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PLORIDA AUTO RACES.

Third Week in March Will Probably Witness Annual Event at Daylona-Ormond Beach.

New York, Dec. 14.—The Florida automobile races, which have been held each spring for several years, will probably take place this year on the Daytona-Ormond Beach in the third week in March, when it is planed to have a week's racing. At present it fooks as though Daytona would probably win out over her rival, Ormond, by having the racing headquarters established at the former place. The question of which of the two places should receive this advantage has been a burning one whenever the races have been held in the South. Under present plans there are to be the annual sprint races, with 199 and 280 mile contests, as well as the possible awarding of the speed crown to any driver who may succeed in lowering Demegeot's record of two salles a minute made in 1906 in the 200 horse-power Darracq. Demegeot was really mechanician for Hemery, who came in second in the recent grand prize race at Savannah. At the Florida meet the foreign driver got into/a controversy over the redriving of a half-mile exhibition

It is planned now to have a week of racing at Daytona, and it is hoped that some of the American grand prize cars will enter in the events.

Bout Between Little Feilows.

New York, Dec. 14.—An important bout between little fellows has been on arranged. The fighters who will figure in it are Jem Driscoli, the legitimate featherweight champion of England, and Charley Griffin, the Australian featherweight champion.

They will come together in a twelve-round battle at a show to be first held by the Armory A. A. of Boston.

twelve-round battle at a show to be held by the Armory A. A. of Boston, on December 8th. This will be the second time they have fought. In their previous contest, which was fought at the National Sporting Club of London, several menths ago, Griftin was disqualified on a foul in the fifteenth round.

Dorando and Longboat Ready For the Run, To-Night.

Run To-Night.

New York, Dec. 14.—Dorando Pietri, the Marathon runner, and "Tom" Longboat, the Canadian Indian, to-day anded their training for the race in Madison Square Garden to-morrow right. Both men are said to be in prime condition.

The race will be for 26 miles, 385 yards, the London Olympie Marathon distance, and will be run over the same track on which Dorando defeated John J. Hayes a short time ago. Floyd MacFarland, the bicyclist who won the recent six-day race, will fire the starting signal promptly at 3 o'clock.

Jeffries to Referee Again.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 15.—Jim affries, who has repeately declared hat he would never referee another ght, has been compelled to change is mind, and will officiate in the 25-rund scrap between Hilly Papke and ugo Kelly, which takes place at the affries Athletic Club on December ith. Papke is responsible for Jeffing hack into the Business as a ferce. Hilly told Jeffries that he as not satisfied with Charley Eyfon, a official referee of the club, and he would not judge the battle he ould throw up the match. Not cargain the contest fall rough, Jeffries agreed to referee the H.

New York, Bec. 12.—Baron Plotte de Couperin, president of the International Olympia committee. In a last such a call for the Olympia of the Supples of the Supples of Supples of

deanwhile the investigation will be continued. The results have made it obvious that only by carrying on the investigation as the War Department has actually carried it on is there the slightest chance of bringing the offenders to justice or of separating not the innocent, for there were doubtless bandle over the continued of t hardly any innocent, but the less guil-ty from those whose guilt was hein-THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

The White House, December 14, 1908. SECRETARY WRIGHTS LETTER.

War Department,
Washington, Dec. 10, 1908.

My Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to send you herewith a report of investigation made by Mr. Herbert J. Browne, who was employed by this department in confunction with Capt. W. G. Baldwin to investigate as far as possible the occurrence at Brownsville on the 12th and 18th of August, 1906.

Ex-Private Boyd Conyers, of Company B, Twenty-fifth Infantry, now at Menroe, Ga., told William Lawson, a detective in the employ of Capt. William G. Baldwin, of Roanoke, Va., that he and three (or four) other mon of the Twenty-fifth Infantry were the leaders in the Brownsville raid. This information was obtained at different dates during the month of June, 1963.

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I submit the affidavit as presented. There are certain discrepancies of a minor character, due to the fact that Lawson is liliterate and had to depend on his memory for details. But it should be borne in mind that Lawson was unacquainted with the details of the, Bröwnsville raid and was given information which could have come only from one familiar with the secret history of the affair. Lawson's first report included—the names of Conyers, John Holloman, John Brown, and "another man." Subsequently he supplied the name of James Powell, but I think the priginal name given was that of Robert L. Collier, Company C. one of the relief guard. This information was corroborated in the presence of witnesses, but before Lawson could finish his work Conyers became suspicious and would give no further evidence incriminating himself. From then on he furnished to A, H. Baldwin, Capt W. G. Beldwin, and to myself information plecemeal and reluctantly. The name of Carolina de Saussure, his bunk mate, was the last one obtained.

Conyers tried to commit suicide after he found that he had made his statements to a detective, declaring that the other negroes would kill him when it got out. He finally wrote to Senator Foraker and received a reply, a copy of which is annexed. That reply he countrued to mean that he should stick to his original story told before the Senate committee at all hazards, and there he stands. I have every reason to believe that his confession is genuine and gives for the first time the true secret history of the Brownsville raid.

The list of participants given in this report Conyers furnished me personally. I believe if is substantially correct but with the inflatore above.

side the fort, and that the soldiers of Company B were the guilty parties. We carneally urge that we he permitted to continue the investigation. Several detectives are still in the field, and within the coming week a number of affidavits will be forthcoming. PRIVATE CONVERS STORY. With some repetition of matter appearing later in the report, Floyd Convers story is given here in Larrative form;

form;
The rumors of trouble over the assignment of colored troops to Brownsville were circulated before the troops left Fort Niobrara, and preparations were made among the men to "get even with the crackers," so the whites were called. Some cartrulges were held out at range practice, but more en route to Brownsville. Pretense was made that they were quen away at stations along the road. Some were, but a large number were secreted.

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The friction with cilizens of Brownsville began at once. In Boyd Convers' language, "Whiskey made all the trouble. If we hadn't been drinking we wouldn't have had the nerve to shoot up the town,"

It was agreed, at a gathering of a few men in the saloon of Allison, the colored ex-soldier, on the afternoon of August 13th, 1906, that the raid should take place that night at 12 o stock. It seems to have been delayed a few minutes to let Tamayo, the Mexican scavenger, get away from the B barracks.

John Holloman, the money lender

the B barracks.

John Holloman, the money lender of Company B, was the chief conspirator and leader in the raid and custodian and distributor of the cartidges, but his plans could not have been carried out had not Sergeant George Jackson, of Company B, in charge of the keys to the gun racks in B barracks, and Sergeant Beid, in command of the guards, co-operated both before and after the raid.

The four men who led the raid were John Holloman, John Brown, Boyd Conyers, and Carolina de Saussure, all of Company B (and probably R. L. Coiller, of Company C). Holloman wes in barracks, Brown in the bake shop, Conyers and de Saussure, the control of the control of the control of the control of the company C).

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latter were in the same detail and had
been relieved at about 11 o'clock, De
Saussure on the post at the guardhouse, and Conyers on No. 2, around
the barracks and facing the town.
Holloman set the rest transfer. Holloman got the party together. Con-yers and De Saussure slept on the same bunk in the guardhouse, claimsame bunk in the guardhouse, claiming that they wanted to get under the mosquito net, and they had the trick of taking their guns into the bunk instead of placing them in the open rack, on the excuss that they didn't rust so badly under cover, but really so the absence of the guns from the open guardhouse rack would not attract attention, and their own absence would be ascribed to a visit to the closet, which was back of the guardhouse. These two men slipped out house. These two men slipped out the rear door of the guardhouse, passed through the saily port, and joined Holloman and Brown. The party crossed the wall of the fort down near the end of A barracks,

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ber, in less than two minutes, in the confusion of a dark barrack room. Beyond the possibility of a doubt, the sacks had been opened and the inside conspirators were ready to pour out on the signal ahots. The testimony is ample that there were scarcely twenty seconds between the last of the signal shots and the first general volley from B barracks.

The number firing from the barracks is unknown, but perhaps 20 men were involved. A smaller number went to the ground and followed the leaders up the alley. It will be remembered that one of the witnesses testified to hearing some one of the group of soldiers exclaim, "There they go!" Whereupon these men leaped over the wall and ran up the alley.

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Boyd Convers is the man whose
gun jammed at the exit of the alley
by the Cowen house, testified to by
Herbert Elkins, and it was taken
from him by De Saussure and fixed in
the street where the light from the
street lamp at the corner of Elizabath street shone on them.

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When Conyers and De Saussure reached the guardhouse they ran in the back way and get into their bunks. Sergeant Reid came in and swore at them, but Conyers was so excited and out of breath that he could hardly stand, so Reid stationed him at the rear of the guardhouse in the dark where he could not be scrutinized so closely.

Holloman came around with extra cartridges about daybreak and Reid passed them out. The guas were alledeaned before daylight.

LAWSON'S DEPOSITION.

This day personally appeared before me William Lawson, who, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

"On June 5th, 1968, I was sent to Monroe, Ga., to interview Boyd Conyers, one of the soldiers who was stationed at Browneyille, Tex., in August, 1996. I was sent by Mr. Baldwin to get in with Conyers and ascertain if he knew who did the shooting at that point. I was not given the hames of any of the members of either of the companies stationed at that point, nor was I given any other information, except the fact that a shooting occurred at the time and place above mentioned and that Boyd Conyers was suppeted of knowing who did same.

"I arrived at Monroe, Ga., on June 5th, and stopped at the home of Esther Crews, colored. I met Boyd Conyers who is known as Buddie Conyers, on the morning of June 5th, but had very little conversation with him, but was introduced to him as an oid solder. On the morning of June 5th, but had very little conversation with him, but was introduced to him as an oid solder. On the morning of June 5th, between a and 2 o'clock, I met Conyers.

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Poslam can be had for fifty cents at any reliable druggists, particularly and produced the raid of eleven, including himself, the said Conyers, all members of Company B, Twessty-fifth infantry.

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about halfway between the station-house and Main street. We talked some twenty or twenty-five minutes. I broached the Brownsville case, and mentioned the fact that the soldiers had shown their good sense by keeping their mouths while at Washinging their mouths white at washing-ton. I then asked him what the mo-tive was for the shooting. He told me that the 'crackers' at Brownsville had made threats that they would had made threats that they would have no negro soldiers at Brownsville, and the soldiers had made it up in their minds that if they bothered them that they would go in and clean up the ground. He also said that they mentioned this to Sergeant Reid, who was commander of the guards, and that Reid said. All that I have to say is to take command. say is to take care of yourself and the boys when you go down there, S. H. Parker, whose home is at Charleston, S. C., was present and heard the same conversation.

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"About then a gentleman called Conyers to come and clean some clothes, and Conyers left, and nothing further was said about the matter at this time. I was with Conyers nearly every day, and went to Gainesville, Ga., on an excursion with him on the 15th of June. I did not mention the Brownsville matter to Conyers again until on the 25th of June, when I returned from Atlanta, having gone there on June 17th. On this date I met him at Joe Blassingames, and had a pint bottle of liquor, offered him a drings—he Would not drink in the house, but we went up the street and we stopped under a store-house porch, near Main street. We took a drink or two, and I started the Brownsville case again. He told me that he was dong guard duty at the time of the shooting at Brownsville, and was stationed at the outlet toward the town. He said that when the guard was called the night of the shooting they mentioned to Sergeant Reid what had occurred down town, and he said Boya, if you are not satisfied, you will have to go and get satisfied, and they remarked that they were going to get satisfaction that night. Reid then laughed and said, Boys, don't you go down there and let them get the best of you.' He then assigned the guard and went away.

"In this conversation, Convers told"

others, came down where he was on guard, and that they went down town and just gave them hell, and after they shot out all of their cartridges they ran back to the barracks, and when they got back to the barracks they found that the alarm had been sounded and the officers were calling the roll. Holloman, Brown, and himself were late for roll call, but that some one answered for Br wn and Holloman, but that he wa, late, and that Reid told him that ley had gotten themselves and himself in a hell of a hole, and told him to go the guardhouse and pretend to be asleep, which he did.

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which he did.

"He told me that they had slipped a few cartridges when at target practice and that before inspection, after the shooting, Reid gave him some cartridges to replace the ones he had used. He further said that they had all agreed before they went out that they would keep their mouths, and that he would have told them at the investigation at Washington all about the shooting, but that he was afraid. I had no further talk with Conyers, because I saw that I was being suspected by the negroes around Monroe, Ga."

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prompt, in action.

"WILLIAM (his x mark) LAWSON."

Witnesses:
H. J. BROWNE,
GEO. W. MADERT.
District of Columbia, ses:
Subscribed and sworn to before me,
a notary public in and for the District
aforesaid, this 18th day of October,
A. D., 1908.
(Seal.) GEO. W. MADERT.
Notary Public,
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This day personally appeared be-

BROWNE'S DEPOSITION.

This day personally appeared before me Herbert J. Browns, of Washington, D. C., who, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

"I was employed by the War Department in May, 1908, in company with Capt. William G. Baldwin, of Roanoke, Va., chief of the Baldwin Detactive Agency, to investigate the conduct of the battallon of the Twenty-fifth Infantry, stationed at Brownsville, Tex., which conduct resulted in the Brownsville raid, so ilted in the Brownsville raid, alled, on the night of August 1

and is one of the best known and most responsible detectives in the country.

"In conjunction with him I have been continuously employed upon this work since its inception, in May." The facts set forth in my report addressed to Gen. George B. Davis, Judge-Advocate-General. War Department, under date of December 5th 1965, are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

"In particular I visited Monroe, Ga., to corroborate the investigation at that point of William Lawson, a colored detective in the employ of Captain Baldwin, whose affidavit and reports are annexed to and made a part of my report of December 5th, 1966, above referred to.

"I had several interviews at Monroe with Boyd Conyers ex-private of Company B. Twenty-fifth Infantry, one of the guard on the night of the Brownsville raid, and found that William Lawson's statements regarding Conyers were substantially and ementially correct. I personally obtained from Conyers turkies information detailing now the cartridges used in the

WILLIAM FIRTH, PRES.

"I found the effect of the letter from Senator Foraker to Conyers ex-tremely obstructive. He seemed to regard it as a mandate to adhere to

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liam Lawson, a total of eleven, including himself, the said Conyers, all members of Company B. Twenty-fifth infantry.

"The leaders of the raid, as named by Boyd Conyers, were John Holloman, John Brown, Carolina De Saussure, and himself. Pollowing them were William Anderson, James Balley, Charles E. Cooper, William Lemons, Henry Jimerson, James Rastus' Johnson, and Henry Sonny' Jones. Sergent Reid, in charge of the guard, was accused by Conyers of knowledge before and after the raid. Sergent George Jackson, in charge of the keys of the gun racks of Company B, was accused of opening the racks for the raiders, and of again opening them subsequent to the raid in order that the guns might be removed and cleaned.

"I found Boyd Conyers in a disturbed frame of mind. No claim is made that his original declarations to William Lawson were other than those of a criminal boasting to one of his own race of his crime and of his own race of his crime and of his success in esofping discovery. His subsequent declarations to me were the subsequent declarations to make a course of his crime and of his success in esofping discovery. His subsequent declarations to me were the subsequent declarations to me were the success in esofping discovery. His subsequent declarations to me were the success in esofping discovery. His subsequent declarations to me were the success in esofping discovery. His subsequent declarations to me were the success in esofping discovery. His subsequent declarations to me were the success in esofping discovery. His subsequent declarations to me were the success in esofping discovery. His subsequent declarations to me were the success in esofping discovery. His subsequent declarations to me were the success in esofping discovery. His subsequent declarations to me were the success in esofping discovery. His subsequent declarations to me were the success in esofping discovery. His

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Yorkville Court Resumes,

Special to The Observer.

Yorkville, S. C., Dec. 14.—After taking a recess for a week to allow the members of the local har to attend the Supreme Court, the Court of Common Pleas resumed this morning and unless it breaks down for lack of material, will continue until next Saturday. There are a number of cases set for trial this week, and strange as it may appear the majority of them are between individuals. The lawyers evidently agreed to give the corporations a short rest.

A CHAPTER OF CRIME. One Homicide, Several Murderous Assents and a Number of Robberies Down Spacianburg Way—Details of the Affairs.

Special to The Observer

Spartanburg, S. C., Dec. 14.—There has been much crime in Spartanburg and adjoining counties since has Friday night. In this county there has been one homicide, one murderous assault, and stabbling, both of which may prove fatal, two robberies; while in Laurens county, just across the Sparianburg line, there has been one

George Mints, a young white man, who knocked Mrs. Sallie Green in the head with an axe at her home in the upper section of the county, robbed her of \$77 and then made his escape, was arrested in Piedmont resterday by Constable Hayes of his city and lodged in jail this morning. Mints made partial confession, admitting that the money he had on his person came from Green's home, though he said he had a confederate. Mrs. Green is in a serious condition and is not expected to live.

Saturday night, while on their way to a colored frolic, Charile Dorroh shot and killed Jessi Leake, near Switzer, seven miles from this place. Both had been drinking and fell out over some trivial matter, when Dorroh raised his gun and shot Leake through the breast.

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