

## SAN DIEGO VIGILANTES PRACTICED BARBAROUS CRUELITIES ON REITMAN

### TORTURED AND DRIVEN NAKED OVER DESERT

Horrible Atrocities Practiced Upon Emma Goldman's Manager—Hit, Burned and Maltreated by Kidnappers and Forced to Flee Naked.

Torturers Amused Themselves for an Hour With Victim—Reads Like Tale of Spanish Inquisition.

LOS ANGELES, May 16.—Alleging barbarous treatment savoring of the Spanish inquisition and the prisons of Siberia, Ben Reitman, manager for Emma Goldman, recited today the story of his experiences at the hands of a party of vigilantes that drove him from San Diego and coated him with tar.

To hear out his story, Reitman exhibited bruises and cuts on his face. He claimed also that his body was bruised and sore, and that he still is suffering much pain from the treatment he alleges he received. His face today showed traces of the tar with which he was daubed, and in spite of liberal applications of turpentine, he declares, he has been unable to remove all of the hardened mass from his body.

Friends and sympathizers of Reitman will hold a protest mass meeting in a theatre here tonight. Anton Johansen, labor leader; Emma Goldman, C. T. Spradling, president of the Los Angeles Liberal club, and Reitman will speak. It was reported that police will attend the meeting.

Reitman today told a sensational story of his treatment by the San Diego vigilantes. He said: "The men who captured me in the hotel were respectable appearing. They looked like business men. When I refused to go with them they clapped their hands over my mouth and dragged me to the automobile they had waiting. The police cleared the way for them.

Pencils in Nostrils.

"While they were taking me to a place in the desert about 30 miles from San Diego, my captors thrust pencils in my nostrils and ears. They stuffed filth into my mouth and struck me with their fists and with clubs throughout the whole terrible trip. Continuously they called me the vilest names I ever have heard.

"When we reached the desert we found another party waiting. In the light of a fire they had burning they stripped me and then began such fiendish and inhuman torture that the details are not fit to be published. I begged them to kill me and end the pain but they replied they wanted me to go away and tell how San Diego treated my kind. They said that if they had Emma Goldman there they would give her the same dose.

"Then I was ordered to sing the

### RICHESON HOPES FOR CLEMENCY

BOSTON, May 16.—Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson, who is expected to be put to death in the electric chair in Charlestown prison on Sunday night for the murder of his fiancée, Avis Linnell, is apparently callous to his approaching fate.

Richeson read the bible until 9:30 o'clock last night, then lay down in his death cell and slept quietly until 7:20 o'clock this morning.

Governor Foss today told the United Press that he has not yet examined the reports of alienists Stedman, Forrest and Tuttle. This has aroused hope in Richeson's friends that Foss may yet present a petition for leniency to the executive council.

### TAFT STATES RENOMINATION IS ASSURED

President Says Roosevelt Could Get All Remaining Delegates Unchosen and Still Not Have Enough to Receive Nomination in Convention.

520 Votes Claimed—Executive Says Ohio Will Give Him a Substantial Majority at Primaries.

WASHINGTON, May 16.—Following are the claims here today of the different candidates for the republican and democratic presidential nominations:

Republicans—Necessary for choice 539:

Delegates claimed for President Taft, 527.

Delegates claimed for Colonel Roosevelt, 419.

Delegates conceded to Taft by Roosevelt managers, 163.

Delegates conceded to Roosevelt by Taft managers, 309.

Delegates contested by Taft managers, 112.

Delegates contested by Roosevelt managers, 182.

Delegates uninstructed, 122.

Democrats—Necessary for choice, 729:

Delegates claimed for Clark, 365.

Delegates claimed for Wilson, 249.

Delegates conceded to Clark by Wilson managers, 229.

Delegates conceded to Wilson by Clark managers, 89.

Delegates instructed for Underwood, 82.

Delegates instructed for Marshall, 29.

Delegates instructed for Baldwin, 14.

Delegates instructed for Burke, 10.

Delegates claimed for Harmon, 4.

Uninstructed delegates, 184.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, May 16.—

Declaration that Theodore Roosevelt cannot possibly be the republican candidate for the presidency and that his own renomination is assured was made here today by President Taft. The president said:

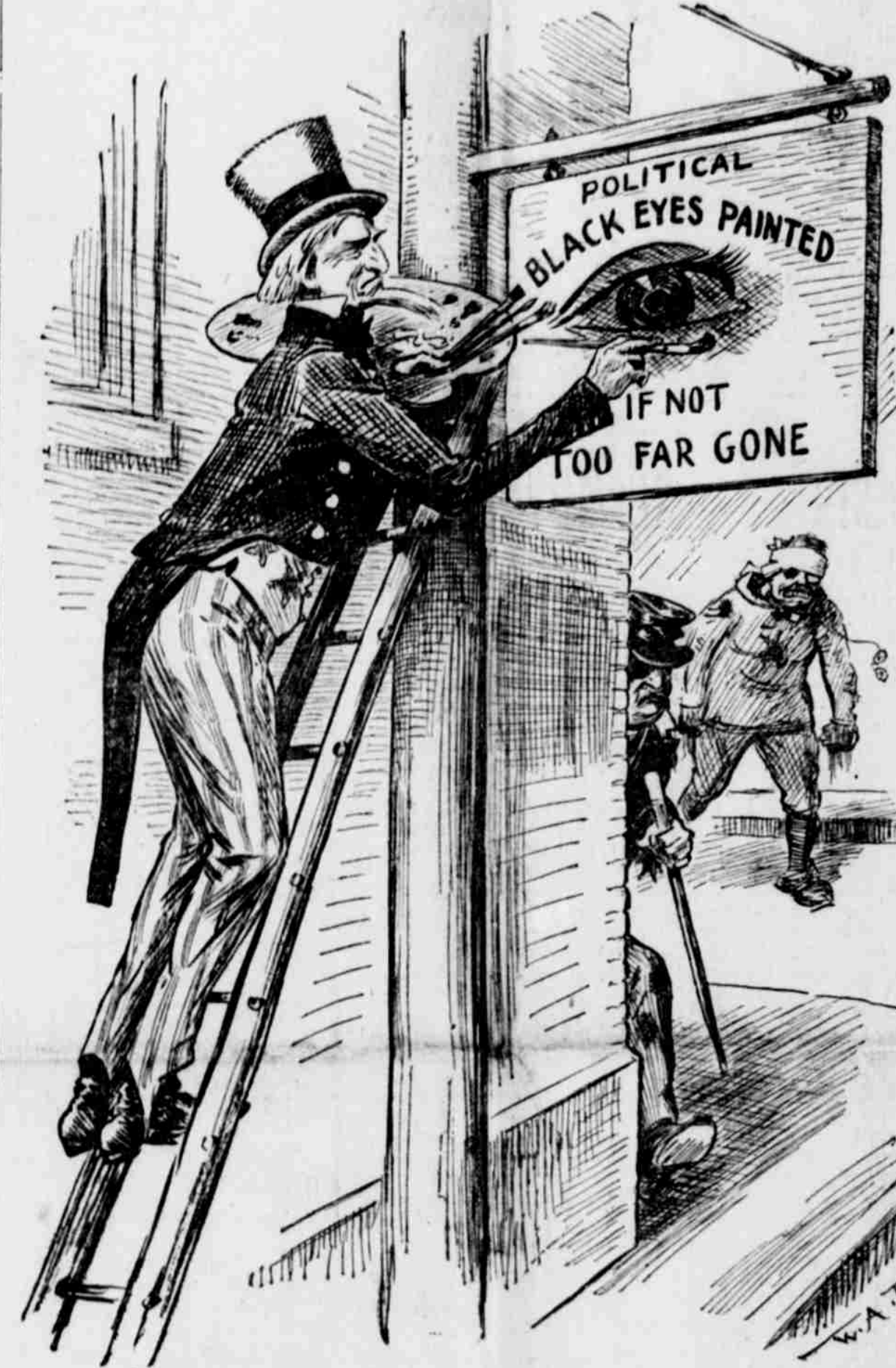
"One hundred and eighty delegates to the Chicago convention are yet unchosen. If Roosevelt got them all he still would not be nominated. Carefully prepared figures show that only 309 delegates are instructed or pledged for Roosevelt, and the talk of real, genuine contests against delegates instructed for me is as unsubstantiated by the facts as many other misleading statements which have been injected into the campaign.

"The number of Taft delegates thus far chosen, not counting eight from Montana and several from Texas and Arkansas, which will be elected today, is 520, and the vote of Ohio, my home state, much to my gratification, will be decisive, settling the question of the nomination. The Chicago convention will be organized by the friends of constitutional government and the success of that great cause seems assured."

### THAW THREATENED TO KILL 5 MEN

NEW YORK, May 16.—A sensational letter purporting to show that Stanford White was third on a list of five of Harry K. Thaw's enemies, and that the word KILL underscored had been written by the Pittsburgher opposite the names of three of this number, is published here today by the New York Herald.

It is alleged that Thaw wrote the letter in December, 1903, shortly after his return from a tour of Europe with his wife, to a confidential agent in New York. On the back of the



EVEN ART HAS ITS LIMITATIONS.

### ARCHBALD OFFERED TO CHANGE DECISION FOR CULM OPTION

WASHINGTON, May 16.—Damning testimony against Judge Robert W. Archbald of the commerce court, was given to the house judiciary committee here today by G. F. Brownell, vice president and general solicitor for the Erie railroad. He corroborated testimony given by Captain May to the effect that Judge Archbald sought to influence Erie officials after Captain May had refused to sell culm properties.

Captain May testified that after Judge Archbald visited New York the latter said that he would "reconsider a decision" if he (May) recommended the sale of the culm property.

### TEDDY CONTROLS IDAHO CONVENTION AFTER A FIGHT

LEWISTON, Idaho, May 16.—Roosevelt forces control the republican state convention which met here at noon today.

The Taft and Roosevelt forces have been in almost constant caucus the last twenty-four hours and the offers of peace put forth by the Taft men have pulled a few weak-kneed Roosevelt supporters into the harmony line.

Taft forces are concentrating their efforts this afternoon in an effort to prevent the sending to the national convention at Chicago of a delegation instructed for Roosevelt.

The Roosevelt men agreed today to allow State Chairman C. L. Heitman, Taft supporter, to be named as one of the eight delegates in event he would vote for Roosevelt. This was not satisfactory to the Taft men and it did not appear likely this afternoon that they would agree to the settlement.

It appeared likely this afternoon that no definite action toward the selection of delegates would be taken till late tonight.

### SMELTERMEN STRIKE AT UTAH MINE FOR RAISE

SAN FRANCISCO, May 16.—O. A. Tveitmo, secretary of the state building trades council, received a telegram today from Salt Lake stating that 800 smeltermen affiliated with the Western Federation of Miners are on strike at Ouray, Utah. The men asked an increase of 25 cents a day which was refused.

### TAFT TO KEEP IN RACE EVEN IF HE LOSES OHIO

CLEVELAND, Ohio, May 16.—President Taft will continue in the race for the presidential nomination regardless of the outcome of the Ohio primaries.

This was the emphatic denial made today by Gus Karger, the president's publicity agent, to a Washington story that Taft will quit if he is beaten in his own state. Karger said:

"That's nothing but a hypodermic pipe dream."

Friends of the president here today ridiculed Colonel Roosevelt's claim that he has already elected 522 delegates and will be nominated on the first ballot.

WYTHEVILLE, Va., May 16.—The case against Floyd Allen, the notorious bandit was given to the jury at 12:51 o'clock this afternoon.

### 1000 SQUARE MILES MORE FLOODED

NEW ORLEANS, La., May 16.—With a serious crevasse reported in the levee at Hemelia, another 1000 square miles of flooded territory today is expected to be added to the 7500 square miles of Louisiana's lands already inundated by the waters of the Mississippi river. This will bring the total of homeless persons close to 110,000. The property damage runs into the millions. Motor boats aided by the revenue cutters Windom and Wenona, today

### SOCIALISTS TO STEER CLEAR UNION FIGHTS

Majority Report Pledging Party to Keep Out of Quarrels Regarding Form of Labor Organization to Be Adopted—Industrialists Fail.

Money is Appropriated for Relief of Lawrence Strike Leaders Who Are Kept in Jail.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., May 16.—Great rancor was apparent among the delegates to the national convention of socialists today as the result of yesterday's fight over the San Diego situation, when the executive committee's unanimous decision was overruled. A hot fight was expected on the floor today, the Industrialist faction proposing to pledge socialism's support to industrial unionism, not trades unionism, specifically recognizing the Industrial Workers of the World.

Straddle the I. W. W. The committee on resolutions recommended today that propaganda work be done in the ranks of the United States army and the national guard.

The labor committee majority report declares for socialist co-operation with the American Federation of Labor but straddled on the question of recognizing the I. W. W.

As a side issue the convention adopted a resolution appropriating money to help Eotter and Giovanitti and denouncing their imprisonment as an "outrage and an inhuman attempt," by the woolen trust to destroy the right of free speech and the right to strike in retaliation for cutting its income \$15,000,000 a year through the raise to workmen gained by the Lawrence strike.

Direct Action Peaceable.

Delegates Hicks of Oregon, Hickey of Texas and Clifford of Ohio, this afternoon bitterly denounced the charge that the advocates of direct action were responsible for the violence which is marking strikes and other labor troubles. Through their efforts a minority report was filed with the committee on labor relations, which flatly declared that the socialist party had no right to interfere with controversies within the labor movement, and defends the labor movement generally.

It was regarded as almost certain this afternoon that the majority report, pledging the socialist party to keep out of fights regarding the forms of union organization, would be adopted.

### ROOSEVELT UNANIMOUS CHOICE OF MINNESOTA

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., May 16.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt was practically the unanimous choice of the republican state convention which met here today. Six delegates at large, pledged to support his candidacy were elected.

Supporters of La Follette are trying to insert in the platform a plank endorsing the initiative, referendum and recall.

More than two parishes in the territory adjacent to Hemelia, including 20 towns, are flooded. Six negroes have been drowned within 24 hours. The waters from the Hemelia crevasse reached Bonnett-Care this afternoon.

are endeavoring to rescue 5000 persons who are marooned in the flood of water rushing through the Hemelia crevasse. It was estimated that the preliminary work of repairing the levee alone will cost \$200,000. More than two parishes in the territory adjacent to Hemelia, including 20 towns, are flooded. Six negroes have been drowned within 24 hours. The waters from the Hemelia crevasse reached Bonnett-Care this afternoon.

### GIRL, 16 YEARS OF AGE, FIGURES IN CHINESE CASE

If Story Told by Viola Miller to the Authorities is Correct Young Girl Has Been Saved From Similar Fate at Hands of Chinese

Girl is Said to Be at Ashland and Authorities Will Endeavor to Induce Her to Tell Her Story.

If the story told the authorities by Viola Miller, otherwise known as Laura White, who figured as a slave to the local Chinese colony during the investigation which followed the stabbing of Wo Lee Sunday morning by Jim Ling of Ashland, is correct, a young girl, known as "Nellie" and who is said to be but 16 years of age has been saved from a fate as dark as that of Viola Miller. It is claimed that Jim Ling was endeavoring to teach this young girl the opium habit that she might in reality become his slave.

This matter is to be probed to the bottom by the authorities. Constable Singler will go to Ashland and endeavor to locate the girl who disappeared the same night that Viola Miller was arrested. If she can be found and her story tallies with that told by Viola Miller it is believed that Jim Ling and one or two of his accomplices can be sent to the penitentiary for a number of years. The United States government may take a hand if the matter develops.

According to Viola Miller Jim Ling met "Nellie" some weeks ago at Ashland and has already induced her to smoke opium several times. She is also said to have visited the Chinese laundry on Riverside avenue in this city on one or two occasions but made her headquarters at the Royal rooming house. How far the Chinese had succeeded in getting her into their power is not known.

The opium selling features of the case are not to be allowed to drop. The authorities have several clues which lead them to suspect the source from which it is received by the Chinamen and are now engaged in following these up. The assistance of the government will probably be invoked. Several sensations are promised in the case.

In the meantime the city will proceed to enforce the health laws at the laundry forcing the premises to be cleaned up. They will also keep a watch on the den found in the rear of the laundry and see that it continues no longer as a den of iniquity.

Viola Miller is confined in the county jail. It is believed that two or three months spent there will be to her advantage if she is sincere in her protests that she wishes to break away from the opium habit.

### CLARK AND WILSON FIGHT OVER IOWA

BURLINGTON, Iowa, May 16.—Fighting every inch of the way adherents of Speaker Champ Clark and Governor Wilson are seeking control of the state democratic convention which met here today. Present indications are that Clark will get twenty and Wilson six.

The Clark following is endeavoring to pass resolutions instructing the convention to pledge the entire delegation to Clark, but the Wilson people are waging a stubborn fight.

Reported plans of the Iowa Bryan league to "stampede" the convention for W. J. Bryan so far have failed to materialize.

ROME, May 16.—By a vote of 218 to 47 the Italian chamber is on record today as against an amendment to the electoral bill which was framed to give partial woman suffrage.