

# MOB BURNS A MURDERER

Awful Punishment Is Dealt Out to Confessed Slayer of a Girl in Delaware.

THE AUTHORITIES ARE OVERPOWERED.

Victim Is Taken from Jail by Force Tied to a Stake and Reduced to Ashes—Guards Attempt to Protect Prisoner and a Little Boy Is Fatally Injured.

Wilmington, Del., June 24.—All was quiet in this community Tuesday following the horrible lynching of George White, Helen Bishop's confessed slayer, at an early hour in the morning. Of the mob of nearly 5,000 that overpowered the authorities, stormed the Newcastle county workhouse and dragged from a cell the trembling wretch and burned him at the stake, the identity of only one is publicly known. That person is little Peter Smith, 12 years old who fell when the workhouse guards fired a volley into the ranks of the attacking mob. The lad was struck by a bullet which entered his back and is thought to have penetrated his kidneys. At the Homeopathic hospital, where the injured boy was taken, the physicians stated at nine o'clock Tuesday morning that he is in a serious condition. After the mob had completed its awful work of vengeance the body of the negro ravisher and murderer was left chained to the stake with the fire burning all around it and the members of the lynching party went home. A rain which began falling later extinguished the fire and at daylight the charred body still hung limp in plain sight of passersby.

Public sentiment here, so far as expressed, appears to approve the lynching of White and it is not believed there will be any arrests.

**Victim Confesses Guilt.**

White's confession, made just before the torch was applied to the pile of oil-soaked bushes around him, was an admission of everything and more than had been charged against him. The negro's confession rendered the already incensed crowd even more desperate and some wanted to tear him limb from limb before they reached the scene of his execution. The negro begged piteously not to be burned, but no mercy was shown the culprit, and although his sufferings were terrible White remained conscious and rational to the last.

When the negro had ceased to show signs of life the body was placed on its back and fuel was piled up on it and a roaring fire was soon consuming it. It was about two o'clock when the crowd began to disperse. At noon Tuesday Deputy Coroner Killmer went to the scene of the lynching for the purpose of securing the remains of the negro in order to go through the legal form of holding an inquest, but according to the story of those who left the place an hour previous there was little possibility of his finding anything substantial, as the relic hunters had made off with the pieces of bones that were left.

While at times during the night there were at least 5,000 people around the workhouse the men who actually took part in the lynching did not number over 500. The leader was a man who said his name was Baker, and that he was from Virginia. His face was familiar to most of the people and it is believed he is a resident of Wilmington, although some say he had been imported for the purpose of leading the mob.

**Lynching All Arranged.**

The lynching is believed to have been the result of a plot which was concocted several days ago and was to have been put into execution Saturday night, but on that occasion there was a misunderstanding and the attempt failed. Early Monday morning word was passed around that the attack was to be made on the prison at ten o'clock at night and that the men who were to participate in it were to meet at Price's Corner, half an hour before that time. The report gained wide circulation, but most people who were not actually concerned in the plot were of the opinion that the plan would not be carried out. As a result of the reports, however, people flocked toward the workhouse early in the evening, but the majority of these were there out of curiosity, although after they reached the prison many joined the attacking party. The police department was advised during the day of the contemplated attack and 30 policemen in charge of Chief Black and Capts. Evans and Kane went to the workhouse. This was at eight o'clock Monday night. There were several thousand persons at the prison at the time and the officers were powerless against such large numbers, so they entered the building to assist the guards in an effort to protect the prisoner. During one of the rushes made by the crowd several shots were exchanged and Peter Smith, a boy of 12 years, of Wilmington, was shot in the back and so seriously injured that he will die. He is now in a hospital in this city.

**No Arrests Likely.**

The natural and interesting question Tuesday was whether the authorities will take action looking toward the arrest and punishment of those who were prominent in the lynching of George White early Tuesday morning. That many of them are known

cannot be doubted, for they were seen by the thousands who witnessed the affair. It is also known that the arrangements for the lynching were talked of in advance, and that men were invited to participate and given notice of when and where to assemble. It was this fact that gave publicity to the lynching, for the news that it was to occur Monday night was circulated around Wilmington, with the result that the thousands who went out at night did so with the knowledge that the affair would come off according to arrangement.

It is a fact that public sentiment so generally approves the lynching that it would be hard to secure the conviction of a lyncher even if arrests are made, which seems doubtful.

During the day thousands of persons went to the scene of the lynching, many of them intent upon securing ghastly relics. In this, however they met with little success, as the burning had been so effectual as to destroy almost every vestige of the victim's body. The only remains were pieces of his bones.

In order to reach the scene many of these people walked the three miles from Wilmington in a drizzling rain, and those who rode on the trolleys cars had to walk a mile before they reached the spot. But nothing could abate their ardor, and all day there was a constant stream of people traveling along the road.

Judge Grubb, of the county court, has made a public statement, in which he deprecates the lynching of White and its consequent reflection upon the good name of Delaware. Judge Grubb also explained the action of the court in refusing to call a special session of the grand jury for the indictment of Miss Bishop's murderer. He says the trial would have been attended by such public clamor and prejudice that a fair trial would have been impossible and the court would have been compelled to grant the motion of the prisoner's counsel for a change of venue. Once the prisoner was moved to the insecure jail of Kent county or Sussex county he might have escaped.

**CLEANING UP THE TOWN.**

Wreckage and Debris Caused by Heppner, Ore., Flood Fast Disappearing.

Heppner, Ore., June 24.—The clearing away of the debris caused by the flood is progressing rapidly. The result of organized work in a systematic manner is evident on all sides and soon all wreckage will have been removed.

Only two buildings remain on Main street that were carried there by the waters and the dead sediment that was deposited in the street is being speedily removed. The sanitary conditions of the town at present are far better than had been hoped for, but every precaution is being taken to guard against an epidemic. Dr. Smith, who represents the state board of health, ordered alkali from the hills to be spread upon the streets and that work is now being accomplished. Four bodies were recovered during Monday. They were: Charles M. Peterson, a traveling man from Chicago.

Iva Ashbaugh.  
Mrs. Frank Harriman.  
One unidentified man.  
One hundred and seventy-seven bodies have been recovered and 35 persons missing. The relief fund has reached \$26,000.

**TUGBOAT RUN DOWN.**

Sinks as Result of Collision with Steamer Chemung Near Buffalo—Three Drowned.

Buffalo, N. Y., June 24.—The great lakes tug O. W. Cheney was run down by the propeller Chemung early Tuesday about seven miles up the lake. Three members of the tug's crew were drowned as follows:

Capt. John Whalen.  
Andy Shafer, steward.  
Eddie Dugan, fireman.  
The engineer, James T. Byers, and the other fireman were picked up by the tug Frank S. Butler and brought to this city.

The Cheney had gone up the lakes to meet the Chemung and tow her into port. As the tug neared the propeller and drew close to take the line she ran under the bow of the Chemung. The propeller's bow hit the tug amidships, capsizing and sinking it.

**Shot by Jailbreaker.**

Butte, Mont., June 24.—A special to the Miner from Buffalo, N. D., says: Proprietor Kubelik, of the Belfast hotel, was shot in the street, it is supposed, by Pierce, who escaped from the Glasgow jail with William Pardee. Pierce is known to be in the vicinity of Buffalo, and there seems to be little doubt that he was recognized by Kubelik and shot him to prevent being apprehended. A large posse is in pursuit of Pierce.

**Long Drought Broken.**

Peking, June 24.—Three days of rain have helped to dispel the fears of a crop failure, which were occasioned by the prolonged drought, and have convinced the Chinese of the miraculous powers of the iron rain tablet, supposed to induce rain, which was recently brought from its temple in the south to this province.

**Buoy Picked Up.**

Copenhagen, Denmark, June 24.—A buoy thrown out by the Baldwin-Ziegler polar expedition at Franz Josef land, June 11, 1902, was picked up at Vopna Fiord, a bay on the northeast coast of Iceland, May 2, of the present year.



THE NEW KING OF SERVIA.

Peter Karageorgevitch, who immediately after the murder of King Alexander and his spouse, Queen Draga, was proclaimed king of Serbia, is, like his predecessor, a descendant of a swineherd. Alexander's forefather was an Obrenovitch. The Obrenovitchs and the Karageorgevitchs have been at daggers drawn (literally) ever since the heads of the two families concluded that they were the best men to rule the kingdom.



ARCHBISHOP FALCONIO, WHO MAY BE A CARDINAL.

Archbishop Diomed Falconio, who has made an enviable record as papal legate to the United States, is thought to have an excellent chance for election to the cardinalate. His thousands of admirers declare that his distinguished services entitle him to this promotion. Archbishop Falconio is a naturalized citizen of the United States.

**RADIUM IS OUTDONE.**

Discovery by Mme. Curie of Polonium Exceeds Earlier Triumph.

The Value of the New Metal Is Unlimited—It Gives a Constant Light Without the Loss of Heat or Substance.

Polonium, the new element which has been exploited in a series of most interesting experiments by Prof. W. Markwell before the chemical congress in Berlin, is really the discovery of a woman—one of the most learned women in the world, and one who is to-day recognized as among the truly great pioneers of chemistry. Married to a Frenchman, she is a Pole by birth, and it was patriotism that led her to give to her new discovery the name by which the world now knows it—polonium.

Scientists as yet understand too little of the marvelous properties of this new element to venture more than vague predictions of what sphere of future usefulness it may fill; but it is not improbable that it may be found to perform the present functions of the so-called Roentgen or X rays far more powerfully and without the cumbersome apparatus now essential to their use.

In a much higher degree even than radium it possesses the property of shining in the dark, and, although it is known that actual particles, infinitesimally small, are being shot out from it continually—a fact which is proved by magnetic experiments—this strange substance does not seem to exhaust itself nor lose its luminous powers with the passage of time. Here, therefore, is a hint at least of the future possibility of a constant and brilliant illuminant generated without heat or combustion.

As a result of the discovery of this woman, Mme. Curie, she and her husband and a few chosen associates are enjoying at present a practical monopoly of a treasure mine richer far than one of gold or diamonds. Polonium is more valuable than radium, and Prof. Curie himself, who has a chemically pure specimen of radium not larger than a buckshot and weighing less than half a grain, would not sell it for \$20,000. Strangely enough, the substance from which these precious grains of polonium are extracted is pitchblende, a sort of by-product found in Austria and heretofore regarded as valueless after it had been used for the extraction of uranium.

It is from the castoff material of a Bohemian mine operated by the Austrian government that Mme. Curie and her husband are now obtaining their rich store of polonium.

But as they were enterprising enough to obtain control of all of it that was in sight before others knew its rare possibilities, there is little polonium to be had even in Europe except through them, and practically none at all in America.

Radium also is the discovery of Mme. Curie. What radium will do, she herself believes, polonium will do to a far greater degree. If, as Dr. Lunden, a German scientist, is reported to have said in Berlin, he has proved by experiments that rays reflected from radium enable the blind to see more or less clearly, then radium and polonium may yet be destined to work veritable modern miracles.

**WEST POINT HAZING ENDED.**

The Board of Visitors Makes a Flattering Report on Conditions at Military School.

The board of visitors to the West Point military academy has made its report to the secretary of war. The report is interesting chiefly because of the very general commendation of the conditions at the academy. It is especially noted that the discipline is excellent, and that hazing has disappeared, save in one or two cases of a very mild character. The board made a very thorough examination of the plans and specifications, which have been prepared under the direction of the secretary of war, for new buildings and other improvements at the academy, and they are approved without reservation. The total expenditure for these improvements will be \$5,500,000.

**LION TO HAVE GLASS EYE.**

Prince Who Lost His Optic in an Affair of Honor to Be Fitted with Artificial Member.

Prince, one of Bostock's lions, is to wear a glass eye. In Richmond he had an affair of honor which cost him his left eye. A veterinarian dressed his torn eyelids, but he had to be strapped down and resisted so that he still bears the marks of the ropes. Bostock undertook to measure him for a glass eye, but when the keepers appeared Prince became so wild that the eye was measured as well as possible without blinding him. He will have to be strapped down when the eye is put in. Bostock thinks Prince will tear it out, and a wire cage to inclose the eye will be put on him until he becomes accustomed to it.

**Can't Disguise Himself.**

King Leopold talks of coming to this country incognito. But, says the Chicago Record-Herald, how can he with those whiskers and the odor of scandal that clings to him?

**MINNESOTA NEWS.**

**Prehistoric.**

What appears to be a rare specimen of prehistoric remains was unearthed near here when the skeleton of a human being and some earthen and stone vessels were found and brought to the city by S. S. Stadsvoid, proprietor of the Fosston flour mill, and Lewis Lohn, cashier of the Bank of Fosston.

Messrs. Stadsvoid and Lohn were visiting at Mr. Lohn's farm, near Beaulieu, on the border of the White Earth Indian reservation, and were watching some workmen who were making a cellar for a new building. The men had gone some depth into the side of the hill, the intention being to make a large root cellar, when the shovel of one of them came in contact with a hard substance which gave forth a metallic sound.

The workmen stooped to examine what the obstacle was and found it to be an iron ring fastened to something further in the side of the hill. Pulling on the ring disclosed the fact that it was attached to an iron door, which swung outward, disclosing a large opening. Looking into the opening, it was found that it led to a large cave, which was strewn with pieces of broken stones of peculiar shapes, and in one corner was a stone box, in which, on being opened, was found the perfect skeleton of a human being.

Some stone implements, representing hammers, arrow darts and other peculiar implements, were also in the box. The skeleton was at least seven feet in length. Mr. Lohn has placed the skeleton and other articles in a sealed glass receptacle and put them with a rare collection of Indian relics which he possesses. It is believed that the cave was once the resort of mound-builders, or of the Indians in the very long ago, as the implements found are of very ancient pattern.

**Climate and Crop Bulletin.**

Light rains fell in nearly all parts of the state on the 8th and 9th and at scattered points in the southern half on the 10th. The early half of the week was cool, with light frosts, pretty widely distributed on the mornings of the 10th and 11th, and farther east and south on the morning of the 12th; the frosts slightly touched potatoes, corn and gardens in exposed places, but without lasting injury. In the latter part of the week there was a return of warmer weather. The need of rain was beginning to be felt on the spring plowed lands of northern counties, which the rains of the week will not supply; rain was also needed on the recently flooded lowlands, and the wet level lands of the South, as the receding waters have left them hard and baked. There are a few complaints that oats are not very good, but generally in all parts of the state the wheat, oats, barley and flax are in splendid condition where they have not been affected by an excess of moisture. In the recently flooded lands of the South there has been a great improvement in the condition of all crops. Winter wheat and rye are in bloom. Small areas of clover were winter killed, but where it survived the winter it is very rank and ready to cut. June grass and red top are being made into hay. The new timothy fields will yield well, but on old fields there is a thin stand. Corn growth has been held in check by the cold weather.

**Seemingly Wronget.**

The annual meeting of the state normal school board, held at the capitol developed some interesting educational discussion. The presidents of the five schools presented reports, all of which were full of meat. The last one, by President Millsbaugh of Winona, called attention to the state law which discriminates against graduates of the normal schools. It provides that principals of graded and semi-graded schools must be graduates of the advanced course in the normal schools, or must hold a professional or first grade certificate. The high school graduate who goes right to teaching can get a first grade certificate in a year, but the graduate of an elementary course in a normal school, which takes much longer, must pass a rigid examination and take a year of teaching before being eligible.

**A Panic.**

Fifteen persons in the audience attending the performance in the Lyceum theatre at Duluth of "Zig Zag Alley" were painfully injured by the explosion in a scuttle of coal of a blank cartridge, used in the second act of the comedy to simulate the blowing up of a safe.

As others in the audience saw the cut and bleeding faces and forms of those hurt a panic seized them and a general stampede for the doors was narrowly averted by the presence of mind of a few.

**News Notes.**

Representative John Taylor died at Le Sueur of tuberculosis. He was elected representative for the twenty-seventh district in 1902 on the democratic ticket. He was engaged in the real estate and insurance business.

It looks as if Little Falls will soon have free delivery. Inspector Noile stated he would recommend larger quarters for the postoffice, as the present building is too small to accommodate the additional employes and the fixtures required in a free delivery office. The earnings of the office entitle Little Falls to free delivery.

T. A. Polleys, who has been connected with the legal department of the Chicago Great Western railway for several years, will become tax commissioner of the Omaha system July 1.

**MAY CLIMB PEAK OF ANDES.**

Miss Annie S. Peck of Michigan Leads Party to Scale Mount Sorata, Highest Peak in World.

The Panama liner Segurancra, which has just sailed from New York, had on board the mountain-climbing expedition headed by Miss Annie S. Peck, the University of Michigan graduate, who hopes to climb Mount Sorata, the peak of the Andes, which is one of the highest elevations on earth. In the party are President Tight, of the University of New Mexico, and Antonio Maquiguaz, who was the chief guide in the Andes with the expeditions of the duke of Abruzzi and Sir Martin Conway.

Miss Peck and her party hope to reach Mollendo, Peru, before the middle of July and from that point they will go overland to Arequipa, where the Harvard observatory is located, standing on an elevation something more than 7,000 feet above the sea level. The party will remain here a week and will make an effort to climb El Misti. This will be done more for practice than for any scientific discoveries that they hope to make. From this point they will proceed to Lake Titicaca, which is close by Sorata, and above which that great peak towers.

When the ascent of this will commence depends entirely upon climatic conditions. Miss Peck has had the expedition equipped to provide as nearly as possible for every obstacle met by former climbers who attempted this peak.

In the equipment are five oxygen tanks, that is, one for each member of the party and one extra reserve tank. These are made of rubber, arranged so that they are worn over the shoulder just as soldiers carry blankets on forced marches. Each of the tanks has a capacity of ten gallons and to each there is attached a rubber tube fitted with an inhaler, by means of which the gas is to be taken when required. The oxygen will be manufactured by Dr. Tight, who takes with him a complete manufacturing apparatus.

**TAKES AIRSHIP TO RACES.**

Santos-Dumont Visits Track at Longchamps Course in His Aerial Machine.

Santos Dumont the other day paid the visit to the Longchamps racecourse in his No. 9 airship which he had originally planned to make on Grand Prix day. On leaving the shed he made straight for the course, and arrived over the betting office between the third and fourth races. He turned the airship around with the greatest ease and coolness, and brought it slowly down among the spectators, who cheered him with enthusiasm.

Some of the spectators endeavored to catch hold of the guide rope, but Santos Dumont shouted to them to leave it alone, and the airship touched the ground without any assistance, though with the greatest facility.

All interest in the racing was temporarily eclipsed by Santos Dumont's triumphal descent. Men threw up their hats in the air as they cheered, and women waved their handkerchiefs.

After passing a few minutes in shaking hands and receiving congratulations the intrepid aeronaut took his departure in the direction of Bagatelle.

Amid renewed cheers the spectators rushed to the betting booths and backed the horse that was No. 9 on the programme—Edmond Blanc's Tigellin—which won in a field of 22. Curiously enough, Fran's Gardner's Menestrel, which defeated Quo Vadis in the preceding race, while Santos Dumont was approaching, was also No. 9 on the programme.

**FINEST LIBRARY ON ANARCHY.**

Books, Pamphlets and Flaming Posters of the Most Violent Character Secured by Columbia.

The Columbia library on Morning-side Heights has just come into the possession of a complete anarchistic library of some 2,000 books, pamphlets and documents, and in a few weeks they will be ready for reference. It is stated by Dr. James P. Canfield, the head librarian, that it is the most complete collection of its kind in the world. It originally belonged to a French anarchist. On his death in London last year the collection passed into the hands of administrators, and they had the books put up at auction. Columbia bought them for \$100.

The collection includes 252 sets of newspapers and periodicals, nine-tenths of which are complete. There are about 260 anarchistic books and pamphlets. A very large collection of autograph letters and autograph manuscripts by leading anarchists from Bakounin down are a feature. Photographs—a very extensive collection of them—and even songs and clippings from non-anarchistic papers are included, but the crowning feature of the whole library is the collection of 270 large anarchistic posters, with red, flaming headlines and inflammatory reading matter. The library is not only of great money value, but scientifically it is invaluable.

**Girl Victim of Rare Disease.**

Pauline Burkhardt, aged 16, has been found by the authorities of St. Luke's hospital, New York, to be the victim of one of the rarest diseases, myelitis. It is a form of paralysis, and in two weeks has deadened every muscle in the girl's body below the hips. This girl never had been ill until this disease attacked her two weeks ago.