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NEGRO IS BURNED IN PUBLIC SQUARE

DRUG CRAZED BLACK RUNS AMUCK IN LOUISIANA TOWN.

WOUNDS 29 PEOPLE WITH GUN

Assailant Was Shot Down in Street and Infuriated Citizens Made Bonfire of Bullet-Riddled Body.

Monroe, La.—Angered, it is believed, because two of his friends had recently been shot by police officers in this city, William S. Wade, a negro, ran amuck in the principal business street of Monroe with a double barreled shotgun Tuesday before noon, shooting first at every white man he saw and then firing indiscriminately at every object before him. The fire was returned and the negro finally fell dead with a bullet through his heart, but not before 29 men, three of them members of his own race, had been more or less seriously wounded.

Slightly injured:

Hugh Bigger, police officer, shot in abdomen and thigh; may die.

T. H. Grant, deputy sheriff, shot in neck and breast; may die.

Simon Marks, merchant, Tuskegee, Ala., shot in breast and face; may die.

George McCormack, manager Onachita Lumber company, West Monroe, arm shattered.

Slightly wounded:

Dr. A. A. Forsythe, mayor of Monroe, shot in right leg.

D. A. Beard, banker and president of North Louisiana Shingle company, shot in face.

Ed. Strong, cashier Southern Express company, shot over right eye.

Steve Burke, telegraph operator, shot in shoulder.

Joe Thompson, chief dispatcher of Iron Mountain railroad, shot in body.

A. A. Greenly, lumberman, shot in head.

Manuel Abramowitz, clerk, shot in face.

Albert Marx, vice president Southern Hardware company, shot in head.

C. E. Bynum, stenographer Southern Grocery company, shot in face.

Q. L. Kendall, trainmaster Iron Mountain railroad, shot in body.

D. G. Trousdale, secretary-treasurer Southern Grocery company, shot in body.

J. W. Merryman, agent Wells, Fargo & Co., shot in hand.

Armand Baer, clerk I. Baer & Co., shot in back, arm and hand.

D. Ensell, traveling salesman, shot in face.

E. P. Davis, clerk Southern Hardware company, shot in head.

M. Braun, blacksmith, shot in hand.

E. B. Edwards, steamboat man, shot in arm.

I. Haas, merchant, shot in head and breast.

Herman Abouis, merchant, shot in breast.

R. R. Ross, clerk, shot in body.

Fred McGrath, clerk, shot in hand.

Three negroes, shot in face and body.

Act Was Deliberate.

It was at first reported that Wade was half crazed at the time from the effects of cocaine and cheap whiskey, but an investigation by the police showed that when he purchased the shotgun and a box of shells a few minutes before he opened fire on the first man there was nothing unusual in his manner or behavior.

Wade came to Monroe recently from Pine Bluff, Ark. He was accompanied by several other negroes and they commenced to make trouble for the local police soon after they arrived.

At the store where Wade bought the box of shells the clerk said that the negro asked for buckshot. He gave him birdshot by mistake. This mistake probably saved the lives of a score or more of men.

The negro, after purchasing the gun, took a position in the arcade of the Bank of Monroe and began a fusillade which wrought terror to all who were on the streets or who were attracted by the shooting.

Patrolman Bigger, who had been attracted by the shooting, ran toward Wade and was shot down. He arose and emptied his revolver at the negro. It is believed that one or more of Bigger's shots took effect. The negro continued to fire into the crowd, wounding many of them, when Mayor Forsythe, Manager Edward Stannard of the local Western Union office and Daniel McLeod came up and returned the fire. Wade finally fell as a result of the fatal wound in the heart.

After the body of the negro had been cut down from the pole on which it was strung, a crowd of men and boys poured coal oil over it and burned it. In a few minutes nothing remained but a heap of ashes and bones.

HEAVY FIRE LOSS.

Big Lumber Plant Worth \$100,000 Totally Destroyed.

Monroe.—The worst fire that has visited this section for several years occurred in West Monroe when the sawmill plant operated by the Onachita Lumber Company, Limited, was completely destroyed by fire, together with the dry kilns, planing and a large amount of lumber, estimated at about \$100,000. The fire originated from sparks blown under the mill from the slab pit. Fanned by a heavy wind from the northeast, the whole plant and the three cottages north of it were soon a mass of flames.

Bears Destroying Crops.

Baton Rouge.—The bear hunters just returned from the Forchule swamps report having seen plenty of tracks, but killed no bears. It was not because the bears were not there, but because the dogs played out. "It's no exaggeration about those bears destroying the crops," said one of the hunters. "They are coming out of the swamps and tearing up the corn crop by the acre. There must be fifteen or twenty bears in that section eating the corn, and fifteen bears, when a farmer has a bare crop, is a hard thing for a farmer to bear. There were plenty of tracks, but the extra pack of dogs that we expected did not come, and we had to give up the chase when the first pack gave out. We are going back next week with more dogs."

Oil Company Organized.

Covington, La.—There was a meeting at the office of Dr. B. B. Warren of the subscribers to the stock of the new oil well which is to be sunk in the western part of this parish, for the purpose of organizing the company and electing officers. Dr. Warren explained the object of the meeting, the oil indications found in that section and arrangements that could be made with well qualified local people to put down the well. The officers are: President, Dr. B. B. Warren; vice president, A. H. Grimmer; treasurer, S. D. Bullock; secretary, W. G. Evans. The committee on stock reported that every dollar necessary to finance the well had been pledged here.

Boil Weevil Takes Car Ride.

Baton Rouge.—A strange method of travel of the boil weevil has been brought to light by a lumber company buyer who received a carload of lumber from a Mississippi mill, and in the car was a vast army of boil weevils. The lumber and the inside of the car were simply alive with the weevils. It was generally supposed at first that the weevils only traveled in cotton, bagging or something that they could hide in, but the stories told by boatmen and railroad men seem to indicate that the weevil will take a ride on anything, and almost anywhere.

New Rice Field Opens.

Slaughter, La.—R. R. Bonto, a merchant here, and also a progressive farmer, planted several acres in rice, which was the first planted in this section of the country. Several planters from the rice district who have seen the crop report that it is much better than any rice they have seen elsewhere. Mr. Bonto has no mill, and it was his intention to ship it, but he could have easily disposed of several more acres to men for seed in this community who intend to plant another season.

Marshal Made Good Capture.

Boyce.—Town Marshal James P. Hickman of the city of Boyce made a very important as well as clever arrest in an old isolated house just east of Zimmerman, La., of Florida Walker, a negro woman, and Lewis Red, who are both wanted at Winnfield, La., for robbery. The sheriff from Winnfield arrived in the city and left for Winnfield with his prisoners. It is rumored that Red is wanted for murder also.

Mamou Flume Collapses.

Crowley.—Word was received here that 400 feet of the flume of the pumping plant of the Mamou Irrigation Canal company has collapsed and that the flume is a total wreck. The catastrophe was due to the sand washing out from under the bank on which a part of the flume was built and allowing the earth to sink down about ten feet.

Charged With Mail Box Robbery.

Shreveport.—J. S. Keen, a farmer of Bienville parish, was taken before Federal Commissioner Slattery on the charge of robbing a rural mail box near Arcadia, and was released on a \$750 bond.

Bond Buyers Make Inquiry.

Alexandria, La.—Mayor J. P. Turregano has received about twenty-five inquiries from bond buyers all over the United States relative to the \$40,000 bond issue recently voted.

Will Drain Rich District.

Baton Rouge.—A survey is now being made in the Eighth ward of East Baton Rouge parish for the purpose of working out the cost of building a drainage canal in that parish. The survey is being made by Cook & Roberts of Opelousas, and as soon as the cost has been ascertained the people of the ward will vote on the subject of imposing a special tax for the construction of the drainage system. Several months ago a meeting was held to agitate the plan.

LOUISIANA At A Glance

The express office at Poylattan, La., was robbed.

Amite City got a fine flow of artesian water for public purposes.

United States Senator McLaurin delivered an address at Forest.

Alexandria voted \$10,000 bonds for electric light and water extensions.

The Scott County Agricultural High school will be located at Harpersville.

Nine bartenders were arrested in a raid of near-beer places at Shreveport.

A thousand carloads of grain will be the August export record at New Orleans.

The State museum will establish a collection of Louisiana animals, birds and fish.

A movement has been inaugurated to erect at Vernon a new court house for Jackson parish.

Patrick C. Crowley, former mayor of Lake Charles, died in the Pineville insane asylum.

The state reunion of Confederate veterans will be held at Alexandria September 9 and 10.

Grand Isle electric line promoters said plans were far enough advanced to promise construction.

Governor Sanders will deliver good roads addresses September 7 at Gonzales and Donaldsonville.

Ten thousand sheep will be sent from Calcasieu parish to the Miller 101 ranch, near Ponca, Okla.

It is reported that Walter Cohen will not be reappointed register of the land office at New Orleans.

A car of lumber reaching Baton Rouge from a Mississippi mill contained thousands of boll weevils.

Two negroes were killed and another paralyzed by lightning during an electrical storm at Alexandria.

A vessel with 10,000 barrels of molasses that passed through the Plaquemine locks reached Baton Rouge.

Only seven teachers of agriculture have been found for agricultural courses in the public schools of Louisiana.

The plant of the Ouachita Lumber Company, Limited, West Monroe, La., was destroyed by fire, causing \$100,000 loss.

Oil operations in the Spider field, in De Soto parish, were suspended because of difficulty experienced with salt water.

A corn elevator with a capacity of 3,000 bushels per hour will be completed at Rayne in time to handle this season's crop.

A bartender at Shreveport convicted of violating the prohibition law was fined \$200 and sentenced to 100 days on the roads.

Miss Annie T. Perks, 76 years old, a successful and wealthy retired business woman, dropped dead at Mansfield while dressing.

All of the parties who were shot by W. S. Wade, the negro desperado, at Monroe, are resting easily and will probably recover.

Burglars stole two pistols from C. H. Goodwin at Monroe, but were frightened away before getting \$7,000 which was in the safe.

The Law and Order League at Opelousas adopted a long list of suggestions to authorities urging the stamping out of the liquor traffic.

The Baton Rouge boat service is greatly on the increase, and more boats are making the capital city landing than in recent months.

The program was announced for the convention of the third and fourth class postmasters of Louisiana at Winnfield September 15 and 16.

The Bienville Parish Agricultural High school will be located at Arcadia, where a farm of forty acres, in charge of a technical superintendent, will be made self-sustaining.

A plan is on foot, and has received the support of the Tangipahoa and Livingston parishes, to build a model road from Hammond to Baton Rouge, running through Denham Springs.

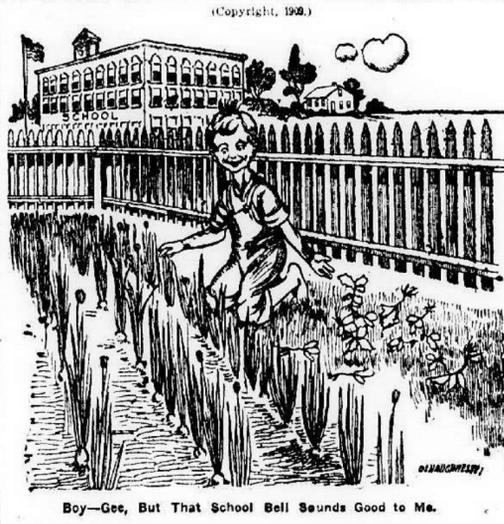
The Louisiana board of equalization completed its labors and took final adjournment after fixing the total assessment for 1909 at \$513,458,230. The decrease in the assessment on cotton lands will amount to \$5,000,000.

Governor Sanders has named a long list of delegates who are to represent this state at the Farmers' congress, which is to be held on October 4 at Raleigh, N. C., and is to consider matters of importance to the farmers of the south.

The Louisiana board of equalization is making rapid progress in going over the assessments. While timber assessments have been raised over assessors' returns, they are below last year's figures.

The Mamou Townsite company held a meeting at Eunice and issued its first stock, being \$25,000, fully paid and non-assessable, to its ten stockholders. Thus far the company has sold at private and public sales \$37,000 worth of property and paid all expenses, and it still owns about two-thirds of its original holdings.

THE CALL OF THE SCHOOL



Boy—Gee, But That School Bell Sounds Good to Me.

TWO NEGROES LYNCHED

ESCAPED NEGRO CONVICT DOES DEADLY WORK WITH GUN.

Kills Prominent Georgia Planter and Wounds Several Other Men—On Trail of Woman.

Soperton, Ga.—Two negroes lynched and a posse in pursuit of the wife of one of the victims; the killing of a prominent planter, a member of the posse; the probable fatal injury of the sheriff of Montgomery county, and the wounding of four other members of the posse summarizes the result of one of the most exciting man hunts this section has ever known.

Ben Clark, an escaped convict from the Bibb county chain gang, was shot to death after a fierce battle early Friday and his body was burned. The negro threatened to kill Nicholas Adams, a merchant of Kibbee, "and a hundred others."

John Sweeney, who harbored the convict, was taken from a passenger train a mile from Tarrytown and lynched.

The posse then set out in search of Sweeney's wife, who, it is said, was in the neighborhood.

James Durden, a prominent planter and member of the posse which captured Clark, was shot and instantly killed.

The posse found Clark in Sweeney's house. Sweeney's wife was at home, but Sweeney was absent. The sheriff called on Clark to surrender. For answer he received a 44-caliber bullet, fired from an automatic gun. Durden was shot, and other members of the posse fell before the torrent of lead dealt out by the negro. He continued to fire until his ammunition was exhausted. He was then overpowered and his body riddled with bullets.

FOR BETTER HIGHWAYS.

Good Roads Convention at Nashville of Great Importance.

Nashville, Tenn.—The impetus which will be given to the good roads movement by the convention which will be held in Nashville for three days, beginning with Tuesday, Sept. 21, will undoubtedly result in a very decided improvement in the condition of Southern highways.

The meeting was called by the governor, and in making it a complete success he will have the thorough cooperation of the Good Roads Bureau of the United States Department of Agriculture and of the management of the Tennessee State Fair.

Not only have the best experts in the country been secured to make talks, but there will be numerous illustrated talks and every phase of road-building will be covered by demonstrations.

Through the team-work of every class of people interested in the improvement of the roads it is possible to make this convention arouse that public enthusiasm on the subject which is necessary in getting the best results.

The first step in this direction has been the providing of the very best available in talks and demonstrations. An other important feature will be the excellent program which is being prepared for "Good Roads Day" at the State Fair, at which time the necessity for the movement and the means of getting results will be graphically illustrated.

HARRIMAN BEAT STANDARD

Returns in Nick of Time—Turns Knife on Oil Crowd.

Chicago.—A sensational slump in Union Pacific stock took place in Wall street Thursday. It was followed by an equally sensational story, which furnished LaSalle street's part of the fun.

While Union Pacific was dropping five points, as much as the gilt-edged security has suffered in weeks, the brokers told each other with gusto how E. H. Harriman, though feeble in body and rushing from one health resort to another, had once more triumphed over formidable foes; how Standard Oil interests sought to "knife" him while he lay physically prostrated, and found the point of the knife turned against themselves.

As the story goes, the "interests" laid their plot sometime ago, while Mr. Harriman was in Bad Gastein. Certain men, who are stronger in Union Pacific than Harriman would like to have them, conceived the "melon-cutting" scheme—the declaring of an extra dividend without Mr. Harriman's authority. It was upon getting wind of this scheme over the cables that Mr. Harriman deserted Bad Gastein and his corps of anxious doctors and rushed back over the Atlantic.

ENFORCE CHINESE RIGHTS.

Washington.—The constitutional right of a State to enact laws discriminating against the humble Chinese laundryman is to be investigated by the supreme court of the United States and the test is to be made by Quong Wing of Lewis and Clark county, Montana. The Montana law to which Quong takes exception provides for a license fee of \$10 per quarter for land laundries by men. It does not mention the Chinese race, but it exempts steam laundries and laundries conducted by women unless more than two are employed.

HORSEMAN KILLS STARTER.

Quarrel Result of Arrest of Promoters at Henderson, Ky.

Henderson, Ky.—William Ball, owner of several horses being raced at the meeting in progress in this city, shot and killed Ed Duke, the official starter. He fired four shots, all taking effect, the last three being pumped into Duke's body as it lay prostrate in the street. It is rumored that the cause of the murder was Duke's accusation that Ball was the cause of warrants being served upon the promoters of racing here.

1,200 PERISH IN FLOOD

PROPERTY LOSS WILL REACH \$20,000,000.

Victims Caught Like Rats in a Trap. River Rushed Through the Town Like a Niagara.

Monterey, Mexico. Twelve hundred persons drowned, 15,000 homeless, and property damage to the extent of \$20,000,000 is the result of a flood which struck this city between 1 and 2 o'clock Saturday morning.

For 72 hours it has rained in this section of the country, and the Santa Catarina river rose to a height never before reached in the history of the city.

The scene is one of utmost horror. Four whole city blocks on the south side have been completely disappeared. The water reached the electric light plants and the complete darkness which reigned added to the terror of the scene. Cries of the drowning people could be heard and the onlookers were powerless to aid.

When daylight came the scene was indescribable. All through the flooded district groups of from 10 to 80 people could be seen huddled on the top of two-story buildings entirely surrounded by a tumbling, seething mass of water. One by one these houses disappeared with their human freight. Nothing could live in the wild current of the Santa Catarina river, which was rushing down at the rate of 20 miles an hour.

Many pitiful scenes are reported because of families being cut off from assistance. One case is reported of an entire family of the poorer class having sought shelter on the roof of their adobe dwelling and refusing to leave their home in the belief that the waters would soon subside and that they could again occupy their abode. The waters came on with a rush, and before help could reach them the entire family was swept from their place of refuge and drowned.

Several floods of the Santa Catarina river have previously been experienced but nothing so severe as the present flood and not attended with any serious loss.

Fully 15,000 people are homeless from the flood and are being cared for by the city government in the best way possible. At noon Sunday 5,000 people were given bread, coffee and soup at the municipal offices, but there are many more on the south side of the river still out of reach of aid on account of the still overhauled river.

Conservative estimates of the property loss place the figures at \$20,000,000 throughout the city.

NEWMAN CASE ENDED

SILENCE FOLLOWS THE COURT'S ANNOUNCEMENT.

Gun Toters Denied Entrance—Shirt Sleeves Required—Prosecution Is Withdrawn.

Meadville, Miss.—The Chancery Court convened here Wednesday with Judge J. S. Hicks of Fayette presiding, to hear the charges of assault with intent to murder against Fred Middleton and Bunkley Halford for the attempt on the life of Ernest Newman, clerk of the Chancery Court, sitting with Judge Hicks as L. A. Whittington, mayor of the town, and W. J. Sullivan, justice of the peace, before whom the charges were made.

"The court assembled to hear the charges against you," spoke Mayor Whittington, after the bell in the court tower proclaimed the opening of a special term. "The prosecution wishes the charges against you dismissed because of lack of evidence to sustain the allegations. You are both discharged."

The silence following the announcement of the verdict of the court was ominous. The court room was crowded with friends of the Newman boys and also of the prisoners. Every man in the court room was in his shirt sleeves to show that he carried no weapons. At the entrance stood a guard of four men. Another guard stood at the aisle leading to the bar.

"If it please the court, I would like to have you hear some of my witnesses," spoke Middleton, breaking the silence. "Things have been said about me that I would like to disprove."

The accused was informed that the decision of the court was a complete vindication and that the charges were dismissed. With a slight show of emotion, Middleton expressed his thanks to the court and bowed himself out. Halford appeared pleased with the turn of affairs and hurried from the court room.

REGISTRATION FEE INCREASED

Two Cents to Be Added—Postmaster-General Makes Announcement.

Washington.—An increase of two cents is to be made in the near future in the fee for the registration of letters and mail packages. Announcement of the proposed change was made Wednesday by Postmaster General Hitchcock. The decision of Mr. Hitchcock to increase the registry fee followed an extended inquiry into the registry system by a special committee appointed by the postmaster general. It was decided to call in a score of registry officials of ripe experience and ability from various parts of the country for a more general meeting with the postmaster general. It is understood to be Mr. Hitchcock's purpose to take up the registry system first in considering all branches of the postal service for reorganization wherever great efficiency and less expenditure may be effected.

COTTON CROP MAY BE SHORT

Two Weeks of Trying Weather Causes Deterioration.

Memphis, Tenn.—General deterioration in the cotton crop is reported this week save in North Carolina, Southern Georgia and sections adjacent to the Gulf of Mexico. Dry weather has prevailed for two to eight weeks and the plant is shedding freely. Hot days with drying winds and cool nights have intensified the effects of the drought. In many sections there is a great deal of late cotton and this has suffered severely. The drought has been especially severe in Arkansas and Oklahoma and it is said that rains now would do little good there except to fill out the unmaturing bolls.

There is a general disposition to modify crop estimates and make them lower than two weeks ago. In sections there are some promising crops, but they are a small minority. The prospects for a top crop are regarded as poor although a late frost might increase the yield.

LAND SUITS KNOCKED OUT

Demurrers in Eastern Oklahoma Title Cases Started by United States Are Sustained.

Muskogee, Okla.—Judge Ralph Campbell has sustained the demurrers in the suits brought by the United States to set aside various deeds and leases made by citizen allottees in the five civilized tribes in Eastern Oklahoma, and thus settled a legal controversy that had been the cause of considerable concern in that part of the State.

The court reviewed the relation of the United States to the five tribes since they became a nation, and found that no vestige of title to the lands allotted them now remains in the United States. The demurrers involved the question of the citizenship of these Indians and the court declared them to be citizens of the United States with all the rights, privileges and immunities of citizenship. It is held that the United States can not maintain these suits on the principle that it sustains to the individual Indian a trust relation, such guardianship being incompatible with citizenship, national and State.

Finally the bills were held bad because numerous defendants are joined in each bill who were connected with many distinct transactions regarding as many distinct tracts of land.

JAIL FOR VOLIVA.

Schedule Places Ex-Zion Leader's Assets at \$2c.

Waukegan, Ill.—In the \$10,000 libel judgment case pending against him, William Glenn Voliva has fled with Sheriff Griffin a schedule, which he says lists his entire property. It reads:

"One writing desk, wearing apparel, one set religious books, 83 cents cash." The second writ, which sends Voliva to jail, has not been served, but the climax is expected when he is sent to jail.

WOMAN SAVES DROWNING BOY.

Muskogee, Okla.—After the boy's father had been sucked down in a whirlpool and drowned in the Grand river, near Wagoner, Okla., Mrs. James Rooney, Texas woman, swam into the treacherous current at the peril of her life and reached the six-year-old son of James Livingstone.

HARLAN FOR BENCH.

Chicago.—James H. Harlan, interstate commerce commissioner and a son of Justice John M. Harlan of the supreme court of the United States, is regarded by those who have the ear of President Taft as his almost certain choice for the vacancy caused by the death of Judge S. H. Bethua.

MOTHER TAKES STAND.

Crabtree Screamed for Her to Stop Disgracing Family.

Omaha, Neb.—"Don't, mother! Don't say anything. You have said too much already. You will disgrace the whole family," screamed Lisle Crabtree, former corporal of Troop B, Second United States Cavalry, this afternoon, when his mother took the stand to testify in support of the insanity plea by which the defense hopes to prevent his execution for the killing of Capt. John C. Raymond, his company commander.

MRS. F. GOULD GETS DIVORCE.

Husband Cannot Remarry While She Is Alive.

New York.—Mrs. Helen Kelley Gould obtained her final decree of divorce from Frank J. Gould Tuesday.

The interlocutory decree was signed on May 29 of this year. The decree gives the custody of the two children, Helen and Dorothy, to each parent for six months in each year. Mr. Gould is not permitted to remarry in this state until after the death of his wife.