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A BAD NEGRO RUNS AMUCK

WOUNDS TWENTY-SEVEN PEOPLE IN THE STREETS OF MONROE WITH DOUBLE-BARRELED BREECH-LOADER

He Is Then Shot Down, and After a Rope Had Been Placed Around His Neck, Hung and His Body Cremated

Tuesday morning about nine o'clock at Monroe, a desperate, crime-crazed negro ran amuck on the main business street of the city, and with a double-barreled breechloading shotgun fired in every direction at all who dared to show themselves on the street.

He would fire and step back into a hallway, reload and fire again until a well-directed shot from some of the two score or more of citizens who were firing at him put him out of commission.

As a result of the desperate battle, twenty-six citizens are wounded, three of them being serious. The negro was killed, after he had fired at least twenty shots. He had three wounds, one ball going through his heart.

The negro bought the shotgun early that morning and a pocket full of shells, mostly small shells. His name is W. S. Way, and he hails from Pine Bluff, Ark.

About nine o'clock the negro walked down Grand street near the intersection of Duval, the most prominent corner in town, and getting his gun in action, commenced firing indiscriminately. Citizens responded, and killed the negro. There does not seem to be any undue excitement, but there may be more trouble.

After the shooting, the citizens were so incensed that some hot-headed individuals produced a rope and placing it around the negro's neck pulled him up to a telegraph post in order that the assembled crowd might get a better view of him. Then some parties took him down and carried the body to the old city hall lot, opposite the postoffice, where there was a pile of rubbish. This was saturated with oil, the body placed upon it, and a match applied.

Mayor Forsythe, hearing what was contemplated, rushed to the scene and made an earnest appeal that the body be not burned. The crowd listened to the mayor respectfully, but were determined. The match was applied and the pile burned brightly. This action, while deplored by the citizens of Monroe, seemed to be a fitting finale to the blood-thirsty action of the negro.

A list of the wounded is as follows: Police Officer Hugh Bigger, shot in lower leg, may die; Deputy Sheriff T. A. Grant, shot in breast and neck, may die; Simon Marks, shot in breast, may die; George McCormick, shot in arm, may die.

Others more or less seriously injured are Mayor A. A. Forsythe, D. A. Breard, E. Strong, R. R. Rose, I. T. Haas, Steve Burke, Joe Thompson, Fred McGrath, A. G. Gully, Emanuel Abramowitz, Albert Marx, C. E. Bynum, Jr., J. L. Kendall, J. O. Throusdale, J. W. Merriman, Adolph G. Fossel, E. P. Davis, H. Abram, and three negroes; twenty-seven in all.

No excuse can be given for the action of the negro. It cannot be said by any stretch of the imagination that the white people acted as a mob. They acted in self-defense, pure and simple, and while all

deplore the result, they cannot be blamed for defending themselves.

Everything on the surface is as quiet as a May day in Monroe, with no visible evidence of the terrible street battle that occurred Tuesday at a corner of the main business street. The wounded are all doing well, and are up with the exception of the four that were seriously wounded.

Policeman Hugh Bigger, the man nearest the desperate negro when the fatal shots were fired, is perhaps the most seriously hurt. He is wounded in the lower bowels and in the leg above the knee. He is, however, resting easy now.

Deputy Sheriff T. A. Grant, who was also close to the scene of action and was badly wounded is reported to be better today. He is expected to recover. Simon Marks and Herman Abrams, both badly wounded, are resting well today. The other twenty-five were not seriously hurt, and all of them are on the streets today bearing outward evidence of the crime-crazed fiend's murderous purpose.

While it will never be known who fired the fatal shots that terminated the negro's career, there were three shots fired at the same time—one by a policeman, one by a city official, and one by a newspaper man, and at the report of these three weapons the negro fell dead, shot in three places.

There is a general impression in Monroe that the negro Wade was either an authorized agent selected by lot to kill as many white people as possible or he volunteered to sacrifice his life in an effort to avenge the deaths of two Arkansas negroes who were recently killed in Monroe while violating the laws. No one believes that he was crazy.

He was not drunk, and acted deliberately and coolly. Wade went to Monroe a few days ago from Pine Bluff, and Tuesday morning remarked that he was going to purchase a gun and kill as many white people as he could. He went direct to a gun store and asked for a rapid-fire, quick action gun. He was asked if he wanted some shells, and remarked that he had plenty. He had a pocket full, but they were all loaded with bird-shot, though he was under the impression they were loaded with buckshot, small. In ten minutes from that time, as soon as he came to a convenient stairway on the busiest corner in town, he deliberately opened fire on the first white man he saw, and the battle was on.

Tuesday night the streets were entirely deserted by the negroes, there being none loafing around. Some time after nine o'clock a negro was shot and wounded near the city cemetery, but he was not badly hurt, and it has been impossible to learn of the details of the shooting up to this time. The wounded negro got away.

The burning of the negro Tuesday is deplored. Many of the leading citizens of Monroe express regret at the hasty action of the more excited people.

THE BEAVERS.

Opeλουςas Dam, Independent Order of Beavers, was instituted in this city last Wednesday night by National Organizers O'Farrell and Zimmer, assisted by President Whittington of Alexandria Dam. W. J. Sandoz was appointed deputy to the supreme president. The following are the officers elected and installed to serve for the ensuing term:

Isador Isaac, president; Andrew Moore, past president; Leonard S. Isaacs, vice-president; J. J. Naff, chaplain; A. H. Garland, secretary; E. J. Rexer, guide; E. J. Sullivan, Jr., guardian; Sidney Dejean, sentinel; E. T. Bercier, medical director; J. A. Junge, musician; R. Sigaure, press agent; Rev. J. de Q. Donohoo, honorary chaplain; Frank Dimnick, Chas. F. Bailey and H. E. Estorge, trustees; A. Morasi, photographer; H. D. Larcade, Jr., treasurer.

A PLEASANT OCCASION.

Thursday evening, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Emory celebrated the sixth anniversary of their wedding at their cozy home on Grolee street. A few intimate friends were present and enjoyed the occasion very much. A supper fit for the gods was served, and while the elders did it full of grace, Master Wendolyn Emory, the small "em" wheel" of the Frisco system, and Bennett Voorhies, said it tasted like "more." The Courier wishes its friends many returns of this happy and enjoyable occasion, and when the "silver threads among the gold" appear upon their devoted heads and the "old man" is promoted to the presidency of the Frisco system, the Courier hopes they will remain as "cheerful and chipper" as on this happy occasion.

A report was current on the streets yesterday that there had been trouble in Port Barre between officers and citizens. The reporter of the Courier visited the sheriff's office, but they had no news of the affair.

WILL LOSE HIS POSITION

W. L. COHEN, NEGRO REGISTER OF THE LAND OFFICE

TO BE LAID ON THE SHELF

President Taft Not Catering to the Wishes of Booker T. Washington Who Recommended the Ex-Register.

A special correspondence from Washington to the Picaune says:

Conditions in the Interior Department do not at present look favorable for the reappointment of Walter L. Cohen as register of the Land Office at New Orleans. His term of office has recently expired, and if he were to be reappointed, no secrecy would be made of it. But at the department today it was said that conditions are such that no one is permitted to discuss the case, although it was admitted that a fight has been made on Cohen by some of the Lily Whites, who would like the office which he, until very recently, felt confident of holding for another term.

President Taft is not catering to the wishes of Booker T. Washington, and as Postmaster General Hitchcock is in the West, no one of influence is near at hand to take up the matter for Cohen.

Around the customhouse at New Orleans, the headquarters for Republican news in Louisiana, it is rumored in local Republican circles that the president has decided not to reappoint Walter L. Cohen the colored incumbent of the position of register of the United States branch Land Office at New Orleans. The explanation of this alleged determination on the part of the chief executive is that Cohen is to follow Colonel James Lewis, whose office of surveyor general of the United States Land Office has recently been abolished, and the office, in the customhouse, permanently closed.

But the most important reason that is given is that Booker T. Washington, who had recommended Cohen for reappointment, has withdrawn his support under pressure. It is said that he was peremptorily ordered to stop meddling with Louisiana and Mississippi Republican politics, and therefore he was compelled to take back his indorsement of Walter Cohen.

The term of office of Cohen expired in February, 1909, and he is holding over. He said some time ago that on a visit to Washington city, he had an interview with President Taft, who assured him of reappointment.

LAW AND ORDER LEAGUE.

The Law and Order League held a meeting at the office of its president, C. J. Thompson, Wednesday and adopted the following resolutions:

Inasmuch as this League is informed that United States revenue collectors will furnish certificates as to the persons to whom licenses have been issued for the sale of intoxicating liquors for the past twelve months,

Be it resolved, that Hon. R. Lee Garland, district attorney for the parish of St. Landry, be requested to apply for such certificates issued for the parish of St. Landry, and furnish the League with a copy of the list.

Moved by Mr. L. A. Sandoz, seconded by Mr. L. W. Childs:

That the mayor be requested to call a special meeting of the Board of Aldermen to amend the ordinance allowing the officer information of violations of the prohibition law on conviction of any person one-half of fine, so that the half of the fine may be paid to any informant.

Resolved further, that the Board of Aldermen at said special meeting be requested to amend the ordinance imposing a fine for the violation of the prohibition law so as to make the maximum fine \$200, and to authorize and empower the city judge to add imprisonment in the city jail, also subjecting parties so convicted to labor on the public streets.

On motion of Dr. Foster, seconded by Mr. F. H. Phillips, the following resolution was passed:

That a committee of five be appointed to wait on the sheriff and request him to appoint one deputy in each ward of the parish from a list to be submitted to him by said committee to aid in the enforcement of the prohibition law.

The chair appointed on this committee: Dr. Foster, T. H. Lewis, G. W. Kelly, Robert Harry, W. B. Prescott.

Mr. Lewis offered the following resolution, seconded by Dr. Foster:

That all citizens of this parish who favor this organization and its purposes be and they are hereby invited and urged to forward their names to the secretary, W. B. Prescott, for enrollment as members of the Law and Order League, no dues being exacted from members.

Moved by Mr. Lewis, seconded by Dr. Shaw:

That the proceedings of the League be published in the local papers, and be given to such representatives of the New Orleans papers who may desire them.

Motion to adjourn was offered and carried. The League adjourned subject to call.

Last Wednesday Mr. J. B. Sandoz purchased the splendid piece of property at the corner of Court and Bellevue streets, fronting the public square and new LaCombe Hotel, which has been vacant for several years. This is one of the most valuable lots in the city.

THIS TIME IT IS A CERTAINTY

FRISCO WILL RUN TRAINS ON SEPTEMBER 1ST

EVERYTHING READY FOR THAT DATE

And Everybody Anxious for the Through Train Service to Begin—New Orleans and Houston to Be Connected.

A Baton Rouge special says:

Captain Watts, in charge of the Frisco transfer steamer, the Pelican, is now busy making preparations for the opening of traffic across the Mississippi river at this point.

Captain Watts has sent out telegrams for his crew to show up here by the end of August and to be ready for duty Sept. 1. The transfer will have a night and a day shift.

The transfer boat will be able to transfer the trains without a hitch. It has transferred the trains of the road a number of times. A number of men are still at work on the inclines.

Official announcement of the Frisco's entrance into New Orleans was made Monday, when printed circulars were received at the local office from Roy Terrell, general freight and passenger agent, at Beaumont. The schedule shows the mileage operated in the new territory as follows: From Houston to New Orleans, 360.02 miles; from Eunice to Crowley, 22 miles; from Orange to Newton, 61.55 miles; a total of 443.57 miles.

E. W. Redfern, general dairy agent of the Rock Island-Frisco, came in from St. Louis Monday, and will be busy for the next few days, up and down the line looking after his particular branch of the extensive business which the Frisco intends to develop in Louisiana. Louisiana should be a great dairy state, and Mr. Redfern will start out on a campaign of increasing and broadening lacteal possibilities and putting a greater supply of milk and its by-products in the local market.

ATROCIOUS CRIME.

The preliminary examination of Charley Joseph, charged with being implicated in the killing of an infant at Palmetto, a station on the T. & P. railway, in this parish, on Aug. 6th, was held in this city last Tuesday.

From the evidence adduced, the prisoner was not connected with the crime. Three of the witnesses swore that Joseph was sitting on the gallery of a neighboring house all night talking with them, and did not enter the premises where the crime was committed.

Charley Joseph is a storekeeper at Palmetto. He owns the largest business place in the little town. He has been there several years, and has accumulated a neat competence. Four months ago he sent for his wife, in Syria.

She came, and Saturday, Aug. 6th, gave birth to the child which was afterwards murdered.

With Joseph lived his mother and sister, Mary Joseph, sister, and Felia Windose, mother. With them also lived Abraham Joseph, no relative.

Dr. R. G. Hawkins was called in Friday night, Aug. 6th. At nine o'clock the child was born. Old Felia and her daughter, Mary, attacked the child savagely, trying to wrench it from the hands of the physician. The mother also endeavored to do her babe violence. The doctor fought off the women, until finally old Felia succeeded in getting possession of it.

Dr. Hawkins left the building.

He told his story to the citizens next morning, and they watched the house, and when Abraham Joseph was seen going to the woods, he was arrested, and the dead child found in the valise which he carried.

The child was killed the same night of its birth, and buried in the garden. Fearing that the premises would be searched, it was concluded to bring it in the woods and bury it there.

Charley Joseph says that he is innocent of any crime. He says that when he discovered his wife's faithlessness, he left the house, intending never to see her or the babe again.

Charey Joseph, Mary Joseph, sister of Charley; Felia Windose, mother of Charley, and Abraham Joseph, are in jail here, charged with the crime.

This was a most horrible and inhuman crime, and the perpetrators should be given the extreme penalty of the law.

AN ANCIENT RITE.

Last Sunday, in response to an invitation tendered by Mr. and Mrs. Leon S. Haas, the editor of the Courier attended the circumcision ceremonies of their infant son, Jerome Charles, at their residence on Main street, corner of Vine.

The ceremony was performed by Dr. M. J. Lehman of New Orleans, an expert with over twenty years' experience, and with a very pleasant gentleman.

The ceremony of circumcision is the Israelites' manner of Christening, or baptizing, and dates from the time of Abraham, and it is usually performed on the 8th day after the birth of the child.

The ceremony is a very solemn and serious one, and very impressive.

After the ceremony, refreshments were served to the large number of guests present, who congratulated Mr. and Mrs. Haas, and many appropriate toasts were drunk to a long happy and prosperous life for the little man.

FARMERS ADVISED TO HOLD CORN

MR. FITZ-HUGH TELLS LOUISIANIANS TO RESERVE MUCH OF CROP AS POSSIBLE TO SUPPLY

Winter and Spring Demand Which Will Come From Neighboring States Which Have Not Raised Enough This Year

In a letter to the Times-Democrat of Aug. 20th, Mr. Alex Fitz-Hugh advises Louisianians to hold as much of their corn crop as possible. The letter is as follows:

Vicksburg, Miss., Aug. 19, 1909.

To the Editor of the Times-Democrat:

I have observed with interest the mention in your paper of the large corn crop in Louisiana and the discussion as to the disposition the producer will make of it.

While not a citizen of Louisiana, the firm with which I am connected does a large business in that state, and for that reason I am interested in its welfare. The impression seems to prevail among some people that Louisiana will find difficulty in marketing the corn crop at home, and steps are being taken to arrange for the exportation of the surplus.

On basis of the August report of the Department of Agriculture, the estimated yield of corn for this year for the state of Mississippi in round numbers is 40,000,000 bushels, against 45,800,000 bushels last year; for the state of Texas 138,300,000 this year, as against 201,800,000 last year; while the estimated yield for the state of Louisiana is 39,100,000 this year, as against 33,800,000 last year. According to this estimate, Louisiana will produce approximately 5,300,000 bushels more than last year, while her neighbor, Mississippi, on the east, will produce 58,000,000 less, and her neighbor, Texas, on the west, will produce 63,500,000 bushels less than last year. Going a little further north, the estimated production of Tennessee is 800,000,000 less than last year, and the estimated production of Oklahoma 4,000,000 less. Since this report was published, Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas and

parts of Nebraska, have experienced intensely hot weather which has undoubtedly damaged the growing corn crop where it is not already made, and this damage will likely be reflected in the next report by lower estimates of yield for these states.

The state of Louisiana last year was a heavy purchaser of grain, and the indications now are that both Mississippi and Texas will have to buy a large amount of corn, as neither state has raised enough for home consumption.

My observation is after an experience of nearly fifteen years in this grain business in this territory, that our planters are disposed to overestimate their yield of corn, and very often those who have raised enough or more than enough corn for home use, are obliged to begin buying corn in the winter or spring.

In view of the above, I feel disposed to suggest to the Louisiana farmers to reserve as much of their crop as it is possible to take care of in good condition to supply the winter and spring demand which will come from the neighboring states of Texas and Mississippi, as well as from those planters in Louisiana who may not have raised sufficient corn for their own use. The crop over the whole corn belt has undoubtedly suffered from the severe heat of the past two weeks, and it is not unlikely that the September government report will show a further lowering of condition and a reduction in the total yield, and I venture the prediction that corn will be good property for the Louisiana planter to have and to hold during the coming winter and spring. The present and prospective high prices for meat, hogs and cattle support this view.

Respectfully,
ALEXANDER FITZ-HUGH.

PARISH SEAT CANDIDATES.

The several towns which are bidding for the parish seat of the new parish of Evangeline, formerly a portion of St. Landry, are beginning to get busy and making things lively in their vicinity.

At Ville Plate last Monday a great crowd assembled to hear the discussion in the interest of the location of the parish seat. The crowd was variously estimated at from 1,500 to 2,000. A barbecue had been provided for the crowd by the people of Ville Plate, and every convenience possible was put at the disposal of the visitors. E. E. Ortego was appointed chairman of the meeting. After making a few remarks, he cordially welcomed the assembly. The speakers of the day were: Dr. W. A. Haas of Bunkie, Hon. R. L. Derouen, Hon. R. L. Dossmann, E. O. Guillory, Voorhies Launey and Hon. D. L. Guilbeau of Opelousas. The speeches were forceful and convincing, and many strong points were brought forth in favor of Ville Plate as the parish seat. Hon. D. L. Guilbeau spoke on the division of the parish and the beneficial effects which will result therefrom. The Evangeline brass band discoursed excellent music during the intervals of the speakers.

A Bayou Chicot special to the Picaune of date, Aug. 22d, says:

A large crowd from Turkey Creek, Bayou Chicot and Mamou took the Rock Island yesterday afternoon, en route to Eunice to witness the game of baseball between Chicot and Eunice.

Since the decision of Judge Edwards in regard to the new parish of Evangeline, the fight for the courthouse is now on in earnest. With the great demonstration at Eunice, winding up with a big ball, Ville Plate had today a grand barbecue and speaking. All along the Rock Island, Chicot and Pine Prairie, many people favor Eunice for the capital.

DEATH OF PAT CROWLEY.

Patrick Crowley, three times mayor of Lake Charles, La., died in Pineville on the 21st inst.

Mr. Crowley, or Pat as he was familiarly called, was well known in southwest Louisiana, where he was highly esteemed for his many good qualities of heart and mind.

Starting life in a humble way as a section hand on the railroad, by perseverance and faithful service, he finally attained the position of roadmaster on the Southern Pacific, and was in line for higher promotion, when he retired from the railroad business, and engaged in other pursuits in Lake Charles.

He was elected mayor of that city three successive terms, and accumulated considerable property.

He leaves a widow and four children, all grown.

In his business he was always honorable and just, and in social life polite and courteous, and always ready to extend a helping hand to those in need or to help a friend in distress.

Lake Charles will miss Pat Crowley. Peace to his ashes.

We can print what you want when you want it, and as you want it.

A HARRIS RULE.

Baton Rouge, La.—A kick has gone up from teachers from other states who expect to be employed in Louisiana public schools this year, at the ruling of State Superintendent Harris that no provisional certificates will be issued this year.

Some of the teachers have been coming from other states, securing a provisional certificate when school opened, and teaching on until a later examination is held, and they have an opportunity to attend.

Mr. Harris has ruled that no provisional certificates will be recognized this year. The teachers from other states will therefore have to come to Louisiana the last of this month and stand the regular examination which is to be held for the Louisiana teachers in the different parishes and get a regular certificate before they can teach in the public schools.

Is it not singular that objection has been raised against this rule. Why should a teacher be required to submit to an examination? Is the rule of Prof. Harris in force in other states?

NEW RICE IN JENNINGS.

The first of the new rice crop to be received in Jennings this season was unloaded at the Northern Rice Mill Monday, the lot consisting of two wagon loads of honduras from the Wilkins farm just east of the city, says the Times-Herald.

The rice brought in today is the first two wagon loads of a 1,000 bag purchase from A. O. Hoag, who is farming on the Wilkins property.

Mr. Hoag commenced threshing this morning, and immediately negotiated for the sale of 1,000 bags of the lot he has already harvested.

The Northern Rice Milling Co., will commence milling operations next Monday, although no new rice will be milled during the first few days, some time being devoted to putting the mill in shape for the season's run.

Threshing was also commenced on the Willow Lake plantation, south of Jennings, and it is reported that a number of rice farmers will be preparing their crop for the mills during the next few days.

CARY PROMOTED.

A Beaumont special dispatch says: Announcement was made here today that C. C. Cary, Frisco general agent at Opelousas, has been transferred to Baton Rouge, effective Sept. 1st.

He will have charge of all Louisiana territory outside of New Orleans.

Attention is called to the advertisement in this issue of Mr. F. A. Voorhies, who has secured the warehouse opposite the Southern Pacific depot, and will buy and store rice during the coming season. Mr. Voorhies is an experienced rice man, and is very popular in this section, and will no doubt make a success of his new venture.

Special low rate excursion train from Washington to New Orleans and return tomorrow (Sunday, Aug. 29th). Leave Opelousas at 6:15 a. m. Fare, \$2. Leave New Orleans, returning at 9 p. m.

IMPROVEMENTS.

Mr. E. A. Bodemuller has just repaired and renovated his residence on the southeast corner of Court and North streets. It has been newly painted and decorated, and presents a very attractive appearance.

Mr. Alexis Sandoz has just completed a new and modern store front on Main street. It is of iron with large show windows, fitted with mirrors on the inside, affords increased facilities for displaying his stock. The interior has also been improved and freshened up.

Mr. J. J. Healey's new business building on Landry street is nearing completion, and will soon be ready for occupancy. Mr. Garbo has secured this location for his pool-room, and it will prove an attractive and pleasant resort for the lovers of this fascinating sport.

The residence being erected by Mr. J. Sandoz on Union street is going up rapidly, and will soon be completed. Mr. Sandoz is also having his own residence built and renovated.

AN ENJOYABLE EVENT.

Last Monday a gay party of young people gathered at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. de Q. Donohoo, bent on a serene tour, but the inclement weather prevailed. Instead, a very interesting program was presented at the house, including dancing and refreshments. Those present were:

Mr. J. de Q. Donohoo, Misses Eleanor and Katherine Donohoo, Louise Blain, Rita Desmarais, Goldie Gardemal, Mrs. Knost and Marie Meginley, and Miss George Bliveny, Jack Perrault, Eugene Bercier, Paul Mizzi, Albert Gaudin, Tony Eckart, Collins Swords, Roy Gaudin, Augustus Garland, Mason Gaudin and Clifford Edwards.

Frank DuBuono is erecting a residence on Union street.

Meeting at the Presbyterian church at 11 a. m. and at 6 p. m. by Rev. R. T. Price.