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HORRORS DISCLOSED BY THE COMMITTEE

Georgia Convicts Are Beaten and Driven to Work Like Dogs

DR. HANBY MADE \$405 A YEAR ON EACH CONVICT

Everybody Seemed Satisfied Except Prisoners, Who Were Whipped in Order to Get Better Results—Occasionally a Guard Would Shoot a Convict in Ankle to Add Variety to Monotony of Ordinary Tortures. Men Were Starved, Too, and Greater Horrors May Be Brought to Light This Afternoon.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Atlanta, Ga., July 31.—The Felder investigating committee, which is looking into the convict lease system of the state adjourned at 10:05 last night until 3:00 o'clock this afternoon.

During the session testimony was introduced which showed that practically every warden in the state has been receiving extra pay from lessees. The prison commission has known of this since last November, testified J. M. Fagan, who said he attended a conference of lessees at which all three members of the commission were present. He stated the matter was under discussion, but the commissioner had expressed no opinion. Dr. W. B. Hamby, it was testified, was so influential with the prison commission that he has been able to guarantee in advance to furnish competent state wardens in making contracts to deliver convicts. It was sworn that Dr. Hamby, through his brokerage business had leased convicts for which he paid the state \$225 each per year, to one party for \$52.50 a month, nearly three times what they cost him and was making a profit of \$405 a year on each man.

It was testified that when lessees had trouble with convicts, Dr. J. R. Brock, who is a member of the investigating committee, and who has held the position of camp physician at a lessee plant in his senatorial district, advised the lessees to "see" Jack Moore. It has been said that former Chief Warden Moore could give advice as to means for getting the most work out of men. George F. Hurt, a lessee, testified that from his experience the state convict system has been operated for the advantage of a few lessees and to the disadvantage of the many lessees.

Had Often Whipped Men. A. J. Howard, of Jokin, Miller county, employed at the Flowers Lumber Company camp for six years as a warden, testified that the company paid him \$25 a month extra for pulling dry lumber out of a kiln. Said he had often whipped men, but never whipped one to death. Had heard that two years ago a man had been wrapped in blankets and smothered to death. Said he knew nothing about the incident.

Women Give Birth to Children. Will Williams, employed at the state farm, testified as to the separation of the sexes at the farm. He swore that the women and men were kept separate, but testified that two negro women had given birth to children since he had been at the farm. His investigation, he said, convinced him that convicts were responsible for the women's condition. Hackett, a white man, and Josh, a negro, were accused of being the fathers of the children. Witness had never heard that the guards were criminally intimate with the female convicts.

Men Kept on the Run. He said men were forced to go on a trot; that many worked in kilns where the heat was so intense it did not seem possible for men to exist long in it. One man had been on a trot for 15 years and witness did not see how he stood it. Beds were dirty; mess-hall filthy.

M. O. Maxwell, warden at a coal mining camp, said there were ten men now in the hospital at his place, five or six of whom had injured themselves by sticking pins in their (Continued on Page 5.)

THE BIG STICK TO AGAIN WAVE

May Disrupt Great Harriman Lines

LOOKING INTO SYSTEM

Suit, According to Herald Chicago Special, to Be Similar to Northern Securities Case—To Ascertain How Combination Has Restrained Trade.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, July 31.—The Herald's Chicago special says:

Special agents of the government in Chicago are trying to collect evidence to substantiate proceedings for the disruption of the Harriman system of railroads.

For more than a week Ralph M. McKenzie, who did a great deal of the preliminary work in the investigation which the commission made into the affairs of the Harriman railroads has been working among the big shippers with a view to ascertaining how the Harriman combination has been used, if used at all, to stifle competition and restrain trade. On special agent McKenzie's calling list are all of the traffic men of the big industries in the city.

His investigation is taken here as meaning the "big stick" has again begun to wave over the Harriman lines.

It is understood that the evidence is desired to use in connection with a suit to be begun by the government which will be similar to the Northern Securities case, which resulted in the disruption of the Hill roads so far as a holding company is concerned. The special agent's work is directed toward getting information from the shippers with respect to conditions before the combination of the Union Pacific, the Southern Pacific, the Oregon short line and the Oregon Railroad and Navigation Company and a comparison between those conditions and the conditions which exist today.

DR. TURNER PRESIDENT

Raleigh Man Honored By National Dentists

South Gets Its Share of Honors and Birmingham Chosen For Next Place of Meeting—An Honor For Tar Heel State.

(Special to The Times.) Boston, Mass., July 31.—Aided by other southern delegates, the North Carolina dentists scored a victory here yesterday in the election of Dr. V. E. Turner, of Raleigh, N. C., as president of the National Dental Association. Dr. Charles Greenaway, of Atlanta, won second place after a spirited contest. The south also gets the next convention, Birmingham being chosen. The officers are: President, Dr. V. E. Turner, Raleigh, N. C.; vice-presidents, Dr. Eugene H. Smith, Cambridge; Dr. W. M. Greenshaw, Atlanta, Ga.; Dr. W. T. Chandler, Denver, Col.; corresponding secretary, Dr. Charles S. Butler, Buffalo, N. Y.; treasurer, Dr. A. B. Melardy, Knoxville, Tenn.; chairman executive council, Dr. H. J. Burkhardt, Batavia, N. Y.

Won't Talk of Strike. (By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, July 31.—President W. H. Truesdale, of the Lackawanna Railroad, today declined to discuss the report that the switchmen of the road are about to strike.

The officials of the company are awaiting further advices from Scranton, Pa., the seat of the trouble.

DOESN'T PLACE RESPONSIBILITY

Troy People Displeased With Coroner's Verdict

MAY EVER BE MYSTERY

Murder of Hazel Drew No Nearer Solution Today Than at Time Crime Was Committed—Officials Have Given Up Chase For Murderer.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Troy, N. Y., July 31.—Coroner M. H. Stroppe, who ended the inquest in the tragic death of Hazel Drew, the beautiful young victim of the Teal pond mystery yesterday, made public his verdict today.

He finds that "death was due to a blow on the back of the head, inflicted with some blunt instrument, in some manner unknown."

The peculiar wording of the verdict has caused much dissatisfaction. In view of the positive testimony of physicians at the inquest that the wound could not have been self-inflicted, it is the general opinion that the verdict should at least have made it clear that the girl was murdered.

As it is, it is felt that the verdict simply gives the officials an excuse to drop further investigation. This practically is what has been done. The county authorities have given up the chase for the murderer and the mystery is now added to the list of unsolved crimes that have been committed in Rensselaer county.

Four More Workmen Killed. Vienna, July 31.—Four workmen were killed today, making a sum total of 28 lives snuffed out in the effort to extinguish the oil well fire which has been raging over a square mile of territory in the Borislav petroleum fields.

AWFUL WORK OF GREAT TYPHOON

Ten Thousand Are Drowned on Pearl River

BODIES MENACE HEALTH

Another Typhoon Reported Moving Towards Hong Kong—Wires All Down and Details Coming in Slowly—Epidemic Feared.

(By Cable to The Times.) Hong Kong, July 31.—Another typhoon is reported moving towards Hong Kong and the inhabitants are preparing for the worst. One of the most violent storms in thirty years has devastated a large amount of territory.

The typhoon just passed raged all day. Forty junks are ashore at this port. Canton is the heaviest sufferer, hundreds of junks there being destroyed. The mortality on Pearl river is said to be fully 10,000. Floating bodies menace the public health and there are grave fears of an epidemic.

The wires are all down and details are coming in slowly. Should the reports of the second storm be true it will be one of the first disasters that has befallen this coast in a century.

Hattiesburg News is Incorporated. Hattiesburg, Miss., July 31.—A corporation with a capital of \$30,000 was organized today to take over the property of the Hattiesburg News, established in May of last year by the Hattiesburg Printing and Publishing Company. The new corporation will be known simply as the Hattiesburg News, but is authorized to do a general publishing and printing business. The incorporators are Edgar G. Harris, M. J. E. Ploy, A. D. Hobbs, and T. R. Gordon.

Leander Crew Defeats Belgians. (By Cable to The Times) Henley, Eng., July 31.—In the Olympic regatta today the Leander crew defeated the Belgians in the eight-oared race.

Honorable William Randolph Hearst Permanent Chairman Executive Com.



Hon. William R. Hearst, one of the leading members of the Independent State Party, is shown in the photograph above. He has an active interest in the new party since it was first organized and was elected permanent chairman of the Executive Committee.

In a Jealous Rage Woman Stabs Girl

(By Leased Wire to The Times) New York, July 31.—In a jealous rage because of the infatuation of her husband for Marie Boger, a pretty seventeen-year-old girl living in East Eleventh street, Mrs. Marie Consolata, aged 27, of No. 63 East Houston street, followed the latter today to Cooper Square and while she was talking to her husband, crept up behind her and stabbed her twice, once in the cheek and once in the neck, probably fatally injuring her.

Hundreds of persons on their way to business were passing Cooper Square and Seventh street when the infuriated woman who had concealed herself in a nearby doorway, crept out, and drawing a knife from the folds of her dress stabbed the young girl. As the victim fell many of the pedestrians crowded about her and carried her to a store. The pedestrians were thrown into a state of excitement at the sight of the wounded girl on the sidewalk, and hundreds hurried to the scene. The policemen with their clubs drove the crowd back and sent in a call for an ambulance, and the wounded girl was taken to Bellevue Hospital, where it is said she will die.

The woman, after the stabbing, made no attempt to escape, and, still holding the bloody knife, surrendered herself to policemen Kell and Boyle, of the Fifth street station.

King's County Grand Jury Indicts Racing Gamblers

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, July 31.—The Kings county grand jury today handed up to Judge Dike in the county court in Brooklyn, two racing indictments, one against the Brighton Beach racing association and John G. Cavanaugh and the other against William A. Engerman, chief stockholder of the Brighton Beach racing association; J. C. D. Fitzgerald, the president, and John G. Cavanaugh. Accompanying the indictments was a scathing presentment, directed against racing officials, bookmakers and others. The presentment was not immediately made public. The three men under indictment are in Saratoga and they have been notified by telegraph to appear and plead to the indictments.

This is the second time Engerman, Fitzgerald and Cavanaugh have been indicted, but is the first time the indictment has been found against the Brighton Beach association. The indictment charges the association and three men specifically named with tolerating, aiding and abetting gambling at the Brighton Beach race track during the month of July.

MARTIAL LAW MAY BE DECLARED AT ENSLEY

LOVEJOY HELD FOR KILLING

Coroner's Jury Finds Death a Criminal Act

IS REMANDED TO JAIL

Witnesses Tell of Threats Made by Negro Against Life of Woman, Whose Head Was Blown Off Yesterday—Coroner's Investigation.

The coroner's inquest was held today in the grand jury room over the killing of Annie Martin, who was shot yesterday by Simon Lovejoy, colored, on Lane street. There were eleven witnesses summoned in the case, although they were not all put on the stand. Lovejoy was remanded to jail without bail.

Anne Woodson, colored, saw Simon Lovejoy passing her house on South Floodworth street Wednesday morning between 8 and 9 o'clock and spoke to him and he said he did not have time to talk; that he was mad and in a hurry. Said an excursion was to leave town that morning and some man wanted his woman to go on the excursion and if she went he was going to kill her. Witness did not know Anne Martin; neither did she see the shooting.

Edward Woodson, colored, saw Simon Lovejoy and Annie Martin. Met Lovejoy in Nash square Wednesday morning and had a talk with him. Lovejoy said he was in trouble; that an excursion was to go away that morning and some man wanted his woman to go, and if she went he was going to kill her. Witness did not see the shooting.

Jesse Jones, colored, took the stand and said he was standing on the opposite side of the street when Simon Lovejoy came to the woman's house and looked in. He did not have a gun and did not see the woman. He returned with a gun in his hand and asked the witness if he did not want to go hunting. Lovejoy then went over to the woman's house and went in. The next he heard was the shot and then he saw Lovejoy running down Lane street. Witness did not know where Lovejoy got the gun.

Della Holman, colored did not see (Continued on Fifth Page.)

GRIFF HEARS THE CALL

Former Manager of Highlanders May Manage Cardinals

Well-Defined Rumor Says Old Fox Slated for St. Louis Team—Will Strengthen That Club, Which Needs It.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) New York, July 31.—Clark Griffith has heard the call of the diamond and will soon be in action again.

According to a well-defined rumor, the former manager of the Highlanders will lead the St. Louis Cardinals. It is said that the contract will be signed in this city in a few days, and that the Old Fox will then go on the hunt for new players to strengthen the team.

Griffith is to succeed John J. McCloskey, who will probably remain in charge this season while Griffith is on the road in search of new material.

In the Cardinals, Griff has a corking good pitching staff, and that is all. He will have to improve both the outfield and infield and will need to strengthen the catching department also. It is reported that President Stanley Robison, who will be in town in a few days to sign up with Griff, will give the former Highlander leader a lot of leeway in selecting his new recruits. Robison wants at least two good catchers, and Griff probably knows the men who will be able to fill the bill.

Situation in Mining Districts Becoming More Acute as Hours Pass

INDIGNATION MEETING HELD BY CITIZENS TODAY

Following Blowing Up of Negro Non-Union Miner's House Indignant Citizens Hold Important Mass Meeting—May Establish Vigilance Committee—Trainload of Strike-Breakers Arrived at Blossburg Today—Deputies Hurried to Sayreton and Rumors of Battle and Graves at Jefferson—Sheriff Says Martial Law Not Needed Yet.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Ensley, Ala., July 31.—The last mine outrage to occur here was the blowing up of the house of George Bahks, a colored non-union miner. His wife and children were thrown from their beds and the house practically ruined. Bahks is a prosperous and respected negro. A number of prominent citizens held an impromptu indignation meeting this morning and threaten to make all union miners vacate houses in Ensley and establish a vigilance committee to protect all classes. Martial law seems imminent.

Birmingham, Ala., July 31.—Sheriff Higdon states today that he does not think the condition in the mining districts warrants Government troops at any time.

Another trainload of strike-breakers, this one sent to Blossburg, in the heart of the worst strike district, arrived today. Arrests continue to be made in numbers and those arrested are almost immediately bailed by their friends. Deputies in automobiles were hurried to Sayreton, a mining suburb, shortly before noon, upon a general alarm sent to the sheriff's office to the effect that the commissary store there was surrounded. The most alarming reports, none authentic, continue to come in about a battle at Jefferson two weeks ago today in which a party of sixteen deputies exhausted its ammunition in defending a special train. One report says that twelve mysterious new graves are in the vicinity of the battle. A number of men were seen to fall by deputies during the battle but no bodies or wounded men at all were reported.

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