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Special Message On Brownsville "Shooting Up"

The President Transmits to the Senate the Report of H. J. Browne Who Has Investigated the Affair.

All of Co. B. Were Involved And all Cos. C. and D. Knew the Guilty Parties—Conyers' Confession.

By Associated Press.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 14.—The president today sent to the senate a rather lengthy special message dealing with the Brownsville affair.

The principal portion of the message consists of the report of Mr. Herbert J. Browne, specially employed by the War Department to investigate the matter.

I inclose herewith a letter from the secretary of war transmitting a report of the investigation made by Mr. Herbert J. Browne, employed by the department in conjunction with Capt. W. G. Baldwin to investigate as far as possible what happened at Brownsville on the 13th and 14th of August, 1906.

This report enables us to fix with tolerable definiteness at least some of the criminals who took the lead in the murderous shooting of private citizens at Brownsville.

It appears that almost all the members of Company B must have been actively concerned in the shooting, either to the extent of being participants or to the extent of virtually encouraging those who were participants.

It is clear from the report that the shooting was done by some of the soldiers of B Troop, and possibly by one or two others in one of the other troops.

Meanwhile 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 on is there the slightest chance of bringing the offenders to justice or of separating the innocent from those who were doubtless hardly any innocent,

the less guilty from those whose was heinous. THEODORE ROOSEVELT, The White House, Dec. 14, 1908. Browne's Report.

Mr. Browne's report covers between fifteen and twenty pages and deals in detail with the facts that have thus far been made clear by the investigation.

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.

The list of participants given in this report Conyers furnished me personally. I believe it is substantially correct, but with the influences shown to be backing Conyers to adhere to his false testimony given before the senate committee still being exerted, he can not be relied on to support his own confession until it is thoroughly sustained from other sources.

Evidences of similar encouragement to stick to the lies told at Brownsville and before the senate committee were found in many places and subsequent to the date of the Foraker letter they became stronger and more obstructive than ever.

The investigation has been conducted with strict recognition of the advisability of preserving secrecy, and with discretion. No promises of immunity were made to any of the ex-soldiers that the government could not punish them after their separation from the service, coupled with the belief that by preserving silence they would aid in the passage of the relief legislation now pending in congress, has

APPOINTMENTS MADE AT M. E. CONFERENCE

Special to The News. Durham, Dec. 14.—The sixth day's session of the Methodist Conference opened with religious service by F. H. Wood.

The proceedings of Saturday and Sunday were read, a number of communications were read, and adopted. T. N. Ivy was selected editor of The Advocate, and addressed the conference, which adjourned at 1:45.



A COMMON OCCURRENCE ON THE STREET EVERY DAY.

BAPTIST HOSTS HAVE DEPARTED FROM WILSON

Special to The News. Wilson, Dec. 14.—The last of the delegates of the Baptist state convention left for their homes today.

Systematic Giving—L. Johnson, G. T. Lumpkin, J. A. Campbell, B. W. Spillman, Walters Durham.

Committee on Correspondence Course—W. C. Tyree, B. W. Spillman, W. R. Culham, H. C. Moore, and L. Johnson.

CONGRESS ON TUBERCULOSIS OPENS TO-DAY

Tuskegee, Ala., Dec. 14.—The first "health exhibition" ever devoted wholly to the welfare of negroes was opened today at the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute and will continue through the week.

Big Blaze at Cotton Gin

Special to The News. Lexington, N. C., Dec. 14.—Nine bales of cotton were damaged by fire yesterday afternoon at the gin of J. W. Earnheart at this place.

The office of the clerk of the court has been crowded today with pensioners from the different sections of the county.

The Woman's Betterment Association, an organization which has as its object the improvement of the grounds around the graded school, has been formed among the teachers of the Lexington school.

PERFECT WAVE OF CRIME IN SPARTANBURG

Special to The News. Spartanburg, S. C., Dec. 14.—The law abiding citizens of this county and section are worked up over a perfect wave of crime that has prevailed during the last few days.

George Mintz, white, has been arrested on the charge of knocking Mrs. Sallie Green, who lives at Campobello, in the head with an axe and robbing her of \$75.

HAINS ON TRIAL FOR MURDER OF WM. E. ANNIS

Special to The News. Flushing, N. Y., Dec. 14.—Confident of his acquittal Thornton Jenkins Hains was brought to trial here this afternoon on the charge of being an accessory to the murder of William E. Annis.

Flushing, L. I., Dec. 14.—Judge Crane overruled the motion. Flushing, N. Y., Dec. 14.—The trial of Thornton Jenkins Hains, author and seafarer, charged with being an accessory to the murder of William E. Annis, who was shot and killed at Bay-side Yacht Club last summer by Captain Peter C. Hains, Jr., commenced this afternoon.

Admiral Sperry Warmly Received at Colombo

By Associated Press. Colombo, Ceylon, Dec. 14.—Admiral Sperry landed from the battleship Connecticut this morning to pay an official visit to the Governor of Ceylon.

Meet to Frame New Tariff Bill

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., Dec. 14.—Chairman Payne, of the house ways and means committee, said Chas. M. Schwab, the steel magnate, will appear before the committee tomorrow.

Alleged Leaders of Night Rider Gang on Trial

BROWNSVILLE AFFAIR TAKEN UP IN SENATE

Washington, Dec. 14.—Senator Foraker introduced an amendment to the bill providing for re-employment of the negro troops discharged because of alleged participation in the Brownsville affair and addressed the senate concerning the amendment.

Senator Foraker said that he did not expect it would be necessary to enter upon a new investigation of the Brownsville question, but that during the summer letters had been coming to him from these discharged soldiers declaring the detectives were constantly engaging them in conversation.

These men, said Senator Foraker, "are not secret service detectives of course, for they would have no right under the law to engage in such service."

After the reading of the president's message had been concluded the clerk read all of the statements and other evidence submitted to the war department which the president's message was merely a letter of transmittal.

Proof Looks Conclusive. In the words of the president evidence he placed before the senate "establishes clearly the fact that colored soldiers did the shooting," and makes it possible "to fix with tolerable definiteness at least some of the criminals who took the lead" in the affair that resulted in the summary discharge without honor of the battalion of the 25th Infantry, colored, which was stationed at Fort Brown.

Confession of Boyd Conyers, formerly private of Company B, 25th Infantry, now at Monroe, Ga., Conyers, it is stated, has confessed that he was the leader of the raid and it is added has given the names of John Hollman, John Browne, and Carolina De Sussure as leaders, all of Company B.

HANCOCK'S PLEA WILL PROBABLY BE INSANITY

Special to The News. Winston-Salem, N. C., Dec. 14.—L. G. Hancock, accused of the embezzlement of over \$2,000 while manager of the Lamb Fish Box Company here, arrested at San Francisco, arrived here last night in charge of two local officers who went after him.

The Charge Against the Men is Brutal Murder of Captain Quentin Rankin—Public Feeling is Well Divided.

Union City Crowded With Inhabitants of Reel Foot Lake Section And State Troops—Further Bloodshed is Feared.

By Associated Press. Union City, Tenn., Dec. 14.—Late today eight men, alleged leaders of the Night Rider band of Reel Foot Lake, will be placed on trial for their lives, charged with the putting to death of Captain Quentin Rankin, a prominent attorney of Trenton, Tenn., the culminating act of a series of outlawry so high handed as to call forth the mustering of militia to aid the civil authorities in hunting down and the prosecution of the members of the clan.

Whether the court procedure shall be conducted in order or whether further bloodshed shall occur during the heat of the legal battle is considered uncertain.

Names of Men of Trial. The men placed on trial today, who have formerly arranged last week, declared themselves not guilty, are Garrett Johnson, Sam Applewhite, Roy Ransom, Bud Morris, Fred Pinken, Arthur Clear, Lid Burton and Bob Huffman.

Venezuela Protests

By Associated Press. Caracas, Venezuela, Friday, via Port of Spain, Trinidad, Dec. 14.—Foreign Minister Paul today sent a note to members of the diplomatic corps, protesting against "Repeated violations of territorial rights of Venezuela" by the Dutch warships that have been cruising in Venezuelan waters.

Judge Garber Dead. By Associated Press. Berkeley, Cal., Dec. 14.—Judge John Garber, well known in California and Nevada, as jurist and mining lawyer, died here from typhoid fever today.

The Accident Record of U. S.

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., Dec. 14.—Between thirty and thirty-five thousand deaths and two million injured is the accident record in the United States during the past year among workmen, according to a bulletin on accidents issued to-day by the Bureau of Labor.