

WORK FOR THE GOVERNMENT

Anarchists at Princeton Destroy Property of a British Subject.

AND SHOOT POSTOFFICE FULL OF BULLET HOLES.

Fire Marshal Investigating and Has Summoned Witnesses.

TALK OF ASKING FOR THE MILITIA.

Insurance Man Says Policies Voided by Riot Clause.

DESTRUCTION BY "NIGHT RIDERS" IN KENTUCKY.

Tobacco barns and factories in Todd county and vicinity on first outbreak	\$ 10,000
W. C. Rice & Sons' plant at Fredonia, Nov. 11	16,000
Bradshaw plant at Eddyville, November 11	5,000
Princeton factories, Dec. 1	165,000
James Wilson's barn and contents, Dec. 2	10,000
Miscellaneous damage by destruction of plant beds, burning of barns, etc.	30,000
Total	\$236,000

Princeton, Dec. 1.—International complications may follow as the result of the destruction by 300 masked men of the Steger tobacco stemmery here early this morning, and the act of a faction in the great struggle for the possession of the tobacco industry may involve two great nations. Federal intervention and investigation is certain to come.

The Steger plant, which was located in a valuable brick structure, was operated for Thomas Gallaher, "The Tobacco King," whose home is in Belfast, Ireland. Though he has frequently personally supervised the work of obtaining control of the tobacco output, he has never become a citizen of this country, and may still appeal to the Union Jack.

Managers of the plant declare that Mr. Gallaher will call on the British Government to take a hand, and to demand from the United States reparation, financial and otherwise, for the outrage perpetrated upon a citizen of the Empire.

Postoffice Windows Riddled.

The postoffice building was riddled with the bullets of the midnight raiders. The big plate glass window was shattered by no less than twelve shots, and the whole structure was damaged. Postoffice authorities are already investigating, and the destruction of Government property will bring to the scene the most skillful detectives in the Secret Service.

The fire gave Princeton the most intense shock of its history. All day today and late into the night armed men have patrolled the streets, fearing a possible return of the marauders. Business is at a standstill. For various reasons no posse was sent out after the men.

The whole Western part of Kentucky is in a condition of excitement, which in some counties borders on frenzy. Trouble is feared between the tobacco growers' organization and the other faction. The Sheriff at Kuttawa secured the aid of fifty special deputies to resist an attack that might be made on the town. Rumors have been circulated to the effect that Hopkinsville, thirty miles distant, will be the scene of the next blow at the trust, as important factories are in operation there.

Details of the Work of Night Riders.
Between 1 and 2 o'clock Sat-

urday morning a mob of 300 masked men rode into Princeton and set fire to the large tobacco stemmeries of Jno. G. Orr and Jas. Steger. The stemmeries were practically destroyed and frame residences and smaller buildings were badly damaged, but nobody was hurt.

The Steger stemmery is located on the south side of town and the Orr building is in the northern part of town. The fires being widely separated, added to the difficulty of getting them under control. The fire department was divided into two squads and its members worked heroically to stop the flames, but not until after the mob had done its work and left town. When the mob first came into town its members disarmed the night police, took charge of the water works and the telephone and telegraph offices and put the wires out of commission. These night riders came from every direction in squads. All the men left town in a body discharging firearms as they went towards Cadiz and Hopkinsville.

The stemmeries are a total loss and their value is estimated at from \$150,000 to \$200,000. The entire town was aroused and the citizens turned out to assist in fighting the flames.

Fire Marshal on the Scene.

Mott Ayres, state fire marshal, was called to Princeton to investigate the incendiarism. He has the power of a grand jury to summon witnesses and require them to testify under oath.

Militia May be Asked for.

It is not improbable that Governor Beckham will be asked to call out the militia to protect property in view of past outrages.

Citizens Afraid to Talk.

Princeton citizens have been intimidated to such an extent that it is difficult to secure expressions from them or even to learn the full details of the outrages. Threats are said to have been made against Fire Marshal Ayers and his attorney, Clem Whittemore, and the several newspaper correspondents.

Riot Clause Effects Insurance.

C. F. Snyder, secretary of the State board of fire insurance underwriters, says the insurance companies will not be responsible for the loss of the plants under the clause exempting them in case of riot and invasion.

First Arrest a Railroad Man.

William Winters, a railroad section boss, with headquarters at McGowan, was arrested charged with being a member of the mob. He was released on \$200 bond to appear before the county judge Thursday. County Clerk Dave Gardiner, who was held up by the raiders, gave the information which led to Winters' arrest, and it is understood that Mr. Gardiner says he is not positive Winters is the right man. Other warrants are said to have been sworn out.

The Property Loss.

The property loss is as follows: The Steger tobacco stemmery building and fixtures, \$15,000; insurance, \$9,000. One hundred and fifty thousand pounds of tobacco, insured. J. G. Orr tobacco stemmery building and fixtures, \$20,000, partly insured. Two hundred and fifty thousand pounds of tobacco. F. G. Wood, residence, \$1,100; insurance office and fixtures, \$1,000; insurance, \$300. Clay Coon, residence, \$1,000. F. G. Wood, residence, \$1,000; insurance, \$700.

SWORE TO SHED BLOOD.

Members of Dark Tobacco Growers Association Near Princeton.

STATEMENT MADE UNDER OATH BEFORE FIRE MARSHAL.

Princeton, Ky., Dec. 4.—Evidence showing that members of the Dark Tobacco Growers' Association have taken an oath to shed blood if necessary to further the cause of the growers who are fighting the tobacco trust, was brought out this afternoon before Mott Ayres, State Fire Marshal, who is conducting an investigation into the fires which destroyed the tobacco stemmeries in Princeton last Saturday morning.

Price Morse, eighteen years old, who is a member of the association, swore that he heard Dr. Dave Amoss say at a secret meeting of the planters:

Pledged to Shed Blood.

"I want all those who will pledge themselves to take up arms and shed blood for the association, to stand up."

Morse said many of the men stood up, and that all those who refused to take the oath were excluded from the meeting, being invited out by Dr. Amoss, who was acting as the chairman of the organization.

Mr. Ayres took the names of the men who Morse said were present at this meeting and they will be summoned to testify before the Marshal. Morse gave the names only of those who left the meeting when the call to arms was issued.

NIGHT RIDERS NEAR OWENSBORO

James Wilson Loses \$10,000 in Incendiary Fire at Their Hands.

WAS ANTI-EQUITY SOCIETY MAN.

Owensboro, Ky., Dec. 3.—The night riders have made their appearance in the vicinity of Owensboro. Last night about 9 o'clock the big barn of James Wilson, an anti Equity Society man, was destroyed by flames, and all of the contents of the building were consumed, including twenty nine mules, two horses, 200 bushels of oats, 200 bushels of corn and fifty tons of hay.

Shortly after the flames were subdued, bloodhounds were put on the trail and they followed the scent to a break in the fence where two palings had been removed. From this place the footprints of two or more persons were seen, and it was evident that they had made their way to the road after they had set fire to the building and had then proceeded on their way in a buggy and the tracks showed where a buggy had been turned around just in front of the place where the pickets were knocked off.

The destruction of the barn and its contents, which caused a loss of over \$10,000 to Mr. Wilson, has caused the greatest excitement in the neighborhood, following as it did upon the heels of the incident at Princeton, and the farmers in this neighborhood are taking precautions to guard their property.

The czar of Russia is reported to be hiding in Denmark. If he has succeeded in getting there safely we would advise him to lose no time in sending home for the furniture.

CHRISTIAN COUNTY OFFERS FIRST REWARD

Tobacco Growers There Denounce Princeton Outrage.

ASK OTHER COUNTIES TO SWELL REWARD FUND.

Hopkinsville, Ky., Dec. 3.—The Christian County Committee of the Dark Tobacco Association met and passed resolutions strongly condemning the "great destruction of private property at Princeton, Ky., last Friday night." The resolutions declare in favor of the "maintenance of law and order and the punishment of crime."

The resolution further says: "We hereby pledge our support in the arrest and the conviction of the persons engaged in this shocking crime, and hereby offer a reward of \$200 for the arrest and conviction of the guilty parties to be paid on the certificate of the Circuit Court Clerk attesting to such facts."

"We hereby call upon the other county organizations in the Dark Tobacco district of Kentucky and Tennessee to join us in this effort to aid in the suppression of crime, and request the Executive Committee of the Dark Tobacco Protective Association also to offer a reward."

INSURANCE CANCELLED ON TOBACCO PLANTS.

So-Called Trust Plants are Without Insurance Protection.

The fire insurance companies have cancelled by wire practically all the insurance in effect on the so called trust tobacco plants in Western Kentucky, and any protection against incendiarism at the hands of the mob or the solitary fire bug, which such a plant now gets will have to be furnished by the owner. These tobacco plants in Hopkinsville and elsewhere are being guarded by forces of armed men at private expense.

CLOVERPORT THREATENED.

Anonymous Letters Received by Managers of Foreign Tobacco Plants.

Cloverport, Ky., Dec. 3.—Managers of stemmeries of the American Tobacco Co., and the Gallagher Limited have received threatening anonymous letters promising to destroy their plants. The managers say they do not think these threats will be carried out, but they are guarding the property nevertheless.

Law and Order League at White Plains.

Friday night, sixty of the prominent citizens of White Plains met to organize a Law and Order League, to prevent the violations of the law, such as have been going on there recently. The illegal selling of whiskey, gambling, etc. W. T. Crawford was elected president of the league; J. W. Sisk, vice president; T. O. Dillingham, secretary, and Dr. W. N. Bailey, assistant secretary. They met again last night when the committee appointed to draw up by-laws reported.

Ready for Business.

The Farmers' Bank of Madisonville received Charter No. 8451 Monday and have opened temporary headquarters in the real estate office of Geo. R. Lynn. The capital stock of the bank is \$50,000. The officers of the new concern are: Geo. R. Lynn, president; Otho Fowler, vice president, and C. O. Osburn, cashier. The bank is now ready to transact business.

Isn't it better to say to the boy when you want him to do something, "I wish you would," and not, "You must?"

WEST KENTUCKY DUMBFOUNDED

Rampant Anarchy at the Hands of Kuklux Bands.

Work Charged to Members of Tobacco Association.

Outcome of Many Inflammatory Speeches by Spellbinders.

Hopkinsville, Ky., Dec. 3.—Western Kentucky stands aghast at the wanton destruction, during the early hours of Saturday morning of two tobacco trust warehouses at Princeton. The outrages, following as they do, a succession of lessor deprecations, indicate that a well-defined and established spirit of vandalism, dangerously near actual anarchy, is rampant in this section and further lawlessness or possibly the loss of human life is feared. Whether justly or unjustly, the Planters' Association of Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia, must bear the brunt of the blame for the destruction at Princeton.

Many Inflammatory Speeches.

This blame is laid at their doors as a result of oft-repeated and continued inflammatory speeches which have been delivered all through the tobacco belt of Kentucky and Tennessee by the spellbinders working in the interest of the association. These speeches were always successful in provoking to uproarious applause the coldest crowd which would gather, and at times the most extravagant statements or advice would be offered by the orators in making their point.

Not Countenanced by Leaders.

The burning of the factories at Princeton, if it was the work of members of the association, is not countenanced by the leaders in the movement, but is thought to have been the deed of the hot-headed and irresponsible members. Felix G. Ewing, the general manager and really the father of the association, is now in the East for the purpose of regaining his health, but his lieutenants all condemn the outrages, no matter by whom committed, and say they want to see every guilty man caught and punished to the full extent of the law. They also say that they realize that the disastrous occurrence, charged as it is to the association, is a heavy blow to the organization, as it brings down upon it the wrath of public opinion.

Tobacco Association.

The tobacco association was organized at Guthrie three years ago, and from the very beginning the movement was backed by practically every business and professional man or private citizen. The association was organized for the purpose of securing better prices for the farmers' tobacco, and as this would be a general benefit to every line of business, everybody was for the farmers in their fight against the trusts. Later on, however, the farmers began to take drastic measures to force those who had refused to join with them in the movement to sign the pledges of the association. One of the first of these methods adopted was that of the night riding. A gang of men dressed a good deal like kuklux would go to a man's house in the dead of night and warn him not to sell his tobacco to trusts. Still later plant beds were scraped in many localities, thus completely ruining a farmer's chances for raising a crop of tobacco unless

he could get plants elsewhere. Then came the destruction by fire of a warehouse at Trenton and by dynamite at Elkton. Then, during the night of November 11, a warehouse at Fredonia, near Princeton, and one at Eddyville were destroyed.

No Arrests Made.

As all these outrages were committed excitement was high, but never was any one arrested and charged with the crime, and in time the excitement would die out.

At first the deprecations were confined almost entirely to the Tennessee counties embraced in the "Black Patch," but recently the scene has changed, and the outlawry has centralized in Kentucky.

"Hillbillies" Organize.

In Trigg county an open breach has occurred between the members of the Planters' Protective Association and those who refused to join that organization, and who were dubbed "Hillbillies." The "Hillbillies" a few weeks ago met in Cadiz and organized an independent association, and offered protection, if necessary, to independent buyers who came to the county for the purpose of buying tobacco, the Planters' Protective Association having ordered such buyers not to come to Trigg county. Each organization at different times adopted strong resolutions in defining their respective positions, the latest from the independent organization being the pledging of their support in politics to candidates who would enforce the law, irrespective of party affiliation.

Tobacco Houses are Guarded.

At all places throughout this section where a trust factory or warehouse is located, much apprehension is felt of a possible visit from the raiders and in nearly every such case the buildings are being guarded by armed men every night. Warehouses here are surrounded by heavily armed guards. The universal condemnation which is being expressed regarding the lawlessness is thought though to have had a most quieting effect upon all future like actions and calmer heads are firm in the belief that the worst has come.

BUILDING THE M. H. & E. R. R.

Large Number of Men and Teams at Work in North Madisonville.

A large force of men and teams are at work throwing up the grade of the M. H. & E. R. R., in North Madisonville. The company expects to have the road completed by next fall and trains will be running direct from Louisville to Morganfield. The union depot will be erected at the junction of the L. & N. and M. H. & E., in North Madisonville and property in this vicinity will double in value. The Toombs & Fawcett Realty Co. have a number of nice lots along the right of way of the M. H. & E., and near the crossing of the L. & N., that they are selling for \$125.00 on the following easy terms: \$15.00 down and \$10.00 per month without interest. Better buy a lot now while the price is low. The will bring double the money in less than a year. For future information see Toombs & Fawcett Realty Co., Earlinton, Ky.