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## RIOT AVERTED BY RACE MEN

### MANY LOSE HOMES IN ARKANSAS FIRE

EIGHT BLOCKS IN PINE BLUFF NEGRO SECTION SWEEP BY SWIFT FLAMES  
VICTIMS WALK STREETS

Pine Bluff, Ark., Oct. 12.—Nearly 500 people are homeless tonight, some sitting woefully on guard over a trunk, a bureau or whatever comprises the little household furniture that was saved from their homes, others are wandering aimlessly around in the devastated district trying to find a place to sleep. Still others have no clothes but those they wear—all are victims of a sweeping conflagration that in two hours this afternoon swept over eight blocks of a colored residential district destroying 54 homes, only two of which were occupied by whites.

Only the dying out of a brisk southeast wind and entrenchment tactics of fire fighting checked the fire and prevented it from spreading into the Cotton Belt shop district. So thickly situated were dwellings in the colored section that an accurate check of the number of houses destroyed was not completed until late tonight and estimates of the entire loss based on the destruction of 54 homes were placed at between \$200,000 and \$300,000.

Not a single fatality had been reported up to late tonight and a canvass of hospitals indicated that only a few received slight injuries, most of these suffering burns when they rushed into their homes in efforts to save household effects. An aged woman was forcibly taken from her home after she had rushed back into the dwelling declaring frantically that she was "goin' with her home." She pleaded with her rescuers to be allowed to perish in her burning home. Throughout the district are the charred bodies of pigs, horses, cows, and house pets. One man rushed into a burning barn and dragged out a pig that weighed about 200 pounds by its hind feet. A crowd soon gathered, summoned by the pig's squeals, and the animal was carried from the burning district with the utmost care. A mass meeting has been called to raise funds to relieve suffering. Insurance men and officials were making a check of the district tonight. Guards had been posted in the district and firemen were prepared to cope with a high wind should it raise and glow the embers from smoldering ruins.

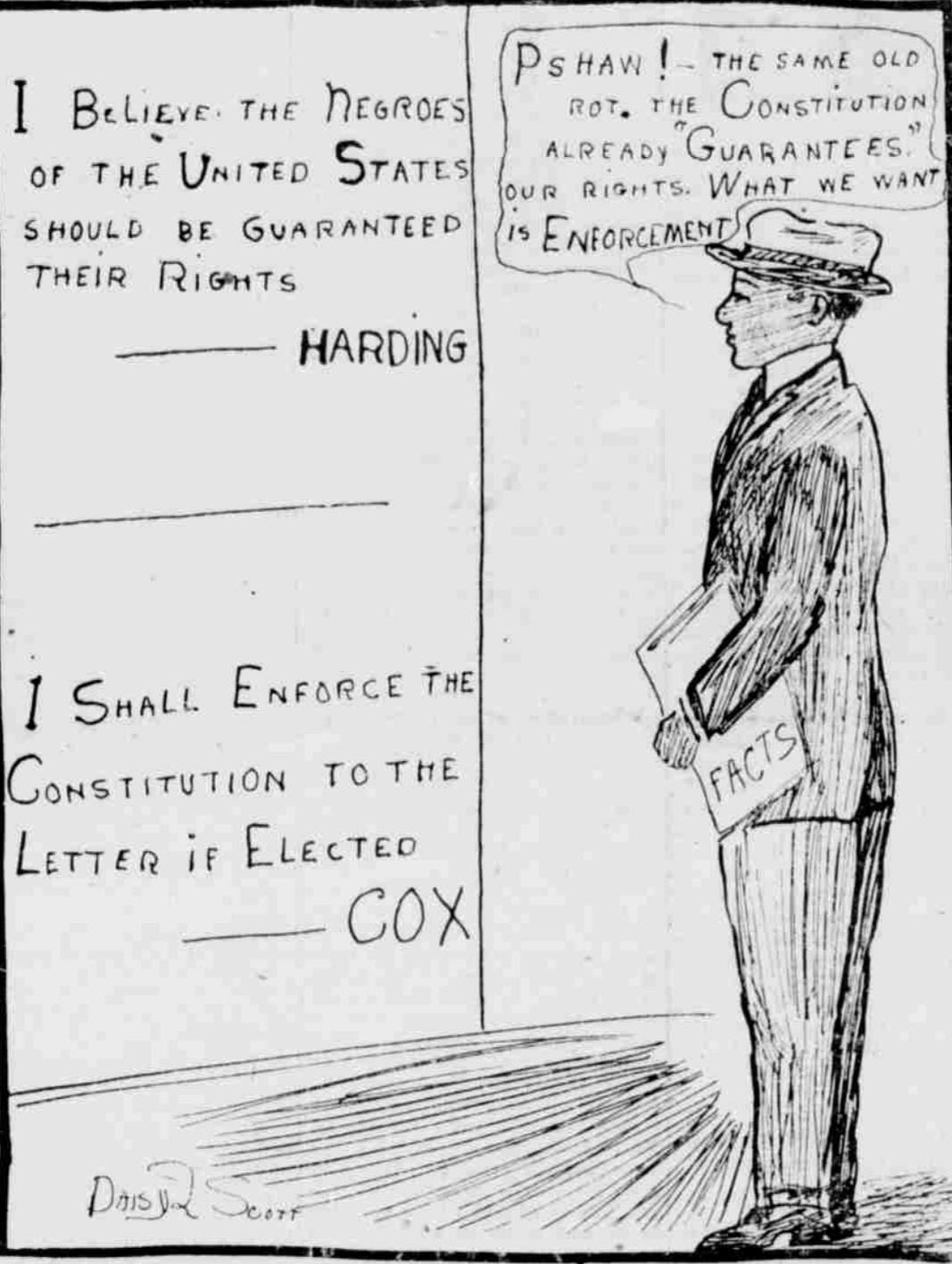
### Blaze Still Proceeding—No Estimate of Loss Is Given Out

Pine Bluff, Ark., Oct. 12.—More than 10 houses, most of them occupied by negroes, were destroyed or still are burning at 3:15 this afternoon in a fire which started at 2:00 p. m. in the negro section of the city. The flames at this hour had spread into the white residence section. Firemen believed they were gradually getting the fire under control. Three stores, a church, and a number of small business houses were in the path of the flames. Nearly 500 people had been made homeless and a fund for their relief was started before the flames were under control. No estimate of the loss is available. So far as could be learned at 4 p. m., there had been no casualties in the blaze. Several sick persons and one man with a broken leg were carried from houses out of the immediate path of the flames. The fire was declared to be under control shortly after 4 p. m. and a request for equipment from Little Rock was countermanded. The wind seemed to be dying down this time and firemen expressed confidence in their ability to check the flames. Only a few scattered houses in an area of more than eight blocks were left standing.

### TIES WIFE TO A CHAIR, STABS HER WITH KNIFE

When policemen arrived at the home of Finas and Josephine Parker, 1712 South Madison, Sunday night in answer to an urgent telephone call, they found Mrs. Finas tied to a chair and bleeding profusely from two knife wounds in her breast, inflicted by her husband. The woman will recover. Neighbors told the police the affair was the result of a long series of quarrels. Finas has not been captured.

### WHICH MEANS MORE TO YOU?



### IN OKMULGEE

#### HILL WILL NOT GO BACK TO ARKANSAS

Federal Charges Are Dropped—Man Wanted in Helena Race Riot Case

Leavenworth, Kan., Oct. 15.—Proceedings begun in the Kansas federal court to bring about the return to Arkansas of Robert Hill, accused of participation in race disturbances at Helena last fall, have been dismissed at the instance of Attorney General Palmer, according to announcement made by Fred Robertson, U. S. district attorney for Kansas, here late today. According to statements of federal officials, Hill's status is now that of a free man. No further proceedings are pending against him and they said he is free to return to Arkansas. However, friends of Hill said late today that he had obtained employment on a farm near here and that he would make no effort to return to Arkansas.

#### TULSA JOCKEY FAVORITE AT MUSKOGEE FAIR

Muskogee, Okla., Oct. 12.—The fair which closed here last week was a record breaker from the point of attendance. Thousands of visitors, many of them colored people, attended the fair and enjoyed the exhibits and the many amusements. The races were probably the most popular attractions and it may be said with a degree of certainty that the most popular jockey to appear on the track was E. "Jockey" Mathews of Tulsa, who appeared in five races, winning two first prizes and two second prizes. This same jockey won three out of five races in the Wagoner County Fair week before last, making seven he won out of ten mounts. The colored people who attended the fair and many whites cheered wildly when Mathews won.

#### Arkansas Pastor Visits Tulsa

Rev. E. M. White, pastor of the C. M. E. Churches at Louisville, Caulfield and Bradley, Ark., is in the city on Church business. Rev. White has a wide reputation as a church builder, having built a creditable edifice at Bradley, Ark., with eight members, and one at Louisville before he had any member. He is in Tulsa to raise money to help in building a church in Caulfield.

#### MOB STORMS JAIL TO FIND PRISONER GONE

Colored Men Armed for Self-Defense Waited for Attack That Did Not Come

#### MASS MEETING HELD SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Friendly Feeling Between Races Existed After Much Excitement

(Special to Tulsa Star)

Okmulgee, Okla., Oct. 12.—All is quiet again in this city after the excitement of last Saturday night when an attempt was made to lynch Joe Atchison, charged with the attempted assault upon Miss Helen Armour, a young white woman of this city. Atchison had been arrested Saturday morning as a suspect in connection with the crime and placed in jail. Feeling was high, having been fanned into flame by repeated attempts made on women here during the past two weeks. At least half a dozen women have been assaulted, one of them being a colored woman, who was knocked down by her assailant, who escaped when she screamed for help. About a week ago an attempt was made on a woman here and upon visiting the scene the chief of police found a quantity of burnt cork, giving rise to the opinion that the culprit was a white man. It was a spirit of public indignation growing out of these repeated attempts that burst forth Saturday night when a mob stormed the jail in search of Atchison, who had been removed by Sheriff Tucker earlier in the day to the Muskogee County jail. Late Saturday night it was rumored that the mob planned to march on the colored business section of the city and forthwith a defense movement was organized. In a short while enough men were mobilized to stop a small army and word was sent to the mob that it would be dangerous to go near the colored section. This seems to have had a soothing effect on the temper of the mob, which soon dispersed—something Sheriff Tucker and Rev. F. F. Walters (white) had not been able to do. This attempt to lynch a colored man in Okmulgee has served to intimate what will actually happen here if mob violence is allowed to prevail. While the better element of the Race here are a unit against crime of any kind committed by individuals of our group, or any other group, they also are firm in their determination to protect themselves against mobs. This was clearly demonstrated Saturday night.

### PILGRIMS TO SPEAK IN CONVENTION HALL, SUNDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 17

#### International Bible Student Will Lecture to Tulsa People on Divine Plan

Dr. J. A. Cope, famous International Bible student lecturer of New York City, who has been in the city the past two or three days, will lecture in the Convention Hall tomorrow (Sunday) afternoon. His subject will deal with the true relationship of mankind to his Creator and God's great plan of salvation—universal unrest and point out where we now stand in the great plan of the ages.

#### Mr. Cope is considered one of the best public speakers in the country and his lecture will be well attended. Everybody is welcome and there will be no admission fee.

#### Henry Pack on Police Force Again

The squabble over the appointment of a colored policeman among the leaders of Republican forces in our group, came to an end (let us hope) last Friday when the city commissioners confirmed the appointment of H. C. Pack, well known citizen of Tulsa, as city patrolman. Mr. Pack served the city in this capacity under the Democratic administration and made a splendid record as an officer. His appointment meets with general approval among the better element of citizens who feel that the best selection has been made by the police department.

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#### ODD FELLOWS GET NEW LODGE AT BRISTOW

Col. Jefferson Put Twenty-nine on the Goat Monday Night.

(Special to The Tulsa Star) Bristow, Okla., Oct. 14.—A new Odd Fellows Lodge was set up here Monday night with a membership of twenty-nine, all hearty Odd Fellows, by the decree of Grand Master E. D. Jefferson, who was himself present and helped in the initiation. This is the second Odd Fellows lodge in Bristow.

### Hunton Branch "Y" Membership Drive

The membership drive of the Hunton Branch Y. M. C. A., is a great success. Seventy-three members were reported at last Tuesday's board meeting, and more have come in since. The number will reach 100 new members by the end of this week, making a total membership of about 200 men. The committee feels confident that 500 members will be obtained before the campaign is over. The broad principles upon which the Y. M. C. A. is founded warrant the support of our

asked. Join today. Executive Secretary G. A. Gregg is on the job every day in the week at "Y" rooms, 122 1/2 N. Greenwood street. Membership fee \$1 per year for salaried men, \$5 per year for business men. S. D. HOOKER, Chairman Board of Managers.

#### RACE NOTES FROM SAPULPA

By D. W. Filmore Sapulpa, Okla., Oct. 12. Editor Tulsa Star:

The Star is a popular paper in Sapulpa and we have had no trouble getting renewals from old subscribers and adding a number of new ones to the list. The first place that I visited was that of Mrs. Wm. James, who conducts a first class cafe and rooming house in this city. She readily gave her check for the renewal of subscription and said "I look for the Star each week like I look for letters from home; simply can't do without it." Mrs. James and her daughter left today for Oklahoma City.

My next stop was at the Hancock-Bolden barber shop, of which J. H. Slaughter is manager. Mr. Slaughter is also an admirer of the Star. In connection with his barber shop he also conducts a cleaning and pressing business.

Stopping at the Davis Grocery and Lunch Room, 217 West avenue, we found Mr. Robert Davis, who is conducting a thriving business. When told that I was representing the Tulsa Star he said, "Well, that's the paper I look for. Put me down as a subscriber," and he readily paid the price. My next stop was at the office of our old friends and both great admirers of the Star, Drs. W. B. Humphrey and J. A. Owens. These physicians are both enjoying a big practice and are making marked success in this field.

(To be continued)

### THE SCOTTISH RITE DEGREES CONFERRED ON LARGE CLASS

Two Past Commanders of Kansas City Consistory Conduct Administration

Mr. J. D. Brown, Past Commander in Chief of Kansas Consistory No. 7, Kansas City, Mo., and at present Potentate of Allah Temple No. 6 in company with Mr. G. W. Johnson, another Past Commander of the same consistory arrived in our city last Wednesday morning with more than Two Hundred dollars worth of paraphernalia which was used in conferring of the Scottish Rite Degrees of Ancient Free Masonry under the auspices of Middle West Consistory No. 57 of this City Thursday and Friday of this week. The Degrees were conferred on a class of Master Masons composed mostly from the membership of Coal Creek Lodge No. 88 and Sand Springs Lodge No. 192, the largest subordinate Bodies in the State. Prof. J. W. Hughes, Principia of this City's Colored Schools and well known among Masons by his untiring efforts for the benefit of the Institution is worshipful Mas-

ter of Coal Creek Lodge No. 88, and Mr. J. L. Easley, a worthy young man, is worshipful Master of Sand Springs Lodge No. 192, which is said to be the largest and most prosperous local Lodge in the jurisdiction. Mr. Amos S. Newkirk, one of our most successful business men is Commander in Chief of Middle West Consistory No. 57 and it is he to whom the credit is due for such creditable showing made by the Consistory at its recent communication. The following named Masons are here who opposed the class: F. T. Smith, James Lewis, Ed. Knox, Joe Austin, S. D. Hooker, Wheeler Davis, Oscar McDonald, Lee Williams, Percy Moore, Henry Nails, P. T. Stradford, E. T. Waters, Seymour Johnson, E. E. Cotton, A. D. Torrence, Sidney Flemming, A.

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