

The Little Negro Republic of Liberia, on West African Coast, Declares War on the German Empire

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MYSTERIOUS NORTH END MURDER; CANADIANS ARE STILL GAINING

HARRY L. WILLIAMS, NORTH END PROVISION DEALER, MYSTERIOUSLY MURDERED

Body Found in Pool of Blood Near Desk in His Store, 399 Main Street, a Few Minutes Before Midnight—Had Been Shot Through Head and Death Undoubtedly Instantaneous.

NO MOTIVE FOR CRIME LEARNED
UP TO EARLY HOUR THIS MORNING

Murdered Man Was Seen Alive at 11.20 o'clock by
Officer Jones—No Evidence That Provision
Dealer or Store Had Been Robbed.

One of the most tragic and mysterious cases which the police department of St. John has ever been called upon to investigate—one undoubtedly involving murder—developed at five minutes before midnight when the body of Harry L. Williams, a well known North End grocer and provision dealer, was found lying in a pool of blood in his store at 399 Main street. Williams had been shot through the head by some person and death was undoubtedly instantaneous.

During the early hours of this morning the motive for the crime was a mystery, for there was no tangible evidence in sight that either Williams or his store had been robbed, although it is possible the slayer of the grocer may have entered through the unlocked door of the shop with the intention of either holding up the proprietor or robbing the store.

Heard No Shot. The provision store is located on the corner of Main and Elm streets. Over the store there are apartments occupied by Mrs. Hughes and Mrs. McKinnon. They informed the detectives when questioned that they had heard no shot or any unusual noise in the store below.

The body of Williams was found by Detective Duncan, who was on his way home when Leo V. McMillan and W. J. McGuire, employed at Thos. Durick's drug store, met him. They had noticed a light in the provision store and thought it strange that Williams should be in the place at such a late hour, although he sometimes remained in the place several hours during the evening clearing up the business of the day. They glanced in the window and saw Williams lying on the floor.

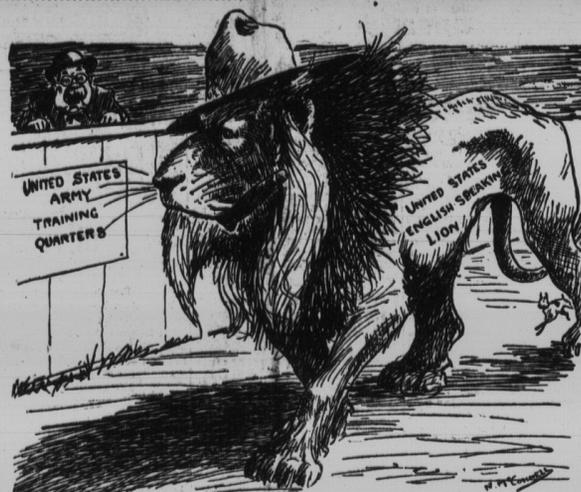
The three men found the front door ajar about three inches, with the key in the lock on the inside. The body of Williams lay on his left side with his right arm and hand under his head and with his head in a pool of blood. He had been sitting at his desk apparently working on his books with a pencil. The pencil was in the right hand. A bullet had been fired through the back of the head at close range, the entry hole being behind the left ear. After penetrating the head the bullet struck a lamp chimney, penetrated a shelf and struck the wall.

Was Standing. Judging by the location of the bullet hole in the wall the unfortunate man was standing when he was shot down from behind, someone apparently firing the shot from the partially open front door.

Other officers were summoned and Detectives Hildescombe, Duncan and Briggs made a thorough search of the store and surroundings. The only thing found in the nature of a clue was a 22 calibre bullet in the back room of the store where it had evidently landed from the wall.

The officers examined the doors and windows carefully. The back door was found barred and the windows were securely fastened. The cash register had not been tampered with. At six o'clock Williams took the cash and deposited it in the safe. The safe was locked and no attempt had been made to open it apparently.

Saved at Nerepis. The desk near where the body was



Spy Fritz: "Py Golly! He Looks More Like His Dad Every Day."

THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT MAY HAVE POWER TO SUSPEND THE SCOTT ACT

Hon. C. J. Doherty Proposes Some Drastic Amendments to Liquor Act in Aid of Provincial Legislation Prohibiting or Restricting Sale or Use of Intoxicating Liquor.

Mails May Not Be Used for Circulation of Liquor Advertisements—Right of Search Guaranteed—Patent Medicines Regulated.

Ottawa, Aug. 7, (Canadian Press)—Hon. C. J. Doherty today introduced his promised bill to amend the "act in aid of provincial legislation prohibiting or restricting the sale or use of intoxicating liquors," which is generally known as the Doherty act. The Minister of Justice said that the amendments were designed to strengthen the hands of the provinces in the enforcement of their legislation by adding to the facilities for dealing with the importation of liquor from outside the provincial boundaries for use in contravention of the provincial law.

The first paragraph of the bill made the description more complete by adding the words "for beverage purposes" to the word "liquor."

Prohibits Use of Mails. One section provides that the mails shall not be used for the circulation of liquor advertisements and literature in provinces where such advertisements are prohibited. Any person who sends or attempts to send from any province to persons living in prohibition provinces advertisements or documents regarding the sale of liquor for beverage purposes shall be guilty of an offence, and liable on summary conviction to a penalty of not less than \$10 nor more than \$100, with the alternative of imprisonment for 30 days, or to both fine and imprisonment.

Another clause extends the powers of constables or peace officers to enter any premises where they believe liquor is illegally concealed. It extends the right of search to any government railway, steamship or other vehicle and authorizes the seizure of any intoxicating liquor and packages containing the same which the officer has reason to believe are being shipped in violation of the law.

May Suspend G.T.A. A further clause provides that upon liquor for beverage purposes in pro-

NEGROES AT WAR WITH THE HUNS

Liberia, African Republic
Founded by Americans,
Enters the War.

COUNTRY TO INTERN
GERMAN MERCHANTS
Teutons Were Accused of Unlawful Activities in the Republic.

COUNTRY TWENTY.
FIRST IN WAR
Liberia Broke Off Diplomatic Relations with German Awhile Ago.

Washington, Aug. 7.—Liberia, the negro republic on the coast of Africa, has declared war on Germany. Some time ago Liberia broke off diplomatic relations. The declaration of war now gives opportunity to intern German merchants and others who have been accused of unlawful activities. The prohibition provinces. If Ontario, for example, made it an offence to carry advertisements regarding the sale of liquors the law would protect that legislation from being violated from outside sources and would to that end prohibit the use of the post office for the sending of liquor and liquor advertisements into prohibition districts.

With regard to the provision as to patent medicines Hon. Mr. Doherty said that the effect would be that druggists selling such alleged medicines should not get off with a nominal fine, but would be subject to the full \$200 penalty.

CANADIANS ESTABLISH THEIR OUTPOSTS NEAR RUINED CITY OF LENS

Lens-Bethuen Road Now Safely Within Canadian Lines Almost Up to the City Itself—Enemy Defending City.

FRENCH SUCCEED IN THROWING
BACK ENEMY NEAR VERDUN

Heavy Artillery Fire in Progress, But Little Infantry Movements on British Front—Destructive Fire in Cerna Bend.

Canadian Headquarters in France, via London, Aug. 7.—(By Stewart Lyon, Special Correspondent Canadian Press)—The Canadian outposts around Lens have established a new line in a group of houses which is within a few yards of the enemy front line at that point.

The Lens-Bethuen road is now safely within our lines almost up to the city of Lens. The enemy does not intend to submit to the loss of Lens a little bit at a time, as in recent advances, without making a fight for it. While our outposts were establishing new posts this morning the Germans turned loose a heavy artillery and machine gun barrage upon the crater recently captured and buildings nearby. Shelled by this barrage its infantry advanced upon the crater which was only lightly held as an outpost. Our men in the crater withdrew without suffering any casualties and the Germans re-occupied it.

Destructive artillery shooting was continued yesterday by our artillery at an accelerated rate because of the better light, but due to weather has again come and the sunners are disconsolate.

British Report. London, Aug. 7.—The official report tonight reads: "Beyond artillery activity on both sides there is nothing to report."

Founded by Americans. Liberia is an independent negro republic of Western Africa occupying that part of the coast of North Guinea which is between the Rivers Cavalla and Manu, a distance of about 350 miles, with an area of about 40,000 square miles and extending to latitude 8.50, a distance of 150 miles from the seaboard.

It was founded by the American Colonization Society in 1820 and has been recognized by the United States and the European powers since 1847 as an independent state.

The population is estimated at 2,050,000, including about 10,000 American Liberians. The principal exports are coffee, cocoa, palm oil, ivory, rubber and camwood.

The executive power is vested in a president elected for four years, as stated by a ministry. There are two houses of the legislature—the Senate with eight members elected for six years, and the House of Representatives with fourteen members elected for four years. There is no regular army, but there is an enlisted frontier force of 800 men under native officers.

The entrance of the customs is being carried on by officers lent by the British and French governments with successful results.

There are fifteen ports of entry along the 350 miles of coast. The capital and chief town is Monrovia, which has a population of 6,000. The country is a missionary diocese of the American Episcopal church, of which Rt. Rev. Dr. Ferguson, a negro, was bishop many years.

The entrance of Liberia marks the twenty-first nation to engage in the conflict. Germany, Austro-Hungary, Turkey and Bulgaria are now opposed by Great Britain, France, Russia, Italy, United States, Japan, Serbia, Montenegro, Greece, Roumania, Belgium, Portugal, Brazil, Cuba, San Marino, Siam and Liberia.

The twenty-second country will probably be China.

ANGLICAN CURATE
LOSES HIS LIFE
Drowned at Orillia.

Orillia, Ont., Aug. 7.—The body of Rev. Mr. Andrews, curate of the Anglican Church of the Messiah, Toronto, has been found in the lake here. The curate was visiting Rev. S. A. S. Selwyn of Toronto at the latter's summer home here and went bathing. It is presumed that he jumped from a boat when he drifted into deep water. The deceased clergyman was longed in England and so far as known had no relatives in this country.

THREE INJURED IN AUTO WRECK

Sydney Man May Die—Second Motor Car Going for Medical Aid Also Meets Disaster.

Gloucester, C. B., Aug. 7.—Two Sydney men, Murray Matheson and Kenneth Chisholm, were badly injured, the former perhaps fatally, in an auto accident at Red Islands, when the car went over an embankment 25 feet high near the church, turning over three times before it reached the bottom. Chisholm had a leg broken and he sustained internal injuries. The driver of the car, Marshall Lewis, had his arm broken and shoulder dislocated. Two other men who were in the car were not seriously hurt.

The injured were taken to the glebe house and medical assistance summoned from Sydney. Dr. John McDonald went to the scene.

The accident happened while the party were going to the annual celebration at Indian Island. A car containing Glace Bay men came along afterwards, and also had an accident when going to telephone for a doctor, the car going down a bank about six feet high. It was got out afterwards and none of those in it were injured though they were somewhat shaken up.

BIG POTASH BED IN THIS PROVINCE

Negotiations Pending in London for Sale of \$250,000 Property.

There are valuable potash deposits in New Brunswick, according to advertisements in the New York Herald. It is stated that a German controlled company was negotiating for the property before the war. The price was named by a London agency as nearly a quarter of a million dollars.

Negotiations are now said to be in progress for the leasing of the property. Potash is one of the most valuable ingredients of fertilizer and has been scarce since the potash beds of Germany had no relatives in this country.