



WHITES WERE OFFENDERS

"Hoodlums and Outlaws" Made Race War.

TROOPS GUARD BLACKS

Four Men Killed Christmas Were Not Connected With Riots.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY REPORTS

Nicholson, Respectable and Unoffending Colored Man, Brutally Murdered, Although Officials Use Own Bodies as Shields.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 27.—That white men protected innocent negroes and that every effort is being made by the whites to punish those "hoodlums" of their own race who were responsible for the Christmas riots in Kemper County, Mississippi, was the information in detailed accounts arriving early today from the little towns which were the scene of the bloodshed.

"A conference has been held," these dispatches say, "between the civil and military authorities, at which evidence was produced that will establish the identity of five white men of good families of the county who took part in the lynching. District Attorney Currie has made a public statement, in which he says:

"I found upon an investigation that the trouble was caused by a lot of hoodlums and outlaws who openly violated all laws of God and man and decency. The four men killed Christmas day were not connected with the affair in any manner, and I am informed that the houses burned were occupied by negroes who were not even in sympathy with any of those who were connected with the outrages. These men will be captured if it is in the power of the State of Mississippi to do so."

The dispatches say that the total death list is probably 12; that the mob element among the whites has mostly fled toward the Alabama state line, while negroes in terror have gathered at Scooba and Wahalak to place themselves under the protection of troops or citizens. The killing of a negro named Calvin Nicholson is reported as "one of the most brutal which has occurred since the days of Reconstruction."

Nicholson was a negro of the best class. While a posse was searching for a negro named Simpson, who had killed a deputy, they enter Nicholson's house, and several persons began shooting at him. Deputy Sheriff Alexander and two others rushed to the negro, shielding him with their arms and his house burned. District Attorneys. They protected him until overpowered, after which he was shot and his house burned. District Attorney Currie says he has fixed the blame for this murder upon three men and will arrest them if they are still in the state.

Governor Vardaman tonight offered rewards for the arrest of Ernest Bryan and Dan Kerrall, prominent men in the vicinity of Scooba, who are suspected of having connection with the Nicholson murder.

OUTBREAK IN OKLAHOMA.
Race Feeling at El Reno May Culminate in Lynching.

EL RENO, Okla., Dec. 27.—Race feeling is at white heat and threats of lynching are heard on every hand, as

a result of the assault upon Mrs. T. S. Clifford, wife of a prominent physician, by a soldier of the Twenty-fifth Cavalry. Mrs. Clifford and her sister, Mrs. S. H. Clarke, were attempting to pass the soldier when he viciously grabbed Mrs. Clifford around the waist and threw her into the street, exclaiming that the sidewalk belonged to him. Mrs. Clarke screamed for assistance and the assailant fled, escaping before help arrived. News of the attack spread rapidly and the entire police department, reinforced by several hundred men and boys, searched the town and surrounding country, but this evening the chase was given up, as the negro was in uniform and must return to the post or soon become a deserter.

SOUTH FOR ROOSEVELT.

Desire for Canal Will Bring It Under President's Banner.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Early in the present session of Congress there flamed in the breasts of the disfranchised inhabitants of the District of Columbia a spark of hope that at last a voice in the affairs of their government might be given them. A bill had been introduced in the House providing that the District should have two elective delegates in Congress, and a good deal of sentiment in support of the measure had been worked up. Associations of citizens endorsed the project, and Congress appeared at least willing to lend a sympathetic ear.

But now come the District Commissioners, that triumvirate of presidential appointees who control the destinies of the national capital, and officially veto the proposition. They don't want any delegates in Congress, they say; and in saying so, they profess to speak for all the people in the District. It would tend to diminish their own importance, it is true; but that isn't the reason they give to Congress in opposing the plan. They say it would inject politics into an ideal municipal government; in other words, that the government of the capital of the American Republic would be ruined by the adoption of the American system of government.

The views of the Commissioners may, or may not, seriously influence Congress in deciding the question, but the chances are that the contradiction of the American doctrine of "no taxation without representation" will prevail for a number of years to come.

NEW MOVE MADE.

Attorneys for Schmitz Want Case Transferred.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—A new move was made today by the attorneys for Mayor Schmitz in the indictment case. Notice was filed with the district attorney that they have moved that the presiding judge in the superior court transfer the mayor's case from Judge Dunne's department to some other department. The motion is to be argued before Judge Graham tomorrow. The arguments which Schmitz advances in the affidavit attached to this motion are that he wants a speedy trial, separate and apart from Ruef. The mayor declares that the affairs of the municipal government require an undivided attention, which he cannot give so long as the case remains untired. The Japanese question, the conditions growing out of the earthquake, and other matters are referred to as requiring the mayor's attention.

STRIKE IN LODZ.

LODZ, Russia, Dec. 27.—In view of the lockout, which, according to the announcement will begin in all the principal factories here on December 29, Socialists of Lodz are threatening to organize street fights and compel the citizens to feed and lodge the unemployed. Many wealth families are leaving the city.

RACE WAR LULL.

MERIDIAN, Miss., Dec. 27.—All the troops stationed at Scooba, the scene of the recent race troubles, returned this afternoon in charge of Governor Vardaman, who went there last night to take personal command. There were no outbreaks today.

WORKINGMEN SACRIFICED

Eighty Thousand Perish in Past Four Years.

MORE THAN CIVIL WAR

Startling Statistics Shown by the Social Service Institute.

OVER A THOUSAND WEEKLY

Steps Are Being Taken in New York to Compile Careful Records of Fatalities Among the Industrial Workers of America.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Important steps are to be taken in this city and elsewhere to establish a system of compulsory and accurate records of the enormous number of persons who are annually killed and injured in American's vast army of industrial workers. In New York city only meager details of the persons killed and injured through accident and negligence are shown by the reports of the department of health, and these reports are said to be incomplete.

For two weeks beginning on January 28 an exposition will be held in this city under the auspices of the American Institute of Social Service for the purpose of studying and exhibiting safety devices for dangerous machinery, methods of industrial hygiene, and to set in motion the movement to establish a more accurate record of industrial fatalities and accidents in all parts of the country.

Dr. Josiah Strong, president of the American Institute of Social Service, in speaking of the number of persons killed each year in our industrial occupations, made some astonishing comparisons. He said:

"We in the United States kill in four years some 80,000 persons, more than fell in battle and died of wounds during the four years of the civil war. We are killing more than twice as many every year as perished by violence in both the French and English armies during the three years of the Crimean war.

"There are more killed and wounded on our railroads every year than the entire losses of the Boer war on both sides in three years. We have industrial casualties enough every year to keep one conflict like our war with Spain going on 1,200 years, or 12 such wars going on for 100 years. Our peaceful vocations cost more lives every two days than were lost in battle during the entire Spanish war.

"From the best statistics obtainable I may say there are today 575,000 persons in the United States under sentence of death to be executed at unknown moments during the next ten years—1,100 next week and the same number every week until the ghastly work is complete.

"An intelligent and earnest effort would procure the reprieve of a multitude of these innocent victims."

RAILROADS VIOLATE LAW.

Companies Confine Stock without Food for Undue Length of Time.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Secretary Wilson today transmitted to the Department of Justice nine additional cases of violation of the law which provides that railroad companies shall not confine stock on cars for more than 28 hours without food or water, except with the consent of the owner,

and then only for 36 hours. Companies alleged to be offenders are the Oregon Short Line, Southern Pacific, Union Pacific, Lake Short and Michigan Southern, C. B. & Q., and Santa Fe. The secretary says that there are several hundred other cases under consideration by the Agricultural Department and prosecution will be insisted on wherever the evidence warrants.

MUCH TRACK BUILT.

Last Year Has Seen Six Thousand Miles Laid Down.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—More miles of railway were constructed in the United States during the last year than have been built during any year since 1888 according to the Railway Age. Since January 1, last, 6,067 miles of track have been laid on 388 lines in forty-four states and territories, making the country's total railway mileage 223,139.

The largest amount of railway building during the year was done in Texas, where 701 miles of track were laid. Louisiana and South Dakota are almost tied for second place, with 391 and 389 miles respectively.

FIRES IN CROWD.

Two are Killed and One Wounded in Texas Town.

MARLIN, Tex., Dec. 27.—While about 3000 people were assembled in the public square last night to enjoy the carnival attractions, great excitement was caused by three pistol shots fired in rapid succession and attended by deadly results. A negro girl about 12 years old was shot through the head and instantly killed. A negro, Hunt Broddish received a fatal wound in the back. A negro about 30 years old fled through the crowd, pistol in hand, shooting behind him as he ran, with two police in pursuit. Walter Taylor, a policeman, was slightly wounded in the arm. The negro has not been captured, but is said to be wounded. The cause of the shooting is not known.

MARSHAL KILLED.

Desperate Duel Between Officers and Outlaws in Colorado.

LAMAR Colo., Dec. 27.—City Marshal Horace Frisby was shot and killed here last night by two strangers who subsequently escaped. There was no witness to the killing but Sheriff George Thomas heard the shooting and arrived at the scene in time to see the two men making their escape. The sheriff fired several shots at them and succeeded in wounding one of them but not severely enough to prevent him getting away. There is no clue to the murderers but it is supposed that they are two men who have been hanging around the town for several days and acting in a suspicious manner.

SUES OVER FRANCHISE.

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 27.—J. P. Dieter, a prominent business man of this place, has entered suit against W. C. Greene of the Cananea Copper company to recover \$25,000 which he alleges is due him as his share of the price paid by the El Paso Electric Railway Company for a street railway franchise which Dieter had secured from the city. Dieter alleges that after the construction of portions of the railway under franchise, Greene sold the franchise for \$40,000 and the plaintiff sues for damages.

STRIKE WITHOUT POWER.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 27.—Except for livestock and perishable goods, the Southern Pacific officials announce that the company today moved all its freight trains on the Louisiana division without difficulty. The officials also state that the strike is no longer regarded as a serious inconvenience.

STAMPEDE KILLS FOURTEEN.

MANILA, Dec. 27.—A stampede at Christmas mass at Tangay caused by a woman being seized with an epileptic fit, was the cause of the death of fourteen natives.

IS HUNG BY MOB

Tramp Pays Penalty for His Fiendish Crime.

TAKEN FROM OFFICERS

Is Cool and Collected to the Last and Made No Effort to Resist.

MOB IS VERY ORDERLY

No Shots Were Fired During the Entire Affair—Leaders Are Thought to be Well Known Residents of Town.

PUEBLO, Cal., Dec. 27.—A special to the Chief of Police from Las Animas says Lawrence Leberg was lynched here tonight for the murder of Henry Lavenmeyer by a mob of masked men. About forty entered the jail before 9 o'clock and easily overpowered the sheriff, under sheriff and two other officers, and locked them securely in a room of the building. The men then went to the cell occupied by Leberg, struck the shackles from his limbs and took him from the jail. A larger body of men and boys were waiting outside and when the prisoner and his captors appeared they formed a procession and proceeded a short distance from the jail and hanged the man to a telegraph pole. The self-confessed murderer made no resistance and made no statement. The mob offered no violence and no shots were fired during the entire affair. Before the mob reached the jail Leberg heard them coming. He arose from his cot, dressed himself coolly and awaited the coming of the avengers of Lavenmeyer's death. The leader of the mob made no effort to disguise himself and it is declared the ringleaders are known to the jail officials.

POSTOFFICE ROBBED.

Jefferson Again Reports a Burglary in the Postal Building There.

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 27.—For the third or fourth time recently, the postoffice at Jefferson, maintained in the general merchandise store of Smith & Fontaine, has been robbed. This time the burglar secured \$75 in coin, which was in a bag in the cash drawer, and also took a small bag of mutilated coin, amounting to about \$11. The thief must have entered the store by using a skeleton key, as everything was found intact this morning when the store was opened. It is believed the robbery was committed by some person living in the community familiar with the situation, and that all the robberies have been done by the same person.

BEGGAR CHILD RICH.

Five Year Old Boy Reputed Worth Fifty Thousand Dollars.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Acting on an anonymous letter, agents of the Children's Society found a five-year-old boy named Edward Pullman half-starved and wrapped in rags on the top floor of a tenement house in West 28th street.

The child's mother in the Children's Court declared that the boy is heir to a trust fund of \$50,000. She said she had been married to George H. Pullman, who, she declared, was the son of the palace car man. Before the birth of the boy she said Pullman had

arranged a trust fund, which he was to have when he became 21 years of age. Later she obtained a divorce from Pullman. Later she obtained a divorce from Pullman. Those familiar with the woman's history say that as Lillian Mason, daughter of Samuel Mason, a physician of this city, she was about ten years ago stenographer for the Red Cross Society and accompanied Miss Clara Barton to Armenia and Cuba. George H. Pullman, nephew of the palace car man, was secretary of the society at that time and Lillian Mason alleged that he married her in 1898. Subsequently he successfully opposed this claim in the courts. In the meantime the woman was dismissed from the Red Cross service and was sent back to this country from Cuba by General Fitzhugh Lee.

EIGHTEEN JAPANESE DEPORTED.

EL PASO, Texas, Dec. 27.—Immigration officers today caught eighteen Japanese at Palar, eight miles from here on the Rio Grande river. These were part of fifty-three who were yesterday refused admittance at this port and succeeded in crossing the river from Mexico into this country. They were at once deported. This city's Japanese population has increased recently at an unprecedented rate, notwithstanding the rigid enforcement of the immigration laws by the local officials.

REMAINS FOUND.

MERRILL, Or., Dec. 27.—J. G. Benton, a shepherd, employed by Whitney Bros., has found below Tule Lake, southeast of here, what is supposed to be the remains of John Crawford who disappeared last winter while herding sheep in the lava beds. Crawford could not be found after a heavy storm and it was supposed he lost his way back to camp and died. The clothing and shoes of the skeleton correspond to those found by Benton. The spot was about a mile from Crawford's camp.

REPUDIATE STANDARD OIL.

LIMA, O., Dec. 27.—In one brief typewritten page, the three oil companies against which State Attorney General Ellis filed ouster suits here recently, made answer here today, acknowledging that the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey owns but five shares of capital stock of the Buck Eye Pipe Line Company, Solar Refining Company, and the Ohio Oil Company. Wherefore each company asks that the action be dismissed against them.

BROWNSVILLE INVESTIGATION.

BROWNSVILLE, Texas, Dec. 27.—M. D. Purdy, assistant to the attorney general, accompanied by Major Blockson of the inspector general's department, and W. W. Merrell, confidential law clerk to Secretary Taft, commenced an inquiry into the "Brownsville affair" today. Four witnesses were examined today. It will probably take several weeks to complete the inquiry. The examination is private.

STORM OFF ENGLAND.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—A terrific storm is raging tonight off Holy Head and several vessels are reported in distress. The Japanese liner Awa Maru, from Antwerp for Middlesborough, ran on a rock off Red Car. Life boats reached her after great difficulty and according to the reports almost all of her crew of 120 men and two passengers were landed safely.

IMPORTS AMERICAN HORSES.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Emperor William of Germany is importing American mares for his stock farms. Mabel L., a richly bred mare, 8-years old, with a trial record of 2:10 1-4 is now aboard one of the American Hamburg liners and will be shipped to Germany today.

REPORTED VISIT PLEASES.

MANILA, Dec. 27.—The Filipinos are elated at the report that President Roosevelt will visit the Islands next summer.