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Special Message On Brownsville "Showting Up"

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

All of Co. B. Were Invol. yers, late of Company B, 25th Inved And all Cos. C. and Mr. Browne says: sion.

By Associated Press.

president today sent to the senate a J. Browne, specially employed by ply. That reply dent:

To the Senate:

the secretary of war transmitting a

The list of participants given in report of the investigation made by this report Convers furnished me Mr. Herbert J. Browne, employed by personally. I belive it is substantialthe department in conjunction with ly correct, but with the influences Capt. W. G. Baldwin to investigate shown to be backing Convers to adas far as possible what happened at here to his false testimony given beinsville on the 13th and 14th of fore the senate committee still be- Spec August, 1906. The report and docu- ing exerted he can not be relied ments contain some information of on to support his own confession great value and some statements, until it is thoroughly sustained from that are obviously worthless, but 1 other sources. Evidences of similar encourage- the pulpits of the city were occupied submit them in their entirety. This report enables us to fix with ment to stick to the lies told at by prominent Baptist ministers. Dr. tolerable definiteness at least some Brownsville and before the senate E. Y. Mullins of Louisville, Ky., preachof the criminals who took the lead committee were found in many places in the murderous shooting of private and subsequent to the date of the ed at the Baptist church. The dele- firemen remained at the fire for fear citizens at Brownsville. It establish- Foraker letter they became stronger gates were loud in their praise of Pases clearly the fact that the colored and more obstructive than ever. The investigation has been con- President Carlyle, whose wise adminisoldiers did the shooting; but upon this point further record was un-ducted with strict recognition of the necessary, as the fact that the col-advisability of preserving secrecy, and ored soldiers did the shooting has with discretion. No promises of im- troublesome waters everal times, was already been established beyond all munity were made. The knowldege warmly commended on all sides. possibility of doubt. The investiga- on the part of the ex-soldiers that tion has not gone far enough to en the government could not punish urday there was considerable work able us to determine all the facts. them after their separation from the accomplished. The school question and we will proceed with it; but it service, coupled with the belief that wes settled by the appointment of a has gone far enough to determine by preserving silence they would aid secondary school board which shall with sufficient accuracy certain facts in the passage of the relief legisla- have charge of the secondary denomof enough importance to make it ad- tion now pending in congress, has inational schools. A memorial service (Continued on page 4) visable that I place the report before you. It appears that almost all the ----members of Company B must have ing participants or to the extent of be-of virtually encouraging those who were participants. As to Companbeen actively concerned in the ies C and D, there can be no question that practically every man in them must have had knowledge, 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. This concealment was itself a grave offense, which was greatly aggravated by their testifying before the senate committee that they were ignorant of what they must Special to The News. Durham, Dec. 14 .- The sixth day's have known. Nevertheless, it is to be said in partial extenuation that session of the Methodist Conference they were probably cowed by threats, opened with religious service by F. H. Doan, W. H. Reddish. made by the mre desperate of the Wood. The proceedings of Saturday and men who had actually been engaged '... 'ev were read, a number of comin the shooting, as to what wollreports were read, and adopted. happen to any man who failed to protect the wrongdoers. Moreover, T. N. Ivy was re-elected editor of The there are circumstances tending to Advocate, and addressed the confer- State Missions, C. L. Greaves.

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 iftteen and twenty pages and deals n detail with the facts that have thus far been made clear by the investigation. Possibly the most interesting part of it concerns the alleged confession of one Boyd Confantry. In introducing this document

Ex-Private Boyd Conyers, of Com-D. Knew the Guilty Par- pany B, 25th Infantry, now at Monroe, Ga., told William Lawson, a ties-Convers' Confes- detctive in the employ of Capt. Wm. G. Baldwin, of Roanoke, Va., that he and three (or four) other men of the 25th Infantry were the leaders in the Brownsville raid. This information Washington, D. C., Dec. 14 .- The was obtained at different dates dur-

ing the month of June, 1908. Convers tried to commit suicide afrather lengthy special message deal- ter he found that he had made his ing with the Brownsville affair. The statements to a detctive, declaring principal portion of the message con- that the other negroes would kill him sists of the report of Mr. Herbert when it got out. He finally wrote to Senator Foraker and received a rethe War Department to investigate strued to mean that he should stick the matter. Accompanying this are to his original story told before the the following remarks from the presi- 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

I inclose herewith a letter from the true secret history of the Brownsville raid.

Principal Appointments.

A COMMON OCCURRENCE ON THE STREET EVERY DAY. Big Blaze at Cotton Gin HANS Special to The News. Lexington, N. C., Dec. 14 .- Nine bales of cotton were damaged by fire vesterday afternoon at the gin of J. W. Earnheart at this place. Some thing over sixty bales were piled on a vacant lot near the street and it is

Alleged Leaders_ of Night Rider Gang on Trial



Washington, Dec. 14 .- Senator Foraker introduced an amendment to the bill providing for re-enlisement of the negro troops discharged because of alleged participation in the Brownsville affair and addressed the senate con cerning the amendment. He proposed in his new measure to establish a tribunal consisting of retired army officers before which evidence may be submitted as to the guilt of the defendants and before whom the defendants themselves might appear to anly takes out of the hands of the executive and gives to the tribunal appointed by congress full authority to "Senator Foraker said that he did not expect it would be necessary to Brownsville question, but that during the summer letters had been coming to him from these discharged soldiers declaring the detectives were constantengaging them in conversation. These men," said Senator Fora-

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

Union City Crowded With Inhabitants of Reel Fool Lake Section And State **Troops**—Further Bloodshed in 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, swer charges. The measure practical- charged with the putting to death of Captain Quentin Rankin, a prominent attorney of Trenton, Tenn., the culmiconsider the Brownsville question, and nating act of a series of outlawry so by its findings provides for the re-high handed as to call forth the musenlistment of the discharged negroes. tering of militia to aid the civil authorities in hunting down and the prosenter upon a new investigation of the ecution of the members of the clan. By the end of the week the hearing promises to be well under way.

Whether the court proceedure shall be conducted in order or whether further bloodshed shall occur during the ker, "are not secret service detec- heat of the legal battle is considered tives of course, for they would have uncertain.

show that these misguided men were ance, which adjourned at 1:45. encouraged by outsiders to persist in their course of concealment and

The principal appointments are: denial. 1 feel, therefore, that the Raleigh district, R. B. John, presiding guilt of the men who, after the event, elder; Raleigh, Edenton Street, F. M. thus shielded the perpetrators of the Shannerger; Central, L. B. Jones; wrong by refusing to tell the truth Smithfield, J. M. Culbreth; Louisburg, Hall and M. L. Kesler. about them, though serious, was in F. A. Bishop; Oxford, L. S. Mossey. part due to the unwise and improper Durham district, J. B. Hurley, presid-titude to the Wilson church and Wil attitude of others, and that someling elder; Durham, Trinity, G. T. measure of allowance should be made Adams; Memorial, M. Bradshaw; Carr son people, the railroads and news for the misconduct. In other words, Church, J. A. Daily; Chapel Hill, W. R. papers was adopted and the convention I believe we can afford to reinstate Royal; Roxboro, J. A. Hornaday; Bur- adjourned.

1 believe we can afford to reinstate any of these men who now truthfully tell what has happened, give all the ald they can to fix the responsibility ald they can to fix the responsibility and they can to are really guilty, and Thompson: Pittsboro, V. A. Royal; Thompson: Pittsboro, R. W. guilty knowledge beforehand and Bailey.

were in no way implicated in the Rockingham district, W. H. Moore presiding elder; Rockingham, J. E. affair, save by having knowledge of afterwards and failing and refusing Underwood; Aberdeen, D. N. Covins; to divulge it. Under the circum- Hamlet, H. A. Humble; Laurinburg, stances, and in view of the length of N. H. D. Wilson; Maxton, A. P. Tyer; time they have been out of the ser- Lumberton, E. M. Hoyle.

Wilmington district, W. L. Cunningvice, and their loss of the benefit that would have accrued to them by gim, presiding elder: Wilmington continuous long-time service, we can Grace, T. A. Smoat; Fifth Street, K. D. afford to treat the men who meet Halmes: Bladen Street, W. E. Hurst; the requirements given above as Trinity, W. L. Rexford.

having been sufficiently punished by Newbern district, R. F. Bumpas, "health exhibition" ever devoted ored, shot and killed Jess Leak, also Cannon appointed Claude Kitchin, of the consequences they brought upon presiding elder; Newbern, Centenary, wholly to the welfare of negroes was themselves when they rendered ne- R. C. Beamon; Goldsboro, St. Pauls, cessary the exercise of the disciplin- E. H. Davis; St. Johns, J. H. Frizzeile; opened today at the Tuskegee Norary power. I recommend that a law Kinston, F. D. Dwindell; Morehead- mal and Industrial Institute and will be passed allowing the secretary of City, L. P. Howard; Beaufort, J. H. continue through the 'week.

soldiers whom he, after careful effi- presiding elder; Washington, M. T. struction work on the Carolina-Clinch- ered at Jamestown, Russell county, last tional Association for the Study and field and Ohio Road, fell out about night with the intention of lynching last night in charge of two local offiamination, finds to have been inno- Plyers; Greenville, J. H. Shoe. Record of U.S. some work and one man drew his knife James Hill, a white man, charged with cers who went after him. Hancock cent and whom he finds to have done | Tarhoro and Mission, R. H. Willis Prevention of Tuberculosis, all in his power to help bring to jus- and Q. A. Terrell; Rocky Mount, D. H. An extensive program of illustrated and stabbed the other. The injured murdering 13-year-old Mamie Womack. pleads ignorance to taking the money. Only the vigilance of the sheriff saved He says he knew nothing about leav-Tuttle; Wilson, G. W. Smith. addresses, platform meetings and con- man is expected to die. tice the guilty. ing here and never realized what he By Associated Press. Meanwhile the investigation will Warrenton district: W. S. Rone, pre- ferences will be conducted along the Last Saturday two white men em- Hill's life. he continued. The results have made siding elder; Warrenton, W. W. Ross; lines of the recent International Conwas doing until he reached Honolulu | Washington, D. C., Dec. 14 .- Beployed at Leonard and Beckman's it obvious that only by carrying on Henderson, R. C. Craven; Scotland gress on Tuberculosis at Washing- Camp on C. C. and O. road engaged in when he immediately decided to return tween thirty and thirty-five thousand Cubberly Nominated. to America. Hancock's mother has deaths and two million injured is the the investigation as the war depart- Neck, C. OO. Jones; Weldon, S. E. ton. a quarrel and one killed the other. By Associated Press. Mrs. Thomas, an aged lady, of this Washington, Dec. 14.-The president been here several days. She has em- accident record in the United States In addition to the medical sessions ment has actually carried it on is Mercer. there the slightest chance of bring- Elizabeth City district, J. H. Hall, the program gives particular atten- city, while walking through Spring sent to the senate the nomination of ployed able counsel to defend her son. during the past year among workinging the offenders to justice or of presiding elder; Elizabeth City, J.-D. tion to the general topics discussed street late Saturday evening after a separating not the innocent, for there Bundy; Edenton, J. W. Pater; Hert- at Washington as they relate to the shopping tour was struck down and torney for the northern district of Flor- sanity. Hancock led a fast life while dents issued to-day by the Bureau of here. Labor robbed by negro, who made his escape. ida. negro race. were doubtless hardly any innocent, ford, T. A. Sykes.

Wilson, Dec. 14 .- The last of the delegates of the Baptist state convention nate for it had been left there by dif- of his acquittal Thornton Jenkins left for their homes today. Yesterday ferent farmers and was not insured. Hains was brought to trial here this activities of the detectives as outlined

tor Jenkins and the Wilson people. an hour. tration led the convention through In the closing business session Sat-

was held in honor of the late Dr. W. R. Gwaltney, of Hickory. The following were named as the Aged Minister's Relief Board for next years: J. F. McDuffie, W. C. Barrett, H. A. Foushee, J. W. Downey, E. W. Triplett, R. H. Riggsbee, A. L. Phipps, W. J. Brok- ty, is in the Davidson county jail City to attend the trial. All the wheels den, and J. M. Arnett. The president appointed the following committees to report next year: for several other offenses. Perryman

Laymen's Work-J. L. White, F. D. Hale, J. H. Highsmith, T. S. Frank- says he served a term in the penitenlin, R. B. Horn. Systematic Giving-L. Johnson, G. Lumpkin, J. A. Campbell, B. W. Spillman, Walters Durham. Baptist Young People's Union As-

embly-J. T. Watts, C. E. Maddry, M. A. Wood, M. A. Adams, W. C. Barrett. Pastor's Conference-T. J. Taylor, J.

has been elected president: Miss Edna W. Wildman, S. L. Morgan, J. R. McCrary, secretary; and Miss Anna Johnson, treasurer. The association To write reports at the next session: will give a supper at the opera house Foreign Missions-A. J. Moncriefs. on the night of the 18th.

Home Missions, H. W. Battle. Orphanage, J. W. Lynch. Sunday schools, J. W. Bailey. Obituaries, T. T. Speight. Committee on Correspondence Course-W. C. Tyree, B. W. Spillman, W. R. Cullom, H. C. Moore, and L

Johnson. Committee on Advisability of Home for Aged Ministers-W. C. Barrett, W. C. Tyree, M. L. Kesler, J. J.

The usual resolution expressing graf

TUBERCULOSIS



nected to live. Tuskegee, Ala., Dec. 14 .- The first and a colored man named Kilgore became involved in a quarrel in Laurens

county, just across the Spartanburg A leading feature f the exhibitin line. Parks shet and killed Kilgore. By Associated Press. the Lamb Fish Box Company here, arwar, within a fixed period of time, McCracken. war, within a fixed period of time, say a year, to reinstate any of these values a to reinstate a to reins

igar or cigarette stump. The cotton is not badly damaged and it is fortu-Perhaps the worst damaged bale be- afternoon on the charge of being an by his correspondent, saying that in longed to a poor farmer and it was his entire crop.

tiary at Albany, New York, for coun-

The Woman's Betterment Associa-

tion, an organization which has as its

CRIME IN

Spartanburg, S. C., Dec. 14 .- The

since Friday night is three homicides

terfeiting.

OF

fatal.

Special to The News.

supposed the fire originated from a

All of yesterday afternoon several of it catching again, and in fact it did catch a second time after the fire had Councel for Hains made a firm motion ator Foraker's remarks, the president's apparently been extinguished for about to set aside the indictment.

Flushing, L. I., Dec. 14 .- Judge read. The office of the clerk of the court Crane overruled the motion. has been crowded to-day with pension-

ers from the different sections of the of Thornton Jenkins Hains, author read all of the statements and other county. Amount received in this and seafarer, charged with being an evidence submitted to the war departcounty is \$7,646,000, and the pensioners are divided into the following Annis, who was shot and killed at Bay- sage was merely a letter of transmittal. classes: Fist class, 4 receiving \$120 side Yacht Club last summer by Cap- This is contrary to the usual custom. per year; second class, 3 receiving \$60; tain Peter C. Hains, Jr., commenced In view of the fact that the report third class, 7 receiving \$48; fourth this afternon. Long before the hour contains what purports to be a partial class, 158 receiving \$25; and 108 wid- of trial there was quite a gathering of confession of guilt by one of the dis ows who receive \$25. Since last year people in front of the town hall where charged negro soldiers much interest

there has been one death in the sec- the case is being tried. General Peter was shown in the reading. ond class, one in the third, six in the C. Hains, U. S. A. retired, father of the brothers now confined in Long Island fourth and six widows. Thomas Perryman, ex-counterfeiter jail for the Annis murder, and his son, and escaped jail-bird from Davie coun- Major Hains, came up from New York

Davie where he is wanted for an as- tion to bring the trial of Thornton makes it possible "to fix with tolersault. It is said that he is also wanted Hains to a speedy conclusion.

Admiral Sperry Warmly

By Associated Press. object the improvement of the grounds around the graded school, has been Colombo, Ceylon, Dec. 14 .- Admiral formed among the teachers of the Lex-Sperry landed from the battleship ington school. Miss Victoria Byerly Connecticut this morning to pay an official visit to the Governor of Ceylon. The guard of honor had been assem-as the president sees it, makes it apbled and there was a big crowd on the waterfront, composed of natives and Europeans. The admiral was cheered

as he stepped ashore. The admiral with members of his staff, drove to the governor's residence. Later in the day the governor returned the call and was received on board the Connecticut with the usual salutes.

By Associated Press.

Meet to Frame now at Monroe, Ga. Conyers, it is stated, has confessed that he was the New Tariff Bill given the names of John Hollman,

pants."

John Browne, and Carolina De Sus-

WILLPROBABL

INSANIT

nan Payne, of the house ways and Cooper, William Lemons, Henry Jim- nounced he does expect to be in postmeans committee, said Chas. M. erson, James "Rastus" Johnson and tion to further outline the personnel Schwab, the steel magnate, will appear Henry Jones were with them.

before the committee tomorrow. aw abiding citizens of this county and He comes voluntarily. The Repubsection are worked up over a perfect ican members of the committee met wave of crime that has prevailed durtoday to take the first steps toward ing the last few days. The record the framing of a new tariff bill. Democrats will have no voice in the one nurderous assault and robbery and leliberations on this bill, but probably one stabbing that is likely to prove will submit a minority report.

George Mintz, white, has been arested on the charge of knocking Mrs. Claud Kitchin Appointed allie Green, who lives at Campobello, on Naval Affairs Com. in the head with an axe and robbing her of \$75. The old lady is not ex-

By Associated Press. Saturday night Dump Dorroh, col-Washington, D. C., Dec. 14 .-- Speaker colored, at Switzer. Dorroh was ar- North Carolina, to the vacancy on the Special to The News. rested. Saturday night Griff Parks naval affairs committee.

Lynching Narrowly Averted.

o right under the law to engage in

From Reel Foot Lake and other such service. Flushing, N. Y., Dec. 14.-Confident strongholds of the clan men are pour-Continuing the senator spoke of the ing into Union City in numbers, with their sympathies going out to those of their friends on trial or held in jail, acessory to the murder of William E. many cases they went so far as to take while the state has well organized its Annis. Manacled to a deputy sheriff, up their dealing with the discharged forces determined to put down any Hains was brought from Long Island soldiers for the purpose of securing possible outbreak in its incipiency. city to the court room, shortly after confidence and spying upon their move-As to public feeling, it is well di-1 p. m. Judge Crane began the trial. ments. Upon the conclusion of Senvided.

message on the Brownsville affair was

After the reading of the presidet' Flushing, N. Y., Dec. 14 .- The trial message had been concluded the clerk accessory to the murder of William E. mnt for which the president's mes-

Proof Looks Conclusive.

In the words of the president eviawaiting the arrival of an officer from of legal machinery will be put in moable definiteness at least some of the

criminals who took the lead" in the affray that resulted in the summary discharge without honor of the bat- No blockade has been declared. It talion of the 25th Infantry, colored, is set forth that the continual inter-Received at Colombo which was stationed at Fort Brown. ference with coastwise shipping is hav-The message is a report of an investigation made by a detective, Herbert J. Browne, employed by the war

department in conjunction with Captain W. C. Baldwin, to investigate the fact as to the Brownsville case. torial sovereignty of the republic and The evidence secured by Browne, holds Holland responsible for all consequences." pear "that almost all the members

of Company B must have been actively concerned in the shooting,

pants or to the extent of virtually en-Berkeley. Cal., Dec. 14 .--- Judge John couraging those that were partici- Garber, well known in California and Nevada, as jurist and mining lawyer, In the evidence transmitted in the died here from typhoid fever today. confession of Boyd Convers, formerly

Judge Barber came to California in private of Company B, 25th Infantry, the early days from Virginia.

To Name Personnel of Cabinet. leader of the raid and it is added has By Associated Press.

New York, Dec. 14 .- President-elect Taft, who is spending several days sure as leaders, all of Company B. here prior to going to Augusta, Ga., It further is declared that William for five weeks rest preceding his trip Washington, D. C., Dec. 14 .-- Chair- Anderson, James Bailey, Charles E. to the Panama Canal Zone, has anof his cabinet during his stay ther. He is devoting some of his time pre-

paring speeches.

Taken to Atlanta.

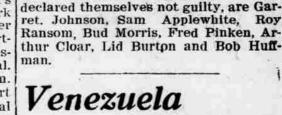
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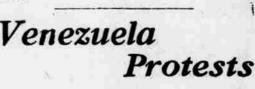
San Francisco, Dec. 14 .-- Captain of Detectives Roberts of Atlanta, . Ga., left here in charge of Elma Long, who is wanted in a Southern city for pawning a diamond ring which he did not own.

Jail Delivery at Laurens, S. C.

By Associated Press.

Laurens, S. C., bec, 14 .- A jail delivery occurred here today. Four of Winston-Salem, N. C., Dec. 14 .-- L. the prisoners were recaptured within G. Hancock, accused of the embezzle- two hours, and one is still at large ment of over \$2,000 while manager of this afternoon.





Names of Men of Trial.

The men placed on trial today, who

when formerly arraigned last week,

By Associated Press.

Caracas, Venezuela, Friday, via Port dence he placed before the senate of Spain, Trinidad, Dec. 14 .-- Foreign "establishes clearly the fact that col- 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 cruis-

ing in Venezuelan waters. ing a detrimental effect upon the commerce of neutral powers. In conclu-

sion the foreign minister says: 'Venezuela protests with energy against these aggressions upon terri-

Judge Garber Dead.

either to the extent of being partici- By Associated Press.