



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1908.

President Roosevelt AND THE Brownsville Message.

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August, 1906. I was sent by Mr. Baldwin to get in with Conyers and ascertain if he knew who did the shooting at that point. I was not given the names of any of the members of either of the companies stationed at that point, nor was I given any other information, except the fact that a shooting occurred at the time and place above mentioned, and that Boyd Conyers was suspected of knowing who did same.

HARD TO SECURE EVIDENCE.

"About then a gentleman called Conyers to come to the club, some clothes, and Conyers left, and nothing further was said about the matter at this time. I was with Conyers nearly every day, and went to Gainesville, Ga., on an excursion with him on the 15th of June. I did not mention the Brownsville matter to Conyers again until on the 25th of June, when I returned from Atlanta, having gone there on June 27th. On this date I met him at Joe Blasingame's, and had a pint bottle of liquor offered him in the house, but we went up the street and we stopped under a storehouse porch, near Main street. We took a drink or two and I started the Brownsville case again. He told me that he was doing guard duty at the time of the shooting at Brownsville, and was stationed at the outlet toward the town. He said that when the guard was called the night of the shooting they mentioned to Sergeant Reid what had occurred downtown, and he said, 'Boys, if you are not satisfied, you will have to go and get satisfied, and they remarked that they were going to get satisfaction that night. Reid then laughed and said, 'Boys, don't you go down there and let them get the best of you.' He then assigned the guard and went away.

"In this conversation, Conyers told me that John Brown, J. H. Holloman and a man named Powell, and several others came down here where he was on guard, and that they went downtown and just gave them hell, and after they shot out all of their cartridges they ran back to the barracks and when they got back to the barracks they found that the alarm had been sounded and the officers were calling the roll. Holloman, Brown and myself were late for roll call, but that some one answered for Brown and Holloman, but that he was late, and that Reid told him that they had gotten themselves and himself in a hell of a hole, and told him to go to the guardhouse and pretend to be asleep, which he did.

POWELL DENIES COMPLICITY IN THE BROWNSVILLE RAID.

"I see" played the part of a fool nigger. I was talkin' through my hat." This was the explanation made by James Powell janitor at the Atlanta Dental College, when asked yesterday about his boasts that he helped to shoot up the town of Brownsville, Texas, on August 13th and 14th, 1906. Powell insists that he was only making up a wild story to impress a Negro from the north. He admits having talked with William Lawson and James Brown, and later with W. G. Baldwin, but affirms that what he told them had no other foundation than his own imagination. He has been in the army and was discharged about six years ago. For the past three or four years he has been working for Dr. William Crenshaw, of the Atlanta Dental College. Dr. Crenshaw was formerly in the confederate army. He was very much incensed over the fanciful story told by his Negro janitor, and particularly over a letter written by Powell to Boyd Conyers, of Monroe, Ga. "Of course there is no foundation

for the boy's statement that he had a hand in the raid. He has been working for me for three or four years. He was formerly in the army, but was right here during the summer of 1906. I gave him a severe lecture for having been such a fool. While I would gladly surrender him up for punishment if I thought him guilty of such a thing, it is naturally impossible for him to be involved because he was right here at the time."

POWELL IS PENITENT.

Powell was very penitent when asked about the stories he had told Lawson. He said his wish to impress "a nigger from up the country" had gotten the better of him. It had led him to do a lot of talking in which there was much fancy and no facts. He was eager to know if there was any danger of his being prosecuted for what he had done, and was unsparing in denunciation of himself.

While the detectives of the war departments were working in Georgia during the past summer, they attempted to extract the truth from Powell by means of a decoy letter presumably from Boyd Conyers. In reply to this letter Powell wrote: "Atlanta, Ga., 304 Fort Street, August 13, 1908.—Dear Friend: I received your letter to-day and was truly glad to hear from you it found me well and truly hope when these few lines reach you it will find you the same. I was just thanking about you when I got your letter from John Brown went to Philadelphia a bought three weeks ago. I have heard of the rest of the boys except John Jones he was throw here and went to Chicago I will meet the lawyer when he come. You ask me about the opportunity to meet that Entertainment I have should start I will be with them. When are you coming to Atlanta, Bud die I will take you for my leader because I don't no where any rest of the boys. You must excuse had writing from soon and let me hear from you from your friend, JAMES POWELL."

Powell was visibly surprised when he asked about this letter. He had evidently not been confronted with it before. "I was only acting a fool," he said "I was givin that nigger a lot of kuff. I ain't got three guns and never had 'em in my whole life."

Powell declined to explain what kind of entertainment the "cracker" was. He plainly sought to avoid a discussion of the letter he had written.

STATEMENT OF BALDWIN.

The statement of W. G. Baldwin, written from Atlanta on September 11, 1908, is as follows: "Atlanta, Ga., September 11, 1908.—I went to Atlanta and found James Powell, whose home is 304 Fort Street and who works for Dr. William Crenshaw, at a dental college in Atlanta. I told this Negro that I represented a magazine of New York, and that we were anxious to get the facts of the Brownsville shooting. Before calling on Powell, I sent George W. Gray, who is in Company C, and whose parents live in Roanoke, and I believe is one of the most reliable Negroes I know in this country, to see Powell and find out what he had told Lawson and others. After a short interview Gray came back to the hotel and stated that Powell was lying; that he had tripped him up in a number of his statements; and that he was satisfied that he had never been in Brownsville or knew anything about the case.

"My calling on Powell a few minutes afterwards evidently excited him and when I began to ask him about the Brownsville case he told me that he knew absolutely nothing about it and that he was not at Brownsville, but had formerly belonged to the Tenth Cavalry and had been discharged at San Francisco about six years ago. Then he confronted him with the letter he had written Boyd Conyers on August 13, and asked him what he meant by this. His explanation was very unsatisfactory and he admitted to the authorship of the letter, but said that he had formerly known Conyers was the reason for his reply to Conyers' letter written to him about August 10. He denied Company B, Atlanta for Philadelphia ago. Brown is still in Philadelphia. I called on Dr. Crenshaw, who told me that he knew that this Negro, James Powell had not been out of Atlanta for three years, except on this trip to Philadelphia.

NOT IN TENTH CAVALRY.

Powell admits serving in the army but states that he was in the Forty-eighth regiment in the Spanish-American war, and was discharged five or six years ago. He said when he enlisted in Atlanta he went to Fort Thomas, Kentucky, and from there to St. Louis, where he was discharged. He denied having ever been in San Francisco, or having served in the Tenth Cavalry.

GEORGIA BLACKS IN THE COILS OF THE GOVERNMENT.

Five Negroes now living in Georgia are charged in evidence submitted to Senator Roosevelt to the Senate to-day with having been conspicuously involved in the shooting up of Brownsville, Texas on August 13 and 14, 1906. Boyd Conyers, of Monroe, Ga., and John Holloman, now living quietly in Macon, Ga., are accused by special investigators of the war department with having been ringleaders in the riot. Senator Joseph Benson Foraker, of Ohio, a member of the senate committee on military affairs, which investigated the affray and who defended the Negroes in committee

and on the floor of the senate is charged with having encouraged discharged Negro soldiers to adhere to false testimony given before the committee.

ATLANTA NEGRO FIGURES.

An Atlanta Negro, James Powell, employed by Dr. William Crenshaw at the Atlanta Dental College, figures in the testimony in a ludicrous way. Powell, in a vainglorious and boastful way, told a detective of the war department that he was one of the rioters. It appears that he was in Atlanta all the while. Dr. Crenshaw states that the Negro was working at the Atlanta Dental College at the time and had no connection whatever with the affray.

Powell himself, when seen yesterday, made a humble confession, and stated that he had only been romancing. "I tell you, honess", white folks," he said when questioned by a Constitution reporter, "I was jes' talkin' through my hat. You know how a fool nigger will do sometimes. I ain't never had nothin' to do with no member of them troops, and was right here in Atlanta when it all happened. Dr. Crenshaw will tell you that himself. I did tell that big nigger up norf that I was one of 'em, but he put up a lot of big talk to me an' I jes' let myself out a little bit."

PRESIDENT BELIEVES ALL GUILTY.

President Roosevelt in his message to the senate, declares that all the members in Companies B, C and D were more or less guilty. He declares all the members of B troop must have been actively concerned in the shooting affray, and that the members of the two other companies were guilty of complicity and of concealing the facts.

He recommends that the secretary of war, within a year, be authorized to reinstate such of the members of the discharged battalion as will tell the truth and assist in fixing the blame upon those actually guilty of firing the shots. The president seeks to divide the "less guilty from those whose guilt was heinous."

NEGROES SHIELD EACH OTHER.

That many Negroes throughout the country now know those guilty of participation in the Brownsville affray and are shielding members of their own race is the charge made by Herbert J. Brown and Captain W. G. Baldwin, who conducted the investigation.

Boyd Conyers charges in his statement that John Holloman, of Macon, Ga., was the ringleader. He also mentions John Brown of Atlanta; Carolina de Sanssore, of Savannah and others, according to Lawson and Brown.

A letter written by Senator Foraker to Conyers is included in the testimony. In this letter Senator Foraker assures Conyers of his belief that Conyers' testimony was the truth.

TEXT OF PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Washington, December 14.—The following special message bearing upon the Brownsville, Texas affray was today sent to the senate by President Roosevelt:

"To the Senate: I enclose herewith a letter from the Secretary of War transmitting a report of the investigation made by Mr. Herbert J. Brown employed by the department in connection with Captain W. G. Baldwin to investigate as far as possible what happened at Brownsville on the 13th and 14th of August, 1906. The report and documents contain some information of great value and some statements that are obviously worthless, but I submit them in their entirety. This report enables us to fix with tolerable definiteness at least some of the criminals who took the lead in the murderous shooting of private citizens at Brownsville. It establishes clearly the fact that the colored soldiers did the shooting; but upon this point further record was unnecessary, as the fact that the colored soldiers did the shooting has already been established beyond all possibility of doubt. The investigation has not gone far enough to enable us to determine all the facts, and we will proceed with it; but it is gone far enough to determine with sufficient accuracy certain facts of enough importance to make it advisable that I place the report before you.

ALL MEMBERS GUILTY.

"It appears that almost all the members of Company B must have been actively concerned in the shooting, either to the extent of being participants or to the extent of virtually encouraging those who were participants. As to Companies C and D, there can be no question that practically every man in them must have had knowledge that the shooting was done by some of the soldiers of B troop, and possibly by one or two others in one of the other troops. This concealment was itself a grave offense, which was greatly aggravated by their testifying before the senate committee that they were ignorant of what they must have known. Nevertheless, it is to be said in partial mitigation that they were probably cowed by threats, made by the more desperate of the men who had actually been engaged in the shooting, as to what would happen to any man who failed to protect the wrongdoers. Moreover, there are circumstances tending to show that these misguided men were encouraged by outsiders to persist in their course of concealment and denial.

SLAM AT FORAKER.

"I feel, therefore, that the guilt of the men, who, after the event thus shielded the perpetrators of the wrong by refusing to tell the truth about them, though serious, was in part due to the unwise and improper attitude of others, and that some measure of allowance should be made for the misconduct. In other words, I believe we can afford to reinstate any of these men who now truthfully tell what has happened, give all the aid they can to fix the responsibility upon those who are really guilty, and show that they themselves had no guilty knowledge beforehand and were in no way im-

pllicated in the affair, save by having knowledge of it afterwards, and failing and refusing to divulge it.

"Under the circumstances, and in view of the length of time they have been out of the service, and their loss of the benefit that would have accrued to them by continuous long-term service, we can afford to treat the men who meet the requirements given above as having been sufficiently punished by the consequences they brought upon themselves when they rendered necessary the exercise of the disciplinary power.

"I recommend that a law be passed allowing the Secretary of War, within a fixed period of time, say a year, to reinstate any of these soldiers whom he, after careful examination finds to have been innocent and whom he finds to have done all in his power to help bring to justice the guilty.

"Meanwhile the investigation will be continued. The results have made it obvious that only by carrying on the investigation as the war department has actually carried it on is there the slightest chance of bringing the offenders to justice or of separating not the innocent from there were doubtless hardly any innocent, but the less guilty from those whose guilt was heinous.

"THEODORE ROOSEVELT. "The White House, December 14, 1908."

TO TAKE OFF A TIGHT RING.

When a ring has become too tight for the finger, as it often happens among growing children, instead of using the old method of filing, take a piece of common twine, insert one end under ring towards the hand, the other end wind closely around the finger until over the joint. Now proceed to wind with the end back of the ring, and if done correctly the tightest ring will come off easily.

SOME MEN.

Men are unappreciative of efforts of their wives to look beautiful. During the recent absence of an Atchison man his wife put up her hair in curl papers every night, and washed her hair in a new kind of tea woman have discovered. She supposed that when her husband returned home he would remark her improved appearance. But he didn't! And his wife is still pouting.—Atchison Globe.

CLAIMS RECORD TRIP.

Clara A. Grace, an employe of a London business firm, claims to have made a record trip from London to New York and return. She was pledged to be back in the English city on a certain day to release her colleagues for vacation. She made the round trip in 15 days. She transacted some important business in New York, remaining in the city only 25 minutes.

TO SHUT OUT NOISE.

To shut out the various small noises which so annoy and distract one engaged in study or other work demanding concentration, try the Fourth of July "stunt" of stuffing the ears with cotton. This is far more effective than stopping the clocks and exiling the family.

TEXTS FROM BR'ER WILLIAMS.

"Talkin' 'bout tribulations," said Brother Williams, "when he comes ter my house I makes him welcome—in dis way: I sez fer 'im, I does: 'Here you is, an' dar you is; take all de house ter yo'se! An' den I takes ter de woods!'"—Atlanta Constitution.

A FORTUNE.

There is a fortune in it for the man or woman who can invent a woman's hat that can be worn so that every time she tries it on she won't have to say: "Of course it doesn't look well just now. My hair isn't dressed the way it should be for this hat."

CAPABLE OF INTENSE HEAT.

The electric furnace is capable of attaining a heat of 2,900 degrees. This is a fearful temperature and will melt almost everything solid known to man. In comparison with this heat, a red-hot iron bar would be called cold.

NORWEGIAN INDUSTRIES.

Notwithstanding the great reputation of Norway for fishing, only about 64 per cent of the population of that country live by the fisheries. Nearly one-half are supported by agriculture and the forests.

REAL SECRET OF SUCCESS.

"Some say 'push' is the secret of success," says the Philosopher of Folly, "and some say 'pull'." But you've got to get beneath the surface. The secret is 'die'."

PAY HIGH RENT FOR SALOONS.

Of all the high rents paid in New York city the highest are paid by saloons, which are taxed about double what could be got from any other business for the same premises.

ONE WAY TO ATTAIN PROMINENCE.

"Another way to get your name in the papers," says the Philosopher of Folly, "is to send a telegram of condolence whenever some famous man dies."

RATHER.

Seven-year-old Elsie ran up to her mother saying: "Mamma, Gertrude just said, 'I ain't neither.' That's pretty poor geography, isn't it?"—Puck.

STILL SEEKS THE LIGHT.

It is well to fly towards the light, even where there may be some fluttering and bruising of wings against the window panes.—Mrs. Browning.

PHILOSOPHIC VIEW OF DEATH.

All that nature has prescribed for us must be good; and as death is natural for us, it is absurd to fear it.—Steele.

CABBY AND HIS FARE.

Cabby is the same the world over. When you come to pay, you are soon convinced.—Travel Magazine.

HARD TASK FOR SOME.

Considering what bad features some individuals have, it is not surprising that they cannot keep their faces straight.

TABLE OF PRINCIPAL ALLOYS.

- A combination of tin and lead makes pewter.
A combination of tin and lead makes solder.
A combination of tin and copper makes gun metal.
A combination of lead and antimony makes type metal.
A combination of copper and zinc makes Dutch gold.
A combination of tin and copper makes cannon metal.
A combination of gold and copper makes standard gold.
A combination of copper and zinc makes mosaic gold.
A combination of silver and copper makes standard silver.
A combination of lead and a little arsenic makes sheet metal.
A combination of copper and arsenic makes white copper.
A combination of gold, copper and silver makes old standard gold.
A combination of tin, antimony, copper and bismuth makes britannia metal.
A combination of tin and copper makes bronze metal, with a preponderance of copper.
A combination of copper and zinc makes bell metal, a variety of bronze of which bells are made.
A combination of copper, nickel and zinc, with sometimes a little iron and tin, makes German silver.

RAM'S HORN PHILOSOPHY.

Nobody has ever done any better than we may do.
When you nail your flag to the mast do it with nails that clinch.
It is a bad thing for a boy to be the son of a man who has no backbone.
It is about as necessary to have an aim in life as it is in shooting squirrels.
Many a man is kept out in the cold because he can't learn to rub the fur the right way.
Knowledge is power only to those who know how to put on the harness and hitch it up.
The same note from a pipe organ means a good deal more than it does from a tin whistle.
The Christian should remember that every good lick he strikes is helping to bring the millennium nearer.
If a sin couldn't make itself look as though it had just stepped out of paradise the road to destruction wouldn't be so crowded.

REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR GIRL.

Nobody can be all things to all men; but a married woman is expected to be all things, from a cook to a houri, to one man.
Trying to attract a man without appealing to his vanity is about as effective as halting a street car on the wrong corner.
After a man has had the same engagement ring returned by two or three girls he begins to look upon it as a talisman.
Consider the show girls, how they dress; they toll not, neither do they spin, yet Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.
Husbands are almost as rare nowadays as solid mahogany, and they have to be watched just as carefully owing to the prevalence of affluities.

WIT AND WISDOM.

One learns by suffering.—Latin.
A bitter heart makes a strong arm.—German.
One takes the odor of one's company.—Chinese.
No one is a fool always; everyone sometimes.—Latin.
Crosses are the ladders that reach to heaven.—French.
No wind ever blew that did not fill some sail.—Spanish.
Paradise is for those who command their anger.—Koran.
Do what you know and you will know what you do.—French.

MIGHT ORGANIZE A SOCIETY.

We have in this country the material for a strong organization to be composed exclusively of the grandfathers of future dukes.

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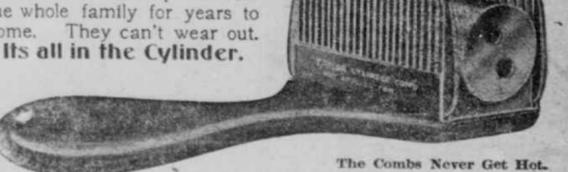
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DO YOU KNOW HER?

Page, W. Va., Dec. 16, '08. My daughter, Sadie White left her home at Staunton, Va. July 1902 for Braddock, Pa. Her mother's name is Mrs. Maggie White, father's Wash White, dead. No brothers. Uncle's name Nelson Crawford living in Nelson Co., Va. Any one knowing her will please notify her dear mother, MAGGIE WHITE, Page, W. Va.

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