

NEGRO'S HANGED BY MASKED MEN

TAKEN FROM JAIL BY MOB IN ALABAMA

Sheriff and Jailer Are Powerless. Victim is One of Four Accused of Murder of a White Woman

By Associated Press. GADSDEN, Ala., Feb. 11.—Bunkle Richardson, a negro, charged with the assault and murder of Mrs. Sarah Smith here July 15 last, was forcibly taken from the jail here at an early hour this morning and hanged to a bridge of the Louisville & Nashville railroad across Coosa river. Twenty-four masked men went to the jail, overpowered the sheriff and jailer and made short work of the prisoner. Four negroes were charged with the crime against Mrs. Smith, one of the most heinous ever committed in the state, two of whom have been legally executed. The third, Will Johnson, was recently convicted and sentenced to death, but last week Governor Jenks, believing there was strong doubt of the prisoner's guilt, reprieved the negro's sentence to life imprisonment. Richardson, the man lynched this morning, had not been indicted, but was in jail awaiting the action of the grand jury. The coroner's jury which investigated the lynching returned a verdict that Richardson was killed by parties unknown.

SECURES TERMINAL SITES

Harriman Acquires Seventy Acres of Valuable Tide Lands at Tacoma

By Associated Press. TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 11.—Negotiations between the Union Pacific railway and the St. Paul and Northern Pacific company have been closed whereby the Harriman interests have acquired seventy acres of tide lands, forming an ideal site for railroad terminals and having a frontage of 1500 feet on the bay and about 1400 feet on the Puget sound waterway. The property is the highest priced land on the tide flats and cost approximately \$1,000,000, of which the Union Pacific has paid a large amount in cash. In purchasing the property one of the conditions of the sale is that the Union Pacific improve it and locate its terminals and shipping warehouses upon it within a certain time. Officials of the St. Paul company refuse to state the exact time limit by which the Union Pacific is bound, but it is understood to be about twenty months, as they say that the Union Pacific will be here sooner than any other transcontinental line could build to Tacoma, were it to commence construction work at once.

AGED RANCHER MISSING

Indications That Old Man Was Murdered in Cabin and Body Taken Away

By Associated Press. FRESNO, Feb. 11.—Henry A. Jackson, an aged rancher, who recently bought a five-acre ranch near this city, has disappeared. Monday his body was discovered by neighbors who had discovered blood spots on boards at his door. The room was in disorder and on the floor were splashes of blood and in a corner a congealed mass of fat. A strong odor of niter that he was murdered and his body taken away in a wagon. To substantiate this story, tracks of a wagon were discovered. The end of the wagon had been backed up to the door of the cabin. Rain had fallen on the tracks and it is impossible to measure them or tell how recently they were made. Jackson was last seen Friday evening. He came here from Malibu three months ago and purchased the ranch. He is believed to have had \$1000 in the cabin with him. When entered today the windows of the cabin were hung with quilts, and it is known that there were two less quilts in the room than there ought to be.

TO SAVE NIAGARA FALLS

Daughters of the Empire State Will Present a Petition to the President

By Associated Press. WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—Mrs. Miriam Mason Greeley, president of the National Society, Daughters of the Empire State, of New York will call at the White House tomorrow by appointment to present to the president petitions bearing the signatures of about 2500 residents of the state of New York, praying for the preservation of Niagara falls. The petitions are addressed to the president and the two houses of congress and ask that legislation be immediately enacted which will prevent further impairment of the volume of water and to preserve the grandeur of the falls. One of the petitions is about seven feet in length. Mrs. Greeley also brings with her a badge of the society, which is to be presented by the society as a wedding gift to Miss Alice Roosevelt, she being a daughter of the Empire state. The badge is of beautiful design. From a gold bar bearing the words "New York" is suspended by silk ribbons a pendant, upon which appears the coat of arms of the state of New York.

Luxurious Special From the East

By Associated Press. SAN JOSE, Feb. 11.—A "Pennsylvania Special" train bearing a tourist party composed of twenty-nine wealthy easterners who spent the day in visiting Mount Hamilton and the big telescope, arrived in San Jose this morning. The train is the most luxurious equipped that local railway men have seen. The observation car is the one which bore the body of President McKinley from Buffalo to Washington and thence to Canton. The train leaves for San Francisco tomorrow.

SUFFRAGISTS' SERVICES

Exercise Held in Baltimore Presided Over by Rev. Anna Shaw

By Associated Press. Baltimore, Feb. 11.—After listening to a sacred concert this afternoon delegates to the Women's National Suffrage association attended religious services in Lyric hall, which were presided over by Rev. Anna H. Shaw. There were several brief addresses appropriate to the occasion, hymns were sung by Rev. Olympia Brown and Antoinette Brown Blackwell offered prayer. Miss Ertta H. Maddox of Baltimore sang the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" and Mrs. Maud Ballington Booth delivered an address, after which there was an offering for the benefit of "the Door of Hope" of the American volunteer.

PASTOR KNOCKS OUT A TRUSTEE

IS THEN HIMSELF FLOORED BY ANOTHER

Fracas Takes Place After a Sermon on "Brotherly Love" in Afric

can M. E. Church in St. Paul

By Associated Press. ST. PAUL, Feb. 11.—Efforts which the congregation of the St. James African M. E. church in this city have been making for several weeks to oust their pastor, Rev. Mr. Seymour, culminated in a riot during the services this morning, during which Rev. Mr. Seymour planted his fist in the eye of Trustee R. C. Minor, knocking him down, and was himself sent to the floor by a free-for-all fight with Robert Lowe. A free-for-all fight was prevented by the arrival of a patrol wagon full of policemen who had been called when the row started. The trustees of the church recently voted to reduce Rev. Mr. Seymour's salary from \$80 to \$10 a month, but notwithstanding this Rev. Mr. Seymour had refused to give up his church. This morning after preaching a sermon on "Brotherly Love," Seymour announced the collection. Two of the insurgent trustees came forward to take up the collection, but Rev. Mr. Seymour called vociferously upon two of the stewards to take up the offering. The congregation by this time was filling before the contribution boxes. Seymour stood guard over one, but two unfriendly black trustees held the other.

COMPARE PRUSSIAN AND AMERICAN RAILWAYS

PRIVY COUNCILLORS COMPLETE INVESTIGATION

Roads in This Country Make a Poor Showing in Many Respects as Compared to Those on the Other Side of the Atlantic

By Associated Press. BERLIN, Feb. 11.—Privy Councillors M. Hoff and F. Schwabach, whom the Prussian government sent to the United States in 1904 to study American railway systems, have just published an exhaustive work on their findings, which is attracting much attention in the German press. Herren Hoff and Schwabach make many striking comparisons of the American and Prussian railways, often to the disadvantage of the former. They quote official statistics, showing that per million passengers carried the American roads killed six times and wounded twenty-nine times as many of them as the Prussian roads. The writers found that the average passenger rate in America was 2.02 cents a mile, against 0.98 cents in Prussia, while freight rates nominally averaging 0.78 of a cent per ton per mile in the United States against 1.28 cents in Prussia. This comparison, the authors affirm, is fallacious because it ignores some essential facts. The American statistics include freight carried for the railroads themselves, while the Prussian statistics show only paid freight. On the other hand the American statistics include high-class goods carried by express companies, which class is not included in the Prussian figures. For years, for they say, the American roads receive immense sums for carrying the mails and the Prussian lines almost nothing.

\$250,000 FIRE IN NEW YORK

Large Factory Building Destroyed and Several Firemen Injured

By Associated Press. NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—More than a quarter million dollars worth of property was destroyed and several firemen were injured, one of them seriously, today by a fire in the six-story store and factory building at 836-838 Broadway. The four upper floors of the building were burned out, the floors and roof falling in, while the lower portion of the structure was flooded. The firemen who were injured were caught under a mass of partly burned packing boxes when one of the upper floors collapsed. The burned building was occupied by the Phillips-Anderson company, makers of women's hats; Heller & Co., pants makers; J. and F. Goldstone, makers of women's cloaks; Louis Auerbach, neckwear manufacturers; Cohen & Lane, clothing manufacturers; and Stiglitz & Dinkelspiel, cloak makers.

TO CLEAN MEXICO CITY

Board of Health to Enter on Campaign Against Unsanitary Conditions

By Associated Press. MEXICO CITY, Feb. 11.—The board of health, having secured the necessary authorization from high officials, will at once enter upon its work of making the city clean and unsanitary conditions. Householders must keep their premises clean and landlords must increase the supply of water in tenement houses. Bath houses will be built at police stations in the city. In the city the clothing of the very poor will be burned and they will be provided with new raiment. The congested population in the tenements will be disposed of and inspectors of health boards will be vested with extraordinary powers. The recrudescence of the fever among the lower classes, due to bad housing and improper food, and personal filthiness, has caused the decided stand to be taken by the authorities.

Italy's Gift to Miss Roosevelt

By Associated Press. WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—Of rare value and beauty is the gift of the king of Italy to Miss Roosevelt upon the occasion of her marriage. It is a table of Italian mosaic work, showing designs from Italian cities and towns. The table was made in Florence and was personally selected by the king.

Mr. Longworth Convalescing

By Associated Press. WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—Representative Longworth, who has been suffering from an attack of tonsillitis, was much improved today. Tonight he ate dinner with the members of the household. He will probably be able to go out tomorrow if the weather continues favorable.

BARBOUR GAVE HURRY ORDERS

SPECIAL DRIVER TAKES HIM INTO MEXICO

Promoter and Attorney Hold Conference in Tia Juana, as The Herald Foreshadowed, and Angeleno Goes South

The Herald's exclusive publication Sunday concerning missing Henry F. Barbour, locating him in Ensenada, caused much comment in Los Angeles Sunday. An attorney who saw Barbour gave the facts that set at rest wild rumors, printed in some journals, that the promoter was in Vermont or elsewhere. The San Diego correspondent of the Herald supplies corroborative evidence concerning Barbour's presence in Ensenada. Here is the dispatch: Stranger at Tia Juana Special to The Herald. SAN DIEGO, Cal., Feb. 11.—The Ensenada wire has not been in commission thus far today and no one has had communication from there by wire. Last Tuesday a stranger appeared at Tia Juana, the Mexican border town. He was large, would weigh about 200 to 210, florid complexion, dark red mustache, hair somewhat darker than that without the tinge of red, wore glasses, treated considerably, had a wad of money and spent considerable money but gave no name. That evening there was with him a Los Angeles attorney very tall, who it is believed was named Kemp or Kent, who has an office in the Grant block on Broadway. That night after the heavy man and the attorney had many conferences, the heavy man took a special conveyance about 9 o'clock and hastened in a hurry for the south. The driver took him as far as the half way house before dropping him. The tall attorney left for Los Angeles that same night on the "Owl" at 11:30.

THE INJURED:

Harry Griffin, hoseman company No. 9, struck in back by hose nozzle, condition serious. Lieut. H. Hanned, company No. 3, cut in hands and face by glass and tin. Jack Leonard, company No. 3, cut in hands and neck and partly overcome by smoke. Samuel Hood, aged ninety-one years, guest of the Louise hotel, shock and exposure, condition dangerous.

Cut off from escape by fierce flames which swept from the basement of the Y. M. bamboo store on South Broadway up through the hall and corridors of the Louise hotel late last night, thirty guests were rescued and carried down ladders by members of the Los Angeles police and fire departments.

The blaze, which is thought by some to be of incendiary origin, started in the basement of the Y. M. company bamboo store, at 516 South Broadway shortly after 10 o'clock. It was first noticed by a pedestrian, who turned in an alarm at Fifth and Broadway.

The fire department reached the scene, which is a three-story building, within three minutes, but by that time the flames had spread through the barrels of varnish and over the piles of bamboo in the basement of the building, and a stifling smoke was pouring from the windows and doorways of the building.

With their axes the firemen dashed in the doors and attempted to fight their way to the basement of the building, but time after time they plunged toward the steps only to come staggering back, blinded by smoke and choking for breath.

Then for the first time the occupants of the Louise hotel, directly above the store, became aware of the fire and in an instant panic ensued. The firemen dashed about the halls and from one room to another attempting to find a way to escape.

All rushed to the stairs and hall, but the fierce heat and suffocating smoke sent them screaming back to their rooms. None thought of the fire escape and it was not until a squad of police, led by Sergeant Craig, had put up a ladder, that the firemen were able to reach their rooms.

Miss Grace Pillar was the first to be taken down. She was partly overcome by smoke and was hurried to a near-by drug store.

While the blaze was surging through the basement and sending hot tongues of flame up to the higher floors, Samuel Hood, 91 years of age, bedridden and absolutely helpless, fought feebly in an attempt to escape.

He was thought of by the old man, alarmed by the smoke and the shrieks, clutched and tore at his bedding in an attempt to gain his footing. But it was of no avail and with a moan he sank back to his bed to die.

Miss Hood, who it seemed as if the guests could think only of their own safety. But not so with one plucky woman.

In the meantime Hood's daughter, Miss M. C. Hood, proprietor of the hotel, had been dashing from room to room searching for her father. She found him and attempted to carry him from the room, but the old man was perfectly cool and refused to go.

"I am old," he said, "I have but a few weeks to live at the most, so let me go and save yourself. Good-by, daughter, hurry and leave me."

The woman turned with a scream for help and Officer O'Brien, one of the ablest officers of the local department, dashed to the room and lifted the old man, bed clothing and all, on his shoulder.

With his handkerchief stuffed in his mouth and fighting his way through the smoke the officer carried his burden to a window and then down the ladder.

Hood was taken to a near-by lodging house and put to bed, but the shock and exposure, combined with his feeble condition, may cause his death.

Miss Hood was assisted to safety by Sergeant Craig. Saves Twelve Inmates Mr. and Mrs. W. D. McNeil were plotted through the smoke to the ladder by Patrolman Jack Walsh. This officer saved twelve of the inmates of the hotel. Mrs. C. S. Heald and Miss Annie Heald were taken down the ladder and A. C. Anderson, Mrs. Richard Hart, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Harris and Samuel Cole were rescued by the officers.

While the officers were helping the guests down the ladders the firemen were attempting to gain an entrance from the rear of the building. At almost every entrance the smoke was suffocating.

"There are many men whose records are tending to besmirch the fair name of the nation," said the governor in conclusion, "but I believe we have at his head a man who is great enough and good enough to guide the ship of state in the right direction."

Quarrel Results Fatally

By Associated Press. BAKER CITY, Ore., Feb. 11.—During a quarrel in a saloon early today between Fred Neuhaus, a well-known contractor, and Henry Swartz, a miner, Neuhaus was struck in the nose by Swartz. A hemorrhage followed which resulted in death. Physicians worked on Neuhaus all day, and when they finally stopped the flow of blood Neuhaus was so exhausted that he died. Swartz has been arrested.

BROADWAY BLAZE ROUTS HOTEL GUESTS

Firemen and Policemen Brave Suffocating Smoke to Save Lives of Occupants

Three-Story Building Near Fifth Street Proves a Dangerous Spot, Four Persons Being Hurt, Including One Man Past 90

parily overcome by smoke and were carried out to the open. It was at the entrance to the warehouse that the fire fighters met with the most desperate resistance, but were met by a burst of flame and smoke that sent them back, choking for breath. The gases from the burning oils and varnishes were suffocating, and for the reason the firemen were kept at a distance of about ten feet.

Broadway Blocked The sidewalk on the west side of Broadway was packed to suffocation, and it took a squad of policemen to make a passageway from Sixth to Fifth street. One woman became faint because of the pressure of the crowd and had to be carried into a doorway until she revived.

Everyone seemed possessed with a desire to get as near to the fire as possible and trampled on one another without regard to the proprieties. On the side next to the fire, a rope was stretched, giving the firemen more space for their work, but from the arrival of the companies until the fire had dwindled down, the firemen were seriously impeded in their efforts.

A crowd of women rushed into the entrance to the office of a nearby public and literary had to be driven out from their position. Cheer the Firemen When the theaters let out the crowd became even more dense and Broadway was a mass of people from Fifth to Sixth street, watching the swirling smoke wreaths which enveloped the building.

Each time the firemen and policemen went up the ladders there arose a cheer and when the men came slowly down guiding or carrying some woman, the silence was intense until the fainting women were placed on firm ground.

Miss Georgia Barnes, who said she went up to the Louise to see a friend, had a very pretty silk gown ruined. Ruins Her Dress "I had telephoned my friend," she said to the reporter, "that I would come for a short call on my way home. It was upstairs when I noticed the smoke and then I heard someone yell 'Fire.' I started to run down stairs and tripped upon something and got a bad fall. My dress is torn and I know I will get a good scolding when I get home."

She looked ruefully down at her dress and said that she had always wanted to know how it felt to be in a fire and now she was satisfied. Notified by telephone that their stores were in danger, a number of Broadway business men came on a run to the scene of the fire and added to the general confusion by asking questions about their own property.

One man who had been pushed back by a policeman said that it was a shame if he could not get by to look after his own property, and when questioned admitted that his store was a block away from the fire.

Owing to the dense crowd which filled the entire street, the engine stationed at the fire plug at the corner of Fifth street had hard work to get coal and the crew had to be almost ridden over before they could give back to allow a passageway for the coal supply wagon.

The clerks in the Owl drug store were kept busy answering telephone calls in regard to the fire. One woman sent a message requesting the clerk to find out if her son was down at the fire.

Harry Griffin, hoseman in engine company 9, was taken to the receiving hospital at 11 o'clock suffering from a badly strained back and from suffocation. In some way he was struck by a ladder or a hose nozzle and falling into the dense smoke was almost suffocated when pulled out by some of the firemen.

He was treated at the receiving hospital and the doctors said he would be all right in a few days. Griffin is one of the most popular members of the department and has been in the service for about two years. He was formerly on the stage and is noted for his great strength.

Safes Remain Intact Two safes in the store occupied by the Art Novelty company, containing several packets of valuable papers and a considerable sum of money, were left standing unharmed in the center of the floor by some queer freak of the fire.

It is probable that had the safes dropped to the basement their contents would have been damaged. As the flames ate their way about the floor the rafters gave way and the portions of the floor sunk with the exception of a small square on which the safes were standing.

Tenants and Losses The Y. M. Co., bamboo and Japanese art goods store at 516 South Broadway, in the basement of which the fire originated, claim total losses at about \$6000 from fire, water and smoke.

The Los Angeles Van and Storage company at 518 South Broadway, estimate losses at about \$1000, mostly from water and smoke.

The F. W. Leonard Art Novelty company of 520 South Broadway, estimate losses at about \$5000, of which one-third is covered by insurance, damage done chiefly from water and smoke. Mr. Leonard stated that the passengers were injured.

Fleming Retained by Jerome By Associated Press. NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—Matthew C. Fleming, who was associated with Charles E. Hughes, as counsel in the legislative life insurance investigation, has been retained by District Attorney Jerome to assist him in the preparation of the cases against the life insurance company officials, whom it is said the district attorney will prosecute.

Four Railway Employees Killed By Associated Press. WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—The official report of the accident on the Southern railway at Greensboro, N. C., early this morning, received at the office of the company in this city, states that four employees were killed. No passengers were injured.

OUR COMMERCE WITH SPAIN

Trade With That Country and Portugal for Year Reaches Thirty-Four Millions

By Associated Press. WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—Trade of the United States with Spain and Portugal amounted in the fiscal year 1905 to over \$34,000,000, according to a report issued by the department of commerce and labor. Of this \$15,000,000 was imports and \$19,000,000 exports, of the imports \$6,500,000 was from Portugal and \$8,500,000 from Spain. Of the exports \$27,000,000 went to Portugal and \$7,000,000 to Spain.

Trade with Spain shows a marked growth in recent years. Imports into the United States have increased from \$3,000,000 in 1897, the last year prior to the Spanish-American war, to \$5,500,000 in 1905, and exports have increased from \$11,000,000 to \$12,000,000 in the same period. The largest exports to Spain are raw cotton, which amounted to \$12,005,668 in 1905.

CHURCH RIOT ENDS FATALLY

ONE MAN KILLED AND SEVERAL OTHERS INJURED

Crowd of Angry Lithuanians Attacks House of Priest in Chicago, Following Dissension During Service

By Associated Press. CHICAGO, Feb. 11.—An attack by a crowd of angry Lithuanians today upon the residence of the Rev. Edward Stefanowicz, a Catholic priest, resulted in the fatal shooting of one man and the serious injury of a number of others. The assailants were all members of the church over which the Rev. Father Stefanowicz presided. Dissension among the members of the congregation over the control of the church soon culminated in violence during the service.

Women are said to have opened hostilities by hurling a missile at the pastor. Pursued by the worshippers, the priest retreated to his residence. There he was besieged for more than an hour in spite of efforts of a squad of police which was hurried to the scene. The police repeatedly charged the attackers, who had armed themselves with sticks and stones, and only succeeded in dispersing them by firing into the crowd.

John Tammalis, a member of the congregation, was shot in the left arm and was fatally injured. Alex. Bargas, another of the attacking party, received a bullet in the head. A score of others were injured by flying bricks and stones. Fifteen of the ringleaders were arrested.

PREPARING FOR WAR

United States Government Alive to the Impending Peril Special to The Herald. CINCINNATI, O., Feb. 11.—Wong Fong, former secretary of the Six Companies in San Francisco, who is visiting in this city, today said he thought the Boxer trouble in China is about to culminate in the greatest massacre of modern times. He issued the following warning to several American friends tonight, telegraphing it to Seattle, Los Angeles and San Francisco: "The blow is about to fall. Cable warnings to friends to leave China at once. Tell them to seek protection of Germany temporarily and get out of the country before February 24."

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PLAN INVESTIGATION OF MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP

Experts Will Examine into the Relative Merits of Public and Private Control Both in the United States and Abroad

By Associated Press. NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—Milo R. Maltbie, one of the expert members of the public ownership commission of the National Civic Federation, which is organized to examine into the relative merits of municipal and private ownership of quasi public utilities in this country and abroad, sailed for London yesterday on the steamer Minneapolis to make arrangements for the visit of the entire commission to England in May. The commission has completed all of its plans and has actively begun the work of investigation in this country. As the commission is composed of men representing different views on the subject of municipal ownership and operation, two sets of engineers, accountants and other experts have been ordered, one of which is inclined toward public ownership and operation and the other toward private control. In that way only, the commission deterring could settle the facts for and against municipal ownership and operation be brought out and a report secured that would have appreciable value.

Expert accountants this week will begin work on the accounts of municipal gas plants of Wheeling, W. Va., and the municipal electric light works of Allegheny, Pa. A. E. Forestall of New York city and L. L. Merrifield of Toronto will investigate the gas works of Wheeling. Dabney Maurice of Peoria, Ill., will also begin a study of the Chicago water works and Prof. John H. Gray of the North western university will begin a study of the social and political conditions in connection with the quasi public undertakings in Chicago, New York city, Philadelphia, Boston and other large cities.

Speaking of the work of the commission in Great Britain, Mr. Maltbie said before sailing: "The commission has selected England as the country in which to begin the work of investigation abroad for the reason that conditions there are more like those in the United States than any other foreign country. "The purpose of the investigation is merely to find in what respect each system has been satisfactory and to leave the decision for or against municipal ownership to the people directly concerned."

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Mail reports have come regularly to the state department from diplomatic and consular officers throughout the Chinese empire. They show varying degrees of danger. In the meantime the war department is actively making preparations for trouble in China.

It is maintained that such measures as have been taken, which include the sending of two more regiments of infantry and two batteries of field artillery to the Philippines, are precautionary in character only, and that the administration does not intend to be caught in an embarrassing situation in the event of actual and serious difficulties.

The additional regiments in the Philippines will give this government a strong force there. Whether this force will be enough will depend upon further developments. In the event reports are received indicating the coming uprising is imminent further measures will be taken, involving the sending of more troops. This may be done anyhow.

It has been suggested by some army officers that the Philippine scouts, the local military organizations of the Philippines, made up of natives and officers by Americans, be used in China if there is trouble. Those who favor this scheme hold that the scouts would fight well against the Chinese and they could stand the conditions

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