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SERIOUS SHOOTING THREATENED RIOT

Excitement at Union, S. C., When Posse Was Shot by Negroes.

NINE WHITE MEN WOUNDED

Citizens Make Search For Negroes—Men Were Deputized to Quell Disturbance When Negroes Opened Fire.

Union, S. C., Nov. 22.—Following two days of tense excitement with a race riot of serious proportions, threatened as a result of the wholesale wounding of a deputy's posse by drunken negroes in the Eastern section of the city Sunday night, quiet prevails here tonight, and the officials believed they have the situation well in hand.

The negroes who did the shooting made their escape and this probably accounts for the fact that further disorders were not recorded yesterday and today. Late this afternoon one of the negroes charged with the shooting was arrested and lodged in jail. Three others for whom warrants were issued have not been apprehended.

Following repeated efforts on the part of Deputy Sheriff A. S. McCall to put a stop to the noisy revelry at a negro "frolic" Saturday night, he with a small party of citizens started for the house occupied by the negroes when the latter opened fire with shotguns, wounding nine men of the officers' forces, including the deputy sheriff, who received wounds in each leg.

The others wounded were: W. A. Dye, two loads of shot in chest and face; Boyd Harris, shot in legs; Herbert Brandon, shot in face and body; H. L. Timmons, shot in legs; Rudolph Lowe, both legs peppered with shot; Earl Bolling, shot in body; Albert Wright, body peppered with shot; Grady Reynolds, shot in head and body.

One negro was found in the house seriously wounded. It is said that he got within range of his companion's shots when the attack was made upon the officers.

Sheriff G. G. Long was summoned and immediately went to the scene with a posse armed with repeating rifles. The negroes fled, however, and the sheriff and his men directed their attention to a systematic search of the negro section for the guilty ones but without result. A large quantity of whiskey was found in the house occupied by the negroes. Later the wounded negro was found by the officers near the house, where he had crawled after his companions fled.

COL. ASTOR LIKELY SAFE.

His Yacht Believed to be Anchored in San Juan Harbor.

Tampa, Fla., Nov. 22.—Brief wireless communication between Key West and San Juan, Porto Rico, this morning served to complicate rather than to clear the situation surrounding Col. John Jacob Astor's yacht Nourmahal. But after astir matters down tonight there is nothing to indicate that the yacht is not safe at San Juan or was at least there November 15th as reported by the steamship Caracas Sunday, and confirmed by that vessel's captain again today.

The fact that the wireless operator at San Juan could not state off-hand this morning that the yacht was in harbor gave rise to a report that the vessel was still missing. But this interpretation, according to a statement issued by the operator at Tampa tonight is unfounded and due solely to the fact that the San Juan operator in his station was not aware of the presence of the yacht in the harbor.

Because of interrupted communication of late the operator at San Juan knew nothing of the anxiety for the Nourmahal, and when asked specifically if the yacht was there replied simply that he did not know. Soon thereafter communication was interrupted leaving the situation open, but in no wise according to all appearances, questioning the reliability of the reports of the Nourmahal's safety as given at Wilmington yesterday and at Caracas again today by the steamship Caracas.

In order that the brief conversation between Key West and San Juan might not be taken to indicate that the Nourmahal is not at San Juan, S. W. Hance, in charge of the wireless station at Tampa, sent the Associated Press a message tonight in which he said: "Absolutely no truth in the report regarding wireless received here via Key West about yacht Nourmahal not being at San Juan."

Hance added that he was still trying to get in direct touch with San Juan with the hope of getting from the operator there positive assurance of the Nourmahal's presence in the harbor which, according to the best deductions the Porto Rico operator was unable to give this morning, merely because of lack of information.

EASTERN CAROLINA LEAGUE

Baseball Directors in Session at Rocky Mount Yesterday—Durham Applies For Admission—Other Sessions to be Held.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Wilson, N. C., Nov. 22.—There was a lively meeting of the directors of the Eastern Carolina Baseball Association in this city this afternoon with the following league towns represented: Goldsboro, Horace King; Wilmington, R. H. Gwatney; Fayetteville, Capt. G. H. Napier; Rocky Mount, J. W. Mason; Wilson, J. C. Eagles; Raleigh, C. H. Gattis. Durham was represented by J. L. Morehead.

The meeting was called to order by T. M. Washington, president, who appointed J. L. Horn Jr., to act as secretary. C. H. Gattis, of Raleigh, introduced J. L. Morehead, of Durham. Mr. Morehead stated that Durham desired admission to the Eastern Carolina League if there was a vacancy. Mr. Gattis stated a disastrous season had resulted for the past two years in Raleigh; that a new park would have to be provided next year; that several meetings had been held this year to entice interest but with little success; he thought that Raleigh was done with ball unless Durham was allowed a franchise. He said that Raleigh would enter on two conditions, provided that Durham be admitted as a stock company could be formed and take over the present franchise. He showed that the team was not financially strong, but believed he could interest a sufficient number of business men to invest money provided Durham might be admitted. He said that they were not here to put Rocky Mount out, but would be willing to vote for any vacancy that would be favored by the League. He said Raleigh enthusiastically informed that Rocky Mount would not play.

Mr. Cotton, of Fayetteville, and Mr. Gwatney, of Wilmington, wanted Durham in the League but were not willing to kick out any town, but if Durham wished to purchase Rocky Mount's franchise or that of any other club, they would be satisfied and only on these conditions Durham should be admitted. Mr. Gwatney moved that the League remain intact as at present and that a meeting be called to be held in Rocky Mount on Tuesday, November 30th, at 4 P. M.

At this meeting Raleigh is to give an answer as to whether or not she wishes to retain her franchise in the League on the North American place to be filled by some other town. This motion was seconded by J. W. Mason, of Rocky Mount, and passed without a dissenting vote.

The question as to games played when percentage of gate receipts is not taken, was settled after an hour's discussion, when it was moved by Mr. Mason, seconded by Mr. Gwatney, that the guarantee be made \$55 with a rain guarantee of \$35, as compared with \$40 and \$25 last season. There was a tie vote on this, years Rocky Mount, Wilmington and Raleigh; noes, Fayetteville, Goldsboro and Wilson. The vote was decided by the president.

AERO COMPANY FORMED.

Prominent Capitalists Backing the Wrights in New Concern.

Albany, N. Y., Nov. 22.—Capitalized at \$1,000,000 the Wright Company of New York, was incorporated today "to manufacture, sell, deal in, operate and otherwise use at any place or places on the North American continent and the islands adjacent thereto, machines, ships, or other mechanical contrivances for aerial operation or navigation of any and every kind and description and any future improvements or developments of the same."

The directors are Wilbur Wright, Orville Wright, of Dayton, Ohio; George P. Shonts, of New York; and Allan A. Ryan, of New York. In addition to the names of directors filed at Albany today for the incorporation of the Wright Company, of New York, are a number of other well known capitalists. They are Cornelius Gould, Robert August Belmont, Howard Freedman, Norbert J. Collier, Andrew Freedman, Theodore P. Shonts, Allan A. Ryan, and Russell A. Alger.

Delancy Nicol, counsel for the new company, said tonight that one of the Wright brothers would be president and that the executive committee would include the Wrights, August Belmont, Andrew Freedman and Theodore P. Shonts.

The concern will manufacture and sell Wright aeroplanes and also will seek to protect the Wright patents and to give the two Dayton inventors time to further develop their machine. A factory will be situated at Dayton, according to Mr. Nicol, while the general offices will be in New York.

GOULD READILY AGREED.

To Improve Railroad When Threatened by Governor Stubbs.

Topeka, Kan., Nov. 22.—Following a threat by Governor Stubbs, of Kansas, to institute receivership proceedings against the Central Branch Railroad, a subsidiary road of the Missouri Pacific system unless the line was improved speedily, George Gould, president of the Missouri Pacific, assured the Governor that the road was to be improved at once. One hundred miles of 85 pound rails have been ordered for 1910.

WARRENTON, VA. IS FIRE SWEEPED

Four Blocks of Buildings are Mass of Smoking Ruins.

TOWN UNDER MARTIAL LAW

Water Supply Exhausted by Unprecedented Drought of Seven Weeks. Dynamite Used to Stay Flames—Loss Heavy.

Warrenton, Va., Nov. 22.—Following a fire that threatened to wipe out the town, Warrenton tonight lies under martial law and four blocks of buildings in the heart of the city are smoking ruins.

Only by the use of dynamite was the town saved from complete destruction, for the drought of seven weeks that has held this part of Virginia in its grip had completely exhausted the water supply, even that needed for drinking purposes being shipped here.

The presence of the militia is necessary to guard the furniture, valuables and office and store fixtures now stacked in the main street. These were taken from homes and places of business when the flames threatened and their owners left to aid their neighbors in the saving of other property. So far there has been no attempt at looting and a strong guard with loaded rifles is patrolling the scene.

The fire which started in the loft of a down-town livery owned by Bradburn & Clatterback, spread quickly under a brisk south wind. The flames spread along Waterloo and Winchester streets, taking in the space formed by the juncture of the two thoroughfares. Among the buildings destroyed were the skating rink, the annex to the Warren Green Hotel, T. E. Pattie's store, Jennings Furniture Co., and the residences of W. A. Warner, F. C. Brooks, Mrs. Elizabeth Wall, Dr. B. Butler, Mrs. F. M. Moore, Moses Hall and J. B. Kemper.

The dynamiting of four buildings made a breach in the fire zone that checked the progress of the flames which finally burned out. The Court House and the postoffice were saved only by the most strenuous efforts, which failed to save the building in which were located the council chamber and the mayor's office.

The damage is reported tonight to be between \$65,000 and \$75,000, with insurance of about \$56,000.

Warrenton, which is the county seat of Fauquier county, has a population of about 1,600, many of whom are wealthy Englishmen who have purchased valuable estates in that vicinity and who breed a fine grade of horses for exhibition purposes. Warrenton is noted for its fine horse shows, many of the fashionable set from New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington and Richmond, Va., and other places usually attending. The place is famed as a Summer resort for neighboring cities.

WINS FREIGHT RATE FIGHT.

Action of Circuit Court Victory For Commerce Commission.

Philadelphia, Nov. 22.—The Interstate Commerce Commission secured an important victory in the matter of the establishment of freight rates today when the United States Circuit Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania sustained the demurrer filed by the Commission asking for the dismissal of the suit brought by the Baltimore and Ohio and other railroads to enjoin the Commission from enforcing its orders of June 7, 1909, whereby it established a tariff rate on big vein coal carried from the Georges Creek and Elk river regions in Maryland to Atlantic coast points in other States.

The railroads sought to have the Commission enjoined reducing the rate and the Commission filed a demurrer asking for the dismissal of the suit which the court sustained.

The case was heard by Judges Gray, Buffington and Lanning and the opinion was filed late this afternoon by Judge Buffington. The complainants in the action besides the Baltimore and Ohio were the Philadelphia and Reading, Western Maryland, the Pennsylvania, Cumberland Valley and the Lehigh and New England roads.

ONE KILLED; FIVE HURT

Structure For Guano Factory Collapsed at Wilson Yesterday.

Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 22.—One workman was killed, two crippled, and three others were slightly bruised by the collapse of a frame structure being erected for a guano factory at Wilson, N. C., this afternoon. The dead man, B. B. Tyler, was mixing cement and was struck by falling timbers, his brains being dashed out.

The injured are: Junius Woodward, Tom Ballamy, both colored, and Frank Bantz, Spright McKee and George Farmer, white.

Two hundred thousand feet of lumber was rendered useless in the crash. The loss to the Contentnea Guano Company which was erecting the building is estimated at \$20,000.

ALL SIGNS OF LIFE NOW DISAPPEAR

Hopes of Searchers in St. Paul Mine Are Shattered.

MORE RESCUERS TO AID

One Man Appeared to be Alive But Efforts to Restore Him Were Fruitless—More Excitement During the Day.

Cherry, Ill., Nov. 22.—Efforts to reach men possibly still alive in the St. Paul mine were in vain today in two parts of the underground workings. Although excitement was caused by the finding of a dead miner, who was at first thought to be alive, the net result of today's work was the recovery of 42 bodies.

Rain fell all night and during the forenoon turned to snow. Scarcely a kinsman of the missing men was at the mine today. But efforts to explore underground continued with unabated vigor. Dozens of volunteers worked against expediting impediments to extend the limit of their explorations.

"They're still alive down there!" was the watchword of every worker, although evidence in support of it was meagre.

The first tangible evidence that the men in the east workings were not killed when the fire broke out on Saturday was the failure to find any bodies where it was predicted a large number would be found if the men were smothered in their first rush for safety.

Many mining implements were found, but not a dinner pail was to be seen. From this it was argued that the men unable to escape when the fire was discovered retreated to some extremity of the mine, carrying their food with them. But this was the extent of inspiring discoveries for the day.

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New York markets: Money on call firm 4 1/2 to 5 per cent, ruling rate 5 per cent, closing bid 5 5/8, offered at 4 7/8; four steady with a small jobbing demand; wheat spot easy, No. 2 red 1.26 nominal domestic elevator; No. 2 red 1.25 1/2 nominal; corn spot firm, No. 2 7/8 elevator domestic and 72 1/2 delivered; nominal No. 2 new 63 f. o. b. afloat; oats spot steady mixed nominal; rosins steady, turpentine easy 58.

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Collector Loeb expressed the opinion today that the "sleeper trunk" frauds could not be carried on successfully under the present rates. These provide for a new stamp arrangement for trunks and a limitation of the hours a trunk may remain on the docks instead of being permitted to stay there long enough to be whisked away after nightfall. Instead the government will stow away the trunks in a place safe from possibility of smuggling them to the country in the darkness. Watchmen posted at the custom house gates have special instructions about not permitting goods to pass them without the evidence of the strictest inspection.

Secretary MacVeagh declared today that he had no knowledge of reported offers of \$600,000 and \$500,000, respectively, by independent sugar refining companies to the government to drop cases against them. Secretary MacVeagh indicated today that he was not disposed to take up immediately the question of remuneration for the first information of the frauds.

Edwin I. Anderson, a former employee of the American Sugar Refining Company, who has made a claim on the Treasury Department for compensation for the data he gave the government, called with his counsel, Francis Dryff, of New York. They talked with Secretary MacVeagh a few minutes and asked to see the papers of Surveyor Richard Parr, who has also filed a claim with the department. Parr's claim was refused by Assistant Secretary Reynolds, a couple of years ago on a ruling prohibiting customs employees from receiving any bonus. Mr. MacVeagh declined to allow them to see the papers on the ground that he saw no good reason why they should demand it.

ALLEGED MURDERER TAKEN

White Man Named Bufkin Captured by Posse Near Causey, S. C. Sheriff Richardson Wounded—Near Tragedy.

MARINES TO SAIL FOR NICARAGUA

Four Hundred Ordered From Philadelphia to Canal Zone

WILL PROTECT AMERICANS

United States Troops Will Land if Necessary—Coast is Being Well Guarded on All Sides—The Situation.

Washington, Nov. 22.—Preparations are being made for 400 marines to sail from Philadelphia either for the canal zone or for Nicaragua next Saturday. This will constitute the first named forces to land in Nicaragua in developments in the situation within the next few days require such a course to be pursued. All will depend upon the action to be taken by the State Department, which is marking time pending the receipt of additional details of the killing of the two Americans, Grace and Cannon.

The departure of the marines is the result of rush orders to the League Island navy yard, after the State Department received the preliminary report of the slaying by Zelaya's orders of the two men. It has been intended to send the marines to Panama to relieve about 380 marines on duty there. The date of departure from Philadelphia has been set for December 3rd by which time the troop ship Prairie would have been ready to sail. By working day and night the League Island forces will be able to finish repairs on the ship by November 27th and that date has now been set for the sailing of the marines.

In event of necessity the 380 marines now on the canal zone could be utilized in Nicaragua in addition to the 400 to be taken South by the Prairie. With the troop ship Buffalo on the Atlantic, the marines could be transferred from one coast of Nicaragua to the other in a comparatively short time, by way of the Panama railroad.

Rear admirals galore were at the Navy Department today, but in no instances was it admitted that their presence there had to do with the trouble in Nicaragua.

It was stated today at the Navy Department that the shallow waters along Nicaragua on the Atlantic coast made the sending of a battleship there useless and such action is not contemplated. It was admitted, however, that the Albany and Yankton would remain for the present in Magdalena Bay.

Doubs the United States.

Managua, Nicaragua, Nov. 22.—Not having received any official communication on the subject, the Nicaraguan government expresses a doubt that a demand for reparation will be made by the United States on account of the execution of the two Americans, Grace and Cannon, for the reason, it is pointed out, that the procedure of Nicaragua was according to law.

The men were tried by court martial and condemned and President Zelaya refused to interfere with this decision.

FAYETTEVILLE DEATHS.

David G. Robeson, of Red Springs—Mrs. James G. Pearce.

Fayetteville, N. C., Nov. 22.—The Observer this afternoon announces the death Sunday of Mr. David G. Robeson, of Red Springs, after a lingering illness, aged 78. He moved to Red Springs from Bladen about 15 years ago to educate his children. He was the oldest living member of the Robeson family, so closely identified with the early history of the Cape Fear and was a great-grandson of Col. Thos. Robeson from whom Robeson county was named. He is survived by his widow, who was miss Isabelle McDougald, of Harnett county, and five children: Dr. J. A. Robeson, of Savannah; Mrs. Morgan, of Burlington; Mrs. Martin McKinnon and Mr. B. Robeson, of Red Springs; and Mr. D. G. Robeson, Jr., of Bladen.

Mrs. Janie strange Pearce, widow of the late James Pearce, died at the home of her son, Joseph H. Pearce, at 8 o'clock yesterday morning after a paralytic stroke last Thursday. She was the only daughter of the late Dr. Joseph Caldwell Huxke, for 50 years rector of St. John's Episcopal Church. She was also the granddaughter of the late Judge Robert Strange and a cousin of Bishop Strange, of Wilmington. She is survived by four sons and six brothers. The funeral was held from St. John's church at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon.

ASSIST IN WATERWAYS WORK.

Admiral Sperry Has Been Detailed by the Secretary of the Navy.

Washington, Nov. 22.—Admiral Sperry has been detailed by the Secretary of the Navy to assist the National Waterways Commission in its work. He will give attention to various questions and will aid the commission in the preparation of its forthcoming report. The commission will report to Congress about the first of next January.

ANGLO TRIALS NEARS END.

Evidence Concluded Yesterday—Frauds of \$100,000 Charged.

Danville, Va., Nov. 22.—The evidence was concluded today in the civil suit against T. M. Anglo, former president of the Dryfork Distilling Company, and his bondsmen, the Fidelity & Guaranty Company, of Baltimore. The case goes to the jury tomorrow. When a verdict is reached on this case it is expected that the preparing of another big civil case against Anglo will be begun.

The second suit covers a period of about 12 years during which time revenue frauds of over \$100,000 in the manufacture of whiskey is charged. The bonds for this period were \$13,000. When the civil suit cases are over the second trial of Anglo on a criminal prosecution is expected to be begun.

SPENCER STRIKE CONTINUES.

Machinists Refuse to Return to Work—Conference Yesterday.

Spencer, N. C., Nov. 22.—Although many conferences between A. McGillivray, district president of the International Association of Machinists, and the 180 striking machinists at Spencer were held today no settlement has been reached. The men who walked out of the shops Saturday charging brutal treatment on the part of a foreman have retired orderly and declare they will follow the advice of the international officers.

The strikers demanded the removal of the offending foreman and the Southern Railway officials denied that there was sufficient cause and the strike followed. It is believed the matter will be adjusted within the next few days.

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"They are alive!" came the cry from all sides and a rush that almost carried the bearers of their feet New York yesterday customs frauds were discussed and plans were made to prevent the same by rigid methods in the future. It was announced that the Government has been losing millions in this manner.—The shooting of nine members of a sheriff's posse by negroes at Union, S. C., Saturday brought about a most serious situation which verged on a race riot. Rescuers continued to search the St. Paul mine yesterday for survivors, but no signs of life were seen during the day.—A disastrous fire at Warrenton, Va., yesterday destroyed the entire west end of the town.—The trial of Lee H. Battle, charged with irregularities while cashier of the Federal City National Bank of Greensboro, began yesterday in the Federal court.

GOVERNMENT LOSS HEAVY BY FRAUDS

Cheated Out of Millions by "Sleeper Trunk" Smugglers.

WILL PROHIBIT ALL FRAUDS

Important Conference on the Situation Yesterday—Reference to Sugar Trust Investigation—MacVeagh's Statement.

Washington, Nov. 22.—In a conference at the Treasury Department in which Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh, Attorney General Wickersham, Collector Loeb, of the port of New York, and United States District Attorney Henry A. Wise, of the Southern District of New York, participated, institution of criminal prosecutions against perpetrators of "sleeper trunk" customs frauds, with ramifications in all parts of the country; the pressing of existing indications to avoid lapses under the statute of limitations and the customs investigation generally were discussed.

Incidentally Secretary MacVeagh announced that the \$2,000,000 odd which the American Sugar Refining Company had paid to the government on account of evasion of duties was regarded by the government as a complete settlement for all its undervalued frauds, but that amount affected no other evasions of duty and in no wise figured as to any other matters and that the government proposed to recover much more money as the result of the frauds the so-called trust had committed.