

MYSTERY SCREENS FEUD IN LOUISIANA

Two Victims of Hooded Men Weighed Down in Lake.

NATIONAL GUARD ON SPOT

Drownings Linked With Kidnaping of Five Prominent Citizens at Celebration.

MONROE, La., Dec. 20.—The purpose of the movement of a company of Louisiana national guard into Morehouse parish by Governor Parker yesterday afternoon continued to remain a mystery tonight to all except a few officials.

The passing of the day failed to lift the mystery screen. Those in a position to speak would say nothing. The governor, attorney-general and others remained in rigid silence.

Late today a detachment of 25 men under the command of the company officer hastily departed from the camp established in the heart of the little town of Mer Rouge. The men said they did not know where they were going. The officer would not speak.

Two Bodies Are Located.
Close observers offered the opinion the men were en route to one of the lakes in the vicinity of Mer Rouge, where, it is believed, the bodies of two men, who were with the group when the victims of hooded men, are resting.

Four detectives, working with the department of justice, are said to have found the location in the lake where the bodies are. The detectives are said to have proceeded the movement of the detachment this afternoon.

In the event the bodies are recovered, open hearings, discussed by Governor Parker and other state officials, probably will be instituted at Bastrop, the parish seat. Under this method the state would hope to obtain evidence upon which to convict members of the band of 50 or more hooded men who, on horseback and in motorcars, swooped down upon a party of five prominent Mer Rouge citizens.

Victims Seized by Riders.
A big highway celebration and festival was held at Bastrop August 24, and thousands of persons from all parts of northern Louisiana attended. The victims of hooded riders attended the celebration, witnessed the baseball game between Monroe and Bastrop and then started home in the twilight of the evening in two automobiles. When they were midway between Bastrop and Mer Rouge the hooded men galloped up on horseback or appeared on the highway in automobiles and seized the five Mer Rouge citizens.

Wait Davenport was released within an hour after he was taken and the rumor became current that the masked men were "mistaken as to his identity."

Searchers for 24 hours tried to find the men who were kidnaped, and the day following the affair the older Daniels and Andrews found their way back to their homes at Mer Rouge in a serious condition. Their stories gave but little information in regard to the kidnaping.

Kidnaping Is Detailed.
For awhile neither Daniels nor Andrews would discuss the case, but they finally told of how they were kidnaped on their way to Mer Rouge by masked men and severely beaten. For several weeks Daniels was in a precarious condition because of his injuries, which, in his case, were augmented by old age.

For the last three months there have been detectives and other investigators in Morehouse parish, interrogating citizens and making searches for the missing bodies of Richards and Watt Daniels, which, according to some persons, were believed to have been cast into a lake near Mer Rouge.

Parish Clans in Feud.
Petty jealousies among influential families, arising through trade rivalries and social enmities, are believed to have been the origin of the trouble between various Morehouse parish clans. Recently Dr. B. M. McKern, prominent physician and then mayor of Mer Rouge, sought to "clean up" Mer Rouge of lawlessness. Mayor McKern, it is claimed, allied himself with one faction and served notice on a number of alleged lawbreakers that he and his officials proposed to enforce the law.

Mayor McKern received warnings by letters that if he did not cease, he would be assassinated. Later he was called from his home at midnight, ostensibly to go to see a sick patient and his automobile was riddled with buckshot, but he escaped. Friends advised the mayor to leave the community and he did so. He is now taking a post-graduate course at Johns Hopkins university, Baltimore.

WAGE DROP IS SCOUTED

Advance Since 1913 Held Rise in Individual Earning Power.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 20.—Wages will never return to the levels in effect before the war, Julius H. Barnes, president of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, asserted in an address Tuesday before the Washington City club.

"The advance since 1913," he said, "is not wartime inflation, but a real increase in individual earning power," and he declared that an economic system which can give us more for everyone—more automobiles, more general education, more modern plumbing, more gramophones and bigger real wages—must be preserved.

PLEA FOR NAVY MADE

League Asks Adequate Personnel for Existing Fleet.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 20.—A statement "inviting the earnest consideration" by the public of the relative strength of the American, British and Japanese navies, and suggesting "the propriety of providing an adequate personnel to man fully such vessels of our existing fleet as will contribute efficiently to its effectiveness," was issued last night by the Navy League of the United States.

After citing a number of items in the annual report of the secretary of the navy, the league urged that an "adequate supply and facilities for the proper training of the existing fleet up to its maximum of attainable efficiency" be provided. The statement added that "it would seem proper to plan and begin the building of such fighting ships and air forces as may be necessary" to balance our fleet and make and keep it the equal of any in the world—in conformity with the treaty ratios—"as Secretary Denby says it should be done because it is necessary to our defense."

RARE BONES UNEARTHED

BAD LANDS OF NEBRASKA YIELD MANY FOSSILS.

Scientist Uncovers Remains of Strange Animals of Past Ages on Fertile Ranchlands.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Fragmentary evidence of unclassified prehistoric rodents and reptiles has been found by Albert Thompson, paleontologist, in the ranchlands of Nebraska, where in former years research workers have uncovered the remains of mastodons, rhinoceroses, giant camels, alligators, dwarf horses and other queer beasts.

The bones of the strange animals were uncovered on a ranch in Sioux county while Mr. Thompson, who is a member of the paleontological research staff of the American museum of natural history, was searching for skeletons of three-toed dwarf horses.

Mr. Thompson began the study of the fossils while employed as a cowboy in the Dakota bad lands more than 30 years ago. He was especially interested in the remains of the three-toed horse and other types of beasts of the same family.

In the interest of his work he went to Nebraska early last summer. Aided by several students he began digging in a channel bed that appeared to be rich in bones of all sorts. He found bits of the dwarf horse, the alligator and other animals, and then he came upon pieces of skulls the character of which was new to him.

He delved further in an effort to uncover complete skeletons.

FRUIT FLIES DISCOVERED

Prevention of Introduction of Pest in America Considered.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 20.—Representatives of a dozen foreign countries and of the New York Merchants' association, the National League of Commission Merchants of the United States and New York Fruit Exchange, as well as expert entomologists were heard here by the federal horticultural board on the question of preventing the introduction into the United States of fruit flies, particularly the Mediterranean fruit fly, through importations of foreign fruit and vegetables.

During the afternoon representatives of fruit and vegetable producers presented their side of the case. Any action by the board will be determined after careful study of the evidence submitted.

Discussing the fact that the United States exports \$60,000,000 worth of fruit and vegetables to foreign countries yearly and the touch of this goes into countries whose can fruit exports to the United States would be effected by an embargo, a representative of the New York Merchants' association declared he had heard intimations of retaliatory measures by certain foreign countries if an embargo were imposed.

MLLE. ADORES AMERICANS

Bostonians Make Particular Hit With French Actress.

HAVRE, France, Dec. 20.—Madeleine Sorel, the French actress, arriving here today from New York on the steamer Paris, said she "fairly adored" Americans, individually and collectively.

"I especially liked Bostonians," she said. "Boston is the soul of America. New York is admirable, but I'll stick my ground on Boston."

Pasco Postmaster Nominated.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.—William R. Cox was nominated by the president today for postmaster at Pasco, Wash.

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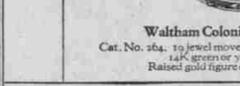
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