

MOB KILLS THREE IN JAIL

NORTHWESTERN WYOMING IS SCENE OF LAWLESSNESS.

A Mob of 30 Men Battered Down the Jail Doors at Basin and Shot Two Murderers and a Deputy Sheriff—Cattle and Sheep Men Are in a Range Feud Near Thermopolis.

Red Lodge, Mont., July 20.—A state of lawlessness that beggars description now prevails in northwestern Wyoming, as a result of which all law and order seems to have been abolished.

From President L. L. Moffett of the Montana & Wyoming Telephone company, who is now making a tour of inspection of his company's lines, comes the news of a bloody lynching of two men which occurred at Basin, Wyo., just across the Wyoming line. News also comes of an appeal for help from Sheriff Fenton of Big Horn county, who has arrested a number of prominent cattlemen near Thermopolis and has appealed to the governor of the state for assistance of the militia in getting his prisoners to the Basin jail.

The lynching resulted in the killing of two condemned murderers and also in the shooting of a deputy sheriff, C. E. Price, who died instantly. The murderers were Jim Gorman, who killed his brother's wife, and a prisoner named Walters, a traveling man, who killed a widow named Hoover at Thermopolis hot springs two years ago because she refused to marry him.

Sheriff Did His Duty.

It was reported to Sheriff Fenton last Wednesday morning that a mob was coming up to Basin, along the Big Horn river from Hyattsville and Tensleep, for the purpose of lynching Gorman and Walters. As a measure of precaution the sheriff took the two men and a horse thief out of the jail and secreted them in a gulch near town under guard of Deputy Sheriffs Felix Alston and C. E. Price. Gorman, who has exceptionally small hands, managed to slip his handcuffs and make his escape. Deputy Price fired one shot at the fugitive as he disappeared in the brush, but the bullet went wild. Gorman swam the Big Horn river and made for the mountains. A posse of seven men quickly organized and Gorman was recaptured early yesterday on Trapper creek, about 50 miles from Basin.

Mob's Work.

Last evening a mob of about 30 men, unmasked and in perfect order, rode up the east bank of the Big Horn, dismounted, tethered their horses and compelled the ferryman to carry them across the river. They made no demonstration until they entered Basin, when five shots were fired as a warning. The mob proceeded at once to the building which is a courthouse and jail combined, and fired a volley into the jail. Deputy Price and Special Deputy George S. Meade were guarding the prisoners at the time. One bullet grazed Meade's shoulder and entered Price's heart, killing him instantly. Members of the mob then quickly procured telephone poles and battered the jail doors down.

They first came to Walters, who was crouched on his cot piteously begging for mercy. No needless torture was resorted to. Walters was shot instantly. The mob next found Gorman, whose body was pierced by five bullets and was left presumably dead. He lingered, however, until 3 o'clock in the morning, when he died.

A still more alarming state of affairs is reported from the vicinity of Thermopolis. About six weeks ago, as a result of the range feud that has been so bitterly waged, a sheepman, Ben Minnick, was killed by cattlemen. Sheriff Fenton, it is claimed, had captured the murderers, who are all prominent cattlemen and whose names have been withheld on account of threats made against him. Sheriff Fenton is unable to get his prisoners to Basin. It is claimed the same mob that lynched Gorman and Walters are sympathizers and have declared that Sheriff Fenton will never get out of the locality alive with his prisoners.

Sheriff Fenton has wired the governor of Wyoming for permission to use the state militia at Landers and also sent a telephone message to Cody, Basin, Meeteetse and other Wyoming towns asking for volunteers to assist him in upholding the law. Everywhere hardy westerners are responding to the call, arming themselves and hastening toward Thermopolis.

It is probable that the militia will be ordered to the scene and that a bloody battle will be fought. The country about Thermopolis is a wild and lawless one. A message received at Cody this morning from Sheriff Fenton stated that he still had the prisoners in his possession and that he believed he could hold out until reinforcements came.

Record of Walters.

Walters was editor and proprietor of the Lead Democrat at Lead, S. D.,

from 1891 to 1892, and was one of the prominent men of South Dakota. From Lead Walters went to Deadwood, where he was appointed United States deputy marshal. This office Walters later lost through excessive dissipation and some alleged crooked work. Coming home in an intoxicated condition one night, Walters found another man talking to his wife and would have killed him but his condition rendered his aim ineffective. For the attempted murder Walters served a jail sentence. Walters steadily went to the worse and Mrs. Walters finally secured a divorce. Walters met Mrs. Hoover at Thermopolis and after three days' acquaintance murdered her upon her refusal to marry him.

Jim McCloud in Basin Jail.

Butte, Mont., July 23.—A special battle was narrowly averted in the mountains, six miles north of Thermopolis, when Sheriff Fenton transferred Jim McCloud, the alleged murderer of Ben Minnick, from the city jail at Thermopolis to the county jail at Basin City. Sheriff Fenton left Thermopolis with his prisoner under escort of the Basin light artillery of 40 men and 50 picked deputies.

Scouts had been sent out at sunrise, and they reported that a large force of cattlemen and the friends of McCloud were camped on the trail near Cottonwood creek, and from preparations being made they intended to hold up the sheriff and his party and deliver the prisoner. Consequently, when Fenton left Thermopolis he went prepared and expecting a battle.

Scouts rode on ahead and also in the rear and on either flank, but when the cattlemen saw that the soldiers were alert for battle they quietly slipped away and by making a detour entered Thermopolis. With them was Tom O'Day, the notorious character, who is alleged to have been mixed up in the killing of Minnick, and for whom Sheriff Fenton has a warrant.

McCloud was at once placed in the cell formerly occupied by Walters, the condemned murderer, who was shot to death by a mob Sunday, and a strong guard placed about the jail.

AN ARMY AND NAVY BOARD.

It is Intended to Bring Harmony Between Departments.

Secretaries Root and Moody have issued the following joint order:

"The department of war and the department of the navy have agreed upon the formation of a joint board, to be composed of four officers of the army and four officers of the navy, to hold stated sessions and such extraordinary sessions as shall appear advisable for the purpose of conferring upon, discussing on and reaching common conclusions regarding all matters calling for the co-operation of the two services. Any matters which seem to either department to call for such consideration may be referred by that department to the board thus formed. All reports of the board shall be made in duplicate, one to each department. All reports and proceedings shall be confidential. The senior member of the board present will preside at its meetings and the junior member of the board present will act as its recorder.

"On the recommendation of the provisional general staff of the army the following officers are detailed by the secretary of war to serve on the board: Major General S. B. M. Young, Major General Henry C. Corbin, Brigadier General Tasker H. Bliss, Brigadier General Wallace F. Randolph.

"On the recommendation of the general board of the navy the following officers are detailed by the secretary of the navy to serve upon the board: Admiral of the Navy George Dewey, Rear Admiral Henry C. Taylor, Captain John Pillsbury, Commander William J. Barnett."

The president has given directions for the preparations of commissions for the following promotions in the army:

Major General Young, to be lieutenant general, vice Lieutenant General Miles, who retires August 8.

Brigadier General S. Sumner, to be major general, vice Major General Davis, to be retired July 26.

Brigadier General Leonard S. Wood, to be major general, vice Major General Young, to be promoted.

Miscellaneous Poisons Sheep.

Butte, Mont., July 23.—A special from Billings says: Word comes from Columbus of a heavy loss sustained a few days ago by a well known sheepman named Grimes. From the report it is learned that some one scattered poison on the range about 12 miles south of Columbus, where Grimes' sheep were ranging, and the sheep ate of it. Over 1200 head are known to have died as a result and others were made so sick that their death is looked for. Another sheepman is said to have lost over 300 head. There is no clue to the miscreant.

Andrew Crawford Is Dead.

Terre Haute, Ind., July 22.—Andrew J. Crawford, aged 65, a millionaire iron manufacturer and coal operator, died at his home here. Mr. Crawford was president of the Vigor Iron company, Terre Haute Iron & Steel and the Wabash Iron company.

LATE TELEGRAPH BREVITIES

CULLED FROM DISPATCHES OF THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

A Review of Happenings in Both Eastern and Western Hemispheres During the Past Week—National, Historical, Political and Personal Events Tensely Told.

At Buffalo, N. Y., Henry C. Moffatt's brewery was destroyed by fire recently. Fire has destroyed the Sabine hotel and natatorium at Port Arthur, Texas. The Northern Pacific directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/4 per cent, payable August 1.

Charles Berrick, a millionaire contractor and builder of Buffalo, N. Y., is dead from a surgical operation.

At Hamilton, Ohio, recently Alfred A. Knapp was convicted in the first degree for the murder of his wife, Hannah Goddard Knapp, by a jury.

James Abbott McNeill Whistler, the celebrated American artist, died recently at his residence, 74 Cheyne Walk, Chelsea, near London, at the age of 69 years.

Eighty-eight persons, charged with taking part in the recent riot and the attack upon the soldiers at Evansville, Ind., have been indicted by the grand jury. More than half of those indicted are negroes.

The five lodges at Peoria, Ill., of the Knights of St. John, at a joint meeting have accepted the offer of the international body to hold their next annual convention in this city on June 22, 1904.

The special report of the treasury experts on their examination of the affairs of Auditor Petty of the District of Columbia fixes the shortage in that office, for which James M. A. Watson, a clerk, is now in jail, at \$73,397.

After standing as a hostelry about 140 years, the Lodi hotel, at Kearney, N. J., has been destroyed by fire. Generals Washington and Lafayette are counted among the historical personages who put up at the old tavern.

Heart failure, due to over motion, is the cause assigned by the physician for the death of P. M. Arthur of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, who died suddenly at a banquet in Winnipeg. He was one of the strongest and wisest of American labor leaders.

In carrying out the program for the reduction of the force in the Philippines, the secretary of war has directed that three regiments of cavalry and three of infantry be returned to the United States as soon as transportation is available. The regiments having the longest service in the islands will be selected.

At Wichita, Kan., Dr. W. L. Doyle shot and killed George P. Varnouf recently. He then took strychnine and was dead 15 minutes later. The tragedy was the result of a feud of long standing and it arose over Doyle grazing his horse on parking under the care of Varnouf.

The Chicago packing firms, the "Big Six," made defendants in the beef trust cases, have appealed the suit to the supreme court of the United States. This is the case in which the packers were enjoined from the continuing of an agreement which the court held to be in restraint of trade.

The 200 outside laborers of the International Paper company's mills at Corinth, Saratoga county, N. Y., threatened to go on a strike. The company's plant, valued at \$300,000, also had a narrow escape from destruction by fire. Five hundred cords of pulp wood were consumed before the fire was subdued.

It has been announced that the Chinese at Honolulu will hold a mass meeting to make an emphatic protest against their exclusion from the United States. They will ask their government to enact tariff regulations against American goods as a matter of retaliation if the immigration restrictions are not removed.

The continuous rise of the Oder river Glogue, Germany. The entire portion of Glogue, in the neighborhood of the cathedral, is submerged and the principal bridge crossing the Oder is threatened. Large areas of Seidmost, Schreuzau, Bobering and other small towns are inundated, causing a number of fatalities.

Colonel John A. Matile, commanding the Twenty-fourth infantry at Fort Harrison, who is to be promoted to a brigadier generalcy and retired August 8, has been in the United States army 42 years. He entered in 1861 as a private at 18. He served through the civil war, a number of Indian wars and the Philippine troubles.

There was no room for doubt in the last victory of the Reliance in the second run of the New York Yacht club cruise of 39 miles. She led from the start and finished more than a mile ahead of the Constitution and over two miles ahead of the Columbia, beating the former 6 minutes and 29 seconds in elapsed time and the latter 16 minutes and 24 seconds. The Constitution beat the Columbia 9 minutes and 35 seconds.

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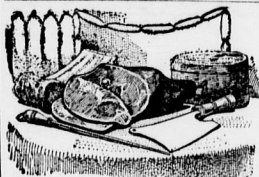
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