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## DECLARES NEGROES FIRED INTO HOUSE

Soldiers Wounded Him and Killed His  
Half Brother, Says Houston  
Citizen.

### SHOT PEOPLE ON STREETS

Civilians Giving Damaging Testi-  
mony Against 63 Negroes  
Now on Trial.

San Antonio, Texas, Nov. 5.—How negroes of the Twenty-fourth infantry shot down people in the streets, fired into their houses, and in one instance, aimed deliberately at members of one family who were on their front porch on the night of August 23, last, was told today by Houston civilians who lived near the camp on the night of the riot, at the court-martial trial of the sixty-three negroes charged with mutiny, murder and rioting. This was the first testimony with regard to the shooting outside Camp Logan.

#### Shot People on Porch.

William Drucks, with his right hand off just above his wrist, testified that he came out on his porch and seeing soldiers marching past called to his sister, Miss Mary Winkler, to turn on the porch light, so he could see who they were. He was at once fired on. Standing behind him on the porch, Drucks testified, stood Fred Winkler, his half brother. Winkler was shot and killed. The witness estimated there were between eighty-five and 100 of the negroes. He said over a dozen shots were fired into the house.

#### REV. McLENDON AT COLUMBIA

Columbia, Nov. 5.—Some weeks ago the Rev. Baxter F. McLendon, of

Marlboro county, one of the leading evangelists of the United States, began a meeting at Clover, in York county. Some of the people of that section instituted a propaganda against him on the ground that he was a "Bleasite" or, as now termed, a "Reformer." The Rev. Mr. McLendon acknowledged the corn, and held one of the biggest and best revival meetings in the history of York county. He preached to men of all factions and of all creeds. Politics did not count in his sermons. It was the business of the Master with him, and he converted "Bleasites" and "antis," alike, irrespective of "previous condition of servitude," and he told them, when he was taking them into the Master's vineyard that an "anti" would be just as acceptable as a "Bleasite."

The Rev. Mr. McLendon is in Columbia this week. He is here for a several weeks' meeting and he is waking things up. He is now preaching in the Oliver Gospel Mission, on Taylor street, but the church there is small, and it is probable that before his work is ended in Columbia he will have to build a temporary tabernacle.

Mr. McLendon is a young man, of striking appearance. He is about 6 feet tall, well built, with black mustache, flashing black eyes, heavy eyebrows, and well able to take care of himself in the pulpit, or elsewhere. He is a good preacher, and a good fellow. It takes a good fellow to make a good preacher. Mr. McLendon knows life. He has been mixed up with almost everything. When he went into the ministry he was under bond to appear in answer to a charge of gambling. That was when he was converted. He then immediately went to preaching.

Mr. McLendon is a native of Marlboro county. In his early life he was a liquor drinker and a gambler. He has the reputation of having been one

of the best poker players who ever traveled over this country. On October 22, 1906, he was running a barber shop in Bennettsville, as a "side line." His main line then was playing poker. Prior to that time he had been engaged in the saloon business in Florida. He had not been to church in six years. One night he accidentally "dropped in" to preaching at a revival meeting and "got caught," to use his own expression. "It was a great surprise to me and to everybody who knew me," says Mr. McLendon, who was regarded to use his own words, as "about the most cold-blooded proposition in the country."

Today the Rev. Mr. McLendon ranks along with "Billy" Sunday, as one of the great evangelists of the country. He gets down to the basic facts in his sermons. He calls a spade a spade. He knows poker; he knows how to "shoot craps;" he knows all these matters intimately connected with human nature in big cities and little, as well, and he knows their evils at first-hand, and he does not hesitate to preach against these evils in view of his own knowledge. He knows the "big world," and he preaches from his knowledge thereof.

Some time ago some people at Bennettsville, his home town, wanted him to hold a meeting there. The pastors of the town were not very much inclined to have him come. The business men of Bennettsville signed a petition and presented it to the preachers of the city, "asking them to invite me," to use Mr. McLendon's own words, "to hold an evangelistic campaign at Bennettsville, my home town. Three leading preachers of the town, who had never heard me preach, refused to join in the invitation. One of the ministers had heard me preach and he endorsed my coming. I broke one of my rules, and went to Bennettsville, over the protest of the preachers of the town. The meeting

was the greatest success of my life. I paid \$900 incidental expenses for me and paid me \$2,100, for my work and no doubt that was the largest amount ever paid an evangelist in a town that size. Of course the money goes where it will do the most good, as I see it. I would not mention it, except by way of comparison in the amount of good done."

Mr. McLendon has preached all over the southern country and a part of the north. He has received calls this year from the largest churches in America and after Christmas he goes to Los Angeles, Cal., to conduct a revival there.

#### SLAUGHTER MEN WHO ARE TAKEN AS PRISONERS

German Soldiers Write of the Barbarities They Have Seen Inflicted Upon Helpless Men Made Captives in Battle.

Washington, Nov. 5.—Barbarities so gross that even the German soldiers themselves rebelled, are set forth in letters which were written to Ambassador Gerard and made public today. The letters are included in a forthcoming pamphlet, "German War Practices," soon to make its appearance.

Here is how a man who signed himself, "A German Soldier and a Christian," writes:

"Russian Poland, December 18. In the name of Christianity I send you these words. My conscience forces me as a Christian soldier to inform you of these lines.

"Wounded Russians are killed with the bayonet according to orders. And Russians, who have surrendered, are often shot down in masses, according to orders, in spite of their heart-rending prayers.

"In the hope that you, as the representative of a Christian state, will protest this, I sign myself.

(Signed.) "A German Soldier and Christian."

#### And There Was No Mercy.

Another, who says he is afraid to mention his name, or give his regiment, for fear of court-martial, was an eyewitness of inhuman slaughter of Russian soldiers in the Mazurian lakes and swamps, saying:

"It was frightful, heart-rending, as those masses of human beings were driven to destruction. Above the terrible thunder of the cannon could be heard the heart-rending cries of the Russians: 'O Prussians! O Prussians!' But there was no mercy. Our captain had orders: 'The whole lot must die, so rapid-fire.' As I have heard, five men and one officer on our side went mad from these heart-rending cries. But most of my comrades and the officers joked as the unarmed and helpless Russians shrieked for mercy while they were being suffocated in the swamps and shot down. The order was 'close up and at it harder.' For days afterwards those heart-rending yells followed me and I dare not think of them or I shall go mad. There is no God, there is no morality and no ethics any more. There are no human beings any more, but only beasts. Down with militarism!

"If you are a truth-loving man, please receive these lines from a common Prussian soldier."

#### Shoot Groups of Prisoners.

The following letter came from a soldier on the western front:

"To the American government, Washington, U. S. A.

"Englishmen who have surrendered are shot down in small groups. With the French one is more considerate. I ask whether men let themselves be taken prisoners in order to be disarmed and shot afterwards? Is that chivalry in battle? It is no longer a secret among the people; one hears everywhere that few prisoners are taken; they are shot down in small

groups. They say naively, 'we don't want any unnecessary mouths to feed. Where there is no one to enter complaint there is no judge.' Is there no power in the world which can put an end to these murders and rescue the victims?

(Signed.) "A Soldier and a Man Who is No Barbarian."

#### WORK OF GERMAN AGENTS?

Five, Probably Seven, Men Are Killed in Explosion.

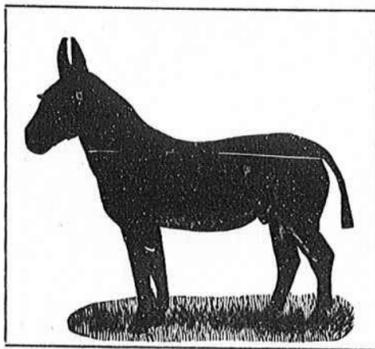
Kensington, Pa., Nov. 5.—Five men are known to have been killed and search is being made for the bodies of two others believed to have met death in the explosion and fire which destroyed the bronx powder plants of the United States Aluminum Company, a subsidiary of the Aluminum Company of America, here today. In all forty-eight others were injured, seventeen seriously, and another possibly fatally. R. A. Hunt, general superintendent of the United States Aluminum Company, said: "There is a possibility that German agents are responsible for the fire." It was stated that an investigation of the origin of the fire will be started at once.

The plant destroyed, employing about 300 men, is said to have been engaged in the making of materials for liquid fire for an Allied government. For this reason it was impossible to fight the flames with water, and the only recourse was the use of sand. The powder plant was wrecked and damage was done to the plants of the American Sheet Company and Tin Plate Company nearby. Some damage was done residents in the town of Parnassus, one mile distant. The loss is unofficially estimated at \$300,000.

ADVERTISE IN THE TIMES.

# ONE MORE CARLOAD

## Mules and Horses



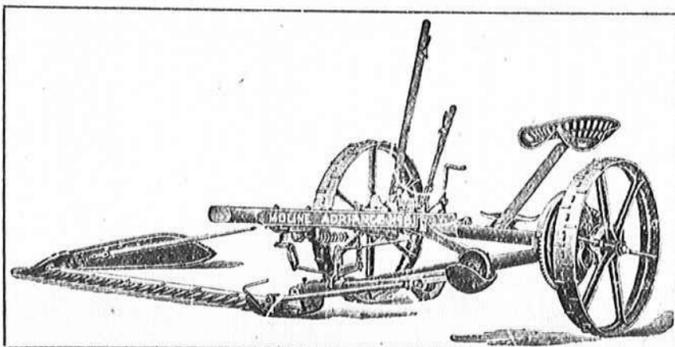
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