taft Informs the Government That This Question Will be Adjusted.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 18.—Governor Taft has informed the War Department that an agreement has been reached for the sale of the Friar lands, there remaining only some small matters of difference to be adjusted. Provision it is understood, is made for a relation between the Tenantry and State Government which marks an advance even upon the land tenure system of Ireland. The lands are to be sold as far as possible to the tenants themselves who have, however, now to realize that few of the Filipinos have any considerable sums of money, and by the Philippine government proposes to allow them to buy the lands on long time payments at a very moderate rate of interest on the deferred payments. The question of the withdrawal of the Friar lands, it is said at the War Department, practically settled itself. Of the great body of Friars in the Philippine Islands at the outbreak of the war with Spain only two hundred odd are said to have remained and nearly all of these are in Manila. Most of these are expected to leave. Their lands will be paid for out of the war treasury.

FAVORABLE REPORT.

The Government to Mark the Graves of Confederate Soldiers and Sailors.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 18.—Favorable reports were ordered today by the War Department, practically settling the question of the appropriate marking of graves of soldiers and sailors of the Confederate army and navy; one appropriation \$2,000,000 to complete the construction of the road to the National cemetery near Pensacola, Fla.

CHEKIB BEY'S STORY.

The Turkish Minister Has Fishy Theory of the American Consul's Attacking Five Turkish Policemen Without Provocation.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 18.—Chekib Bey, the Turkish Minister to Washington, yesterday conferred with acting secretary Loomis respecting the Alexander drita affair. The minister presented statements emanating from his government, the general tenor of which show that Mr. Davis, the American consul at Alexandria, was the aggressor in the affair and that he had attacked three Turkish policemen without provocation. The minister was politely informed that his explanation did not agree with the facts as the State Department had learned them. It was plainly indicated to the minister that the explanation sent by the Porte was far from satisfactory and that the vigorous policy already initiated would be carried out. Minister Loomis has made a very energetic protest to be against the action of the Turkish officials.

COMBINATION EFFECTED.

Three Independent Tobacco Manufacturers Get Together to Fight the Trust.

(By Associated Press.) Evansville, Ind., Dec. 18.—A combination was effected here by three independent tobacco factories, the Hampton Tobacco Company, Newburg, Indiana; the Bowling Green Factory, Bowling Green, Ky., and the T. M. Ryan Company, Martin, Tenn. The combination is capitalized at \$100,000. The Bowling Green plant will be removed to Newburg and combined with the plant there. The company will oppose the tobacco trust in the central states. Incorporation papers will be filed in Indiana.

FOUL STRIKE RULE.

Baseball Magnates Repeal the Foul Strike Rule Adopted Last Season.

(By Associated Press.) Chicago, Dec. 18.—The magnates of the American baseball league at their annual meeting here yesterday repealed the foul strike rule adopted last year as an experiment, and decided in favor of a scheme of 154 games in order to meet the extension of the National League schedule. The playing season will open April 15.

Worst of all Experiences.

Can anything be worse than to feel such as the experience of Mrs. S. H. Brown, Decatur, Ala. "For three years," she writes, "I endured insupportable pain from indigestion, stomach trouble, and bowels. Death seemed inevitable when doctors and all remedies failed. At length I was induced to try Electric Bitters and the result was miraculous. I improved at once and after, Kidney, Stomach and Bowel troubles Electric Bitters is the only medicine I have used. It is guaranteed by Dr. J. C. Wells & Dunn Co., druggists

SISTERS AT OUTS.

Mary Senior Treatens Destruction Swift and Sure Upon Sister.

This morning about 9 o'clock there were sounds of coming trouble and the mutterings of a coming storm in Darkeytown in the Second Ward when Dolly Simon went to the stronghold of her sister, Mary to lay claim to a pair of bed springs and other articles which she avowed were hers. According to the story of Dolly Simon who walked into police headquarters half an hour later with the sight of one eye badly impaired for the time being, the onslaught must have been a swift and direful one. The woman told the officers that when she went to claim her property her sister Mary, fell upon her and landed with her right fist square in the eye of Dolly Simon and to lend dignity to her actions, she further threatened to use an axe and a shovel to carry out her purpose. Dolly Simon reported the matter to police headquarters and the principals in the affair were summoned to appear before the Recorder tomorrow morning.

GATHERED UP IN BASKETS.

Italians Tried to Thaw Dynamite and Only the Fragments Remained.

(By Associated Press.) Dubois, Pa., Dec. 18.—Four Italians were killed and two probably fatally injured by a dynamite explosion at Cramer, ten miles from here. The men were laborers on work for the Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburgh railroad and were blasting. Their dynamite was frozen and when they attempted to thaw it the explosion followed, shaking the ground and buildings for nearly a mile. The bodies of the men were gathered up in baskets. The injured were frightfully mangled and were taken to Adrian hospital at Pankstauway.

The Negro is Out to Stay Out.

Charleston News and Courier. The New York Tribune protests against the action of the Union League Club insisting that negro suffrage shall be restored in the South by congressional enactment, that the South shall be punished for its determination that the negro shall not dominate the politics of the South by reducing the representation from this part of the country according to the number of negroes of the voting age who were disfranchised. Last April the Union Club opposed the measure which it now makes upon Congress. The Tribune says: "The subject was then discussed at length and strong friends of the negro, while conceding all that can be said about the injustice done to him and to the voters of the North as well, urged that the campaign started in the North would interfere with the present rapid progress of the colored people, and do more harm than good. 'The progress of the colored people in the South will certainly not be promoted by the course of action now proposed by the Union League Club, and the white people of the South, who have been disposed to deal justly with the negro, will certainly not be encouraged to take a more kindly view of the conditions. 'The Negro has been doing very well in the South since he abandoned politics. Only the other day we were informed by a very careful student of conditions that the negro in this country is now farming on his own account 58,000,000 acres of land. The leaders of the race themselves declare that the negro is better off in the South than he is anywhere else in the country; that he has a better chance here; that he has not been so much discriminated against, and the burden of all Booker Washington's talk has been that the elevation of the negro depends finally upon his industrial independence. His hope, and our fear, is that as soon as he acquires a sufficient degree of industrial independence he will become even a greater political and social menace to the country than he is now. It is for this reason that we would have him establish himself in his own country, where he would be free from the limitations placed upon him here. 'We do not agree with the Tribune that the call for immediate and rigid enforcement of the constitution is 'no doubt logical,' but we do agree with it that 'no great problem whose elements are stubborn facts or whose 'verse human nature were ever solved offhand by logic.' 'It is certain as anything can be that no amount of legislation by Congress, no decisions of the Courts, and no maneuvering of the army would be able to impose upon the people of the South against the negro as a dominating force in the political life of this part of the country. We have passed that point in our political development. The amendments to the constitution which the Union League Club would now have enforced to the letter were not adopted by a fair vote of the people of the country. These amendments cannot be enforced. As John S. Wise of the Union League Club said the other day: 'Any party that attempted to enforce them by force would find a force opposed to it in the North greater than it has aroused in the South, and would be hurled from power. 'The impracticability of enforcing the constitution being thus demonstrated, I believe the only 'practical result must be the ultimate 'remission to the States of the control of suffrage. The negro has more to hope for from this than from anything else.' 'That is precisely where the suffrage belongs, and the right to regulate the suffrage cannot be justly exercised by any other authority. The white people of the South can stand the present unfortunate discussion of negro question, which was promoted for political purposes by the President of the United States, as long as the South except in its white people, and there is no power in the United States which can compel them to submit ever again to negro domination.

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ASHENBACK GOES TO CHARLESTON.

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EFFECTIVE IN TEN DAYS.

The Question of How the Sugar Duties From Other Countries will be Affected

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 18.—The President after signing the Cuban Treaty issued a proclamation rectifying the passage of the Cuban reciprocity bill and declaring the Cuban reciprocity to be effective ten days from today. A question of great interest has arisen, namely, the effect of the reduction of the duty on Cuban sugar on importations of sugar from other countries. The British government has served full notice upon the State Department that under the favored-nation clause, it expects that British sugar from the British West Indies shall be admitted to the United States on equal terms with Cuban sugar, and it is not doubted that Germany, France, Austria and other great berry sugar producing countries will do likewise. An old holding of attorney General Olney in President Cleveland's administration was adverse to such demands but the question promises to be pushed with vigor.

FOUR MEN SCALDED.

Pipe Bursts on Board the New Turkish Cruiser on Trial Trip.

(By Associated Press.) Baltimore, Dec. 18.—By the explosion of a steam pipe yesterday in the fire room of the Turkish cruiser Medjivla, recently built by the Cramps of Philadelphia, four men were severely scalded. The men were members of the crew of the builders of the vessel which left Philadelphia two days ago for a trial trip on the Government's measured course in Chesapeake Bay. The accident occurred yesterday off Barren Island, while the vessel was being prepared for her initial speed test.

A. C. L. Syndicate Extended.

(By Publisher's Press.) Washington, Dec. 18.—Announcement was made today that the Atlantic Coast Line Syndicate had extended until February 28, 1904. A large majority of the subscribers to the syndicate assented to the extension.

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