

CURRENT HAPPENINGS

FAITHFUL CHRONICLE OF ALL IMPORTANT ITEMS.

LAMPHERE IS GUILTY

JURORS RETURN A VERDICT CHARGING ARSON.

Judge Richter Fines Prisoner \$5,000 and Disfranchises Him for Five Years—Defense Will File a Motion for an Appeal.

Ray Lamphere, charged with the murder of Mrs. Belle Guinness and her three children by setting fire to the Guinness house at Lanorte, Ind., April 28, was Thursday evening found guilty of arson by the jury, which had the case since 5:30 o'clock Wednesday evening. Within five minutes after the verdict was reported Judge Richter had sentenced the defendant to the state penitentiary at Michigan City for an indeterminate term of from two to twenty-one years.

The verdict was reached within half an hour after the jurors had returned from supper. Word was conveyed to Bailiff Metz, who at once telephoned Judge Richter and the attorneys in the case. The lights in the big court room were turned on, and within fifteen minutes the court was filled. Lamphere was brought over from the jail, and at 7:20 o'clock the jury filed into the court room and took its place. Foreman Henry Mills announced that the jury had agreed, and with that he passed the white piece of paper to Judge Richter, who, after making the entry on his docket, read the verdict: "We, the jury, find the defendant guilty of arson, and that he is 33 years old."

Previous to the handing of the verdict to Judge Richter Foreman Mills said that he wished to make a statement to the court, but Judge Richter informed him that he could not hear any statement until after the verdict had been received and read. After it had been read Judge Richter asked him if he cared to make the statement, but he said that it would do no good now. Judge Richter expressed his thanks to the jury for its careful and conscientious consideration of the case. Prosecutor Smith also thanked the jury. Following the withdrawal of the jurors Judge Richter instructed Lamphere to stand up. The prisoner's face still looked haggard and his eyes were downcast. He held his hands before him, and then just as the church bells in the city were ringing out, Judge Richter asked him if he had any reasons to give why sentence should not be pronounced. He replied slowly, but distinctly: "I have none."

With that, Judge Richter sentenced him to the state prison in Michigan City for an indeterminate term of from two to twenty-one years, fined him \$5,000 and disfranchised him for five years. The court then instructed the sheriff to return him to his cell.

Gilbert Snow King Dead.

Gilbert Snow King, a prominent glass manufacturer of Brooklyn, N. Y., died at his temporary home in Los Angeles of a gripe and complications. King engaged in the manufacture of glass with the late Theodore Roosevelt, father of the president, at one time, and later was head of the Mississippi Glass company, with nine factories in the United States.

Turkey Will Get Big Sum.

Official advices received at Paris indicate that Bulgaria and Turkey have practically come to terms in the matter of Bulgaria's declaration of independence on the following basis: Bulgaria is to pay Turkey from \$12,000,000 to \$14,000,000 on account of Rumelia, and \$10,000,000 on account of the railroad.

Thanksgiving Pardons by Hoch.

Gov. E. W. Hoch, of Kansas, Thursday pardoned from the state penitentiary David E. Davis, of Leavenworth county, sentenced to hang in 1890 for the murder of his wife, and Thomas Marbut, of Cherokee county, sentenced to serve ten years in 1905 for murder in the second degree.

Football Player Injured.

During a football game at Attica, Ind., between teams representing that city and Tipton, Okla., Attica's star half back was badly injured. Near the end of the game he was tackled and thrown, and later carried from the field unconscious. Grave fears are entertained for his recovery.

Sioux City Live Stock Market.

Wednesday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Top beefs, \$4.45. Top hogs, \$5.75.

Cattle Disease Spreads.

Government experts went Tuesday to a farm in Lavoie township, near Detroit, Mich., and pronounced the disease from which cattle were suffering to be unmistakably hoof and mouth disease.

Meteor Falls in Oklahoma.

A meteorite reported to have fallen seven miles south of Muskogee, Okla., striking the barn of Frank Smith, killing two horses and burying itself deep in the ground.

MANY KILLED IN TORNADES.

Two Sweep Over Arkansas with Appalling Loss.

Two tornadoes, one north and the other southbound, swept over west Arkansas Monday afternoon, destroying many lives and much property. All means of communication was destroyed and only indefinite reports have been received. From reports received at least thirty lives were lost. The property loss will reach hundreds of thousands of dollars.

One tornado started in the extreme southwestern part of the state and went north, following the second tier of counties from the western boundary line. The other started in the northwestern corner of the state and went south, to all indications following the second and third tier of counties.

The counties through which the tornado passed were Lafayette, Columbia, Miller, Pike, Howard, Hemstead, Yell, Pope, Johnson, Franklin and Carroll.

According to advices received the storm was at its height when it swept through Piney, a German settlement on the Iron Mountain railroad between Knoxville and London. Late reports from Russellville, the nearest town with which communication can be had, are that between twelve and twenty persons were killed and about thirty injured at that place.

Five lives are reported to have been lost ten miles from Mulberry. The storm also visited Ozark, from whence nothing has been heard as yet; Lodi, near Texarkana, where three buildings were destroyed and a woman injured; Lewisville, in Lafayette county, where great damage was done; Berryville, where eight people were injured; Palms, where great damage is reported; and Jethro and Wallersville, which are reported to have been wrecked.

No advices have been received from Jethro, Wallersville and Palms as to the loss of life and damage.

Telephone and telegraph communications are prostrated.

EXPOSE HOLY LAND FRAUD.

Many Charitable Persons in Middle West Victims.

A fraud order has been issued by the postoffice department against a band of Syrians in Jerusalem who are said to have been imposing on charitable persons throughout the United States, especially in the middle west, for the sale of alleged souvenirs of the Holy Land. The extensive and profitable operations of this band were exposed by Consul Thomas R. Wallace, of Jerusalem, a former Iowa, and on his recommendation letters to the producers of "sacred souvenirs" have been barred from the mails and postmasters forbidden to sell money orders in their favor.

BIG SUM SPENT TO ELECT TAFT.

Republicans Used Over a Million and a Half.

George R. Sheldon, treasurer of the republican national committee, Monday filed a list of contributors for the recent national campaign. It shows 12,330 contributors, many of them covering a number of lesser contributions. The total amount contributed was \$1,655,518.27.

Plot to Tunnel Prison.

Officials of the state penitentiary at Jefferson City, Mo., Sunday discovered that a tunnel connecting the prison with the street had been begun and almost completed for effecting a wholesale delivery of convicts. The tunnel led from one of the sentinel towers and lacked but a foot of being finished. The plan, it is understood, was for the prisoners, while in the dining room, to make a dash for the dining room, to make a dash for the dining room, to make a dash for the dining room.

President Will Speak in London.

President Roosevelt has accepted the invitation of the president of the Royal Geographical society to deliver an address before that body on his visit to London about April, 1909. The subject of the address has not been decided upon, but will probably deal with his impression of his African tours.

Negro Lynched at Charleston.

Jim Gilmore, a negro, was taken from the guard house in Luray, a small town in Hammond county, S. C., Monday and lynched. Gilmore had attempted to assault one of the daughters of his employer, A. C. Fitts.

Three More Counties Dry.

Jefferson, Sandusky and Clermont counties in Ohio, Monday voted dry, knocking out 210 saloons. Huron county voted wet by 15.

SWIFT WORK OF MOB.

Three Negroes Pay Death Penalty in Quick Time.

The little town of Tiptonville, Tenn., bordering on Reelfoot lake, which has been the scene of many stirring incidents the past month, witnessed the lynching late Tuesday afternoon of three negroes who were arrested Tuesday morning for murdering Deputy Sheriff Richard Burress and fatally wounding John Hall, a deputy sheriff. The negroes' names are: Marshall Stineback, Edward Stineback and Jim Stineback.

These brothers created a disturbance at a religious meeting near Tiptonville Saturday night, and when the officers attempted to arrest them a fight ensued in which the negroes shot the officers and made their escape. It was barely daylight Sunday morning before a posse of citizens from Tiptonville and surrounding country were in pursuit of the negroes, but they successfully escaped the white men until 8 o'clock Tuesday morning, when they were surrounded and captured in a swamp near the village of Ridgely. The vicinity is known as the "old river bed canebrake," and it is difficult to trace man or beast through its tangles. Once captured, however, the negroes, covered by 100 guns, were quickly landed in jail at Tiptonville. The negroes when arrested had two guns in their possession, but had run out of ammunition.

The news of the capture spread rapidly to the surrounding territory, and in addition to the several hundred members of the posse men began arriving by every road, and soon the jail was surrounded by a mob which had no hesitancy in threatening a lynching quickly and surely.

At the trial all of the evidence of those who had seen the killing was heard, and in an incredibly short time the case was given to the jury, who in a few minutes returned a verdict of guilty, fixing the sentence at death.

The sentence had hardly been passed on the three negroes when the mob with a whoop and a yell entered the court room, and seizing the prisoners, rushed them to a large tree near them, firing volley after volley into the air as the bodies were drawn up from the earth.

MAD FATHER SHOTS TWO.

Slays Daughter; Probably Fatally Wounds Son.

Returning to his home Tuesday afternoon at an all night session, Carl Loose, of New York, a baker, aged 57, opened fire with a revolver upon the members of his family, who were at breakfast, and instantly killed his daughter Meta, aged 17, and probably fatally wounded his son Frederick, a Lutheran minister. Loose was arrested, charged with murder.

MINDEN MAN DIES ON TRAIN.

Returning from Trip in Apparently Good Health.

As the Hillside train pulled into Holdrege Monday night a man named Sam Dunmore, of Minden, expired before he could leave the train. He had been up into the western part of the state showing land he had for sale and was returning home, accompanied by the parties with whom he had made a deal. When he dropped dead he was leaving the car to make the change for Minden.

GRAIN FOR CORN SHOW.

Exhibits from Shows at Nearby Towns Will Be Sent.

Grain shows were held at Papillion, Springfield and Gretna Friday and Saturday, under the auspices of the Sarpy County Farmers' Institute. The grain was judged by Mr. Kisselbaugh, of the State Agricultural college, who gave interesting talks on the selection of grains at each show. About 100 entries of the best of these cereals will be brought to Omaha and entered at the National Corn exposition as a county exhibit.

FARMER KILLED BY BULL.

Charles Croft, a well known farmer living twelve miles northeast of Huntley, was killed by a vicious bull on Friday of last week. He leaves a wife and nine children.

TALMADGE GETS PROMOTION.

L. M. Talmadge, assistant cashier of the United States National bank of Omaha, has been elected cashier and manager of the First National bank of Grand Island.

TO PAY INDIANS FRIDAY.

One hundred and fifty thousand dollars is to be paid the Rosebud Indians this week and they begin paying them Friday. Each Indian receives \$29.70 this trip.

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

SLEUMAN HAD SNUG AMOUNT.

His Estate Was Worth One Hundred Thousand Dollars.

Sewell F. Sleuman was worth \$115,284.41 when he committed suicide some weeks ago after killing Eva Hart. The condition of his property interests is disclosed by an inventory filed in county court Monday afternoon by George H. Sleuman, his brother and executor of his will.

The report shows when he died he had about \$10,000 on deposit in banks in Omaha, Hastings, Seward and other places where he transacted business. The total amount of cash, office furniture and other property of a minor nature is listed at \$14,532.41. This included his automobile, which is appraised at \$2,000.

The bulk of the estate is in real estate mortgages and real estate. Of the mortgages there are \$53,651 worth, according to the inventory. His real estate consists of one lot in Omaha, a farm in Adams county, three in Hamilton county and one in South Dakota. They are estimated to be worth \$47,000.

County Judge Leslie has admitted his will to probate and appointed Geo. H. Sleuman executor. In the will he placed the bulk of his property in a trust fund to be used for the benefit of his wife and to be divided among his children after his death. Geo. H. Sleuman is also given a good share of it.

MURDER NEAR GOTHENBURG.

Body of Japanese Laborer Found in Thicket Along Platte River.

Sunday a man was found dead in the undergrowth along the north channel of the Platte river about a quarter of a mile northeast of where the main bridge crosses the main river at Gothenburg. The coroner was summoned from Lexington and with Dr. Birkofer and Constable Swanson and others proceeded to where the man was found.

The body was found to be that of a Japanese laborer, who must have been murdered and hauled to the spot and thrown into the undergrowth where, few people ever go unless for wild grapes or plums. The murder evidently was not committed for money, as in one pocketbook there was \$10 and in another \$20 and other bills partially rotted and this pocketbook containing silver. It was the opinion of the medical experts that the body had been lying where it was found for about twenty-four or thirty-six hours. The man was about 32 years of age, five feet six inches tall, and was wearing a dark suit and a light-colored shirt. He was lying on his back with his hands clasped over his head. The coroner's jury returned a verdict of "murder, with intent to kill."

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PUGILIST MAY DIE.

Boston Fighter Seriously Hurt in Bout in Philadelphia.

Fred Bradley, a heavyweight pugilist, who was seriously injured in a savage bout in the West End Athletic club at Philadelphia Monday night with Al Kubiak, is still in a critical condition, suffering from concussion of the brain and possible fracture of the skull. The physicians are doubtful whether he will recover. All the principals in the affair were arraigned before a magistrate Tuesday. Kubiak was committed to prison without bail to await the outcome of Bradley's injuries and the others were released on \$500 bond each.

Kentucky to Visit Tripoli.

A visit to Tripoli will be made by the battleship Kentucky, of the Atlantic battleship fleet, on its way through the Mediterranean sea. The object is to show the American flag in that portion of the world. The visit will occur on Jan. 13 and 14.

Total Vote in Indiana.

The popular vote for president in Indiana was: Taft, 349,993; Bryan, 338,262; Chaffin, 18,045; Watson, 1,384; Debs, 13,476; Preston, 643; Hisgen, 514.

Charged with Husband's Murder.

Mrs. Georgiana Sampson, of Palmyra, N. Y., widow of Harry Sampson, a nephew of the late Admiral Sampson, was arrested, charged with the murder of her husband, whose death was at first said to be a suicide.

Will Arbitrate Dispute.

An agreement to arbitrate the Casablanca incident between France and Germany was signed at Berlin Tuesday.

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REBATE KILLS OIL RIVAL.

Rockefeller Cheerfully Tells How Competitors Were Driven Out.

John D. Rockefeller's own story of his fortunes and the history of the birth of the great Standard Oil Company, was listened to with breathless interest by a large crowd that jammed the courtroom at the hearing before Referees Franklin Ferris in New York Thursday. With seeming candor he told how and why the combination was created, and cheerfully admitted that it secured rebates from the railroads which enabled it to drive competitors out of business.

It was the final reply of the oil company to the attacks that have been made for years, the revelations of Miss Ida Tarbell, the fulminations of campaign orators, the charges in newspapers, and the remarkable letters of John D. Archbold that injured Senator Foraker, and smirched half a dozen statesmen.

In answer to questions by John G. Milburn, his counsel, Mr. Rockefeller told how his combination reached out its tentacles for more and more refineries of rivals, and fattened on them for ten years or more, till it became strong enough to change into what became the Standard Oil Company of Ohio. Between 1872 and 1882 the Rockefeller combine bought and sought rivals. When it was strong enough it organized them all into one company. The oil king said that the company was constantly reaching out for more refineries and more markets.

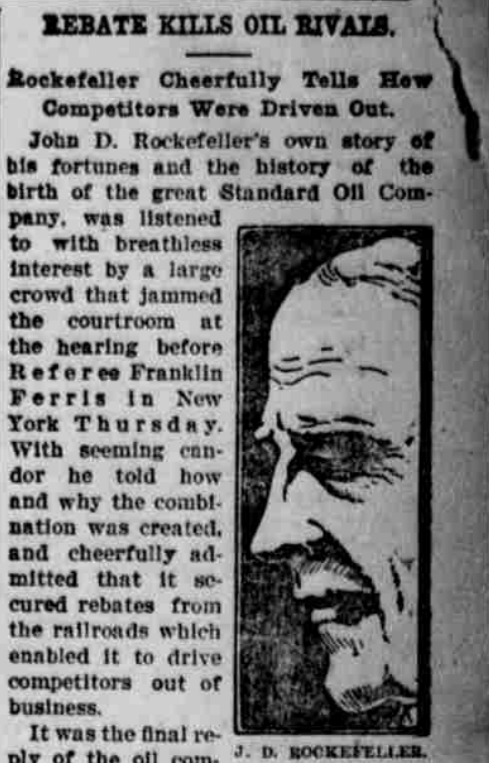
It bought refineries to get them out of competition and to get their business. That is the way H. H. Rogers and John D. Archbold went into the company. They were bought up. Both were strong, brilliant and bold. The Rockefeller combine had to get them out of the way; it absorbed their rival concerns and them at the same time. Mr. Rockefeller snapped up the American Lubricating Company, and once in that field he looked around for more lubricating companies. Before his rivals appreciated what had been done, his combine controlled most of those concerns that had done business between 1870 and 1880.

When the Pennsylvania railroad, through its Empire Pipe Line, began gathering oil and shipping it to the seaboard at reduced rates, the Standard stepped in. A bitter war followed, the end of which came only when the Empire concern was turned over to Rockefeller and the dangerous competition wiped out. The railroad for its surrender was permitted to form a car combination, the certificates of which were bought by Rockefeller and his associates. "Whatever they had we took," Mr. Rockefeller said, in explaining the absorption of the Empire concern.

The most conservative reports from Great Britain indicate an unprecedented condition of unemployment in that country, a situation so desperate that the government can no longer ignore it. Already great numbers of the idle workmen have shown signs of extreme discontent. Some groups were reported to be on the march toward London and at Glasgow bloodshed was prevented only by the prompt action of the city authorities in appropriating \$500,000 for public works, to give relief. Dublin also is spending \$500,000 for the relief of her poor. Liverpool, Sheffield, Birmingham and other industrial centers are likewise confronted with an acute situation. In the face of these facts Premier Asquith has announced his intention of formulating a general plan for giving work to the unemployed.

The highest court of Australia has rendered a decision invalidating one of the important laws passed in the interest of organized labor, the party which holds the balance of power in that country. The unions had forced the passage of a law imposing an internal tax upon the output of the manufacturers of agricultural instruments. This was designed to about counterbalance the effect of the protective tariff, but gave to all concerns which paid the union scale of wages an entire remission of the tax. As the labor unions controlled the Parliament, they could remit or impose the tax upon whatever business they saw fit, so that no business which suits the unions could be put out of the running. The court decided by a vote of 2 to 1, that the new law was unconstitutional on the theory that the purpose of the law is to regulate wages instead of to levy a tax or to raise revenue.

By a vote of 438 to 47, the French Chamber of Deputies has condemned the campaign which the anti-Dreyfusards are conducting against the decision in the case of Major Dreyfus, handed down by the court of cassation in 1906. The venerable Russian patriot and revolutionist, Nicholas Tsvetkovsky, who has been in prison at St. Petersburg for many months, and who has many friends in England and America, was released the other day on \$25,000 cash bail demanded by the Russian government, the money being contributed by wealthy friends in this country and in England.



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