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### THE DORSEY'S BLACK-DRAUGHT THE ORIGINAL LIVER MEDICINE

A sallow complexion, dizziness, biliousness and a coated tongue are common indications of liver and kidney diseases. Stomach and bowel troubles, severe as they are, give immediate warning by pain, but liver and kidney troubles, though less painful at the start, are much harder to cure. The Dorsey's Black-Draught never fails to benefit diseased liver and weakened kidneys. It stirs up the torpid liver to throw off the germs of fever and ague. It is a certain preventive of cholera and Bright's disease of the kidneys. With kidneys reinforced by The Dorsey's Black-Draught thousands of persons have been freed from the griping of yellow fever. Many families live in perfect health and have no other doctor than The Dorsey's Black-Draught. It is always on hand for use in an emergency and saves many expensive calls of a doctor.

Mullins, S. C., March 10, 1901. I have used The Dorsey's Black-Draught for three years and have not had to go to a doctor since I have been taking it. It is the best medicine for me that is on the market for liver and kidney troubles and dyspepsia and other complaints. Rev. A. G. LEWIS.

## MASSACRE OF 60,000 PERSONS REPORTED

### Wholesale Slaughter of Bulgarians in Monastir.

#### ALARMING RUMORS CURRENT.

Reports Affirm that the Turks Have Burned the Christian Quarters in the Three Towns of Florina, Ohkilda and Reson.

Sofia, Sept. 12.—The council of ministers is said to have decided to mobilize the first and second army divisions whose headquarters are at Sofia and Philippopolis. Alarming rumors are current of further wholesale massacres of Bulgarians in the vilayet of Monastir. One report says sixty thousand persons have been slaughtered in the district of Loren alone, which is purely Bulgarian. Other reports affirm that the Turks have burned the Christian quarters in three towns—Florina, Ohkilda and Reson.

#### SITUATION AT BELTUT.

### Demands of Minister Leishman To Be Granted.

Washington, Sept. 12.—The following bulletin was posted at the state department:

"Minister Leishman telegraphs under date of yesterday that the following proclamation has appeared in the newspapers of Constantinople:

"By command of his imperial majesty, the sultan, Reshid Bey, governor general of Damascus, has been appointed acting governor general of Beirut."

"The official Gazette prints a notice that Nazim Pasha has taken temporary charge of the administration of Beirut. Minister Leishman also communicates the substance of a re-

#### SENSATIONAL ARREST.

### Negro Preacher Admits Robbing the Misses Battle of \$15,000.

Atlanta, Sept. 12.—The \$15,000 robbers in which Misses Battle, of Barnett, Warren county, lost a fortune they had hoarded up for years, had a sensational sequel in Atlanta about noon Friday when two city detectives and a bicycle officer arrested Rev. Samuel Johnson, a negro preacher, and found \$3,000 of the stolen gold secreted in his house.

Johnson had been living high in the city, owning two residences and a store. In his arrest not only has a fortune been recovered, but the old fable about the warning of a serpent has been refuted, as the Rev. Johnson was reared and well cared for by the two old maiden ladies, whom he attacked and robbed.

By his treachery to his benefactress and his cowardly attack on them when they looked to him for protection, Johnson secured \$8,000 in cash and \$7,000 in mill and railroad bonds and stock. The officers have now in their possession \$3,000; the property he bought with a part of the money will amount to about \$2,000; this leaves \$3,000 in cash unaccounted for, and \$7,000 in bonds and stock. The balance of the money and the stocks and bonds have been hidden.

Miss Amelia and Miss Mary C. Battle, two old maiden ladies, who lived quietly and peaceably by themselves at Barnett, a small town 112 miles from Atlanta on the Georgia railroad, were attacked on the night of Dec. 28, 1901. While they slept, a negro entered their home, breaking open a door. One of them fainting, the other tried to give an outcry for the purpose of calling Sam Johnson to her assistance—the negro who was then in the very act of robbing her. The room was dark and the old ladies could not see who the burglar was. When the attempt at entry was made the negro choked Miss Battle into insensibility, and proceeded to get the fortune which he must have known was hidden in the room.

In a chest, under the bed, the old woman had secreted \$8,000 in gold and greenbacks and stock in the Georgia railroad and bonds in an Augusta cotton mill to the amount of \$7,000. The money had been carefully saved for many years, the time running back before the war.

When the robbery occurred a great sensation was created and three or four arrests were made on suspicion. For nearly two years the robbery remained a mystery and all hope of recovering the stolen fortune had about been given up.

Johnson had, in the meantime, decided to remove to Atlanta. He came here last November, and was here only a short while when he purchased two corner lots on Murray street in South Atlanta. On one of the lots he had a dwelling erected on the installment plan. Later he had another dwelling and store built, all on the installment plan. That was a part of Johnson's scheme to get everything on credit in order to create the impression that he did not have much ready money. He opened up a store and claimed that all the cash he was spending was made by selling groceries.

He did not stop preaching, but on every Sunday he held services in one of the negro churches in South Atlanta. He was looked up to by the people of his race as a prosperous merchant and a shining light of the cloth.

Since the robbery Miss Mary Battle has died. Miss Amelia is not in good health, having never fully recovered from the nervous shock she received when she was choked by the burglar.

The detectives are still at work on the case and it is believed that all the stolen money and the stocks and bonds will be eventually recovered.

**Suicide at Hawkinsville, Ga.**  
Hawkinsville, Ga., Sept. 11.—Dr. H. F. Frederick, a prominent physician and a leading citizen of this city, committed suicide by shooting himself in the head with a 38-caliber Smith & Wesson revolver. Dr. Frederick had long been a sufferer from cancerous stomach, and had rapidly grown worse and worse, until he had reached a point where he had a ravenous appetite but could eat nothing, and the leading specialists from Macon, Atlanta and other places stating last week that he could not live a month longer, the doctor, in desperation, shot himself. He was 35 years of age and leaves a widow and one child.

**Ocella, Ga., Sept. 14.**—Laying of the track of the Brunswick and Birmingham railroad was completed to Ocella Wednesday. Two or three days will be required to complete the surfacing when trains will be run through to Brunswick. There is rejoicing among the people as the completion of the road means lessening of freight rates to a deep water port.

**Castle Over 2,000 Years Old.**  
Berlin, Sept. 12.—A castle which is believed to have existed 4000 years before Christ has been brought to light near Cassel.

**Stomach Trouble.**  
"I have been troubled with my stomach for the past four years," says D. L. Beach, of Clover Nook Farm, Greenfield, Mass. "A few days ago I was induced to buy a box of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. I have taken part of them and feel a great deal better." If you have any trouble with your stomach try a box of these tablets. You are certain to be pleased with the result. Price 25 cents. For sale by Dr. T. B. Twitty, Drug Store.

**What is Life?**  
In the last analysis nobody knows, but we do know that it is under strict law. Abuse the law even slightly, pain results. Irregular living means derangement of the organs, resulting in constipation, headache or liver trouble. Dr. King's New Life Pills quickly re-adjusts this. It's gentle, yet thorough. Only 25c at T. B. Twitty & Thompson & Watkins' drug stores.

## PUT PISTOL BALL THROUGH TEMPLE

### Edgar Benford, of Atlanta, Takes His Life.

#### TRAGEDY AT GRANT PARK.

### Promises Regarding Financial Matters That He Had Broken Made Him Despondent and with Derringer He Ends His Life.

Atlanta, Sept. 10.—Edgar A. Benford, representing the Deering Harvester Machine company, with offices at 400 Austell building, killed himself at 3:30 o'clock this morning in Grant park.

A note was found on his person in which he stated that he had made many promises to friends regarding financial matters and had broken them all; that his Masonic friends had upheld him and had helped him in one emergency and another until the power of humiliation had become too great for him to bear, and he had determined it was best for him to end his life.

Benford shot himself through the right temple with a 44 caliber derringer. At the time he killed himself he is believed to have been in a sitting position. When found this morning his right arm was doubled up under his body, clasping the derringer. Death appeared to have been instantaneous.

On his person were also found letters to friends and one to his father, who is a prominent and wealthy banker of Greenfield, Ind., which is the home of the dead man.

At 3:30 o'clock this morning Patrolmen Moss and Smith heard the shot which ended Benford's life. They were making their regular rounds in the park when the firing of the pistol was heard near the old deer enclosure, some distance below the band stand in the park. They immediately proceeded to the place, but heard nothing to attract their attention, and could find no trace of the work of Benford.

They then left the place, and a few minutes before 6 o'clock this morning a negro laborer, passing through the park, found Benford's body cold in death on the ground.

The body was taken in charge by the park authorities and an undertaker notified.

Last night at 6 o'clock an unknown man entered the Piedmont hotel and asked for a room. His appearance forbade the clerk to allow him to register and he immediately left the hotel. This is supposed to have been Benford, although he has not yet been identified as the same man.

During the greater part of yesterday Benford was seen at the park. He borrowed a knife from an employe to open a can of sardines, which he ate with some crackers.

Benford was a 32d degree Mason. He was a member of the Mystic Shrine and stood high with his fellow craftsmen.

Benford had been regarded as a man of high integrity.

He was about 35 years of age. Within 10 feet of the place where Benford took his life, two other suicides have occurred. Three years ago a man named Bean killed himself in almost the identical spot. Ten years ago another man, named Bennett, committed suicide at the same place.

**Sue Labor Organizations.**  
Bridgeport, Conn., Sept. 12.—In the United States district court today D. E. Lowe & Co., of Danbury, had manufactured institute suit against the national officers of the American Federation of Labor, the national officers of the United Hatters of North America, and about 250 members of these organizations, residents of Danbury, who were formerly in the employ of the plaintiffs. The plaintiffs allege that because they refused to employ only union labor in their factory upon demand of the union in 1901, their goods were boycotted both in the United States and Canada and in 1903 the union men employed by the plaintiffs were called on strike. Damages of \$240,000 are asked for under the Sherman anti-trust law.

**Would Postpone Evacuation.**  
Washington, Sept. 12.—Russia has requested permission of China to postpone her evacuation of one frontier province of Manchuria for several months after October, the date for the general evacuation and the mater-general evacuation of Manchuria. Minister Conger cables the state department this fact, and the matter has been referred to Secretary Hay at the secretary's summer home in New Hampshire for consideration. The state department apparently is not concerned over Russia's request as it is pointed out that the province is a small one and the postponement asked is only for a short time.

**For Relief of Flooded Districts.**  
Vienna, Sept. 14.—An imperial rescript is published authorizing an appropriation of 15,000,000 kronen for the relief of the flooded districts and to repair the damage done to the flooded district of Steacia.

**Marconi Demonstration Station.**  
St. Louis, Sept. 11.—Twenty-five thousand square feet on a hill just east of Art Hill, on the World's fair grounds, have been assigned by the management as a site for the demonstration station for the Marconi wireless telegraph. From here wireless messages will be flashed during the fair across many miles of land and sea to far-distant corners of the old world.

**Cured Hemorrhages of the Lungs.**  
"Several years since my lungs were so badly affected that I had many hemorrhages," writes A. M. Ahe, of Wood, Ind. I took treatment with several physicians without any benefit. I then started to take Foley's Honey and Tar and my lungs are now as sound as a bullet. I recommend it in advanced stages of lung trouble." City Drug Store.

#### BODY FOUND IN ROAD.

### McKinney, Merchant Near Spartanburg, Killed by Youth.

Spartanburg, S. C., Sept. 10.—Miller McKinney, a prominent country merchant of the firm of McKinney & Sloan, near Tucapau, this county, was shot and instantly killed on the public road near his place of business by Harry Dean, an 18-year-old boy, son of a prominent farmer and nephew of Chief of Police Dean, of this city.

McKinney left his store to go to Duncan, a distance of a few miles, alone in his buggy. A short time after he left shots were heard a short distance up the road. A negro woman came along and found McKinney's body lying in the road with two bullet wounds and life entirely extinct. There were no eyewitnesses, but the Dean youth admitted at once having done the shooting and came direct to Spartanburg and gave himself up to the sheriff and went to jail. He refuses to tell why he had shot the merchant.

It is believed that the tragedy was the result of an altercation over a debt Dean owed McKinney.

#### FAILED TO PROVE ALIBI.

### Singular Case of Condemned Man in North Carolina.

Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 11.—Dan Teachey, who is sentenced to be hanged at Kenansville, Oct. 2, appeals to the supreme court. His case is a singular one. He murdered Bob Riverbar, having followed the latter along the public road and shot him at the home of a negro woman. The dying declaration of Riverbar was in evidence and there were also three witnesses of the murder.

While waiting for his trial Teachey broke out of jail and was being looked for everywhere when he suddenly came and surrendered himself to the sheriff, occasioning great surprise. He expected to prove an alibi, but the evidence was overwhelming.

Teachey has been placed in jail at Goldsboro for safe-keeping until the supreme court disposes of his case, as he would no doubt again break out he were left at Kenansville.

#### FATAL HUNTING ACCIDENT.

### Grandfather Fatally Shoots His Grandson in South Carolina.

Lancaster, S. C., Sept. 12.—Major J. M. Riddle, one of the proprietors of The Lancaster Review, accompanied by his son, J. M. Riddle, Jr., and his little grandson, Robert Mackorell, a lad of 8 years of age, went over to Chester county on a squirrel hunt.

While hunting on the river bank Major Riddle fired on what he supposed to be a squirrel in the bushes, but on approaching the object of his aim he discovered his grandson in the agony of death, the boy having received the entire load.

When Major Riddle reached him, the boy exclaimed: "Grandpa, you have shot me."

The child died in the grandfather's arms on the way to a spring near by.

#### THEY WHIPPED WHITE WOMAN.

Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 11.—James Groves and Alonzo Groves, brothers, white men, have been placed in jail at Greensboro and in November are to be tried at Asheville. Their ages are 21 and 23 years, and they are charged with being in a party of about a dozen men who, in Clay county three years ago, took a very handsome young woman, Alice Bradley, from her home and whipped her nearly to death. All the men engaged in the outrage were moonshiners or their abettors. The young woman was charged by them with having reported to the revenue officers the location of several illicit distilleries in that section and she was also a witness in the federal court against moonshiners. All the men concerned in the assault fled, mainly into Tennessee, and the Groves brothers went to Oklahoma, where they were found a few days ago, after a long search. They are federal prisoners, and the charge against them is that of conspiracy against a witness in a United States court.

#### Anthracite Coal Production.

Philadelphia, Sept. 12.—Anthracite coal to the amount of 5,360,400 tons were produced during Aug. 1, which is about the same as the previous month. For the eight months of the calendar year the shipment has been 42,431,894 tons, an increase over the same period last year of 13,050,000 tons. This increase far exceeds any heretofore made in the anthracite coal trade. Vice President Henderson, of the Reading company, stated that no orders have been issued to shut down collieries. Only one Reading colliery is idle, and that one for repairs.

#### Abbeville's New Bank.

Montgomery, Ala., Sept. 11.—The bank of Henry, of Abbeville, a new institution, filed its articles of incorporation with the secretary of state and has asked for a charter. The bank will have a capital of \$60,000. Dr. A. S. Stegall is president and W. F. Chears is cashier.

#### Negro Convention Called.

New York, Sept. 12.—A call has been issued to American negroes, for a convention, to be held in Brooklyn in Oct. which will provide for the uplifting of the negro race along all lines. The elements of the race are to be heard in the gathering according to the circular issued by the promoters and delegates will be elected to the convention according to the congressional districts of the different states.

#### Prominent Club Woman Dies.

Chicago, Sept. 12.—Mrs. Georgia S. Hatcher, of Washington, D. C., corresponding secretary of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and a prominent club woman, is dead at the residence of H. C. Bannard, in this city. Mrs. Hatcher was born in LaFayette, Ind., in 1834.

#### A New Jersey Editor's Testimonial.

M. T. Lynch, Editor of the Phillipsburg, N. J., Daily Post, writes: "I have used many kinds of medicines for coughs and colds in my family but never anything so good as Foley's Honey and Tar. I cannot say too much in praise of it." City Drug Store.

## IN BATTLE WITH OFFICERS TWO SLAIN

### Result of an Assault Upon a Man at Work in Field.

#### KILLING NEAR CAMDEN, TENN.

Alexander Lindsay and Joe Dougherty, Men of Violent Temperament, Resist Arrest and Are Shot Dead in Their Tracks by Officers.

Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 11.—A special to The Banner from Camden says that two men were killed yesterday afternoon as the result of an assault on an old man while at work in his field. D. Stockdale was assaulted by Alexander Lindsay and Joe Dougherty. The old man was beat over the head and face with brass knuckles and was left for dead. He managed to raise an alarm and officers were summoned.

As they approached the scene and discovered that they were being followed by the two assailants the command to Lindsay to surrender was met with a volley from both men. The fire was promptly returned by the officers, and Alex Lindsay and Dougherty fell dead in their tracks.

The killing is said to have had its origin in a difficulty between the son of Stockdale and Dougherty's boy in which the latter was worsted, and which insult Dougherty sought to avenge in his attack upon the old man. Stockdale is in a precarious condition. He is a prominent farmer and a man of quiet and peaceable disposition.

Lindsay and Dougherty were about 30 years old and known to be of a violent temperament.

#### PROVIDE FOR ALABAMA VETS.

Legislature Makes Appropriation For Soldiers' Home and Inmates.

Montgomery, Ala., Sept. 11.—A feature of the house was the passage of the bill to appropriate \$25,000 for the erection of new buildings and the appropriation of \$125 each for the support of the inmates of the Jefferson soldiers' home at Mountain Creek, Ala.

This bill gives the state the control of the home. The governor is given the power to appoint a board of management consisting of three members of the state at large and one member from each congressional district. The passage of this bill by the house does not by any means mean that it will become a law, as the governor has made known to the members of the legislature his intentions in reference to making any large appropriations, but it is not thought that the governor will veto this measure.

The house worked hard all day and passed many bills.

#### PUT BULLET IN HIS BRAIN.

Suicide of a Railroad Man at Montgomery, Ala.

Montgomery, Ala., Sept. 11.—Thomas Comer, a railroad man of Birmingham, who has been visiting his brother here, has shot and killed himself. He used a pistol and the bullet went through his brain. There is no cause known why he should have taken his life. He was 25 years old. He left the following note to his brother:

"Nat: The only thing I ask of you is to bury me as I am. Do not make a change. I leave you all. I am forced to death."

#### Carnegie Art Exhibit.

Pittsburg, Sept. 14.—The eighth annual art exhibition of the Carnegie institute will open on Nov. 5 this year and will be composed of paintings contributed by American painters. The jury will be elected by the contributors from among American painters, and the awards of \$1,500, \$1,000 and \$500 will be restricted to Americans, but there will be exhibited at the same time a collection of important paintings from the International Society of sculptors, painters and engravers in London. The entries for the exhibition will close Oct. 1.

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#### COMMERCIAL BANK.

Report of the condition of the Commercial Bank of Rutherfordton, at Rutherfordton, N. C., at the close of business on June 9th, 1903.

#### RESOURCES

Loans and discounts	\$28,882.39
Overdrafts	724.31
Furniture and fixtures	1,000.00
Due from banks and bankers	10,332.26
Cash on hand	2,016.01
Total	\$42,955.60

#### LIABILITIES

Capital stock	\$10,000.00
Surplus	2,100.00
Undivided profits	955.50
Deposits subject to checks	29,574.90
Cashier's checks	325.20
Total	\$42,955.60

I, J. F. Flack, cashier of The Commercial Bank of Rutherfordton, do solemnly swear the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. F. FLACK, Cashier.  
State of N. C., Rutherfordton County.  
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 13th day of June, 1903.

M. O. DICKERSON, O. S. C.  
Correct—Attest:

T. B. TWITTY, JOHN C. MILLS, M. H. JUSTICE, Directors.

#### Notice.

Under and by virtue of a decree of the Superior Court of Rutherfordton county, rendered on the 22nd day of August, 1903, by the clerk of said court, in the proceedings entitled, D. W. Harris et al. vs. W. D. Harris, I, as commissioner named in said decree and appointed for the purpose hereinafter mentioned, will sell on

Wednesday, September 30, 1903, the following described lands lying and being in the county of Rutherfordton, in the State of North Carolina, adjoining the lands of David Walker and others, and bounded as follows: Beginning at a small Spanish oak by a large hickory, old corner, and runs south 86 west 10 poles to a stone; thence south 68 west 9 poles to a stone; thence north 21 west 153 poles to a small pine on Ruff's line; thence with it north 66 east 20 poles to a persimmon, corner of lot No. 4; thence with it north 65 east 57 poles to a pine knot on the top of the ridge, corner of lot No. 5; thence with it south 15 east 32 poles to a dead white oak in the field; thence south 28 east 63 poles to a stake on outside line by a pine; thence south 56 west 14 poles to the beginning, containing about 324 acres.

This sale will be made at the court house door in Rutherfordton county, N. C., for cash, and for the purpose of partition and division of the said lands among the parties to the said suit, who are tenants in common. This Aug. 27th, 1903.

M. L. EDWARDS, Commissioner.  
Geo. C. Justice and M. L. Edwards, Attorneys.

#### Notice!

By virtue of the power contained in a mortgage deed, given by Sam Simmons and wife, Jane Simmons, to J. B. Grizzle, default in the payment of which has been made, the undersigned mortgagee will sell at the court house door in Rutherfordton, N. C., on

Monday, October 5th, 1903, at 12 o'clock m., the following land lying in Rutherfordton county, N. C., to-wit: Beginning at a stake on E. Grizzle's line and runs S. 54 W. 18 poles to stake; thence south 39 east 18 poles to a stake; thence north 54 east 18 poles to stake on E. Grizzle's line; thence with his line to the beginning, containing two (2) acres more or less. This sale will be made for cash and to satisfy the aforesaid mortgage.

For further particulars see Book E-3 of mortgage deeds, page 93, to which reference is hereby made. This Sept. 10, 1903.

J. B. GRIZZLE, Mortgagee.

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Monday, October 5th, 1903, at 12 o'clock m., the following land, to-wit: 13 acres of land in Cato Springs township, adjoining the lands of Almond Owens et al., and beginning at a stump and pointers on the Whitesides line on a branch; thence with same south 83 west 42 poles to stake and pointers; thence north 1 west 55 poles to stake; thence north 89 east 42 poles to stake; then north 1 east 38 poles to the beginning. This sale will be for cash and to satisfy the aforesaid mortgage. This August 27th, 1903.

R. S. EAVES, Mortgagee.

#### Notice.

Under and by virtue of a mortgage made by Henry Eaves and wife to the undersigned, which has been forfeited, the undersigned will sell at the court house door at Rutherfordton on

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#### Teachers Wanted.

We need at once a few more teachers for Fall schools. Good positions are being filled daily by us. We are receiving more calls this year than ever before. Schools and colleges supplied with Teachers free of cost. Enclose stamp for reply.

AMERICAN TEACHERS ASS'N.,  
J. L. GRAHAM, L. L. D., Manager,  
152-154 Randolph Bld., Memphis, Tenn.

## Bank of Rutherfordton.

Statement of the condition of Bank of Rutherfordton, as made to the Corporation Commission, at close of business on June 9th, 1903.

#### RESOURCES.

Bills receivable	26,197.24
Overdrafts	633.29
Rutherford county bonds	300.00
Banking house	1,350.00
Furniture and fixtures	1,350.00
Cash due from banks	2,667.91
County and U. S. claims	707.73
Other real estate	16.03
Total	\$35,712.25

#### LIABILITIES.

Capital paid in	10,000.00
Surplus and undivided profits	3,018.62
Bills payable	8,60