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BLOODY RACE RIOT IS UNDERWAY IN GEORGIA

STARTED WHEN NEGROES MURDER A WHITE OVERSEER.

FIVE NEGROES REPORTED KILLED

Excitement Caused Through the Section Near Blakely By the Clashes Between the Whites and Blacks Reported to Have Subsided Somewhat.—Influential White Citizens Worked Until Late Last Night in an Effort to Prevent Further Breaks.—Villipigue, an Overseer, Thraashes a Negro Child and is Later Shot in the Back.

(By The Associated Press)
Blakely, Ga., Dec. 31.—The excitement caused throughout this section by clashes between whites and negroes near here in which seven negroes were killed and two whites were hurt has not entirely died down today. Influential white citizens, who were busy until late last night in an effort to prevent further breaks, expressed the belief that there will be no more trouble.

Five negroes were shot and killed and two others were burned to death, according to reports received here, as a result of three pitched battles between the negroes and various bands of whites seeking to capture Daniel Goolsby, a negro farmer, and his two sons, Mike and Elysses, accused of assaulting Henry Villipigue, an overseer, who had thrashed one of the younger Goolsbys. Villipigue was shot in the back Wednesday night and his wife narrowly escaped death from several shots fired after he fell.

The negroes reported dead, after an all day hunt, which started Thursday morning, after news of Villipigue's death spread through the country, and culminated in pitched battles in the afternoon, were Granderson Goldsby, his two sons, both of whom were burned in a cabin in which they sought refuge. "Hosh" Jewell, Charles Holmes, James Burton and Early Hightower.

REPRESENTATIVE TO ANSWER CHARGE.

Representative Franz Buchanan, of Illinois to go to New York for trial.

(By The Associated Press)
Washington, December 31.—Former Representative H. Robert Fowler, Henry B. Martin and Herman Schulteis identified with the Labor National Peace Council, and indicted in New York under the Sherman anti-trust law for conspiring to restrain trade in munitions, demanded a preliminary hearing when they appeared today before United States Commissioner Taylor to make a formal return to the indictment. Hearing was set for January 20.

Representative Frank Buchanan, of Illinois, indicted on the same charge, sent word to the Department of Justice today that he would waive all questions of immunity, and go to New York as quickly as possible and within a week furnish bail and adopt no dilatory tactics.

Born, December 23, to Mr. and Mrs. G. W. French, a son.

DAMON AND PYTHIAS AT THE PASTIME TODAY.

MR. WEDDINGTON SERVING LAST DAY AT POSTOFFICE

Resignation of Assistant Postmaster Effective New Year's Day.
Today is the last day in which Mr. J. Frank Weddington will serve as assistant postmaster, his resignation to take effect January 1 having been tendered and accepted by Postmaster Miller and the Postoffice Department several weeks ago.

Mr. Weddington has been assistant postmaster since the office was created. His service has been conspicuous by his thoughtfulness and courtesy to the patrons of the office, to many of whom his resignation will cause regret.

Mr. Weddington plans to engage in business for himself but is not yet ready to announce just what line it will be in. For several weeks he will be engaged supervising the erection of a new residence, which he started on his lot on South Union street several weeks ago.

Mr. Weddington's successor has not been announced. When the resignation was first announced Postmaster Miller stated that he had not decided on whether a recommendation for the advancement of the members of the present force or a tentative appointment, subject to a civil service examination would be made. The Department at Washington, of course, has been fully advised about the situation but the officials there and Postmaster Miller have not yet reached a definite decision on the matter, it is understood.

MR. JAKE NEWELL WEDS MISS FANNIE BLACK.

Surprise Marriage in Charlotte.—Well-Known Lawyer and Politician Becomes Benedict.

Charlotte Observer, 31.
A surprise marriage of unusual interest took place last night at 8:30 o'clock when Miss Fannie Black was married to Mr. Jake F. Newell, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Dr. A. A. McGeachy, pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church, and taking place at the home of the bride's father, Mr. C. A. Black, 300 South Cedar street. There were no attendants, the wedding being witnessed by only a few relatives and friends.

The event had been maintained in the strictest secrecy and only a short time before the hour set for the wedding was announcement made of the plans. Mr. and Mrs. Newell left shortly after the conclusion of the ceremony for a bridal tour of the North and will spend two weeks in Washington, Philadelphia, and New York. Upon their return to Charlotte, they will be at home at 407 Sunnyside avenue, Piedmont.

The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Black and has spent practically her entire life in this city. She is a young woman of much attractiveness and exceptional mental gifts and has many friends in Charlotte.

Rabbits Are Classed as Menace to Trees.

Washington, Dec. 30.—The cotton-tail rabbits are classed with pine mice as constituting a menace in Eastern States to fruit and ornamental trees and shrubs as well as to garden and other farm products, says a report of the Department of Agriculture. The losses attributed to rabbits are in such succulent foods as vegetables, clover and alfalfa and fallen fruits, and when snow cuts off their food they frequently kill trees and shrubs by gnawing the bark, often causing financial losses to nurserymen and orchardists.

India's coal production has passed the 12,000,000 ton mark annually and electrical machinery is being introduced into its mines.

SEVEN STATES GO DRY AT MIDNIGHT TONIGHT

RECENTLY ADOPTED PROHIBITION LAWS BECOME EFFECTIVE

SOUTH CAROLINA ONLY ONE IN SOUTH

The Law That Becomes Effective in South Carolina Was Adopted at a Special Election Sept. 14 Last by an Overwhelming Majority.—Individuals Under the Law May Obtain One Gallon of Liqueur Per Month for Personal Use.—State Senator Carlisle of Spartanburg Announces He Will Introduce a Bill Making the State Entirely Dry.

(By The Associated Press)
Columbia, S. C., Dec. 31.—South Carolina will be numbered among the prohibition States after midnight tonight. The State dispensary system, under which 15 out of 44 counties operated liquor dispensaries and around which the political battles of the State have centered for nearly a quarter of a century, will cease to exist at sundown this afternoon.

The law effective at midnight was adopted at a special election held Sept. 14 last, by an overwhelming majority. Individuals under the new law, may obtain one gallon of liquor per month for personal use.

Certain spirits are permitted for the Church, art and science, according to a recent decision of the attorney general.

State Senator Carlisle, of Spartanburg, announced several days ago that he would introduce a bill in next assembly which meets next month, repealing the so-called "gallon a month law," making the state entirely dry.

Six Others Dry.

Washington, Dec. 31.—State wide prohibition of the sale and manufacture of intoxicating liquors will become effective in seven states at midnight tonight, putting out of business more than 3,000 saloons, a large number of breweries, wholesale liquor houses and distilleries.

The States which are to enter the dry column are South Carolina, Iowa, Colorado, Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Arkansas.

In Colorado district attorneys at a recent meeting, agreed that technically the constitutional prohibition amendment and the enforcing statute do not become effective until midnight January 1, but it was also decided that the operation of all liquor licenses at midnight tonight will render liquor sales on New Year unlawful.

According to one authority between two million and three million dollars has been expended for liquor in Colorado in the last week.

China to Begin 1916 With Conscription.

Peking, Dec. 30.—China is to have compulsory military service. The Government has announced that conscription will be inaugurated on Jan. 1, 1916. It will first be put into effect in Chill Province, in which Peking is located, and Shantung Province, which adjoins Chill Province on the south. Details have not yet been arranged, but are now under consideration by the General staff.

It has also been decided by the General Staff to organize an aeroplane corps, which will have its headquarters at Wulitai in Nanyang, where the Government's aviation school is located. Nanyang is in Honan Province, southwest of Peking.

Hearts Dice Party.

Mrs. Parks M. Lafferty and Miss Louise Coffey delightfully entertained a number of friends last evening at the home of Mrs. Lafferty on North Union street, in honor of their guest, Miss Ophelia Hart, of Charlotte and Miss Gladys Coffey, of Morriston. The hours were from 8:30 to 12 and about 30 guests were present. Hearts dice was played. Following the game refreshments were served.

Into the bottom of a new traveling bag is folded a water tight union suit so that a person can use the affair as a life preserver, the bag being buoyant enough to hold him up in water.

More than 40 varieties of rice are cultivated in Siam, one of which ripens in 70 days from planting and others in six months.

AUSTRIA'S ANSWER BEING TRANSLATED

RECEIVED IN SECTION AND TO BE TRANSLATED TODAY.

NEWFIELD ALSO SENDS A NOTE

Officials Who Read the Unofficial reply in Dispatches From London Apparently Were Much Gratified at its Nature.—Dangers of a Break in Diplomatic Relations With Austria-Hungary are No Longer Considered Imminent.—Additional Correspondence on the Subject, However, is Considered Certain.—Time of Publication Not Known.

(By The Associated Press)
Washington, Dec. 31.—The official text of the Austrian Ancona note was received early today at the State Department. The work of translating it from the diplomatic code will take several hours and arrangement for publication will be made later.

The reply came in sections. Secretary Lansing said this forenoon that one section had been translated and that he expected the complete translation would be in his hands before night.

Officials who had read the unofficial reply received in dispatches from London, apparently, were much gratified at its nature. Danger of a break of diplomatic relations with Austria-Hungary was no longer considered imminent. Officials said here that additional correspondence on the subject was sure to ensue. Secretary Lansing declined to comment upon the reply until he had the complete official text before him.

It was considered doubtful that the official text would be given out for publication either today or tomorrow unless some provision for such publication has been appended to the text by Ambassador Penfield at Vienna.

Secretary Lansing has received from Ambassador Penfield a brief resume of the contents of the note. He declined, however, to make public this dispatch or comment upon it.

THE STOCK MARKET.

Exchange Opened With Wide and General Advances on Last Day of Year.

(By The Associated Press)
New York, Dec. 31.—The last day of the year on the stock exchange opened with wide and general advances, the outcome of the Austrian situation, being signalized by a broad buying movement. United States Steel's initial offering consisted of 12,000 shares at \$9 to \$9 1/2, an overnight gain of two points and duplicating its maximum of the last five years. Shares of the so-called war class were one to three points higher, with special strength for Studebaker, Baldwin Locomotive and Republica Steel. Coppers rose more moderately, likewise rails, but oil groups added substantially to recent gains.

W. O. Lyon to Become Managing Editor Raleigh Times.

Raleigh, Dec. 30.—It is learned that W. O. Lyon, a newspaperman well known in North Carolina, will become managing editor of The Raleigh Times January 1. He has been in Raleigh several months as manager of The Associated Press bureau for afternoon newspapers. The Associated Press will send a successor to Mr. Lyon from New Orleans.

Mr. Lyon came to Raleigh from the New York office of The Associated Press. He was for a number of years member of the staff of The Charlotte Observer and the Charlotte Chronicle.

Chicago Wheat.

(By The Associated Press)
Chicago, Dec. 31.—Wheat developed fresh strength today largely because of higher quotations at Liverpool, and owing to reports of urgent demand there from millers. Opening figures which ranged from 1/2 to 1-8 advance with May at 128 to 128 1/2 and July at 119 1/8 to 119 1/2, were followed by further gains and then a moderate reaction.

The smallest practical dry battery has been invented for use in a French vest pocket cigar lighter.

DAMON AND PYTHIAS AT THE PASTIME TODAY.

BIG SALE AT BELL & HARRIS FURNITURE CO.'S

More Than \$20,000 Worth of Furniture at Great Reduction in Prices.

On Wednesday, January 5, at 9 o'clock a. m., there will begin a great sale of furniture, etc., at the store of the Bell & Harris Furniture Co. In this great sale will be included furniture, house furnishings, musical instruments and in fact everything from a teaspoon to a piano. The sale will continue for ten days and during this time the goods will be offered at a big reduction. This sale will be in charge of Mr. H. Tracy Odum, of the Progressive Sales Co., of Montgomery, Ala. Everything will be marked in plain figures and sold for cash only. In this rarer today you will find a big double name advertisement which tells you about this sale. Read it and get ready for the sale.

NEW YORK COTTON

Relatively Firm Cables Causes Price to Advance Substantially.

(By The Associated Press)
New York, Dec. 31.—Relatively firm cables were followed by opening of six to nine points advance on the cotton market here today. Prices were about 12 to 14 points above last night's closing figures. January sold at 12.24; March at 12.52 and May at 12.75 before the end of the first hour.

Cotton futures opened steady. January 12.19; March 12.41; May 12.67; July 12.82; October, 12.47.

Charles J. Webb & Co. Buy Control of Modena Mills.

Gaston's, Dec. 30.—It was learned here today from an authoritative source that Charles J. Webb & Co., Philadelphia yarn brokers, have secured a controlling interest in the Modena Mills, of this place. The firm has for a long time owned one-fourth of the capital stock of the Modena and, through the acquisition of additional stock, will in the future control it. It is generally believed that there will be some changes in the management of the mills, though nothing of this kind has as yet taken place.

Dinner Party.

Miss Janie Alexander Patterson delightfully entertained at an elegant dinner party last evening at 6 o'clock at her home on North Union street. Miss Patterson's guests were: Mr. and Mrs. John K. Patterson, Miss Mable Means, Miss Wilma Correll, Miss Helen Patterson and Messrs. C. B. Wagoner, S. Kay Patterson and John M. Oglesby.

DAMON AND PYTHIAS AT THE PASTIME TODAY.

BIG BRITISH SHIP SINKS IN HARBOR

THE NATAL GOES DOWN FOLLOWING AN EXPLOSION.

GREATEST NAVAL LOSS SINCE MAY

Official Announcement of the Loss of the Ship Was Made Today.—Was Sunk Yesterday While in Harbor As the Result of an Internal Explosion.—There Were About 400 Survivors.—Only Ship of Any Consequence Lost Since the Sinking of the Triumph and the Majestic at the Dardanelles Last May.—Stayed at New York Two Weeks.

(By The Associated Press)
London, Dec. 31.—The British armored cruiser, Natal, has sunk after an explosion. Official announcement to this effect was made here today.

The Natal was sunk yesterday afternoon while in the harbor, as the result of an internal explosion. There were about 400 survivors.

The Natal's sinking is the severest loss which the British navy has sustained in several months. No British naval vessel of importance has been sunk since last May when the Majestic and Triumph were torpedoed at the Dardanelles. The Natal, although a powerful man-of-war, was laid down eleven years ago and her displacement was only about one-half of the largest British sea fighters. The Natal's complement was 704 men. Her displacement was 13,600 tons.

She was 450 feet long and 73 feet of beam. Her largest guns were 92 inch. Of these she carried three forward and three aft. She was armed also with four 75 inch guns, 24 three pounders and three torpedo tubes.

The Natal brought from Portsmouth the body of Whitelaw Reid, American ambassador at London, after his death in 1912, remaining at New York for two weeks.

Reception This Evening.

A social event that promises to be one of the most elaborate and largest attended ever given by the local Elks will be the dance and reception at the Elks' Home this evening from 9 to 2. Quite a number of out-of-town guests will attend. A feature of the occasion will be the music, which will be furnished by Johnstone's Orchestra, of Rock Hill, S. C.

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