

MOB LAW IN INDIANA

FIVE MEN LYNCHED TO ONE TREE

Three of the Victims Were First Killed in the Jail, Then Dead and Living Were Strung Up Together—Accused of Many Misdemeanors.

VERMILION, Ind., Sept. 16.—For years the farmers of the county have been the victims of a lawless band. Farmers would come into town with a bunch of cattle or a load of farm products, and the next morning would be found along the roadside suffering from wounds and minus the proceeds of their sale. Old German farmers were visited, and both men and women subjected to tortures. Aged German women were forced to stand upon red hot stoves to compel them to disclose the hiding place of treasures. Arrests were made, but it was seldom that conviction followed.

During the past week robberies had increased alarmingly. On last Saturday word was received by the sheriff from one of the band that the store of Woolley Bros., at Corbett, Ind., ten miles from here, was to be entered, and the sheriff arranged that his informant should accompany them, and, with five deputies, went to the place. Sheriff Bushing concealed himself in the cellar, while his deputies were stationed at a convenient distance outside. Shortly after midnight the robbers reached the store, and Clifford Gordon and the sheriff's informant broke into the building.

Just as Gordon stepped inside the sheriff seized him. Both drew revolvers and began firing. Bert Ansons, another of the robbers, joined in the fusillade, while the deputies went to the assistance of the sheriff. Some thirty shots were fired, the sheriff was shot through the hand and Gordon was shot several times. Gordon and Ansons succeeded in escaping and came to Osgood, where they were arrested.

The robbers had driven out to the place in a buggy belonging to Lyle Levi, and from information subsequently gathered it was learned that the robbery had been planned at the home of William Jenkins. The two latter were arrested as accessories. All were taken to the jail at Versailles. Henry Schuller, 34 years, was put in jail for robbing the barber shop at Osgood last week. Levi was 57 years of age, Gordon 22, Ansons 30, Jenkins 27.

When it became known that the robbers were in jail it was quietly suggested by the farmers who had been robbed that "justice" be summarily dealt to the prisoners.

At 1 o'clock this morning horsemen from all quarters dismounted on a hillside near Versailles and about 400 men marched into the town. The jail was in charge of William Kennan, Sheriff Bushing's brother-in-law, the former being at home on account of his injury. In front of the jail is the residence proper, and there Kennan, Robert Barnett, William Block and Wissett, deputies, were sleeping.

Shortly before 2 o'clock there was a knock at the door, and when Kennan and the others opened it three masked men put revolvers to their heads and ordered them to turn over the keys. This they did and the mob filed into the jail. Levi, Jenkins and Shulter were upon the lower floor, while Gordon and Andrews were in the upper tier. Levi and Jenkins and Shulter showed fight and the former was shot through the breast, while the skulls of the two latter were crushed with stools.

Ropes were in readiness and the lynchers adjusted a noose around the neck of each and pinioned their feet and hands and then the march began. They were not carried, but, with several men at the end of each rope, were dragged 200 feet to an elm tree, where their bodies were suspended. It is said Levi, Jenkins and Shulter were dead before they reached the place. Death resulted from hanging in the cases of Gordon and Ansons.

None of the citizens seem to deplore the action of the mob, but upon the contrary the hanging of three or four more members of the gang is being talked of. No troops have been asked for; the citizens say that they are not wanted.

Western Postmasters.
WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—The appointments of a great number of presidential postmasters were announced yesterday. Among the appointments were: William P. Ewing at Emporia, Kan.; George M. Goodnight, at Cassville, Mo.; Charles A. Hamilton, at Kirksville, Mo.; Cassius M. Gilchrist, at Lathrop, Mo.; Frank Q. Swett, at Lebanon, Mo., and James A. McAnulty, at Nevada, Mo.

Leavenworth Pastor Hangs Himself.
LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Sept. 17.—Rev. John Emery, for twenty-five years pastor of the Sunflower Baptist church, which he founded, and for sixteen years janitor of the South Leavenworth colored school, committed suicide yesterday morning by hanging in the school house. Accusations of intimacy with a stepdaughter and a fight for his job by negroes drove him to suicide.

Missouri Drouth Broken.
SEDAVIA, Mo., Sept. 17.—Central Missouri was visited with a soaking rain yesterday, breaking the drouth of five weeks' duration, and putting to an end a torrid season of the same length during which the mercury ranged from 90 to 106 degrees.

An Eldorado Springs Hotel Burned.
ELDORADO SPRINGS, Mo., Sept. 17.—The Southern hotel and contents with the valuables of many guests were burned yesterday. The losses aggregate \$15,000 with \$5,000 insurance.

NO TRACE OF BODIES.

The Shaft at Galena Searched in Vain—Were the Corpses Decomposed?

GALENA, Kan., Sept. 18.—The bottom of the fifty foot shaft in which the bodies of two of the Staffeback victims were thought to be was reached last night, but no bodies were found. As soon as arrangements can be made, it is probable that another shaft will be searched, though lack of success in the first instance has rather discouraged the searchers.

The persistency with which Cora Staffeback clings to the story of the murder of the two girls and the throwing of their bodies into the shaft just cleaned out leads the officers to believe that her story is true. Cora stated at the commencement of the work that she had heard the Staffebacks talking about taking the bodies out as soon as they rose to the surface of the water, and they may have done so. There is another explanation, however, much more plausible. The water in the shaft is strongly alkaline, and the bodies may have been consumed by a slower but similar process to the one attributed to Luetgert of Chicago, who is said to have dissolved his wife's body in a tank of caustic solution.

MINERS GO TO WORK.

Between 15,000 and 18,000 Diggers in the Pittsburg District Again.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Sept. 17.—After nearly three months' idleness between 15,000 and 18,000 coal miners in the Pittsburg district returned to work yesterday in accordance with the action taken at Wednesday's convention authorizing the men to resume work in all mines complying with the provisions of the scale of 65 cents adopted at Columbus. The remainder of the 23,000 miners of the district will be at work before the close of the week. It is estimated that the strike, which lasted sixty-five working days, cost the people of the Pittsburg district from \$1,000,000 to \$7,000,000. Of this amount the miners lost about \$2,500,000 in wages.

The strike against the DeArms will continue indefinitely, arrangements having been made to assess the working miners 5 per cent of their wages to defray the expense of keeping up the fight until the 65 cent rate is made uniform throughout the district.

PORT ARTHUR STORM.

Five Persons Drowned at Sabine City and Six Others Are Missing.

PORT ARTHUR, Texas, Sept. 15.—At 7 o'clock Sunday evening a terrific wind storm visited Port Arthur, Sabine Pass and other places in this vicinity, causing the loss of an at present unknown number of lives, the injury of many others and great destruction of property.

Here six bodies have been recovered, while at Sabine Pass the recovered death list numbers ten and many are missing. Many were injured, but not seriously. Telegraph and train communication was cut off until today.

Craved By Lottery Luck.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Sept. 17.—Seven years ago William Jones, a farmer in this county, drew a considerable sum in the Louisiana lottery. The money was claimed by the members of a club to which he belonged, and has since been on deposit in a bank here, the subject of litigation. Jones' reason became dethroned on account of the trouble in which the money involved him, and to-day he was sent to the asylum, a raving maniac.

Postoffice Robbers.

CHADRON, Neb., Sept. 18.—Three masked highwaymen entered the postoffice at Belmont, this county, yesterday, and, by the liberal display of six-shooters, compelled the postmaster to deliver up some \$400 of postoffice funds. They made their escape, but two were apprehended in Crawford after lively fighting in which one of the robbers was mortally wounded by Marshal Pearman of Crawford.

Dispute Over Money Leads to Murder.

EDROTA, Kan., Sept. 18.—During a quarrel between two colored men and two white men over the payment of a small sum of money, one of the colored men drew a revolver and shot one of the white men dead. The dead man is supposed to be named Whitney and his home Cedar Junction. The shooting occurred in Johnson county, four miles east of here.

Stamps Will Stay Red.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—The attention of the treasury department has been called to the fact that the universal postal congress, recently in session here, agreed on a scheme of colors for postage stamps to be used by all nations in the postal union. The color of the two cent United States stamp as agreed upon was carmine, so that the proposed change to green will not be made.

Ran Into a Handcar.

LEADVILLE, Col., Sept. 18.—Two section men were killed and two others fatally hurt in a collision at 10 o'clock yesterday morning between a Midland passenger engine and a handcar. The accident occurred near Basalt, fifty miles west of Leadville.

Severe Indiana Storm.

FORT WAYNE, Ind., Sept. 17.—A severe wind storm swept over this city and vicinity to-day, doing considerable damage and fatally injuring three men. They are: George Krockenberger, Fred Weber and Andrew Eindel.

Seventeen Provinces Affected.

ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 18.—The bad harvest affects seventeen Russian provinces, and it is feared it will also be felt in 1898, as the drouth has prevented sowing winter wheat in large areas.

MEXICAN VENGEANCE.

PRESIDENT DIAZ'S ASSAULT—ANT STABBED TO DEATH.

The Miscreant Confessed that He Had Intended to Kill the President—Twenty Members of the Mob Under Arrest—Deplored by the Better People

CITY OF MEXICO, Sept. 18.—Anulfo Arroyo, the miscreant who made an attempt upon the life of President Diaz, was set upon by a mob of infuriated citizens shortly after midnight and killed with knife stabs.

General satisfaction was expressed here over the affair, although the more reflective people, especially business and professional men, said they deplored the act, and feared it would be misinterpreted abroad.

From the moment Arroyo was arrested in front of the alameda, or central public park, masses of people kept clamoring for his life, and taunted Lieutenant La Croix, who had the prisoner in charge, with not using his



PRESIDENT DIAZ OF MEXICO.

pistols on the criminal. A great crowd of people followed the gendarmes to the national palace, where the prisoner was searched, and then, despite the remonstrances of the army officers, turned over to the civil authorities by request of President Diaz, who was opposed to having the man tried by court-martial, and who, in fact, advised a lenient policy. Accordingly the prisoner was allowed his full constitutional rights.

At night he was taken, clad in a straight jacket, to the office of the inspector of police, which consists of two rooms with two windows opening on the street. The prisoner was given a mat to rest on and was carefully guarded. Near at hand, in an adjoining apartment, were four officers of the secret service. As Arroyo lay on the mat he conversed with one of the officers who had known him for years. He was asked how he could have come to make the murderous assault on the president, knowing, as he did, how severe the law would deal with him, and especially as he had studied the law. Arroyo manifested a cynical indifference, and declared he had intended to stab the president and then, taking the president's small sword, to kill him.

Suddenly, while the two were conversing, and the prisoner was smoking a cigarette, the tramping of many feet on the stairs leading up to the floor on which the office is situated was heard, and there were confused shouts of "Long live President Diaz!" "Long live Mexico and death to anarchists!"

Arroyo shuddered and with good reason burst down and a great crowd of people, apparently of the lower classes, entered, the leader bearing a small Mexican flag on a stick. Officer Sanchez cried to the crowd to fall back and advanced on them with his sword, but the mob overcame him and, throwing him down, advanced over his body to where Arroyo lay trembling. Yells went up: "Kill him; he belongs to us!" and a din arose as of a horde of savages.

Windows were broken, and the noise aroused the officers of the secret service in the adjoining room, who rushed to the scene, but did not fire on the crowd, fearing they might kill some of the comrades of the police inside, so they contented themselves with firing shots from the windows, thus calling together the police on neighboring corners, who were ordered to prevent any persons leaving the city building.

Meantime, in the room above, a frightful tragedy had been enacted. Many knives were plunged into the body of Arroyo, who, of course, was entirely helpless.

There were nine wounds in all. One of the gendarmes was wounded in the fight with the mob.

Over twenty arrests have been made, and all are locked up incommunicado and have not been released, pending a strict inquiry which is to be made.

Arroyo had been in prison several times, on one occasion for shooting a man. His acquaintances say he was somewhat crazy and inclined to acts of violence. He drove his father to despair and death by his conduct, having forged his father's name. He was 32 years of age, son of a tailor, but was given a liberal education and became for a time a military cadet and then took up law.

President Diaz, in a speech, deplored the lynching of Arroyo and declared if there was any fault in the vigilance on the part of the police it should be investigated and the consequences fall on the heads of the culpable persons.

Compulsory Education in Indiana.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Sept. 18.—Reports from all parts of the state to the superintendent of public instruction regarding the working of the new compulsory education law lead him to believe the measure has already added 25,000 to 30,000 pupils to the schools.

Wyoming Forest Fires.

SHERIDAN, Wyo., Sept. 18.—The forest fires along Bald mountain and in the Piney and Little Goose Creek country continue to burn almost unchecked.

ANOTHER COLLISION.

Wisconsin Freight Trains Come Together, Killing Five Men.

CHIPPewa FALLS, Wis., Sept. 18.—Five men were instantly killed and three were badly injured in a head-end collision between freight trains on the Wisconsin Central railway near Howard, Wis., yesterday. The dead are: Richard Warren, Chippewa Falls, engineer; Edward J. Smith, Chippewa Falls, engineer; John Smiley, Oxfordville, fireman; Lester Ryan, Faribault, Minn., stockman; George Schafer, Faribault, Minn., stockman.

The injured are: C. H. Miller, Chippewa Falls, brakeman; William Dixon, horseman; W. F. Miller, horseman.

The wrecked trains were heavily loaded with general merchandise and met on a curve near Howard. Both locomotives were demolished and the fireman of the west bound train was the only one of the crew who escaped. It is supposed that one of the trains was ahead of its schedule time, no telegraphic orders having been issued.

ATTEMPT TO KILL WITNESS

Development in the Notorious Staffeback Murder Case.

JOPLIN, Mo., Sept. 18.—An attempt was made last night to murder Annie McComb, the principal prosecuting witness in the Staffeback murder case. While sitting in her room alone a strange negro entered, seized her by the throat and attempted to strangle her. She struggled to free herself from the negro's clutches and the noise brought a man from the next room to her rescue, when the negro fled.

This is the second attempt that has been made to murder Annie McComb, and the supposition is that her assailant was hired to kill her by Charlie Wilson, the husband of Mrs. Staffeback, the only one of the murderous gang who is still at large.

FIVE ARE CREMATED.

Mother Returns From Church to Find Her Children Burned to Death.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Sept. 18.—Mariah Billingsley of Richmond, Little River county, went to prayer meeting, leaving her five children locked up at home. The eldest was a girl of 11 years. On returning home about 10 o'clock she was horrified at finding the house in ashes and all five of her children cremated.

A BRITISH REVERSE.

Severe Fighting in India Ends in a Rebel Victory.

CAMP ANAYAT, via Pankajora, Sept. 18.—Severe fighting has taken place between the Second brigade of General Sir Binton Blood's division and the Mohmands. The British loss was 140 killed and wounded.

LONDON, Sept. 18.—All the morning papers comment upon the British reverse north of Camp Anayat. The Daily Telegraph calls it "disastrous."

A JOB IN AFRICA.

Consulate at Capetown Falls to Kansas City—John G. Stowe Gets It.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—John G. Stowe, of Kansas City, has been appointed consul to Capetown, South Africa. The appointment was made last night by the president. The appointment was made at the request of R. C. Kerens, Senator Elkins and Webster Davis. The position pays \$3,000 a year. Mr. Stowe is an implement dealer and prominent in local politics.

Oklahoma Appointments Not Liked.

GUTHRIE, Okla., Sept. 18.—The appointment of several anti-administration Republicans to land office places has created consternation in the territorial administration ranks, and the sending of outsiders to be receivers of the land offices at Perry and Guthrie, in violation of the home rule plank of the national platform, causes much indignation among all republicans, who will protest vigorously.

Ends His Life With Poison.

DENVER, Colo., Sept. 18.—A man 20 years of age was found dead near Niwot, Colo., last night. He had committed suicide with rat poison. A piece of paper was found in his pocket upon which was written: "My name is Elmer M. Kaugh. My home is in Missouri. I am 20 years of age, and have trouble that no one knows about; so I am better off dead. My father's address is Newland postoffice, Pettis county, Missouri."

Creeks Are for Allotment.

MUSKOGEE, I. T., Sept. 18.—Another session of the sub-committee of the Dawes and Creek commissions was held here yesterday. The Creeks are willing that their lands should be allotted, provided the United States would allow them to continue their tribal government for a stated time.

\$10,000 Breach of Promise Suit.

MEXICO, Mo., Sept. 18.—Miss Laura Trammel is suing Mr. Edward Vaughn in the circuit court here for \$10,000 damages, alleging that he promised to make her his wife and failed to do so. The case is brought here from Felton, Callaway county.

Claims His Wife Isn't His Wife.

GUTHRIE, Okla., Sept. 18.—In his cross petition for divorce, now pending here, Dr. Peoples alleges that Mrs. Peoples was never divorced from her husband, David Rosson, who is now an attaché of Minister Hay's legation at London.

Snow Falls Throughout Colorado.

DENVER, Colo., Sept. 18.—Reports received at the weather bureau indicate a general snowfall in the mountains. The snow is several inches deep at Cripple Creek and at Central City.

WRECK ON WABASH.

TRAINS COLLIDE AT KEYTESVILLE, MO.

Four Killed and Ten Seriously Injured—Passenger Meets a Freight in a Head-On Collision—Both Engines Destroyed—Conductors' Watches to Blame.

KEYTESVILLE, Mo., Sept. 17.—A wreck on the Wabash at this place early yesterday morning resulted in the death of four men. The dead are: WILLIAM GAINES, St. Louis, postal clerk.

W. B. SMITH, Moberly, fireman. WILLIAM C. CLARK of Salisbury, Mo.

PAUL STREET of Salisbury, Mo. The injured are: Mr. and Mrs. John T. Bristol, Oakland, Mo.

William A. Flowers, engineer. Mrs. William Burton, Pattonburg, Mo.

Mrs. A. B. Bolton, Williamsburg, Mo. George F. Myers, Lucerne, Mo.

Chauncey Jones, St. Louis, postal clerk.

J. F. Bacon, postal clerk. P. F. Lawrence, postal clerk. Arthur Sneed.

The passenger train which left St. Louis at 9 o'clock Wednesday night crashed into freight train No. 58, from Kansas City. The freight had received orders to take the siding at Keytesville, a flag station, and let the passenger pass. The freight was a minute late and was just entering the switch when the passenger train crashed into it. The two locomotives came together with such impetus that they were totally wrecked. Three freight cars were demolished and a mail car was thrown from the track.

All who escaped injury at once turned to the assistance of their unfortunate traveling companions. The wounded passengers were speedily taken from the wreck and tenderly cared for. Half an hour after the collision the dead body of Postal Clerk William Gaines was found under the debris of his car. W. B. Smith, fireman of the freight engine, remained too long in his cab and was caught as he attempted to jump. He was so badly injured that he died soon after being removed.

William G. Clark and Paul Street, two tramps, were stealing a ride on top of the baggage car. They were thrown with such force that their injuries resulted in death. Engineer Flowers was the most seriously injured. The rest suffered bruises and slight wounds.

The only theory advanced as to the cause of the wreck is that there must have been a deviation in the watches of the conductors. The property loss is estimated at \$10,000.

This is the second fatal accident on the same division of the road in two weeks.

YELLOW FEVER.

The Scourge Is Spreading Throughout the South—Many New Cases.

VICKSBURG, Miss., Sept. 18.—Dr. Purnell reports to the state board of health fifteen new cases for the day, including one convalescent at Edwards, the worst report yet.

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 18.—At 6 o'clock last evening the board of health officially announced the appearance of eight new cases and one death, that of Zena Brauner.

The report of the board of health at Biloxi says that there are nineteen cases of actual yellow fever under treatment, with diagnosis reserved as to twelve cases. There were seven new cases reported in the twenty-four hours ending yesterday.

MOBILE, Ala., Sept. 18.—Yesterday's report shows no increase in the ratio of cases and but one additional death. There are three suspicious cases and others are spoken of, but they have not been reported.

The quarantine against Mobile has increased in severity.

OKLAHOMA PLACES FILLED

The President Appoints Five Registers and Receivers—A Kansas Favored.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—The President to-day made the following appointments among others: William H. Martin, register of the land office at Booneville, Mo.; Frederick E. McKinley, receiver of public moneys at Guthrie, Ok.; S. S. Price, register of the land office at Oklahoma City, Okla.; J. J. Power of Pennsylvania, receiver of public moneys at Perry, Okla.; Emory D. Brownlee, register of the land office at Kingfisher, Okla.; Jacob V. Admire, receiver of public moneys at Kingfisher, Okla.; Isaac T. Purcell, register of the land office at Wakeency, Kan.; A. Clark Tomer of Canton, Ohio, assistant commissioner of Indian affairs.

Negro Teacher Lynched.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Sept. 18.—The lifeless body of D. T. Watson, a colored school teacher, was found hanging to a tree in Hamilton township, Lonoke county, twenty miles from here, this morning, with this placard pinned on it: "A warning to 'nigger' school teachers. We want none of this kind of people in this country; others beware."

Davis Wanted in Ohio.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—Hon. Webster Davis, assistant secretary of the interior, has been invited by Judge Nash, chairman of the Ohio Republican executive committee, to deliver a series of speeches during the last of the Ohio campaign, and to close the campaign at the usual great rally in Music hall, Cincinnati. President McKinley and Chairman Hanna have personally insisted on his participating, and dates are now being arranged at Cleveland, Toledo, Canton, Dayton and Columbus.

CONDENSED NEWS.

Japan is buying American print paper.

Senator Hanna will take the stump in Ohio.

Mormon missionaries are at work in England.

Over 100,000 Thessalians are destitute in Greece.

Senator Thurston favors Hawaiian annexation.

General Andrade is the new president of Venezuela.

Abner Gile, millionaire lumberman, is dead at La Crosse, Wis.

Salvationists are to grow sugar beets in Monterey county, California.

Sixteen contract Japanese laborers are to be sent back from San Francisco.

Ten men dropped to the bottom of a shaft at Nanticoke, Pa., and four were fatally injured.

Excursion steamers collided on North river in New York city, and three persons were drowned.

Dr. T. B. Carter, of Kaufman and Charles P. Russell, of Abbott, Texas, shot each other to death.

New York Democratic committee refused to reaffirm the Chicago platform.

Ex-Postmaster General Wilson was installed as president of Washington and Lee university.

Illinois Federation of labor incorporated in its platform a resolution favoring the free coinage of silver at 16 to 1.

Parties arriving at Port Townsend on the schooner Volante say there are two men for every job in Dawson City, Alaska.

Willis R. Stanley, ex-treasurer of Beaver county, Oklahoma, was acquitted of the charge of embezzlement of \$10,000 of county funds.

People's Gas Light and Coke company of Chicago has given a \$40,000 mortgage to the Farmers' Loan & Trust company of New York.

It is reported from Chicago that the three great biscuit trusts have consolidated.

John A. Logan, Jr.'s barn, containing eight finely bred horses and many elegant equipages, burned. Loss, \$75,000.

The Shoshones and Bannocks have agreed to sell the government the lower end of Fort Hall reservation.

Russian steamers collided. Forty persons perished.

Disastrous floods are reported in Spain.

Ex-Empress Charlotte is dying at Brussels.

President Andrews will remain at Brown university.

Black bears are becoming a nuisance in Yellowstone Park.

Argentine's crops are threatened with destruction by locusts.

Consul General Lee believes the Cuban insurgents will win out unaided.

New York silver Democrats will name a candidate for mayor October 1.

The Fairheirs won in the Angus-Craven case in court at San Francisco.

Pueblo churches will take up a collection for destitute miners in the East.

A heavy fog caused the injury of sixteen persons in an electric car collision in Chicago.

Paul De Pierre, ex-French Consul at New Orleans, committed suicide at New York.

Senator Wellington of Maryland predicts disaster for the Republicans of that state and resigns the chairmanship of the Republican State Central Committee.

Sharkey and Goddard have been matched for a battle to a finish in November.

Sicily and Calabria crops are short.

County officers at Grande, Day county, Oklahoma, are accused of burning the court house.

John L. Sullivan is running for mayor of Boston on a platform to license gambling and bawdy houses.

Twenty-nine of the Navarick's crew were lost in the Arctic. Captain Whitesides with his wife and six sailors were saved.

The Wyandotte Mining company, capital \$700,000, has been incorporated at Guthrie and will mine just south of Baxter Springs.

Gustave Pabst of Milwaukee, and Miss Hilda Lemp of St. Louis, were married at Venter, Isle of Wright, thus uniting two great brewery families.

California fruit pickers are in demand.

The "Rev. Mr. Howard," a noted swindler, escaped from the Oluo penitentiary.

Wheat crop of Italy is estimated at 80,000,000 hectolitres against 51,000,000 hectolitres in 1896.

John Hindman, a Stephens, Ark., farmer, and two sons were overcome by gas and killed and two attempted rescuers fatally injured in a well.

In a tornado at Port Arthur at least six persons were killed. Much ruin was wrought at Sabine Pass. The wind reached a velocity of eighty miles an hour. Other coast towns suffered much damage. The Pittsburg & Gulf people promptly sent \$10,000 for relief.

It is reported that a close traffic alliance is to be made between the Burlington and the Kansas City, Pittsburg & Gulf. Such an alliance would give the Burlington a valuable entrance into the southwestern and southern territory and would be of equal advantage to the Gulf line.

Judge Bayard T. Hainer of Oklahoma is in Washington looking for an appointment as associate justice of the Territorial supreme court.