

IN RITZVILLE JAIL

Slayer of Marshal Conlee of Sprague Behind the Bars.

LYNCHING IS NOT FEARED

Symes Told of His Deed, the Hardships of His Flight and His Future Plans.

Ritzville, Wash., Aug. 12.—A. J. Symes was landed safely in the Adams county jail at 12:40 this morning. For two or three nights a crowd had collected at the depot at train time, but they were town people and were attracted there through mere curiosity. No interference whatever was attempted and there are no indications of trouble from any Ritzville people.

Symes was brought from Montana by Sheriff Thompson and E. D. Gibson of Ritzville and H. W. McLaughlin, sheriff of Missoula county, Montana. When the train reached Rathdrum the officers took the prisoner and quietly left the coach and entered the baggage car. When Ritzville was reached they took Symes off on the side opposite the platform and hurried him to the jail, two blocks away. So smoothly did the officers do their work that they had him behind the bars while the people at the station were still looking all around for them. A man on the platform asked the brakeman if a prisoner was aboard, and was told that the prisoner left the train at Rathdrum.

Symes was brought before Justice of the Peace A. L. Coffey and his preliminary examination set for tomorrow at 2 p. m., when he will doubtless be committed to jail until the regular term of court, in November. He is looking very thin and plainly shows the effect of the terrible hardships and exposure he has undergone. He is, however, very cheerful, talks and laughs heartily with visitors and certainly exhibits nothing resembling remorse.

TALKS FREELY.

A reporter interviewed the prisoner at the jail and he talked freely and willingly. He said:

"I went to Sprague on June 24 to pay some debts, attend to some other business and secure a marriage license. I was just ready to start when Lou Conlee came up and said he wanted me. He had no warrant, or if he did he refused to read it. I would have gone with him willingly, gladly. I was not afraid to be tried for the hog business. I could have proved by two good people that the hogs came to my place. A few days before that I had tried to get the owner of the hogs to go with me to Ritzville and settle the matter by a trial.

"On the road to Ritzville Conlee quarreled with me all the time and accused me of writing a threatening letter to him. I did not write to him. Near Ritzville Conlee pulled a gun and says, 'Symes, your time has come.' I told him to pull. He did pull. He shot one time and I pulled my horse and he missed me. When Conlee shot he dropped his bridle rein and his horse started off on a trot."

"Did the horse keep Conlee from shooting again?" he was asked.

"No; it was me. I kept him from shooting again. A man never shoots twice at me. I shot Conlee in the side first and did not shoot him when he was down. I did not need to. The piece of the gun found was Conlee's. He dropped it and the horse stepped on it.

"I had no ill-will for Conlee, but he had it in for me. He would never come to my ranch when I was home. He did not search me. He asked me if I had a gun and I told him yes. He took the gun out of my pocket. I had another gun in my 'chap' pocket and the handle was sticking out. I had no fear of arrest and had no fear of trial, and would have come to town and given myself up but for fear of a mob. I was on the point of giving up the chase of the horses when I saw the man catch them.

"The hogs were stray and belonged to a man who had lately moved in from the Palouse country and wandered to my place.

"I did not burn my house. If I did, how did they get the photograph and

marriage license, which I left in my trunk? I went to my ranch the night I killed Conlee and then started away. I did not go to Oakesdale, and all them stories about riding through there in the night are wind. The first night I got as far as the timber. I wanted to see some of my friends the worst way.

HAD A TERRIBLE TIME.

"I went straight to the mountains and had a terrible time. I had nothing to eat, no blanket, and the country was so rough I had to turn my horse loose. I had to wade streams icy cold and climb over down timber and sharp rocks, and hungry and weak, and having the trouble I did in mind, I felt like giving up and lie down and take the worst. If I didn't have the courage of a dozen men I never would have got through. I had settled down to work in Montana and was easy in my mind about getting arrested and I had no idea that they had got on my trail that way."

A portion of Symes' story was truly pathetic, and he talked in an earnest manner. He then brightened up, and, after laughing heartily at the wild-goose chase after him through British Columbia and the story of a posse following a Canadian government surveyor across the line, he talked freely of his prospects.

WANTS A FAIR TRIAL.

"All I want is a fair trial and I have no fear of the result. I believe the people of Ritzville will give me a fair trial, and I am sure to be acquitted."

Symes telegraphed to Tom Griffiths of Spokane today to defend him, and he will employ Cronce & Davis of Ritzville and H. N. Martin of Sprague.

Sheriff McLaughlin was promptly paid the \$500 subscribed here and will leave tomorrow morning. Two Montana newspaper men accompanied the party as far as Spokane to see the prisoner lynched. At Spokane Sheriff Thompson satisfied them that nothing of the kind would occur and they got off the train.

QUIET AT SPRAGUE.

Sprague, Wash., Aug. 12.—Symes, the slayer of Lou Conlee, passed through the city on No. 1 this morning. Had it not been given out that he had been brought through on the train the night before there might have been a demonstration. There were very few people at the depot this morning and those present had no suspicion that the desperado captured by the Montana rancher was in the baggage car.

THE MILLIONAIRE SHOT HIMSELF

Death of Edward Cameron the Result of an Accident.

New York, Aug. 12.—Edward M. Cameron, a millionaire, was found dead last night, and it was supposed heart disease caused his death. At the coroner's inquest today, however, was developed the fact that he was cleaning a pistol in his room yesterday afternoon when the weapon was accidentally discharged and the bullet passed through his heart.

NEGRO BRUTE SHOT TO DEATH

Taken to the Scene of His Crime by a Georgia Mob.

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 12.—A special to the Journal from Camilla, Ala., says: Will Harris, the negro who attempted to assault Mrs. J. F. Monroe, a 60-year-old white woman in Colquett county last Friday, was captured here Saturday, taken to the scene of his crime for confession and shot to death by the mob.

VICTORY FOR GERMAN PYTHIANS

Mother Lodge Beaten in the First Tilt in the Courts.

Chicago, Aug. 12.—German Pythians won a signal victory in the courts today in the fight over blacklisting for refusal to adopt the English ritual. Waldeck lodge No. 136 sued the supreme lodge of Illinois, asking the court to enjoin it from taking away the lodge charter and also to issue a writ of mandamus, making it give up certain passwords. Judge Brentano today rendered a decision in favor of the plaintiffs.

South Bend Bank Suspended.

South Bend, Wash., Aug. 12.—The First National bank of South Bend suspended payment this morning. The officers say the depositors will be paid in full.

New President of Peru.

Lima, Aug. 12.—Senor Nicola Pierola has been elected president; Senor Billinghurst, first vice president, and Senor Augusto Semirio second vice president.

SETTLE IT AMICABLY

Fight for Control of Police About Settled.

RECOURSE HAD TO THE LAW

Agreement to Join Issues Before the Courts Will Probably Be Entered Into.

Omaha, Aug. 11.—There now appears to be a fair prospect that the fire and police board muddle will be amicably settled in this city, as suggested by Governor Holcomb at the very inception of the trouble. The injunction case decided yesterday settled none of the issues involved, and in passing upon the petition for an injunction the judge intimated that the proper procedure would be for the claimants under the Churchill-Russell appointment to bring quo warranto proceedings against the old board.

The present occupants have always claimed they were ready and anxious to join issues on the rights to office in legal proceedings. While no agreement to that effect has yet been arrived at one probably will be within the next 24 hours.

Another story which is given credence in many quarters is to the effect that the A. P. A. board will meet tomorrow, appoint a police force, and demand possession of the office and books, and if this is refused, will attempt to take possession by force. The present force is prepared to resist any attempt of this kind. In case the newly appointed police force can not get possession of the city jail, they count upon securing recognition from the police judge and setting up a little jail of their own. It is more likely, however, that the proposal for a settlement will be adopted.

IDAHO BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Assessment of Railroad, Telegraph and Telephone Property Made.

Boise City, Idaho, Aug. 12.—The state board of equalization met today as a board of assessors to fix the assessment of railroad, telegraph and telephone property. Telegraph lines were assessed at \$50 a mile for the first wire and \$12.50 a mile for each additional wire, instruments \$3.65 a set. Telephones at \$42 a mile. The Oregon Short Line was assessed at \$6500 a mile, the same as the 1894 assessment. There are 434.06 miles of the Short Line in Idaho. The Oregon Railway & Navigation branches in northern Idaho, 87.03 miles, \$5000. The assessment of a piece of one of the branches between Wallace and Burke, 6.7 miles, was reduced to \$2500 a mile, owing to the road being inoperative; Great Northern, 8,678 miles, \$5600 a mile; Northern Pacific, main line, 84.46 miles, \$6500 a mile; Spokane & Palouse, 40½ miles, \$5000 a mile; Coeur d'Alene Railway & Navigation branch, narrow gauge, 20.1 miles, \$4000 a mile; standard gauge, 30 miles, \$5000 a mile.

A deadlock occurred over the assessment of the Utah Northern from Pocatello to the Montana line, 129.62 miles. Last year it was assessed at \$5500. Treasurer Bunting moved to increase it to \$6500. Mr. Bunting stated that he thought it was the height of inconsistency to assess the Short Line \$6500 and the Utah Northern only \$5500. He stated that the Utah Northern was today doing a great deal more business than the Short Line and that this condition of affairs prevailed for some time. Auditor Ramsey moved to make it the same as last year. Secretary of State Garritt advocated \$6000. Bunting would not accept unless the Short Line was placed at the same figure. Bunting offered to make the rate on both lines \$6200 but Garritt demurred. The governor remained neutral. After holding afternoon and evening sessions over the matter the board adjourned until tomorrow without coming to an agreement.

Peace for Weary Brazil.

Buenos Ayres, Aug. 10.—Peace has been concluded between the government of Brazil and the insurgents of the province of Rio Grande Do Sul.

LIST HAS SWELLED TO FOURTEEN

Another Victim of the New York Building Disaster Found.

New York, Aug. 12.—The body of another victim of the West Broadway disaster, the 14th thus far found, was partly unearthed from the debris near the north wall of the building. It was identified as that of John Rossa. The body of the 12th victim was found yesterday in the ruins and was identified today as John Murphy of Brooklyn.

INVESTIGATION BEGUN.

An investigation into the cause of the wreck of the Broadway building in which so many men lost their lives was begun today by Building Superintendent Constable. The superintendent called a meeting of 30 building experts and architects and said to them that he would leave no stone unturned to bring the guilty persons to justice if criminal negligence could be shown.

ELLENSBURG KILLERS ARRAIGNED

Charles Vinson Held for Murder Without Bail—The Father in Jail.

Ellensburg, Aug. 12.—Charles Vinson, who shot and killed Mike Kohlhepp last evening, was arraigned this afternoon on a charge of murder in the first degree and bound over to the superior court without bonds. John Bergland, who was stabbed by Vinson's father at the same time, is resting easy, and hopes are entertained of his recovery. Pending the result his assailant is in jail. He will probably be examined on Wednesday.

EDITOR FRANK PIXLEY IS DEAD

Veteran San Francisco Journalist Succumbed After a Long Illness.

San Francisco, Aug. 12.—Frank M. Pixley, a veteran editor and politician, died last night after a lingering illness. He came to California years ago, and was one of the most prominent men in the state.

Frank Pixley's work on the Argonaut, of which he was editor-in-chief and proprietor, was recognized by friend and foe as of unusual brilliancy and merit. He was caustic and critical, but was open in his attacks. His death has been expected for weeks.

ASKS THAT ROGERS BE PROSECUTED

Mrs. Doak Thinks Her Husband Was Murdered.

Walla Walla, Aug. 12.—Earl Rogers, who struck John Doak, causing his death, at Wallula, was exonerated by the coroner's jury bringing in a verdict of justifiable homicide. Mrs. Doak is not satisfied with the verdict and has asked Prosecuting Attorney Ormsbee to make a complaint against Rogers. Mr. Ormsbee said he had not looked into the case thoroughly and was not positive what would be done.

EXPORTS OF TWO JULYS COMPARED

Large Increase in Mineral Oils, but a Decrease in Cotton.

Washington, Aug. 12.—A statement prepared by the bureau of statistics of the treasury department gives the amounts of the principal articles of exports during July as follows: Mineral oils, \$4,992,903; July, last year, \$2,985,792. Cotton, \$1,917,179; July, last year, \$3,121,959. Breadstuffs, \$8,500,913; last year, \$8,138,593. Provisions, \$14,024,688, as against \$14,754,755 last year during July.

ATTACKED BY ITALIAN RIOTERS

More Trouble in Pittsburg in Which the Police Were Active.

Pittsburg, Pa., Aug. 12.—One hundred Italian laborers formerly employed by Booth & Flinn on street improvements, now on a strike for an advance of 25 cents a day, attacked the workmen on Spurr hill this morning. The workmen made a strong resistance and several were injured in both crowds, none fatally. The police captured 21 rioters marching under a red flag. The work is being carried on under police guard.

A Shocking Suicide.

Zanesville, Ohio, Aug. 9.—Jacob Gigax, a wealthy citizen, today went to the Cincinnati & Muskingum railroad depot, got down on his hands and knees, placed his neck across a rail in front of a rapidly approaching train and was decapitated in the presence of many people. Gigax suffered from poor health.

Interest and dividend disbursements in Boston in August are reported to amount to \$3,634,000 against \$3,796,495 a year ago.