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MOB USES AUTOS.

Columbus Citizens in Hot Pursuit of a Negro.

Columbus, O., Dec. 20.—Men on foot, in buggies and automobiles and on horseback are after an unknown negro, who today assaulted young Mrs. W. B. C. Hershey, wife of the president of the Excelsior Seat company. The crime was committed in the basement of her home on West

Sixth avenue, and mounted policemen are after the culprit in hope that they will be able to get him before determined neighbors run him down. Mrs. Hershey is still partly unconscious. She was alone in the house and hearing something in the basement, she went down to investigate. As she stepped in she was seized and thrown violently to the floor by the negro, who stuffed a rag in her mouth and then deliberately took off his shoes. He remained with the half unconscious woman for some time and left her more dead than alive. Sneaking out of the basement, the negro walked some distance, put on his shoes and disappeared. Neighbors found Mrs. Hershey lying in the cellar bleeding from blows on face and body.

The indignation is so intense and widespread that the authorities fear that if the posse catch him nothing will prevent a lynching. A patrol wagon full of officers has been sent to the scene as the excitement is spreading.

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AT SCIPIO TODAY.

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the work of councilmen who worked rather for the interests of the gas company than the city. His face grew white with anger and he shouted, "I want to say that every word of that is a lie. I want to say that no man has worked more for the interests of the city in season and out for three years than I have. Here is a man come from out of town that doesn't own a dollar's worth of property in Topeka, draws his salary from the public crib and makes statements of this kind reflecting on members of the council. When he makes a statement of that kind it is a falsehood."

"He came over here from a little blackberry patch in Wadena to tell men who have lived here since they were little boys, who have got their money invested here that they are working against their home interests. "I understand that the chief executive of this city wants the facts. Mr. Treleven has told him from day to day what he knows and if the mayor wants to find out for himself let him send the city engineer to Scipio and make an investigation and report. The gas will come here on Christmas day or before. Of that I am sure."

"I want Mr. Holliday to correct a statement that he made that the council is excited," said Councilman Stanley. "The council is not excited. It is cool. Mr. Holliday is the only member excited."

Councilman Hughes was "hot." "I don't know that I want Mr. Holliday to correct that," interposed Councilman Hughes. "I am not cool. I am hot and mighty hot too. If that statement is true that the pressure will be here this next week this resolution won't do any hurt. The people who have deeded this valuable franchise have got some consideration, the people who are freezing to death have some consideration, and the gentleman from the Second ward must realize that. The company that got this franchise for nothing is worth as already shown in the courts, hundreds of thousands of dollars, has failed to fulfill its franchise and now they don't want the people to open their mouths. I want to say for my part that as long as I continue to live and am able to open my mouth I am going to speak out against such things as these. If we are going to sit still and let this institution run as it pleases, freeze us to death and depend on providence and warmer weather to better conditions? It was not our fault. It was not our business to see that they had good weather. It's part of their contract to fulfill their contract and a failure to furnish the gas means a forfeiture. You have no assurance that this gas will be here by December 25 or January 1. Now as to sending someone down there, that is not our business. If I was superintendent of the gas company in Topeka I would find out every day what was going on down there. Referring to the statements made by Mr. Holliday that he regretted to see that some of the city officers had given out interviews, I want to say that I have no apologies to make for what I said. I am not ashamed of that interview. When it comes to a question like this, they can't quote me too strongly."

Not Later Than Christmas, Says Treleven.
L. G. Treleven, manager for the Consumers' Gas company, was called on. "I don't know that I can say anything except what you have already heard. The trouble is a lack of transportation facilities and that will be remedied not later than Christmas. There has been no attempt to withhold the facts. We have given them just as we know the situation from day to day. As far as being within our power to help things further along it is safe to say that it is not in our power. The Kansas Natural Gas company was unable to get its material on time at the pumping plant though it should have been there by June. You know what these contracts mean. That statement of the meter measures is certainly a mistake. The meter registers the gas as it passes through and no more or no less. When the pressure it is not expected more because more would go through. I have arranged for our superintendent to go down to Scipio and I will get a report tomorrow night and we would be pleased to submit it to you."

Councilman Jordan asked if the company could not manufacture gas to supply the demand. "It couldn't be manufactured," said Treleven. "It's physically impossible to supply the city for heating. The capacity for manufacturing is 800,000 feet per day while the present rate we are using 3,000,000 feet of natural gas per day. It wouldn't relieve it a bit. We store gas up in our reservoir and turn it loose when there is the strongest demand and it is hardly noticeable and quickly exhausted."

Councilman Horn spoke in favor of Councilman Hughes' motion. "The gas company is strict in making us live up

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The report of the special committee appointed by the North Topeka Civic club will be handed in tonight at the meeting of the club concerning the advisability of making further investigations of the cement proposition at Calhoun bluffs. The committee will recommend that the investigations be continued; the exact extent of the shale beds to be determined, the cost of removing the surface dirt be ascertained, and the general cost of working the beds be carefully estimated. There is already a drilling outfit on the ground, and the prospecting with the drill will be continued as rapidly as possible. The committee investigated the cement works at various points in Kansas, and obtained a vast amount of detailed information which is embodied in the report to be made this evening. The information secured, and the chemical analyses made, convince the committee that it is possible to make very good cement out of the materials at Calhoun bluffs.

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