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ILLINOIS RACE RIOT

Mob Burns Blacks' Homes and Club the Occupants.

TROOPS ARE RUSHED TO CITY

Whole Negro Quarter of Springfield Burning and Firemen Kept Away From Fires.

Springfield, Ill., Aug. 15.—Springfield is in the hands of a mob of enraged citizens who began last night to wreak vengeance on negro residents for an assault committed yesterday by George Richardson, a negro, on Mrs. Earl Hallam, a white woman. At 1 o'clock this morning the whole east end of town burst into flames, the torch having been applied to several negro houses by some of the more desperate mob members.

A mob of white men at 2:45 o'clock this morning lynched a negro who was supposed to be sneaking under cars on the Illinois Central tracks and shooting at the whites.

The Decatur company of the Illinois National guard arrived at 2:30 o'clock this morning and went to the "bad lands," where 20 huts occupied by negroes have been burned and where the fire is still raging.

Two men are already dead and probably two score others are injured, mostly negroes. The rabble is sweeping through the streets attacking every negro met. All the local militia are on duty, and half a dozen companies from other cities are rushing here on special trains. Still other companies are ordered to hold themselves in reserve. The fire department is helpless to combat the fire in the negro quarter on account of the threatening attitude of the mob toward the firemen.

Eugene Chafin, prohibition candidate for president, in protecting a negro from death, was struck on the head with a brick and put out of commission temporarily. The negro he saved drew a knife and badly cut several men in the fight.

Richardson and another negro wanted for murder were stealthily taken from Springfield jail last evening and rushed to Bloomington, whence they were later taken to Peoria. It is thought that with the arrival of the out of town troops the streets will be cleared and order restored.

Negroes in two instances have turned with considerable effect upon their assailants. In one mixup a trooper attempted to separate the combatants and was nearly overwhelmed by those in pursuit of several negroes.

Most of the members of Troop B, of Taylorville, are on guard around the jail. The rioters who had gathered in front of the jail after the incarceration of Richardson were enraged by the ruse practiced by the sheriff in removing him.

Finding that the negroes were gone, the mob amused itself for a time by looting negro resorts in East Washington street. The amusement of the rioters was tragedy for the negroes, many of whom were roughly handled and beaten with pieces of their own furniture.

A white man and his son, whose names were not ascertained by the police, were shot, supposedly by negroes. This encounter further enraged the members of the mob and they began a general search for negroes wherever they could be found.

Dozen Probably Killed.

Springfield, Ill., Aug. 15, 2:45 a. m.—The mob is still burning houses in the negro quarter and the police believe that at least a dozen people have been killed. No outside troops have yet arrived.

Bloomington Firemen Called.

Bloomington, Ill., Aug. 15.—At 3 a. m. the Bloomington fire department was notified to be in readiness to go to Springfield to assist in fighting the fire.

Priest Fears Black Hand.

New York, Aug. 15.—Asserting that he had been driven from city to city by persons threatening his life, until he fears that he must leave the United States, the Rev. Michael Szwetka, a Polish priest, of Newark, N. J., appealed to the police of that city for protection, and fled aboard a steamer bound for Europe. He was recently assigned temporarily to the Holy Trinity Catholic church, in Newark, and hardly had been established there when he received one of the letters that have been troubling him.

Rebuke to Spiritualists.

Philadelphia, Aug. 15.—Coroner Jerome today decided not to hold for court Mrs. Fannie Sout and Miss Florence Beckman, who were found praying near the partly decomposed body of Dr. L. Emerson Weather yesterday. The coroner issued a certificate of death from Bright's disease. He severely reprimanded the women for their spiritualistic vagaries and warned them against the practice of attempting to restore the dead to life.

Cholera Gaining Ground.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 15.—A death from cholera has been reported from a town in Tula province, close to the estate of Count Tolstol. At Tzaritzin, where the epidemic has been most severe, 225 cases and 150 deaths have been registered since the outbreak.

TROOPS SCATTER MOB.

Police of Springfield Also Foil Attempt to Cut Wires.

Springfield, Ill., Aug. 17.—Two deaths from injuries received in previous mob fights, the attempted cutting of the fire alarm wires, the exoneration of Private J. B. Klein, company A, First Illinois Infantry, by a court of inquiry for the killing of Earl Nelson at Kankakee Saturday, and the pursuit of a mob by guardsmen were the chief developments in the race war in Springfield yesterday.

The attempt to cut the telephone and fire alarm wires leading to the city hall was not successful. A policeman saw three men on top of an outbuilding trying to reach the lines overhead. He turned in an alarm to the headquarters of General Wells, commanding a provisional brigade, and the latter dispatched a wagonload of soldiers to the scene. They arrived before the trio had done any damage. The would-be wirecutters fled, leaving their nippers behind.

A genuine scare was caused at the headquarters in the arsenal last night after a squad had been sent to disperse a crowd at Allen and Spring streets. Five minutes later a report reached Lieutenant Colonel Eddy that shots had been fired in the threatened district. He immediately sent a full platoon to the place to reinforce the squad. When the additional soldiers appeared the crowd broke and ran. The soldiers pursued them for several blocks and the district, which is near the scene of Saturday night's lynching, was in an uproar for a few minutes.

The arsenal was crowded last night with negro refugees from Springfield and surrounding towns. About 200 men, women and children sought shelter in the building and slept on the floor or in chairs.

Alarms were more numerous last evening than on former nights. In no single case, however, up to a late hour, was there any circumstance which compelled the use of force. A fire early in the evening at East Mason and Fourth streets brought out the largest crowd, but it was composed mostly of curiosity seekers and was handled easily. Three barns were destroyed by the fire, which is supposed to have been started by mischievous boys.

Governor Deneen explained last night that the disposition of troops at the capitol was not because of any apprehension of danger to that edifice, but because the grounds offered excellent camping facilities and were a strategic point from which Colonel Sanborn could control the situation west of Seventh street.

The state's attorney of Kankakee county called on the governor in the afternoon in an effort to have arrested the soldier who stabbed Earl Nelson with a bayonet in the First Regiment train at Kankakee last night. The governor referred him to the military authorities.

HE CLAIMS VICTORY.

Castro Crows Over Holland, Although No Blood Shed.

Willemstad, Aug. 17.—It seems that the authorities refused to permit the Dutch cruiser Gelderland to enter the port of La Guayra, and this act was regarded at the capital in the light of a defeat for The Netherlands men-of-war. It was celebrated with a reception by President Castro, at which there was music and dancing, and, when the president made his way through the streets of the city, he was given an ovation.

An official of the customs house at La Guayra, who had communication with the Gelderland has been dismissed.

The Netherlands vessel went into La Guayra August 1 and, when she returned here, her commander said that all communication with the port had been refused. The port authorities declined to accept an official communication to the German minister, who is in charge of the interests of the Netherlands in Curacao.

The population of Curacao has petitioned the governor of the colony to declare free the importation and exportation of arms and ammunition.

Gold Amalgam Stolen.

Reno, Nev., Aug. 17.—A sack of amalgam shipped by express to the Carson mint from Manhattan, a few days ago has disappeared. About a week ago two sacks containing gold amalgam worth several thousand dollars, were shipped from Manhattan. Only one arrived at the mint. Where the other is a mystery. Detectives have found that the shipment, instead of going via Mount House, came to Reno and was forwarded. They believe one of the sacks was stolen while they were being transferred in Reno.

Bloody Yaquis Raiding Again.

Tucson, Ariz., Aug. 17.—Menger reports have been received here of a Yaqui raid in Mexico in which four men were killed. A raiding band attacked the ranch of Jesus Mejia and killed the owner and his three daughters. A young son was carried away. Other outrages are also reported. A strong force was summoned and is now in pursuit of the Indians. Most of the trouble is in the Montezuma district, near Naco, Ariz.

Bars Up Against Curacao.

Willemstad, Aug. 17.—Letters from Venezuela say that all cargoes and passengers coming from Curacao will be refused at Venezuelan ports, but vessels from the island will be admitted without consular despatch.

NEWS ITEMS FROM WASHINGTON, D. C.

BALDWIN WILL LOSE MONEY.

Airship Does Not Come Up to Required Contract Speed.

Washington, Aug. 18.—The airship board of the signal corps today calculated that Thomas S. Baldwin's dirigible balloon traveled at the rate of 19.61 miles an hour during the official trial yesterday at Fort Myer. This speed is subject to correction.

Unless General Allen, chief signal officer, allows Baldwin further speed trials, the latter will now receive but \$5,573 for his military dirigible balloon. This is much less than the actual cost of delivering the airship to the government, Captain Baldwin. He estimates the total expense of building the ship at \$8,000.

Captain Baldwin was allowed three speed trials and now will have an opportunity to make three trials four endurance. An average in yesterday's speed trial will have to be maintained.

Robbers Torture Women.

Washington, Aug. 13.—Three masked men entered the home of Miss Maria de Garmo in a remote part of the county yesterday morning and after battering down the door, bound and gagged Miss de Garmo and her niece, Miss Lizzie Hartman, the only occupants of the house, and robbed them of their jewelry and a small amount of cash. Carpets were slashed, mattresses ripped open and chests broken into. When no large sum of money was found, the women were tortured until the elder one fainted and the men left. Miss Hartman, bleeding and cut, at last freed herself from the ropes and released her aunt.

Hitchcock Off to Chicago.

Washington, Aug. 15.—Chairman Frank H. Hitchcock, of the Republican National committee, accompanied by his secretary, James T. Williams, Jr., arrived in Washington this morning from Hot Springs, Va., where he conferred with Mr. Taft yesterday. Mr. Hitchcock started for Chicago this afternoon to meet Eastern and Western officials of the national committee, who are to meet there and open the Western headquarters. Mr. Hitchcock had no political engagements here, but closed and surrendered the last of the rooms used as Mr. Taft's pre-convention headquarters.

Good Job Awaits a Learned Chef.

Washington, Aug. 14.—A chef is needed at the government asylum for the insane, and a civil service examination was held today to fill the vacancy. Notwithstanding the fact that the position pays \$1,200 a year there was no over abundance of applicants for the job. The reason perhaps lies in the fact that the successful applicant must be possessed of a fund of knowledge that would enable him to hold down a chief clerkship in almost any of the departments and render it unnecessary for him to don a cook's apron.

Plans for Torpedo Fleet.

Washington, Aug. 18.—A plan is being outlined for a special board of construction to supervise the details of the fleet of torpedo boat destroyers and submarines which are now under construction or to be begun. On September 1 proposals for the construction of 10 destroyers authorized at the last session of congress are to be opened. It is stated today that by that time specifications for the submarines authorized at the same time will be ready. Bids for the construction of the submarines will be advertised to be opened on November 2.

Mystery at Oyster Bay.

Oyster Bay, Aug. 14.—The unusual activity at the government executive office here, which has been apparent for almost a week, both day and night, has become the subject of considerable curiosity. Rudolph Forster, acting secretary to the president, and the force of clerks under him recently have been the hardest worked men in the village. Their duties begin early and at times have continued far into the night. The executive office staff has been augmented by the arrival of two clerks from the Washington executive office.

Finishing Plans of New Warships.

Washington, Aug. 19.—Naval Constructor Robinson, with a large force of assistants, today is busily engaged in completing the original plans and specifications for the two big new battleships, Florida and Utah, that are to be added to Uncle Sam's navy within the next two years. It was announced at the bureau of construction and repair today that it is hoped work on the hulls of the ships will begin not later than December 1.

May Order Rectifier's Marks.

Washington, Aug. 13.—The commissioner of internal revenue has informed W. M. Hough, attorney of the National Wholesale Liquor Dealers' association, that there is ample authority of law for the government to prescribe the marking of packages of spirits and liquors in the hands of rectifiers as in the case of marking the products of distillers.

Garfield Completes His Tour.

Washington, Aug. 19.—Secretary Garfield, of the Interior department, returned today from an inspection tour through the public land states and territories, which was extended to Hawaii. He has been absent since June 1.

MOLOKAI LOCAL STATION.

Lepers From Mainland May Not Be Sent There.

Washington, Aug. 13.—Though virtually a part of the United States, the leper colony on isolated Molokai, cannot recruit its death-marked population from this country. It is this fact that makes it impossible for government officials to comply with the request of the territorial authorities of Arizona for the speedy removal of aged Mrs. General Warwell, whom the terrible disease has claimed for its victim.

According to Dr. H. G. Geddings, assistant surgeon general of the public health and marine hospital service, the leper settlement at Molokai is strictly a territorial enterprise. There exists neither law nor precedent to warrant the removal of a leper from a state or territory, however, to the settlement, and Dr. Geddings voices the opinion of the bureau that the Hawaiian health authorities would not approve such a move.

Favors Policy of Peace.

Washington, Aug. 14.—Naturally the American government is interested in knowing what the Dutch intend to do in Venezuela, and it is not surprising therefore that the Holland government is sounding American Minister Beaupre at The Hague as to what the United States might do in the varying contingencies that are likely to arise. While the United States under certain conditions may be open to criticism regarding any prospective course in Venezuela, it is not believed that any co-operative punitive agreement with any foreign power will be sought. On the contrary an arrangement for a peaceful settlement of differences would be gladly welcomed.

Engineers Sent to Hawaii.

Washington, Aug. 14.—The War department has issued orders to Company A, First battalion of engineers, to leave San Francisco for Honolulu, sailing on November 15, 1908. The First battalion of engineers is now on duty at Fort Mason, California. These engineers are to make a survey preliminary for the fortifications in and around Honolulu and at Pearl harbor, where the government is to construct a large naval station. After their work at Hawaii, they will return to Vancouver barracks.

Recruits for Pacific Fleet.

Washington, Aug. 18.—Determined that the Pacific fleet must have a full complement of enlisted men as well as officers for the approaching cruise to Samoa, orders were issued today by Admiral Pillsbury, acting secretary of the navy, for 250 additional men to be rushed to Mare island. Orders were wired to the officers of the training station at Newport, R. I., to assemble these men tomorrow night. It is said they will be sent to New York and from there to Mare island.

Pleads for American Fruit.

Washington, Aug. 13.—Ambassador White at Paris has addressed the French government with a view to the suspension of the decree prohibiting the importation of sulphured fruit, with particular reference to California dried fruits, pending the report of the American board which is to investigate the whole subject of the importation of preserved fruit and other edibles. Otherwise, if the importations of French fruits may be seriously affected.

California's Gift to Her Namesake.

Washington, Aug. 19.—Captain V. L. Cottman, commanding the cruiser California at Mare island, has received \$2,000 from the silver-service committee of the State of California, to be awarded in yearly allotments for excellence in target practice, steaming and in the care of engines. The prizes are to be known as the California state prizes for the cruiser California.

Honduras Incident Straightened Out.

Washington, Aug. 19.—Advices were received today by the State department which led to the belief that the incident which caused the Honduran government to cancel the exequaturs of American Consul Drew Linard and Vice Consul Reynolds has been satisfactorily explained and that they will soon be restored to their former status.

Sends Greeting to Francis Joseph.

Washington, Aug. 19.—The president sent a cablegram of congratulation to Emperor Francis Joseph, of Austria-Hungary, yesterday, the occasion being the birthday of the emperor. The message was in the usual form, expressing the president's wishes for the happiness of the emperor and for the prosperity of his country.

Records Distant Earthquake.

Washington, Aug. 19.—The Coast and Geodetic survey observatory at Cheltenham, Md., reports an earthquake beginning at 5:56 and terminating at 7:17 A. M. today. The medium phase was recorded at 6:10 A. M. The record indicates that the origin of the tremors was about 3,000 miles distant from Washington.

Will Do Special Service.

Washington, Aug. 15.—The gunboats Albany and Yorktown today were detached from the Pacific fleet by the Navy department for special service on the Pacific coast. These vessels were only nominally a part of the Pacific fleet, having been engaged in protecting American interests in Central America.