

VICTIMS OF LYNCHERS

Four Men Hanged to a Tree Near Russellville, Ky.

TAKEN FROM COUNTY JAIL

Mob of Fifty Did Its Work Without Arousing Town.

LEFT A NOTE OF WARNING

Men Were Charged With Conspiracy to Murder a Farmer—Ringleader Removed to Safety.

RUSSELLVILLE, Ky., August 1.—Four negroes were taken from jail here early today and hanged to a tree on the edge of town.

No shots were fired by the mob, which was composed of about fifty men, and the people of the town knew nothing of the affair until daylight revealed the four bodies dangling from a tree just outside Russellville on the Nashville pike.

The following note was found pinned on one of the bodies:

"Let this be a warning to you niggers to let white people alone or you will go the same way. Hugh Rogers better shut up or quit."

The negroes who were lynched were members of a lodge and at a meeting recently it is said they approved of the murder of James Cunningham, a white farmer, by his negro tenant, Rufus Browder.

This murder occurred in the southern part of Logan county, and it is supposed here that the mob was made up of men from that part of the county.

Saved a Prisoner.

The negroes had been in jail for several days, and while there had been considerable unrest since the attempt on the part of the mob to take Browder, the slayer of Cunningham, from the jail some nights ago, no trouble was anticipated and there was no guard around the prison. The effort to get Browder failed, because he was spirited out of jail by the sheriff and sent to Bowling Green and later to Louisville, where he is now confined, awaiting trial.

The mob came into town so quietly that not one of the residents of the city was aroused from slumber. Proceeding at once to the jail, the mob called for James Butts to the door of his residence, directly connected with the prison. When he made his appearance he found himself covered with arms and was given the command to turn over the keys of the jail or be shot down.

After a short parley with the members of the mob, he was finally persuaded to hand over the keys. The mob then forced them to go with them. Two of the men, not being given time to dress, were taken along in their nightgowns and were shot and hanged at once to a tree on the outskirts of the city on the Nashville pike, where the negroes were strung up in a row.

Fired No Shots.

Contrary to the usual custom of mobs, no shots were fired at the lynching victims, and the mob dispersed as soon as they finished its work. There is no clue to the members of the band, as the jailer, the only person who saw them close enough to get a good look, could not recognize them.

The bodies of the negroes were cut down during the morning.

The negroes were members of a lodge in the southern part of Logan county. The mob was stirred up over the killing of Mr. Cunningham by Browder. They held a meeting and expressed approval of Browder's deed. The excitement in that vicinity ran so high for a time that it was feared a race war would result, but four leaders, who were arrested and brought to this city, and these were the men lynched early today.

Lay in Wait for Victim.

The murder which started the trouble was one of the most brutal in the history of Logan county. Browder, who was a tenant on Cunningham's place, had been discharged, and upon leaving had been laid in wait for Cunningham. When the latter came near his hiding place Browder fired at him, killing him instantly. The negro then escaped, but was captured and placed in jail at Russellville. A mob was immediately formed, but the sheriff, hearing that the mob was on its way, took Browder taken into the woods for the night, and when the mob made its appearance succeeded in getting him out of the jail. The mob dispersed and the next morning Browder was taken to Bowling Green and later to Louisville.

The way on which the negroes were hanged has been used before for the same purpose.

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Browder when told by a reporter that the four negroes had been taken from jail at Russellville and lynched, said: "It is awful bad that the boys have been strung up."

RAILROAD INQUIRY'S SCOPE.

Government Is to Include California Roads.

LOS ANGELES, August 1.—That the government intends to include California in its projected investigation of railroad commissions is inferred from the sudden call received by X. B. Duncan, special agent of the attorney, to return at once from here to Washington.

Mr. Duncan has spent several months here gathering evidence of alleged rebating on the part of the Southern Pacific, Santa Fe and the Salt Lake roads.

It is understood that a report has been in the possession of the department of justice for some time concerning Harriman's control of the Salt Lake road and his interest in the Santa Fe.

Loomis Wants an Aid.

Francis B. Loomis, commissioner general of the Tokio exposition, has requested Secretary Wright to detail an officer of the United States Army to serve as an attaché of the United States commission. The request probably will be made formally to the War Department by the Department of State, and it will be complied with. Thus far no officer has been selected for the duty.

Pirates Steal 5,000 Fish.

BELLINGHAM, Wash., August 1.—Two armed pirates rowed up to a fish trap of the Alaska Packers' Association just south of Point Roberts yesterday, disarmed the watchman, bound and gagged him and, leaving him at the trap, made off with 5,000 salmon, worth \$2,000. Besides the fish they stole, the pirates left the trap open and allowed 25,000 more fish to escape.

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When once a child in her native home in Poland she took a vow never to worry and this vow she kept, although assailed by war, pestilence and death. Through it all she maintained a smiling attitude and with a smile on her face she entered eternity.

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BUILDER FINDS FAULT

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HE CITES SPECIFIC CASE

"Unreasonable and Costly Delay" in Building Inspector's Office.

SUGGESTION FOR NEW RULES

Urges That Fair and Just Treatment Be Accorded by Putting Proper Man in Charge.

Joseph S. Reynolds, contractor and builder, with offices at 1816 1st street northwest, who, by reason of the nature of his occupation, frequently has business with the building inspector's office in securing permits to erect houses, offers caustic criticism of the methods of the office.

Mr. Reynolds makes a specific case against the building inspector's office, in which he says that after conforming to all the requirements of the office and being subjected to unreasonable and costly delay he was forced to employ an attorney before he could get a permit to erect a house in Bloomingdale.

Mr. Reynolds' complaint.

In an interview with a Star reporter today Mr. Reynolds, discussing what he describes as the old-fogy methods of the building inspector's office and the frequent changes in the regulations, said:

"I wanted to build two houses on lot 3, block 3, Bloomingdale. As the building regulations change about every twenty-four hours, I had pencil sketches made and submitted to the acting building inspector, who issues permits. After making some minor changes, I took the sketches to the architect and had plans made to suit these changes and then applied for a permit.

"After the plans had laid in the office forty-eight hours, the architect received a card from the computer. I answered the card, as the architect was out of town and could not be reached, with him satisfactorily. He turned the plans over to the acting inspector who issues permits.

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"I think that his case is not an isolated one, but is a condition that all contractors have to contend with who have business with the building inspector's office. It is particularly a remedy that will give prompt and efficient service.

ELECTION IS ORDERLY

FIRST REPORTS FROM CUBA PLEASE WAR DEPARTMENT.

HAVANA, August 1.—Reports received from all parts of the island show that the elections are proceeding in an orderly manner. The elections are solely for municipal and provincial.

Satisfaction is expressed at the War Department today over the Cuban election situation. In a report received by cable from Gov. Magooon it was said the indications were that the election would be fair and orderly and that the new election law is working admirably.

Gov. Magooon makes no forecast of the result of the elections, which are for provincial and municipal offices throughout the island.

Gov. Magooon's cablegram, which was dated at Havana last night, reads: "The provincial elections were held today and all parties satisfied with efforts of the government to secure a fair and peaceful election. I am confident that the election will be as fair and orderly as it would be in any of the states of the United States. The new law is working admirably."

STORM MOVING NORTHWARD.

High Wind at Virginia Capes Today.

NORFOLK, Va., August 1.—The southern storm reached the Virginia capes in all its fury last night with a wind velocity of fifty miles an hour recorded at Cape Henry early this morning.

For eighteen hours the wind has been blowing almost steadily at forty miles an hour at the Virginia capes, while at Hatteras, N. C., the same wind velocity has continued for two days and nights practically unabated. The storm is now passing to the northward, however