

General Race News

ARMED NEGROES SAVE MEN.

**Men Accused of Killing Indian Police-
men Spirited Away After Jail
Doors Were Battered.**

WERE GARBED AS MILITIAMEN

Muskogee, Okl., Dec. 26.—While a mob of several hundred men surrounded the county jail here tonight threatening to lynch two Negroes accused of slaying a patrolman, 200 armed Negroes kept silent guard in the underbrush of a vacant lot across the street, with the announced intention of opening fire to rescue the accused men should the mob obtain custody of them.

Company F of the Oklahoma National Guard was called out early tonight, when the mob assumed serious proportions and which repulsed two assaults on the jail, waited with fixed bayonets and rifles loaded with ball cartridges for another attack.

One of the repulsed attacks resulted in the battering down of the jail door, but the men in the forefront of the mob, carrying a piece of railroad rail as a battering ram, were driven back before they could get inside.

Indians Give Aid.

To add to the complicated situation it was rumored that a posse of Cherokee Indians had organized at Talequah and started for Muskogee, twenty-five miles away, determined to avenge the slaying of their fellow tribesman, Sam Neal, the patrolman whom the two Negroes, William Green and Mathis Foreman, are accused of killing while resisting arrest.

While the mob still waited before the jail near midnight the two men were dressed in the uniforms of militiamen and hurried out a rear door. Under heavy guard they were taken safely around the mob to the outskirts of town where automobiles were waiting to carry them to another city, presumably Tulsa.

Mob Disperses.

Later when it was announced to the mob that Green, the man accused of killing Neal, had been taken away the mob dispersed quietly. The armed Negroes across the street also abandoned their vigil and thus ended a situation which had been growing more serious momentarily, finally, causing threats from the white men that they would charge unless the Negroes went home.

MAJOR CHARLES YOUNG RETURNS TO AMERICA.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 22.—Captain James Gillespie and Lieut. William Roundtree were formally commissioned last week by Secretary of State Lansing and Dr. Ernest Lyon, Liberian Consul-General to the United States, as members of the Liberian constabulary. The ceremony took place at the State Department.

Captain Gillespie will take the place of Maj. Charles Young, who has been ordered home. He will receive \$1,600 a year with \$250 for quarters. He is a former member of the United States army.

Major Young may be placed in charge of the Haitian constabulary should the United States Senate ratify the pending treaty between that country and this.

DR. DAN WILLIAMS

R. R. SURGEONS' GUEST.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 30.—The ninth annual meeting of the Surgical Association of the Chicago and Northwestern Railway was held this year at Rochester, Minn., December 10 and 11.

The program consisted of clinical demonstrations, advanced bone work, the showing of slides of interesting and unusual fractures, and the reading and discussion of papers on the more practical subjects in railway surgery. The morning of each day was devoted to special clinics at St. Mary's Hospital, to which all members were invited. The afternoons were devoted to addresses, one of which was by R. C. Richards, general claim agent, and the reading of short practical papers and discussions.

There was a short business session the second afternoon for the election of officers. On Friday evening, December 10, a session was held at which addresses, illustrated by lantern slides were given by Drs. E. C. Rosenow, L. B. Wilson, W. A. MacCarty, Wm. F. Braasch, R. D. Carman and Samuel Robinson. The Chicago and Northwestern Railway also extended the courtesy of a luncheon in honor of the association given at the Kahler Hotel on December 11, at 1:30 p. m.

Dr. Daniel H. Williams, the well known surgeon and physician, was present as a guest of the association. He was the only colored surgeon present. It is at Rochester, Minn., that the famous Mayo Brothers' Surgical Sanitarium is located and Dr. Williams was shown many courtesies and honors during his visit here, participating in the various clinics and otherwise contributing to make the meeting a success.

COLORED WAITERS USED AS CONDUCTORS.

Easton, Pa., Dec. 30.—For the last three months the Lehigh Valley District Commissary Department has been using waiters as conductors in place of the regular white conductors. The men have made good and there are six colored waiters now running as conductors.

Their names are Joseph Hortman of Philipsburg, N. J., R. C. Hoff of Easton, N. S. Spurlock, M. C. Dalney, C. Oliver and T. M. Jones of Jersey City. The new superintendent, A. Ellaman, who was formerly traveling chief, and who is responsible for giving the colored men the opportunity, is pleased at the showing the men are making.

CHIEF ENGINEER OF BIG FIRM.

Toronto, Can., Dec. 30.—The Ontario Aeroplane Company, Limited, has appointed as their chief engineer and technical adviser, Mr. Daniel F. Cole, a prosperous and hustling young race man of Detroit, Michigan. This company will make flying machines for the British Army and is promoted and financed by capitalists of this city.

ROMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPENED.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 30.—A school for the Negro Roman Catholics was opened at 432 Queen Lane, Germantown, on Monday, December 20, with an attendance of 146. The archbishop blessed it on Saturday and called it St. Catherine's School.

U. S. GOVERNMENT FIGHTS ENTRY OF FILMS

**Johnson-Willard Bout Pictures to be
Kept Out of This Country—
Government Lawyers File
Answer to Appeal.**

Washington, D. C., Dec. 10.—There was filed in the supreme court today by Assistant Attorney General Warren the government brief in reply to the appeal of the Jack Johnson prize fight film case, in which the constitutionality of the law of 1912 against the importation for purposes of public exhibition of prize fight films is involved. The owners of the films assert that they only wish to bring the films in for their own use for exhibition and not for sale, and therefore congress has not the constitutional power under the foreign commerce clause to enact a law against them.

The films were taken at the fight at Havana last April between Jess Willard and Johnson. The contention is that showing pictures of a fight is not commerce in the sense that the word is used in the constitution.

The government compares prize fight films with the importation of women under the white slave law, and insists that there need not be sale of the actual objects imported in commerce, but that the use of them after importation constitutes commerce, although ownership is retained by the importer.

The government argument goes still further and holds that even if the thing imported should not be used for public exhibition and should be used only for private enjoyment by the owner, if the law says films "that may be used for public exhibition," that forecloses the whole matter.

Seals Again Plentiful.

Under the precautions taken to prevent the extinction of the fur seals in Alaska and the Pribilof islands the species has multiplied so rapidly that the bureau of fisheries now recommends that the killing of male seals be resumed.

Ever since the signing of the pelagic treaty between Russia, England, Japan and our own nation, prohibiting the destruction of cow seals upon the high seas, the government has taken an occasional census of the seals. The last of these fixed the number of seals owned by the United States at 301,844, as against less than twenty thousand in 1906.

Besides fur, other possible use of the seal is being considered by the bureau of fisheries. The scarcity of the world's meat supply and the tremendous increase in seals as revealed by the last census suggest the shipping of seal meat to the United States for food. Those who have tasted it say that meat from a young seal is delicious in flavor and that seal steak would be a popular addition to a fashionable hotel menu.

English Writer's Ignorance.

Duke Chalmers, the essayist, was talking about war writers.

"A great grist of English literary hacks," he said, "were thrown out of regular work when the war began, and so they all turned themselves into 'our military correspondent,' and laddled out optimistic soothing sirup to the public in the daily press at a guinea a column.

"One writer reminds me of the young lady who once carried on a glib naval argument with Admiral Mahan at a dinner. A third person said to her in some astonishment:

"Why, how well you talk up to the admiral on these abstruse naval topics!"

"Oh," said the young lady, "I've only been concealing my ignorance."

"Not at all," said Admiral Mahan, gallantly. "Quite the contrary."

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