

TERRORIZE TOWNS

Night Riders Spread Fear in Kentucky Towns.

START WAR TO DEFEAT TRUST

Planters, Incensed at Tobacco Combine, Burn and Explode Buildings—Shoot and Torture Women—State Proves Powerless.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Oct. 8.—The lat-
est string no longer hangs outside the
door of the "Old Kentucky Home."

The night raiders, an organization
similar to the Ku-Klux of years ago,
are spreading terror with the firebrand
the rifle and the cowhide.

Woman and children have been shot,
men stripped of their clothes and whip-
ped with switches and cowhides, houses

while great tobacco barns containing
the year's savings and hard work of the
whole family have been burned to the
ground. Families rendered homeless,
ground. Wheat stacks have been burned,
threshing machines blown up with dynamite,
tobacco factories burned to the
ground.

Men and women are terrorized by
notice sent with a bundle of switches
of a package of matches, warning them
that unless they obey the wishes of the
night raiders their property will be des-
troyed or they themselves tortured.

All this has taken place and is taking
place almost nightly in Kentucky now.
It is a war between neighbors and for-
mer friends who disagree as to the prop-
er and best methods for handling the
produce of the farms. The is known as
the Planters' Protective association at
association, an organization which was
formed at Guthrie, September 29, 1904.

The purpose was to force the tobacco
trust to pay better prices. Many plant-
ers joined. Others said it was an orga-
nization gotten up to benefit a few
people and pay fat salaries to officers.
These were called "Hillbillies," and soon
there sprang up intense ill feeling be-
tween the association and the anti-
association planters. Members of the as-
sociation failing to induce their neigh-
bors to join sought to prevent them from
reaping any of the benefits in advanced
prices caused by the organization by
destroying their plant beds and tobacco
barns: for the tobacco trust began pay-
ing the anti-association people an in-
creased price for their tobacco and re-
fusing to purchase that of the associa-
tion people commenced the destruction
of the plant beds of the "Hillbillies" the
latter turned on them.

In the fall of 1906 the battle opened
with the destruction of the American
Snuff company's factories at Elkton,
which were blown up with dynamite; the
burning of the Imperial Tobacco com-
pany's plant at Princeton; the burning
of a big warehouse at Fedonia, one at
Eddyville, and any number of barns be-
longing to anti-association planters.

The state authorities were dum-
founded at the audacity of the mar-
auders. Governor Beckham dispatched
State Fire Marshall Mott Ayres to the
scenes and urged the circuit courts to
call special grand juries and investigate
the wholesale arson. This was done and
indictments were found against John J.
Jackson, John McGregor and William
Winters in Caldwell county, charging
them with burning the warehouses at
Princeton.

A mob of a hundred men rode into
the town of Elkton and took charge
of the electric light plant, turned off
the lights, captured the town marshal
and dragged from their homes Wil-
liam Benson and John Blair, who had
dared to induce members of the associa-
tion to sell to the trusts. The men
were gagged and bound, their clothing
torn from their backs and they were
whipped with rawhides.

Governor Beckham issued a procla-
mation warning the planters against
the destruction of property and also of-
fering a reward of \$500 for the arrest
and conviction of any person destroying
tobacco or plant beds. Governor Pat-
erson of Tennessee followed with a
like offer and Rip Tyle, Steve Sholt and
Ned Pettit were arrested.

Soon, however, the devilry broke
out afresh and now planters are living
in a state of terror—lest they be tor-
tured for belonging or not belonging to
Planters' Protective Association. George
Swift, a sewing machine agent, who was
suspected of being a detective, was
whipped, as were his two sons, all three
being dragged from their home in Lyon
county. Ed Hall and John Lockhart
were taken from their homes at Guthrie
and "hogged."

Mrs. Kate Cardwell and daughter,



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divulge the whereabouts of their hus-
bands, were dragged from their homes
and made to wade in the snow barefoot-
ed and subjected to other tortures.

Nathan Hester was whipped with a
rawhide, and when his wife fell faint-
ing from fright, which ultimately caus-
ed her death, the night raiders laughed
and jeered at her. A hundred men with
masks over their faces went to the home
of S. P. Moseley, at Roaring Springs, and
fired through the doors and windows,
shot his wife, wounding her twice and
fatally wounding his son Byron. Three
of their smaller children saved their
lives by hiding in a closet. The home
of Joseph Coyle was burned to the
ground and his tobacco barn was blown
up with dynamite. His wife and five
children were made homeless while the
raiders jeered at them. The raiders next
turned their attention to the wheat crop
in Christian county, where the threshing
machine of John Fields was blown to
fragments by dynamite and many simi-
lar outrages were committed.

Although prices have been almost
doubled, the planters have lost thou-
sands of dollars through the Planters'
Protective Association. At a meeting
resolutions were adopted offering re-
wards for any members of the associa-
tion detected in committing crime. So
intimidated are the people that no wit-
nesses can be secured to testify. The
law is therefore powerless and the state
is in the hands of the night raiders.

IN TREE WITH WILDCAT

Ernest East Left and Hurried to Get
a Gun.

SPANGLE, Wash., Oct. 7.—While Hall
and East's threshing outfit was thresh-
ing this morning on J. G. Johnston's
farm, one and one-half miles east of
town, on the ranch formerly owned by
Ernest Diebeck, Mr. East went into
the orchard to pick some plums. After
picking a few he heard a noise up
the tree, and on looking up saw a large
wildcat. He ran for a gun. Arthur John-
son brought a rifle and shot the animal
down.

Mrs. Charles E. Sires returned home
yesterday after a two months' visit
with relatives in New York city.
The Misses Jennie and Grace Sulli-
van were home for a short visit from

Cheney, Wash., where they are attend-
ing the state normal school.

Threshing is about done in this vic-
inity, and ranchers are rushing their
grain to market as fast as possible, con-
sequently warehouses are getting nearly
all filled up.

MONEY AND CHECKS STOLEN

Construction Foreman Robbed at a Rail-
road Camp.

TEKOA, Wash., Oct. 7.—A report has
just reached here that one of the fore-
men of Olaf Olsen's railroad camp on
the Milwaukee was robbed of a wallet
containing about \$55 in money and
the following checks: No. 21, for the
sum of \$3201, No. 75 for \$47.13, No.
127 for \$46.36, No. 14 for \$3.25.

These checks were made payable to
different workmen on the railroad con-
struction gang and signed by the con-
tractor.

Business men in Tekoa were notified
and the numbers of the checks given
them, but it is thought that no at-
tempt will be made to cash them here.
Spokane and Harrison, Idaho, are the
most likely places where the attempt
will be made. No particulars could be
learned, and so far no clue has been
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