

# FATAL RIOT AT ST. LOUIS

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**FREE-FOR-ALL FIGHT ON A CAR**

**Dispute Over Payment of Fares Results in Clash Between Conductor and Passengers—Innocent Spectator Run Down by Volunteer Motorman.**

St. Louis, June 9.—Five persons were injured, two of whom may die, as the result of a riot on an east-bound Market street car. The motorman and one of his assailants are at the city hospital, the former in a critical condition, while a third victim, an innocent spectator, was run over by the street car and his right leg cut off. He may die.

Miss Beatrice E. Trask of Richmond Heights, who fainted when the controller exploded in the car immediately following, was taken to the city hospital after the city dispensary officials had failed to revive her. Two hours later she was resuscitated.

The injured: J. A. Packheiser, motorman, skull fractured and internal injuries, critical; David O'Brien, right leg severed, left knee crushed, critical; Beverly Brown, concussion of the brain and bruised, critical; C. J. Riffe, conductor, scalp lacerated and body bruised; Miss Beatrice E. Trask, Richmond Heights, in faint for over two hours.

The trouble began when several men boarded the car and became engaged in an altercation with Conductor Riffe concerning payment of the fares. After a time, according to Conductor Riffe, Beverly Brown struck him in the face. Some associates of Brown joined in and a free-for-all fight resulted. Motorman Packheiser stopped the car and went to the assistance of the conductor. Packheiser was pitched head foremost from the car and lay unconscious.

After Conductor Riffe came back to the car, himself suffering from wounds, a stranger, claiming to be a street car man, volunteered to run the car. The conductor accepted the offer, and the stranger turned on the power. At Eighth street David O'Brien stood waiting to board the car. The volunteer motorman failed to stop the car, which was traveling at high speed. O'Brien attempted to swing on board, fell and was plunged under the wheels, cutting off his right leg and mashing his left knee.

In the excitement the volunteer motorman escaped. Conductor Riffe was taken to the hospital.

Beverly Brown, who was taken to the city hospital severely injured, is under arrest, charged with having been one of the instigators of the riot. Joseph Looney, charged with being Brown's accomplice in assaulting Conductor Riffe, was also arrested.

## OLYMPIC TEAM IS PICKED

**Dearborn, McGrath, Rose, Sheridan and Coe Are Chosen.**

New York, June 9.—To represent the United States in the Olympic games, which will be held in London next month, seventy-six men, the pick of the country's athletes, were selected as the American team by the American Olympic team committee at a meeting in the Astor house. The committee, with its unlimited range of selection, picked what is believed will be a team of track and field men that will bear the American colors worthily. Dearborn, McGrath, Rose, Sheridan and Coe are some of those selected to compete in the heavyweight and discus events. Sheppard at middle distance, Hillman for the hurdles and Evry in the high and broad jump are some of the other selections which are regarded as safe event winners for the team.

**Receiver Gets Lake Erie and Western.**  
Toledo, O., June 9.—In the United States court here the Wheeling and Lake Erie railroad went into the hands of a receiver. B. F. Worthington of Cleveland was named as receiver, in the sum of \$150,000 bond. The petition, on behalf of the American Car Wheel company, alleges an indebtedness of \$28,000,000.

**Turkish Troops Invade Persia.**  
St. Petersburg, June 9.—Special dispatches received here indicate a serious situation on the Turko-Persian frontier. Turkish troops, which have hitherto been massed on the Russian side, in the vicinity of Erzeroum vilayet, are in full movement toward Persia. Detachments already have invaded Persian territory.

**Enraged Elephant Kills Horse.**  
New Albany, Ind., June 9.—Seizing a horse with its trunk, an enraged elephant in a circus dashed the animal against the ground until it had pounded the horse's life out. The showmen were loading the animals on a train when the horse kicked the elephant.

**New Battleships Named.**  
Washington, June 9.—Secretary Metcalf announced that the two new battleships authorized at the last session of congress would be named Florida and Utah respectively. He said that the next battleship authorized would bear the name Wyoming.

**Chauffeur Given Jail Sentence.**  
St. Paul, June 9.—Judge Finchout, in the police court, sentenced Andrew Crisp, a Minneapolis chauffeur, arrested for reckless driving, to the workhouse for ten days without the option of paying a fine.

## SIX MINERS MEET DEATH

**Result of Fire in Gold King Mine at Gladstone, Colo.**

Six men are dead, eight in a serious condition from breathing foul air, and twenty-five to thirty more temporarily confined to their homes from weakness, due to contact with poisoned air in the Gold King mine, located at Gladstone, Colo.

The dead: Peter McNini, Roy Corburn, Alf Johnson, A. W. Burns, Victor Erickson, Gus Olson.

Fire was discovered in the engine room of the mine and before it could be brought under control, had destroyed that building, as well as the shafthouse. The men working the night shift in the mine were hurriedly notified of conditions on the surface and instructed to withdraw. When the flames had been extinguished, the list was checked over and discovery was then made that three men were missing. Immediate efforts to rescue them were made. The first men to enter the mine returned in haste and informed those in waiting that the mine was filled with foul air. Two rescue parties were formed and the men started into the mine in groups of five, by means of the electric elevator, which was still working. The air generated by the motion of the elevator had cleared the atmosphere in the shaft so that but little discomfort was experienced there. Soon after a score or more of rescuers had entered the mine, some of those first in appeared at the foot of the elevator shaft, carrying the unconscious forms of rescuers who had succumbed to the noxious air. Later a party reached the surface, bringing the dead body of Victor Erickson and the almost lifeless body of John Sunston and that of Otto Johnson, the three men whose absence caused the necessity for rescue work. The others who perished were of the rescue party.

**MAINE AND ALABAMA SAIL**  
**Advance Guard of Big Fleet Leaves San Francisco for Far East.**

Leaving the other ships of the fleet to follow a month later, the battleships Maine and Alabama, designated as a special service squadron, sailed from San Francisco Monday on the long voyage to Hampton roads, by way of Honolulu, Manila, Aden and the Suez canal. Captain Giles B. Harber of

the Maine is in command of the special squadron and on the first leg of the long cruise home has a member of the president's cabinet, Secretary of the Interior James R. Garfield, as a guest and passenger. Secretary Garfield goes to Honolulu to study the labor question, immigration problem, commercial development of the islands and the coastwise trade.

**Herman Billik Must Hang.**  
Governor Deneen has decided not to interfere in the case of Herman Billik, under death sentence in Chicago for murder. The execution accordingly is expected to take place on Friday, June 12.

**CHICAGO GRAIN AND PROVISIONS**  
**Features of the Day's Trading and Closing Quotations.**

Chicago, June 8.—A bearish government crop report caused a sharp break today in wheat prices on the local exchange, the July delivery closing at a net loss of 1 1/4@1 1/2c. Corn was down 1/2c. Oats were 1/4c lower. Provisions were 2 1/2c lower to 2 1/2c higher. Closing prices:

Wheat—July, 85 1/2@85 3/4c; Sept., 84 1/4c.

Corn—July, 66 1/2c; Sept., 65 1/2@65 3/4c. Oats—July, 43 1/2c; Sept., 35 1/2c.

Pork—July, \$13.65; Sept., \$13.92 1/2. Lard—July, \$8.55; Sept., \$8.72 1/2. Ribs—July, \$7.47 1/2; Sept., \$7.40.

Chicago Cash Prices—No. 2 hard wheat, 91 1/2@91.00; No. 2 corn, 71c; No. 2 oats, 51c.

**South Omaha Live Stock.**  
South Omaha, June 8.—Cattle—Receipts, 5,200; steady to stronger; native steers, \$5.00@7.35; cows and heifers, \$3.00@6.50; western steers, \$3.50@6.25; Texas steers, \$3.00@5.25; canners, \$2.50@3.75; stockers and feeders, \$3.00@5.25; calves, \$3.25@6.25; bulls, stags, etc., \$2.75@5.25. Hogs—Receipts, 3,000; steady to strong; heavy, \$5.27 1/2@5.35; mixed, \$5.25@5.27 1/2; light, \$5.15@5.27 1/2; pigs, \$4.50@5.00; bulk of sales, \$5.25@5.27 1/2. Sheep—Receipts, 3,500; steady; yearlings, \$4.40@4.60; wethers, \$4.25@4.60; ewes, \$3.50@4.25; lambs, \$5.25@5.85.

**Chicago Live Stock.**  
Chicago, June 8.—Cattle—Receipts, 21,000; best steady, others 15@20c lower; steers, \$5.60@7.75; cows, \$4.00@6.25; heifers, \$4.00@6.75; bulls, \$4.00@5.75; calves, \$2.50@5.75; stockers and feeders, \$3.25@5.40. Hogs—Receipts, 40,000; choice heavy shipping, \$5.55@5.62 1/2; butchers, \$5.55@5.60; light mixed, \$5.45@5.55; choice light, \$5.45@5.55; packing, \$4.90@5.45; pigs, \$3.75@5.00; bulk of sales, \$5.45@5.55. Sheep—Receipts, 15,000; strong; sheep, \$4.00@5.00; lambs, \$5.00@6.10; yearlings, \$4.50@5.00.

# FEAR FLOOD; QUIT HOMES

**EXODUS FROM ARMOURDALE DISTRICT OF KANSAS CITY.**

**KAW RIVER CONTINUES TO RISE**

**Waterworks at Argentine Have Been Abandoned—North Topeka Main Street Is Under Water—Current Sweeps Away Buildings.**

Kansas City, June 9.—The exodus of families is still going on from the Armourdale district of Kansas City, Kan. The district that last week had a population of 12,000 could show but 4,000 persons residing within its limits and many of these were there because they were too poor to go to the expense of moving. Vehicles of all sorts were to be seen carting household goods to places of safety, while those of the poorer class struggled gamely along, carrying their goods long distances on foot. The great packing district was a veritable beehive of industry. Every available man that could be secured was employed to aid in removing goods. Twenty million pounds of salt and pickled meats were moved from the cellars of the packing houses and safely stored on floors high above the flood line. Every firm in the large wholesale district of Kansas City, profiting by their experiences of 1903 and 1904, worked all night in an effort to be prepared in the event of a repetition of those years. The waterworks of Argentine, Kan., another suburb, located on the banks of the Kaw have been abandoned.

**North Topeka Is Deserted.**  
Topeka, Kan., June 9.—The Kaw river registers 26.9 feet. If the rise exceeds two feet above the present level the city waterworks will be in danger. The river is still rising.

North Topeka is practically deserted. Boat patrols were busy taking people from their homes. Much of the contents of the houses has been moved and warning has been given to everybody. The water is deeper in the streets than at any time since the big flood of 1903. From the Union Pacific tracks to Soldier creek, Kansas avenue, the main street, is all under water. The current is beginning to sweep away buildings and thousands of ties from the Union Pacific tie plant are finding their way through the town.

**Flood Conditions in Nebraska.**  
Lincoln, June 9.—Flood conditions are still bad in southeastern Nebraska, but the worst is believed to be over. The Burlington's Atchison line is tied up on account of washouts near Rulo and the branch line to Salem is in bad shape. Trains are delayed on the Union Pacific between Beatrice and Manhattan, Kan. The small bridge south of Fairbury on the Rock Island went out and trains were delayed several hours. The St. Joseph and Grand Island has not been able to resume traffic yet.

**Missouri River Above Danger Line.**  
St. Joseph, Mo., June 9.—The Missouri river is two and a half feet above the danger line at St. Joseph. At Elwood, on the opposite side of the river, several houses were moved to keep them from falling into the river. A large section of Rock Island track also was carried away. The Burlington is having trouble with its tracks both north and south of St. Joseph. The river is still rising.

**Washouts in Montana.**  
Butte, Mont., June 9.—The Oregon Short line is the only line operating trains out of Montana from this point. Further information from the west is to the effect that miles of track of the Northern Pacific are out between Butte and Missoula and marooned passengers at Drummond will not be able to get out of that place before a week's time.

**STORM DAMAGE AT PORT HURON**

**One Man Killed and Many Buildings Struck by Lightning.**

Port Huron, Mich., June 9.—One man was killed and one woman and two children badly injured and damage estimated at \$150,000 was done in Port Huron and vicinity by a severe wind and electrical storm. Many buildings were struck by lightning, among them being that of the Standard Chain company, across the river at Sarnia, Ont., where the loss of life must have been great had not the employees left the building a few minutes before the crash. The damage there is \$60,000. Theodore Kirschnitske, a farmer, was struck by lightning and killed. The home of John Lavis, in this city, was struck and Mrs. Lavis and her two daughters were injured. The electric railway and the telephone systems have been put out of business.

**Price of Beef Soars at Boston.**  
Boston, June 9.—A scarcity of beef in the local market, sent wholesale prices to a figure higher than has been reached since the beef strike several years ago. Whole cattle were selling at 12 1/2 cents per pound. Dealers said that the cause of the rise was due solely to the law of supply and demand and that they did not anticipate a lower price until late in the summer.

**Farmer Killed by Tornado.**  
Oklahoma City, Okla., June 9.—William White, a farmer, was killed, several farm houses were destroyed and property damage resulted from a tornado which passed near Watonga.

## TRY TO BURN CROWDED CHURCH

**While 1,800 People Kneel in Prayer Incendiaries Apply Torch.**

An attempt was made to burn St. Paul Catholic church at Moabit, belonging to the Dominicans, which was crowded with people, assembled to hear a sermon by the famous Dominican monk, Bonaventuri. About 1,800 persons were present, including more than a thousand women and children, to hear the mass. While the congregation was kneeling in silent prayer, some one informed Father Bonaventuri that the church was afire. Without informing the congregation, he coolly stepped over to the priest who was celebrating mass, and requested him to close the service. The priest left the altar and spoke to his six assistants and walked down the aisle and whispered to the pew holders that an insignificant blaze had broken out and that they had better leave the building as soon as possible. By this time the entire roof of the church was a mass of flames and the fire brigade was hurrying to the burning building. Those in the church, not knowing the extent of the fire, did not realize their danger, and made their exit rapidly and in an orderly manner. The firemen discovered that nearly a dozen firebrands, soaked with petroleum, had been distributed about the various parts of the roof. The flames were extinguished with difficulty after great damage had been done. The police suspect a gang of incendiaries, who, it is stated, set fire to the old Garrison church, which was destroyed on April 14 last.

**PRESENT RATES WILL STAND**

**Railroad Officials Agree Raise Would Be Bad Policy.**

No increase in freight rates is to be made by the railroads of the country in the near future, if it is made at all. Certainly nothing will be done before autumn, and it is unlikely now that anything approximating a general increase will be attempted then.

At a recent meeting of presidents and operating officials of important railroads held in New York it was the consensus of opinion that it would be undesirable, if not absolutely impracticable, to put into effect at this time an increase of freight rates. Opinion at the meeting was divided, but the majority inclined to the view that it would be bad policy and bad business at this juncture to attempt an increase of rates. Most of the officials who attended the meeting indicated a belief that railway business conditions were improving.

**CONDITION OF WHEAT CROPS**

**Winter Sown Crop Averages 86 Per Cent, Against 93.8 First of May.**

Estimate of 17,100,000 acres of spring wheat sown, or more than 631,000 acres more than last year, and placing the condition on June 1 of winter wheat at 86 per cent as against 93.5 per cent on May 1, is made in the June grain report made official at the department of agriculture. The report estimated the acreage of oats at 31,644,000 and barley 6,697,000 and gives the condition figures of crops other than wheat as follows. Oats, 92.9 per cent; barley, 89.7 per cent.

The report gives the condition of spring wheat at June 1 as 95 per cent of a normal, compared with 88.7 on June 1, 1907, and a ten-year average of 93.2.

**PRESIDENT NAMES COMMISSION**

**Carries Out Suggestion Made by Governors at Resources Conference.**

Acting on suggestion made by the governors at their conference at the White House in May, President Roosevelt has appointed a national conservation commission to consider and advise him on questions relating to the conservation of the natural resources of the country, and to co-operate with similar bodies which may be designated by the several states. The executive committee is: Gifford Pinchot, chairman; Representative Theodore F. Burton, Senators Reed Smoot and Knute Nelson, John D. Lutz, W. J. McGee, Overton Price, G. W. Woodruff, Joseph A. Holmes.

**BATTLE IN OKLAHOMA**

**Sheriff Slain, Deputy Wounded and Negro Shot Near Hitchcock.**

Sheriff George W. Garrison of Oklahoma City was shot and killed, an unknown deputy wounded and a negro was shot in a battle which took place three miles east of Hitchcock. According to reports received in Oklahoma City by the local police department, seven negroes were in a party that opened fire on the sheriff when he attempted to arrest Alf Huater, alias James Kingsbury, who killed Susie Pride in Oklahoma City on the evening of May 19.

**Wife Murder and Suicide.**

C. P. Corlett of Cleveland, head of the Corlett Engineering company, killed his wife, Elizabeth, and then ended his own life in a hotel in Wiloughby, a Cleveland suburb. The tragedy is said to have been the result of jealousy. Mr. and Mrs. Corlett were well known in Cleveland society.

**Fatal Collision at a Crossing.**

An electric car on the McKinley line, containing fifteen passengers, collided with a Wabash coal train at a crossing a mile south of Staunton, Ill., killing Charles Boehmer of Litchfield, and injuring five other passengers.

**British Steamer Wrecked.**

The steamer Ptowan, running between Hongkong and Macao, struck on a rock off Lantao island and is a total wreck. Eighty natives are missing, but all the European passengers and officers of the steamer were rescued.

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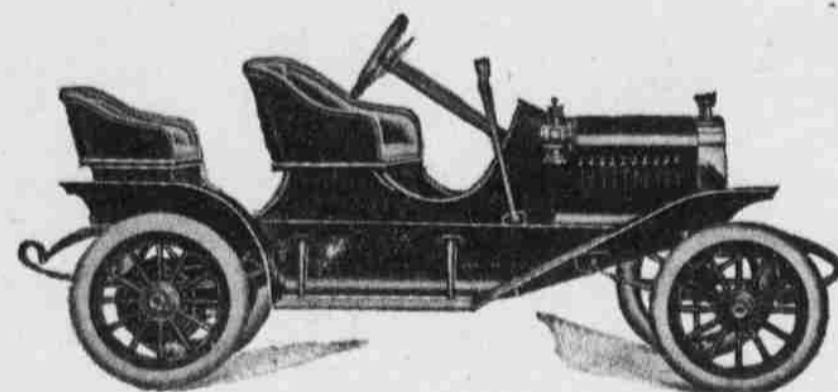
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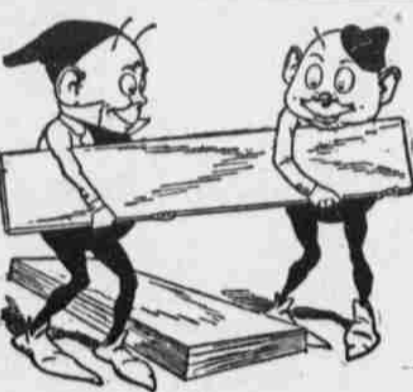
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