

NEGROES THREATEN WAR IN OKLAHOMA

Lynching of Black May Bring on Race Strife in Southern City.

(From Press Special Wire.)
Owens, Okla., Oct. 23.—Virtual martial law prevails here today following a lynching and threatened onslaught from the negro element. National guardsmen are guarding the streets and more troops are expected during the day. It is estimated that the negroes are quartering a fighting force of 1000 men, and there is every indication that a serious race war will begin here today.

City Attorney J. D. Beavers was killed last evening. Oliver and William Thomas, white men, were killed. City Marshal Hart was attempting to disarm a trouble-making negro, Ed. Boudett, in the evening. The negro was overpowered and later lynched and two other negroes were shot.

The trouble began on Saturday when the right of way on a sidewalk was disputed by Boudett and a white man and woman. Boudett pushed the woman into a pool by the sidewalk. A group of white men quickly overpowered and punished him, and he was ahead with a knife yesterday, bent on vengeance.

RELENTLESS FATE PURSUES CHICAGO PROMOTER KING

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son-in-law, was called and mild statements were administered. At noon Walsh was rapidly growing weaker, and the family physician was hurriedly summoned.

Members of the family believe that Walsh's death was due to brooding over his downfall.

When John H. Walsh entered prison he was an old man 75 years of age and left behind him to face the odium of the world a wife and three children. His sentence of five years had been imposed on him for swindling out of bank money to save himself from the crash threatened because of the activity of interests more powerful than himself.

The great financial institutions which he had founded after his phenomenal rise from the station of newsboy, were tottering under the strain of the one-sided fight. The desperate measures resorted to by Walsh brought about his downfall, and he was the first of the big bankers to be put to prison.

Fought Way to Top.
Beginning at the bottom, John H. Walsh worked, fought his way upward until he owned a bank, a newspaper and a railroad. He came to this country in 1849 when 15 years old and started as a newsboy. By sheer aggressiveness he outdid his older competitors and made himself a place as a newspaper dealer in the downtown district in Chicago. He soon opened branch news stands and a profitable store.

Walsh was quick to see an opportunity and grasp it. He recognized in the Civil war a chance to increase the scope of his business. The country districts wanted all the news they could



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KANSAS CITY DOCTOR ON TRIAL FOR MURDER



Dr. B. Clarke Hyde of Kansas City, Mo., and his wife, photographed after his release from the county jail, after he had been held for a year without bail. Dr. Hyde is now undergoing his second trial on the charge of murdering Colonel Thomas H. Swope.

get of the fight, and Walsh set about to supply this demand. He founded the Western News company and covered the entire west.

Bought Chicago Herald.
His ambition led him from the distributing of newspapers to the building of them. He saved enough to buy the Chicago Herald. He turned it from a comparatively unknown sheet into one of the biggest newspapers in the city. Finally he sold it out, previous to its consolidation with the Chicago Times. After launching the Post and selling it, he started his third paper, the Chronicle.

Walsh's first political position he obtained in 1875 after having made friendships in both parties. At first he was a Democrat, later a Republican, and eventually became known as a fence man likely to change his affiliations any moment. His initial political position was as a member of the board of commissioners of South Park. Many thousands of dollars were in control of the board and Walsh saw possibilities. His influence caused a friend of his to become a member of the board of three and he thereby obtained domination of it.

Founded National Bank.
It was then he founded the Chicago National bank, to which the funds of the board were promptly transferred. It grew rapidly. It obtained the deposits of the funds of the West Park, Lincoln Park, the city, Cook county, the drainage canal board and the state. To accomplish this Walsh played solidly with both parties. John H. Smyth, later a millionaire and once a newsboy competitor of Walsh became his chief Republican ally, in the capacity of director in the bank, and William Lorimer, the senator, became another of his Republican confederates. His Democratic helpers were almost as prominent.

Before Walsh plunged into the arena of speculation, his bank took over the Home Savings bank with hundreds of small depositors. Now with two sources of money at his command, he began his more precarious undertakings, organizing the Equitable Trust company to be the instrument for his deals.

Got Many Interests.
Through a venture in Ogden gas he was interested in the consolidation of the various gas companies in the city. He operated in the Illinois tunnel project and was concerned in gas enterprises at Peoria and Akron, as well as several electric systems, other banks, mines, quarries and a publishing enterprise.

His forethought brought him safely through the panic of 1893. His banks were filled with gold during these "free silver" times and were sound while others went to pieces.

Walsh's losing fight began when he secured control of the quarries of the town of Bedford where he built a bank and acquired ownership of the little railroad. His influence in Washington resulted in Bedford stone being used in many federal buildings. But the railroads charged too much to carry the stone, he thought, and the battle began. He took hold of the Southern Indiana railway, and extended it so as to reach his quarries and coal fields in Indiana. The "impudence" of this move made the great trunk lines his foe. They refused to give him outlets for his Indiana traffic. As a last resource he tried to build the road into Chicago. The task was too great for his means.

Looses Political Allies.
Political alliances broke. When Denen became governor of Illinois Walsh's bank lost custody of the state funds upon which it had almost depended for many years. A new coterie of Republicans also caused the Chicago city funds to be withdrawn. A few months later on December 18, 1905, Walsh's Chicago National bank suspended payment. Other Walsh enterprises were smashed by the failure. Examination of the books showed that Walsh had made a false report to the comptroller and that he had misappropriated \$3,000,000 of the bank's funds to stave off collapse of his tottering enterprises. This amount had gone to Walsh's railroads, it was contended through his personal account. Much of it was raised through promissory notes signed by dummies and really paid to himself.

Walsh was placed on trial in November 1907 on indictment with 182 counts, involving a maximum penalty of 1820 years in prison. On January 19, 1908 he was found guilty of 60 counts. His appeal consumed nearly two years. During this time he was out on bail. Finally the United States supreme court confirmed his conviction on January 17, 1910, and he entered the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, sentenced to five years' imprisonment.

Long Fight for Pardon.
Ever since then his friends have fought for his pardon. Before Walsh entered prison he signed over about \$14,000,000 worth of property to pay his bank's creditors, but he was supposed to have retained some of his property.

The campaign for Walsh's pardon

SWOPE'S MILLIONS GO TO PROSECUTE AND DEFEND HYDE

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Five weeks' trial, which was the sensation of the country at that time. He secured a reversal of the decision in the Missouri supreme court, and declares himself confident of acquittal in the second trial.

Other Sensational Charges.
In addition to the death of Colonel Swope, Hyde is charged with having introduced typhoid germs into the food of the Swope family, and with being responsible for the death of a number of possible inheritors of the Swope millions. The motive given is that Dr. Hyde, having married the favorite niece of Colonel Swope, wanted to get rid of the other members of the family so that he could inherit a greater portion of the wealth of her uncle.

Immense crowds gathered here today to witness the opening of the second trial. Judge Porterfield issued an order that none be admitted to the courtroom unless able to show a ticket entitling them to a seat, and in this way restricted the attendance to those directly interested in the case.

Two Thousand Venturers Called.
The examination of 2000 venturers, selected from a list of 20,000 names was begun this morning. Virgil Conking, county prosecutor, says that he does not expect to complete the selection of the jury until the end of the week.

Dr. Hyde and his wife, who has stoutly maintained his innocence and remained faithfully at his side since his arrest in the spring of 1910, were both present at today's opening session.

The Swope millions are being used to prosecute and to defend Hyde, the executor and heirs of the Swope estate supplying money to aid the prosecution, while Mrs. Hyde mortgaged her inheritance to fight for the liberty of her husband.

The trial opened with a victory for the defense when, upon the demand of Dr. Hyde's attorneys that they have a right to the list of 2000 venturers to be examined as jurors in the case, Judge Porterfield ordered that the list be read in open court.

The opening of the trial was delayed considerably by the late arrival of James A. Reed, United States senator from Missouri, who is the chief prosecutor in the Hyde trial. Reed's generalship in handling the forces allied against Hyde in the spring of 1910 is alleged by the defense to have been mainly responsible for the conviction.

Congressman Bates to Retire.
Congressman Arthur L. Bates, who has represented one of the Pennsylvania districts in the house for the past 10 years, has announced his intention to retire at the end of his present term.

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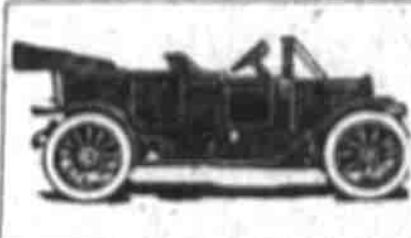


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