

MANY ARE KILLED IN PITCHED FIGHT WITH HOODED MEN

Masked Vigilantes, Workers In Oil Fields Battle As Robbed Men Start Drive To Clean Up Entire District

DISTURBANCE LAID UPON KU KLUX KLAN

Statement Is Issued Through Sheriff; Wires Are Cut Leading Into Smackover.

OIL CITY, La., Nov. 29.—A number of men were killed and injured in a pitched battle between oil field workers and masked vigilantes in the Smackover, Ark., sashier field early today, according to unconfirmed reports here.

An attempt to run gamblers and divekeepers out of the field prompted the outbreak, reports here said. Since the vigilantes became active two men have been shot to death in underworld fights. Two thousand notorious characters were said to be in the field.

One of the unconfirmed reports received here at Natchez and other towns in this section were that 65 were killed or injured in the fighting.

Authorities from Camden are enroute to the field.

Reports reaching Monroe were that the vigilantes donned the garb of the Ku-Klux-Klan in the fight with lawless elements of the town. This advice said the fighting was near the Ouachita Union county line. Monroe advised said searching parties were covering the section looking for casualties.

The battle was described by eyewitnesses as being one of the most spectacular engagements ever noted in this section, as scores of white garbed figures darted here and there in efforts to protect themselves and to shoot down men of the opposing army who had resisted when the "vigilantes" marched in with the intention of cleaning up the disorderly element.

The "Smackover clean up committee" was organized on Sunday. The identity of the men who are its members are unknown, but it is declared

that when the members paraded they all wore white robes and hoods. This committee paraded Monday afternoon in Smackover and ordered proprietors of all questionable resorts to go.

Shortly before midnight the 200 or more vigilantes left for the surrounding areas of the oil fields and when they arrived about two miles from the new oil town they were met with a fusillade of shots from behind trees. This was the signal for the battle, which raged fiercely for an hour.

Before leaving for the scene of the fight with deputies early today Sheriff Edward Harper of Camden said all wires were cut in the Smackover region and he was without accurate information as to the number of fatalities resulting from the battle between 200 hooded "vigilantes" and oil field workers and gamblers.

The sheriff's statement follows: "I understand that the invaders who visited the towns along Smackover creek after parading in the town of Smackover last night at 10 o'clock were members of the Ku Klux Klan. They were at least hooded and wore white robes. Their purpose, I am sure, was not to precipitate a battle but to clean up the oil region resorts and gambling.

"The battle, in reality occurred at what is known as Patagonia and after they paraded in Smackover they started to several oil field villages in the Patagonia region and were met with armed resistance. That part of the oil fields is a wooded country and the battle was fought from behind trees and rocks and there are perhaps many dead as a result, but all reports received by me are that no one was killed."

Persons reached Eldorado, Ark., from the Texas Smackover creek declared over the telephone today that there were no fatalities among the "vigilantes" but one oil field man was killed and several men were wounded. They reported the fight was precipitated by the tarring and feathering of a man

Senegalese Champ Says Battle With Georges Framed

PARIS, Dec. 4.—Battling Sikki, the Senegalese conqueror of Georges Carpentier, declared today in the presence of Deputy Diagne and one witness that his fight with Carpentier for the light-heavyweight world's championship had been "framed," but that during the fight he had determined to be the winner.

Sikki said that, once he was in the ring with a crowd of 50,000 people acclaiming him, and conscious of his own strength, he had had a revulsion of feeling, despite reminders from his corner during his minute's rest after the third round, and he decided to go in and win.

ARREST DECLARED BASED UPON FAKE INSANITY CHARGE

Martin Perwes Escapes From Morningside Hospital to Oregon City; Tells Story Of Cryptic Poison Plot.

INVESTIGATION WILL BE BEGUN BY WILSON

Commitment To Institution In Portland Declared to be To Prevent His Talking.

Charging that he had been railroaded to the Morningside hospital in Portland, Martin Perwes, who escaped from the hospital there to Oregon City Tuesday, it became known here yesterday. Perwes was returned to the Morningside institution by Sheriff Wilson and gave no indications of insanity while here the sheriff says.

Perwes who is about 35, was charged with insanity while working in the Unga Alaska canneries, Perwes claims that the charges were to silence him and prevent investigation on his part of facts concerning what he believes was either murder or attempted murder.

His story told to the sheriff attorney here, is to the effect that while working in a cannery at Unga he met a Charles Gutenberg, who confided in Perwes that he had been wedded twice and that at one time had attempted to poison one of his wives. Incidents in the story led Perwes to believe that Gutenberg had attempted to poison his sister, rather than his wife, and that the woman was probably living in Boston, as Gutenberg had not seen her for several years.

The theory that Gutenberg was a fanatic was also suggested, Perwes says.

Enduring untold hardships, Perwes started on a 100 mile journey over the mountains to the states where he intended to investigate. He was followed by Gutenberg and some of his former companions, captured and held on insanity charges.

Because of the fact that there is no asylum in Alaska he was committed to the Morningside institution at Portland, and was denied, he says, the right to secure an attorney. He returned voluntarily to the hospital after being promised that the case would be fully probed.

C. W. HAYHURST TELLS OF JOURNEY TO EGYPT

Trip Through Europe and To Asia Throws Interesting Light Upon Old World.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hayhurst, former residents of Oregon City, now of Portland, are enjoying a trip abroad, according to a letter received this week by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Harrington and family at Gladstone.

A letter written by Hayhurst, dated October 11, and on board the steamship Lotus, while on his way to Egypt with his wife, is as follows:

"We are here again, after eleven weeks of strenuous sailing. When securing our steamer bookings in London for China, etc., we were unable to get stop-overs in Egypt and Palestine, as the demand for passage at this season is so great that only through passengers will be accepted. We had difficulty in even getting passage, and finally secured it on a French line. Now a general French marine strike seems really to have benefitted us (temporarily at least), for it has delayed the sailing of our Oryza steamer for but two weeks, and the company has very kindly sent us to Egypt upon one of the smaller ships, rather than to keep us waiting in Marseilles (an uninteresting place) for our regular steamer.

"Our accommodations here are very good, but the food and service very poor, as the crew, except for the principal navigating officers, are a pick-up lot of strikebreakers of all nationalities and four colors, and as yet there is little system.

"The steamer is loaded to capacity with passengers, but has little cargo. Most of the passengers are high class Egyptians and Syrians, who are returning home with their wives, children and maids, after summering in France, England and Switzerland. Most of the children are adorable, fairly well behaved, and provide the principal interest on board, as they have the freedom of the ship, and are a lively noisy lot.

"There are a few English and French on board, but only four of us Americans. Nearly all the Egyptians and Syrians speak good English—in fact they speak four languages—Arabic, French, Italian and English. Most of them, while natives born, are of European descent, and have been educated in Europe.

"Electric Storm Seen "We were in quite a spectacular electric storm one night. The lightning and thunder was all about the ships, and quite near too—in fact the usual Fourth of July fireworks were very insignificant in comparison with it. There was a heavy fall of rain, but little wind. The weather is much warmer today, such as we had expected it, would be here.

"Yesterday we passed close to the hooking volcano island of Stromboli, and through the narrow Strait of Messina between Italy and Sicily. We saw the new rebuilt city of Mesdini, which was almost completely destroyed a few years ago by an earthquake. Also saw Mt. Etna an active volcano, in the distance.

"We will not see land again until we sight Africa near Alexandria, where we will arrive Sunday morning. "We liked Switzerland best of all countries visited. It has wonderful natural beauty, and its cities and hotels are so clean. Italy, of course, is very interesting, especially historically, and very rich in art treasures. Some parts are also very beautiful, but it is so dirty everywhere that it detracts from its beauty and interest.

"We were greatly disappointed in Naples and Vesuvius, but Pompeii was beyond our expectations.

"France Is Visited "The seacoast of Southern France, in the vicinity of Nice, Monaco and Monte Carlo is very picturesque and beautiful. If we were to live in Europe, however, we would prefer England or Switzerland.

"We are much pleased at not seeing the evidences of poverty or the number of beggars we had believed existed over here; especially in Italy. England, has by far the most unemployed. Belgium and France have practically none. From the display of wealth, which we saw nearly everywhere on the streets, in shops, hotels, cafes and theatres—the jewels, furs and other fine clothes, silks and laces, the crown jewels and precious stones, gold and other valuable metals in the palaces and churches—We are of the opinion that the United States should insist that all the war and other debts owing us from these countries should be paid in full with interest, and that the only grace we should grant is a reasonable time in which to make the payments.

"French Resources Vast "The French colonial exposition at Marseilles gave us an entirely new comprehension of the vast resources next to those of England, North, East of France and her colonies, which are and West African colonies and a multitude of islands in the Indian, Atlantic and Pacific oceans, also Syria.

Estimated amounts of money necessary to maintain the various offices courts and schools of the county, together with the estimated amounts for State tax and maintenance of Roads and Bridges, with a showing of the unit costs of the various offices, material and supplies for the fiscal year next preceding the current year, and the budget allowances and expenditures for the 6 months of the current year.

Est. Exp. 1922 3975.60 6612.00 5534.00 5515.27

CIRCUIT COURT Estimated expenses 6000.00 COUNTY COURT Salary of County Judge 1600.00 County Commissioners 2500.00 Stamps & Stationery 100.00

Total 4200.00 JUSTICE COURT Estimated expenses 3500.00

STILL IS LOCATED IN BIG DUG-OUT BENEATH HOUSE

Paul Muras Is Under Arrest On Moonshining Charges And Held In Jail Here In Default of Bail of \$750.

DINING ROOM CARPET DISGUISES TRAP DOOR

House Is Searched By Two Deputy Sheriffs; Autos Seen Making Many Trips.

Hidden in a dug-out underneath his home in Willamette a still, complete in every detail, was discovered by the officers Friday night and the alleged owner, Raul Muras is under arrest here.

Deputies Long and Hughes searched the house which is located two and a half miles south of West Linn. For several nights they had been watching the place. Cars coming and going had aroused their suspicion, and at 8 o'clock Monday evening they entered the place.

They could smell an odor suggestive of a still. The ordinary hiding places revealed nothing. Finally the officers looked at the floors. The carpet of the dining room was pulled back and a trap-door, large enough to admit a man comfortably was revealed. Inside the room to which it lead, a 20 by 20 foot hole in the ground, a fifty gallon still, 1000 gallons of corn mash and 150 gallons of finished liquor were found. The exhausts from the still were piped through the wall into the kitchen and went out the same chimney as the kitchen stove smoke, the officers state. The still room was completely equipped with plumbing to facilitate handling the manufacture of the product.

The officers also raided the Viola Burr place a mile south of Camasus. A complete still, 150 gallons of mash and three gallons of finished liquor were found. No arrests were made, but warrants will be issued for the arrest of those believed to be operating the plant.

"There seems to be so much national hatred over here in most all countries that it would not be surprising should another war develop at most any time. Italians regret that Italy came into the war at all, and many believe that they should have helped Germany instead of fighting against her. In fact, their sympathies seem to be with Germany.

"The Near East situation seemed quite critical for several days, as it was seriously feared that England, England and Turkey would engage in another war that might, and perhaps would be very far-reaching in its effect. The crisis, now seems to have passed, though considerable feeling still exists.

"St. Peters Visited "Of the many cathedrals visited, St. Peters in Rome is the largest, most interesting, and has the most beautiful interior, while the Milan cathedral has the most beautiful exterior. The architecture is wonderful.

"Many Italian villages are built on the hill tops and mountain sides, which are terraced with vineyards, as they are along the Rhine in Germany. On many hill tops are old castles or monasteries.

"We had the unpleasant experience in Naples of having our room entered and the lock of my suitcase 'jimmied'. Some small articles of little value were stolen, for which the manager of the hotel reimbursed us.

"We have not seen an American paper for several weeks, although every few days we see papers from London and the Paris edition of the New York Herald. However, these papers give little news from the United States. It is impossible to get an American magazine over here.

"We are on our way to Yokohama, Japan, and will return to our home about February 1, 1923."

5 Year-Old Lad Dies Of Bright's Disease Woodrow Williamson, five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. George Williamson, of this city died Saturday evening from sore throat and acute Bright's disease.

The father of the child was away at the time of his death, reaching home Monday afternoon. The child was born in California.

JUVENILE COURT Estimated Expenses 1000.00 Sheriff's Office 2100.00 Chief Deputy 1200.00 Special Deputy hire with car 2000.00 Stationery & Stamps 320.00 Bond 50.00 Traffic Officer with car 2000.00

TAX DEPARTMENT Chief Deputy's Salary 1440.00 Second Deputy 1080.00 One Clerk 1020.00 One Clerk 1020.00 Three Clerks 3 months 720.00 Overtime 600.00 Stamps 400.00 Premium on Bonds 297.00 Office supplies 101.00

CLERK'S OFFICE: Clerk's Salary 1800.00 Chief Deputy 1320.00 Deputy (recording and registration) 1080.00 Deputy Bookkeeper 1038.00 Assistant Bookkeeper 960.00 Stationery & Supplies 675.00 Clerks Bond Premium 35.00 Circuit Court Supplies 155.00 Forgery Bond 25.00 Juvenile Court Blanks 75.00 Probate Court Blanks 90.00 Commissioners Court Warrants 207.00 Miscellaneous: Marriage Record Birth & Death Record Chattel Lien Record Dog Lic. and Collars Flies & Equipment Machine & Record repairs 430.00

RECORDER'S OFFICE: Salary of Recorder 1500.00 Chief Deputy 1200.00 2 Typists 2040.00 Extra Help 150.00 Material & Supplies 705.95 Equipment, records and bonds 548.00

TREASURER'S OFFICE: Salary of Treasurer 1500.00 Chief Deputy 1200.00 Extra Clerk hire 275.00 Bonds of Treasurer 315.00 Material & Supplies 350.00

SURVEYOR'S OFFICE: Salary of Surveyor 1800.00 Assistants 1200.00 Stenographer 130.00 Axmen and chainmen 800.00 Mileage 400.00 Office and Field Supplies 350.00 Road Viewers 300.00

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE: Assessor's Salary 1500.00 Chief Deputy 1200.00 Second Deputy 1020.00 Third Deputy 1020.00 Field Deputies 3000.00 Extending Tax Roll & Index Book 700.00 Bond & Office Supplies 1280.00

HEALTH OFFICER and expenses 800.00 COUNTY PHYSICIAN and expenses 1000.00 CORONER'S ESTIMATED Expense 800.00 SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT Salary of Superintendent 1700.00 Supt's Expenses 400.00 Supervisor's Salary 1440.00 Supervisor's Expenses 650.00 Stenographer's Salary 1089.00 Supplies and Materials 1415.00

INSANE 400.00 COURT HOUSE—Janitor 1320.00 Fuel 1000.00 Supplies, Materials and Repairs 1500.00

INSURANCE 500.00 Cattle Indemnity 185.87 Indigent Soldier 330.00 Widow's Pension 3915.00 Care of Poor 7234.39 Prisoners' Board and Petty Exp. (Jail) 1270.01 Scalp Bounty 400.00 Tax Rebates 404.39 Printing and Advertising 1400.00 State and County Fairs 500.00 Sealer of Wts and Measures 442.80 Forest Patrol 350.00 Exporting Books 400.00 Damages 710.75 Agricultural Agent 2300.00 Assistant Leader 1750.00 Interest on General and District Road Warrants 22,000.00 5 per cent Interest on Road bonds in the sum of \$390,450.00 1922 1923.50 Second Payment on New Bridge at O. C. 1-3 of \$45,000 15000.00 Interest on above at 5 per cent 1500.00 Machinery 15000.00 Paving 8134.68 Prohibition Law enforcement under control of District Attorney 2000.00 Emergency 10000.00 Total County General 198,333.25 Less cash in the Treasury, Dec. 1, 1922 7,353.39

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS County Clerk's Office 10,000.00 County Recorder's Office 8,000.00 Justice Court, Fines 14,000.00 County Treasurer's Office, Interest on Bank deposits 6,000.00 Sheriff's Office 600.00 Net County General 152,379.86

Schools and Library 129,542.50 High School 95,367.25 State Tax 13,000.00 Aurora Bridge 30,000.00 Bridges general 55,000.00 Market Roads, estimated 70 per cent District and 30 per cent General Roads 196,486.35 To reduce County indebtedness Total tax 198,333.25

Notice is hereby given that a taxpayers meeting will be held at the Moose Hall, in Oregon City, Oregon, on December 30th, 1922, at 10:00 A. M. for the purpose of discussing the above estimates with the Levying Board of Clackamas County, as by law provided.

Done at Oregon City, Oregon, this 27th day of November, 1922. JOE J. THORNTON, Secretary H. E. CROSS, Chairman and County Judge A. D. GRIBBLE, W. H. HARRIS, W. H. KANNE, Budget Committee, W. A. PROCTOR, Commissioner.

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TURKISH FORTIFICATION OF STRAIGHTS DEMAND

Lausanne, Dec. 4.—Making common cause for their demands, the Russians and Turks threw a bombshell into the Near East conference today when they formally asked that the Turkish straits be closed to all warships except Turkish and that the Dardanelles be fortified by the Turks as they were before the war.

The demand was voiced by Georges Tchitcherin, head of the Russian soviet delegation. Ismet Pasha, leader of the Turkish envoys, followed, saying that "Russia's" declaration was entirely satisfactory to the Turks.

The conference was thrown into consternation, for there had been evidence that the Turks and Russians were drifting apart, and would not execute their threat to form a bloc against the allies.

Lord Curzon, head of the British delegation, and E. Venizelos, head of the Greek envoys, left the meeting without speaking. Both were pessimistic over the developments.

By pooling their demands the Turks and Russians threaten to precipitate a deadlock of the straits question immediately. Tchitcherin had addressed a note to the conference protesting against the decision to bar the Russians from all discussions save those relating directly to the Turkish straits.

U. S. Cutters Will Search For Missing Fishing Schooner

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 4.—The United States coast guard cutter Smith has left Ketchikan, Alaska, in search of the Seattle fishing schooners Washington, Pelican, Morengan and Convention, reported long overdue from the storm swept fishing banks of Southeastern Alaska, according to a cablegram received here today. The Canadian patrol ship Malaspina has steamed from Prince Rupert, B. C. to aid in the search, the cablegram said.

Despite the fact that heavy gales have swept the fishing banks for the last month, officials of the Seattle Fishing Vessel owners association said today they believed it possible the missing schooners had sought shelter in remote anchorages and that their crews were safe.

Art Gallery Plan To Warn Drivers

Judge E. J. Noble who presides over the justice court of district 4, has started an art gallery. At first glance it looks like photos of a train wreck or a futurist's pursuit of the muse. It is a little of both. A series of pictures of automobile accidents is being collected and placed upon the justice court walls as an object lesson to speeders, illustrative of the future in store for those who speed.