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DRASTIC ACTION IN SO. AFRICA

Authorities Expect Greater
Trouble Than Strike—
Uprising of Native
Laborers Feared.

MOBILIZING ENTIRE FORCES OF DEFENSE

Seven Natives Killed in Out-
break at Jagersfontein—
Whites Forced to De-
fend Themselves.

Cape Town, Union of South Africa, Jan. 10.—Drastic measures have been taken by the government of the Union of South Africa to prevent serious trouble arising out of the strike of railway men in the Transvaal and Orange State provinces. The entire defense forces of South Africa, including the regulars and the citizens reserves, are being mobilized for the protection of property which the government believes to be threatened.

The strikers have tied up railroad traffic in the Transvaal and the Orange state, but have not yet succeeded in interfering with transportation to Cape Colony and Natal.

The authorities in mobilizing the forces are looking toward a much greater danger than that of the strike. They fear a possible uprising of the thousands of native laborers in the colonies, some of whom have already shown signs of unruliness. The natives are likely to become still more uncontrollable when they learn that food supplies are short, owing to the impeded communications.

In Natal all the infantry, cavalry and artillery comprised in the forces of the Union of South Africa were mobilized this morning. The forces available at Jagersfontein, capital of the Orange state, have been sent to Jagersfontein, whose diamond mines rank in value next to those of Kimberley. The native laborers there have been already adopted a menacing attitude this morning.

Further arrests of labor leaders were made this morning, among them President Connerty and Secretary Dawson of the railway men's executive committee and Messrs. Buckley and Lewis, members of the executive committee.

Sharp Fight.
Jagersfontein, Union of South Africa, Jan. 10.—Seven native laborers and the diamond mines were killed and wounded in an outbreak today. A few whites also received injuries.

The trouble had no connection whatever with the railway strike. It arose in a dispute about the death of Basuto, said to have resulted from the kick of a white overseer. The whites were driven by the natives into a tunnel of a mile where they defended themselves. In the meantime the natives destroyed the huts in their compound.

A body of 500 armed whites then came onto the scene and dispersed the natives after a sharp fight.

The town is now under the control of the detachments of armed farmers from the surrounding country who are supported by a small force of regular troops.

SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS LUM JENKINS JUDGMENT

Man Convicted of Removing a
Landmark Pays Fine of
\$20 And Costs.

Receiving word that the Supreme court of North Carolina had upheld the decision of the lower courts in the case against Lum Jenkins for the removing of a landmark, Solicitor Robert R. Reynolds yesterday afternoon issued a capias for him and he was arrested a few minutes later in one of the offices of the court house.

The case had been on the criminal docket for a long time and was brought up for trial at the last term of Superior court held in this county by Judge Frank Carter. The case was given into and attracted considerable attention. Judge Carter imposing the fine of \$20 and the costs. Jenkins at once appealed to the Supreme court and the decision of the higher court has just been handed down. The defendant promptly paid the fine and costs, amounting to \$256 yesterday afternoon.

CAVALRY TROOP B HAS MOVED TO OLD ARMORY

Quarters Have Been Remodel-
ed—Plans For Big Ban-
quet Next Week.

The old armory on Pentland street, which has been put into shape for cavalry troop B, of the North Carolina National guard, is now occupied by the troop. All of the property of the troop has been moved and stored in the lockers and rooms prepared for it. Lockers have been installed for each member of the troop and saddle racks have been made just over each locker. New rooms have been fitted up for use by the members and everything is in excellent condition.

The first drill in the new quarters will be held this afternoon and hereafter regular drills will be held every Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Under the present arrangements at the armory, plenty of space is had for the formation of all the drills of the troop and it is believed that much better work can now be accomplished than ever before.

Preparations are being made for a large banquet, which will be given by Camp Kitchen and Club Cafe one night next week, the exact date not yet decided. It is planned to make this one of the largest affairs of its kind ever held here and it is expected that every member of the troop will be present at the elaborate spread.

HAROLD E. DAVIS.

Five Years Old Son of Mr. and Mrs.
Bradley Davis Dies in Baltimore.

The funeral services over the remains of Harold Elmore Davis, the five years old son of Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Davis, who died at his home in Baltimore last Thursday, were held yesterday afternoon from the home and interment followed in the cemetery at Gash's creek.

MRS. N. G. GRYDER.

Aged Resident of Gash's Creek Sec-
tion Died Thursday Morning.

RADIUM ENDORSED BY DR. CHAS. MAYO

Famous Rochester Surgeon
Expresses Hope It Will
Prove Efficient.

New York, Jan. 10.—Endorsement of the radium treatment for cancer together with the hope that it would prove efficient, was expressed yesterday by Dr. Charles Mayo of Rochester, Minn. Dr. Mayo was here for the meeting of the board of regents of the American College of Surgeons.

The radium treatment, Dr. Mayo said, "was still in an experimental stage and has not been tested often enough nor long enough to warrant unqualified endorsement. While in hundreds of cases he said it had shown favorable results, thousands must be treated successfully before the treatment could be pronounced generally effective."

Dr. Franklin H. Martin of Chicago, also here to attend the regents meeting, expressed views similar to those of Dr. Mayo, adding that "it is safe to say that radium will cure the majority of cases of surface cancer."

Dr. Mayo sounded a warning to the public not to stampede to the radium treatment as a sure cure for cancer. He cited instances of where thousands of sufferers had been disappointed when a much-heralded cure proved of little value.

FRANK WARREN DEAD FROM GUNSHOT WOUND

Young Canton Boy Died at
The Meriwether Hospital
Last Night.

After lingering since last Saturday, suffering from a serious gunshot wound, pneumonia and blood poisoning, Frank Warren, the 17 years old son of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Warren of Canton, who accidentally shot himself last Saturday while out hunting near his home, died at the Meriwether hospital last night at 11 o'clock.

Warren's case was perhaps one of the most serious brought to the local institution for treatment in some time and the nurses and attendants say that he was one of the bravest patients they had ever seen. Realizing that he could not live long, yesterday morning he called his father and a minister he had known for a long time to his bedside and told them that if he got well he would be dwarfed for life, that he was prepared to die and was willing to die.

Physicians attending the wounded boy did all in their power to save him, but the odds were too strong against them. He was conscious up to within a few minutes of his death and made several statements in which he said that he had just as soon die now, as he believed it would be better.

While out hunting near Canton last Saturday, the deceased with several companions, started to cross a railroad trestle, when the shot gun he was carrying slipped from his hand and, striking the trigger against something, fired, the shot entering the right side, tearing a large hole and breaking several ribs. Some of the shot entered the right lung and liver. He was at once taken to the station and brought to Asheville, where he was rushed to the local hospital. It is believed by the physicians that pneumonia developed while the young man was being brought to this city.

TWO PIONEER HOTELS IN WINNEPEG ARE IN ASHES

Winnepeg, Manitoba, Jan. 10.—The two pioneer hotels in Winnipeg, were in ashes as a result of a fire last night. It was only after a hard fight that firemen were able to keep the flames from spreading to other buildings. The loss is estimated at \$250,000.

THAW COMMISSION REPORT WILL BE READY TONIGHT

Boston, Jan. 10.—The commission appointed by Judge Aldrich of the Federal court to determine the advisability of admitting Harry K. Thaw to bail met here today and considered his report. General Frank R. Street, head of the commission, said the inquiry would be finished tonight. The report will be filed at Concord, N. H., early next week.

SEEK CAUSE OF MOTOR SINKING

Board of Inquiry Investigating
Disaster in Which Four
Seamen of Wyoming
Lost Their Lives.

BELIEVED CUTTER DRIVEN TOO FAST

Quartermaster Finch and Sea-
man Donohoe, Did Heroic
Work Rescuing The
Survivors.

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 10.—A board of inquiry was today in session on the battleship Wyoming in Hampton Roads investigating the cause of the sinking yesterday of a motor sailing launch carrying wheelbarrows from the Wyoming to the Collier Proteus with the loss of the lives of four seamen of the Wyoming's crew.

The Wyoming, flagship of the Atlantic fleet, is scheduled the sail today with the battleships Florida, Delaware, South Carolina, Utah and New Hampshire for Culebra and Guantanamo, Cuba, for regular winter maneuvers and drills.

All of the bodies of the victims of yesterday's accident other than that of Olaf Cornelius Olsen of Portsmouth, boatswain's mate in charge of the ill-fated launch, were today still unrecovered, notwithstanding many efforts made in the direction of their recovery by shipmates and others from navy vessels in Hampton Roads. The work of dragging for the bodies has been made most difficult for the reason it cannot be told where they went down after the launch went under and it may be sometime to come before the bodies come to the surface. The missing are:

- George J. Hugg, ordinary seaman, Newport, R. I.
- Ernest A. Roth, seaman, Seattle, Wash.
- Theodore Balduf, ordinary seaman, Brooklyn, N. Y.

The sinking of the Wyoming's launch is unofficially believed to have been due to the possible fact that the launch was being driven too fast for the weather and that instead of riding the choppy seas she plunged through the boat and was swamped. When the boat foundered she was only about half a mile from the Proteus to which she was proceeding from the Wyoming. The launch was staunch and was capable of carrying a much larger load than she had aboard at the time of the accident. The load of 45 steel wheelbarrows and the 19 men who were aboard of the launch are declared to have made up a load that should not have placed the boat in peril even with the sea conditions as they were. There was a fresh breeze and the water was unusually rough when the launch went down.

Olsen, who was in command of the launch, had been in the navy many years and bore a fine record. It was the first accident to the personnel of the Wyoming since she was commissioned in 1912, and until yesterday there had been but two deaths of her crew.

Great credit is due to the service rendered by the navy tug Hercules, in command of Quartermaster J. O. Finch, in the work of rescue. G. E. Baker, ordinary seaman, and F. Donohoe, fireman, first class, on the Hercules, imperiled their own lives by plunging into the sea after the men from the launch found in the water.

HAS NO ORDERS TO MOVE OFFICE

Marshall Webb Will Go to
Washington About the
Matter—Deputies
Appointed.

United States Marshal Charles A. Webb is in the city today. He will leave tomorrow for Washington and on Monday will confer with the attorney general concerning the proposed transfer of his office from Greensboro to this city. Mr. Webb states that he has not yet received any official order to make his transfer but hopes to get such an order following the conference with the attorney general Monday.

Mr. Webb has now made all his appointments except to the position of chief deputy. He stated today that he will not announce that appointment until after the office is brought to Asheville, if such a change is made. The list of the deputies appointed are: J. L. Mitchell, stationed at Statesville; and W. M. Morton, stationed at Wadesboro.

MAY ATTACK GRAND JURY PROCEEDINGS

Michigan Strikers Insist Fel-
lows' Presence Makes
Work Void.

Houghton, Mich., Jan. 10.—With the departure of Governor W. N. Ferris from the copper mines today centered in the work of the special grand jury investigating lawlessness resulting from the strike.

Intimations that the work of the grand jury will be attacked on legal grounds were made at union headquarters today. The strikers insist that the presence in the grand jury room of Grant Fellows, attorney general of Michigan, had voided the body's legality and that there is no Michigan law which would permit the county to employ George Nicholas as special prosecutor under existing conditions. Charles H. Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners, announced his intention of remaining as long as he pleased and of prosecuting the men who deported him from Hancock.

Governor W. N. Ferris returned to his home in Big Rapids without making a direct effort to end the strike. He blamed outsiders for the continuance of the struggle and said he got the information he came here for.

Profits "Extremely Large."
Washington, Jan. 10.—Profits of the Calumet-hecla company, which employs more than 50 per cent of the miners in the Michigan copper district, were characterized as "extremely large" in a report of the copper strike submitted today to Secretary Wilson by Walter B. Palmer, an investigator of the department of labor.

Palmer reported the general average of the day wages paid by all the companies throughout the year was \$2.50. Some of the smaller companies he declared were operating at a loss. Prior to the present strike he found the general work day was 10 to 11 hours and some of the miners were paid as low as \$12.35 a shift. Some other classes of labor were paid as low as \$2.

AN ATTEMPT MADE AT JAIL DELIVERY

Buncombe County Jailor Last
Night Found Prisoners
Trying to Escape.

An attempt at wholesale jail delivery was made last night in the Buncombe county jail, when Jesse Wilson, who was convicted at the term of Superior court which ended yesterday at noon, was caught with a case knife in his possession and attempting to saw his way to liberty.

About 9:30 o'clock the jailor was aroused by one of the trustees who said that he had been listening at the keyhole to the "big" cell where eight prisoners were confined and heard them talking over a plot to escape; that Wilson had a knife and was sawing on the bars. The jailor at once telephoned to police headquarters and two patrolmen came down. They were met at the gate by Deputy Sheriff T. R. Parker, all going in. When the officers entered the cell where the prisoners were, all denied any knowledge of what was taking place, but Wilson was searched and the knife was found on him. The prisoners were then each locked in separate cells for the night.

It is said that Wilson had been using the knife for sometime, but had been able to make small headway on the heavy iron bars on which he was working. He was recently convicted in Police court of breaking into his brother's store on North Main street and taking out a motorcycle. He appealed to the Superior court, where judgment was suspended in the cases on the payment of the costs, and he was remanded to jail until they were paid.

This is the first attempt at jail breaking that has been discovered in the local jail for a long time and it cannot be ascertained whether or not the other prisoners were in sympathy with the movement, as all denied any connection with it whatever.

T. H. CROOK SUES ASHEVILLE SCHOOL

In the complaint filed in the office of the clerk of Superior court by T. H. Crook against the Asheville school, he asks damages in the sum of \$5000 for personal injuries alleged to have been received while in the employ of the school. It is set forth in the complaint that the plaintiff was employed on a tram car, which was operated between the school and the Southern Railway station nearby, when on October 1, last, the car left the track on a trestle and caused the plaintiff to sustain serious and permanent injuries about the neck and body. It is claimed by the plaintiff that the defendant did not give him a safe place in which to work and that he was not warned of the danger he was in.

COURT UPHOLDS GERMAN ARMY

President Returns to
WASHINGTON TOMORROW
Is Given Informal Ovation
Go. and From the
Golf Links.

Pass Christian, Miss., Jan. 10.—President Wilson played his last game of golf today on the Mississippi coast as tomorrow he will return to Washington.

A crowd collected at the links to see the president when he finished his game, and along the route going to and from the course, men, women and children stood in the road waving flags and cheering.

The president expected late today to say farewell to the people of this section and to thank them for the section they have permitted him. A big reception had been planned by Representative Harrison and people from all parts of southern Mississippi started early today for Pass Christian to greet the chief executive.

While declining all invitations for entertainments and receptions hitherto, the president consented to attend one big reception on the day before his departure.

DISTRICT COURT MAY CONVENE HERE FEB. 2

Bar Association Meeting Is
Called For Monday to Ar-
range Calendar.

A meeting of the Asheville Bar association is called for Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, in the office of the clerk of the United States District court, for the purpose of preparing a calendar of equity, law and bankruptcy cases for trial at a term of the court that is proposed to be held here, beginning on the first Monday in February.

It is not yet certain that this term will be held, although Judge James E. Boyd has expressed his willingness to come here at that time if a term seems necessary. If it is found at this meeting of the Bar association that there are not enough cases to necessitate this term it will doubtless be postponed.

Officers Who Attacked Citi-
zens of Zabern All Are
Acquitted by Strassburg
Court Martial.

ACTION OF CIVILIANS STRONGLY CRITICISED

Found That Civil Authorities
Did Not Exhaust Means
To Prevent Insults
To Soldiers.

Strassburg, Jan. 10.—Courts martial today acquitted all the German army officers charged with breaches of the law in connection with the recent violent incidents between the military and civilians of Zabern. The military judges in all cases accepted the word of the officers against the sworn testimony of the civilian witnesses.

Colonel von Reuter, commander of the 99th infantry, was charged with wrongful imprisonment but the court found his acts justifiable. Lieutenant Schad, accused of striking a prisoner, was released by the same court on the ground that the charge had not been proven.

Lieutenant Baron von Forstner won his appeal before a second court martial against the sentence of 43 days' imprisonment imposed on him December 19 for sabering a lame shoe-maker.

Strassburg, Jan. 10.—Colonel von Reuter and Lieutenant Schad of the 99th infantry regiment were acquitted today by the court martial which tried them on cases arising out of the recent violent incidents between military and civilians at Zabern, Alsace. The president of the court martial, explaining the verdict of acquittal said it had been established by the evidence that the officers of the 99th infantry regiment had been constantly insulted and stoned by civilians in Zabern and on one occasion shot had been fired. The court, he said, was convinced that the civil authorities had failed to act with the necessary energy in suppressing the outbreaks and in the opinion of the court the military officers were undoubtedly justified in arresting the people who had insulted them.

The court ordered the costs of the suit to be paid by the state. Simultaneously with the acquittal of Colonel von Reuter and Lieutenant Schad, another court martial was

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