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DAWSON GUTTED BY FIRE.

Loss Over a Half a Million. Much Suffering Will Result.

NICARAGUA CANAL BILL.

It Construction to be Reported Favorably by the Senate Committee.

Washington, Jan. 16.—The Senate Committee on Inter-Oceanic Canals today agreed unanimously to report a bill for the construction of the Nicaragua Canal. The bill is practically identical with that reported by the House Committee.

COLLAPSE OF A CHURCH.

Nineteen Persons Killed and Sixty-Eight Wounded.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 16.—A church collapsed today during the celebration of a mass in Malouzenze township, Sumara District. Nineteen persons were killed and sixty-eight were wounded.

Lee Di Klee's Store Burned.

Tampa, Fla., Jan. 16.—The dry goods store of Lee Di Klee was destroyed by fire today. Loss \$50,000; insurance \$23,000. The fire is thought to have been incendiary origin.

Cotton Mill Organized at Selma.

Charlotte, N. C., Jan. 16.—A cotton mill company with a capital of \$75,000 was organized at Selma, N. C., today.

DYNAMITE AND DEATH

Explosion of a Factory Near Turin, Italy.

Ten Bodies Recovered From Beneath the Ruins. Five Buildings Blown to Atoms. Other Buildings Injured.

Turin, Jan. 16.—A dynamite factory at Avigliano, fourteen miles from here, exploded today with the result that five buildings were reduced to ruins, the whole surrounding district was shaken and many houses badly damaged. Ten bodies have been recovered from beneath the ruins. Several others were injured and taken to the hospital. Surgeons were dispatched to the scene of the disaster.

SHOT HIS FRIEND DEAD.

The Cashier, Believed to be Insane, Then Killed Himself.

Columbus, Ga., Jan. 16.—Captain J. W. Murphy, cashier of the Third National bank, instantly killed Teller P. T. Shutz this morning and then committed suicide. The bank was filled with customers and the full corps of clerks when the tragedy occurred.

THE DANISH WEST INDIES.

An Agent Here to Effect Their Sale to This Government.

Washington, Jan. 16.—The arrival at New York of an accredited agent of the Danish Government charged with the sale to the United States of the Danish West Indian Islands has not been notified to the State Department as yet except through the newspapers. There is visible reluctance to discuss the subject, leading to an intimation that a free discussion at this moment might very seriously prejudice any attempt the Administration may have in contemplation to secure the assent of Congress to the acquisition of the islands.

The Ariosto's Cotton Saved.

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 16.—The last of the cotton from the cargo of the wrecked British steamship Ariosto is now at Norfolk. The grain cargo, being spoiled, is being thrown overboard. The vessel was moved 150 yards nearer shore by the late heavy winds and the Merritts still have hope of saving her. Captain Bain is on board the Ariosto.

MARTIAL LAW PROCLAIMED.

Cape Town, Jan. 16.—(Tuesday.)—Sir Alfred Maitland, the Governor, has proclaimed martial law in the districts of Hopetown and Philipstown.

THREE MEN KILLED IN A HOTEL LOBBY

Tragic Results of a Feud in Kentucky.

ONE MAN KILLS THREE

THOUGH COLSON ONLY SHOT AT ETHELBERT SCOTT.

THE OTHERS WERE KILLED BY ACCIDENT

Details of the Tragedy Conflicting. Ex-Congressman David G. Colson After the Killing Gave Himself Up. One Man Claims That Colson Shot First.

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 16.—Ex-Congressman David G. Colson shot and killed Ethelbert Scott, Luther Demaree and Charles Julian in the Capitol Hotel today. The killing was a result of a renewal of a feud between Colson and Scott, which grew up between them while in the army last year. Colson is under arrest.

Scott and Demaree died almost instantly. Julian was thought to be only slightly wounded, but died at 1:55 p. m. from shock and loss of blood, making the third death.

Harry McEwenz, of Louisville, also was hit by stray bullets, but not seriously wounded. All but Scott were bystanders and were shot by accident. Colson was shot in the arm, but not seriously hurt. After the shooting he went to the residence of Chief of Police Williams, nearby, and gave himself up. Later a warrant was sworn out by Clint Fogg, who witnessed the killing. Fogg says Colson shot first.

The killing occurred in the lobby of the Capitol Hotel which was densely packed with people who are here attending the trial of the contests before the Legislature. Persons who were in the hotel when the tragedy occurred say fully twenty shots were fired. Scott, who was the first killed, was a nephew of Ex-Governor Bradley. Demaree was Assistant Postmaster at Shelbyville and a prominent Republican politician. Julian was one of the wealthiest farmers in this county and belonged to an old Kentucky family. The trouble between Scott and Colson which began in the army last year, resulted in Colson being shot by Scott and it had been predicted since that one or both would be killed should they meet as they did today.

Colson Colson is in a highly nervous state resulting from excitement attending the tragedy, and as he has never fully recovered from a stroke of paralysis sustained last year, his friends are greatly concerned over his condition.

Accounts of the killing differ and it is impossible to give details further than while Colson and a party of friends were standing in the southwest corner of the hotel lobby, Scott came in the hotel and when near Colson the firing began. Scott after being shot walked backward toward the stairway, looking to the bar room door, and as he did, Colonel Colson, who had followed shooting at every step, fired one or more shots into the prostrate form. Demaree, who was killed in the general fusillade was shot twice, one ball piercing the heart and the other either penetrated the heart or went directly under it. Those in the immediate Colson party decline to talk about the affair, and while it is generally understood that several others were engaged in the shooting, no names are given.

The bodies of the dead were removed to undertaking establishments and all of the physicians in the city were summoned to attend the wounded.

Hundreds of people flocked to the scene of the shooting and watched the tragic scenes following the removal of the remains of the dead from the hotel.

The most profound sorrow exists over the accidental killing of Demaree and Julian and the feeling against Colson among their friends is exceedingly bitter.

Examination of Scott's body shows that he was shot at least six times. The fact that a part of the bullets were of .38 and part of .44 calibre indicates that he was shot by somebody besides Colson, or that Colson had two revolvers. Witnesses to the killing say that Demaree was directly between Scott and Colson when the shooting began and that he was killed by the first shot fired. Colson lives at Midway and represented the Eleventh district in Congress for two years. Scott was a young lawyer living at Mt. Sterling and was a lieutenant in Colonel Colson's regiment in the Spanish war. When the killing occurred the city was thrown into a state of the greatest excitement, it being supposed at first that it was the result of a clash growing out of the political contests on trial in the Legislature.

Captain B. B. Colson, who is thought to be fatally wounded, is a lawyer who lives at Barboursville and was Captain of the Kentucky cavalry troop during the Spanish-American war.

Captain Golden made a statement in which he said no words passed between Scott and Colson before the shooting and that Colson fired first. Golden and Colson had had trouble before and Colonel Colson's friends charge that Golden was engaged in the shooting today.

Jacksonville, Fla., Jan. 16.—The United Daughters of the Confederacy of this State will meet in annual convention here tomorrow. Mrs. Jefferson Davis will arrive here this week, but Mrs. Stonewall Jackson, who was expected to attend the convention has been prevented by illness.