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THIRTY-EIGHT MEN KILLED BY A BLAST IN COLORADO MINE

Coal Dust in Vulcan Colliery at Newcastle Blows Up, Entombing Forty.

TWO OF THEM RESCUED ALIVE

All Victims Married and Wieh Few Exceptions Americans.

WHOLE MOUNTAIN IS ROCKED

Work of Bringing Out Bodies Proceeds Slowly.

INSPECTION A FEW DAYS AGO

Employes Called Out by Strike of United Mine Workers This Fall, But Some Had Gone Back to Their Jobs.

NEWCASTLE, Colo., Dec. 16.—Coal dust in a tunnel driven far back into a mountain blew up with a detonation like that of a thousand cannon; flame and smoke shot from the mouth of the mine; the whole mountain rocked as if by an earthquake—and thirty-eight men trapped by the explosion were dead.

Tonight the men in charge of the rescue work at the Vulcan mine of the Rocky Mountain Fuel company here summarized the results of the explosion at 10:30 this morning as follows:

Men in mine, forty; rescued alive (from upper level), two; dead, thirty-eight, including every man working in the lower level. Among the dead are L. L. Crawford, mine foreman, and L. Walters fire boss. All the victims were married and all but six or eight were Americans, most of them sons of ranchmen and business men of Newcastle and the surrounding country.

Many Bodies Mangled.

Throughout the afternoon and evening the work of bringing out the bodies progressed slowly. Many of the bodies were frightfully mangled and burned by the blast that wrecked the mine. Wives and children of the victims crowded about the mouth of the mine, hysterical in their grief. Mine officials persuaded as many as possible to go back to town, where they were cared for by friends and relatives.

Father J. P. Carrigan of Glenwood Springs, near here, hurried to Newcastle at the first news of the explosion. Among the first of the rescuers, the priest pushed into the smoking pit, penetrating the entire mine in search of any victims, still alive, to whom he might administer the last rites of the church.

Before sundown the entire mine had been cleared of gas, and a thorough exploration convinced the rescuers that there was no hope of finding any of the thirty-eight entombed men alive.

Mine Recently Inspected.

The Vulcan mine was only about a year old, and was equipped with modern safety devices. It had been inspected by the state authorities only a few days ago. It is believed that the explosion was caused by an accumulation of dust in the west portion of the mine, where work had practically been abandoned. Most of the dead were found in the east workings, to which the explosion was communicated.

Seventeen years ago an explosion in a mine on the same property, but not connected with the new Vulcan mine, killed forty-seven men.

This fall the employes of the Vulcan mine were called out on strike by the United Mine Workers of America, but some of them had gone back to work. The other victims of today's disaster were strike-breakers who had been employed to take the places of the idle men.

BANDIT WHO HELD UP ANTO SHOT BY OFFICER

BROOKFIELD, Ill., Dec. 16.—9 bandit, who held up an automobile near here this afternoon, was shot by the chief of police of Lagrange and a deputy a few minutes after the attempted robbery. In an exchange of shots between the robber and the officers, a section hand on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad was seriously injured.

The Weather

Forecast till 7 p. m. Wednesday:

For Omaha, Council Bluffs and Vicinity—Fair; not much change in temperature.

Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday.

Hours.	Deg.
5 a. m.	37
6 a. m.	32
7 a. m.	32
8 a. m.	31
9 a. m.	31
10 a. m.	32
11 a. m.	35
12 m.	40
1 p. m.	40
2 p. m.	41
3 p. m.	43
4 p. m.	42
5 p. m.	40
6 p. m.	27
7 p. m.	23
8 p. m.	23

Comparative Local Record.

	1913.	1912.	1911.	1910.
Highest yesterday	45	40	30	40
Lowest yesterday	29	31	28	28
Mean temperature	37	36	28	34
Precipitation	.00	.01	.02	.00

Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal:

Normal temperature	28
Excess for the day	9
Total excess since March 1	397
Normal precipitation	.03 inch
Deficiency for the day	.03 inch
Total rainfall since March 1	23.52 inches
Deficiency since March 1	5.29 inches
Deficiency for cor. period, 1912	3.89 inches
Deficiency for cor. period, 1911	14.18 inches

Reports from Sations at 7 P. M.

Station and State of Weather.	Temp. 7 p. m.	High-est.	Rain-fall.
Cheyenne, cloudy	30	32	.00
Davenport, clear	40	46	.00
Denver, clear	26	36	.00
Des Moines, clear	42	50	.00
Dodge City, rain	34	38	.01
Lander, cloudy	16	24	.00
Omaha, foggy	33	45	.00
Pueblo, cloudy	34	36	.00
Rapid City, clear	30	50	.00
Salt Lake, cloudy	36	40	.00
Santa Fe, snow	30	42	.04
Sheridan, clear	22	44	.00
Sioux City, clear	36	44	.00
Valentine, clear	36	50	.00

L. A. WELSH, Local Forecaster.

Schmidt Creates Scene When Lawyer Says He is Insane

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Hans Schmidt sprang to his feet in the court room today and vehemently denied his counsel's statement that he was insane when he killed Anna Aumuller. "It's a lie," he shouted, brandishing his fists. "I protest against that."

The prosecution rested its case at the murder trial today and Judge W. M. K. Olcott, for the defense, outlined the insanity plea in his opening address to the jury. "I will show," he said, "that this defendant had been for many years, is now and always will be mentally unbalanced."

He was interrupted by the outburst from the prisoner.

The defense will lay stress on the evidence of Schmidt's irrationality shown since his arrest and during the trial, and on the testimony regarding his mental condition presented by members of his family and alienists.

Judge Olcott told the jury he would show that in 1904 Schmidt got into trouble in Germany for a foolish and profitless forgery, and only escaped punishment by his father's promise to put him in an asylum. From this institution the defendant escaped and came to America.

Heinrich Schmidt, the father, was the first witness for the defense. He appears prosperous and is about 65 years old. He declared himself as a railroad inspector.

The father described how at the early age of 8 the prisoner exhibited marked religious peculiarities. He erected an altar and kept the vestments of a priest in his room.

"He used to catch his mother's geese," said the father, "and cut off their heads. These he would put in his pocket and then play with the blood, imitating religious ceremonies."

Fire Fighter and Family Burned to Death in Home

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—A city fireman, his mother and sister were burned to death early today in a fire which practically destroyed a five-story apartment building in which they lived at 366 Amsterdam avenue.

Flames which started in the basement spread so rapidly that the fifty occupants of apartments found all exits cut off when aroused by the arrival of the firemen. Thrilling rescues were affected from third and fourth story windows, but seven persons were injured by the flames or by jumping.

Thomas J. McManus, on a twelve-hour leave from the fire station, was at home with his mother, Mrs. Mary McManus, and his sister, Mary. All three were trapped and the fireman's station mates were unable to reach him. One of them, Michael O'Sullivan, was probably fatally injured by falling from a ladder while trying to make his way to McManus' rooms. The loss is about $25,000.

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 16.—Five persons are dead and a score are suffering from injuries as a result of the fire which destroyed the Salvation Army home for men here early today. Several of the injured are in a serious condition. Among the dead were Arthur Sandell of Bangor, Me., bookkeeper and clerk of the home, and T. Shoddell, believed to work in this city. The other six have not been identified.

Almost all of the other beds were occupied by lodgers.

A charge of incendiarism was placed against a man who gave the name of Frank Meyers. He claimed to be a circus rider and said he last lived in Arizona. The property loss is estimated at $55,000.

Colorado Unions Consider State-Wide Strike to Aid Miners

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 16.—Between 400 and 500 delegates from approximately 250 local unions throughout Colorado met here today to consider primarily the calling of a statewide strike in sympathy with the United Mine Workers of America, now on strike in the Colorado coal fields.

It was explained by union leaders that it was not certain that a statewide strike would be called at this time because, they declared, the leaders of the federation and the United Mine Workers "do not want to impose undue hardships upon the people of the state unless it becomes absolutely necessary."

Pardon is Granted Dr. W. J. Morton

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Dr. William J. Morton, who served a term in Atlanta penitentiary with Julian Hawthorne for complicity in mining stock selling frauds, has been pardoned by President Wilson to restore his civil right as of December 16.

Dr. Morton's pardon was asked by many citizens, who pointed out that under the New York laws he would be debarred from practicing medicine unless his civil rights were restored. President Wilson's action was taken on those grounds, officials here explained today. No such action was taken as to Hawthorne because the necessity was not acute.

FAMOUS CIVIL WAR SCOUT DIES AT PITTSBURGH

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 16.—A. R. Rowand, aged 68 years, one of General Phillip H. Sheridan's famous "Jesse scouts," died in his home here last night. He was awarded the congressional medal of honor on recommendation of General Sheridan for his daring work in the Shenandoah valley campaign. He was 17 years old when he began his hazardous work and for three years spent most of his time within the confederate lines. He served under Generals Averill, Milroy, Hunter and Sheridan. Mr. Rowand served two terms as clerk of courts of Allegheny county. Since 1885 he had practiced law. His son, H. H. Rowand, is first assistant district attorney of Allegheny county.

CHICAGO CLUB WOMEN ASK SHOOP TO RESIGN

Newly Elected Superintendent of Schools Gives Delegation a Cordial Re[illegible]

HE REFUS[illegible] REPLY

Says His Notice of Election to the Position Is Official.

TART WORDS FROM MISS HALEY

Mr. Shoop Is Told that He Is Party to the Deal.

TEACHERS SHOULD RESENT IT

She Says He Misrepresented the Facts and Parents Should Keep Their Children from School as a Protest.

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—John D. Shoop, whose appointment as superintendent of schools to succeed Mrs. Ella Flag Young raised a storm of protest, today received a committee of women sent by various civic organizations to ask him to resign. The delegation was headed by Mrs. George W. Bass, president of the Chicago Woman's club.

A courteous reception was given the women by Mr. Shoop, who declined, however, to offer any reply.

"I was officially and regularly notified of my selection for this position," said Mr. Shoop. "I appreciate to the full the high character and the influential character of this deputation, but my reply, if any, will be made to those in official authority."

Next Meeting December 24.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be December 24. It is said that five new members will then take the seats declared vacant by Mayor Harrison as the result of the displacement of Mrs. Young and action on the superintendency is looked for.

Mrs. Bass was chairman of the mass meeting of women Saturday which protested against Mrs. Young's removal.

"We want Mrs. Young back. This is the popular demand," she told Shoop. "The manner of her removal was collusive and deceitful. For the sake of the welfare of the public schools we ask you to resign."

Sharp Shot from Miss Haley.

As the women prepared to depart Mr. Shoop was charged by Miss Margaret Haley, business manager of the Chicago Teachers' federation, with having known in advance of the action of the board and with having afterward misrepresented the facts. Miss Haley declared that she was not speaking for the teachers' federation.

"Any body of teachers that will suffer themselves to be under a superintendent elected as you were is unfit to guide children," she said. "Parents who will tamely allow their children to go to school teachers under such a superintendent are not fit to rear children."

Mr. Shoop made no reply to Miss Haley.

Officers of Carabao Put Part of Blame Upon Press Agent

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Officers of the Order of Carabao sent assurances to administration officials today that they entertained no plans or purpose of hostility to President Wilson's Philippine policy when they gave their dinner last week and gave travesties and satires on members of the cabinet and other public officials.

Rear Admiral Howard, honorary president of the order, today repudiated the work of the press agent who furnished advance stories about the dinner, which declared that what was said and done was designed to show the "lack of sympathy for recent developments and tendencies in the Philippine government.

Admiral Howard said neither he nor any other officer knew such statements were being given out. Brigadier General Aleshire, Brigadier General McIntyre and Admiral Howard conferred with Secretary Garrison today and promised to furnish a report of what occurred at the banquet.

President Wilson's order for an investigation of the affair has created a great commotion in army and navy circles.

Chicago Election Fraud Cases Will Be Tried at Once

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 16.—The Illinois supreme court this morning denied the application for a writ of habeas corpus in the Chicago election fraud case.

The habeas corpus case hinged on the contention of State's Attorney Hoyne of Cook county that the special grand jury which indicted nearly sixty men on charges of election frauds acted without warrant of law.

The immediate effect of the decision is said to be that the election frauds cases will be brought to trial in Chicago without delay.

Kansas City Women Lift Egg Boycott

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 16.—An egg boycott, declared ten days ago at a mass meeting of the women's organizations of Kansas City, was lifted today. Storage eggs were selling at 40 cents at the time the boycott was started. Today they retailed at 30 to 34 cents. The boycotters, led by the Housewives' league, announced in the beginning that they would use no storage eggs until the price dropped to 32 cents.

"Of course if the price goes up again we will cease using eggs," said Mrs. W. Q. Church, president of the Housewives' league today, "but as long as the market is down we need not deny ourselves."

Fresh eggs today sold at 36 to 38 cents. Commission men ascribe the drop in prices more to increasing arrivals because of mild weather than to the boycott.

Those Naughty Boys.

Naughty! Naughty! Little chil-dren should love their teach-ers and not play pra-n-ks. "While the cat's away the mice will play" but we must have di-sci-pline and such un-couth lang-uage! Never let this hap-pen a-gain as it of-fends one's sen-si-tive dig-ni-ty.

Drawn for The Bee by Powell.

DEMOS GETTING ANXIOUS

Prod Up Senator Hitchcock Over Delay in Appointment.

URGE PEACE WITH BRYAN

Sarcastically Remark that the Only Obligations They Are Under to Leaders is Privilege of Voting for Them.

Tom O'Connor, Tom Flynn, J. F. Moriarty and other democratic politicians of Omaha have now joined the ranks of those who are clamoring for the factions in Omaha to get together and dish out some patronage in Omaha. The above names are among a list of over 100 democrats that have signed a letter which is to be mailed to Senator Hichcock, urging that he and Secretary Bryan adjust their differences in order to get busy and appoint a good democrat to the office of collector of internal revenue for Nebraska. They suggest the names of P. E. McKillip and Senator J. A. Ollis as good men for the position.

Some eight or ten subordinate positions are to be filled by the revenue collector himself, who will appoint different friends when he is chosen. These subordinate positions are what the rank and file are looking for.

So the letter to Senator Hitchcock sets forth the case, and represents that "we are the hewers of wood and drawers of water" and that "we are under no obligation politically or otherwise to Senator Hitchcock or Secretary Bryan, only the obligation of having the privilege of voting for them on numerous occasions."

Among those who have signed the wall are the following: Tom Flynn, J. F. Moriarty, Tom O'Connor, F. Harrison, Max Lawermeyer, Fred Snyder, Kennard, McCormick, H. Stroesser, Roy J. Sollars, Jerry Howard, Lawrence A. Divine, Ernest Collmire, J. K. Milburn, E. Carr, C. Jewell, M. J. Alk, Frank R. Keegan, E. W. Kelly, W. B. Fitzgerald, Ben H. Scull, W. M. Nash, H. M. Barlow and numerous others of Omaha and South Omaha.

Text of Letter.

The full text of the letter the democrats are rapidly signing to be sent to Senator Hitchcock is as follows:

"It seems from observation and otherwise that you are somewhat tardy in recommending the removal of the collector of internal revenue for Nebraska (the term of the present incumbent expired several months ago), unless he can be superseded by one certain man, and while this man is your only choice, nevertheless is it not a fact that Secretary of State Bryan, who is likewise powerful with the powers that be, will not concur in the appointment of this distinguished statesman? Therefore, for the sake of harmony, and as a compromise, we, the undersigned, of the rank and file, who are the hewers of wood and the drawers of water of the party, and who are under no obligations politically or otherwise to Senator Hitchcock or Secretary Bryan—only the obligation of having the privilege of voting for the senator and secretary on numerous occasions—and believing in the policy of Andrew Jackson, 'to the victor belongs the spoils,' we herewith submit the names of Hon. P. E. McKillip and Senator J. A. Ollis, either of whom would fill the office of collector of internal revenue honorably."

GREECE MAY KEEP NINE OF THE ISLANDS

PARIS, Dec 16.—The French foreign office today instructed Jules Cambon, French ambassador in Berlin, to inform the German government that France has accepted the British proposal that Greece be allowed to keep nine out of the eleven islands occupied during the Balkan war. The other two, Tenedos and Imbros, are to be returned to Turkey. Italy, in the opinion of the French government, should return to Turkey the eleven islands occupied during the war in Tripoli.

Nineteen Acres in Heart of London Are Sold in Single Deal

LONDON, Dec. 16.—The biggest private real estate deal on record was completed today with the sale of the duke of Bedford's freehold property, covering about nineteen acres in the vicinity of Covent Garden in the center of London to Harry Mallaby-Deeley, a unionist member of the House of Commons.

Many millions of pounds sterling changed hands over the transaction, but the figures were withheld. The agents vouchsafed the information that the "price exceeds by several million pounds the largest sum ever before paid for a single property."

Roughly speaking the estate stretches east and west from Kingsway to St. Martin's Lane, near Trafalgar Square and north and south from Long Acre to the Strand. It includes the Royal Opera, the Drury Lane, the Aldwych, the Strand and the Lyceum theaters, several hotels, Covent Garden, Bow street police court, the National Sporting club and a number of great printing establishments.

Collins Clan Buys Arms and Will Fight it Out With Raiders

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Dec. 16.—Members of the Collins family of Old Horton in Howell county, whose homes were raided last Sunday by feud enemies of the family, are arming themselves and barricading their houses in preparation for a "battle to the death," according to reports brought here today.

Paralee Collins, the young woman who was lashed with switches and ordered to leave the state on pain of death, appeared in West Plains last night accompanied by Mary Dick Collins, another young woman who was ordered out of the country. After supplying themselves with arms and ammunition the women departed, saying they intended to return to Old Horton and "fight it out."

According to reports here great excitement prevails in the isolated village and a second visit of the raiders would mean a pitched battle. It is said the band of raiders was made up of citizens of the community.

Arson Squad Fires Liverpool Church

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 16.—The suffragette arson squad today did damage to St. Anne's church here. The stalls on the south side of the church were destroyed and the splendid organ was damaged. Entrance was gained through a stained glass window which the incendiaries smashed.

The usual suffrage literature was scattered about the place to indicate that the fire was intended as a protest against the government's treatment of Mrs. Pankhurst.

The National Capital

Tuesday, December 16, 1913.

The Senate.

Met at 10 a. m.

Debate resumed on currency bill, with Senator Bristow leading an attack on deposit guarantee feature.

The House.

Met at noon.

President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor testified before the house judiciary committee.

War department submitted final report on raising of the battleship Maine in Havana harbor.

Resolution adopted authorizing expert assistance for judiciary committee for anti-trust work.

President Atkinson of the National Grangers told rural credits committee farmers were opposed to co-operative agricultural credit.

Labor committee reported in favor of a federal bureau on safety.

BLAMES HIS STATE OF MIND

Dr. Brantley Testifies in Own Defense in Federal Court Case.

POLITICS CAUSES HIS DOWNFALL

Questioned by Government in Regard to His Letters Telling of Being Ready to Make His Usual Getaway.

The defense finished with the testimony of Dr. E. D. Brantley yesterday in the United States district court, and the witness, testifying in his own behalf, was turned over to District Attorney F. S. Howell for cross-examination.

In direct examination, Dr. Brantley was asked where his wife was at the present time.

"In a dining room at Louisville," he replied with effort.

Then came the cross-examination by the government.

"Isn't it a fact that you know at the present time, that your wife is a cashier at the desk of one of the leading, I might say the leading, hotel at Louisville?" the witness was asked.

The witness hesitated several minutes and then replied that he did not exactly know that she was cashier at the desk; that he had heard from her and that she had said that she was in a dining room.

"Hasn't Mrs. Wittman told you since you came to Omaha that your wife held the position of cashier there and that she received the sum of $40 per month and her board and room for her services?" came the question.

The witness repeated the former answer.

In the cross-examination, District Attorney Howell traced the life of the defendant from the time he had graduated from a medical school, through the time he had engaged successfully in the legitimate practice of medicine at Nashville.

"And isn't it a fact that the decline of your practice there dated from the time you engaged in politics?" asked the government counsel.

The witness again hesitated and halfway admitted the affirmative in reply.

Extracts from letters written by Brantley were again questioned. The witness explained that when he wrote, "we will expect to make the usual getaway," he really meant the "unusual getaway." Other statements made in letters to the World-Herald, and to his wife which were in apparent contradiction to the testimony of the witness, were read and an explanation asked for.

In many instances the witness referred to the "state of mind" he was in at the time the letters were written, and in numerous other instances his memory absolutely failed to recall what was said or done or meant.

PROPER CONDUCT AT TABLE IS FINAL TEST

IOWA CITY, Ia., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—Proper conduct at the table and a general observance of the social niceties will form the last course in the tryouts of the Rhodes scholarship applicants, who will come here next Saturday to meet the committee of college presidents which will finally name the successful man. While the man who does not know how to handle his knife and work will not be absolutely barred thereby, his aptitude in this line will nevertheless have some bearing upon his chances. The mental examinations for the scholarship were given here about six weeks ago.

FERGUSON ELECTED CAPTAIN OF COYOTES

VERMILION, S. D., Dec. 16.—(Special Telegram.)—Cooley Ferguson of North Adams, Mass., for three years star Coyote halfback, was elected foot ball captain of the 1914 team at the annual foot ball banquet last night. Vidal, quarter, and Potts, center, were other candidates

MURDERER OF THREE UNDER LIFE SENTENCE IS LYNCHED BY MOB

Man Convicted of Killing Daughter, Former Wife and Her Husband Hanged to a Bridge.

DEAD WOMAN ONCE OF OMAHA

Neighbors Dissatisfied Because the Death Penalty Not Imposed.

BODY RIDDLED WITH BULLETS

Masked Men Remember He Showed No Mercy to Victims.

MOB BREAKS INTO THE JAIL

Prisoner Had Been Found Guilty of Killing Three Members of the Dillon Family Near Ray, North Dakota.

WILLISTON, N. D., Dec. 16.—Cleve Culbertson, recently convicted of murdering three members of the Dillon family at Ray, N. D., was taken from the Williams county jail by a mob and hanged from a bridge near here.

Culbertson was lynched shortly before daybreak. The lynching party, which consisted of a large number of masked men, battered down the doors of the jail with a heavy iron pipe. Despite the warnings of Sheriff Erickson the mob rushed into the jail, tore the door off the cell occupied by the prisoner and dragged him out of the building. He was taken to the Middle Muddy river, a mile and a half from town, where he was hanged from the wagon bridge spanning the stream. When the body was cut down shortly afterward it was found to have been riddled with bullets.

Culbertson while being taken from the jail pleaded for mercy, but was met with the reply: "You did not show any mercy to the Dillons and we will show none to you."

Policeman Beaten by Mob.

Policeman Lucinford and James Johnson, a laborer, attracted by the shouts of the mob, attempted to interfere and were badly beaten.

After the conviction of Culbertson last week, which carried a prison sentence for life, there was considerable dissatisfaction expressed because the death penalty had not been imposed and threats of lynching were freely made.

The mob, which was thoroughly organized, is believed by the sheriff to come from the vicinity of Ray, where Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Dillon and their daughter were murdered on the night of October 18. There was no known cause for the killing of the Dillons. Culbertson received his formal sentence yesterday and was to have been taken to the penitentiary today.

Principals from Nebraska.

Culbertson, whose real name is supposed to have been Marshall, formerly lived at Geneva, Neb., and was a divorced husband of Mrs. Dillon. A wedding picture of both was found in Dillon's home. Mrs. Dillon went from Omaha to Ray, N. D.

Luella Marshall, the 16-year-old girl who was killed with Mr. and Mrs. Dillon, was a daughter of Culbertson and Mrs. Dillon. The murders occurred at the farm of the Dillons, six miles north of Ray, when Culbertson appeared and asked for work. He was allowed to stay for supper.

What transpired at the meal, whether Mrs. Dillon recognized her former husband, is not known, as there is no living witness. Mrs. Dillon only recovered consciousness long enough to identify the murderer. The victims were shot to death.

Lynched by Mob.

SHREVEPORT, La., Dec. 16.—Two negroes, Ernest and Frank Williams, were lynched by a mob at Blanchard, La., today. They had confessed to killing Calvin Ballard, whose body was found hacked to pieces in his store Saturday morning.

The negroes lynched are believed to have been friends of three negroes Ballard killed several months ago when they attempted to escape from the Louisiana penitentiary, where Ballard at the time was a trusty. Ballard was rewarded soon by his release from the prison, where he had been serving a ten-year sentence for killing his brother.

Big Fire at Lynchburg, Va.

LYNCHBURG, Va., Dec. 16.—Fire in the business district early today did $250,000 damage. The flames started from an unknown cause.

First Aid to Shoppers

At no season of the year is newspaper advertising of more value to our readers than at the Christmas season.

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