

MOB CELEBRATED CHRISTMAS NIGHT WITH A LYNCHING

Avenged Christmas Eve Tragedy in Crude Way of Primitive Men

WIFE TRIED TO KILL HUSBAND'S SLAYER

Called Back Assassin as Victim Lay Dead, Snatched His Pistol And Fired

MURLEY, Va., Dec. 26.—Following the killing here on Christmas eve of Samuel Baker and the serious wounding of his wife and two children by the former's enemy, Henry Pennington, a mob of one hundred citizens late last night took Pennington from an improvised jail where he had been incarcerated under heavy guard, and hanged him to a steam pipe.

Pennington, who had been drinking, picked a quarrel with Baker and shot him while the latter was on his way to a Sunday school. Christmas tree with his wife, his two children and a friend, Wyatt Meadows. Seeing that he had killed Baker, Pennington started to run away. Mrs. Baker called after Pennington and implored him to help her take the body home.

Wife Sought Revenge. The ruse worked and Pennington went back to the spot where his victim lay dead. Bent upon avenging the dead, Mrs. Baker grabbed Pennington's pistol from his pocket and shot twice at him, wounding him in the hand and thigh. Pennington recovered possession of the pistol and then shot the woman and attempted to kill Meadows, who was running away. It is alleged, and the two children.

Pennington fled but was surrounded by a posse on the outskirts of the town later in the night. He was captured after an exchange of shots with the officers, who badly wounded him. Being too weak to stand the trip to the Grundy jail fifteen miles distance, Pennington was locked up in the constable's house, but about one o'clock yesterday it was thought advisable to remove him to a boarding house, where he was put under a strong guard.

Lynched at Midnight. Feeling against Pennington very high and many covert threats of violence were made.

NORTH AND EAST THROTTLED IN THE GRIP OF WINTER

Gale Drives Tidal Wave on Coast of New England; Train Service Completely Demoralized North of Mason And Dixon's Line.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 26.—Grim winter swept into New England today on the wings of a northeast storm with such terrific energy as to cause great damage, much inconvenience, not a little suffering and a few deaths. The gale drove a tide into Massachusetts Bay which nearly equalled that of the famous storm of 1851, the wet snow prostrated wires, telegraph, telegraph, electric light and trolley and railroad trains were stalled.

Three persons lost their lives in Everett and Chelsea by the sudden rise of the tide. From midnight until late today the storm's destructive powers were unusually extensive and severe. Its center was somewhat off Nantucket, but the gale swept over the greater portion of New England and was accompanied by a heavy fall of snow.

The big tide, however, was the feature of the storm. Coming on a full moon, the gale rolled a wave along the coast which, in some places, reached a height of over fourteen feet above low water mark and had only been exceeded, according to local records, by that which swept the coast at the time that Minots Light was destroyed in April, 1851.

Loss Million Dollars. In this city the tide went across Atlantic avenue on the water front and filling hundreds of cellars, caused an estimated damage of over \$1,000,000. In Everett, Cornelius Harkin and his wife were caught in their beds and overwhelmed by the flood, while an infant child lost its life in Chelsea under similar conditions.

In many places along the coast persons were taken from their homes in boats, hundreds of summer cottages were undermined, bulkheads were destroyed and persons living some distance from the coast found themselves looking over the open ocean.

The prostration of the wire service, especially in southeastern New England was more extensive than for many years. Providence clung to the outside world by only a single wire, while communication toward Fall River, Newport and New Bedford and Cape Cod by ordinary lines ceased at Brockton. The wireless, however, established communication with Cape Cod, and there was much relief when word was received from the famous peninsula that its long sandy beach had not been marked by a wreck. It is many years since the railroad

and street railway companies have been so badly blocked.

Fallen wires from a radius of twenty or thirty miles around Boston and throughout Southeastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island made it necessary to cut out completely electric lighting in those communities that were served by overhead system. Large cities such as Cambridge, Somerville, Lynn, Brockton, Providence, Fall River and New Bedford were in darkness, except for the light afforded by the full moon.

Details of millitamen from Malden, Lynn, Everett and Marblehead were sent to Chelsea tonight with blankets and mattresses by order of Governor Draper. It is estimated that the number of people driven by the flood from their homes in the city which was fire-swept three years ago will reach 2,500.

NEW YORK SUFFERS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—New York and its environs were practically storm bound today for the first time this winter. The west wing of railroad service was almost wholly cut off, wire companies in every direction were crippled, metropolitan streets were blocked with snow and shipping suffered considerable damage.

The snow fall which began shortly before noon yesterday continued steadily nearly all night with intermittent flurries throughout the greater part of today. This was followed by a cold wave which froze the damp snow to wires, switches and roadway, nearly ten inches of snow fell in the city, and the poor, who ate their fill of free Christmas dinners yesterday had opportunity to work up an appetite today by shoveling. More than ten thousand shovellers and six thousand trucks were called out to remove the white burden.

Traffic Demoralized. The derangement of railroad traffic was one of the most serious experienced in several years. Trains from the South and West bore the worst of the delay, service in those directions being practically cut off all day, while the upstate and Canadian trains were from one to three hours behind their schedules.

The two eighteen hour Chicago trains were greatly delayed, the Penn

Aren't Men The Brutes?



TAFT SETTLES VEXED QUESTION OF "WHAT IS WHISKEY" FOR ALL TIME

Overrules Roosevelt, Bonaparte, and Wiley Who Were Willing to Cut Out Several Favorite Concoctions, Makes Definition Broad Enough to Cover Multitude.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—The definition of the word "whiskey" by the highest American authority was given today when President Taft rendered the final decision on the subject in connection with the construction of the pure food law with reference to labeling. The president held that whiskey made of neutral spirits is whiskey when reduced to potable strength.

The president covered other details in his decision, and gave directions for the proper branding of among other things that "Canadian Club" whiskey and whiskey made from a mixture of "strait" whiskey and "neutral spirits" may be called a blend.

The president thinks that an order as his decision contemplates cannot do justice. "Those," he says, "who make whiskey of rectified, redistilled or neutral spirits cannot complain if, in order to prevent further frauds, they are required to use a brand which shall show exactly the kind of whiskey they are selling."

MOB AT GREENVILLE GLAMORS FOR BLOOD OF AN ALLEGED MURDERER

Two Arrests Made for Brutal Murder of Real Estate Dealer

PRISONERS IN SAFETY

GREENVILLE, S. C., Dec. 26.—Jesse Fuller, charged with murdering J. E. Liddell, a prominent real estate dealer was rushed to the state penitentiary at Columbia this afternoon, only after the local authorities, assisted by a local military company, had narrowly averted a lynching. Joe Barker, held as an accomplice in the murder, was rushed to the Laurens jail.

Fuller, who is regarded as a desperate character, was arrested this morning following an alleged confession made to W. O. Stover, a constable. Shortly after the arrest crowds gathered around the jail and threats of lynching were freely made. The lynch rifles were called out to protect the jail and at an opportune moment Fuller was placed in an automobile and taken to Spartanburg, where he was placed on a train for Columbia.

The murder of Mr. Liddell was unusually brutal and there is little doubt that Fuller would have been lynched had not the militia been called out so promptly. Liddell was on his way home Friday night of last week, with "Santa Claus" for the little tots whose stockings already lined the mantel, when he was suddenly pounced upon by a man who jumped from behind a tree. He was beaten to death, robbed, his body, which lay just a short distance from his home, being found a short while later.

In his alleged confession Fuller implicated Barker. Immediately upon arrest the officers placed him aboard a train and took him to Laurens. The coroner's jury will not report before Monday.

MADRIZ BEGINS TASK OF CLEANING OUT ZELAYA'S CABINET OF GRAFTERS

Orders Arrest of His Son-in-law and Confidential Minister of Finance

TREASURY EMPTY

MANAGUA, Nic., Dec. 26.—The new president of Nicaragua, Jose Madriz is taking hold of affairs with a strong hand. Zelaya left him the legacy of an empty treasury and soon after President Madriz had publicly announced in effect that the country was practically on the verge of bankruptcy the arrest of Juanita Pasos, Zelaya's son-in-law and Ernest Martinez, Zelaya's last finance minister was ordered. They are now in the hands of the authorities, charged with misappropriation of public funds, failure to register government bonds, and the circulation of unsigned paper money.

Francisco Baca, who has replaced Dr. Julian Irujo as minister general is preparing a decree establishing a commission for the purpose of revoking the franchises under which a score of monopolies, given to individuals by Zelaya, have been operated. These monopolies poured into Zelaya's purse vast sums of money for, while they were ostensibly in the hands of others, it was to the former president that the greater portion of the returns was transferred. Pasos is looked upon as the creator of these monopolies and the dummy utilized by Zelaya to cover his large stock interest therein. His arrest has been enthusiastically received.

Santos Ramirez, Zelaya's chief of telegraph, has also been arrested. He is charged with having sent a telegram in the name of President Madriz, ordering the government troops to abandon their strong positions. Generals Anastasio Ortiz, Benito Chavarria and Paulino Godoy, who were banished by Zelaya in 1896 have been recalled by Madriz.

FIREMAN KILLED

ALBUQUERQUE, Ga., Dec. 26.—Edward A. Springs, a driver in the Augusta fire department was thrown from his seat on the engine this afternoon and both of the wheels passed over his body, causing instant death.

CARNIVAL OF CRIME AND DEATH AT CHRISTMAS TIME IN BIRMINGHAM

Fear Violent Deaths in One Day of Which Three Were Homicides

ALL WHITE BUT ONE

BIRMINGHAM, Dec. 26.—Four violent deaths three of which were homicides, have occurred in Birmingham in the twenty-four hours ending tonight. William R. O'Rourke a groceryman, was fatally shot by M. C. Serews, a rival in business, when the men quarreled over O'Rourke's charge that Serews had set his store on fire.

John Turner was killed by a pistol shot fired in a friendly scuffle at Woodstock, when a friend was trying to take the weapon from Turner's overcoat pocket.

Essie Crockett, a negro, was instantly killed by a shot fired tonight by an unknown man whom Crockett's companions claim was white.

C. S. Henley, a young man from Pinson, Ga., was electrocuted at East Lake while he was attempting to find an electric light switch in the darkness.

TOURING CAR GOES OVER; SIX INJURED

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 26.—Six persons were more or less seriously injured late this afternoon when the big touring car owned by George M. Lane, of Chicago, struck a curb and tumbled at the corner of Oak and Margaret streets, Riverside. All the occupants were violently thrown from the machine. Mr. Lane suffered a fractured shoulder. Mrs. Lane was badly bruised about the face. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer E. Lawrence were severely shaken up, but not seriously injured. Mr. Charles E. Smith was knocked unconscious and Mrs. Smith was also badly injured about the arms and body. The accident created great excitement and three ambulances were dispatched to the scene, conveying the injured parties to the hospitals. The machine was badly wrecked.

REMINGTON, PAINTER OF SCENES FROM PLAINS, DEAD

Succumbs to Operation for Appendicitis Which Induced Heart Failure

RIDGEFIELD, Conn., Dec. 26.—Frederick Remington, the artist, died at his home here today from heart failure and shock superinduced by an operation for appendicitis performed on Thursday.

Mr. Remington had been in good health until last Sunday, when he remarked that he seemed slightly indisposed. It was not until Wednesday that he suffered pain to any extent and physicians were called.

That night a New York specialist was called, and the next day an operation for appendicitis was performed. The patient seemed to be progressing favorably Friday and yesterday, but this morning suffered a relapse and died at 3:30 o'clock.

Mr. Remington who was in his forty-eighth year was a native of Canton, N. Y., to which place the body will be taken tomorrow afternoon. The funeral services will be held in the Universalist church at Canton.

Mr. Remington married Miss Eva Caton, of Gloucester, N. Y., who survives him.



WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Forecast for North Carolina: Generally fair Monday and Tuesday moderate northwest winds becoming variable.

YEARS' BENEFACTIONS DOUBBLE THOSE OF LAST

Aggregate Hundred and Forty-one Million Dollars; Third is for Education

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The total public benefactions in the United States during the past twelve months was \$141,250,000 an amount just \$40,000,000 greater than any previous year in the history of the country according to statistics compiled by a New York newspaper. The amount this year was over twice as large as was given away last year, following the panic of 1907.

The principal benefactions in 1909 have been the late John S. Kennedy of New York (\$26,550,000), John D. Rockefeller (\$12,852,000) and Andrew Carnegie (\$6,956,561). Of the total amount given in 1909, over a third was given specifically for educational work.

The total benefactions in the United States reported in the public press in the last seventeen years add up to no less than one billion one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

MRS. TAFT ABLE TO TAKE LONG WALK

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—President and Mrs. Taft took a long walk through the snow this afternoon being seen from the white house for more than an hour. The president was bundled up in a great fur overcoat, while Mrs. Taft wore a dark tailored-made gown and fur. At a distance two secret service men trailed, but otherwise the president and Mrs. Taft were unaccompanied. Those who passed the distinguished couple remarked on how well Mrs. Taft is looking. Her appearance is a complete contradiction of the numerous reports about her ill-health.

BEGGED JUSTICE ON HER KNEES BUT ALL IN VAIN

Tried to Stop Marriage of Man Who had Promised to Marry Her

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Justice of the Peace Bothyl of Paterson was getting ready for supper last evening, when a foam-flecked cab horse stopped at his door and out of the harness tumbled James Powers and Miss Edith Barnes, who is nineteen years old and pretty, and lives at No. 81 Beech street, Paterson.

"Hurry up and marry us," begged Powers, adding, as he glanced fearfully toward the door, "There's a young woman following us who will make trouble if you don't hurry up."

The judge dropped his spectacles and hat several precious minutes looking for the look he wanted. Powers got more and more impatient. Miss Barnes began to show signs of trepidation, taking peeps through the curtained window.

At last Justice Bothyl began the time-worn formula. He had just reached the point, "If there is any one present who knows any good or lawful reason," etc., when the door of his study was thrown open and a disheveled girl threw herself on her knees before him.

"Don't marry them," she implored, as she pointed at Powers. "He promised to marry me, and he has no right to make this other woman his wife. Please don't marry them."

Miss Barnes reached for a hatpin, and the newcomer, Belle Stewart jumped up ready for offense or defense. Powers stood by panic stricken. The old magistrate stepped into the breach and quietly but firmly assumed Miss Stewart that as soon as she calmed down the ceremony would proceed, promise or no promise.

And it did. Miss Stewart glared and Miss Barnes glared, but presently the golden band was slipped on Edith's finger, and she was Mrs. Powers. Then it was all smiles on the Powers side of the camp. Miss Stewart, like Niobe, was "all tears." Powers invited both Justice Bothyl and Miss Stewart to the wedding feast, but the grief stricken damsel declined the invitation, and Judge Bothyl said he guessed his own supper was about ready and he'd stay at home.

YEAR'S DEFICIT IN POSTOFFICE DEPT OVER 17 MILLION

Postmaster General Charges It up to Rural Delivery And Second Class Mail

RECOMMENDS POSTAL SAVINGS BANKS

Immensity of Postal Service In This Country Shown by Data in Report

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Confronted with a deficit of \$17,479,776, the present administration of the postoffice department began its operations. This was the largest deficit in the history of the postal service. So long as the deficit in the department aggregated only a few millions of dollars annually, little attention was paid to it; but when, in the last few years it leaped to upward of \$10,000,000, and finally, in 1909, exceeded \$17,000,000, ordinary business procedure suggested that the cause be definitely located.

These are statements in the annual report of Postmaster General Frank H. Hitchcock, made public today. Concerning the results of inquiries into the deficit, the postmaster general says:

"Recent investigations have shown that the two great sources of loss to the postal revenues are second-class mail matter and rural delivery."

"The loss on second class mail matter has been increasing for many years, until now it amounts to \$4,000,000.

"The loss from rural delivery, a service begun hardly a dozen years ago and of unprecedented growth, reaches as high as twenty-eight millions."

"In these two items alone the postal service now suffers an annual loss of more than the entire national deficit of the last fiscal year."

"Simultaneously with the growing deficit in the postal service, the nation's income suffered last year a serious depletion incident to the financial depression. Thus it happened that the department's deficits on the treasury were heavier at a time when the public funds were lowest. This has accentuated the importance of the postal deficit, making it conspicuous among the losses to be met by the president's plan of reducing expenditures in all executive departments."

Cost of Magazines. "The most striking fact disclosed by recent investigations is the tremendous loss on account of second class mail. While this class of mail provides a revenue of little more than one cent a pound, the cost to the government for its handling and transportation averages 9.25 cents a pound. The annual loss thus incurred, as already stated, is about \$4,000,000.

The growth in the quantity of second class matter sent through the mails has been extraordinary. Since the passage of the act of 1878 prescribing conditions under which publications may be mailed at second class rates the weight of such matter has increased more than 1,300 per cent. Last year it amounted to over \$700,000,000 pounds. By the weight of 1907 second class matter was shown

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SUFFRAGISTS MAY HAVE DAILY OF THEIR OWN

Mrs. Belmont Backs Scheme to Give "Progress" a Boost Toward Progress.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—A woman suffrage daily newspaper, to be christened "The Wireless," if Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont has her way, may be the rival of New York's morning papers before the New Year has cut his first teeth.

The idea broached at the meeting of the national board in its three day session here, is the outcome of the proposition to move the present organ of the cause to this city from Warren, O., where as a stand and conservative monthly it has hidden its vital issues under the name of "Progress" and appealed only as a convenient record. Warren, O., is too far away from New York to facilitate the publication of up-to-date matter from the headquarters at No. 505 Fifth avenue. It was agreed, however, that the issue must be a weekly or a daily to suit the metropolitan palate. The daily paper was so strongly favored by Mrs. Belmont that Col. Harvey, president of the Harper publications, of the Evening Post, editor of the Evening Post, was called into consultation to pass upon the matter of expense. The estimated outlay was held to be too great at this season, and the whole matter was left in abeyance until after the first of the year.