



Negroes and whites clashed near Magnolia, Ala. Two white men were killed and several others wounded.

At Devils Bluff, Ark., George Bailey, a negro, was shot to death in his cell by a mob. Negroes from the country round about Devils Bluff held a mass meeting and voiced their protest. The white citizens armed themselves and prepared for retaliatory attack.

Baroness Vaughan, whom Leopold, king of Belgium, made his queen in fact if not in name, has left Belgium accepting the hint of the government that if she did not depart voluntarily she would be expelled from the country. She went to France.

John W. Kern, late democratic nominee for vice president, celebrated his sixtieth birthday December 20. Mr. Kern was born in Howard county, Indiana, December 20, 1849, and has been a life-long resident of this state. Since his twenty-first year, when he was elected to the legislature, he has been prominent in democratic politics. In addition to serving several years as city attorney of Indianapolis, he has been the nominee of his party for governor, United States senator and vice president of the United States.

Former United States Senator Harris of Kansas died of heart disease at Chicago. Mrs. Harris was with her husband at the time of his death. The body was taken to Lawrence, Kan. The Associated Press says: "William Alexander Harris, was United States senator from Kansas from 1897 to 1903. He died at the home of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Lydia M. Mackey. Senator Harris had been in Chicago for a month, having gone there to attend the international live stock exposition in which he was interested. He had not been complaining of ill health, and was apparently in good condition when suddenly stricken. He sank to the floor at his sister-in-law's home and died within a few minutes. Senator Harris was born in Virginia, October 29, 1841. He was graduated from Columbia college, Washington, in 1859, and the Virginia military institute in 1861. He served with honor in the confederate states army for three years as assistant adjutant general and ordnance officer. In 1865 he removed to Kansas, where he became engaged as a civil engineer in the construction of the Kansas division of the Union Pacific railroad. In 1868 he became agent for the sale of the Delaware reservation and other lands. Since 1876, he had been prominent throughout the United States as a farmer and breeder of pure bred shorthorn cattle. This identified him with the live stock industry and brought him often to Chicago where he was a member of the Saddle and Sirloln club and a director of the international live stock exposition. In politics he was identified with the populist party, when at its zenith and before his election to the United States senate he served as a populist member of congress in 1893-95.

An Associated Press dispatch from Cincinnati says: "Former Senator Joseph B. Foraker vehemently denounced the corporation tax before several hundred business men of Cincinnati. Mr. Foraker declared the tax was absolutely unjust and

advised his hearers to refuse to file reports or to pay the assessment because the law was unconstitutional and would be found so by the courts. The former senator declared that the tax had been 'hoisted on the public under false pretenses.'

A Cleveland, Ohio, dispatch says: "A fine of \$100 for theatrical managers who permit late-coming patrons to be seated during the progress of a play is fixed in an ordinance passed by the city council. Late arrivals must wait outside until the end of the act."

A grand jury at Chicago is investigating an alleged graft combination in the city hall involving the sale of coal to the city.

Zelaya's troops in Nicaragua were defeated in a fierce battle with revolutionists under command of General Estrada.

Dr. Madriz was inaugurated president of Nicaragua. Zelaya, the retiring president, made a brief speech endorsing the administration.

Premier Yi, head of the Korean cabinet, was stabbed and fatally injured by a Korean.

A New York dispatch to the Chicago Record-Herald says: "William Watson, the English poet, who astonished the world recently by his bitter attack on the family of Premier Asquith, is declared by his brother to be insane and not responsible for his actions. The brother is Robinson Watson, who is in Montreal."

Charles L. Warriner, former cashier at Cincinnati of the Big Four railroad, pleaded guilty to embezzlement and was sentenced to six years' imprisonment.

Harry M. Daugherty of Columbus, Ohio, has announced his candidacy for the United States senate to succeed Senator Charles Dick.

A series of political assassinations of persons high in office was reported on December 22. In Seoul, Korea, the prime minister of the Korean cabinet was stabbed to death as an apparent result of the intense feeling in Korea against Japanese influence. In St. Petersburg, the chief of the secret police, Colonel Karpoff, was blown to pieces by the explosion of a bomb, supposedly thrown by an anarchist. At Bombay, British India, the chief magistrate of Nasik, Arthur M. T. Jackson, was assassinated by a native, for revenge and presumably as a part of the seditious movement against British official authority. In each of the countries, the governing authority is menaced by a dangerous element directed against the existing regime.

A Muskogee, Okla., dispatch carried by the Associated Press says: "State Bank Commissioner Young gave out a statement in which he said that all the depositors of the First State Bank of Keifer have been paid. Of the \$80,000 disbursed \$40,000 was taken from the bank guaranty fund. 'The failure of the Keifer bank was due solely to the fact that

the day before the Farmer's National bank of Tulsa suspended, it was holding \$50,000 cash belonging to the Keifer State Bank,' said the commissioner."

Governor Donehey of Arkansas has declined to call the legislature in special session to consider statutory prohibition.

Henry Watterson, editor of the Louisville Courier-Journal, suggests Gifford Pinchot as the democratic nominee for president in 1912.

Benjamin S. Liddon, former chief justice of the supreme court of Florida, is dead.

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