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NO DOUBT BUT THAT THEY WERE NEGROES

Most Important Testimony Yet Brought Out Before Senate Investigation Committee.

SPANISH EDITOR'S THRILLING TALE

He Was at the Side of Frank Natouis When He Was Shot and Who Was the Only Man Killed at Brownsville—Was Wounded at Same Time by the Colored Troopers.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 21.—Paulino S. Preciado, editor of a Mexican newspaper in Brownsville, Tex., and an eye witness to the shooting of Frank Natouis, the only man killed in the affray there was on the stand today before the Senate committee on military affairs. Dramatically telling his story in Spanish and having it interpreted for the committee, the testimony proved to be the most important heard during the present hearings.

When the shooting began Preciado was sitting in the court in the rear of Tillman's saloon. With him were two companions. A Mr. Crixwell came in excitedly and reported that "the negroes were out." The doors to the Tillman saloon were immediately closed and barred, and Natouis, the bartender, started across the court to bar the gate which connected the court with the alley. Preciado followed, but before he had emerged from the saloon into the court he saw a group of five or six negro soldiers in uniform enter the gate. They fired several shots and Natouis threw up his arms and exclaiming in Spanish "Oh, God," fell on his back.

He was killed instantly; another bullet grazed Presciado's hand and it bled profusely. Still another bullet passed through Preciado's coat and vest near the left breast pocket and broke his glasses which were in a case in the pocket. The men proceeded down the alley, shooting as they went. Preciado swore positively that the men were negro soldiers.

PRESIDENT HAS BRACING WEATHER AT PINE KNOT

Enjoyed a Long Horseback Ride—Thermometer Gets Down to Near Freezing Point.

(By Associated Press.)

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., May 21.—President Roosevelt, whose outing at Mrs. Roosevelt's country home in the southern part of Albemarle county will end tomorrow evening, took advantage of the bracing weather today and enjoyed a long horseback ride. The weather was unseasonably cold and the thermometer in the vicinity of the Roosevelts lodge registered 40 degrees above zero during the night. There was a big cheerful log fire blazing in the fire place at Pine Knot when the members of the household rose this morning. During the day Mrs. Roosevelt and Archie, accompanied by Joseph Wilmer, the friend of the Roosevelts, came over early from his home at Plain Dealing, went up on Green mountain where a brief call was made on two acquaintances.

The private car Magnet on which the Roosevelts will return to Washington tomorrow reached North Garden, the railroad station for Pine Knot, tonight. The Presidential party will leave Pine Knot for the station immediately after luncheon.

Norfolk Murderer Convicted.

(By Associated Press.)

NORFOLK, VA., May 21.—Tom Lassister, a negro who, with the previously convicted negro, William McIntosh, made a tour of robbery and murder across the Berkley ward of Norfolk in April, was today convicted of complicity in the murder of Charles W. Parks, one of the victims. The jury was out less than five minutes. Sentence was deferred.

John R. Hegeman Indicted.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, May 21.—Ten indictments, three charging perjury and seven forgery, were found by the grand jury today against John R. Hegeman, president of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company of this city. The charges grew out of a statement of the company in which it is alleged that items were improperly charged up.

Abe Hummel Ill.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, May 21.—Abraham Hummel, the lawyer who was committed to the penitentiary on Blackwell's Island yesterday, to serve a year's sentence for conspiracy, was too ill to leave his cot in his cell in the prison today. Hummel asked that a physician be called and after an examination the regular prison physician sent to Manhattan for one of the visiting physicians to deal with the case.

Six Miners Killed.

DAYTON, TENN., May 21.—While returning to their homes in Dayton from the mines of the Dayton Coal & Iron Company late today, six miners were killed and several others were injured, in a collision of coke cars and two freight cars.

Jimmy Gardner Beats Harry Lewis.

(By Associated Press.)

DENVER, COLO., May 21.—Jimmy Gardner, of Lowell, Mass., won the decision from Harry Lewis, of Philadelphia, in a ten-round bout before the Coliseum Athletic Club tonight. Gardner outpointed Lewis in every round.

OVERTURNING OF BOAT DROWNS MAN AND WIFE

Current of Savannah River Upset Launch With Pleasure Seekers Aboard.

(By Associated Press.)

AUGUSTA, GA., May 21.—Harold T. Anderson and his wife, Louise, were drowned in the canal locks, seven miles above the city today. The bodies have not been recovered. The couple were with a party which was riding down the canal in a small steam launch.

Just before entering Savannah river, they undertook to make a short turn up stream, when the boat was capsized by the swell from the current. The four other occupants, including one woman, swam to the shore.

May Irwin to Be Married.

NEW YORK, May 21.—May Irwin, the comedienne, confided to her friends tonight that on Sunday next she would be married to Kurt Elsfelt, her manager for the last two seasons. Miss Irwin will appear on the stage next season.

POLICE AGAINST HE—

Mrs. Howard Gould Charges New York City Official With Conspiracy.

BINGHAM INVESTIGATING MATTER

Has a Conference With District Attorney and the Latter Makes a Statement in Which He Hints at Blackmail.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, May 21.—Intimations that certain police officials had improperly interested themselves in the domestic affairs of Howard Gould and his wife, formerly Katherine Clemmons, an actress, resulted in a conference today between District Attorney Jerome and Police Commissioner Bingham. Since Mrs. Gould recently by the service of papers upon counsel for her husband, indicated her intention of bringing suit for a separation, it has been persistently declared that the plaintiff charged among other things conspiracy against her in which salaried officers of the police force were involved.

Commissioner Bingham has given much time during the past few days to an investigation along this line and today he sought out the district attorney.

At the conclusion of the conference Mr. Jerome said that the action of the police had been discussed. He concluded: "The only thing I can say to you is that there is vast difference between a police force which lends itself to collect evidence to prevent blackmail and a police force which colects evidence which is to be used for blackmail. Commissioner Bingham desires to take any action that is for him to do."

Commissioner Bingham refused to discuss the case. Mr. Jerome and Delancy Nicoll, counsel for Mr. Gould, also had a conference during the afternoon.

Ensign Brisbin Dead.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 21.—The Navy Department today received a dispatch from Commander Tappan of the cruiser Tacoma, saying that Ensign A. T. Brisbin, who shot himself Sunday died at 11 o'clock this morning.

Haywood Venire Exhausted.

(By Associated Press.)

BOISE, IDAHO, May 21.—The special venire of talesmen in the Steunenberg murder trial was exhausted at 10:45 o'clock this morning and Judge Fremont Wood at once adjourned the rial unil Thursday afternoon to permit Sheriff Shad Hodgin to gather another venire of sixty men.

OUTRAGED FOLLOWED DEATH OF FIVE PEOPLE

Fugitive Negro's Father Invited Posse into House to be Target For His Son.

FIRE RETURNED WITH FATAL EFFECT

Old Negro and Two Daughters Killed and Two Sons Wounded, After White Citizens Had Fallen—Further Trouble is Expected Near Reidsville, Georgia.

(By Associated Press.)

REIDSVILLE, GA., May 21.—An attempted criminal assault last night on Mrs. Laura Moore, a widowed white woman, about six miles from Reidsville, by a negro named Flem Padgett, was followed by the killing of five persons and the wounding of seven others.

News of the attempted assault aroused the citizens who immediately went to the home of the negro's father. He assured the crowd that his son was not within and invited the possee to search for themselves. As they approached the house Flem Padgett fired on the crowd killing a white man named Hare, and wounding four others. The crowd fired a volley into the house, killing Padgett and two of his daughters and wounding two of his sons, one of whom was Flem Padgett, the man wanted.

Two More Padgetts Killed.

After the cooler heads had left the scene of the killing, the hotheaded element employed a young man to take Padgett's wife and one of the Padgett boys, who was shot through the lungs, to Reidsville jail. Later the mob formed again and they overtook the prisoners and riddled them with bullets.

It is stated that a crowd of about 300 had started for Reidsville to force the jail and lynch the other Padgett boy, who was taken there by the deputy sheriff.

It is not believed that this will be accomplished, as Reidsville has a substantial jail and the citizens will not permit such an act, as those involved with the affair are influential citizens.

HAS HERSELF ARRESTED.

Deserted Wife in "Trial Marriage" Wants Husband Jailed Also.

CLEVELAND, OHIO, May 21.—Mrs. Alice Leach, aged forty-six, had herself arrested today. She made affidavit to the warrant, carried it to the astonished lieutenant at police headquarters, and was booked and shut behind the bars.

"I was led into a trial marriage," she said.

"That was two years ago. We agreed that if we continued to live happily together, we would be married by a ceremony for good and all. I think the circumstances justified our first union. But the man I was to wed came to me today and said he was going for a license to wed another."

When she asked for the man's arrest she was told that she was equally guilty.

"Then I will have myself arrested, too," she said. I won't be treated that way."

When the woman was locked up the police set out with the warrant to find the man.

The man in the case, Harry Mantell, settled the affair by appearing at the police station and marrying Mrs. Leach.

TO RAISE BIG FUND TO FIGHT THE UNIONS

National Association of Manufacturers Proposes to Spend $500,000 a Year for Purpose.

CALLED INDUSTRIAL OPPRESSION

Association Desires to Educate the Manufacturers to Their Proper Sense of Their Own Duty—Must Combat the Determination of Unions to Terrorize President.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, May 21.—A fund of $1,500,000 to be used in fighting industrial oppression in the next three years was called for by President W. Van Cleave, of the National Association of Manufacturers at their annual convention in this city today. President Van Cleave appointed a committee of 35 manufacturers to find a way to raise the money. President Van Cleave then delivered his annual address.

Mr. Van Cleave announced his plan at the conclusion of his annual address, in the course of which he declared the principles of the association were to maintain the open shop; to oppose the boycott, limitation of apprentices and limitation of output and to oppose dictation by labor unions. He also declared that the manufacturers must combat the newer issues caused by the determination of labor unions to terrorize the President, Congress, judges and juries. President Van Cleave added: "We want to federate the manufacturers of this country to effectively fight industrial oppression.

Wants $500,000 a Year.

"The president ought to have fully $500,000 a year for the next three years. We should certainly provide ways and means to properly finance the association to federate the employers of the country and to educate our manufacturers to a proper sense of their own duty, patriotism and self interest."

President Van Cleave then appointed a committee to confer with him as to means of raising the money. The committee includes William H. Roper, Virginia; Ellison A. Smith, South Carolina; D. A. Tompkins, North Carolina.

The association placed itself on record by the adoption of a report submitted by the committee on Interstate Commerce, opposing any reduction in the rates for transportation of passengers by railroads.

The committee in its reports expressed the opinion that any such reduction would be accompanied by an increase in freight rates.

CANADA DECLARS POSTAL WAR AGAINST THE U. S.

Dominion Postoffice Authorities Decline to Handle Second Class Matter from This Country.

WASHINGTON, May 20.—Through Postoffice-General Lemieux the Government of Canada has notified the Postoffice Department thot it will not be possible for the Canadian Postal Department to handle second-class matter sent to that country from the United States by either express or freight and mailed there.

Sometime ago a commission was sent to Canada to adjust, if possible, the difference between the two countries respecting the handling of second-class mail. The result of the commission's work was indecisive. Afterward American publishers suggested that they might send their publications from this country to Canda either by express, or by freight and then have them mailed in that country at the second-class rate—1 cent for four ounces.

Postmaster-General Meyer took the matter up with the Canadian officials, urging strongly that the suggested arrangement be made. The Canadian Postal Department, however, replied that their facilities and equipment would not admit of it. In his letter to Postmaster-General Meyer Postmaster-General Lemieux says:

"The department has come to the conclusion that it will be absolutely impossible to continue the remailing privilege, except at the rate of postage between the two countries, i. e., 4 cents per pound. As this department is still strongly of the opinion that the action in abrogating the convention between the two countries was necessary for the carrying on of its own service and as the remailing privilege of 1 cent a pound would be an obvious violation of the spirit of the convention, I regret to say that it will not be possible for Canada to recede from the position already taken nor relinquish the privilege secured by the signing of the convention which went into effect May 8."

The Canadian second-class rate is lower than the second-class rate of this country. Postmaster-General Meyer explained today that as soon as a specific case of refusal on the part of the Canadian Government to handle American second-class matter was called to his attention he would be forced in the circumstances to issue an order declining to handle Canadian publications in this country at the second-class rate.

Independent Telephone Companies.

(By Associated Press.)

NORFOLK, VA., May 21.—The Virginia State Independent Telephone Asociation, which convened here in first annual session today, took steps looking to the establishment of a Virginia cross-State independent long distance telephone service. Forty independent companies were represented at today's meeting.

FIVE MEET AWFUL END

Two Americans and Three Foreigners Perish in Molten Metal.

ACCIDENT IN PITTSBURG MILL

One Slipped and Fell to the Bottom of the Furnace, Blowing Out the Door—Accident Occurred so Suddenly Men Could Not Escape.

(By Associated Press.)

PITTSBURG, PA., May 21.—Two Americans, well know mill men, and three foreigners, were cremated, and four foreigners were seriously burned tonight when an explosion occurred in Eliza furnace No. 1 of the Jones & Laughlin Steel Company, Limited, in the Hazlewood district of the city. Of a crew of ten men at the furnace when the accident happened, only one escaped uninjured.

The dead: E. B. Willard, assistant furnace superintendent; John A. Kest, head blower; three unknown foreigners. The names of the four foreigners who were injured are not known.

The accident occurred without a moment's warning. The ten men were about to draw off the molten metal, when the ore slipped, falling to the bottom of the furnace. The heavy weight of the ore forced the gas with terrific pressure through the first dust catcher, which was unable to stand the strain and therefore burst. A temendous roar accompanied the breaking of the dust catcher, and before the men could escape they were caught by flames. Willard, West and the three foreigners were directly in front of the furnace. The other five men were back several yards. For fully ten minutes the flames shot out from the furnace for a great distance and when finally the gas was turned off only a few bones of the five men were found. The four injured men were caught by the first flash and severely burned, but were able to escape before they fell to the ground.

Woodmen Restrict Membership.

(By Associated Presss.)

NORFOLK, VA., May 21.—The sovereign Camp Woodmen of the World, in biennial convention here today, decided that barkeepers and bartenders, stone crushers and miners of all kinds, are not eligible to membership in the order. The camp is considering the eligibility of other craftsmen whose line of work is hazardous, the order being largely a beneficial one.

King's Physician Dead.

(By Associated Press.)

FALMOUTH, ENG., May 21.—Sir Joseph Fayer, physician extraordinary to King Edward, is dead. He was born in 1824, served in the army throughout the Indian mutiny and retired as surgeon general.

Exposition Program for Today

8:00 a. m.—Exposition gates open.
8:00 to 9:00 a. m.—Battalion drill by Twenty-third Regiment.
9:00 to 10:00 a. m.—Battery drill by Third Artillery.
9:00 a. m. to 2:00 p. m.—Celebration of Brooklyn League Day.
9:00 a. m. to 6:00 p. m.—Convention of Structural Builders' Alliance, at Auditorium.
10:00 a. m.—Convention of the Society of the Golden Cross, at Auditorium.
10:00—Convention of Baptists of North America, convention hall.
10:30 a. m.—Guard mount, Twenty-third Infantry.
11:00 a. m.—Air-ship ascension on Lee Parade.
1:00 p. m.—Motion and stereopticon pictures—Indian scenes, interior department, government building A.
2:00 p. m.—Concert by Phinney's band at auditorium.
2:00 p. m.—Stereopticon and motion pictures, Yosemite valley, Interior department, government building A.
3:00 p. m.—Motion and stereopticon pictures—Indian scenes, Interior department, government building A.
4:00 p. m.—Recital by O. H. Unger, the organist and composer, at the auditorium.
4:00 p. m.—Illustrated lecture, Yellowstone Park, interior department, government building, A.
5:00 p. m.—Battalion drill by Twenty-third Infantry, Lee parade.
8:00 p. m.—Opening of the War Path for evening entertainment.
8:00 p. m.—Band and organ recital at auditorium.
10:00 p. m.—Exposition ticket offices close.
11:00 p. m.—Exposition closes.

FIVE LIVES LOST IN LAKE STEAMER FIRE

Blaze Started Between Decks When the Naomi Was in Midd'e of Lake Michigan.

HELP FORTUNATELY WAS AT HAND

Three Vessels Appeared Responded to Distress Signals, or Everybody on Board Probably Would Have Been Lost—Coal Passers Caught in Trap One Passenger Dies from Injuries.

(By Associated Press.)

GRAND HAVEN, MICH., May 21.—Five lives were lost and about 72 people had a perilously close escape from death when the passenger and freight steamer Naomi, of the Crosby Transportation Company burned early today in the middle of Lake Michigan, while on her regular night trip from this port to Milwaukee.

Four of the victims were coal passers penned down in the for'castle by the flames, where many of the rescued passengers from the decks of the freighter Kerr and the steamer Kansas saw them at the port holes vainly imploring for help. J. M. Rheades, of Detroit, a passenger, was the fifth victim. He was terribly burned in his berth and died soon after reaching a hospital at Grand Rapids. The steamer was burned to the water's edge and has been towed into this harbor.

Fire Started Between Decks.

The fire broke out between decks in the forward end of the steamer. It spread with tremendous rapidity and it was apparent almost from the first that it was vain for the crew to fight the flames. They immediately turned their attention to arousing the passengers and worked like heroes to save the sleeping men, women and children.

Captain Traill sent up signals for help and in a few moments three steamers came to the rescue. They were the steel freighter Kerr, the Kansas, a sister ship of the Naomi, and the Saxononia. Several of the life rafts and the boats on Naomi were destoryyed before the crew could lower them. By the time the rescuers reached the scene the Naomi's boats were in the water filled with people, and a number of passengers were still huddled on the stern of the burning ship.

Ran Freighter Alongside.

The captain of the Kerr ran his big steel ship up under the Naomi's stern, so close that the imperilled people leaped to her deck. Then the screams of imprisoned coal passers were heard from the bow port holes. The port holes were too small for them to pass through and they were compelled to fall back into the smoke and fire, where they were burned to death.

The Kansas took on board the half-clad and frightened passengers and brought them to this port. All of them were loud in their praise of the Naomi's crew and their bravery and coolness.

NATIONAL BAPTIST SOCIETIES ADJOURN

Next Annual Meeting Will be Held in Oklahoma City or Portland, Oregon.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 21.—The series of meetings of National Baptist Societies which have been in progress in this city for the past week came to an end today. The last day was devoted to the Home Missionary Society, which elected the year:

President, E. H. Haskell, Massachusetts; vice-presidents, Fred A. Wells, Illinois; D. K. Edwards, California; treasurer, Frank T. Moulton, New York; Auditors, Edgar L. Marston, New York; L. F. Requea, New York; corresponding secretary, Rev. C. D. Case, New York, and se managers.

Addresses were made by Dr. Chivers, field secretary, whose especially of the evangelistic the society. Rev. and Mrs Froyer, of Porto Rico; Rev. Reddick, a negro, president school at Americus, Ga., an Bruce Kinney, of Salt Lake, Ut of whom made reports on the wo their respective fields.

The resolution previously adopted by the other societies, that the organizations hold their next annual meeting either in Oklahoma City or Portland, Oregon, to decided later by the executive committee, was adopted without discussion.

between offer

Mark Twain is complaining about a man who looks like him. Still, if the man doesn't look enough like him to draw his pay at the cashier's window, he has no real kick coming.—Washington Post.