



NEGRO LYNCHED.

Second for Taylortown Within the Past Month.

Shreveport, La.: The second lynching within a month at Taylortown, Bossier, occurred last night when Joe Craddock, a blood-thirsty negro, was strung up by a mob of whites and blacks.

He got an ax, and calling Westley Chambers from his house, clove his head in two and mutilated his body in horrible fashion. Crossing a lot, he dealt Dan Washington a blow on the head that will cause his death. Then he called Mercer Chambers out of his cabin and clove his head in two. He went off and shot craps with a group of other negroes until apprehended and confessed that he had killed his victims just for fun.

A Cripple Suicided.

New Orleans, La.: A crippled vegetable vender, belived to be Pietro Botto, stood watching a freight train this afternoon, and just as the last car approached, threw his crutches away and hurled himself under the wheels. He was decapitated.

HEBERT'S NECK SAVED.

Shot by Husband of Injured Woman, Recovered and Escaped Gallows.

Lake Charles, La., Oct. 29.—James Hebert, once sentenced to hang by the neck until dead, twice relieved from the gallows, has finally had his sentence of death commuted to life imprisonment in the state penitentiary, and yesterday morning was taken to Baton Rouge by Sheriff J. A. Wakefield.

This is another of those remarkable cases which brings out some intensely interesting facts. Last September Hebert was accused of criminally assaulting Mrs. John Yoakum of Cameron. The husband of the wronged woman shot Hebert, who was brought to jail here, where he remained in a precarious condition for some time.

He was tried, convicted and sentenced to die on Sept. 11. Through the efforts of his attorney, Alfred Barbe, the board of pardons granted a stay in the proceedings for thirty days. Hebert had already been taken to Cameron, where the scaffold had been erected, and his attorney succeeded in reaching him only a little while before the execution was to take place.

The board of pardons met again in New Orleans yesterday and finally agreed to commute the sentence to life imprisonment. Governor Heard was in New Orleans at the time attending the Mississippi levee convention and, after a conference lasting several hours, signed the papers.

Investigating Peonage.

Shreveport, La., Oct. 31.—The Federal grand jury is probing deep into the charges of peonage, and it is feared that a number of prominent planters will be involved. The latest phase of the case is the investigation made by the United States attorney into the police records and the summoning of the policemen who made the arrests and the ordering of police and jail records to be produced to the jury to establish the arrest of negroes for violating labor contracts. The court room was crowded with negroes who had been summoned to prove that they had been held in bondage for debt to planters.

Brown Snubs Wilson.

New Orleans, La., Oct. 30.—The whole cotton exchange is agog with the gossip of how bull leader W. P. Brown dealt out a cold snub to Secretary of Agriculture James Wilson when the cabinet officer visited the exchange the other day. Major Edwin R. Violett, a prominent member of the cotton exchange, is authority for the statement that King Brown positively refused to meet Secretary Wilson, although urged to do so by a leading member of the exchange. Mr. Brown, it is said, bitterly resents the scathing criticism handed the bull clique by Secretary Wilson some time ago.

Amite City, La.: Alvis Carter, white, and Archie Butler, negro, broke from the parish jail and got away.

Franklin, La.: Posey Dorsey, who is charged with the murder of Marshal Harris, has been released on bond.

A collision occurred in a fog off Hakodate, Japan, between the Russian Yushen Kaisha company's steamers Progress and Tokamaru. The latter sank. Of the 100 passengers and crew six were saved.

A NEW OIL FIELD.

PEOPLE BUSY DISCUSSING THE BATSON DISCOVERY.

DEVELOPMENT DECIDED ON.

Directors of the Paraffine Company Held an Executive Meeting to Discuss Matters.

Beaumont, Texas, Nov. 3.—The report of the oil strike at Batson's Prairie caused intense excitement in Beaumont, where the office of the Paraffine Oil Company, which controls the property and let the contract for drilling the well, is located. Judge W. L. Douglas, the original promoter of the drilling operations, which have been going on for months in that territory, is highly delighted over the success of the wildcatting, as are the local directors and stockholders of the company.

A sample of the oil from the well which was drilled by Contractors Little & Mitchell of this city and examined by Thiele & Smith and other experts was brought to the city by C. K. McFaddin. It was found to be 26 degrees pure illuminating oil with a paraffine base. The Beaumont and Sour Lake oils are of an asphaltum base and the interval between them and the Batson's Prairie oil is said to be great and much to the credit of the new oil. It is much lighter and clearer and bears a strong resemblance to the Corsicana oils.

The directors' meeting of the Paraffine Oil Company was held yesterday afternoon at which there were present besides President Douglas, Messrs. W. Wiess, Jas. A. Harrison, R. A. Greer, T. H. Bass and J. N. Davis, who was not present, but who was represented by proxy. The meeting was private, but at its conclusion it was learned through Captain William Wiess that the company had determined to extensively develop its holdings. Contracts are to be let for perhaps a dozen new wells in the vicinity. There is to be no mammoth reorganization, no parceling out into subdivisions and no portion of land or of oil stock placed on sale. The company has or can command funds with which to develop its holdings, which is to be done in a plain, straightforward business way. Needed steps will be taken to provide storage and transportation facilities. The directors did not conclude their meeting and will hold another in this city in a few days.

Judge W. L. Douglas is authority for the statement that the well flows oil. There seems from his report to be very little gas pressure, but oil men generally know that a well which "flows" can be made to do from 3000 to 4000 barrels per day.

The new strike was the principal topic of conversation on the streets yesterday and a great many oil and real estate men left the city, bound for what is here believed to be another great Texas oil field.

Wire Nail Mills Shut Down.

Sharon, Pa., Nov. 3.—The wire nail works of the American Steel and Wire Company of South Sharon have closed down for an indefinite period, throwing about 1,000 men out of employment. The mills have been operated steadily all summer and fall, and part of the time were on double turn. Lack of orders is given as the cause of the shutdown.

No Significance.

Berlin, Nov. 3.—The German government, which is supposed in its policy to lean toward Russia, is not making any political capital out of the approaching capital out of the approaching meeting of Emperor William and the czar at Wiebaden Tuesday next. An intimation has been spread through the government newspapers that the meeting of the two monarchs will be without political significance.

Extradition Asked.

Washington, Nov. 3.—The application of the State of Missouri for the extradition of Charles Kratz, one of the fugitive St. Louis aldermen, who is now held under arrest at Guadalupe, Mexico, on a charge of bribery, was received at the state department yesterday. The papers will be forwarded at once to an agent of the state of Missouri, now in the City of Mexico, and it is expected that Kratz's trial will begin at once.

Drop in New Incorporations.

New York, Nov. 3.—Another big drop in new incorporations is shown by the record of the Eastern States for October. The total of new companies with \$1,000,000 or more is \$67,300,000, which covers New Jersey, Pennsylvania, New York and Delaware. In October a year ago it was \$185,194,960.

Washington: President Roosevelt left last night for Oyster Bay, where he will cast his vote Tuesday.

YOUNG ROCKEFELLER.

Assails All Corporations Which Rob the Public.

New York, Nov. 3.—John D. Rockefeller, Jr., in his lecture to the young men's Bible class of the Fifth Avenue Baptist church Sunday, assailed corporations which are manipulated to the detriment of the public good.

He said: "The man or the corporation who has not determined in the outset to do good to others, while doing good to himself, will fall in the end. I have noticed one thing in my careful observation of business life. It is this: A contract that is all one-sided, that does not give equally to the party of the first part and the party of the second part, will soon or late be hauled up in court, and the court will invariably decide that the contract cannot hold good."

"The men who fix the prices wrongfully will suffer in the end. They may gain wealth by their fraudulent transactions for a while, but their methods will eventually get them into trouble."

A Cook Was Killed.

Orange, Texas, Nov. 3.—A Mexican cook at Echo named Cruz M. Villareal was shot and killed at that place yesterday morning by a Southern Pacific switchman named James Radford. It is stated that a disagreement arose between the men as to the manner in which the breakfast was prepared and the Mexican went to his car and secured a gun. As he returned to the car in which Radford was, the latter shot and killed the Mexican. Radford was arrested and given an examining trial, being released on a \$500 bond.

Chase Found Guilty.

Denver, Colo., Nov. 3.—The court martial which heard testimony on the charges filed by Adjutant General Sherman Bell against Brigadier General John Chase, commander of the National Guard, last night found him guilty of "technical disobedience or orders" by a vote of 6 to 4.

May Be Arrests Soot.

Waco, Texas, Nov. 3.—There have been several fires in the city recently and suspicions are that they are the work of incendiaries. The officers are making a thorough investigation of the matter and are keeping close watchout. It is probable that arrests will be made in this connection in a short time.

G. A. Adams Succeeds Father.

Bryan, Texas, Nov. 3.—The commissioners' court held a special meeting here yesterday and by a unanimous vote selected Mr. George A. Adams of this city to fill the unexpired term of his father, Capt. J. J. Adams, deceased, as tax collector of Brazos county.

Negro With Smallpox at Large.

Smithville, Texas, Nov. 3.—The negro who was discovered with smallpox on the train here, escaped out of the coach in which he was guarded and has left the city. He did not live here.

Forty Injured.

Berlin, Nov. 3.—A dispatch to the Tageblatt from Posen says that a conflict between 500 Jews and a force of Russian gendarmes took place in Warsaw Saturday during the enlisting of recruits. The wounded on both sides number over forty persons, several of them sustaining fatal injuries.

Assignment at Jefferson.

Jefferson, Texas, Nov. 3.—D. Kahn made a general assignment yesterday for the benefit of all creditors. Assets \$1265, liabilities \$4116. L. E. Pursell was appointed assignee.

Bennett Will Case.

New Haven, Conn., Nov. 3.—The decision of Judge Cleveland of the probate court, in the case of the Phillos Bennett will, of which William J. Bryan is an executor, will be given next Friday, according to a statement made by Judge Cleveland yesterday. Among the questions involved are whether the sealed letter to Mrs. Bennett becomes a part of the will and whether undue influence led the testator to give \$50,000 to Mr. Bryan and family.

British Ambassador to Madrid.

London, Nov. 3.—Sid Edward H. Egerton, British minister at Athens, has been appointed British ambassador at Madrid in succession to Sir Henry Mortimer Durant, recently appointed British ambassador at Washington.

Aden, Arabia: The report that an officer and several men of the Bombay Rifles have been wounded in a skirmish in the hinterland has been confirmed.

Boy Bitten by Vicious Dog.

Taylor, Texas, Nov. 3.—On a street of Taylor, late yesterday afternoon, a bird dog owned by E. I. Brophy attacked the 4 year old son of W. P. Schwager, lacerating the scalp of the lad in a most vicious manner, the boy's forehead being torn from the skull and nine stitches from a surgeon's needle were required to dress the wound.

As men grow wealthy they begin to inquire into their ancestry.

A TENEMENT HOUSE HORROR.

Twenty-Five Persons Dead--Suffocated in Their Attempts to Reach the Fire Escapes.

New York, Nov. 2.—Twenty-one men, three women and a 10-months old baby were burned to death or suffocated in a fire that started early yesterday morning in "The House of All Nations," a five-story tenement house at 216 Eleventh avenue, which the police and coroner believe to be of incendiary origin. Some of the peculiar features of the disaster in addition to the startling loss of life, are that the fire was practically extinguished in twenty minutes, the police could learn of but one person injured other than those who lost their lives, and that the property loss was only \$7,000.

The dead are mostly Italians of the poorer class.

The only person injured, so far as can be learned, is Mary Jane Quinn, who was burned about the face and hands and severely bruised by leaping from a second story window fire escape.

Several apartments in the tenement held Halloween parties and the guests added materially to the number of persons in the house and made the crush and jam to escape more than it ordinarily would have been. Although plentifully provided with fire escapes, the front and rear escape was cut off for a few minutes after the fire started by the bodies of the dead becoming wedged in the openings leading to the ladders. The fire had been burning for some minutes before it was discovered. It had started in the basement, and, rushing upward, had attacked the stairway leading to the apartments. In a short space of time the flames had so enveloped the stairway that egress from the building by it was impossible. The house from the third to the fifth floor was entirely destroyed.

At the windows, front and rear, bodies of men and women were jammed, showing that a desperate struggle to get out resulted in the complete choking of the exits to the fire escapes, and

had been the cause of a number of the inmates being suffocated. Lying in a bed alongside a window at the rear of the fourth floor, the firemen found the bodies of five men. Each had clutched the one next to him in an endeavor to push him away in order to get to the fire escape outside. The features of the men were distorted, some with rage and two in agony. In two instances the men had gripped each other so hard that blood had run down over their hands.

On the fourth floor was found the body of Maculeta Vingiguero and the body of her baby. The mother had crawled to the front window and had succeeded in grasping the sill when she was suffocated. In her arms lay the body of her child.

When the firemen reached the scene there was a mass of flames bursting through the middle of the roof, while the air was filled with heartrending screams of the women and curses of the men. Many daring rescues were made by the firemen, who at times had to use violence in their attempts to disentangle the mass of writhing human beings struggling in vain efforts to reach safety from the crowded fire escapes. One fireman climbed to the fourth floor, where a window was filled with a mass of people, jammed in and fighting to get out. He struck the heads of all the men he could see with his first and they fell back. He then handed down to the firemen on the ladder below him three women and a baby. Another fireman performed a similar feat and rescued two girls from the fourth floor. Life nets played a prominent part in the work of rescue. The firemen dropped men and women, dead and alive, from one floor to another and finally the men standing on the ladders on the first floor let them fall into the nets held by policemen and firemen in the street.

FLOWING OIL WELL.

Brought in by Paraffine Oil Co. in Hardin County.

Liberty, Texas, Nov. 2.—Hon. W. L. Douglas, manager of the Paraffine Oil Company, arrived yesterday and announced that his company had just brought in a flowing well on their property on the F. H. Green tract, 18 miles northeast of this place, and six miles west of Saratoga, near the Liberty county line. The well will flow about 1,000 barrels per day. The sample produced by Mr. Douglas shows that the oil is of as good quality as that produced in the older fields.

This well was essentially a wildcat proposition. The land was purchased and the Paraffine Oil Company was promoted largely upon the individual judgment of Mr. Douglas as to surface indications. Col. Wm. Weiss of Beaumont is largely interested in this company.

Will Tackaberry Dead.

Fort Worth, Texas, Nov. 2.—Will Tackaberry, who was shot twice last Friday afternoon by Price Nowell, died yesterday afternoon about 5 o'clock. Nowell surrendered after he heard of Tackaberry's death, and was placed in the county jail. He will have an examining trial before Justice Rowland this morning at 9 o'clock.

Alleged Gold Discovery.

Mill Creek, I. T., Nov. 2.—An alleged discovery of gold has been made in the Arbuckle mountains west of here. Mining experts have assayed the ore and pronounced it very rich, running as high as \$600 to the ton. The existence of this vein has been known for some time, but not until the land was allotted has the discovery been made public.

Fatal Boiler Explosion.

Burkeville, Texas, Nov. 2.—News has just been received here from Harbursburg, sixteen miles north of here, that the boiler of Mr. Sam Dickerson's steam gin had exploded, instantly killing Mr. Dickerson and wounding two other men whose names could not be learned.

Not Expected to Live.

Sour Lake, Texas, Nov. 2.—Tom Cowart, who was seriously burned on Saturday night while trying to kindle a fire with gasoline, is very low, and is not expected to live.

Horse Leaps for Life.

Navasota, Texas, Nov. 2.—A remarkable incident occurred in this city yesterday morning when a horse, belonging to W. E. Wilson, jumped from the International and Great Northern bridge to the bed of the creek twenty-five feet below. The animal was only slightly injured and walked up the bank as if the high jump was only an ordinary feat to accomplish. The horse was grazing on the track when a train came up and frightened it into jumping off the bridge.

HOW TO SPELL "BURNS."

The True Patronymic of the Great Scotch Poet.

In the review of Scotland" in the Spectator of Sept. 12 the writer says: "The father of Burns spelt his name, not 'Burns' or 'Burness,' but 'Burnes.'"

There is, I think, ample evidence to the contrary, as appears from the following facts: When a certain Walter Campbell moved from Argyllshire to Glenbervie in the Mearns (Kincardineshire) early in the seventeenth century he assumed the name of Burnhouse or Burness. From him the fourth in descent was William Burness, the father of the poet.

The family Bible records the marriage of "William Burness and Agnes Brown" in 1757, and I myself copied the name of "William Burness" from the old gravestone in Alloway kirkyard more than forty years ago, which has since been replaced by a new one.

The poet always signed himself "Robert Burnes" in his letters for about two years after his father's death in 1784 the last extant letter with that signature being one addressed to Mr. Aiken, April 3, 1780. After this date he appears to have adopted the spelling with which we are all familiar, "Robert Burns."—London Spectator.

With \$85 pounds of smokeless powder, the new 40-caliber 12-inch gun will send an 850-pound armor piercing shell through nineteen and five-tenths inches of Harveyized nickel steel armor at a distance of a mile and a half.

He laughs best who sees the point of the joke first.

The Teacher Won.

Hinton, Ky., Nov. 2.—For over two years two of the best physicians in this part of the State have been treating Mr. E. J. Thompson, a popular local school teacher, for Diabetes. They told him that but little could be done to help him. He made up his mind to try a new remedy called Dodd's Kidney Pills, and says:

"They saved me when the doctors held out no hope. I took in all about ten boxes. I will always praise Dodd's Kidney Pills for the great good they have done for me."

Many people, and some physicians, still persist in the belief that Diabetes is an incurable disease. Our teacher, Mr. Thompson, says it is curable, for Dodd's Kidney Pills cured him after two good physicians had treated him for two years without success.

A remedy that will cure Diabetes will surely cure any case of Kidney Trouble.

A thief loves honesty as a hungry man loves steak, and for the same reason—that he feeds upon it.

Little Difference in Nations.

A recent writer says: "There have been gibes from the Frenchman boastful of his small breakfast and reciprocal sarcasm from the Englishman, conscious of his moderate luncheon. Both have accused the American of gorging on account of his large baked potatoes and his dishes of hash that follow the porridge and the fruit at the hours of 8 or 9 in the morning. The truth is that, man for man, the nations eat a fairly equal quality, but variously distribute the consumption of it over twenty-four hours."

Advice.

When yoh fortunes ain' improvin', Never shirk de load, Smile an' keep yoh feet a-movin', Singin' 'long de road, Keep a travelin' an' a-hopin', Some new way is bound to open; Go ahead, although yoh's gopin', Singin' 'long de road, Raise yoh chin an' keep a-marchin', Comfort is bestowd, Most on folks who, whiles dey's sarchin', Singa along de road, Trouble len' gwine to mind you, Tr of Satan keeps behind you, Raise yoh voice so lunk kin find you Singin' 'long de road.—Washington Star.

Peculiar Spots on Earth.

The sunniest place in the earth is either the great Sahara or the desert of Arabia. The cloudiest place is in northern Russia, the southwest coast of Peru or the coast of the French Congo, Africa, all being about the same in this respect.

LIKED HIS "NIP."

Not a Whisky, but a Coffee Toper.

Give coffee half a chance and with some people it sets its grip hard and fast. "Up to a couple of years ago," says a business man of Brooklyn, N. Y., "I was as constant a coffee drinker as it was possible to be. Indeed, my craving for coffee was equal to that of a drunkard for his regular 'nip' and the effect of the coffee drug upon my system was indeed deplorable. "My skin lacked its natural color, my features were pinched and my nerves were shattered to such an extent as to render me very irritable. I also suffered from palpitation of the heart.

"It was while in this condition I read an article about Postum Food Coffee and concluded to try it. It was not long before Postum had entirely destroyed my raving passion for coffee and in a short time I had entirely given up coffee for delicious Postum. "The change that followed was so extraordinary I am unable to describe it. Suffice it to say, however, that all my troubles have disappeared. I am my original happy self again and on the whole the soothing and pleasant effects produced by my cup of Postum make me feel as though I have been 'landed at another station.' "Not long ago I converted one of my friends to Postum and he is now as loud in its praise as I am." Name furnished by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Look in each package for a copy of the famous little book, "The Road to Wellville."