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STATE HAS HARD TIME TO BEAT MOB

Negro Finally Lodge In Penitentiary After Strenuous Flight From Mob

FIGHT WITH SOLDIERS

William Furby Lodged in State Penitentiary After Long Chase—Was First Hid in Vault in Depot—Was Then Taken to County Jail, Locked in Safe in Express Car and Troops Called Out to Guard Jail—Still Fearing Mob he Was Taken Out, Dressed in Woman's Clothes and Carried to Penitentiary—When Mob Discovered They Had Been Tricked They Attack Soldiers.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Moundsville, W. Va., Dec. 28—Saved from lynching in two towns at the hands of infuriated citizens, William Furby, the negro accused of attacking Flora Anglin at Weston, was finally lodged in the state penitentiary here today. The flight of Furby and his captors from Weston to Clarksville and thence to this city forms one of the most thrilling stories of efforts of West Virginia authorities to uphold the law.

Despairing of saving the prisoner's life if he were kept in the Clarksville jail even with soldiers on guard it was decided to rush him to the shelter of the state prison. With the troops guarding all approaches to the building, Furby was disguised as a woman and secretly taken to the railroad yards. There he was put aboard a freight engine and under the guard of two troopers rushed here. The soldiers remained on guard to keep up the deception and it was not until an hour after Furby was gone that the Clarksville mob discovered the trick.

The mob in its anger then attacked the soldiers and in the ensuing fight several citizens and soldiers were hurt. Lieutenant Colonel R. L. Osborne, the soldiers' commander was struck on the head with a heavy club and badly hurt. Private Arthur Vannort was hit with a brick and taken dying to the hospital. Several others were also taken to the hospitals suffering from severe injuries.

Hid in Express Safe.

Clarkburg, W. Va., Dec. 28—William Furby, the negro charged with attacking Flora Anglin at Weston, was safely landed in jail here this morning. The lock-up is under guard of two companies of troops, more soldiers have been called and the town has been declared under martial law to save Furby from lynching. Furby, who was locked in the vault of the Weston railroad station yesterday to prevent his being lynched, had another narrow escape when the special train on which he was being brought to jail here was held up at Fort Summitt by fifty men, who searched every car.

At the time Furby was locked in the express safe on the train and the authorities declared that he had escaped.

The mob tore up the seats in the cars looking for the negro. To placate the mob leaders the authorities joined in the search, declaring that Furby had suddenly disappeared. One of the men tried to open the safe and they discussed blowing it open but they lacked dynamite.

The train was stopped by a lantern waved across the track and the mob swarmed aboard.

"We want that 'nigger," said the leader of the mob in a menacing manner to the sheriff.

"I want him myself, but I can't find him," answered the officer.

The explanation of the sheriff did not satisfy the men. They were armed with Winchester and revolvers which they angrily turned towards the sheriff and his deputies.

"If we don't get him you will be sorry," declared the leader. "Then they began the search. The windows in the train were broken and there was scarcely a whole seat left.

Finally with muttered threats of vengeance the mob drew off and started to search the woods.

Furby, more dead than alive, was dragged, gray with fear and suffocation from the safe. He begged upon his knees that the sheriff protect him until he was safely landed in jail.

When the train arrived Furby was



Duchess de Choiseul-Praslin, formerly Mrs. Charles Hamilton Payne, of Boston, Mass., who is the center of a tangled romance, which was recently brought to light in the courts at Tours, France. The Duchess is suing the "Count" and "Countess" D'Anby de Gargny on the charge of swindling her of many thousands of dollars, by selling her alleged bogus paintings. During the trial the defense read many love letters written by the Duchess to Count D'Anby. The Duchess and her husband suddenly disappeared the other day, when her star witnesses turned against her. It is said that the former Mrs. Payne knew beforehand what was to happen and also that she did not have the courage to face the reading of any more of her letters, which was scheduled for the day she disappeared. It is said the Duchess and her husband have gone to Saint Moritz, and that they will remain in retirement for some time. The case against the "Count" D'Anby is now believed to have completely collapsed.

dragged into a closed carriage and the horses dashed towards the lock-up at a gallop. The sheriff and deputies sat beside the negro with drawn revolvers.

Meanwhile the excitement was growing steadily. Country people were crowding into town, and 200 men, practically all of them armed, came from Weston.

A mob was forming upon the outskirts of the town, bent upon storming the lock-up when the soldiers arrived and a cordon with fixed bayonets were thrown about the building, while others were ordered to patrol the streets.

LINERS SMALL CROWD.

Big Steamer Has Only Two First Class and Eight Second Class Passengers.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

New York, Dec. 28—Tens a strange voyage that the steamship Vanderland started out on today, for the big liner is bound across the sea just to carry two first-class, eight second class and a few steerage passengers over to Antwerp, by way of Cherbourg and Dover.

It was probably the smallest number of first and second class passengers ever carried out of New York by a modern ocean liner. The two first class passengers were R. L. Herman and Mrs. F. R. Humphrey. They will have seventy-five stewards at their beck and call during the trip. Of the second class passengers five were women and three were men.

HUTTER BROTHERS DROWNED.

Drowned in Kanawha River in West Virginia.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Lynchburg, Va., Dec. 28—Word was received today of the drowning of George and Risque Hutter, at Gauley Bridge, W. Va., in the Kanawha river late yesterday. Both men were engaged in mining operations in West Virginia.

The brothers were prominently connected in Virginia, and New York society. They were related closely to the Langhorns of Albemarle county and to Mrs. Charles Dana Gibson and Mrs. Jacob Astor.

Killed in Gun Battle.

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 28—Craddock Willoughby and Clarence Young, who were fatally shot in a gun battle in Montgomery county on Christmas night, died early today, making three fatalities so far. The fight occurred in the Willoughby home between the Martin and Willoughby families. Six other persons were wounded.

WILL BE INDICTED

Criminal Indictments the Next Step In Investigation

District Attorney Has All the Evidence Before Him That Has Been Discovered So Far—Crowds Still Chorusous Notwithstanding Claim That Depositors Will Be Paid Dollar for Dollar.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

New York, Dec. 27—Criminal indictments will undoubtedly be the next step in the investigation of the failed affairs of the Northern Bank of New York and its allied concerns, which have been taken over by Joseph G. Robin, District Attorney. Whittman today had before him all the evidence so far discovered by State Superintendent of Banks Cheney and State Superintendent of Insurance Hotchkiss, although the investigation is far from complete.

Despite the assurance of James F. Gafford, counsel for the Northern Bank, and one of its directors, that the depositors would receive 100 cents on the dollar, clamorous cries were collected about the principal building of the Northern Bank in 157th street and its immediate vicinity. Hostile expressions against Robin, who is now in the possession of the bank, were heard on all sides. It was stated that despite the claim that Robin is now innocent, he showed no trace of mental disorder until after the investigation was begun, that resulted in the closing of the bank and the taking over of the Rochester Title and Guarantee Company by the state insurance department.

One of the most amazing chapters of high and frenzied finance in the stuporous career of America's latter day financial history is being written by the investigation into the affairs of the dormant bank.

The circumstances are even more than the spectacular and meteoric rise of Joseph G. Robin, who, 18 years ago came here from Russia, penniless and bearing the name of Robinson.

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Even the skyrocket dealings of Charles W. Morse are surpassed by the dealings of Robin, it is said. Dating back to his associations with P. Augustus Heine, just prior to the 1897 panic, the career of the former immigrant is one series of spectacular financial dealings.

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Robin's career is remarkable in many ways than our. He is only 27 years old and when he arrived in this country he was not only handicapped by lack of funds but by a strange language. Robinson—as he was then—settled down with his sister in the Russian colony. Both were intelligent and ambitious. Robinson studied hard and acquired not only mastery of the English language but of American manners and customs as well. In the meantime his sister became a trained nurse. One evening she told her brother of an episode that took place in the hospital. The alert brother promptly sold it to a newspaper as "an exclusive story", and with the \$300 he secured for the story, added to the \$20 more which he had saved up, he went to Buffalo.

Robin's first deal was the purchase of a big electric company in northern New York, which used Niagara water power. Although the price was a million, the ex-immigrant put up so bold a front that the company gave him an option and he raised the purchase price in Buffalo and New York. Later he sold out at an enormous profit.

With the proceeds of this investment Robin hurried back to New York as a wider field for operations. He started a real estate company, got the courts to change his name, grew a beard and began to claim that he was a Frenchman.

Robin began to mix with influential people. He helped organize the Co-operative Building Bank of which Timothy Woodruff, the millionaire republican politician, subsequently became president. Robin was made

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WAKE'S NEW ROAD LAW

The Bill Provides For Issuing \$3000,000 In Bonds

Good Roads Committee Met Here Today at Noon and Decried a Bill Providing For Better Roads in Wake County—A Bond Issue of \$3000,000 in Legislative Estimate—Local Road Commission of Twenty-six Members.

A bill will be introduced in the next general assembly which would give the county commissioners the power to issue \$3,000,000 in bonds to improve the roads in Wake county. The bill would also provide for the issuance of \$3,000,000 in bonds to improve the roads in Wake county.

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AVIATORS FALL AND ARE BADLY HURT

Passenger-Carrying Monoplane Tumbles 250 Feet Fatally Wounding Passengers

WERE OUT FOR RECORD

Aviator Laffon and M. Paula Start Out on 36-hour Round Trip Flight From Paris to Brussels for \$30,000 Prize—Disaster Took Place Shortly After Machine Started—Machine Was Smashed to Pieces—Aviators Were Caught Under It and Were Taken Out Alive—Souvenir Hunters Carried Away the Wreckage.

(By Cable to The Times.)

Paris, Dec. 28—A passenger-carrying monoplane, with Aviator Laffon and M. Paula, fell 250 feet shortly after leaving Issy on a round trip flight to Brussels, and both men were fatally wounded. This is the first serious disaster to a passenger-carrying aeroplane in the history of aviation.

Laffon had set out to win the \$30,000 prize offered by the Automobile Club of France for a round trip to the Belgian capital within 36 hours.

The disaster took place shortly after the machine left the aerodrome at Issy and was caused by the motors going wrong. The machine, a big two-seater affair, was smashed to pieces.

Laffon and Paula set out shortly after dawn and a big crowd cheered them as the propellers began to hum and the great aeroplane arose.

Laffon sent the machine in an easterly direction and it was apparently working perfectly. Before he had gone far the motor began to miss fire and the car wobbled through the air at times in an alarming manner.

Suddenly those who were watching saw Laffon flailing frantically with the machinery. Then they noticed that the motor had stopped. The wind caught the spreading plane, causing it to career. Laffon then began to work the levers in an attempt to keep the machinery righted.

A gust of wind caught the wings and the machine turned over while Laffon and Paula clung to the frame-work with all their might.

As the planes turned to a horizontal position and all resistance was lost, the aeroplane swooped downward with great velocity. It crashed to the earth, pinning both men beneath the wreckage.

Rescuers ran to the aid of the imprisoned men and lifted away the debris expecting to find both dead. Both were covered with blood and unconscious. Medical aid was quickly summoned. A physician who examined them thought that both will die, as both are suffering from bad cuts and internal injuries.

Souvenir hunters pounced upon the wreckage of the machine despite the efforts to protect it and carried away all the portable fixtures.

A number of famous European aviators have competed for the return trip Paris-to-Brussels prize. Among them are Henry Wynmalen, of Holland; M. Lecagneux, M. Lorrain, and M. Mahlen. Lecagneux has come nearest to winning, but he had to alight upon his return trip when he had almost reached the aerodrome at Issy on the outskirts of Paris.

It was feared, this afternoon that Laffon's wife, who witnessed the disaster, would succumb to the shock, but she was among those present at the aerodrome and saw the machine drop to earth. She became so hysterical that she was removed to her home under the care of physicians.

Druse Tribemen Defeated.

(By Cable to The Times.)

Constantinople, Dec. 28—The rebellious Druse tribesmen and Bedouins in the valleys of Syria have been dealt a crushing blow by Turkish soldiers. News reached here today that in a battle lasting several days last week 450 Druses were killed and wounded and six hundred captured. The Turkish forces lost 85 soldiers.