

# OMAHA, THIRSTING FOR BLOOD OF NEGRO, WOULD HANG MAYOR WHO STANDS IN WAY

## WOOD LOOKS OVER OLD LINCOLN, MAY URGE REOPENING

Commander of Central Division Pays Hurried Inspection to Local Post

## PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

Veteran Military Man Leaves Impression "Barcus Is Willin'"

Visiting Fort Lincoln before day-break this morning, leaving the impression with those who spoke to him that he would probably be a candidate for the presidency on the republican ticket next year, and hurrying to Oakes on a special train to make train connections for Omaha, are some of the features of the two hours Major General Leonard Wood, commander of the central department, spent in Bismarck this morning.

His visit cut short because of the race riots at Omaha, General Wood was forced to obtain a special train



Gen. Leonard Wood.

to take him and his party to Oakes with all possible speed. There he will make connections with the regular fast North-Western train for the Nebraska city, arriving there early in the morning.

General Wood's decision to take personal charge of conditions at Omaha followed telephone conversations he had with General March, chief of staff, at Washington, and with his office at Chicago, as well as with the authorities at Omaha.

It was the general's intention to remain in Bismarck all day, meeting the members of the American Legion tonight and then return directly to his headquarters at Chicago. He had filled speaking dates in South Dakota yesterday and came to this city primarily to inspect Fort Lincoln for the war department officials at Washington.

At 6 o'clock this morning, General Wood was the guest at breakfast of Andrew Miller, Senator Gilbert Hagar and the members of General Wood's party were included. General Wood praised the soldiers of North Dakota who served in the war, particularly those who were put into the first division and said their record was, beyond doubt, one of the finest in the annals of the army.

To Be President?  
The conversation turned to political matters, in which General Wood took a keen and lively interest. From the remarks he made it was believed that he will undoubtedly be the republican nominee for the presidency and General Wood mentioned that a great many of his friends were urging him to run for the highest office in the land.

Following breakfast, Mr. Miller drove General Wood and his party to Fort Lincoln, where the general inspected the fort.

## WILSON BACK AT WHITE HOUSE TO BEGIN HIS REST

Washington, D. C., Sept. 29.—Back at the White house after an absence of 25 days, President Wilson today was beginning the period of absolute rest prescribed by his physician necessary for his recovery from the nervous exhaustion which cut short his speaking trip for the peace treaty.

President Wilson spent a restless night last night but is sleeping this morning, Rear Admiral Grayson announced today.

The president arose shortly after 11 o'clock but remained in his room. He was said to be apparently up, somewhat refreshed after his sleep.

## PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE IN ACTION



PITTSBURGH—"Keep them on the move!" That's the order to the state police in the steel mill districts of Pennsylvania. And the pictures show how the police vigorously carry out the order. In the upper picture, an officer at Brady and Second Ave., Pittsburgh, has found a citizen who is inclined to argue the question. Below, Homestead guards are keeping the strikers moving.

## SUPREME COURT SUSTAINS STATE TAX COMMISSION

Justices Join, However, in Holding Funds Properly Transferred by Auditor

The supreme court by a three to two decision this morning granted Tax Commissioner Wallace's petition for a writ of mandamus directing State Auditor Kositzky to pay Mr. Wallace's August salary. The opinion was written by Justice Bronson and was concurred in by his Nonpartisan colleagues of the bench—Birdzell and Grace. Associate Justice James E. Robinson joins Chief Justice A. M. Christianson in a dissenting opinion concurring in the general result, but contending that Mr. Wallace is entitled to no special preference, but should wait his turn with other public servants whose August stipends have not been paid because Mr. Kositzky has insisted that there was no money in the general fund against which vouchers could be drawn.

In the principal issue, involving the transfer of more than \$200,000 of institution funds, Kositzky is upheld. The court is unanimous in the opinion that the doctrine and glanders funds were improperly transferred by the state auditor from the general fund, and that these funds should be returned to the general fund, which would thereupon be enriched to the extent of \$13,000. The court holds that there was actually \$13,000 in the general fund at the time Mr. Kositzky ceased paying August salaries and that the state auditor's action, therefore, was not warranted.

## STATE OPTOMETRY BOARD IS NAMED

Louis Hanson of Devils Lake, George R. Peterson of Fargo, A. G. Teller of Jamestown, R. C. Merritt of Kenmare and F. W. Stanton of Fargo were named by Governor Frazier today members of the state board of optometry examiners for terms expiring July 1, 1922.

## PITILESS PUBLICITY CURE FOR STEALING MANKATO'S CHICKENS

Mankato, Minn., Sept. 29.—Convicted of chicken stealing, a dejected Westbrooke citizen, chose to announce his guilt publicly rather than go to jail. Carrying a sign reading: "I stole those chickens from Mrs. Hopkins," he followed through the streets behind a truck carrying the stolen fowl.

## ITALIAN DEPUTIES IN FIST FIGHT HUNDRED JOIN IN ROW IN CHAMBER

Rome, Sunday, Sept. 28.—Debate in the chamber of deputies was interrupted today by a free fight which lasted ten minutes and in which about 100 deputies participated. The opinion is expressed that the cabinet as a result of the riotous incident may decide to resign rather than plunge the country into a struggle during the general election. It is

## CRUCIAL DAY IN STEEL STRIKE IS PASSING QUIETLY

Both Sides Making Strong Claims But No Radical Difference Is Shown

By Associated Press  
Today, proclaimed by both sides as the crucial test in the great steel strike, opened with situation still obscure because of conflicting claims. The opposing leaders issued flatly contradictory statements in regard to the proposed strike today of the 40,000 workers in the plant of the Bethlehem Steel corporation. The corporation officials claimed that the strike call had been obeyed only by a comparatively insignificant number and that operations in all their mills were continuing the union chief replied with the claim that the huge plant at Bethlehem was completely crippled and the power house forced to close.

Reported conditions in the other great steel centers indicated that the balance was being held fairly equitable between the two opposing sides. On the one hand there was nothing to support the prediction of the steel company officials that the day would see wholesale desertions in the ranks of the steel workers, and on the other hand there was not any definite increase in mills operating.

In the English city of Chester the man who fails to raise his hat when a funeral is passing becomes liable to imprisonment.

## DULUTH TUGMEN QUIT; HARBOR IS TIED UP

Duluth, Minn., Sept. 29.—Tugmen of the Whittney Bros., Barnett & Record Co. and England Towing Co. went on strike this morning in response to a call for a strike on the Great Lakes. The Independent Ferry Co.'s are not affected. The harbor is practically tied up by the strike and by a storm.

## BANK BANDITS SCOURING STATE ASSOCIATION URGES INSURING BONDS

Fargo, N. D., Sept. 29.—W. C. MacFadden, secretary of the North Dakota Bankers association, today addressed a warning to every bank in North Dakota to be on guard against a new band of robbers whom he said are working in the state.

ers to have customers remove Liberty bonds from safety deposit vaults placing them in the banks strong box where they may be covered by insurance and he also urged caution against daylight robbers, when he says have just commenced operating. Three bank robberies occurred in the state last week.

## 100,000 MINERS IDLE; COAL SHUT OFF FROM ALLIES

General Suspension of Operations in South Wales Due to Rail Strike

London, Sept. 29.—Hundred thousand miners are idle in the South Wales coal fields as a result of the railway strike. Many collieries are closing down, and in Swansea harbor trade is at a standstill.

## WILSON NOT TO RECEIVE BELGIAN ROYAL COUPLE TILL TOUR IS FINISHED

Washington, D. C., Sept. 29.—President Wilson will not receive King Albert and Queen Elizabeth at the white house until they return from a tour of the United States, it was learned definitely at the white house.

## BATTLE OF ANCIENTS PROVES FATAL TO 80-YEAR-OLD AGGRESSOR

Superior, Wis., Sept. 29.—In a fight which followed an alleged attempt by John Arnold, 80 years old, to remove property he claimed from a mining camp near Gordon, this county, Isaac Russell, 73 years of age, watchman at the camp, late Saturday wounded Arnold with a shotgun and the latter bled to death before aid reached him. Russell, in jail here, claims Arnold knocked him down when he refused him permission to remove any property and that after throwing him off Arnold was coming toward him with an axe when the shot which proved fatal was fired.

# COLORED MAN LYNCHED; JAIL BURNED; SOLDIER KILLED; 40 INJURED

Nebraska City Comparatively Quiet Under Martial Law This Morning After Wild Night of Terror—Mob's Victim Delivered Over to Them by Fellow Prisoners of His Own Color After Flames Drive Them From Roof of County Prison—City's Chief Executive Member of Law Firm That Had Defended Alleged African Assaultants of White Women.

## WOOD CALLED TO OMAHA

Major General Leonard Wood, commander of the central division, who reached Bismarck shortly after midnight this morning to inspect Fort Lincoln, was called to Omaha by the rioting there, and he left at 8:05 this morning on a special train requisitioned from the Soo line for Oakes, whence he expected to travel over the North-Western to the Nebraska city. The major general's train consisted of an engine and one passenger coach, and he was given the right-of-way over all traffic to Oakes, which point he was expected to reach in record time. Omaha is in the division over which General Wood has command.

Omaha, Neb., Sept. 29.—After a night of mob rule during which a negro was lynched, an attempt made to hang the mayor of Omaha, Edward B. Smith, the county court house burned, one man, said to be an ex-soldier, shot and killed, and perhaps 40 others injured, the city was quiet today under patrol of federal troops ordered from Fort Omaha and Fort Crook.

The mayor is at a hospital and was still unconscious early today as a result of the attempt by the mob to hang him to a trolley pole because he advised against the lynching of William Brown, a negro who was in the county charged with attacking a white girl early last week.

Dr. E. C. Henry, the mayor's physician, stated the mayor suffered a bad wound over the right eye and had a bad wound around his neck.

With federal troops patrolling both the negro and downtown sections of the city, it was believed that the authorities would be able to prevent any possible fresh outbreak on the disorders. Some of the soldiers were supplied with machine guns.

Among those injured were a dozen police officers, three prisoners in the county jail, several city firemen and numerous pedestrians.

Situation Clears Up  
Today the doings of last night at the court house began to clear up. Until long after the early morning hours it was practically impossible to get near that sector, the mob that held sway over the building for five hours making it dangerous to go near the place. Later when a detachment of federal soldiers was sent to the scene a cordon was at once around the building and no one permitted to approach it.

When the mob gained entrance to the jail and a fire in the building became menacing to 100 prisoners on the top floor, Sheriff sent all the prisoners, including Brown, to the roof. The sheriff and his deputies were guarding the entrance to the jail and were able to keep back the mob for several hours. However, as the heat became more intense, the prisoners themselves took action and delivered the negro to the mob.

Mayor Smith was seized by the mob on 17th street, near the court house, at 10 o'clock. He was hustled to Kearney street and stopped at the foot of a trolley pole, where a rope was placed around his neck. Appalled at the possibility of murdering the city's chief executive, the crowd protested, and two officers cut the rope, carried the mayor to an automobile and rushed him to a hospital.

Mayor Defending Negroes  
The mayor's law firm is at present defending two negroes charged with assaults on white women. The police assert that fact had much to do with some of the remarks that were made by members of the mob who had a hand in the attempt against his life.

How Brown Met Fate  
Sheriff Brown today told the story of how Brown finally came into the possession of the mob.

"The deputy sheriffs had orders to hold Brown, and they did all in their power to do so," said Clark. "When the flames and smoke crowded us off the floor, Commissioner Ringer, Chief Eber-