

# LYNCH LAW IN SOUTHWEST FOR ANOTHER NEGRO

### Angry Oklahoma Mob, Thwarted in Storming Jail Fire into Cell With Fatal Result — Usual Fatal Result.

CHICKASHA, Okla., May 31.—(AP)—Lynch law today exacted the life of Henry Argo, 19-year-old negro charged with attacking a white woman—the second member of his race to die at the hands of a mob in the southwest within a month.

A mob of more than 1,000 men and boys which stormed the Grady county jail intermittently throughout the night and battered national guardsmen inflicted fatal injuries on the negro before he was removed to a hospital at Oklahoma City where he died this afternoon.

A bullet fired by an unidentified member of the mob pierced the negro's brain as he was caged helpless in his cell.

Later when it was believed the mob had subsided and spectators were permitted in the jail, the negro was stabbed near the heart by H. W. Skinner, husband of the woman alleged to have been assaulted.

Early this fourth a mob burned the courthouse and jail at Sherman, Tex., killing a negro charged with the same offense, and dragged his body through the streets, later burning it.

Unlike the rioting at Sherman, no attempt was made here to harm other negroes. The situation was quiet tonight.

Six members of the Chickasha artillery battery of the Oklahoma national guard suffered minor injuries from missiles thrown by the mob. Several citizens were injured.

Skinner and three other members of the turbulent crowd were arrested but were released later without bond.

B. F. Holding, county attorney, announced after the negro's death that an inquest would be held Tuesday. Governor W. J. Hollaway, who had advocated firm dealing with the mob while the attack was in its height, detailed J. Berry King, attorney general, to the task of assisting holding in the investigation.

Twice reported dead from his wounds, the negro clung tenaciously to life. The first report came when it was learned he was wounded, the second when, wrapped in a blanket, he was carried through a crowd that officers believed still possessed the potentialities of a mob. He was loaded into an ambulance and rushed to the University of Oklahoma hospital at Oklahoma City. He died an hour after arrival there.



By RICHARD MASSOCK  
NEW YORK—Philo Vance, that fastidious, erudite and cultured dilettante in the psychology of crime, has been solving his annual mystery.

His monetary steward and constant companion, S. S. Van Dine, tells all about it in his report of "The Scarab Murder Case."

It seems that the Vance knowledge is inexhaustible, for he now appears to know a lot about Egyptology.

And what a lucky break that was when Donald Scarlett, technical expert to the Bliss expedition in Egypt, called in great distress on the morning of a Friday the thirteenth to report the murder of Benjamin H. Kyle, philanthropist and art patron.

Van Dine's latest  
Kyle was found sprawled before the statue of Anubis, the god of the dead, in the museum of Dr. Minidrum W. C. Bliss, the eminent Egyptologist, of whom Kyle was the wealthy patron.

His head had been bashed in by the smaller statue of Sekhmet, the Egyptian goddess of vengeance.

A clue—and one that has served other mystery makers in the past—is a small scarab from the tomb of one of the Pharaohs, found beside the body.

It was very disconcerting to Dr. Bliss and his young wife, Kyle's nephew and most of the others in the household, excepting Hani, an Egyptian servant, who saw it as supernatural vengeance of the gods for the desecration of the Pharaoh's tomb.

Van Dine (William Huntington Wright) develops a not too difficult plot in his familiar manner of involving the essential details in the confusing intellectual directions of the erudite Vance. (Which extraneous matter, by the way, Mary Roberts Rinehart got along very well without in her highly successful "The Door.")

# FIRST GOLD STAR MOTHERS ARRIVE IN FRANCE



First contingent of 232 Gold Star Mothers when they arrived at Cherbourg, France, on the liner, America. Picture below shows Mrs. Lydia Lindsay, white-haired mother of Cincinnati, receiving a bouquet from one of the townsmen.

PARIS, May 31.—(AP)—More than 250 Gold Star Mothers of the United States, the fourth group to land, today paid tribute at the Arc de Triomphe to France's Unknown Soldier.

In traditional fashion, they paused at the altar of freedom before beginning their trip to the battle cemeteries where their dead rest in Flanders fields.

Miss Eliza Wilson of Detroit, Michigan, and Mrs. M. L. Smeaton of Fall River, Mass., acted for their comrades in the ceremony at the tomb, placing two beautiful wreaths on the memorial, which after yesterday's celebration and previous visits of delegations, is fairly hidden in blossoms.

# REDS AND BANDITS HARASS NATIONAL REGIME IN CHINA

SHANGHAI, May 31.—(AP)—The Nationalist government, harassed by the rebellious Northern Alliance troops in Honan province, is being harassed elsewhere by bandit and communist armies, ravaging several provinces.

The onerous silence was imposed today upon communications from the battle fronts in Honan, where the rebels have been fighting the government forces since May 8 in an attempt to overthrow the Nanking government and its president, Chiang Kai-shek.

The tide of battle apparently turned Wednesday when the northern Nationalists and forced the government troops to retreat. Rumors that Chiang Kai-shek had been wounded in the arm by a shell fragment while leading the Nationalist army were officially denied today at Nanking.

Taking advantage of the government's preoccupation with rebel forces in Honan, communists pressed their attack upon the city of Changchow, thirty miles west of Amoy, in Fukien province. Terrorized, thousands of the populace fled toward Amoy on the coast. A number of foreign missionaries were expected to follow momentarily.

TOKYO, May 31.—(AP)—A band of Korean communists swept down on the Chientao district of Kien province, Manchuria, early today, and a Hengo news agency dispatched from Seoul, Korea, bombarding and burning Japanese consulates and buildings and schools of the Korean association.

The raids apparently were well planned and were directed against the centers of Japanese influence in Yenki, Lung Ching-Tsun and other towns of the Chientao district. The Chinese military and Japanese police united to drive out the invading bands, comprised of Koreans, hostile to the Japanese regime in Korea.

One Japanese consular policeman was wounded in the exchange of rifle fire. All of the invaders were believed to have escaped and no arrests were reported.

Lung Ching-Tsun apparently bore the brunt of the communist activities. Crude bombs were thrown into the office of the Oriental Development company and the electric light plant was put out of commission. There were no casualties, however.

NAVAL AIR STATION, Lakehurst, N. J., May 31.—(AP)—As casually as though they were discussing merely a rough crossing on an ocean liner, the Graf Zeppelin passengers described today last night's storm off Cape Hatteras, in which Dr. Hugo Eckener said his airship received the worst buffeting it had ever had.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 31.—(AP)—The Oregon strawberry crop this year was estimated by the department of agriculture at 12,220,000 quarts on an area of 9,450 acres, as against 14,700,000 quarts on 10,500 acres last year. The total United States crop is estimated at 279,930,000 quarts, compared with 327,250,000 quarts in 1929.

# JORDAN VALLEY BANK CREDITORS GIVEN DIVIDEND


SALEM, Ore., May 31.—(AP)—Checks aggregating \$12,220.14 were mailed today by A. A. Schramm, state superintendent of banks, to 326 claimants against the Bank of Jordan Valley, insolvent, comprising the seventh dividend that has been paid in the liquidation of that bank. The dividend is 7.2 per cent. The previous six dividends totaled 45 per cent.

The total deposit claims filed against the bank, which was closed January 24, 1925, was \$167,299.17. Schramm said that all remaining assets of the bank, with the exception of stock assessment liens, have been sold. This liquidation is among those that are being delayed awaiting a decision from the supreme court in the stock assessment suits filed in connection with the Tillamook and Pilot Butte liquidations. These suits were instituted to establish the double stock liability of the stockholders of banks organized prior to the constitutional amendment providing for double stock liability, but which have increased or decreased their capital stock since the amendment was enacted.

LAKEHURST, N. J., May 31.—(AP)—Rolling up from Rio to complete the next to last leg of his four-continent flight, the German dirigible Graf Zeppelin arrived at the naval air station today under escort of the navy dirigible Los Angeles, a commercial blimp, and half a dozen planes.

CROYDON, England, May 31.—(AP)—Captain Charles Kingsford Smith landed at Croydon at 12:40 p. m. today. The trans-Pacific flier arrived from Amsterdam, on his way to Ireland. He is planning to take off on a trans-Atlantic flight from there in the near future.

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# PRESIDENT FINDS ALLEGHENY LODGE SOJOURN SUPERB

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., May 31.—(AP)—Refreshed by his week-end spent in the solitude of the Allegheny mountains, President Hoover is to leave the estate of Jay Cooke of Philadelphia early tomorrow for the return trip to Washington.

Esports of motorcycle police will meet the party as it turns on to the main highway north of here and form an escort to the Maryland state line, clearing traffic ahead and block intersecting roads. At Harrisburg, Governor Fisher, who also has been a guest of Cooke, will leave the party.

On this third visit to the estate of his old friend and co-worker in the war food administration, the president has found a primeval atmosphere that not even his camp on the headwaters of the Rapidan river in Virginia can surpass. More than 4,000 acres of wild land compose the hunting and fishing preserve and seven and one-half miles of well stocked stream courses through the forest about the lodge wildcats, foxes, weasels and mink are trapped. The deer that formerly roamed the section have been virtually exterminated. Two pet fawns have been killed by poachers since Mr. Hoover last visited the lodge while secretary of commerce.

Arising early, Mr. Hoover spent several hours in the stream fishing for the brook trout with which it abounds. Brown trout, which grow larger than the brook variety, never have been introduced into the estate streams.

Eight or nine fine specimens of brook trout weighing between one and one and a half pounds were caught by Mr. Hoover in the morning and almost as many when he returned. In the forest for a couple of hours in the afternoon, after spending midday hours resting and chatting with other members of the party, Governor Fisher and Captain Joel T. Boone, the White House physician, brought in strings ranking next to the president's.

# SCHOONER CHIEF HELD NEGLIGENT

PORTLAND, Ore., May 31.—(AP)—Municipal Judge Tomlinson today issued a warrant for the arrest of Captain William Nelson, master of the steam schooner Davenport, on a charge of failure to have a safety net under the gangplank of his vessel while it was moored at a local dock.

The charge is the result of the drowning of Wilder Manson, 12, who fell off the gangplank into the Willamette river Thursday night. Harbor regulations provide that a net shall be spread under the gangplank.

SALEM, Ore., May 31.—(AP)—George Alexander, state prohibition commissioner, said today that \$33,689.91 have been paid into the state prohibition fund from receipts in fines collected by the counties from prohibition law violators.

The fund can receive a maximum of \$50,000. After that amount has been paid in, each county retains all of its collections. Klamath county last year paid in \$6,491.50, the largest amount paid by any one county. Multnomah was second with \$5,832 and Coos third with \$5,463.15. Others included: Clatsop, \$3,607.50; Lane, \$3,572.28; Jackson, \$1,455.72.

# Fired On In Malta



Lord Strickland of Sizergh, prime minister of Malta, escaped unhurt when three shots were fired at him as he was entering the court of appeals in Valletta.

# BAPTISTS CLAIM SOME FILMS BAD FOR CHILD, PEACE

CLEVELAND, May 31.—(AP)—Northern Baptists, with Dr. Albert W. Heaven of Rochester, N. Y., as their newly-elected president, will hold their 1931 convention at Kansas City, Mo., in territory dominated by Southern Baptists, it was decided today at the convention here.

This is the first time in the history of the Northern Baptist convention that it was decided to meet in the southland. The vote for Kansas City today was unanimous as was the vote for Dr. Heaven, who is president of the Colgate-Rochester Divinity school.

The Baptists also entertained a motion of the resolutions committee recommending federal supervision of the motion picture industry. The committee said some pictures are demoralizing to children and that some of the practices of the industry interfere with cordial foreign relations.

The resolutions committee condemned the liquor interests for misleading the public through what the committee termed the wet press; gave its approval to transfer of liquor enforcement from the treasury department to the department of justice, and commanded Canada's stand in refusing to license exportation of liquor to dry countries.

Mrs. Mable Walker Whitebrandt addressed the convention tonight, adhering to her policy of refraining from discussing the prohibition question which she adopted after leaving the office of assistant United States attorney general.

Florida is experimenting with 104 varieties of watermelons to produce better grades.

# SALT RIOTERS OF INDIA FALL NEATH CAVALRY HOOF

BOMBAY, May 31.—(AP)—The casualty list resulting from raids by Indian Nationalists on government salt deposits was swelled by 106 names today while plans were made for a huge "final raid" on the Wadala salt works tomorrow.

Today's injuries resulted when British mounted troops charged to break up an attack on the salt pans at Dharsana, where similar raids have occurred almost daily for two weeks. Nationalist volunteers numbering 150 started for the pans and were driven back several times by the sticks of foot police following a warning each time. The mounted troops finally charged to break up the attack.

To stem the movement on Wadala tomorrow the government has massed police and troops around the area but Nationalist leaders answered that by making additional plans and urging Indians to "join the raid in their thousands and make it a phenomenal success."

Meanwhile, other violence was reported from the far north of India. At Peshawar on the frontier where much trouble occurred about a month ago a woman and two children were among the victims when soldiers fired into a mob which had reassembled after being dispersed. Prior to this incident Peshawar had been quiet for some days but the aggressive mountain tribes which occupy the wild territory about the city still offer a threat to the authorities.

Lucknow, the historic city where fierce rioting occurred earlier this week, was under military surveillance today and one woman leader of the trouble, Mrs. Mitra, was sentenced to six months' simple imprisonment for leading a procession to Hajratganj.

# SCIENTIFIC STUDY OF FISH, URGED

MARSHFIELD, Ore., May 31.—(AP)—The need for a scientific investigation into southwestern Oregon stream conditions which influence both sport and commercial fishing was stressed by representatives of sport and commercial fishermen at a hearing conducted here today by the interim fish commission.

Two hundred men attended the hearing, including heads of both Oregon and California commercial fishing industries. Both the sportsmen and the commercial fishermen urged the preservation of sport fishing for tourists and the continuance of commercial fishing as a profitable industry.

DHARASANA, Bombay, India, May 31.—(AP)—British mounted troops and foot police injured 106 volunteers who attempted to raid the salt pans here today.

# MONTANA POWER SITE DEDICATED

POISON, Mont., May 31.—(AP)—On the mighty Flathead River four miles above this city the site for a power plant which is to cost between eight and ten million dollars was dedicated today.

The Rocky Mountain Power Co. which is to build the plant under authority recently granted by the federal power commission, was represented by Frank M. Kerr, Butte, vice president and general manager, Chiefs Charles and Konstantin of the Flatheads and Chief Michel of the Pend O'Reille. They represented the Indian owners of the property, who will receive nearly \$2,000,000 income from the plant during the next 20 years.

Major James E. Harbert, L. L. Marsh and Henry Johnson represented the city of Poison.

FOIT MYERS, Fla., May 31.—(AP)—Thomas A. Edison, once a telegraph operator, will harbor back to the days of his youth on July 4 and found a brass key to formally open a new bridge here named in his honor.

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