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SECRETS OF NIGHT RIDERS EXPOSED

Fifty Men on Trial Charged With Crime

FORCED MEN TO JOIN

Special Term of Court to Try "Night Rider" Cases—Telephone Operator Tells of Being Made to Join, Being Forced to Take Oath of Allegiance to the Gang.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)
Murray, Ky., August 8.—At a special term of court to try the cases against 50 alleged night riders, "Jake" Ellis, an alleged captain, was the first man put on trial.
The first witness was James Whitlock, a night telephone operator at Shiloh. He said he was forced to join the night riders in order that he might cut off the switch when a raid was in progress. He said "Jake" Ellis and Van Elkins made him join. They visited him the fourth Monday in March for the ostensible purpose of trading horses, but after they got him in the barn, he said, they made him kneel on a horse blanket and take a blood-curdling oath, with his right hand raised in the air.
Afterward, he said, they gave him the signs, grips and passwords. The sign was three whistles, and the password, "The silent brigade." He said they asked him if he wished to join, and when he said "No," they said he would have to, adding, "We are two to your one, but we can be 250 to your one."

Wiley Stewart, the next witness, told of joining the band and of the meeting to discuss a raid on Murray for the purpose of whipping Griffin and Pitts, tobacco buyers, and a banker, Henry Dees, for not advancing money on association tobacco. He said Bell and Clay Garland, who were sent in to Trigg for reinforcements, reported that 250 men, with a wagon-load of guns, would join the expedition, but it was decided to postpone the raid until fall.

CREDITORS OF THAW DISCUSS SITUATION

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Pittsburg, Pa., August 8.—Creditors of H. K. Thaw are now making arrangements for a meeting in which to discuss the situation. It will be necessary for Thaw to attend a meeting of the creditors before the referee in this district, according to the bankruptcy laws. How his attendance in this state, while in charge of the New York state authorities will be made possible is puzzling those interested in the case here.
The first order in reference to the Thaw proceedings was made this morning by United States Commissioner William T. Lindsay, in referring the case to Referee in Bankruptcy W. B. Blair.

STEEL MILL OPENS UP.

Order Calling for 24,000 Tons of Steel Rails Will Start Idle Machinery Moving.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)
Pittsburg, Pa., Aug. 8.—Calling for 24,000 tons of steel plate, an order is soon to be placed with Pittsburg steel mills forcing idle machinery into action and summoning more men back to work. With Pittsburg steel plate manufacturers figuring on contracts for upwards of 70,000 tons of plates for steel cars for railroad requirements, there comes another contract that is to be awarded in a brief period. New York City has awarded the contract to T. A. Gillespie Company for the construction of the Amityville pipe line, a new water supply main of steel.
The tonnage is estimated at from 24,000 to 27,000 tons, in round figures amounting to about \$1,000,000.

BAD NEGRO IN PEN; POLITICS IN NORTHAMPTON.

Sheriff H. L. Joyner, of Northampton county, was in the city yesterday. He brought Jim Harding, colored, to the state penitentiary to serve a fifteen year sentence. The crime of which he stands convicted is assault with intent to commit rape.

TIRED OF LIFE TAKES POISON

Daughter of Clara Bloodgood Attempts Suicide

ELOPED FROM CONVENT

Married a Year Ago, Fleeing From Convent Where She Had Been Placed by Friends of the Actress. No Reason Given For Attempt.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)
Yonkers, N. Y., August 8.—Standing in the street before her home Mrs. Anna McCarthy, 18 years old, of No. 24 Glover avenue, who says she is a daughter of the late Clara Bloodgood, attempted to commit suicide by swallowing poison. Some men knocked the bottle from her hand and she recovered in St. Joseph's hospital.
The young woman was married to John McCarthy a year ago. She says she eloped with him from a convent in New York, where she had been placed by friends of Clara Bloodgood. Recently she tried to induce District Attorney Jerome to take some action to obtain her share in the actress' estate.
Clara Bloodgood killed herself on December 5 of last year in a Baltimore hotel by shooting herself. She was the wife of William Laimber, a member of the New York stock exchange. No reason could be assigned for her rash act and the mystery has never been cleared up.

INHERIT A FORTUNE OF MANY MILLION DOLLARS

(By Leased Wire to The Times)
New York, August 8.—Word has been received by Goldfried Probst, a waiter in a bakery owned by William Draude at 43 Smith street, Brooklyn, that he and his sister Anna, of Reichenberg, Bavaria, are joint heirs to an estate of nearly \$16,000,000 left by their uncle, who died intestate in Bombay, India, 12 years ago. A few months ago Anna Probst saw an advertisement regarding her and Goldfried and answered it. She easily proved her relationship to the dead man, and was informed that the estate would be turned over to her and her brother.

Improvements on N. Y. Central.
(By Leased Wire to The Times)
Pittsburg, Pa., Aug. 8.—The New York Central Railroad has decided on the immediate expenditure of \$2,000,000 in the Pittsburg district.
While it had been intended by the Vanderbilt road to expend this money next year, the decision to spend it in improvements was not reached until within the last few hours, and it was said to be because of faith in the immediate return of prosperity that this decision was reached.

SEN. JOHN W. DANIEL.



Senator John W. Daniel, of Virginia, is probably the most picturesque member of the Monetary Commission now on their way to Europe to make a study of financial conditions. His long black hair, prominent facial features, a little yet sturdy form make him a marked man among men.

Count Zeppelin's Airship, Greatest Flying Machine Ever Produced



The Zeppelin airship, which was overtaken by disaster shortly after beginning its return trip over South Germany was the greatest vehicle of its kind ever constructed. It was 485 feet long and 43 feet in diameter, at its largest part. Count Zeppelin, while almost prostrated by this calamity, has announced that he will immediately proceed to build a counterpart of the destroyed ship.

Battleship Fleet Nears Auckland

Sighted off Horizon This Morning Approaching in Perfect Formation--Storm Has Abated and Sea Subsided --Some of the Ships Suffered Small Loss

Auckland, N. Z., August 8.—A wireless message today received here from the consort tug Australasia which put out to meet the American battleship fleet, states that the line of ships is visible upon the horizon approaching in perfect formation.

Further messages from the Australasia state that the sea, while running strong with a heavy swell, is gradually subsiding after the storm. The wind has blown itself out and the gale which threatened such havoc to the stately American ships passed off to the eastward.

Fine weather prevails for the entrance of the fleet to the Auckland harbor. With favorable conditions there will be nothing to hinder the splendid maneuvers which have been planned as part of the program. It was arranged that the battleships should approach in double lines and thus array themselves before the city. However, the storm lent fears that this might not be possible, but the blowing out of the gale has taken away all misgivings.

On Friday the fleet encountered a strong northeast current and in order to reach port on scheduled time Admiral Sperry gave orders for 12 knots speed. The daily evolutions were dispensed with, but the formation was maintained despite the adverse weather conditions. The six teen vessels remained spaced as they were before the heavy weather blew into Auckland and already accommodations are at a premium.

Count Gives Order For New Machine--Work Has Begun

(By Cable to The Times)
Friedrichshafen, Aug. 8.—After a long talk with his chief engineer, Herr Duerr, Count Zeppelin has given orders that work on the construction of a new airship be begun. In fact, he has about decided to build two at the same time, each on a different model. The new ships will show many changes, suggested by a study of the accident of two (Continued on Page Seven.)

TRIED TO WRECK SOUTHERN TRAIN

Three Negroes Arrested, Charged With Wrecking

DYNAMITE ON TRACKS

Tried to Blow Up Train No. 29 With Dynamite—Windows of Coaches Shattered, But No Serious Damage Done and No One Hurt.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)
Danville, Va., August 8.—Jordan Lee, an alleged notorious negro, Lonnie Reynolds, and Edward Glade, two negro boys, have been arrested on a charge of attempting to wreck south-bound passenger train No. 29 of the Southern Railway by blowing it up with dynamite.
The negroes placed the dynamite on the track at a point near this city. The windows of the coaches were shattered, but no serious damage was done, all passengers escaping injury.
About 12 sticks of dynamite were found in the bushes near the point where the attempt was made to blow up the train.
Lee acknowledged seeing the boys with the dynamite and said he showed them how to use it. The explosive is supposed to have been stolen from the camp of a construction force.

TABRIZ SECEDES FROM THE PERSIAN EMPIRE

(By Cable to The Times)
Constantinople, August 8.—Advises reaching here today from Persia, which are said to be based on the very best authority, state that Tabriz, which is the largest city in Persia and has been the center of the Persian revolution, has seceded from the Persian empire and declared allegiance to Turkey.

MARRYING IN BUNCHES.

Nebraska Justice Married Forty-six Couples in Forty-five Minutes, 700 Couples in Three Months.

Omaha, Neb., Aug. 8.—Forty-six weddings in forty-five minutes is the record made by Judge Edgar S. Garrison, of Panama, who is visiting his former home near Omaha.

Judge Garrison started a crusade against immorality shortly after his arrival in Panama, and in five days he married 253 couples.

But the record number of marriages came one afternoon a few days after his crusade was started. There was a stampede for licenses and in forty-five minutes he tied the knots for forty-six couples. In three months he has married more than 700 couples.

COL. HUGH SCOTT.



Col. Hugh Scott, commandant at West Point, who is to hold a conference with Secretary of War, Wright, with a view of fixing upon some adequate and suitable punishment for the eight cadets recently dismissed for hazing and afterwards reinstated by Secretary Wright.

GOOD PROSPECTS FOR FOOT BALL

A. & M. Will Have Excellent Team

GEORGETOWN IS COMING

Will Play in Raleigh This Season. Michie Whitehurst Returns—The Schedule Best in the History of A. & M.—V. P. I. Game in Norfolk.

"The prospects for another championship football team," said Graduate Manager Harris, who will again steer the A. & M. athletes on to victory, were never so bright as they are for this fall.

The A. & M. College will put out a football team that will be better than the famous eleven of last year, which won the championship of the south. Coach Mickie Whitehurst will steer the Varsity and an assistant coach has been engaged to have entire charge of the scrubs. This year the scrubs will have a regular schedule of games and some good fierce contests have been booked for them. The athletic field will be put in good shape and seats built the entire length of the west side of the field in order that the spectators can get as near as possible to the game.

Team Material.

Never have prospects for good material been as bright at the A. & M. as they now are. Of last year's team the following men will return: Stevens, captain and quarter-back; Howard Beebe, the best tackle in the south; Stroud, the best half-back yet developed at A. & M.; Frank Thompson, whose kicking has won him a reputation that places him among the best; Dick Johnson, full back, will again be seen in his usual good form as a last sprinter; Spencer, who was developed as a back last year, will again be behind the line; Scotchy Hardie, of well-known fame of a year ago, as one of the fastest and cleverest half-backs, will return to A. & M. this fall, and will be seen doing stunts through, around, and over the line. Scotchy is well-known in this state as a crack half-back. The new backs will be Don Hanks, one of the fastest men yet seen in high school football. He weighs 175 pounds and is a born football player. When the coming season closes Hanks' name will be written among the best southern backs. Another new man will be Morton, full back on Davidson last year, and who did star work against A. & M. in the Davidson vs. A. & M. game at Charlotte. Two other big South Carolinians, weighing 190 pounds and of football calibre, will complete the list of backs for the A. & M. team of 1908. It may be said with all safety that there could not be a better set of backs picked from southern college teams. Competition will be great for the back field positions.

Saddler, Seifert, Fox, and Long, last year's ends, will all return and added to these will be Hartsell and Moran, new men of known athletic ability. Centre will be taken care of by Temple and Thompson, both being great football players, and ranking among the best. Van Glahn, who is remembered as the man who did so much against Virginia last Thanksgiving day, will be at his position as guard, and Bray of last year's team, will be the other guard. The tackle positions will be looked after by the all-southern tackle, Howard Beebe and Eekie Gattis, a Raleigh boy, who weighs 190 pounds and has grit, nerve, energy, and enthusiasm that will place him among the best tackles in the country. He was with the team for a short while last year, but suffered an accident which kept him out of regular games. His work in the all-star game will be remembered. Besides the above-mentioned there will be no less than 15 other candidates for the first squad.

No delay will be caused this season on account of lack of lateness in arriving of football equipment. A big order of suits, jerseys, shoes, stockings, sweaters, and balls has already arrived. Practice will begin the first of September.

The Schedule.

For the first time in its history Georgetown University will be seen in Raleigh in a football contest. The A. & M. and Georgetown team will meet on the local gridiron on Thursday of fair week. Hundreds of people from all over the state have been clamoring for a big game in Raleigh (Continued on Page Three.)