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MILITIA BULLETS SWEEP STREET OF SPRINGFIELD, ILL., KILLING 5

REIGN OF TERROR COMES TO END WHEN GUNS ARE FIRED POINT-BLANK AT ENRAGED MOB.

Reminder of Days of Louis the Terrible When France Swam in Blood, is Occasioned in Springfield Early This Morning—After Night of Disorder and Riot, Militia Finally Quells Disturbance by Killing Five of the Rioters—Negro Quarters Ruined—Mob Obliterates White Man's Property—Distasteful Affair Over Assault on White Woman by a Negro—Fear Outbreaks Tomorrow Again and Three Regiments Are Rushed to Scene.

Springfield, Ill., Aug. 15.—A volley from the guns of soldiers mowed down five members of a mob, slightly wounding many others and put an end to a riot here at 4 o'clock this morning. After two persons were killed by bullets, one negro lynched, an addition to the destruction of 25 business places conducted by negroes, the city is quiet today after a night of horrors.

Soldiers are patrolling the streets, and the saloons are closed. The section occupied by the negroes looks as if it had been struck by a cyclone. The restaurant of Harry T. Loper, who loaned the sheriff his auto to spirit away George Richardson, a negro whom the mob wanted for an attack upon Mrs. Earl Hallam, is a complete wreck and the auto is in splinters.

The militia from Peoria, Pekin and Decatur arrived at 2:30 this morning on a special train.

Lynched and Body Riddled. Charles Hunter, a negro hotel porter, who shot James Hayes, a white onlooker, was seized by the mob, dragged from the building amid yells, a rope fastened around his neck and dragged to a tree and hanged. His dangling body was riddled with bullets.

Charged With Bayonets. Soldiers, with bayonets fixed, charged Main street and succeeded in routing the crowds in the business section. In the meantime the work of destruction was proceeding in the negro section where houses were burned, while the blacks were fleeing.

Mob Rules Firemen. Firemen found themselves helpless. "Save the homes of the whites, but if you put a drop of water on the negroes' homes we will cut the hose," yelled the mob. At first the firemen paid no attention, but when one line of hose was cut, the firemen saw it was useless to try to fight the fire. The poorer negro section was wiped out and the mob then moved on to the homes of the more respectable blacks. "Run every nigger out of town," the mob shouted. Many carried torches. Troops drew up in front of the mob and ordered a halt. At first the rioters paid no attention and continued to advance.

Fire at Hob. Suddenly there was a crash of muskets, a flash of fire and soldiers were shooting in the air. The mob hooted, "Disperse or we will shoot you down," shouted the colonel. The mob refused. Suddenly an order to shoot was given. Five rioters fell. It is believed all of them will die.

The riot then ended. It is not known how many were wounded as many were dragged away by their friends in the mob. The soldiers then took charge of the burned section, while the white firemen resumed the work of putting the fire out.

Innocent Man Fatally Hurt. W. H. Bews, a clerk in the county treasurer's office, was attacked by a gang of negroes this morning. He is dying at the hospital. He was going to his home when he was fired upon

until he fell. The negroes searched his pockets, and also took a diamond ring from his finger, a diamond shirt stud and all his money.

Lynching Was Atrocious. Those witnessing the lynching say it was the most atrocious act of the night. After shooting Hayes, Hunter ran into a building. Several shots struck him before he was dragged out to be hanged. Small boys played with the suspended body, swinging it back and forth, striking it against a nearby wall.

Loper, whose restaurant was wrecked by the mob, estimates his loss at \$50,000.

Fear Outbreak Tomorrow. Governor Deneen today ordered the entire First regiment of Chicago and the Fourth, composed of soldiers from Illinois companies, to report here. The remaining companies of the Fifth are en route. Three full regiments will be on the scene tonight. Another outbreak is feared tomorrow.

While the mob was wrecking his restaurant, Harry Loper sat in the rear smoking a cigar and holding a rifle on his knee. The restaurant was one of the best in the city.

When Trouble Started. Mrs. Hallam, wife of a street car conductor, was assaulted Thursday night by a negro. The trouble started when it was learned that Loper took Richardson, the negro, then under arrest for the assault, out of town in his auto.

Chafin is a Hero. Eugene Chafin, the prohibition presidential candidate who was struck by a brick while making a speech, is today one of the heroes of the riot. When a negro was being chased by the whites he rushed toward Chafin, who held up his hand as if holding a revolver, and threatened to shoot any one who touched the negro. In a moment he had been struck at the side of the head with a brick.

Another Victim. John Caldwell, a white who was shot through the stomach last night, died at 11:30 today.

The lynched negro was today identified as Scott Burton, a saloon swamp.

Fear Riot in Bloomington. Bloomington, Ill., Aug. 15.—Richardson and Joe James, the negroes spirited from Springfield, are closely guarded here. The sheriff fears a riot, and gave out a statement that Richardson had been taken to Peoria.

CRANK WORRIES SECRET SERVICE

HAS BEEN AT SAGAMORE HILL SINCE YESTERDAY.

Considerable Worry Over Presence of a Crank at Sagamore Hill Yesterday—Hoover Aways and Did Not See Him—Believed to Be Manufacturer Who is Laboring Under Belief That Rich Enemy is Exerting Hypnotic Influence.

Oyster Bay, Aug. 15.—Secret service men here are worried over a crank, who succeeded in reaching Sagamore Hill, the president's summer home, yesterday. The president was aboard his yacht at the time and did not see the crank.

The man is supposed to be Boses E. Okum, a manufacturer of gas checks for arc lights, who appeared before the court and asked for a warrant for the arrest of a "rich enemy" who, he said, was exerting hypnotic influence over him.

When the secret service men learned that he was at Sagamore Hill, they became alarmed and are now looking for him.

Gasoline Street Cars. Pendleton, Aug. 15.—According to reports from Wald Walla, when the extension of the electric line is completed to Weston, Athens and Pendleton, electric cars will not be used on the tracks, but instead, gasoline motor cars, carrying about 50 people, will be used.

While the company has not definitely announced this change in the style

of the road, it is yet understood that gasoline motor cars are now being constructed in the east for this road and when the system is extended electricity will be abandoned.

The adoption of the gasoline motor cars will save the expense of electric wires and poles and will also make the maintenance of the system much less expensive, and it is believed that the new cars will be equally as satisfactory as the electric cars.

It is understood that as soon as harvest is over and farmers are through with summer work that the work of securing additional right of way will begin, and everything points to the completion of the system to this city.

APPLE CROP TO REACH 300 CARS

CONSERVATIVE ESTIMATE OF OUTPUT IS 250 CARS.

Now That Cherry Season is About Over Attention Turns to Apple Crop—Estimates Vary Between 250 and 300 Carloads From This Valley the Coming Season—Markets and Prices Not Sufficiently Near to Be Dealt With Intelligently.

The most conservative estimates of the apple crop for the Grande Ronde valley for the coming season range between 250 and 300 carloads, aside from the bulk that will be consumed locally. Now that the cherry crop has been harvested and growers and shippers are compiling figures to ascertain the exact total of the crop, attention is turning to the apple crop and the apple market. Just what the market will be is too dim a proposition to warrant positive statements, as the northwest is fairly productive of apples this year, and the difference between the prospective prices and the real quotations at marketing time will no doubt vary much.

While a general report has not been compiled, there is evidence of bumper crops in all sections of the apple districts in this valley.

The estimate made of the total crop is very conservative and there are some who think the total shipments will reach fully 300.

THAT "DOG" AGAIN.

Gets Out of Express Office Only to Land in City Pound.

The "dog" which spent the greater part of two weeks tied up in the express office waiting for his master to call and settle charges, is now tied up in the city jail awaiting the action of the city pound or the appearance of his owner again, with more money.

"The Dog,"—that is the only name any one has ever taken the trouble to bestow upon it—would be classified as female gender, bird dog variety, and dark brown complexion. To all appearances, comes from good family and has a friendly disposition, being very partial to food. This afternoon the animal was discovered wandering around the street free from the restraining hand of its master or the adornment of the dog tag tax. In case the owner fails to appear at the city recorder's office and pays the charges there will be another canine face in dog heaven and the history of "The Dog" will have been completed. Owing to the fact that "The Dog" can never become a father, the city authorities will exact two dollars instead of one dollar which would have been the price had not this privilege been denied it.

Poor doggie would still have been tied to the express office door had not The Observer found its master. The news item telling of the ownerless dog came to the knowledge of John Anderson and he unwillingly wasted \$1.50 express charges on the worthless animal. But it seems now that even The Observer is unable to do more for "The Dog." We decline to "cough up" two large simoleons for doggie's freedom.

ASSESSED VALUATION OF UNION COUNTY IS \$7,000,000

IMPROVEMENTS IN ALL SECTIONS LARGELY RESPONSIBLE FOR HALF MILLION INCREASE.

Excepting a Few Assessments in La Grande, Union County is Now Fully Assessed—Grand Total Hugs the Seven-Million Mark—Remarkable Increase Over Last Year—Timber Land Assessed Higher, But Horses and Household Goods Entered at Lower Figures—Power Notes Assessed Than Last Year—Assessors Find Improvements in All Parts of the County.

Union county's assessed valuation

for 1908 is almost \$7,000,000, according to grand totals that have been compiled in the assessor's office this week from assessments turned in by the deputy assessors in all the districts of the county. There are several assessments in La Grande that have not been made for the reason that the property owners are out of the city. When they return, the assessment roll for the entire county will be complete.

County is Richer. By a half million dollars the county is richer than last year. There is, technically speaking, more than a half million dollars additional wealth in the county, because horses and household goods are assessed lower than

last year. Then, too, there were fewer notes assessed than last year. The only thing that is assessed higher this year is timber land. There is a large figure in timber land and this has in a measure helped swell the total assessment figures.

The increase in valuation is largely for improved property. The deputy assessors found improvement rampant in all parts of the county and houses and buildings of all descriptions that last year were valued at ordinary property have this year been improved to such an extent that the owners will be required to pay at first-class property rates. It is seldom that the county's wealth has increased so much in one year as it has since the 1907 assessment.

BREWERS RESENT AID TO Y. M. C. A.

SURPLUS FROM FLEET FUND THE SUBJECT OF SQUABBLE.

San Francisco Young Men's Christian Association and the Brewers' Association Lock Horns Because Former May Benefit by Donations—Brewers Gave Liberally to Entertain the Fleet But Object to Giving the Latter Any of Surplus.

San Francisco, Aug. 15.—The Young Men's Christian association of this city and the Brewers Protective association have locked horns over the recent proposal to give the former organization the surplus of \$4728 from the fleet reception fund. When it was discovered, after the fleet's departure, that several thousand dollars were left in the treasury, it was suggested by Chairman Frank Symmes, of the entertainment committee, that the amount be given to the Y. M. C. A. The brewers who gave a large amount to the fund, were aroused, because they did not want any of their money to go to an organization opposing them.

Prosperity Boom On. New York, Aug. 15.—Prosperity day in the metropolis was marked by the

employment of hundreds of men and women who have been out of work for months, and it is expected that many more will be taken back on Monday. The delegates to the Traveling Men's Prosperity Congress will spend the day at the beach, and the meeting will conclude tonight with a prosperity banquet. Wholesale houses report that business is now almost normal and that the prospects are good for a heavy fall trade. Thousands of buyers from all over the country are now in the city and are buying almost as liberally as ever. Another merchants' excursion period, allowing reduced rates from the west and southwest, commences today, and the local jobbers are preparing to entertain thousands of buyers next week.

Los Angeles Anniversary. Los Angeles, Cal., Aug. 15.—The anniversary of the founding of Los Angeles by Spanish padres 127 years ago was celebrated today in the customary manner by the Society la Reina de Los Angeles.

Los Angeles had its origin on August 15, 1781, when Felipe de Neve, governor of Alta California, arrived on the site of the present city, then marked by a collection of Indian huts, and gave to the redskin village the imposing name of El Pueblo de Nuestra Señora, la Reina de Los Angeles—the Town of Our Lady, the Queen of the Angels. For many years the Spanish padres controlled the destiny of the town, and today's celebration centered about the Church of Our Lady of the Angels, on the Plaza which was once the heart of the village. In the old days of the vacquero and the guitar,

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