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OKLAHOMA GOVERNOR AT OUTS WITH KU KLUX

Threatens Proclamation of State-wide Regulations on Account of Floggings.

Oklahoma, City, Sept. 7.—The entire state of Oklahoma was threatened with martial law today by Governor J. C. Walton, coincident with a challenge thrown to him that he would never be able "to break the power of the Ku Klux Klan in Oklahoma."

Charging that the drive being conducted by the executive in Tulsa county against mob floggings was inspired by Walton's desire to make himself a national figure," N. W. Jewett, grand dragon of the Oklahoma realm of the Klan, declared that the governor "cares nothing for the men that have been whipped; his fight is on the Klan."

Voicing his unshaken determination to restore the supremacy of the law in this state," the governor said: "I realize that the conflict with the lawless element and lawless spirit of large groups of Oklahoma's citizens is a desperate one; that my enemies will use every weapon at their command including the press where they can command it, grand juries and other agencies, to defeat this administration."

In bitter attack on the executive, Jewett charged "Walton entered the kitchen of the Klan, but he never got any farther, and that is one of the principal causes of his fight on the Klan." Jewett alleged that Walton had been "obligated" in the Klan at the capital but added, "that the Oklahoma City organization rejected him."

Answering allegations from the governor's office that only the Klan had been responsible for the Tulsa county floggings, Jewett declared that the Klan repudiated the few "weaklings" of its membership who had become involved in masked violence.

In line with Governor Walton's advice to citizens to arm and to "shoot to kill" when attacked by mobs, state police commissions were issued today to several Comanche county farmers according to Aldrich Blake, the governor's counselor.

"Persons who have been threatened by mob violence will be given commissions to protect themselves," said Blake.

A full pardon to any person convicted for shooting members of mobs has been promised by Governor Walton.

Three Hotels in Yokohama Hurdled Over a Cliff

Peking, Sept. 7.—Three hotels in the Bluff residence district of Yokohama were hurled over a cliff by the first tremendous earthquake shock there, and their occupants dashed to death, according to an eye-witness of what was perhaps the most terrible single incident of the quake disaster.

Only a few pitifully injured survivors crawled from the ruins, the witness, Robert O. Mathewson, correspondent of the Chicago Tribune said upon arrival at Kobe. A majority of the residents of the Bluff district perished.

The Oriental palace hotel was almost swallowed up by the quake. It disappeared into a great rent that opened suddenly in the heaving earth until only the top story and a half remained visible above the ground. That caught fire. Casualties here were terrible.

Frantic calls for help went unanswered as the frequent shocks and fires drove away would be rescuers.

The French orphanage at Yokohama housed 16 sisters and 160 children, according to Mathewson. It went down, a heap of ruins. There were no survivors.

Six Million War Veterans Pensioned

More than 6,000,000 wounded war veterans in sixteen countries are today receiving pensions from their governments according to a report issued here by the International Labor Bureau.

Germany leads with 1,537,000 France is second with 1,500,000, and Great Britain third with 1,170,000.

Other countries reported as follows: Italy, 800,000; Russia, 775,000; Austria, 705,000; Poland, 320,000; Czechoslovakia, 236,000; Austria, 164,000; Jugoslavia, 164,000; United States, 157,000; Rumania, 100,000; Belgium, 50,000; Canada, 45,000; New Zealand, 30,000; Finland, 10,000.

His conversation had something in it more charming than I have found in any other man.—Pope's comment on Joseph Addison.

Japan Put Back 25 Years by Storm Disaster

New York, Sept. 7.—Japan will require at least 25 years in which to recover fully from the blighting effects of the earthquake disaster, says Capt. Edward A. Salisbury, who has just returned here after a long stay in that country.

Its lines of communication gone, its naval bases destroyed, the majority of its public buildings in ruins, Japan will be slow to regain what political and commercial prestige it held in the past.

Confronted by an unparalleled property loss and facing potential damage even greater in the crippling of industries, the land of the Mikado will be slow in making its "come back," Capt. Salisbury said.

"I believe the destruction manifest in Yokohama and Tokio has been paralleled nowhere," he said, complete loss of her public buildings, with the destruction of all government records, which can never be replaced. The bulk of the financial loss will be found to have been occasioned by the destruction of the new and modern business structures in that city and Yokohama.

"The greater portions of both Tokio and Yokohama were built of lightly constructed buildings of bamboo, fir and matting, and these structures must have burned like tinder, trapping thousands of the occupants like rats."

"There are only three or four main roads leading out of Tokio—narrow, twisting thoroughfares, lined with blind alleys and lanes leading nowhere. Thousands must have been trampled to death. It is hard to find one's way through a Japanese street even in normal times, and these little alleys must have been veritable death traps Saturday."

"Picture 2,500,000 crazed persons fighting as they sought to flee from death. Japan has had many small earthquakes during the last score of years, and while the damage has never been great, the people were always expecting just such a calamity as overtook them Saturday. Tokio and Yokohama are both built upon a huge geological vault and those cities knew they would be visited by disaster some time."

"But with true Oriental fatalism, the people did nothing about it—just waited patiently for it to come. I have heard numerous predictions of such a disaster."

Japan Bending All Energy to Big Task

Tokio, Sept. 7.—The wedding of Prince Regent Hirohito and Princess Nagako, which was to have taken place in November, may be postponed indefinitely as a result of the earthquake and its accompanying misfortunes, it has been learned.

The projected naval maneuvers have been cancelled. The combined Japanese fleet led by the flagship Nagato arrived at Yokohama today and the first, second and third fleets are speeding toward that city.

The losses of Tokio banks have been surprisingly small. The banks are making payments of less than 100 yen but reserving the right to a moratorium of 10 days on all demands of more than 100 yen.

Treasury Minister Inotye has reported that his mansion has been raided and that his wife is missing. There is an unverified rumor that unconsciousness is felt at the Funabashi wireless station and that protection for the state has been asked.

Under martial law which recently was proclaimed, nobody is permitted to be abroad after 9 o'clock at night unless on official duty. Nobody is permitted to enter Tokio after sunset. Detachments of engineers, infantry and medical corps of various army divisions are proceeding to Tokio.

The cabinet has decided on speedy relief measures for foreign residents. Police have collected Koreans in one place and are taking them to banks to be housed under army protection. The mansions of the rich have been opened to refugees as have the courts and homes of royalty.

Milk is extremely scarce in Tokio. Babies, invalids and the injured are suffering. The army is commandeering milk and powdered milk from the neighborhood about Tokio.

In Tokio 218 grammar schools burned and there are no prospects of their being replaced. The authorities say Yokohama is a city of ashes, virtually every building having been burned. The dead in Yokohama is estimated at 30,000 to 40,000.

Carolina-Virginia Fair Opens Sept. 25

MANY IMPROVEMENTS BEING MADE—BEST RACE TRACK IN STATE—BIG FIRE WORKS DISPLAY

Plenty Parking Space For Cars Has Been Provided Free of Charge—Grand Stand Seating Two Thousand—More and Better Free Acts—Aeroplane Stunts Daily

Fair time—Sept. 25 to 28th inclusive. Its almost here. Secretary Linville says he is ready for the Big Event. Space forbids that we detail the many improvements made. A beautiful Cyclone wire fence has been built along the front. New and convenient ticket office. Commercial building painted. Another large Grand Stand and an addition to the old one giving a seating capacity of about two thousand. New Race track. This was built back against Lovell's Creek in order to make more room. The new track is fifty feet wide where the old one was thirty-two. Building a new track called for the moving of the old Grand Stand. This making more room at the foot of the hill. The Midway will now be at the foot of the hill and the old Midway space will be used on which to park cars.

PARKING CARS

Mr. Linville is very anxious for the public to know that the fair has never charged an admission on a car or for parking space. Then too, there will be numbers of men in charge of the parking and the cars will be so parked that you can get them out whenever wanted. Don't be fooled by someone on a vacant lot when they tell you that it costs 75c to park your car. It costs you nothing in the fair grounds and we want you to park it in there. The grounds have been re-wired and there will be ample lighting facilities in the fair ground, so you can see how to get your car out the darkest night. The Fair Grounds will look almost like a "WHITE WAY."

GOOD TIME

The best cattle in the world can only draw those interested in cattle; the prize garden product of the universe can only draw those interested in garden product; the best horse race in the world can only draw those interested in a horse race; the best fire works display in the world can only draw those interested in a fire works display, but, "a good time" may draw everybody. Let's go to the fair and have a good time. Let it be that "good time" that is a good general all around time.

RACES

More stables have been prepared for the Horses. The entries have seventy-seven horses. The most horses that have ever been to Mount Airy at one fair. They are coming from fourteen states and the Dominion of Canada.

FREE ACTS

Miss Jesse La France an expert tight-wire artist has been engaged for the entire fair. P. A. Boone of the Broadway Theatre will do roping and chain roping stunts, which measure up to the best you could find in the old 101 ranch show.

Winifred Gilbraine Dancing Sextette, consisting of five girls and one gentleman will give two separate acts each afternoon and night. Fancy dancing, Old Fashioned Polka, Ballet, Military Drills, Pony Trot, Ballet Toe Dancing and Chinese Rag.

The Sensation of the Century, "D'Lontra." The Man up the Steel Pole Seventy-five Feet High. The extreme length and slenderness of the pole causes it to sway back and forth until it seems ready to snap in two. Tapering two inches at the top—almost whiplike in its limberness, and as he performs far above the heads of the spectators, the pole sways and bends like a tall sapling "treeted by the winds." While at the top of the pole, he does marvelous feats in acrobatic work and balancing.

FIRE WORKS

The Fire Works have been purchased from the Schenectady Fire Works

Company, who have the reputation of putting out the best programs sold. They are furnishing fireworks for about one-half of all the fairs in the Southern States this year. They guarantee the program to double anything ever seen at the Carolina-Virginia Fair in the past. They are sending an expert to fire the fire works, which have arrived.

BAND MUSIC

Victor's Famous Concert Band has been engaged. Quoting from the Philadelphia Public Ledger better describes it which says: "Concerts given at Washington Park by Victor and his Concert Band are creating a furore among the music lovers of this city and are breaking the record for attendance at that public resort. The playing of this band is of the highest class and it is conceded to be the best and real concert organization that ever visited the city."

MIDWAY

Frank Wests Shows have been contracted for the fair. This is beyond question the cleanest and most attractive carnival that will have ever visited Mount Airy. There is nothing with the show to which you cannot take your daughter or wife. They have five rides consisting of a Merry-Go-Round, Ferris Wheel, Aero Plane, Whip and Caterpillar. The latter being one of the latest rides on the market and one which has never been seen in Mt. Airy. Twelve good wholesome attractive shows including a Society Horse Circus.

AEROPLANE

An aeroplane has been engaged to be on the grounds daily during the fair for the purpose of exhibition and carrying passengers.

EXHIBITS

The agricultural exhibits bid fair to be larger and better than ever before. The calls for premium lists have been numerous and a great many people have expressed themselves as going to make exhibits who never have in the past.

Barnard Allen has given his assurance that he will bring an excellent cattle exhibit from across the mountain. He says he is going to excel Jerseys which were recently shipped into Surry county.

THE LIVE AT HOME EXHIBIT is attracting much attention. Numbers have notified Mr. Linville to prepare a table for them on which to make their exhibit.

Bill Beamer is talking poultry and says that he is going to have more good chickens this year than ever before.

The Bench show is drawing much attention. The lover of the canine will have an opportunity to show what kind of a dog he has been boasting about. Martin Bennett has charge of the Bench Show and he is talking dogs and he knows them from the time he owned his cur pup.

COMMERCIAL EXHIBITS

D. E. Nelson is making great preparations for a mammoth machinery exhibit. There will not be a fair in the State that will surpass the machinery exhibit. There will not be a chinery exhibit.

Among those who expect to have commercial booths advertising their business are: W. E. Merritt Co., Belton Grocery Co., Carter-Walker Fur Co., Holcomb & Midkiff, J. D. Thompson, Cheek-Neal Coffee Co., and others.

A fair is an event. It would be a waste of space to enumerate its beneficial proportions; anyone that knows anything at all about fairs knows to what extent they go in bringing together and informing their people. In brief, the fair is the yearly exhibit of the country ensemble.

WILL OF LATE PRESIDENT HARDING

Life-Long Friends, Old Employer, Churches and Park Association Remembered.

Marion, O., Sept. 7.—Requests totalling \$226,000 in cash were made to relatives, life-long friends, churches and the Marion Park association by the late President Harding under the terms of his will filed for probate here today.

Mrs. Florence Kling Harding, widow of the President, was left a life estate of \$100,000 in government bonds, the east half of the building now occupied by the Marion Star, the Harding home on Mount Vernon avenue, with all personal property contained there, with the request that Mrs. Harding give to each of the three sons of Dr. George T. Harding Jr., brother of the President, a finger ring and watch.

Dr. George T. Harding, father of the President, was left a life estate of \$50,000 in government bonds and the home where he now resides. As Dr. Harding's death the home is to revert to Dr. Harding's son and three daughters.

The President made a stipulation that "no part of my estate shall be expended for a monument other than a simple marker at my grave."

The will, a short concise document covering two and one half pages of small parchment, was executed at Washington, June 20, 1923, and was witnessed by George B. Christian, Jr., the President's secretary, Charles E. Hard, an old friend of the President and a former employe at the White House under Mr. Harding, and Attorney General Dougherty.

The instrument was drawn by Mr. Dougherty just before Mr. Harding left for his Alaskan trip. No value of the estate can be estimated until the will is admitted to probate and appraisers named.

Much of Mr. Harding's wealth is understood to be in stocks and bonds, the value of which is unknown until the appraisers make their report.

The President also left Mrs. Harding "dividends that accrue from and are paid on my entire stock-holdings in the Harding publishing company." Mr. Harding directed that it be left to Mrs. Harding's judgment "the bestowal of gifts, souvenirs, mementoes and all other articles of value to any society, organization or person she may see fit."

The two grandchildren of Mrs. Harding by a former marriage, Jean de Wolfe and George de Wolfe, are left \$2,000 each under the will. To his three nephews and one niece, children of the late President's brother, Dr. George T. Harding, Jr., the President left \$10,000 each.

Three old employes of the Marion Star, the newspaper formerly owned by Mr. Harding are left a small gift "as a mark of appreciation of the faithful service rendered." George H. Van Fleet, managing editor was given \$2,000; Henry C. Schaffner, treasurer, \$1,000, and James C. Woods, circulation manager, \$1,000.

The Trinity Baptist church, of which Mr. Harding was a trustee, was left \$2,000, and St. Paul's Episcopal church, which stands next door to the Star office, was given \$1,000.

The sum of \$25,000 was left to the Marion park commission, "to be applied in the creation of some permanent improvement to be determined by the commission and to be erected in any one of the three parks in Marion."

All the residue of the estate is left to Mr. Harding's three sisters, Mrs. Carolyn Votaw, of Washington; Mrs. Charity M. Rensberg, of St. Anne, Calif., and Miss Abigail Harding, of Marion, and to his brother, Dr. George T. Harding, Jr., of Columbus, "share and share alike," and "in the event that my sisters or brother should not survive me, but should leave children, such child or children their parents' share."

It is understood that Mrs. Harding expects to return to Washington within the next few days and not remain here until the will is admitted to probate and the appraisers make their report.

Wilson Tobacco Average is \$22.57

Wilson, Sept. 7.—The following are the official figures of tobacco sales on the Wilson market for the week ending September 6th, furnished by H. B. Johnson, supervisor of sales: 2,024,806 pounds, sold for \$465,214.37, and average of \$22.98 per hundred.

For the two weeks since the market opened 3,067,108 pounds sold for \$692,490.04, an all-round average of \$22.57 per hundred.

JAPANESE PRISONERS LOOT AND THEN KILL

Most Desperate of 5,000 Liberated Convicts Steal and Murder Disabled

Shanghai, Sept. 9.—At the first shock of the earthquake the great oil tanks on the hillside above the Yokosuka cable station exploded and millions of tons of oil swept upon the city, turning the harbor into a mass of flames. The walls of the Nageshi prison collapsed and 5,000 convicts were released.

The most desperate of these sought to profit by looting murdering the disabled. Hastily formed bodies of citizens, however, hunted out the miscreants and exacted a summary death penalty. The American hospital is reported to have been hurled from the bluff to the cemetery below, tearing open the earth and exhuming the bodies of many of those interred there.

The stories of the earthquake as narrated by eye witnesses depict scenes rivalling in horror the popular representations of the Buddhists' hell. Business men were about to leave their offices in Yokohama at the close of Saturday morning's work, when without warning and with a tremendous roar, the ground heaved up four or five feet and then dropped back again. Houses on the bluff were precipitated headlong into the city. The ground rocked, heaved and swayed like the waves of the sea. Fugitives fleeing from the falling buildings found their way blocked by huge gaping holes, some of them large enough to admit a horse and wagon.

Peril was added by the rising water from the water mains which burst everywhere; this, with fire blocked all the exits from the city. Hundreds sought to escape from a fiery death by rushing toward the motu machi canal, while some, who endeavored to cross on wooden lighters, were overtaken by blazing oil, which flowed from the exploded tanks, and met terrible death. Still others, panic stricken, flung themselves into the water and met an equally dreadful fate. The canal was soon choked with floating bodies.

People leaped into the sea in their frenzy to escape the deluge of red hot cinders from the blazing ruins.

Farmers Lose 12 Cents on Wheat Costing \$1.23 Per Bushel

Washington, Sept. 7.—Reports compiled by the department of agriculture from 4000 farmers in all parts of the country show an average production cost in 1922 for wheat of \$1.23 a bushel; for corn, 66 cents, and for oats, 53 cents. Against these figures the average sale price realized in the crop was \$1.11 a bushel for wheat, 73 cents for corn and 48 cents for oats.

"The cost figures," the department said, "include charges for the labor of the operator and his family and for use of the land."

Killed in a Shot-Gun Trap While Robbing a Store

Gastonia, Sept. 5.—Herman Falls, of Kings Mountain, died in the hospital today as the result of a robbery of S. L. Kiser's general store in the Sunnyside section of Cherryville township, 10 miles from here, last night, when the man in removing goods from the store, walked into a shotgun trap and received a load of shot in his side.

Three men with a Ford touring car, one of them being Falls, staged the robbery at the Kiser store this morning about 3 o'clock. Falls was removing shoes from the shelves. After he had taken 15 pairs he returned for another armful via an open window. As he reached for the other shoes on the store shelves he walked into a string tied across the counter. The strings was jerked and the trigger of the shotgun pulled discharging the load.

At the sound of the gun, the Ford car left, Falls, losing blood rapidly crawled from the store some distance up the road. Signs along the highway this morning showed where he had bled much and was apparently having a hard time to get away. The Ford car returned and picked him up. The car was then emptied of its stolen goods. The 15 pairs of shoes were found along the side of the road this morning.

The entire load entered Fall's left side, just above the hip. Will McDonald, a member of the party, escaped from local officers. A third man, giving his name as Raymond Benefield, is in the Gaston county jail.