

THE LYNCINGS DURING THE YEAR.

A Decrease in the Number of Persons Summarily Dealt With.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 72.—Only 52 lynchings, known to be such beyond doubt, occurred in the United States in the year now closing. In previous years the number has been much larger, 190 having been recorded in 1894 and 170 in the year following. The past ten years the number has been steadily decreasing. Only one year, however, produced fewer lynchings than 1912. In 1907 the record shows 51 lynchings, one less than this year.

In some of the Southern States there were fewer lynchings in 1912 than in almost any previous year. The decrease is attributed largely to the efforts made by governors and prominent citizens to prevent mob violence. Many of the governors have acted promptly and energetically to prevent lynchings, with the declared policy of giving the free opportunity for the punishment of all alleged offenders, white or black.

Again, as in the record of four or more years, more lynchings occurred in Georgia than in any other State. Louisiana and Florida came next in the list. South Carolina, whose governor has gone on record as opposing to lynchings in certain cases, had six cases of summary execution this year as against only one in the year 1911. Kentucky, with eight lynchings in 1911, had a clean slate this year. Oklahoma is another State with a clean record for the past twelve months. The figures for Texas, Tennessee, Florida and Arkansas show fewer lynchings than in 1911. In Mississippi, Alabama and Louisiana the number slightly exceeded that of last year.

The States outside of the South where lynchings occurred in 1912 were West Virginia, Montana, Wyoming, North Dakota and California. By States the record is as follows: Georgia, 11; Louisiana, 8; South Carolina, 6; Florida, 5; Alabama, 4; Texas, 3; Arkansas, 3; Mississippi, 3; Tennessee, 1; Wyoming, 1; West Virginia, 1; Montana, 1; California, 1; and North Dakota, 1.

In the lynchings the victims of all but two were negroes. Three negroes were included in the list. Alleged crimes against women or girls and the murder of white persons account for practically all of the cases.

A singular feature is found in the lynching of the two white men, both of which occurred in the far North. In each case the victim was accused of murder by the town of Japan, a short distance from Roschub, Mont. Harry Heffner, alleged slayer of Mrs. William Merrill, was taken from the county jail by a crowd of excited men and hanged, despite the efforts of the sheriff and his deputy. The second lynching occurred at Steele, N. D., where George Baker, charged with the murder of his wife and father-in-law, was taken from the jail and hanged by a mob. This lynching was the first recorded in North Dakota in more than a decade.

The lynching in Wyoming was one of the most sensational of the year. Frank Wyfall, a negro who confessed to having made a criminal attack on Mrs. Esther Higgins, an aged woman known as the "prisoners' friend," was lynched by the convicts of the State penitentiary at Rawlins.

In the West Virginia lynching the victim was Walter Johnston, a negro accused of assaulting a young white girl in Mercer county.

California's one lynching was out of the ordinary. It occurred on the desert some 30 miles from the town of Mojave. The victim was an unknown negro accused of having attacked a six-year-old child. He was hanged by men alleged to be employed on the Los Angeles aqueduct.

The three negroes who fell victims to mob violence were Ann Boston, who murdered the wife of a planter at Pinhurst, Ga.; Mary Jackson, who was lynched in Panel county, Texas, for alleged complicity in the murder of a white man, and an unknown negro who, together with three negroes, was hanged by a mob in Harris county, Georgia, for the murder of a farmer.

Tyler, Texas, furnished the only instance of the year where the victim was burned at the stake. On May 25th Dan Davis, a negro who had confessed to a criminal attack on a young white woman, was burned at the stake in one of the main streets of Tyler in the presence of a crowd of 2,000

persons. The foregoing record does not comprise cases of plain murder or cases where the victim was killed by a posse while resisting capture.

Bleak Christmas for the Allens.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 26.—It was anything but a cheerful Christmas for Floyd and Claude Allen, in their death cells over in the penitentiary, with only their prison guard to wake them to the day with a "Merry Christmas."

For the two mountaineers awaiting execution, on January 17th, there were no Christmas boxes and only a single caller, the Rev. J. J. Scherer, their spiritual adviser. Inquiry from the Allens in Carroll, some time ago, elicited the information from Superintendent J. B. Wood that he would have to confiscate Christmas boxes intended for the Allens who are under sentence to die. To avoid any possibility of weapons or instruments for suicide falling into the prisoners' hands, the penitentiary board permits only food prepared by the penitentiary and its affiliated friends to reach the hands of men awaiting the electric chair.

In spite of their sad predicament, Major Wood found the two men in fairly cheerful spirits when he visited them the night yesterday. They replied to the superintendent's "Merry Christmas" as if such an interchange of holiday greetings was not a bit gruesome under the circumstances. Both Floyd and Claude continue to cherish hope of commutation by the governor or a new trial to be granted by the supreme court.

For the other hundreds of inmates of the big prison, Christmas was a day of rest from labor and an occasion for feasting and making merry. The plans for an amateur musical and concert were not carried through, the day being spent by the convicts very much as a Sunday, except that the prison authorities provided a very handsome dinner. For days past the penitentiary has been fairly swamped with boxes from friends at home. Few, indeed, there were in the big institution that did not receive some remembrance, however small from relatives and friends.

Between the boxes sent in, the presents given by the penitentiary board, and the purchases made by Major Wood for the men themselves yesterday was the biggest Christmas the penitentiary has seen for years.

Church Destroyed.

Chicago, Dec. 20th.—Sixty "Omyard Christian Soldiers," 200 children, members of a Sunday school class, marched out of their class room here today through smoke from a fire that destroyed the Lorimer Memorial Baptist Church. Mrs. M. Anderson, organist and Miss Martha Marquet, teacher of a primary class played the music and led the singing until all the children were in safety. By that time the flames were so close to the two women that they were forced to flee, abandoning their coats and furs.

The fire was discovered by a mounted policeman while the Sunday school was in session. Investigating smoke coming from a window, he found that the entire basement of the church was on fire. He ran upstairs and asked the teachers of the Sunday school to play something the children could march to. The entire structure was in flames by that time the last child was out and the two teachers had escaped.

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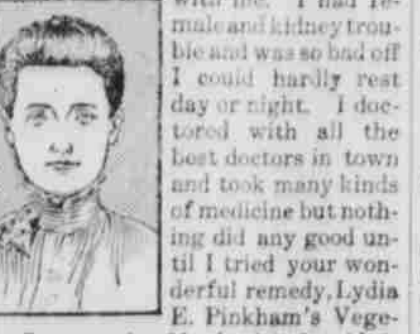
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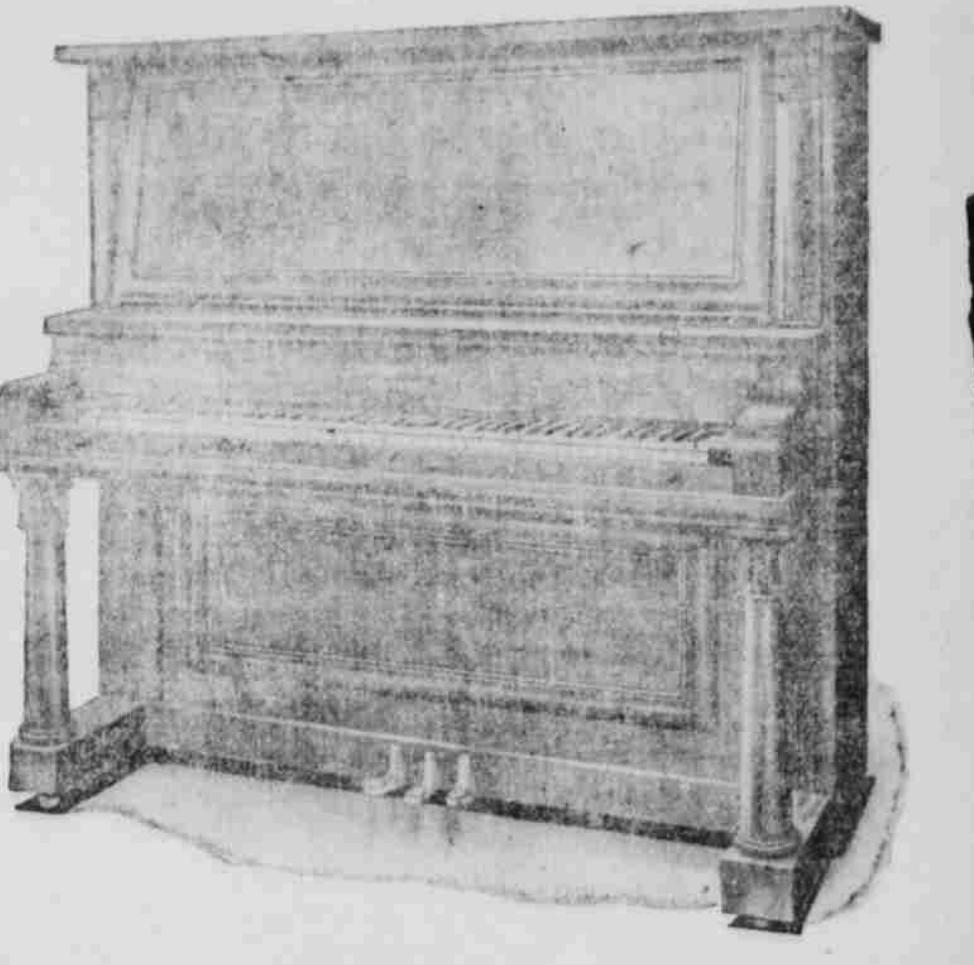


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