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**NEW EVIDENCE BY McDONALD**

**Previous Bad Behavior of Negro Soldiers.**

"Made Rough House" at Yoakum and Spoke Insultingly of White Women of Brownsville—Examination Ended at San Antonio.

The Express of Saturday reports at length what Captain McDonald of the Rangers had to say about the Brownsville outrage, about the course of the civil authorities in revoking the warrants for the arrest of the negro soldiers and other phases of the affair. The most important contribution of Captain McDonald to the evidence in the case concerns the behavior of the negro soldiers when en route to Brownsville. Of this the Express says:

Captain McDonald came to San Antonio especially to see Assistant Attorney General Purdy and to give him some new testimony in the investigation. "These companies of the Twenty-fifth Infantry who created the trouble at Brownsville," said Captain McDonald, "had shortly before that created a rough house at Yoakum, when the were being conveyed to Fort Brown. The colored troops were in sleepers on the 'Sap' train in charge of Conductor C. N. Lunkenheimer. They went into the other cars and tore up all signs 'for negroes' wherever they could find them. Then they asked many questions about the white women at Brownsville and made foul insinuations about them. This is something that has not been brought out before, and Conductor Lunkenheimer stands ready to corroborate it before Attorney General Purdy or anyone else."

**ARMY OFFICERS EXAMINED**

The Express of Sunday reports as follows:

Milton D. Purdy, assistant to the Attorney General, will today conclude his examination in San Antonio, relative to the Brownsville raid by soldiers of the Twenty-fifth Infantry. Mr. Purdy leaves tonight for Houston where he will examine two witnesses who were in Brownsville the night of the raid. He will then go direct to Washington.

Mr. Purdy's examination was yesterday confined to the testimony given by Lieut. Col. Frank Baker of the ordnance department and Capt. David J. Baker and Hanson E. Ely of the Twenty-sixth Infantry. Mr. Purdy said last night that the testimony elicited during the day was of an important nature. Some additional testimony will be taken today.

Mr. Purdy has not taken any written testimony from Capt. W. J. McDonald, though he discussed with Captain McDonald his investigations at Brownsville.

**NEGRO SOLDIERS SENT TO THE PHILIPPINES**

All Three Negro Regiments to Go—Also the Twenty-Sixth (White) Infantry.

A press dispatch from Washington announces that the War Department has ordered the Ninth and Tenth Cavalry and Twenty-fifth Infantry, which include all the negro soldiers in the army, to the Philippines for service. The Twenty-sixth Infantry (white) is also included in this order. The last white soldiers at Fort Brown were of the last named infantry, and this order will take to the Philippines a number of officers who are quite well known in Brownsville, including Major Roberts, Captains Roche and Kilburn, Lieutenants Leckie, Parker and others.

It is claimed that this order was not due to any prejudice towards the negro soldiers or on account of the Brownsville affair, but was merely in accordance with the army rule for an equal distribution of foreign service, the said regiments not having been in the Philippines in four years.

Foreign service, it is pointed out, increases the pay of the men 20 per cent and counts double time for retirement.

**MAY COURTMARTIAL ANOTHER OFFICER**

**Rumor that Damaging Testimony Against Officers Was Secured in San Antonio.**

A special to the Houston Chronicle from San Antonio Jan. 4, says:

Major A. P. Blocksom of the inspector general's department, has arrived in San Antonio to assist Assistant United States Attorney General Purdy to conduct the examination of witnesses regarding the Brownsville outrages. Major Blocksom was one of the first army officers to make an investigation and it was upon his report that the negro soldiers were ordered dismissed. It is understood that some very damaging testimony against the officers in command has been secured here, which will have a very important bearing on the court martial which will convene here in February. The rumor is that the court martial of a third officer of the battalion, a captain, will be ordered as a result of this testimony. Up to the present time his name has not been mentioned in connection with the outrage.

**HUNDREDS OF HOMESEEKERS.**

**Six Car Loads of Excursionist Arrive in Brownsville from the North.**

The special homeseekers' excursion coaches Gulf Coast, Isabel, Raymondville and Tourist Cars 2317 and 1718 which were attached to the regular passenger train arrived in Brownsville Saturday night, all loaded with homeseekers from the North. In addition to these an extra day coach was attached to the train, bringing in all 250 passengers. The special car of the Hurd company, The Land, also arrived last night, bringing 23 more excursionists, being chiefly Ohioans.

The visitors lost no time yesterday in exploring Brownsville and vicinity as well as our sister city of Matamoros. Fifteen hack loads went out to see the truck and sugar farms near here yesterday morning, and many others went in the afternoon. There were not nearly sufficient vehicles available to accommodate all that wished to go. The visitors were simply amazed at the splendid crops of truck growing in the open fields in mid winter, and were particularly interested in the many orange and lemon trees that are now bearing fruit here. All who could manage to secure samples of these oranges or lemons did so eagerly, and nearly everyone of them was to be seen carefully guarding these fruits which they will take home to show to their friends. The banana trees, many of which are still bearing were also the admiration of our visitors.

Three car loads of the excursionists left this morning, the other three remaining over until tomorrow.

**Late News in Brief.**

A bomb thrower wrecked the Fourth street National Bank of Philadelphia Saturday, killing the assistant cashier and injuring twenty clerks. The same day a bomb was thrown on the street in New York, seriously, if not fatally, injuring a number of persons.

A company with \$250,000,000 capital stock has been chartered to build an electric line from Chicago to Denver, Colorado, and a number of other large northern cities. The total length of the line will be 2500 miles.

The steamer City of Panama due at Mazatlan, Mexico, from San Francisco which was supposed to have been lost in the severe gale off California New Year's day, is reported to have been sighted off Santa Cruz.

**TO BRIDGE RIVER AT BROWNSVILLE**

**Mexican Government Approves Site Selected.**

Will Be Built Jointly By St. Louis, Brownsville & Mexico and Mexican National Railroad—Awaits Approval of Yoakum.

A recent press dispatch from Mexico City which is of great interest to the people of Brownsville and also of Matamoros, says:

"Advices have been received from the Mexican Federal government giving official approval of the site selected by the National railroad for a bridge across the Rio Grande River to connect Matamoros with Brownsville. The proposed bridge is to be built jointly between the National, and the St. Louis, Brownsville and Mexico Railroad. Work of constructing the bridge will be commenced as soon as B. F. Yoakum, President of last named road gives approval of the site, and plans to the contractor. The building of this bridge will give a new railroad route between Mexico and the United States."

A HERALD reporter yesterday saw General Manager Jeff N. Miller of the Brownsville road, who was here on a trip of inspection, and asked if he could verify the above report. Mr. Miller said, however, that he knew nothing more than what the press dispatch had announced and could give no intimation as to what Mr. Yoakum would do.

**IS AN ABSORBING TOPIC.**

**Approaching Courtmartial of Penrose and Macklin Causes Speculation.**

The coming trial of Major Penrose, Twenty-fifth Infantry, to be called Feb 4, is still an absorbing matter of interest in army circles. Just whom Major Penrose and Captain Macklin will engage to conduct their defense is not known. They will be privileged to engage civilian counsel, an officer of the army or an enlisted man.

Capt. Charles E. Hay, judge advocate of the department, who is named as judge advocate of the court, will conduct the prosecution in behalf of the Government.

It is not expected there will be any postponement and that the court will proceed with its work Feb. 4. Whether or not the sessions of the court will be open or closed is also a matter that will be decided when the court meets.

Just how long the trial may last is another problematical matter. It may last two days or it may continue over an extended period.

Should the defendant officers acknowledge the guilt of the soldiers in the Brownsville raid the trial will be materially simplified and shortened. It would only then be necessary to ascertain whether or not the officers at Fort Brown were negligent in the performance of their duty.—Express.

**Excursion Rates.**

The St. Louis, Brownsville & Mexico Railway offers the following for the occasions named below and under conditions named:

Annual Meeting Texas Division Southern Cotton Ass'n. Dallas, Texas, January 9 and 10-1907. Rate \$22.05; Date of Sale, January 8, 1907; Limit, January 12, 1907. Inaugural Ceremonies, Austin, Tex., January 15th, 1907. Rate, \$14.35; Date of Sale, January 14, 1907; Limit, January 18, 1907.

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