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SHOT DOWN LIKE A DOG

What Started the Trouble at Jessup Christmas Day.

The Cold-Blooded Murder of a White Officer by a Negro Desperado—The Negro and His Friends Take Refuge in a Swamp.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 26.—The trouble at Jessup yesterday began at 10 a. m., when Chief Marshal Leggett and assistants attempted to arrest Bob Brewer, a notorious negro outlaw and fugitive. Brewer raised his gun and deliberately shot and killed Assistant Marshal Barnhill. The chief marshal then fired at Brewer, but missed him. Brewer returned the fire and shot Leggett through both legs. Brewer and his crowd of 10 or 12 men then fled to McMillan swamp. The negroes were followed into the swamp by several citizens. Among them were William Wood, a carpenter, and his son. The negroes dashed into the swamp and when young Wood ran in behind him Brewer rose up and shot him through the head, killing him instantly. He shot Wood's father in the face. Accomplishing this much, the negroes ran further into the swamp and escaped.

The news of the death of young Wood and the serious wounding of his father spread like wild fire over the town. Confusion reigned for a time and Jessup seemed to be in the hands of a violent mob. Mayor Hopps called a meeting and hasty arrangements were made to protect the town. Seventy-five armed men were gathered in a few minutes and followed Brewer and party a distance of four or five miles. The negroes over four hundred acres, and Brewer is so familiar with his hiding places that efforts of the posse to locate him are regarded as in vain. The strength of the posse was soon increased by twenty-five armed men and a picket line formed.

Brewer had threatened the life of Assistant Marshal Barnhill, since the officer killed one of Brewer's pals a few weeks ago while attempting to arrest a colored man for gambling. Yesterday Brewer took advantage of the opportunity when the assistant officer came unarmed to assist Chief Marshal Leggett, who was making an arrest. Brewer seemed to forget for the moment that anybody was trying to capture him, and shot Barnhill down as he would a dog.

Marshal Leggett, who is badly wounded in both legs, was seen about the affair last night. He said when he went up to arrest Brewer he knew he had a bad man to fool with. He wanted a force large enough to take the desperado. "When I got near the swamp," he said, "I saw Barnhill. He saw who I was, he left two of my posse, who were talking with him, and came toward me. I heard him say 'That is the reason I want to see you.' I saw Reddish. He kept coming, and I threw my gun to my face and told him to stop. He looked at me sullenly and put his gun in his shoulder and started back. He thought I would return to town and get assistance. When I met an old man named Rayford and several others, all of whom had guns, I turned round to see what they were going to do and saw Rayford exchange a 38 caliber Winchester for a 32 caliber, and make threats and curse the white people. I knew we were in for it, so I walked over and saw Rayford. I saw Brewer drop his gun to his shoulder and fire. I looked around and saw my assistant fall to the ground. I then returned the fire, shooting at Brewer. He then wounded me at the first fire. I discharged both barrels of my gun and I knew I was done. I jumped down an embankment and ran. Reddish stood and Brewer approached me saying, 'D— you, I have a great mind to kill you.' "He struck him and took his gun from him."

The news reached the authorities that J. H. Ryan was the instigator of the affair, and a posse was sent to his house to arrest him but Ryan had escaped. It is said that Ryan was being held at Jessup, driving away the guards. In a few minutes the doors were battered down and four men went inside and shot and killed Peter Johnson and Bill Hopps. The former was a man who had been wounded and captured in the fight. The militia was stationed about half a mile from the jail, but by the time a detachment arrived there everything was quiet and all there was to indicate what had happened were the bodies of the dead negroes.

The Georgia Hussars returned to this city this afternoon. The Brunswick company was retained on duty by the mayor. The returned soldiers reported the trouble over. Their presence was only required to quiet the excitement and the Jessup men who remained. Their kitchens and out-houses were filled with colored people of the town who sought the protection of their arms and bayonets. A special from Jessup dated 6 p. m. says Mayor Hobbs has called a public meeting to take steps to defend the town to night. It is believed that Brewer will be captured with a large force of citizens are organizing and arming to aid the Brunswick rifles in case of an outbreak. A special train was run out to the brick-works where Brewer was reported to have been seen and a detachment of armed men sent out as scouts. Mayor Hobbs is in receipt of a telegram from England stating that the British warship man who is supposed to have lured the trouble is in that city, but the mayor will not take steps to have Ryan brought back here. There is a great excitement throughout the country around Jessup, but affairs will doubtless quiet down in a few days. It is a region of turpentine distilleries and saw mills. Thousands of negroes are employed and the Jessup trouble is apt to disorganize labor for some time to come.

Many negroes are quitting their homes and moving to other towns on the line of

the railroad. A large number of them were taken from their homes by white men this morning and severely whipped, some of them being women of loose morals.

Reliable information is that ten people have been killed at Jessup. A special to the News says everything is quiet there and that a company of citizens has been organized to guard the town. The coroner held an inquest this afternoon and the jury returned a verdict charging negroes Brewer and Rayford with murdering Marshal Barnhill and young Wood, and to the killing of the negroes in the jail, the jury returned a verdict of death by parties unknown.

OUTLAWS FROM NO MAN'S LAND.

Twenty Horses Driven Off by Them—Citizens in Pursuit.
WICHITA, Kan., Dec. 26.—Word comes from Stevens county that a score or more of horses were stolen last night by a gang of men who came up from No Man's Land early in the week. They wanted only the best horses, for they left behind many mediocre animals that were directly in their line of march. The citizens are out in squads, and as they have suffered much from the depredations they are liable to mete out prompt punishment to any questionable character they may chance to come across. Judge Brewer's recent decision as to the jurisdiction of the Paris, (Tex.) court over No Man's land is causing an exodus of the desperadoes from that home of outlaws. Many of them are going into Oklahoma, and so held have been their outrages that some of the smaller places have asked for military protection. At Norman yesterday in broad daylight two toughs who said they were from the neutral strip entered a grocery store, helped themselves to what they wanted, and then proceeded to a place named Thornton, asked payment one of them shot him through the arm. Oklahoma had a similar case the day before, and such occurrences are becoming too prevalent for the comfort of peaceable citizens.

FOUR WILD GIRLS

Whose Franks Turn a Staid Town Upside Down.

SALEM, Mass., Dec. 26.—Four girls, whose fathers are among Salem's solid men, recently banded themselves together as the "Girls Inviting the League." It was after the style of "follow the leader," in that each girl pledged herself to do just what the leader did. Then followed a series of mischievous escapades that set the staid old town agog because of the mystery which surrounded them. First a flag was shot from the tower of the tabernacle church; then the organ of the North church was nearly ruined by tampering with the water motor, and the ceiling was cracked; finally in several of the churches information found the names of the four girls written. There is also the date on which it was evident the quartette had visited the church. The women made a full confession and an ample apology from the parents followed. The "League" came out. They had decided to climb every church tower in Salem, but their mad career has been checked.

Three Children Burned to Death.

OMAHA, Dec. 26.—Three children of Mrs. Lena Schip were burned to death in a cottage at 221 Pierce street this morning. One was a boy of 7, another a girl of 4 and the third a baby boy six months old. The woman's husband found her eight months ago and she has since been earning a living by taking in washing. This morning she started a kitchen fire, locked the door and went out to get some clothes. During her absence the fire broke out and the children were burned to death in the presence of a hundred people, who were powerless to save them.

Murdered by His Wife.

NIAGARA FALLS, Dec. 26.—Alexander Williams, a Tuscarora Indian, and brother of Grand Sachem Thomas Williams, was found murdered in his house on the Indian reservation yesterday. A blood-stained iron belt was found with which he had been hit. Williams' wife is suspected of having committed the deed. The whereabouts of an Indian named Chew are also being inquired into.

Want Their Civil Rights.

BOMBAY, Dec. 26.—Two thousand delegates attended the first meeting of the national congress. Sir William Wedderburn, president of the congress, condemned the Indian bureaucracy and claimed for the people of India the right of self-government as the people of England possess over theirs.

Trouble With Dakota Indians.

BISMARCK, Dec. 26.—Reliable parties from Fort Sully state that there is trouble with the Indians at that place. The Indians are not satisfied with the treaty opening the reservation and claim they are not promised sufficient remuneration for their homes. The Indians have killed several settlers near the fort.

Harrison Goes Duck Hunting.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—The president left Washington this afternoon on a duck hunting expedition to the lower Potomac and expects to be away until Saturday. He was accompanied by Mr. Bateman, Senators Edmunds and Hawley, Justice Gray of the supreme court and J. V. Thompson.

Heavy Storm at Bradford.

BRADFORD, Dec. 26.—A terrific gale prevailed all day and thousands of oil derricks in this region were blown down. Bradford several houses were badly damaged and many people had narrow escapes from serious injury. The pecuniary losses are considerable.

Jolly Tars Have Caught It.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—The United States steamer Enterprise arrived at Gibraltar. She had several cases of influenza on board and was quarantined. She did not wait to enter, but proceeded westward.

Earthquake in Sicily.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—The town of Acireale in Sicily was shaken by an earthquake yesterday. Several houses collapsed and many persons were buried in the ruins.

Death of Mother Aloysia.

GREENSBURG, Pa., Dec. 26.—Mother Aloysia, for many years mother superior of the Sisters of Charity, died at St. Joseph academy here today.

LOOKS BIG ON PAPER

A Great Scheme for Railways in the Wilds of South America.

A Southern Gentleman Who is Said to be at the Head of the Gigantic Enterprise—Features of the Great Scheme.

WHEELING, W. Va., Dec. 26.—In view of its great importance as growing out of the feeling that inspired the Pan-American congress and its gigantic proportions as a railway enterprise, the recently incorporated Columbia Railway & Navigation company at Richmond, West Virginia, is likely to prove a sensation in commercial circles. The following explanation of the plan as gained from parties directly interested will appear in to-morrow's *Wheeling Intelligence*: The purpose of the company is to construct railroads in South America, steamship lines connecting these railroads with points in the United States, and incidentally everything necessary to properly carry on such business. The company's capital is \$100,000,000, and Captain Parsons of Virginia is at the head of it. Briefly the aims of the Columbia Railway & Navigation company are as follows: To construct a line of railroad from some point near the mouth of the Magdalena river in the United States of Columbia southwardly along the eastern flank of the Andes to the southern point of Florida and to New Orleans, from whence will extend railroad connections to all points of the country. The vastness of the enterprise is evident. It is thus apparent. The continent is probably the richest in mineral and other resources of all the continents in the world to be opened up for the purposes of commerce, immigration and civilization. Its products and commerce will be brought into easy communication with the rest of the world, and all the direct and indirect benefits will accrue to the United States.

Captain H. C. Parsons, whose home is now at Natural Bridge, Va., is the originator and controlling spirit of the enterprise. It is by no means the first difficult and hazardous undertaking in the railroad line he has been engaged in, though others were as nothing when compared with this. For 15 years Captain Parsons has given the subject of a north and south line of railroad in South America his attention. He has traveled and investigated, examined surveys, and collected information of all kinds until he has demonstrated the feasibility of his great project and at last brought it to a point of realization. The necessary organization and incorporation have been selected and will shortly be named in all the United States, and the organization completed by the election of officers, etc. Subscription books will be opened and the practical work of making surveys and resurveying land begun at once. The only part of the proposed route which is unknown and unexplored is between the sources of the Magdalena and Yama rivers, which means the Cordilleras of the Ecuador. Here a mountain chain must be crossed in order to pass from the valley of one river to that of another, and in addition the traveler will have to cross a wide range of hills which have hitherto resisted attempts to explore their country. The northern terminus as now proposed will be Fort Cartagena, on the Caribbean sea. During the past few years the narrow gauge railroads, perhaps the richest agricultural region in the world, will skirt the largest gold and silver mines and penetrate far into the heart of the southern terminus a junction will be afforded with two Peruvian lines of railway and the railroad for Buenos Ayres on the Atlantic, which for 400 miles will be carried to Alta, on the head water of La Plata river. Thus different outlets to the ocean will be secured for products at present inaccessible. At Cuzco and Cerroponso in the Cordilleras of the Cordilleras, the gold and silver mining region which has been popularly reputed to be enormously wealthy in minerals and which some of the old church writers claim was really the Ophir of King Solomon.

Development of Peru in the past has been exceedingly slow and at great cost. Its 1,300 miles of railroads have cost the state almost \$150,000 per mile, the most costly in the world. Notwithstanding this constructed portions of these lines have already been largely paid for by royalty on guano beds. What would be the result of the rapid and complete development of such resources as it contains can be better imagined than described. Almost as much may be said for any one of the states through which the proposed road is to pass. In conversation with an Associated Press correspondent Superintendent Parsons dwelt at length upon the element of uncertainty which must enter into the problem on account of the unknown region in crossing the Cordilleras. Whether man can do what never yet has been done is a question which the company engineers will have to solve in the near future. It must be clear, said Captain Parsons, to the casual student of matters involved that this or some similar one is the only practical solution of the problem which can be carried in competition with those of Europe to the heart of South America. It offers the only possible means of competing in time with trans-Atlantic steamers. By this means the traveler will be able to make the distance from Lima, the capital of Peru, to New York in nine days. At Lima he will be but 30 hours by steamer for Valparaiso, a New York but seven days from Liverpool, and so from Chili to England in 17 days. If it be true that the United States with its pan-American connections and its great shipping its chief market in South America, it would appear that she can best find that not at Rio Janeiro, not at Buenos Ayres, not upon the coast fronting England, but upon the narrow and plains of the upper Pacific coast, but by piercing the center of the nut at once—extract the kernel whole.

The Printers Trouble in Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 26.—The printers today considered the refusal of the proprietors of local papers to grant an advance in the price of type setting and referred the matter to the executive committee of the International union for action.

OFF ON A PLEASURE TRIP.

Members of the North Dakota Legislature on a Western Visit.

BISMARCK, Dec. 26.—The excursion of members of the legislature to the Pacific coast got away yesterday. The party will be absent about two weeks. They will take in Tacoma, Seattle, Olympia, and Portland, as extremes, and Helena and Spokane Falls as intermediate points. A similar excursion last year to Helena was burdened with some outsiders, but this one is comparatively free of "friends." Attorney General Goodwin holds that all persons engaged in the sale of intoxicating liquors are doing so in violation of the law and are liable to arrest and punishment therefor, and have been since the admission of the state to the union. All licenses and license laws in force after the adoption of the constitution, being repugnant to the prohibitory articles became ipso facto null and void, and since that time there has been no authority in the state for the granting of license for the sale of intoxicating liquors. All persons since the adoption of the constitution and proclamation of the president having made any sale of intoxicating liquors are liable hereafter to arrest and arrest and sentence.

Governor Mellette says South Dakota will be obliged to close up some of her indebtedness, receipts of the state will fall so far short of expenses that there is apparently no other alternative. In North Dakota Governor Miller, in his message to the legislature, estimated the deficiencies for the first year at nearly \$156,000, and called attention to the imperative need and the importance of the strictest economy in all departments of the state. Subsequent developments show that the governor underestimated the deficiencies and the outlook is little better than bankruptcy if his advice is not followed.

FOUND A FORTUNE.

What Was Disclosed by a Broken Looking-Glass.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Charles Roll of Newark, accidentally broke an old mirror four weeks ago. It had been given to him years ago by his grandfather. The glass shattered to atoms, and an old aged yellowed piece of parchment was disclosed to view for the first time in a century and more, as was proved by the nature of the document. For seventy-five years Roll and his relatives have been endeavoring to gain additional evidence with which they could lay claim to a wide stretch of land in the Mohawk valley along the banks of the Mohawk river. Roll knew perfectly well that his Holland Dutch ancestor, Jacob Roll, had owned a large tract of land in the Mohawk valley, but abandoned during the French and Indian wars, but he never found any papers by which he could find the position of the land. The document which dropped from the mirror was a deed of 1724, which was an important missing proof that the heirs of Jacob Roll, of whom there are 150, have long been seeking. Having found it they will press their claim to the property near Schenectady, N. Y., valued at \$6,000,000. The piece of parchment was a deed for an Indian to Roll, giving Roll a clear title to the Mohawk valley, beginning in length along the Mohawk river, beginning in the city of Schenectady and running back from the river nine miles. The whole tract of land which had been abandoned once, is believed to be included in the Indian deed, as are also valuable properties of the New York Central railroad.

Shot a Midnight Frowler.

SALT LAKE, Dec. 26.—Near Brigham early this morning F. C. Garland was awakened by a man trying to get in the house. The intruder refused to go away when ordered and Garland shot and killed him. He proved to be a man named Adolphus. During the night his wife had been absent several times by a party of Finlanders, and once they broke in the door and compelled her to flee to a neighbor.

Panic in a Pittsburgh Museum.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 26.—Fire under the Casino Museum to-night caused quite a panic among the 400 people upstairs. Several persons rushed in the rush to get out of the building.

Sudden Death at Seattle.

SEATTLE, Dec. 26.—Robert J. Stevens, United States consul at Victoria, died suddenly today of a pleurisy at the residence of his son-in-law, Capt. J. A. Hatfield of this city.

Brutal Murder in Georgia.

MACON, Dec. 26.—The report of a riot at Bathurst is erroneous. It arose from the unprovoked murder of a negro of excellent character, by four drunken white men.

The Epidemic in Germany.

BERLIN, Dec. 26.—The epidemic is decreasing here but spreading at Bremen. At Darmstadt it is very severe, and at Vienna many cases among children are followed by measles.

English Ironclads at Lisbon.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—Four ironclads have left Malta under orders to proceed to Lisbon to be present at the ceremony of the proclamation of King Charles I.

Ten Thousand Miners Strike.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 26.—The strike of coal miners in the Charleroi district is spreading. The strikers now number 10,400.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 26.—A general strike in the coal mines was inaugurated in Belgium.
LONDON, Dec. 26.—Max O'Rell sailed for America on the steamship Celtic yesterday.
LONDON, Dec. 26.—Boulanger denies that he has been engaged to deliver lectures in the United States.
LONDON, Dec. 26.—Influenza prevails to an alarming extent among the soldiers in the garrisons here. The king of Portugal is suffering from influenza.
SIDNEY, N. S. W., Dec. 26.—A fire yesterday destroyed the wharves of the New Zealand Steamship company, together with a large quantity of stored goods.
LONDON, Dec. 26.—The reported dispute between England and Portugal regarding African possessions will be submitted to Duke Ernest of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha for arbitration.
GALVESTON, Texas, Dec. 26.—All the parties arrested and brought here from Fort Bend, under indictments for conspiracy, have been released on bonds, except three, who are charged with murder.
ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 26.—The czar has suffered severely from the prevailing epidemic, influenza. Yesterday he was obliged to attend the Christmas church services. He was compelled to omit the Christmas review parade of the guards.

CHRISTMAS DAY CRIMES

The Record of What Should Have Been the Happiest Day of the Year.

An Attempt Made to Assassinate Bob Ford, the Slayer of Jesse James, at Kansas City—Other Crimes in Various Cities.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 26.—A bold attempt was made yesterday morning to assassinate Bob Ford, noted as the slayer of Jesse James. Ford, accompanied by a friend, entered Corral's gambling house in Kansas City, just across the dividing state line and sat down at a faro table. His entrance caused some comment among the players at his table and the fact that the noted Bob Ford was in the house soon circulated throughout the room. What occurred there may be told in Ford's own words. "One man," said he, "made himself particularly obnoxious to me. He referred in an insulting manner to the Jesse James affair, but I took no notice of him whatever. He continued his abuse of me all evening, and I continued to take no notice of him. Early yesterday morning after I had been sitting at the table all night I felt cramped and uncomfortable and I went back to my chair to stretch. As I did so I threw my head back, and at that instant my abuser drew a knife from his pocket, held my head back and was about to draw the knife across my throat when my friend warded off the blow. The knife cut through my collar and grazed my neck, inflicting a slight wound. I was unarmed or I could have shot him. As my friend took to his heels and escaped. Ford's story is confirmed by four others and the proprietor of the house. The would-be assassin is known among gamblers as "FAX," a bartender.

Fight at a Christmas Tree.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—A dispatch from Shawneetown, Ill., says a free fight took place at a Christmas tree celebration in Eagle Creek precinct Monday night in which Thomas Burroughs, a prominent farmer, was dangerously stabbed and several other persons received quite serious injuries. The fight arose from an error in distributing the presents, which had been labeled, taken to the church and hung upon the tree. Some of the boys dropped off and were replaced haphazard. When the distribution commenced one of the farmers claimed a present awarded to another child was bought by himself for his boy, and grabbed it away from the child. Some of the young men present picked a quarrel with the farmer and a fight ensued.

A Christmas Wedding Postponed.

TUSCULOA, Ill., Dec. 26.—Arthur Craig of Indianapolis, came to Newman near here Tuesday night to wed Miss Hattie Sutton. Her father, John Sutton, opposed the match and confronted Craig with a revolver. In a scuffle the trigger was pulled the trigger, but the weapon missed fire. Craig then shot him dead. The coroner's jury exonerated him and he has returned to Indianapolis. Further trouble between the two families is believed to be included in the Indian deed, as are also valuable properties of the New York Central railroad.

Two Murders at Memphis.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 26.—The observation of Christmas day was accompanied by two horrible murders. Yesterday morning the dead body of a negro named Hawkins was found with a bullet wound in the head. There is no clue to the murderer.

Result of a Christmas Drunk.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 26.—A special to the Sentinel from Stiensville, Ind., says George Easton, son of a hotel keeper, and John Douglas, a barber, indulged in a Christmas drunk and were ordered out of George Bushkirk's saloon. Bushkirk locked the door and ordered them not to re-enter. They tried to kick in the door, when Bushkirk fired at them with both barrels of a shotgun, fatally wounding both.

Christmas in Indian Territory.

TALLEQUAR, I. T., Dec. 26.—Christmas was celebrated here with several shooting scrapes. The most serious one occurred at the Williams hotel. David Williams was shot and killed. Arrests were made. During the Christmas night the afternoon Moses Critchfield was shot and seriously injured. A number of other fights occurred.

Killed at a Christmas Party.

LEABANNON, Mo., Dec. 26.—James Carter, 11 years of age, was killed at a Christmas party Tuesday night at Bank Branch by a man named Jennings. The party was given at the house of John Burns and James Carter and a number of other boys attended uninvited, and in the ensuing quarrel Carter was killed.

Horrible Murder at Omaha.

OMAHA, Dec. 26.—George Jones stabbed his brother-in-law, James Tracey, eleven times yesterday afternoon, inflicting eleven fatal wounds. Tracey's wife left him and was staying at her brother's house. Tracey attempted to strike Jones with a chair, when the latter stabbed him with a butcher knife.

Fatal Accident at Philipsburg.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 26.—While returning from a Christmas Eve dance this morning Miss Maggie Campbell and her escort, Benjamin Lovell of Wilkesbarre, Pa., were struck by an express on the Pennsylvania railroad, near this city, and both fatally injured.

A Hurricane at Buffalo.

BUFFALO, Dec. 26.—A hurricane prevailed around here this morning and it was feared at one time that the waves from Lake Erie would wash out a portion of the New York Central tracks. The spray was dashed against passenger trains. The wind has moderated to-night.

Influenza in the West.

DENVER, Dec. 26.—The Russian influenza has at last reached the Rocky Mountains. Three-fourths of the citizens of Denver are suffering from the plague. Reports from Cheyenne are to the effect that that city is similarly affected.