

MOB CLAMORS FOR NEGRO

Enraged by an Assault on a White Woman, a Mob Taken Possession of Springfield, Ill., and Wreaks Vengeance Upon the Negro Inhabitants—By a Closer Race the Sheriff Escapes With the Prisoner to Bloomington—Enraged the More by the Sheriff's Act the Rioters Destroy the State Troops and Terrorize the Citizens—Two White Men Shot and Several Negroes Severely Beaten—Prisoner Away is Demolished and Burned.

Springfield, Ill., Aug. 14.—A threatening mob, bent on wreaking vengeance on the negro inhabitants of Springfield, because of an assault committed to-day by a negro on a white woman, is raging through the streets to-night, beating negroes and disregarding the soldiers of Troop B, of the First Cavalry, ordered out by Governor Deneen to preserve order. The Governor to-night by telegraph ordered two companies of militia and one troop of cavalry from Peoria, a troop of cavalry from Bloomington and also one from Pekin. These soldiers are rushing to Springfield on special trains to assist the local troops in maintaining order.

NEGRO RESORTS LOOTED. 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 tragically 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, were shot and injured, supposedly by negroes. This encounter further enraged the mob and they began a general search for negroes.

The situation became so serious that Governor Deneen sent hurried orders for extra troops. The local militia had been out earlier in the event to prevent trouble that was feared at that time. The Springfield militia, after the shooting of a white man, were at night, seemed powerless to control the rioters and when the automobile which had taken the two prisoners from the jail to the train across the river returned to Springfield, driven by its owner, Major Harry T. Loper, commissary of the Second Brigade, Illinois National Guard, a large number of the rioters assembled around the machine in front of Loper's restaurant.

RESTAURANT WRECKED. Despite a guard of police and members of the Fifth Infantry, with a gatling gun the crowd wrecked the restaurant, tearing everything to pieces inside, demolished Loper's automobile, and set it afire. The fire department was summoned to extinguish the burning automobile and another struggle ensued when the militia tried to drive back the rabble to allow the firemen to get a hose on the fire. Three members of the gatling gun squad were injured during the melee and the rioters took several guns from the soldiers. These captured guns were used to finish wrecking the restaurant. When the mob reached the bottom of the stairway leading to the buffet of the restaurant they found the dead body of Louis Johnson, 14 years old. A doctor, who examined the dead body hastily, said the boy had been shot in the neck where there was a wound, but another doctor who came up later said that the boy's death was due to a broken neck. Eugene W. Chaffin, prohibition presidential candidate, was hit in the head with a brick and severely injured during the mob's outbreak.

Negro Houses Fired by Mob. Springfield, Ill., Aug. 15.—At 1 o'clock this morning the whole east end of the town burst into flames, the torch having been applied to several negro houses by some of the more desperate mobbers. The mob, 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 at present helpless to combat the flames in the negro quarter on account of the threatening attitude of the mob towards the firemen.

PORTSMOUTH JAIL STORMED. Mob at Portsmouth, Va., Forces Doors of Jail and Escapes with Keys to Negro Murderer's Cell—Drivers Back by Officers and Dispersed by Fire Company—Negro Taken to Norfolk for Safe Keeping.

Norfolk, Va., Aug. 15.—A mob of more than 500 men attacked Portsmouth jail at 1 o'clock this morning, bent on lynching William King and Henry Smith, both negroes, who were held on the charge of criminally assaulting Mrs. Katherine Powell, an aged white woman, last Monday. The negroes had been removed to Norfolk jail earlier in the evening for safe keeping. The mob forced the doors of the jail but were met by Deputy Sheriff Hays and half a dozen officers, of whom the cell keys were demanded and refused. The crowd was forced back by the policemen with drawn weapons and the fire department was called out to disperse the mob with the hose. Under orders of Mayor Reed the police arrested Wade Cobb, Martin L. Westbrook and T. O. Williams, white men, and a half score of negroes, as ringleaders. Warrants have been issued for a half-hundred negroes. At 2 a. m. the crowd had left the vicinity of the jail and it is reported that they are congregating elsewhere and intend to march to Norfolk and attack the jail in the hope of securing the prisoners.

SPEED TRIALS SUCCESSFUL

Army Balloon Makes an Average Speed of Nineteen Miles an Hour, One Less Than the Contract Calls For—Endurance Test To-Day. Washington, Aug. 14.—Captain Baldwin to-day fulfilled the second requirement for the acceptance of his military dirigible balloon, by making two successful speed trials at Fort Myer. A week ago the tin airship was accepted so far as construction is concerned and to-morrow it is expected that the endurance trial will be made. Captain Baldwin is allowed three flights to fulfill the endurance specifications. At 6:23 this evening the dirigible shot across the starting line headed in a northerly direction. The course followed was a new one and lies in the direction of Cherrydale, Va., two and a sixteenth miles from the starting point. On the home stretch the airship pulled evenly and at a greater rate of speed than it had ever attained before, crossing the finishing line at 6:46, fifteen minutes after starting. It is expected that the average speed for the flight will be found to be sixteen and one-half miles. After replenishing the supply of gasoline, Captain Baldwin made another endurance trial in order to get a bonus on his contract price of \$6,750. At 7:10 the airship crossed the starting line the second time. The airship turned for the return trip at 7:17, having made the two and one-sixteenth miles in seven minutes. The actual time for the second flight was thirteen and three-quarters minutes. It is believed that the official time for the last test at nineteen miles an hour. The contract with the government requires that twenty miles an hour be made in order that the contract price be secured. For every mile less than twenty made by Captain Baldwin 15 per cent will be deducted from the contract price.

MAINE CORPS TEAMS LEAD. Teams From Marine Corps Capture Three First Places at National Rifle Association Tournament—Hudson, For the Second Time, Wins the Life Member's Match. Camp Perry, O., Aug. 14.—The United States Marine Corps thrashed the field in the opening match of the National Rifle Association tournament to-day. It was the first shot in the 20th annual tournament of the association. The weather conditions were ideal and good scores were made. Promptly at 5 o'clock the contests began. Twenty-four teams were entered. The marine corps had three teams entered and captured the first three places to-day. The ten leading scores were as follows: United States Marine Corps No. 2, 43; United States Marine Corps No. 3, 42; Second Ohio, 41; C. Fourth New Jersey, 43; C. Third Oregon, 42; Troop A, Ohio, 41; B. Fourth Oregon, 41; A. Tenth Iowa, 41; 8. Infantry, 41; D. Second Indiana, 40. The inter-club match for the rifle club championship of the United States was won by the Fourth New Jersey with the National Capital Rifle and Revolver Association, second, the Second Massachusetts third, the Second Ohio fourth.

Prominent Race Horse Owner Hurt in Auto Wreck. Long Branch, N. J., Aug. 14.—E. R. Thomas, former banker and race horse owner, was seriously injured here to-night when his automobile struck and wrecked a carriage containing several New Yorkers, who were on a pleasure drive. The horse attached to the carriage was killed outright, the occupants of the carriage were thrown violently to the ground and Mr. Thomas and his chauffeur were hurled twenty feet to one side of the roadway. Thomas' left leg was broken at the knee.

No Date Named for First Meeting of Thaw Creditors. Pittsburg, Pa., Aug. 14.—Because no one entered an appearance for Harry K. Thaw when his petition in bankruptcy was filed before Referee William R. Blair to-day, the fixing of a date for the first meeting of creditors was postponed indefinitely, and it is said, will not now be considered until his attorney or some one else interested makes application to have the time fixed.

Governor Guild Operated Upon for Appendicitis. Boston, Mass., Aug. 14.—Following closely his recovery from a protracted illness which nearly proved fatal, Governor Curtis Guild, Jr., was operated upon to-day for appendicitis at the Charles Gate Hospital, a private institution in the Back Bay district. The operation was pronounced successful by the surgeons and the Governor's condition is said to be most satisfactory. The Governor has been spending his vacation at a camp on Sebago Lake, Me., but on account of his illness he was obliged to cut short his sojourn there and he returned to Boston yesterday. Early to-day his trouble was diagnosed as appendicitis, an operation was advised and early in the afternoon he was taken to the hospital and submitted to the operation.

Balloon Explodes; Two Dead and Six Injured. London, Aug. 14.—Two persons were killed and six injured by an explosion this morning on the grounds of the Franco-British exposition of the balloon Envelope owned by Captain Lovelace, of the New York Aero Club. Preparations for an ascent were being made when the accident occurred. The cause is supposed to have been the throwing down of a lighted match. Miss Hill, aged 18, secretary to Captain Lovelace, was one of the persons killed. She was burned to a cinder. The other person killed, a man, and the six men who sustained injuries, also, were employed by Captain Lovelace.

Three Negroes Escape From Georgia Convict Camp. Columbus, Ga., Aug. 14.—Three life convicts, negroes, escaped to-day from the camp at the Georgia Brick Company in this county, although fired at several times by the guards. The convicts made their break at a point midway between the two guard stations and about fifty yards from each guard. They succeeded in springing into a ditch, dodged their way through some tall cotton and then lost themselves in the woods nearby. The negroes were chained but not closely. M. A. Chandler, a second ex-Governor of the camp, is warden of the camp.

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Financial Agent for Davidson College is Announced in Person of Dr. T. W. Lingle, Now President of Blackburn College—Is a Man Peculiarly Fitted for the Work to Which He is Elected. Special to the Observer. Davidson, Aug. 14.—Public announcement is being made of the appointment of Dr. T. W. Lingle, Ph. D., class of 1888, as financial agent of the college. His work in co-operation with President Smith will be to secure money and subscriptions for the endowment fund both that the revenues of the institution may be increased to a point where Davidson's greatest efficiency may be guaranteed and its work done more perfectly and easily, and that the permanent funds of the college may be augmented sufficiently to insure the institution against financial disaster and an embarrassment that would seriously cripple it or hinder it in the great work that is at present, under favorable circumstances and in prosperous times, it is doing. His many friends feel that the college is fortunate in securing Dr. Lingle for this place, and certainly this is true, if one may judge from the success that has attended his labors in other fields and by the industry, energy and ability that has always characterized him first as a student, then as a professor in a college chair and then as President and field secretary of Blackburn College at Carlinville, Ill., which latter position he now holds. Dr. Lingle after graduation here in 1883 went to Cornell University, where he did such excellent work as a student that he won the foreign fellowship which gave him a year abroad at a German university. Dr. Lingle, not content to remain only one year, continued his studies at Leipzig and was graduated with the Ph. D. degree. Subsequently he accepted an appointment at the hands of the executive committee of foreign missions and went to Brazil to teach in a college at San Paulo for one year, continued his studies at Leipzig and was graduated with the Ph. D. degree. He has been in the United States since 1891, when he was elected first to the chair of philosophy in Blackburn College and later was made president. Here he has been conspicuously successful in securing millions of dollars toward its permanent endowment fund. It is earnestly hoped and expected that he will do equally successful in his labors in behalf of Davidson, his alma mater, and one may add naturally, his first love, Dr. Lingle is a brother of Rev. Dr. W. L. Lingle, of the First Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, and president of the board of trustees of Davidson College.

PRICE OF LAMARTINE'S POEM. Pecuniary Value Which the French Poet Put Upon His Work. Westminster Gazette. The Gaulois tells a good story of Lamartine's estimate of the pecuniary value of his poetry. It was in 1848, when he was at the acme of his glory and a Cabinet minister. He had just published "La Marseillaise de la Paix" for the Revue des Deux Mondes, and Bulox, the editor, called on him at the ministry. "I believe I owe you \$20. Here is the money," said Lamartine, producing a bundle of bank notes. "Pray deduct the amount of The Revue's indebtedness to you for your poem," said the editor. "I meant to make you a present of it," rejoined the poet. "Not at all; I insist upon paying you." "How much?" "Your own price, whatever it may be." "Ah, well; if you have it so I must oblige you," said Lamartine; and with a magnificent gesture he swept up the whole bundle of notes representing the \$20 and restored them, with solemn dignity, to his pocket.

Rev. J. H. Harms Accepts Presidency of Newberry College. St. Matthews, S. C., Aug. 14.—It was announced to-day at the meeting of the board of trustees of Newberry College, of Newberry, S. C., that Rev. J. Henry Harms, of Hartsville, Pa., had accepted the presidency of that institution to succeed Dr. J. A. B. Scherer, resigned.

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Virginia School Teacher Acquitted of the Murder of His Rival in Love—Case Has Been Up For Trial Five Times. Roanoke, Va., Aug. 14.—The fifth trial at Roanoke county jail of school teacher, charged with the murder of his rival in love, Maurice K. Francis, of Roanoke, ended to-day in acquittal. The first, second and fourth trials resulted in disagreement. The third trial resulted in conviction of murder in the first degree and Richards was sentenced to a new trial. The Supreme Court granted a new trial to set a date for their wedding. Richards had been a suitor for her hand and he was suspected of the crime immediately following the death of the third trial of Richards, his father, mother and eldest brother all died of pneumonia within a period of a week. The parents were present in attending the trial. The parents were buried on the same day but the prisoner was not allowed to attend the funeral, for fear of lynching. The case has been one of the most remarkable in the history of Virginia courts.

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