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LYNCHED FROM A LIMB.

**Mulatto Is Swung Near Leading
Residence Thoroughfare.**

MOBILE, ALA., IS PLACE.

**Douglas Roberson, a Mulatto, Power-
ful and Bold, Who Killed One Offi-
cer and Wounded Another, Taken
From Jail and Quickly Disposed Of.**

Mobile, Jan. 23.—Douglas Roberson, a mulatto, powerful and bold, and for years regarded as a desperate negro, who on Thursday shot and killed Deputy Sheriff Phillip Fatch and wounded another officer, was taken from his cell in the county jail by some men and led to a tree at the southwest corner of St. Emanuel and Church streets, just one block from Government street, Mobile's most prominent residence thoroughfare, and lynched.

The affair took place just after midnight this morning. According to one authority, two men walked into the jail and covered Deputy Sheriff Hugh Gillis and Krouse with revolvers and commanded them to throw up their hands, accompanying their order with a demand that they open the door leading to the cells. The deputies, powerless, caught unawares, obeyed without resistance. Probably twenty other members, in the meantime, had gone up stairs, leaving the two men to guard the deputies. Later two of these came back down and demanded the keys to Roberson's cell, which were given them.

Gillis and Krouse were then left alone and ordered not to leave their seats or use the telephone under penalty of death.

The mob, securing their man and gagged him, quietly left the jail and started with their captive to the scene of his crime. Before they had gone more than three blocks, the negro extricated the gag from his mouth, and, like a flash, three revolver shots disturbed the quiet of the night and in a moment a large three-quarter inch rope was thrown across a limb and Douglas Roberson was jerked to death.

When lynched Roberson was clad only in his underclothing. Just previous to his arrest the negro was wounded three times, and when taken from jail his hands were bound with a piece of sheeting stained with his blood.

RUNS UP GALLOW'S STEPS

**Joe Thompson Asks Sheriff Not
to Botch Job.**

Washington, Ark., Jan. 23.—Joe Thompson, a negro, convicted of killing another negro, Miller Brown, in October of last year, was executed here. Before Sheriff Velvin had proceeded far with the reading of the death warrant Thompson broke in with: "That is enough. Let's go on and get through with it."

The negro walked to the foot of the gallows without a sign of fear and then ran up the steps and placed himself upon the trap door without assistance from the officers of the law.

He was given an opportunity to speak and declared he was guilty of the crime as charged. He said he was ready to die and warned all present to let his fate be a lesson to them. With a final request to the sheriff to "not make a botch job of it," the negro ceased. The black cap was adjusted, the noose placed around his neck and Thompson's soul ushered into eternity.

FORTY-SEVEN HEARSE.

**Unidentified Bodies of Crib Disaster
Near Chicago Laid to Rest.**

Chicago, Jan. 23.—Forty-seven hearses, escorted by 200 policemen, forming one funeral procession, conveyed to a cemetery the unidentified bodies of the men who were killed in the burning crib in Lake Michigan. Funeral services held in both Protestant and Catholic churches and many business places in the suburb were closed.

Fatally Scalded by Coffee.

Stephenville, Tex., Jan. 23.—George, the three year old son of R. G. Hammond, a prominent farmer of Erath county, pulled a pot of boiling coffee off a table. The fluid scalded his head, face, hands and shoulders. After suffering some hours the little boy died.

TEXAS' APPROPRIATIONS

**Revised Figures Show That It Will
Amount to \$1,203,000.**

Washington, Jan. 23.—Revised figures taken from the advance copy of the rivers and harbors committee's report Texas will get \$1,203,000 for maintenance out of a total of approximately \$8,000,000. The amount for projects in the Galveston district, including interoceanic canal work, will be \$782,000 of which \$550,000 is for Galveston harbor and Texas City and Bolivar channels and West Galveston bay. Also \$100,000 is for Buffalo bayou and \$132,000 for inland waterways.

The Sabine district and adjacent rivers get \$321,000, of which \$200,000 is for Sabine Pass dredge and jetties.

Brazos river gets \$100,000 and Trinity \$75,000; Red river, \$40,000 and Cypress bayou \$6,000, which will constitute the entire Texas items to be provided for by congress this session.

FIVE PERSONS DEAD.

**Over Twenty Others Injured Follow-
ing a Highway Robbery Attempt.**

London, Jan. 23.—Five persons are dead and more than twenty others are in a hospital at Walthamtown, a suburb of London, as the result of a sensational attempt made by two Italians at highway robbery. The Italians were run down and surrounded by a posse and finally committed suicide. Three were their victims, including a policeman and a boy, he dead. Two policemen and three boys are among the wounded.

Ex-Sheriff Gives Bond.

Nashville, Jan. 23.—Ex-Sheriff Thomas Cartwright of Davidson county was arrested on warrant sworn out by Justice Levine by Attorney General McCann in which it is charged that Cartwright swore falsely while qualifying as a juror in the Cooper-Sharpe trial in a statement that had he not formed or expressed an opinion in the case. Cartwright's bond was fixed at \$1,500 and promptly executed.

Shot Possum Hunting.

Cleburne, Tex., Jan. 23.—Keating Ransome, son of Editor Ransome of the Cleburne Enterprise, was shot while possum hunting by an unknown party. The shot struck the boy in the face, closing both eyes. He is expected to recover. Dr. J. H. Happel, who accompanied the hunting party, was also slightly wounded in an arm. The sheriff began an investigation.

Wife's Turn to Provide.

Greensburg, Pa., Jan. 23.—"Turn about is fair play; I provided for my wife heretofore, and it's her turn to take care of me."

This was the defense of H. E. Fennell of Grapeville, powerful of physique, when arraigned before Justice J. Q. Truxal for beating his wife. Fennell complained that his wife would not support him. He was arrested after he had beaten her. He was held for court.

Fifty Miles of Rails Secured.

Baltimore, Jan. 23.—In the last issue of the Manufacturers' Record it is announced that a company which is constructing a railroad 500 miles long from Durr's Ferry on the Sabine river to Benjamin in Knox county, Texas, has arranged for fifty miles of steel rails and that the owners have 30,000 acres of coal land which the road is designed to develop. Preparations are being made to open up these properties.

Ten Buildings Burn.

Princeton, N. J., Jan. 23.—Fire destroyed ten buildings, doing over \$65,000 damage. Inadequate water supply caused much anxiety for safety of other buildings, but good work of volunteer firemen and many university students checked the flames about 100 feet from Nashua street, on the opposite side of which thoroughfare some university buildings front.

Death Penalty For Stinnett.

Harrison, Ark., Jan. 23.—Charles Stinnett was convicted of assault upon Miss Lovett, an aged white woman. Penalty is death.

Submissionist Petition.

Austin, Jan. 23.—A submissionist movement was started here to induce constituents of house members to sign a petition asking members to vote for the submission resolution when it comes up in the house Feb. 4. Petitions will be circulated all over the state.

Stabbed Several Times.

Lubbock, Tex., Jan. 23.—An unknown man stabbed Ollie Wells several times in the back.

DINE "SUNNY JIM."

**Vice President Elect Guest of
Honor at Washington.**

Washington, Jan. 23.—It was a notable gathering of sons of the Empire State that got together and did honor to their fellow citizen, Vice President Elect James S. Sherman, tonight.

Leading in the demonstrations of regard for "Sunny Jim," as the future president of the senate has come to be known, was President Roosevelt, who first saw the light in New York. Secretaries Root, Straus and Cortel



JAMES S. SHERMAN.

you, all New Yorkers, attended the dinner, which was given to Mr. Sherman by New York's delegation in the present congress and the men who will represent the state in the Sixty-first congress.

AVALANCHE OF SNOW.

**Sweeps Over Camp, Causing Four Fa-
talities and Others Have Close Call.**

Grand Junction, Colo., Jan. 23.—Four men were killed and more than a score had narrow escapes from death when an avalanche of snow swept over Camp Bird mine at Ouray. Four men were talking in the cook house when almost without warning thousands of tons of snow, rocks and dirt swept down the mountainside. The shanty was directly in the path of the avalanche and the men were hurled into the canyon and covered with snow. It will be midsummer before the bodies will be recovered. Caught in the steep mountain trails by the blizzard, which raged all day, was eight six-horse teams and the Camp Bird bullion stage, carrying \$6,000 in gold and many passengers. It is feared they may have been in the path of the slide and great anxiety is felt for their safety.

The avalanche which swept the men to death was fifty feet high and it came sweeping down the mountain side with irresistible force. Men working in the mine fled for their lives, but the shaft building was not in the path of the slide. It was close enough, however, to tremble as the avalanche rushed by.

REPUBLIC RAMMED.

**Run Into During a Dense Fog by An-
other Vessel and Disabled.**

Boston, Jan. 23.—The White Star line steamer Republic, which sailed from New York for Mediterranean ports, carrying 250 first class and 211 steerage passengers, was rammed by an unknown vessel and disabled twenty-six miles south of Nantucket while threading her way along Nantucket South Shoals in thick fog. Immediately after the accident the wireless apparatus on the steamer flashed the news in all directions, and within a short time several vessels, including the French line steamer La Lorrain, westward bound, the White Star liner Baltic and the revenue cutters Acushnet and Gresham, were on their way to offer every assistance to disabled steamer. The captain of the Republic sent a wireless message saying the engine room full water, but the steamer was kept afloat and was in no danger.

The Italian steamer Florida, from Naples to New York, took off the passengers and crew.

COTTON GINNING FIGURES.

**Statistics That Are Given Out by the
Agricultural Department.**

Washington, Jan. 23.—There were 12,667,231 running bales of cotton ginned from the growth of 1908 to Jan. 16 last, against 10,339,551 a year ago, and 27,441 active ginneries, against 27,366 a year ago, according to the census bureau report.

The report counts round as half bales and excludes Haters. It includes 232,521 round bales for 1909; 188,037 for 1908 and 90,456 Sea Island bales for 1909 and 80,190 for 1908. Total bales ginned in 1907 up to Jan. 16 was 12,176,199 representing 93.8 per cent of the crop of that year and of the 1908 crop 93.5 per cent was ginned by Jan. 16.

Taft Starts on Trip.

Augusta, Ga., Jan. 23.—Hon. W. H. Taft left here Saturday morning for Charleston, from where he sails for Panama. Many persons bade him farewell.

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LIQUOR TAX REFUND.

**Comptroller Will Ask Amount to
Reimburse Saloonists.**

Austin, Jan. 23.—The comptroller has prepared a statement to be submitted to the legislature urging an appropriation of \$325,000 to refund liquor dealers over the state whose licenses were revoked on July 12, 1907, by operation of Baskin-McGregor law. These liquor dealers had paid license for a year when revoked and the state is indebted to them.

W. B. Townsend, the new secretary of state, expects to arrive in a few days to assume his duties. Other new appointees are now getting their bonds ready: Financial Agent Haynes has to give \$75,000 bond and State Purchasing Agent White \$50,000.

It is announced that a resolution ordering a complete investigation of the textbook board's action will be introduced in the house by Colonel Jackson of Eastland. Colonel Jackson drew up the resolution, but possibly will have a friend to put it before the house.

To Abolish Daily Court Report.

Berlin, Jan. 23.—Emperor William has decided to signalize his fiftieth birthday by abolishing the daily court report altogether. This report has hitherto been given to the semi-official press bureau for distribution to newspapers. His majesty's decision, it is said, is due to press criticisms of his reading of magazine article to commanding generals Jan. 2.

Shocks Saturday.

Vienna, Jan. 23.—Seismographs at Vienna and Pola, a naval station on the Adriatic sea, registered a rather strong earthquake shocks at 4 o'clock Saturday morning. According to calculations of experts the scene of the disturbance is about 4,000 miles from here.

Historic House Victim of Flames.

Waco, Jan. 23.—City Attorney Williams received advices that his father's residence at Lorena was destroyed by fire. The house was an historic landmark. Loss is ten thousand; partially insured.

New Baseball Coach.

When Feby. 1st comes the A. & M. College baseball team will go into training, and it will have one of the best training masters there is in this country.

F. L. Dickinson is the new man and he arrived at College Friday to take up the work. He is from Boston and a graduate of Tufts College, but has played baseball throughout the West. He coached the University of Chicago team for two years, and was coach of the University of California team when it won the Coast League pennant.

Dickinson is now the property of the St. Louis Browns of the American League, but has secured permission to come to A. & M. for this season. He is an all-round player, but is signed with the Browns as pitcher.

Shoots Himself Twice.

San Antonio, Jan. 23.—Despondent because he was going blind D. W. Breckham, aged sixty years, a boarding house keeper, committed suicide by shooting himself twice with a revolver in the mouth and temple.

Head Nearly Blown Off.

Denton, Tex., Jan. 23.—Bessie Williams, a negro, was killed at Pilot Point. The back of her head was nearly blown off with a shotgun load. Officers started in search of her husband.

Brazos Bottom Far... for Rent.

For Rent: 7-12 of 321 Acres of cultivated Brazos Bottom land, Burleson county, near Wellborn, known as the T. R. Batts place. Owner, Mrs. Fannie Carroll, 115 East Myrtle St., San Antonio, Texas. 45

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