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MILITIA CONTROLS SPRINGFIELD MOB

More Negro Houses Are Burned In Ohio City.

THREE PERSONS ARE INJURED

Militia Has Arrested Several Rowdies In Connection with the Disorders—Wounded Brakeman Is Still Alive After an Operation Performed.

Springfield, O., March 2.—With the sun rose Thursday morning this city was at peace and aside from the presence of the militia men, there was no available evidence of the disorderly scenes of the night. After playing a game of tag with various bands of youthful rowdies, who for four or five hours Wednesday night caused most of the disorder, the militia at an early hour settled down to rest in apparently complete control of the situation It was not, however, until Colonel Charles Ammel, commanding the eight companies of soldiers, issued orders to arrest whole parties of men who were found congregated at one place, and who, in some instances, refused at first to disperse, that the disorder was brought to check.

The plan adopted by the militia was to surround a group of men and boys and if they did not immediately disperse, place them under arrest and conduct them to headquarters.

The first result of this plan was the arrest of a gang of fourteen rowdies by a squad of police commanded by Sergeant Johnson. Within half an hour Major Marshall, of the Fourth regiment, commanding a detachment of troops rounded up another party of nine and took them to headquarters.

From this time forward the crowds on the streets began to disappear and the disorder ceased.

In the meantime there was intense excitement which was augmented every little while during the night by the news of a fresh outbreak somewhere.

Wildly exaggerated reports of burning and shooting were circulated during the earlier hours of the night. Few people slept until long after midnight. The net results of the night's troubles, however, were not so serious as might naturally have been expected.

Three houses occupied by negroes were burned and several others were stoned. All are in different localities, but are in negro districts.

Three persons were injured. A negro woman sustained a broken leg by jumping from a window, and Orla Willis, a 15-year-old white boy, received a load of buckshot in his leg while a crowd was stoning a house in the rear of St. Joseph's church.

Brakeman Martin Davis, who was wounded by the drunken negroes, Dean and Ladd, Monday night, was the immediate cause of the rioting, was still alive at 8 o'clock Thursday. After the operation, which was performed about 10 o'clock Wednesday night, the injured man showed signs of weakness toward morning and his recovery is not probable.

The authorities are hoping against hope that Davis may not die. If he should die, it is feared that more trouble will follow.

One of the striking results of the outbreak is the citizens' movement which was started Wednesday evening and which is rapidly taking form, is a call being issued for the meeting of the Commercial Club Thursday evening. It is expected that this movement will not only have much to do with restoring order, but will be made permanently effective in future emergency. The business men of the city are considered that [illegible] been too [illegible] in the handling of rowdies.

Wants Salaries Adjusted.

Washington, March 2.—Senator Gallinger has introduced a bill to adjust the salaries of the general officers of the government to take effect March 4, 1909, as follows: The president, $75,000; vice president, $15,000, speaker of the house of representatives $12,000; members of the cabinet, $15,000; senators and representatives, $7,500.

FREE SEED CUT OFF.

House Committee Stops Appropriation for Free Seed Distribution.

Washington, March 2.—Over the solid opposition of the southern members, the house committee on agriculture has struck from the agricultural appropriation bill all provision for purchase of seed for free distribution.

This action came as a climax to a hard fight which southern members made to retain the appropriation on the ground that it furnished one of the few direct benefits the farmer of the country receives from the government treasury. For a number of years a fight has been made against this free seed proviso, led usually by men representing city districts, but heretofore the agricultural committee has always included the item in the appropriation bill and the opponents have been unable to strike it out in the house.

Now it has been stricken by the committee, however, the friends of the appropriation will find it extremely difficult to secure its insertion when the bill reaches the house. This year the department of agriculture made the usual estimate of $252,000 for the purchase of seed for congressional distribution. The sub-committee cut this to $242,000 by a vote of 8 to 7. The full committee struck it entirely.

PICKLESIMON IS CONVICTED.

Slayer of Tom Gray Gets a Life Sentence in Penitentiary.

Canton, Ga., March 2.—The case of the state versus Cleveland Picklesimon, charged with the murder of Tom Gray, in Salawa district of this county, last Sunday, was taken up in the Cherokee superior court Wednesday morning, Judge George F. Gober presiding.

Two speeches were made on either side, and the jury retired to make up their verdict at 3 o'clock, and after being out 30 minutes returned a verdict of guilty of murder, with recommendation to mercy, and the court passed a life-time sentence.

The crime was committed on Sunday and trial and conviction is perhaps the quickest murder trial ever held in this circuit, being only three days from the commission of the crime. There is no excitement over the murder, and really few people in the county have heard of the murder.

Attorneys for Picklesimon say the verdict will be accepted, and no appeal taken therefrom.

McCurdys Sail for Europe.

New York, March 2.—Richard A. McCurdy, ex-president of the Mutual Life Insurance company; Mrs. McCurdy, Louis G. Thebaud and Mrs. Thebaud, Mrs. McCurdy's daughter, have left Morristown, N. J., and boarded the Hamburg-American steamship Amerika, at its peer at Hoboken. Several servants accompanied them. The Amerika sailed Thursday. When the carriage containing the McCurdys and Thebauds arrived at a pier a reporter tried to obtain an interview with Mr. McCurdy. Mr Thebaud's coachman, Thomas Beddow, hit the reporter, the police say. Beddow was arrested on the charge of assault and battery. He was held in $300 bail.

College Building Burns.

Middletown, Conn., March 2.—Wesleyan university sustained a severe loss by fire early Thursday when Old North college, containing 150 rooms was practically destroyed. The fire which started in the attic, burned very fiercely and little was saved. Loss is estimated at $[illegible], covered by insurance. The burned building was erected in 1827, and formed the nucleus of the present college group and was of great historical interest at Wesleyan. All of the 150 students in the building made their escape, and many [illegible] dormitory in their night clothes.

P[illegible]st Tenny Dead.

San Francisco, March 2.—Harry Tenny, who was [illegible] out Wednesday night by [illegible] Neil, the [illegible] champion [illegible] at [illegible] Thursday [illegible].

Thirty People Are Drowned.

[illegible], Norway, March 2.—Thirty men were drowned Wednesday night in a wreck of the Norwegian [illegible] steamer Thor. The vessel was blown ashore and wrecked.

680,000 PEOPLE ON VERGE OF STARVATION

Out Of Population Of About 2,821,000.

FAMINE IN NORTHERN JAPAN

Families Who Were Once Proud and Comfortable Are Now Reduced to Want—Terrible Suffering Is Described by Relief Committee.

Seattle, Wash., March 2—The steamer Dakota brings advices from Nagasaki that the famine situation in the northern provinces of Japan is steadily growing graver.

A second appeal has been issued by W. E. Lamp, chairman of the foreign committee on relief in which he says:

"When we issued our first appeal to the foreign committees in Japan in December, we estimated that 680,000 persons out of a population of 2,821,000 were on the verge of starvation. Since then members of our committees have personally visited 26 counties and as many towns in Myiga and Fukushima and have distributed 9,000 yen. Our first figures estimating those affected by the famine are too weak to describe the actual suffering.

"Able-bodied men, ragged and hungry, are facing the snow and icy winds to bring wood from the mountains in the hope of earning enough through its sale to keep their starving families.

"Women are covering their babies with their own clothing to keep them warm and such conditions as these can mean only death in the end. Families once proud and comfortable, are now reduced to want."

The appeal tells of special instances of suffering and death, about the finding of a body of a woman beneath a shrine and of another who died because she was too weak to give birth, to a child and was frozen to death.

Bank Fails to Open Doors.

Fort Smith, Ark., March 2.—The Southern Bank and Trust company, a recent corporation with an authorized capital of $600,000, failed to open its doors Thursday. A notice was posted to the effect that the bank interests had been sold to Tom Neal, an attorney of Fort Smith, who, it was stated, would pay all depositors in full. The deposits amount to about $80,000. The assets, consisting of notes, loans, discounts and office fixtures, amount to about a like sum. The Southern Bank and Trust company was a branch of the Southern Bank and Trust company of Dallas, Tex.

Rome Herald Is Morning Paper.

Rome, Ga., March 2.—Rome is now without an evening paper. The Broad Axe and the Evening Herald have been consolidated, the latter paper discontinuing its evening edition. The name of the Broad Axe has been dropped and the paper appeared Thursday as "The Rome Daily Herald." There will be no change in the staff of the Herald, with the exception of Sam Whitmire, former editor of the Broad Axe. The Herald, which has for several weeks been printed with non-union labor, will now employ union labor exclusively.

Hasty Trial Begins.

Gaffney, S. C., March 2.—The Hasty trial began here Thursday. A motion to quash the indictment against Hasty on technical grounds was denied. The motion of the defendant's counsel to postpone the trial on acount of the absence of material witnesses, was also overruled and the trial was commenced. The selection of the jury was begun in the morning. The interest in the case is intense and large crowds have gathered to watch the proceedings.

Two Sentenced to Death.

Haynesville, [illegible], March 2.—For one of the [illegible] diabolical murders ever committed in [illegible] county, that of young Hubbard Rast, on Jan. 2, last, a jury of [illegible] county, after 15 hours' deliberation brought in a verdict of guilty, and [illegible] the death penalty on Elias and John Bailey, to [illegible] April 6. Young Rast was [illegible] by these men [illegible] near [illegible].

COMPANY IS INCORPORATED.

Vessels Will Be Used Between Eastern Ports and Panama.

New York, March 2.—The Times says that the United Steamship company has been incorporated in Trenton, N. J., with $1,000,000 capital It was learned that it had purchased the steamers Minnetonka and Minnewaka, each of 5,000 tons, previously used for the oil trade on the Great Lakes.

Persons interested in the company have made known that these vessels were to be used in the oil trade on the Atlantic and Pacific between western and eastern ports and the isthmus of Panama.

The steamship company is said to be affiliated with the Union Oil companyf of California, a concern which came into life by the consolidating of several small independent oil companies in the far west.

It was said by persons who seemed to know about the company that the plans of constructing a pipe line across the isthmus had advanced so far that a steamer, also the property of the United Steamship company, was awaiting orders in an eastern port to sail for the isthmus with a cargo of pipes and pumping machinery.

SOUTHERN TO DOUBLE TRACK.

Work on Charlotte Extension Will Proceed as Rapidly as Possible.

Atlanta, March 2.—It has been authoritatively announced by the Southern railway that the double tracking of tha troad to Gainesville, will be begun in a short while.

The double tracking of the road to Washington, D. C., was considered several years ago, and since that time the extra track has been laid north of Charlotte toward Washington.

Nearly 45 miles of track has been laid north of Charlotte and it is thought that 125 miles wil be laid by the 1st of June. The double track will mean a faster train servicer over the Southern from Washington to Atlanta.

It is understood that the road intends to straighten several curves in connection with the laying of the new tracks which will also expedite the schedule.

Conference Will Be Prolonged.

Algeciras, Spain, March 2.—The result of the last forty-eight hours' negotiations is another check threatening to prolong the Moroccan conference. The Germans, after reflection, wish the diplomatic corps at Tangier to exercise surveillance over the state bank, thus preventing its use for further French political designs. The French resist this, claiming that Germany is chiefly occupied with minimizing French influence in Moroco. The delegates now talk of the struggle being prolonged to the latter part of March.

Cromwell Again on the Stand.

Washington, March 2.—William Nelson Cromwell was again on the stand Thursday at the investigation of the canal affairs before the senate committee on the inter-oceanic canals. He read a detailed statement of the operation of the monetary agreement between the isthmus canal commission and certain bankers on the isthmus. In the meantime Senator Morgan was reading the record in preparation for the cross-examination of the witness.

W. G. Collier Is Dead.

Atlanta, March 2—Wesley G. Collier, 83 years old, a brother of Washington Collier, and a pioneer citizen of Atlanta, died Thursday morning at his residence at the 5-mile post on Peachtree road. Mr. Collier passed away at 9:30 o'clock, and at his bedside were his wife and children. He had been ill for nine weeks, and at his advanced age could not recuperate from the effects of the disease.

Dowager Empress Rumored Dead.

London, March 2.—The rumored death of the Dowager Empress of China [illegible] here as wholly improbable. [illegible] originated in a vague rumor from Hong Kong and neither the British nor the Chinese legation here had any intimation of its source.

Transports at Valetta.

Valetta, Island of Malta, March 2.—Transports Kilpatrick and [illegible], having troops on board, have arrived here from Gibraltar on their way to Manila.

WILL EXHIBIT SAMPLES OF COTTON GOODS

Which Are In Demand In The Chinese Empire.

GEORGIA IS TO GET AN EXHIBIT

Samples Will Be Arranged and Exhibited So That the Manufacturers May Examine and See What Is Wanted by the Eastern Markets.

Washington, March 2.—The bureau of manufactures has received from special agents appointed to investigate the Chinese market for American made goods a large quantity of samples of the cotton materials in demand in China.

The samples will be arranged and placed on exhibition in New England, Georgia and other points where manufacturers may examine them. The reports of the agents say the United States is not competing with other countries in the Chinese markets, principally because the manufacturers do not know what the Chinese want and are not shipping the desired articles. The samples sent to the bureau are mostly prints, vivid in the coloring, and of designs to suit the Chinese taste. They are made in England, Germany, France and elsewhere abroad, particularly for the Chinese trade.

Works for Atlanta Bill.

Washington, March 2.—Colonel Livingston went before the committee on public buildings and grounds Wednesday, and made a strong argument in favor of a sufficient appropriation to erect at Atlanta, Ga., a fine new public building adequate to provide for the government's need in accordance with the estimates of the treasury department. He presented statements of the secretary of the treasury and of the judges of the federal court, and other goverment officials, showing the necessity for the proposed new building. The committee was very favorably impressed.

Negro Murderer Hanged.

Shreveport, La., March 2.—Charles Coleman, the negro who outraged and murdered Margaret Lear near here last week, was legally hanged in the parish jail Thursday at 12:37 o'clock p. m. No excitement attended the execution, public feeling having subsided since the conviction of Coleman. Governor Blanchard arrived here at 10 o'clock and shortly afterward signed the death warrant. Al lpreparations had previously been made for the execution. Coleman confessed the murder before he met his death; he also said he killed a negro two years tgo.

Refugees Are Safe.

Washington, March 2.—Mr. Rogers, consul general at Shanghai, cables the state department as follows: "Definitely known that American property at Nan Cheng is safe. Refugees are at Kiu Kiang." The Chinese minister was among the early callers at Secretary Root's weekly diplomatic reception Thursday. He said the agitation was subsiding.

Hearst Application Denied.

Albany, N. Y., March 2.—Attorney General Mayer has announced that he had denied the application of William R. Hearst, demanding that the attorney begin proceedings for the cancellation of the charter of inter-borough Metropolitan Holding company, and holds that monopoly of street transportation is allowed under the laws of the state.

Has Not Extended Invitation.

Washington, March 2.—It has been stated at the White House that the president has not extended an invitation to John Mitchell and Francis L. Robbins to come to Washington and confer with him regarding the coal situation.

Will Convene March 15.

Indianapolis, March 2.—W. B. Wilson, secretary-treasurer of the United Mine Workers of America, has issued the call for a special national convention on Thursday, March 15.