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The Riot at Jesup.

Said to Have Been Fomented by a White Man.

TEN DEAD AND THREE WOUNDED.

Five of the Dead Men Were Whites—The Trouble Was Directly Precipitated by the Attempted Arrest of a Negro—Two of the Negroes Were Taken From Jail and Lynched.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Dec. 27.—The trouble at Jesup Wednesday began at 10 a. m., when Chief Marshal Leggett and assistants attempted to arrest Bob Brewer, the notorious negro outlaw and fugitive. Brewer raised his gun to his shoulder and deliberately shot down Assistant Marshal Barnhill, killing him instantly. The chief marshal then fired on Brewer, but missed him. Brewer returned the fire and shot Leggett through both legs.

Brewer and his crowd of ten or twelve men then fled to McMillan swamp, a few yards away. The report of the guns threw the town into a whirlwind of excitement, and the negroes were followed into the swamp by several citizens. Among them were William Wood, a carpenter, and his son, William Wood, who is on a visit from Ridgeland, S. C., to his father.

The negroes dodged into the swamp, and when young Wood ran in behind them Brewer rose up and shot him through the head, killing him instantly, and shot Wood's father in the face.

Accomplishing this much, the negroes ran further into the swamp and escaped.

The news of the death of young Wood and the serious shooting of his father spread like wild-fire over the town. Confusion reigned for a time, and Jesup seemed to be in the hands of a violent mob. Mayor Hobbs called a meeting, and hasty arrangements were made to protect the town. Seventy-five armed men were gathered in a few minutes and followed Brewer and his party a distance into the swamp. McMillan bay covers over 400 acres, and Brewer is so familiar with its hiding places that the efforts of the posse to locate him in the swamp were regarded as in vain. The strength of the posse was increased by at least twenty-five armed men before an hour had elapsed, and a picket line was formed on the east side, so as to prohibit anybody from coming out of the swamp to the town.

Brewer is thoroughly familiar with the bay, having been skulking around and hiding there, fishing and hunting, for a number of months. Brewer had threatened the life of Assistant Marshal Barnhill since the officers killed one of Brewer's pals, a few weeks ago, while attempting to arrest the colored man for gambling. Wednesday was Brewer's chance, and he took advantage of the opportunity, when the assistant officer came unarmed to the side of Chief Marshal Leggett, who was making the arrest. Brewer seemed to forget for the moment that anybody was trying to capture him, and he shot Barnhill down as he would a dog.

News reached the authorities that J. W. Ryan, a white man, was the instigator of the affray. A posse was sent to his house to arrest him, but Ryan had made his escape. The men are on the lookout for him. It is said that he put the bad idea into Brewer's head about the duty of the white people to the colored folks, and report says that he excited them by saying that the murder of the colored man killed by Barnhill should be avenged.

Henry Anderson, one of the guards put over Ryan's house, was accidentally shot and killed by one of his own party. He came over to Capt. Gordon's headquarters for reinforcements, and was going home, when a gun held by Townsend, one of his party, was discharged, blowing Anderson's brains out. Anderson was formerly the hotel proprietor here, but of late has been with the Central railroad, at Macon.

Wednesday night a colored man was shot by a picket while coming from the McMillan swamp. He attempted to slip by the officer when he was shot. The ball took effect in the right breast, but the wound is not fatal. It is believed that he was acting as a spy.

At about 3 o'clock yesterday morning a party of unknown men attacked the jail at Jesup, driving away the guards. In a few minutes the doors were battered in, and four men went inside and shot and killed Peter Johnson and Bill Hopps. The former was the man who had been wounded and captured in the fight.

The military were stationed about half a mile from the jail, but by the time a detachment arrived there everything was quiet, and all that there was to indicate what had happened were the bodies of the dead negroes. The commander of the military had suggested to the mayor a detail of soldiers should be put on duty at the jail, but the latter said the sheriff and his deputies would protect the prisoners.

A special from Jesup to The Morning News, dated 6 p. m., says Mayor Hobbs has called a public meeting to take steps to defend the town to-night. It is believed that Brewer is near here with a large force of negroes.

The citizens are organizing and arming to aid the Brunswick Rifles in case of an outbreak. A special train was run out to the brickyards, where Brewer was reported to have been seen, and a detachment of armed men sent out as scouts.

Mayor Hobbs is in receipt of a telegram from Brunswick saying that Ryan, the white man who is supposed to have instigated the trouble, is in that city, but the mayor will not take steps to have Ryan brought back.

There is still great excitement throughout the country around Jesup, but affairs will doubtless quiet down in a few days. It is the region of turpentine distilleries and saw mills. Here thousands of negroes are employed, and the Jesup trou-

ble is apt to disorganize labor for some time to come.

A large number of negroes were taken from their homes Wednesday and whipped, many of them being prostitutes. A crowd of white men went to several houses after breakfast that morning and compelled the negroes to leave. They punished some of them.

Everything Quiet.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Dec. 27.—A special to The Morning News from Jesup says everything is quiet there, and that a company of forty citizens has been organized to guard the town against invasion. The coroner's jury in the afternoon rendered a verdict charging the negroes Brewer and Roford with the murder of Marshal Barnhill and young Woods. As to the killing of the negroes in jail, the jury returned a verdict of "killed by parties unknown."

The Georgia Hussars, dismounted, the company ordered to the scene of the trouble by the governor, returned to this city yesterday.

Ten Killed.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Dec. 27.—The most reliable information is that ten people have been killed at Jesup, namely: Barnhill and Woods, by Brewer; Anderson, accidentally (white), and Johnson and Hopps, in jail, and Fluett, on the street (colored), and two whites and two negroes whose names are not given.

AT NASHVILLE.

Two White Men and One Negro Fatally Injured.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 27.—A row between whites and blacks here Wednesday afternoon, in which pistols and knives were used resulted in two white men and one negro being fatally injured. William Phelps had his skull cracked and will die. William Reyman was fatally injured by the explosion of a pistol, and Eli Cox, colored, was fatally shot.

An attempt was made to assassinate Sergeant of Police W. E. McAllister, but he succeeded in arresting his assailant, Ruff Milton, colored, had his hand blown entirely off by the explosion of a pistol.

No Riot, But a Negro Murdered.

MACON, Ga., Dec. 27.—The report of a riot at Barnesville is erroneous. It arose from the unprovoked murder of a negro of excellent character by four drunken white men, who met him on the railroad track. The authorities are doing their best to arrest the murderers, who were strangers in the community.

Huns and Swedes Have a Christmas Bout.

GREENSBURG, Pa., Dec. 27.—On Christmas night a number of Swedes and Hungarians employed at the Crabtree mines got drunk and indulged in a general fight. A Hungarian named Givsky was fatally stabbed, and another seriously hurt. The murderer of the Hun made good his escape.

Old Feud Settled Christmas.

FREDERICK, Md., Dec. 27.—Oliver H. Thompson and Wesley Currey, both residents of Liberty, this county, renewed an old quarrel Wednesday and Thompson blew Currey's eyes out with a shotgun. The wounded man will die.

White Man Killed by a Negro.

DANVILLE, Va., Dec. 28.—During a drunken row here Wednesday Henry Brown, white, was fatally shot by a negro, who had been attacked by Brown and some friends. The negro escaped across the river.

Fatally Stabbed by a Negro.

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., Dec. 27.—Thomas Ellis was fatally stabbed by George Nagle, colored; during a fight at a ball on Christmas eve. Nagle is under arrest.

FOURTEEN YEARS.

That is How Long James H. Radcliff Will Serve for Murder.

POMEROY, O., Dec. 27.—James H. Radcliff, on trial here during the past ten days for murdering his brother-in-law, Lewis D. Cotterill, at the Hulbert house, this city, last February; was found guilty of manslaughter yesterday morning and was sentenced by Judge Desteigner to fourteen years in the penitentiary.

James Radcliff's sister was the wife of the murdered man, Davis Cotterill. They had been married seven years, and the testimony on the trial went to prove that during that time the wife had been beaten, kicked, and that her life had been threatened, and that there had been attempts to force her to become intimate with other men by her husband. Radcliff interfered to protect his sister, and at one time persuaded her to leave Cotterill. The latter induced her to return, and signed an agreement acknowledging his cruel treatment, and agreeing never to repeat it. This agreement was read in court. Both Radcliff and his brother-in-law were school teachers.

After this they were bitter enemies, and threats against each other were freely made. On Feb. 1 last the two met in the office of the Hulbert house, and after a few words Radcliff shot Cotterill fatally. The wounded man made an ante-mortem statement that he was unarmed and that he had never threatened Radcliff. The trial has attracted great interest. Gen. Grosvenor was engaged by the prosecution, and Daniel W. Voorhees had the defense. The most brilliant efforts in the way of oratory which Pomeroy ever heard were made by both, with the result above stated.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 27.—An east-bound passenger train on the Georgia Pacific railroad ran into an open switch at Day's Gap, forty miles west of here, Wednesday, and collided with a freight engine. Jefferson Davis, a young white man of this place, who was standing on a side track, was killed, and R. D. Crusoe Clide, of Anniston, and several other passengers were slightly hurt.

Anxiety for a Steamer.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 27.—The steamship Peruvian, from Liverpool, for this port is seven days overdue, and some anxiety is felt for her.

Reforming Civil Service

A Scheme of Reform the Present Constitution.

SUBJECT OF CONGRESSIONAL WORK.

A Rigid Inquiry to Be Made the Present Session of the Fifty-First Congress—Several Prominent Officials Leave the National Capital—Other Washington Dispatches.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—It is expected that the house committee on reform in the civil service, to whom was referred the resolution in favor of reforming the civil service, will report in favor of the resolution soon after the reassembling of congress. They will probably extend the inquiry so as to show the effect of the reform in the government service.

The civil service commissioners are anxious that such an investigation should be had. They are sure of showing that their administration of the commission has been on an impartial basis, without irregularity of any sort. They know too that it can be shown that the government service has been vastly improved under the civil service system. The record of work done and general character of the departmental service will be the strongest argument in favor of the reform.

Mr. Thompson says of his proposed investigation that it cannot fail to advance the interests of the reform. The showing will be such as to disarm opposition.

"Under the reform system I know from experience and observation the service made a marvelous advance in improvement. The system cannot be praised too highly when one observes the good accomplished by it. The civil service committee is organized strongly on the line of reform. The chairman, Mr. Lehlbach, is a pronounced civil service reformer. Representatives Bayne, Butterworth, Greenhalg and Andrews, of the committee, are well known as civil service reformers, and are men of ability, and Representative Dargan wrote a report during the last congress, in which he made a very able defense of the reform.

Storm in the East.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—A severe storm has moved from the St. Lawrence valley to the New England coast, violent gales have prevailed on the lakes; and from New England to Cape Hat, Texas. Maximum velocities of fifty-six miles per hour are reported from Block island and Boston, sixty miles, Sandy Hook; from thirty-eight to forty-eight on the Virginia coast. High northwest winds will prevail during the night on the Atlantic coast from Maine to Virginia, decreasing in force Friday evening.

A Trip to Havana.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Surgeon General Hamilton, of the marine hospital service, will leave Washington tomorrow for a trip to Havana. He will be joined at Charleston, S. C., by Dr. Wilkinson, president of the Louisiana board of health. On his way to Havana they will inspect the quarantine stations at Tortugas Keys, Jacksonville and other places in Florida. They expect to be absent a week or ten days.

A Distillery Seized.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The commissioner of internal revenue has been informed by telegraph of the seizure of the Fresno, Cal., wine distillery for alleged fraudulent distilling.

Victims of the Mine Disaster.

SAN ANDREAS, Cal., Dec. 27.—The latest report from the Angels' Camp disaster is that there are at least seventeen, and probably nineteen, men buried in the mine. There are but little hopes of ever recovering the bodies. The miners are now at work taking out ore, and the work of developing the mines will probably be resumed very soon. It is probable, however, that the work will be directed toward the spot where the bodies are buried. One of the miners reports having seen a dead body among the timbers, fearfully mangled, but signs of a cave-in drove him from the scene, and a few minutes later the surface sank.

A Conference to Compromise.

WOBURN, Mass., Dec. 27.—A second conference between representatives of the Leather Manufacturers' association and the Knights of Labor was held yesterday. The manufacturers rejected all propositions submitted by the knights, but was willing to sign an agreement to pay their own price list for two years and not discriminate against Knights of Labor in hiring their help. A meeting of the workmen was held last night when a vote was taken by ballot as to whether or not the manufacturers' proposition should be accepted, resulting in its rejection by 1,115 to 17. This action indicates a prolonged and stubborn fight.

Tenement House Burned.

WATERTOWN, N. Y., Dec. 27.—A large tenement owned by A. D. Remington and occupied by twelve families, took fire at 6:30 yesterday evening and was entirely consumed. The high wind prevailing caused such a rapid spread of the flames that nothing could be saved. Most of the families lost nearly all their clothing, as well as their household goods, and all are nearly destitute. The loss on the building is about \$10,000.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—Frank Slaven, the Australian champion pugilist, has written a letter to the Pelican club thanking the members for their generous treatment of him. He declares that he intends in the future as he has always done to endeavor to win any contest in which he may engage in a fair and manly manner.

EULOGIZING THE DEAD.

Atlanta Citizens Pay a Tribute to the Memory of Henry W. Grady.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 27.—The citizens of Atlanta paid tribute to the memory of Henry W. Grady, yesterday, by a public meeting at DeGives opera house, presided over by the mayor, and at which addresses were delivered by many of the most prominent people of the city. The opera house, which was crowded to overflowing, was beautifully decorated with flowers and emblems of mourning. Two large pictures of Mr. Grady hung at the sides of the stage.

The exercises were opened with prayer. The Chi Phi resolution were then read. Hon. Patrick Walsh, of Augusta, was the first speaker. He described Grady as the most gifted and most useful public man of history. Mr. Walsh reviewed Grady's brilliant career as an editor and orator and added: "His last speech was an impassioned and eloquent plea for a peaceful solution of that great problem which the south alone can solve. It was not to oppress the colored man but to elevate him; to enable both races to live in peace and to work out their mission in the regeneration of the south. What he so eloquently said in Boston represents the firm conviction of his southern countrymen, and his death but emphasized the truth and force of his position. The south mourns and the north deeply sympathizes with us in the death of him whose last public utterance so touched the patriotic heart, and the response comes from all sections of a reunited people and a restored nation."

Hon. Benjamin Hill, in the course of a fervent tribute, said: "Henry W. Grady was the great soul of the south, under whose fervid eloquence the cold heart of the north was melting into patience, justice, sympathy and love. It is no exaggeration to say that he was the great hope of the country."

Hon. Julius L. Brown, Hon. Albert Cox, Judge Howard Van Epps, Walter B. Hill, of Macon, and Professor H. White, of Athens, followed in heartfelt eulogy of the departed.

John Temple Graves, of Rome, delivered a short address of such remarkable power and beauty that cheer after cheer arose, and as he closed a voice cried: "There is Henry W. Grady's successor." Governor Gordon, who was the last speaker, said in the course of his remarks: "It is no exaggeration to say that the humblest and highest, the poorest and richest, all classes; colors and creeds, with unspeakable sorrow mourn his death as a public calamity. It is no exaggeration to say that no man lives who can take his place. It is no extravagant eulogy to declare that scarcely any half dozen men by their combined efforts can fill in all departments the places which he filled in his laborious and glorious life."

The Young Mens' Monument fund; started two days ago, now reaches \$7,000. Several subscriptions were received yesterday from New York and Boston.

Christmas Tragedies.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 27.—Christmas brought its usual quota of tragedies in this vicinity. Thomas Jones, colored, after celebrating the day with somewhat unusual vigor, attempted to ride a spirited horse. The animal threw him and Jones' neck was broken. A 13-year-old boy named Walton went to his home, and finding the house closed, attempted to enter through the window. The sash fell on him, breaking his neck. Both of these accidents happened in Henrico county, near this city.

A Bold Robbery.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 27.—Between 6 and 6:30 o'clock yesterday evening, while the family of John Bush, a prominent citizen, residing at No. 165 Sumner street, were at their evening meal, thieves climbed the outside porch of the house and entered the second story window, opened the private apartments of Mrs. Bush and secured \$3,000 worth of jewelry. The thieves are still at large.

Three Children Burned to Death.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 27.—During the temporary absence of Mrs. Lena Schip, from her home at 2031 Pierce street yesterday, the house caught fire, and her three children, a boy of 7, a girl of 4, and a six-months-old baby boy, who were locked in the house, were burned to death. A hundred people witnessed the casualty but were unable to save the imprisoned children.

A Running Fight With Smugglers.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 27.—The Times-Democrat's Laredo, Tex., special says that a running fight took place between Deputy United States Marshals Kilgore and Cuellon and five mescal smugglers near Mendito yesterday afternoon. Octaviano Chappa, one of the smugglers, was killed. The other four were lodged in jail at San Diego. None of the officers were hurt.

Robbed Letters.

BUFFALO, Dec. 27.—Edward F. Bapst, general delivery clerk in the Buffalo postoffice, was arrested yesterday and confessed having stolen letters from the mail for the past four months. He says he has taken about \$60, altogether from the letters. He is a married man, and his father is a prominent citizen. His mother was made quite ill by the news.

Shot His Former Wife.

ST. ALBANS, Vt., Dec. 27.—H. N. Bell and wife, of Fairfax, this county, have not lived together for a short time past. Yesterday afternoon Mrs. Bell went to the house where her husband lived to get her things, when he shot her, inflicting fatal wounds. She lived only a few minutes after the shooting. Details of the tragedy are not at hand.

Bridge Blown Down.

BETHLEHEM, Pa., Dec. 27.—A bridge in course of construction across the Lehigh river and Weissport was blown down at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Three workmen fell with the structure. Gustave Wern was fatally hurt; Charles Zimmerman, shoulder and leg broken, and Thomas Crawford, hips broken and bruised about body. Berg lived in Jersey City.