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## RACE WAR IN MISSISSIPPI

MANY SLAIN IN CLASH BETWEEN WHITES AND BLACKS.

TROOPS SENT TO WAHALAK

Fatal Riot Following Shooting of Colored Passenger by Conductor Who Seeks to Quiet Disturbance Aboard Train—Conductor Killed.

Meridian, Miss., Dec. 26.—Railroad men who have just arrived from Scooba report a fresh clash between the races. Several are reported killed. Scooba is seven miles from Wahalak. Acting on the instructions of Governor Vardaman, twenty-five members of the local military company boarded an engine and left for Scooba. Additional troops will leave aboard a special train as soon as it can be made ready.

Wahalak, Miss., Dec. 26.—Conductor Robert Harrison of the Mobile and Ohio railroad, who was ambushed and seriously wounded by a negro last night, is dead.

The origin of the racial troubles here was caused primarily by the meeting in a narrow roadway of wagons driven by a white farmer and negro respectively. The negro abused the white man, who reported the occurrence to the white villagers at Wahalak. Whites immediately organized themselves and in a fight with the negroes of the community, a number of white men were killed, including one of the most prominent men of the vicinity. The number of negroes killed in the rioting has never been approximated, but dead negroes have been found in many parts of the settlement since the trouble started.

As near as can be ascertained the casualties resultant from the trouble are as follows: Unknown negro, shot by Conductor Cooper on the train; Constable O'Brien, killed by precipitator of the trouble, George Simpson, when an attempt at arrest was made; George Simpson, lynched; Tom Simpson, son of George Simpson, shot to death by white citizens; Jim Simpson, another son, shot to death; two unknown negroes, lynched.

## FIFTY NEGROES IN DRUNKEN FIGHT

Clubs, Knives and Stones Used in Street Brawl at Kansas City.

Kansas City, Dec. 26.—Fifty negroes engaged in a drunken fight at Seventh and Washington streets, in this city, using clubs, knives and stones, and besides the injuries sustained by the participants, which consisted of broken heads and severe bruises, a policeman and a spectator were hurt. Patrolman C. M. Larrabee arrived on the scene just as S. R. Johnson, a negro, was in the act of striking another negro with a baseball bat. Larrabee interfered and Johnson knocked the officer down with the bat and was about to strike him again, when James Hult, white, struck Johnson with a stone and knocked him senseless. James C. Maricel, a white man who was witnessing the fight, was struck on the head with a stone and severely hurt. All the windows in the stables of the American Express company were broken. Johnson and a number of other negroes were arrested.

## NEGRO SOLDIERS START RIOT

Three Members of Ninth Cavalry Under Arrest at Fort Leavenworth.

Leavenworth, Kan., Dec. 26.—A full investigation into the reported riot on a Fort Leavenworth-bound street car is being conducted by Captain Walsh, commanding the squadron of the Ninth Cavalry (colored).

Captain Walsh said: "Three men are under arrest. I am told that there were no shots fired in the car by the soldiers. The conductor claimed so, but an old sergeant of the Eighteenth infantry says that bricks broke the window. There was an argument over the paying of fare between a trooper and the conductor, which led to the trouble. There is no desire on the part of either the white or colored soldiers who were on the car to shield their comrades, and they are making statements voluntarily of what they know."

CAPTAIN MACKLIN IMPROVING Assailant of Army Officer at Fort Reno Not Apprehended.

Fort Reno, Okla., Dec. 26.—Captain Edgar A. Macklin continues to improve and his physician stated positively that the patient would recover.

The search for the negro assailant of Macklin is being continued, but with no apparent success. The murder theory has been discarded and the officers are now convinced that the intent was robbery. There was some excitement during the day, when it was reported that a negro suspect had been arrested, but it proved that the man had been taken for stealing cotton.

## Shoots Wife and Self.

New York, Dec. 26.—John J. O'Rourke, an electrician, shot and severely wounded his wife, Lillian, and then killed himself with the same weapon at their home in Richmond Hill, L. I. The shooting followed a quarrel between the couple.

## Fatally Stabbed by Soldier.

Fort Sill, Okla., Dec. 26.—Earl Northrup was probably fatally stabbed during a saloon brawl by Private Howard of troop K, Thirtieth Cavalry, stationed at Fort Sill. Howard was arrested and is in jail in default of bond.

## DENVER OFFICE BUILDING BURNS

Upper Floors of Ernest & Cranmer Block Destroyed by Fire.

Denver, Dec. 26.—The Ernest & Cranmer building, one of the finest office buildings in the city, located at Seventeenth and Curtis streets, was damaged by fire, the seventh and eighth floors being entirely destroyed. The balance of the building was greatly damaged by water and the basement of the building was flooded. The total loss to the building and renters is estimated at \$200,000.

The upper floors of the building were tenanted principally by lawyers, and one of the most valuable law libraries in the west was housed on the top floor. This library was ruined. On the ground floor of the burned building were located the offices of the Postal Telegraph company, several banks and other business establishments. The Postal company was compelled to desert its quarters because their wires were all disabled.

## FLYER STRIKES TROLLEY CAR

One Killed and Fourteen Injured in Accident at Ashtabula.

Ashtabula, O., Dec. 26.—The Buffalo-Pittsburgh flyer struck a trolley car on the Ashtabula Rapid Transit line at the Lake street grade crossing of the Lake Shore railroad, 300 feet from the scene of the Ashtabula disaster of 1876. The street car was demolished. Leonard Newbold was killed and fourteen persons injured. The crossing gates, it is alleged, were not down when the car approached. Some of the injured had to be extricated from beneath the wreck. All the ambulances and many physicians were summoned to the scene. Twelve were taken to the hospital. Newbold lived about four hours. Both legs and one arm were severed.

## FIRE AT NEWPORT NEWS.

Shipbuilding Plant Suffers Loss of \$200,000—Fireman Fatally Hurt.

Newport News, Va., Dec. 26.—A large building, containing the carpenter shop and molders' loft, was destroyed at the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock company's plant. The Old Dominion liner Jefferson, which is being repaired in the dry dock, was damaged to the extent of \$10,000. The total loss will amount to \$200,000; fully covered by insurance.

Eddie Eddins, a fireman, was struck by a falling telegraph pole and fatally wounded. His skull was crushed and a red hot wire cut his throat.

In the carpenter shop were tool chests belonging to 200 ship carpenters. It is estimated that these men will lose in the neighborhood of \$10,000 and their loss is not covered by insurance.

## BOY MURDERER IS INSANE.

Sidney Sloane, Who Killed His Father, a Spokane Merchant, Is Acquitted.

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 26.—"Not guilty, by reason of insanity," was the verdict returned by the jury in the case of Sidney Sloane, the eighteen-year-old boy charged with the murder of his father, James F. Sloane, a pioneer merchant of Spokane. Robbery was the motive for the crime.

After the verdict had been rendered Sloane arose as if to leave the court room, but was stopped. His attorney desires that the boy be sent to the insane asylum and this doubtless will be done.

## Hurley Blames Consignees.

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 26.—Referring to the congested condition of the railroads at present, J. E. Hurley, general manager of the Santa Fe, said: "Consignees might relieve the congestion if they would unload cars expeditiously. There are today 14,000 loaded cars in Galveston waiting for consignees to empty them and turn them back into commission."

Brother of British Admiral Killed. Minneapolis, Dec. 26.—Arrangements were made by the Soo line to have the body of Delaval J. Beres-

ford, which was taken from the wrecked car at Enderlin, embalmed in Minneapolis. The body will be prepared for transportation to England, awaiting orders from his brother, Rear Admiral Lord Charles Beresford.

President and Family Go to Virginia. Washington, Dec. 26.—President and Mrs. Roosevelt and the Roosevelt children will leave for Pine Knot Mrs. Roosevelt's home in Virginia, tomorrow. They will remain there until Dec. 31.

## TELEGRAMS TERSELY TOLD

Mrs. Gertrude Rose, wife of Henry M. Rose, secretary of the United States senate, died at Grand Rapids, Mich.

The naval authorities at Toulon have received urgent orders to prepare the transport Lantive to proceed for Morocco.

Despondent because of the death of his wife a year ago Peder Merjo, a well-to-do contractor of Minneapolis, hanged himself.

J. G. Phelps Stokes stopped contribution to the West side Y. M. C. A. of New York because of its "investment class" policy.

Sargent's report on Japanese immigration to the United States will be made the basis of a third message to congress by President Roosevelt.

The mangled bodies of Edward Liddridge and Albert Caromly were found along the Lackawanna railroad tracks at Clark's Summit, Pa. It is supposed they were struck by a train.

## RESCUED FROM TOMB

ENTOMBED MINER AT BAKERSFIELD SEES DAYLIGHT AGAIN.

L. B. Hicks Taken From Tunnel After Being Imprisoned Sixteen Days by a Cave-in—Comes Out Strong and With Nerve Unbroken.

Bakersfield, Cal., Dec. 24.—L. B. Hicks was released at 11:25 p. m. The last cut on the second rail was made at 11:12 and no sooner was the section removed and the way left open than Hicks began to scrape away the rocks and dirt and crawl toward the opening.

With arms in front of his head he went into the miniature tunnel and began to work his way slowly through to the other side of the car. When he had progressed about half way he stopped, and Superintendent Frank Millen, who stood at the tube at the mouth of the shaft, immediately called and asked what was the matter.

"Oh, nothing," Hicks called back. "I'm just going to stop. I'm out of wind. My wind is very short, you know."

Then the man of iron moved a few inches farther toward freedom and his arms were seized by Dr. Stinchfield, and Miner Gents. The two, exerting all their strength, pulled the miner into the main tunnel, where he was placed in a sitting position. The blindfold had been removed, as the tunnel was lighted by candle only and the light was dim.

And there, a hundred feet from the face of the mountain and within a step from where the miner had lain entombed for nearly sixteen days, there occurred a pathetic scene. Dr. Stinchfield, with tears in his eyes and his hands laid affectionately on Hicks' shoulders, said: "Well, how are you, old boy?"

And there were tears in the eyes of Hicks as well, the only tears that have shown themselves in all the days and nights since he was entombed, as he replied:

"I am feeling fine. I can never thank you, Doc, for what you have done."

And then came Superintendent Cone, the man who has stayed by the work day and night directing every interest, personal and of his company as well, to aid in the rescue of the miner. He came forward and took Hicks by both hands and told him he was glad to see him again. To a representative of the Associated Press Mr. Cone said:

"Of course, I am overjoyed that Hicks is out and I am rejoiced that he is well and strong. It was a long, tedious task and a severe strain upon all connected with the work, but I would go through it all over again to save that man."

## TO FEED STARVING CHINA.

President Roosevelt Calls on People to Contribute to Their Relief.

Washington, Dec. 24.—President Roosevelt issued a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to contribute funds for the relief of millions of famine sufferers in China, who are on the verge of starvation. The president says he will ask congress for authority to use government transport vessels to carry food to the famine stricken region. The proclamation follows:

"To the People of the United States: There is an appalling famine in China. Throughout a district covering over 40,000 square miles and supporting a population of 15,000,000, the crops have been destroyed by floods

and millions of people are on the verge of starvation; thousands of dwellings have been destroyed and their inmates are without homes. An urgent appeal has been made for the assistance of the United States. Amid our abounding prosperity and in this holiday season of good will to man, assuredly we should do our part to aid the unfortunate and relieve the distressed among the people of China, to whom we have been allied for so many years in friendship and kindness. I shall ask congress upon its next day of session for authority to use our transport vessels to carry flour and other food to the famine stricken region. I recommend that contributions for the purchase of such food and other appropriate relief be sent to the American National Red Cross, which will take care of the expenditures. Such contributions may be made either through the local Red Cross treasurers, or through the department of state, or may be sent directly to Charles Hallam Keep, Red Cross treasurer, United States treasury department, Washington."

## FOURTEEN YEARS IN COURT

Omaha Attorneys Seek to Recover Fees From Creighton Estate.

Lincoln, Dec. 20.—A case which has been before the courts for fourteen years is now before the supreme court for rehearing. It is that in which ex-Attorney General Smyth and General Cowin of Omaha seek to recover about \$7,000 for attorneys' fees from the estate of Joseph Creighton. The attorneys were retained by Bishop Scannell of Omaha to secure the probating of the will of Mr. Creighton when his daughter tried to break it. The question which the court must decide is whether Bishop Scannell will have to pay the full fees or whether all of the devisees will be required to pay the fees, the will being sustained and declared valid. The ravages of the Missouri river have caused the estate to depreciate greatly in value during the time that the case has been in the courts, and the attorneys say that about all they will get out of it will be the settlement of an interesting point of law.

## GRAIN DEALERS ENJOINED.

Supreme Court Decides Nebraska Association Must Dissolve.

Lincoln, Dec. 22.—The state has won its suit against the Nebraska Grain Dealers' association, and the supreme court granted a perpetual injunction to restrain the grain men from continuing as an organization to do business as they have in the past. The court merely affirms the report of Referee Pemberton, who, while holding with the attorney general in the main, refused to pass on the statement that the elevator charge was a rebate, but said this was a matter of interstate business and not within the jurisdiction of the Nebraska court.

The court refused to take from the grain dealers their charters under the Gondring act, but held the association was unlawful since the enactment of the Junkin anti-trust law. The court held that inasmuch as no move was made by the grain dealers to disorganize after the passage of that act, it would hold it was unlawfully organized to do business.

The suit against the State Journal company for \$84,500, which amount the state expended the Journal company received from the unlawful sale of supreme court cases, was won by the Journal company in court, with Judge Letton presiding, holding to its former opinion.

## MASS MEETING AT 'FRISCO.

Resolution Adopted Denouncing President's Message on Jap Question.

San Francisco, Dec. 24.—At a mass meeting held here, under the auspices of the Japanese and Korean Exclusion league, formal protest in the form of resolutions was made against the unrestricted admission of Mongolians to the public schools of San Francisco. Mayor Schmitz addressed the meeting, defending the action of the San Francisco board.

Resolutions denouncing President Roosevelt's message to congress on the Japanese situation in San Francisco, resenting his interference in the domestic affairs of the state, expressing want of confidence in Secretary McCall and denouncing his report to the president on the Japanese school question as being "utterly unworthy of credence in any particular and containing numerous misstatements and misrepresentations, obviously one-sided and grossly exaggerated," were adopted.

Bryan Gives \$1,000 to Y. W. C. A. Lincoln, Dec. 22.—W. J. Bryan gave \$1,000 to the Lincoln Young Women's Christian association building fund as a memorial to his deceased sister, who was a prominent association worker.

Lumber Yards at Norfolk Burn. Norfolk, Neb., Dec. 22.—The Edwards & Bradford lumber yards here were totally destroyed by fire last night. Loss, \$40,000.

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