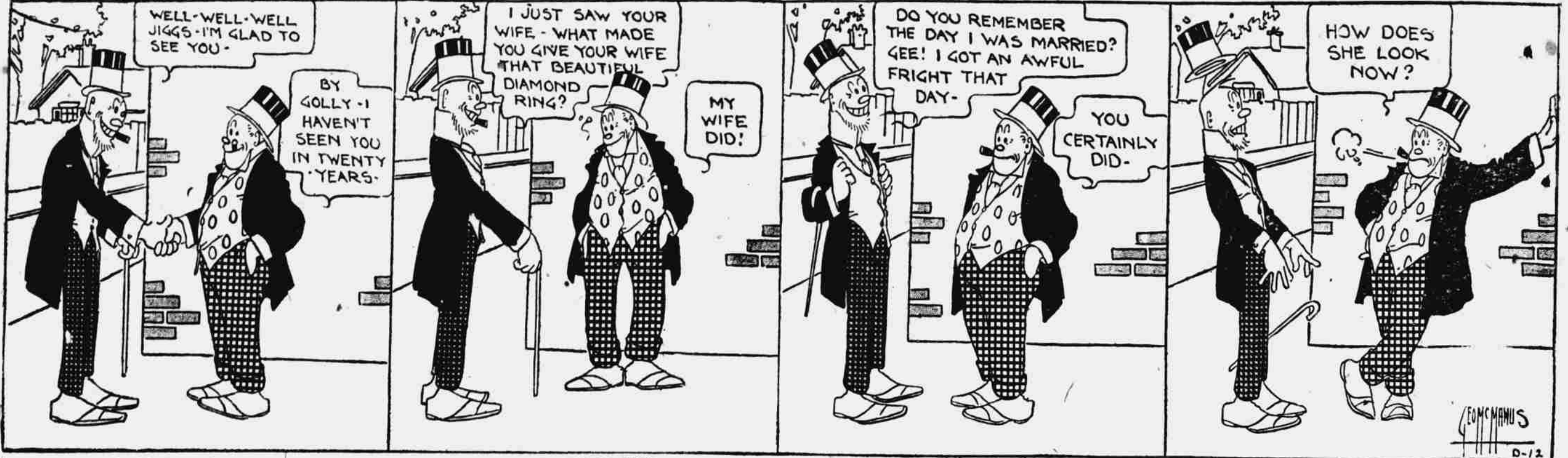


BRINGING UP FATHER

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RIOTOUS NEGRO TROOPERS GIVEN DEATH PENALTY

Thirteen Hanged After Trial by Court Martial for Participating in Outbreak in Southern City.

San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 11.—Thirteen of the negroes of the Twenty-fourth infantry, United States army, found guilty of complicity in the riot and mutiny at Houston on August 23, were hanged on the military reservation at Fort Sam Houston at 7:17 o'clock this morning.

Only army officers and Sheriff John Tobin of Bexar county were present when the sentence was carried out by soldiers from the post. No newspapermen, or civilian spectators were allowed, the time and place of execution having been kept a secret.

Life Imprisonment for Forty-one. Of the 63 men tried by the same court-martial, 41 were sentenced to life imprisonment. One man was sentenced to dishonorable discharge from the army, forfeiture of all pay and allowances and to be confined at hard labor for two and a half years.

Goodbye, Boys. "Goodbye, boys of Company C," were the last words uttered by the condemned men of the Twenty-fourth United States infantry as the traps were sprung and they dropped to their death on the scaffold which had been erected last night.

Men of Company A, Nineteenth infantry, have been awaiting the negro prisoners since they were brought to San Antonio to stand trial before a court-martial for complicity in the riot at Houston on August 23, last. Without a tremor the doomed men stepped out with soldierly tread and singing a hymn, they walked to their places. Prayers were said by a negro minister and by two army chaplains and then the men were ordered to stand on the traps.

After giving the names of the men hanged, the statement gives sentences imposed in other cases as follows: Cook William Frazier, Cook Nathan Humphries, jr., Privates First Class John M. Hudson, jr., James R. Johnson, Ben McDaniels and Stewart W. Phillips, all of Company I; Privates Douglas T. Bolden, Fred D. Brown, Robert Brownfield, Harrison Capers, Ben Cecil, Gerald Dixon, Henry Green, James R. Hawkins, George Hobbs, Norman D. Holland, Richard Lewis, Leroy Pinkett, Joseph Wardlow, William S. Kane, Harry Richardson, L. Rucker, R. Tyler, J. Williams, jr., all of Company I; Privates Ernest Adams, John Adams, Wash Adams, Douglass K. Lumpkins, Richard Brown, all of Company K; Privates Allie C. Butler, Abner Davis and George H. Parham of Company L; Bugler Ruben W. Baxter, Company M; Privates Walter Burkett, James Coker, Callie Glenn, William J. Hough, Thomas Jackson, Walter T. Johnson, Dean New, Jesse Sullivan, all of Company M, all of the 24th United States infantry, in each event to be dishonorably discharged from the service, to forfeit all pay and allowances due and to be confined at hard labor at such place as the reviewing authority may direct for the term of his natural life.

Dishonorably Discharged. Private Oliver Fletcher, Company M, 24th United States infantry, to be dishonorably discharged from the service, to forfeit all pay and allowances due and to be confined at hard labor at such place as the reviewing authority may direct for two years and six months.

Private Henry T. Walls, Company I; Private First Class Alvin Fugh, Company I, and Private Walter B. Tucker, Company I, all of the 24th United States infantry, and each of them to be dishonorably discharged from the service, to forfeit all pay and allowances due and to be confined at hard labor at such place as the reviewing authority may direct for two years.

To be acquitted: Privates William E. Beacott, Grover Burns, Company I; Grant H. Memm, Company K;

WAR TIME CLAUSE IN MINORS' CONTRACTS

Leagues and Clubs Must Play at Least One-Half of Season to Make Contracts Binding.

New York, Dec. 11.—Secretary Farrell of the National Association of Minor Base Ball Leagues today announced the wording of a clause which is to be part of the "war time" players' contracts as approved by the committee appointed at the annual meeting of the association in Louisville November 12. The clause follows:

"The player agrees to abide by the reservation clause in this contract in the event that the club or league of which the club is a part is forced to suspend operations on account of the war conditions.

"This contract is void unless the club and the league play at least one-half of the originally adopted scheduled playing season.

For Period of War. "This clause is binding only during the period of the war. It is the ruling that it will not be necessary to tender contracts to players in the national army in order to retain title to their services."

Mr. Farrell also announced that the association will grant protection to lower classification leagues by giving them permission to play on Thursdays in order to perpetuate base ball in certain territory.

Ten minor leagues have signified their intention to operate next season. Mr. Farrell stated, Each minor league club will play at least one benefit game early in the season, the proceeds to be donated to the soldiers' base ball fund.

Railroad Officials Work on Uniform Signal System

In compliance with the order of the state railway commission officials of the railroads operating in Nebraska have commenced work on getting out uniform signals for crossings at public highways. The new signals will be in place early next year.

Next year the signals at all railroad crossings in Nebraska will be of one style. These warning signs will be set 300 feet back from the track. The signal will be a metal disc, two feet in diameter, with a black border.

Thereon, in black letters, will be "R. R. 300 Feet." The disc will be on a high metal post.

In addition to the signal warnings at crossings in cities and towns there will be flagmen, who instead of waving flags to halt people crossing the tracks, will carry metal discs painted white, on which in black and in large letters will be the word "Stop."

All Labor Cases in Texas Except One Are Dismissed

Austin, Tex., Dec. 11.—Judge James R. Hamilton this morning, on motion of District Attorney John E. Shelton, dismissed all of the state cases with the exception of those pending against C. W. Woodman, former labor commissioner.

Ohio Wants Authority To Commandeer Coal

Columbus, O., Dec. 11.—Failing to hear from a similar request made to Dr. Harry A. Garfield, federal fuel administrator, yesterday and again today, Governor Cox of Ohio this afternoon appealed directly to President Wilson for authority for the Ohio fuel administration to commandeer coal in transit through Ohio for domestic use.

Governor Cox informed President Wilson that the people are suffering from the most serious coal shortage in the history of the state, with below zero weather prevailing, and asked that immediate action be taken to alleviate further suffering.

Many schools over the states have been forced to close down, including Ohio State university, and many churches are holding union services in order to conserve the little coal they have on hand. Many office buildings are without heat and in some places business practically has been suspended.

Congress to Investigate American Army Equipment

Washington, Dec. 11.—A general inquiry into the operations of the War department in arming and equipping the American forces was decided upon today by the senate military affairs committee. Secretary Baker and other department heads will be called to explain various features of war activities.

Senator Chamberlain, chairman of the committee, announced it probably would cover a wide range. Questions of shortages of clothing for the national army, health deficiencies in rifles and field ordnance and army contracts, he said, would be inquired into.

"The purpose of the committee is not to criticize, but to secure information," said Senator Chamberlain. "There have been some complaints, covering many army matters, and we desire to look into them, particularly regarding reported shortage of clothing, ordnance and other equipment."

Prohibition Amendment Now Before Congress

Washington, Dec. 11.—By unanimous consent today the house agreed to consider on Monday a constitutional amendment which already has been passed by the senate. The judiciary committee today favorably reported the amendment.

As passed by the senate the resolution provides that the necessary three-fourths of the states must act on the amendment within six years from the time of its passage in congress. The judiciary committee extended the time to seven years and would make the amendment effective the year from the time of its ratification.

Representative Randall of California, prohibitionist member of the house, predicted today that the resolution would pass the house with 40 or 50 votes to spare.

Halifax Carrier Pigeon Bears German Message

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 11.—The capture of a carrier pigeon, under whose wing was a message in German, was reported to the police today. The pigeon, probably wounded in the explosion Thursday, entered the window of a home near the burned area. Its number was "New York, No. 29."

Villa Troops Capture Monclova, in North Mexico

Eagle Pass, Tex., Dec. 11.—It is reported here that Mexican forces headed by Gutierrez, known as "Gutierristas," have captured Monclova, Mex. Wire communication with that place has been cut and train service discontinued.

Government Enlists Bricklayers For Army Service in France

Washington, Dec. 11.—Instructions to enlist in the army as many bricklayers as possible, have been sent to recruiting offices throughout the country. These men will be sent to a concentration camp in the south for a short time and then to France for work on the American airdromes. Attention was called to the advisability of getting these men into service before Friday, when the law preventing men within the draft age of volunteering becomes effective.

Senate to Inquire Into Sugar Shortage

Washington, Dec. 11.—Inquiry by a senate committee into the causes for the shortage of sugar and coal, with a view to recommending legislation to improve the situation was today ordered by the senate on motion of Senator Lodge.

NO FOOD LICENSE FOR STATE INSTITUTIONS

Administration Issues List of Exceptions to New Laws; Perishable Products Not Restricted.

The federal food administration has ruled that no state institution or political subdivision thereof, no hospital or sanitarium or similar institution, public or private, charitable or noncharitable, is required to take out a license, as are the private institutions.

Other interpretations and rulings just made by the federal food administration and issued in Nebraska are: "Delivery slips sent to customers with their daily orders by licensee must bear the licensee's license number. The licensee's license number should appear on purchase slips that are given to customers over the counter."

"A commission merchant who inserts an advertisement in a trade paper, which paper contains quotations, is not required to include his license number in such advertisement. However, if he inserts an advertisement, which advertisement contains a price list or quotations by him, then the advertisement should include his license number."

"Records of 'drop shipments' are to be included in the records of the wholesaler as well as of the manufacturer or retailer. "If two or more licensees sign a contract order, etc., the license number of all those so signing the contract must appear on it."

Purchase Price Means Cost.

"Actual purchase price" does not mean the last inventory price it means what it says, i. e. what the goods actually cost. "For the purpose of determining costs the owner may average the purchase price to him of goods actually purchased before November 1, 1917. However, if he exercises this option, he must not in any case average the purchase price of one commodity with another."

"No licensee shall be permitted to take two profits for the same transaction. Manufacturers who job their own goods may figure as part of their cost the legitimate expense incurred in jobbing, but in no case will they be permitted to add two profits covering the same service. In other words, you are entitled to a reasonable profit over your expense of doing business."

Perishables Not Restricted. No restrictions have been placed by the food administration on milk and dairy products, poultry, fish, fruits, potatoes and vegetables. The federal food administration announces that no restrictions are likely to be placed on these perishables under the present interpretation of the law. "Foods of this 'perishable products' group," says a statement from the federal food administration, "are essential to nutrition, and their continued production, distribution, and consumption are vital, in view of national and international necessities."

Hymeneal Cooper-Bartlow.

Miss Stella Bartlow, daughter of William Bartlow, and Mr. Mead Cooper were married by Rev. Charles W. Sawidge Monday at 3:30.

A Harley-Davidson Bicycle FREE For Christmas

We will give free either a Harley-Davidson "7-17" Special, or a Girls' Harley-Davidson Bicycle to the Boy or Girl who sends us, before 6 p. m., December 15th, 1917, the best story telling why every boy and girl should receive a Harley-Davidson Bicycle for a Xmas Gift. Not one cent expenditure necessary to win this bicycle. Three disinterested parties to be the judges.

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Thirty-One More Cars of Coal Enroute to Munny Bins

Richard Grotte, superintendent of the munny coal department, reported to the city council, a cash balance of \$26,29 on December 8, the report covering operations since the establishment of the coal department on October 1.

Figures reported: Families served, 1,593; tons of coal bought, 2,469; shrinkage, 85 tons; total money received, \$14,564.39; paid out, \$14,538.10. Thirty-one cars are on the way. The department was reported as self-sustaining. The rate being charged is \$6.75 per ton for Illinois coal delivered to residences.

Tener Re-elected President Of the National League

New York, Dec. 11.—John K. Tener was unanimously re-elected president of the National league for a term of one year at its annual meeting here today. The club owners also decided to meet at Chicago at the earliest possible date with the club owners of the American league. It is probable that the National league magnates will leave for the west Thursday.

International League Puts Over Question of Play in 1918

New York, Dec. 11.—The International league, in annual meeting today decided to postpone until February 12 a decision of the question of suspending playing for the season of 1918.

Two Omaha Couples Get Licenses to Wed in Lincoln

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, Dec. 11.—(Special)—Frank R. Harrison of Omaha, age 35, and Agnes M. Smalley of Omaha, age 30, were given a license to marry in Lincoln yesterday.

George H. Whitman of Omaha, age 47, and Minnie Hobbit of Alvo, age 37, were also given a license to wed.

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President May Ask New Railroad Laws

Wants Legislation Effecting Unification During War and Proper Management in Peace Times.

Washington, Dec. 11.—At the opening of the hearing today by the joint congressional committee investigating transportation problems, Chairman Adamson of the house commerce committee, declared that President Wilson probably would have to take over the railroads "during the war" and hold them after the war until congress can provide some plan for proper management and efficient operation in peace and in war.

President Wilson's intention to ask congress for special laws to effect railroad unification for the duration of the war, made known last night, gave a new aspect to the transportation problem.

The president's decision in favor of such a move was indicated after a conference with Senator Newlands, chairman of the joint committee investigating the railroads, at which the transportation situation was discussed at length. The president probably will ask for the legislation in an address to congress before the holidays recess.

Although there was nothing to show that the president had confided his full intentions and officials were

Civil War Veteran Dies After Six Months' Illness

H. W. Lindsey, 79 years old, died Tuesday morning at the home of his son, J. E. Lindsey, 821 Park avenue, following six months' illness. He was a civil war veteran, having served for three years in an Illinois regiment. He is survived by a brother, William, Niantic, Ill.; a sister, Mrs. Ella Miller, Morrison, Ill.; a daughter, Mrs. Ruth Brown, Peoria, Ill., and a son, J. E. Lindsey, Omaha. Funeral services will be held Wednesday at the son's residence, 821 Park avenue. Interment will be in Fairview cemetery, Council Bluffs.

With the Bowlers

Table listing bowling scores for various leagues including Alamo League, Jersey Cream, Mercantile League, Bernthal-Hammer, Bluffs Branch, Lucost Lane, XX Cream, Gueensies, Y. M. C. A. League, and others. Columns show bowler names and their scores.