

BATTLE BETWEEN KU KLUX AND TROOPS IS RESUMED TODAY

As Klansmen Tried to Escape From Hall at Perth Amboy, N. J., Where They Held a Meeting.

MORE THAN 100 WERE INJURED
Hundred Men, Armed With Sticks and Stones, Attacked Fifty Klansmen, Who Rushed From the Hall.

(By the Associated Press.)
Perth Amboy, N. J., Aug. 31.—Battle between Ku Klux Klansmen and mobs was resumed on the streets of Perth Amboy this morning as members of the order tried to escape from the Odd Fellows Hall where they had sought refuge during the attack on a Klan meeting last night in which more than 100 persons are reported to have been injured.

A hundred men, armed with clubs and stones, attacked thirty Klansmen, who rushed from the hall this morning. The Klansmen were severely beaten before they escaped their pursuers.

Several injured Klansmen were treated at hospitals and later sent to their homes. A policeman said a majority of the Klansmen who assembled to hold the meeting were from other New Jersey cities and towns. A group of 25 who refused to try driving the cars home after being sheltered for several hours at police headquarters, returned to Asbury Park and Delmar.

The city settled back into normal during the forenoon and the police said they anticipate no further trouble.

Perth Amboy, N. J., Aug. 30.—A crowd of 5,000 persons broke up a meeting of the Ku Klux Klan in Odd Fellows hall tonight, 75 policemen and 150 firemen being unable to drive back the throng that stormed the building. Firemen drove trucks into the mass of people, but to no avail. A hurry call was sent for state police in Trenton.

Patrolmen fired shots in the air, threw gas bombs, and swung their night sticks while the firemen turned streams of water on the fighting throng.

The leaders of the mob were knocked down by patrolmen when they first started to advance toward the hall, but after they had been carried away another attack was started. This time stones were thrown and all windows in Odd Fellows hall, as well as many others in nearby buildings were broken.

Throw Tear Bombs.
Police Chief Tonnason then ordered his men to throw tear gas bombs, and 13 of these, the town's entire supply, were exploded. The crowd fell back, but advanced again, hurling more stones. It was then that a riot call was sounded and 150 firemen dashed to the scene.

After the firemen had run their apparatus directly at the surging mass of humanity and had failed to disperse the crowd they attached hose lines to every available hydrant and drenched the rioters with several streams of water. Daunted for a few seconds, the crowd fell back. Several of the more sturdy, however, braved the water and cut the hose lines with axes and knives, while those in the crowd threw stones at the firemen.

Hand to Hand Fighting.
Chief Tonnason in the meantime had ordered the Klansmen to leave the building. Clambering out windows, down fire escapes and through every available exit, they were met by their assailants and many hand-to-hand fights ensued.

As one man darted from the crowd some one shouted "that man has a gun." A patrolman seized him, showed him into an automobile and hurried him to the police station. Other cars, loaded with men, followed but the prisoner was rushed through the station and locked in a stable at the rear. After searching the station those who had followed returned to the scene of the fight.

As some of the Klansmen broke away from the fighting mass, they shouted, "we're coming back—10,000 strong." "All right," came the answer: "We'll be waiting for you—20,000 strong."

The Klan meeting had been widely advertised. Chief Tonnason took special precautions against possible trouble as the result of the somewhat lesser disturbance at a Klan meeting several months ago. He stationed uniformed patrolmen and plain clothes men on the inside and outside of the hall and at several other points in the vicinity.

The Klansmen gathered soon after 8 o'clock, donned their robes and began their ceremonies. Soon little groups began to form in front of the building, the number being augmented until it was estimated that at least 5,000 persons were in the crowd. Men in the front ranks demanded admittance to the hall and when they were refused the fight began.

Chief Tonnason declared after quiet had been restored that he knew the instigators of the trouble and promised the arrest of prominent local men.

By the time a squad of state police arrived Chief Tonnason and his men had regained control of the crowd. A number of the Klansmen were still in the building, however, and Chief Tonnason had a patrol wagon backed up to the door of the hall. A double line of patrolmen protected these Klansmen while they walked to the wagon.

As the vehicle moved away several men followed it and threw stones. Meanwhile every doctor and druggist in the city was busy bandaging heads and treating other wounds received by members of the police force, the Klan and the opposing faction. Although several shots were fired in the three

SALVATION OBTAINED ONLY THROUGH CHRIST

And Cannot Depend on a Moral Code, Says Dr. Price.

(By the Associated Press.)
Lake Junaluska, N. C., Aug. 31.—Attacking religious modernists and liberals in a sermon on "The Teaching of Christ Compared with That of Present Day Materialists," Rev. Thurston B. Price, evangelist, declared this morning before the Bible and Evangelistic Conference in session here during the last week of the Southern Methodist Summer Assembly that man's salvation can be obtained only through Christ, that it cannot depend on a moral code.

"It has become in recent years a very common thing to hear men, many of whom are high-standing church leaders, say that it is a great deal more important to have a good life than a clear head and that it does not make much difference what a man believes so long as his conduct is correct," said Rev. Mr. Price. "This school of self-styled 'modernists' or 'liberals' that has grown so bold in recent years," continued the evangelist, "is teaching in our churches nothing other than rank German materialism. None of it is new thought. It is as old as Christianity itself. It was very largely the plank upon which the foundations of the start of the World War was built. German culture got the upper hand and Jesus Christ was practically cut out of the German preachers' teachings twenty years before the beginning of the war. And in our own land today, in just a new garb, is the same old struggle to substitute culture for justification by faith in the Son of God."

Asking the question, "what is it that men want most to know?" and answering it himself, Rev. Mr. Price said the chief question in the minds of men is "What can we do to inherit eternal life?"

This question cannot be answered by telling a man just to be good, he declared, adding, "Philosophy is good, but you need every word that has ever been written upon it and still the heart is unsatisfied."

There are three ways to secure what we want, he said, naming these ways as earning it honestly, stealing it and receiving it as a gift. But a man can neither earn his way into the Kingdom of Heaven, nor attain eternal life, by beating his way into heaven, he added. So, therefore, he said, there is only one way, and he quoted from the scripture, "The Gift of God is eternal life."

In concluding his sermon the preacher quoted from the scripture again, his last quotation being, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, and he that believeth not shall be damned."

Indicted on Perjury Charge.

(By the Associated Press.)
New York, Aug. 31.—The Federal grand jury which has been investigating the affairs of the bankrupt firm of E. M. Fuller & Co., today indicted John M. Stoneham, part owner of the New York Giants, on a charge of perjury.

Hostile Demonstrations at Rome.
Rome, Aug. 31 (By the Associated Press).—Two hostile demonstrations were carried out today by the fascists, says the Corriere d'Informazione, in front of the Greek consulate, the Italian demonstrators carrying away the shield bearing the Greek arms.

President Coolidge Starts the "Pony Express."
(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, Aug. 31.—Stepping from his office in the White House to the telegraph room in the executive offices, President Coolidge at 11 a. m. today pressed a gold key and signal was flashed at St. Joseph, Mo., starting off the first horseman westward toward San Francisco in a revival of the old Pony Express.

To Buy School Books From County Commissioners.
(By the Associated Press.)
Asheville, N. C., Aug. 31.—School children of Buncombe county will buy their books this year direct from the county board of school commissioners, according to an announcement of Superintendent Frank M. Wells, who said the books would be supplied at prices as near actual costs as possible, a small margin over the costs being charged to defray sales expenses.

Governor Morrison's Movements.
(By the Associated Press.)
Raleigh, Aug. 31.—Governor Cameron Morrison, who left the capital Wednesday for Hamlet, where an uncle was reported ill, will go to Asheville Friday or Saturday to fill an engagement with a dental specialist, it was announced at the governor's office. Monday the governor has an engagement to speak at a Labor Day celebration at Canton.

Hours of violent fighting, some from the attackers, police asserted there was no report of any one having been hit with a bullet. It was believed that none had been injured seriously.

As midnight came the crowd still hung on about the building, the policemen put away their pistols and both sides settled down for an all night vigil.

The quiet lasted only for a short time. Three automobiles in which policemen were escorting Klansmen away from the hall were surrounded by the crowd and one of the cars was overturned. The occupants were given a severe beating.

The other cars got away but one of them soon was met by another crowd. This car also was overturned and its occupants beaten.

The patrol wagon which started away earlier with a number of the Klansmen was met on the road leading to Seawen, five miles from here, and the passengers were taken out and given a beating.

The roads leading into Perth Amboy late tonight were clogged with thousands of automobiles carrying residents of other towns who had heard of the fight. The first squad of state troopers was soon reinforced by others and they managed to drive the milling throngs back one block from Odd Fellows hall.

It was estimated that 1,000 Klansmen were still in the hall and the crowd refused to move until they had been driven out.

TWO DETECTIVES ARE SHOT TO DEATH AT JOHNSTOWN, PA.

One Negro Also Killed and Three Police Officers Probably Fatally Wounded in Negro Section of City.

MEN WERE SHOT FROM AMBUSH
As the Officers Were Climbing Out of Their Car, They Were Greeted With Volley of Shooting.

(By the Associated Press.)
Johnstown, Pa., Aug. 31.—Two detectives and one negro were shot to death and three police officers were probably fatally wounded early this morning when three automobile loads of policemen were answering a riot call to Rosedale, a negro section of this city, where the coke ovens of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation are located. All available Johnstown police were rushed to the scene of the ambush and a call for aid was sent to the State police. The rioting, which grew out of a quarrel among the negroes, was quelled, and fifteen negroes were arrested. The assailants of the officers are believed to have escaped to nearby hills.

As the officers were climbing out of their automobile at Rosedale to investigate the shooting there that had led to the riot call they were greeted with a volley from a roadside shanty which had been unused for several months. Captain Otto Fink, who is in command of the Johnstown police force at night, and who was leading the party, and the two dead men were in the first car and were the first to fall.

The fire of the assailants was quickly returned, and one negro, shot through the abdomen, was instantly killed.

The negro, policemen declared after an investigation, had been crazed by "moon shine liquor" and had fired all the shots at the officers.

THOMASVILLE COUPLE ARRESTED AT HOTEL

Woman Fined \$10 and Man \$25 and Each Given Suspended Sentence.

Thomasville, Aug. 30.—At an early hour between midnight and daylight this morning in a room of the Mock Hotel in Thomasville, J. B. Lloyd and Katie Teague were arrested by Chief of Police G. B. Wimberly on the charge of prostitution.

The parties were confined for some hours and later brought before Recorder Elliott, Lloyd being fined \$25 and costs with a suspended road sentence on his good behavior. The woman was fined \$10 and costs and a suspended road sentence on condition that she is not found in this county in three years.

He Preached to Negroes, So They Cut Beard and Hair.
Jacksonville, Aug. 30.—Rev. George W. Messenger, who says he has been an ordained minister for 48 years, was seized in his study Sunday by three men, one of whom cut off his hair and beard with a pair of scissors while the other two held him, according to a report made public by the police today.

The trio, the preacher is quoted as saying, visited him about noon, told him he had been preaching to negroes and that they were going to give him a "little treatment." He started to run, but was caught, forced into a chair and held there until his hair and beard cut, according to the police report.

Some time ago Mr. Messenger, who is a missionary evangelist, said he had appeared before a negro congregation to discuss missionary work. He stated he could identify his assailants and would swear out warrants for them tomorrow.

Miss Watts' Surprise Party.
On last Thursday evening Miss Lena Watts, in her charming manner, gave in honor of her sister, Miss Hettie, a surprise birthday party from 7:30 to 11:30 o'clock.

Many interesting games were played, after which delicious cake, ice cream, and lemonade was served in abundance. Those enjoying the party were Misses Bessie Allman, Thelma Sather, Mamie Clayton, Jean Lee, Louise Medlin, May and Annie Lee Aycock, Lena, Hettie and Helen Watts; Messrs. Clifford Allman, Charlie Sather, Art Lyerly, Edgar Clay, Tom, Penn Joyner, Frank Walker, John Daniel Suther, Allan, Marvin, Herman, Baxter and Cletus Watts.

ONE PRESENT.

First Bale of Cotton Reported.
Mr. W. Ed. Flowe, of No. 1 township, reported today that on Thursday he sold his first bale of cotton from this year's crop. The bale weighed 426 pounds, Mr. Flowe stated, and was sold for 25 cents per pound.

So far as we have been able to ascertain, this is the first bale of cotton reported in the county from the 1923 crop. Several bales have been reported from various parts of the State, particularly in the eastern counties.

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This Year's Cotton Production is Forecast at 10,788,000 Bales

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, Aug. 31.—This year's cotton production was forecast at 10,788,000 bales of 500 pounds each by the Department of Agriculture.

The forecast was based on the condition of the crop on August 25 which was 54.1 per cent of a normal, indicating a yield of about 134.8 pounds per acre. Last month's production forecast was 11,516,000 bales, based on the July 25 condition of 67.2 per cent, which indicated a yield of about 149.4 pounds per acre. Last year's crop was 9,767,817 bales.

The condition on August 25 in percentage of a normal, and the forecast of production in thousands of bales by the principal states are:

Virginia 93 and 50; North Carolina 71 and 88; South Carolina 57 and 708. Cotton Options Jump 100 Points.

New Orleans, Aug. 31.—Active cotton options jumped about 100 points in the local cotton market today immediately after the government crop condition report was published. The government report showing condition of 54.1 per cent, came as a surprise to traders, most of whom had expected the condition around 56 per cent.

October sold at 25.15 and December and March at 25.00.

Cotton futures opened steady. Oct. 24.38; Dec. 24.28; Jan. 23.95; March 24.00; May 23.95 bid.

Bulged 5.00 a Bale at New Orleans.

New Orleans, Aug. 31.—A bulge of \$5 a bale, the most important rise in weeks, was recorded in the local cotton market today in discounting the government's report on the growing crop, showing a condition of 54.1 per cent, of a normal on August 25, and indicating a yield of only 10,788,000 bales.

Operators and Miners Answer Gov. Pinchot

Miners Accept Proposal as a Basis For Negotiations and the Operators Accept Them on Conditions.

Harrisburg, Pa., Aug. 31 (By the Associated Press).—Anthracite operators and miners union officials today returned answer to Governor Pinchot's peace proposals for averting mining suspension, miners accepting them as a basis for continuing negotiations, and the operators while objecting to a flat 10 per cent wage increase, accepting it on condition that an agreement putting it into effect over a long term of years be effected.

On all points except the 10 per cent flat increase, Governor Pinchot said the joint answers from both groups in the industry indicated a degree of satisfaction, though the union again asked the "check off" and the operators demanded that the union abandon this and all other demands in consideration of the long term agreement.

The union offered renewed negotiations between the parties without mentioning the suspension orders which have been issued by its officials to become effective tonight.

Both answers were given out just after Governor Pinchot took the leaders on both sides into executive conference. The meeting behind closed doors, guarded by State police, was still in progress, while the double set of answers to the peace proposal was being made public.

Administration to Make No Move at Present.
Washington, Aug. 31.—The administration will make no move in the coal situation so long as there exists the basis for further conferences along the line laid out by Governor Pinchot, it was announced officially today after a conference between Chairman Hammond of the coal commission and President Coolidge.

The government plan for emergency distribution will be held in abeyance, it was stated, while miners and operators exhibit willingness to continue negotiations.

Thousands of Miners Quit Work.
Wilkesbarre, Pa., Aug. 31.—Thousands of miners in the Wyoming Valley quit work today in obedience to the suspension order issued by the United Mine Workers because of the failure of the union leaders to work out a new wage scale to replace the one which expires tonight.

NO VERDICT IN GARRETT CASE TILL TOMORROW
Both Sides Decide to Argue a New Construction in the Case.

Cumberland Courthouse, Va., Aug. 31 (By the Associated Press).—Owing to the presentation this morning of a new construction, both sides decided to argue, the opening of arguments before the jury in the trial of R. O. Garrett, charged with the murder of Rev. E. S. Pierce, was delayed until after lunch today and it was apparent at that hour that a verdict in the case could not be looked for until tomorrow.

When Judge B. D. White left Cumberland for Farmville last night it was stated arguments on instruction were complete, and the Judge overnight would decide the form in which they would be given to the jury.

Suspended From Consolidated Stock Exchange.
(By the Associated Press.)
New York, Aug. 31.—The suspension of Manuel Richter, of Richter & Co., Philadelphia, was announced from the rostrum of the Consolidated Stock Exchange at the opening of business today.

The United States and Mexico Resume Full Diplomatic Relations

GATHER TO REVIEW WORK OF LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Fourth General Assembly to Meet at Geneva September 3.

Geneva, Aug. 31.—The fourth general assembly of the League of Nations will be called to order Monday morning, September 3, by Viscount Ishii, former Japanese ambassador at Washington and now ambassador to France.

The forthcoming meeting is regarded with great international interest. The League has passed through its most active year of endeavor, and numerous are the questions which will come up for discussion by the representatives of the 52 nations affiliated with the Geneva organization. It is regarded as certain that Ireland will apply for membership; Turkey and one or two other States may do likewise.

The assembly will bring together many of the world's foremost foremost statesmen, including General Smuts, the celebrated leader of the South African Republic; Lord Robert Cecil; Dr. F. Nansen, for many years prominent in European relief work; former Premier Branting of Sweden; Foreign Minister Benes, of Czechoslovakia; representatives of the British overseas dominions, and spokesmen from some sixteen South American republics.

Something like 1,500 people, including national delegates, experts in various fields, and journalists from all corners of the globe are expected, and already Geneva is making ready its display of flags of all the world, preparing the great fountain which plays in the inner harbor, and otherwise planning for the return of men from many lands, of many races, and of many languages.

All the work of the assembly will be done in public. Every session, both plenary and committee, is open to the press. Apparently efforts are being made to prevent the League from falling into the ways of secrecy which often mark the course of diplomats in international negotiations. Occasionally, during the last year, some sessions of the council were held privately, with resultant criticism based on the allegation that, if the League, as it gets stronger, yields to the temptation to follow the road of secrecy, it is eventually doomed to failure because the keynote of its success must be open covenants openly arrived at. The assembly generally discusses not only what the League has done during the past year, but also what it has not done and should do.

Each State which is a member of the League may be represented by not more than three delegates who are appointed by and responsible to their respective governments. As the work of the League covers many different fields of international life, and as the sessions are run with the greatest possible expedition, many countries have supplementary delegates and expert advisors on various problems. Each, however, has but one vote. Practically all questions of importance can be decided only by unanimous vote. One state could block an agreement, if it wished to take the responsibility. As a matter of fact such a contingency has not arisen in the history of the League. One of two policies has been followed. Either negotiations have been pursued until an agreement acceptable to all has been reached, or states which felt unable to agree to a definite proposal have abstained from voting, thus allowing the proposal to be adopted by the other countries.

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Formal Announcement of the Agreement Made Public Today in Washington by State Department.

PRESIDENT OBREGON FULLY RECOGNIZED

American Embassy at Mexico and Mexican Embassy at Washington to Be Restored to Official Standing.

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, Aug. 31.—The United States and Mexico have agreed to resume full diplomatic relations.

Formal announcement of the agreement was made today by the State Department.

The restoration of relations carries with it full recognition by the United States of the government of President Obregon. It results from the negotiations recently concluded in Mexico City by Charles B. Warren and John Barton Payne.

The American embassy at Mexico City and the Mexican embassy here are to be restored at once to official standing for the first time since the collapse of the Carranza regime in 1920, and all pending claims will be submitted to specially appointed commissioners for settlement.

The signing of two claims conventions provided for in the report of the American commissioners will be one of the first acts after the resumption of relations. These conventions have been approved by the two governments, and the affixing of signatures is expected to take place within two or three weeks.

Acting Secretary Phillips announced the resolution "to renew diplomatic relations" in a formal statement issued at noon. It follows:

"The government of the United States and the government of Mexico in view of the report and recommendations that their respective commissioners submitted, as a result of American-Mexican conferences held in the city of Mexico City from May 14th, 1923, to August 15th, 1923, have resolved to renew diplomatic relations between them, and therefore pending the appointment of ambassadors, they are taking the necessary steps to accredit their respective charge d'affaires."

Celebrate at El Paso.
El Paso, Aug. 31.—Whistles were blown and a delegation of 100 prominent citizens went to Juarez to exchange congratulations with the Mexican citizens as soon as word of recognition was received here. A jubilee celebration will be held in Liberty Hall tonight.

COPIES OF AUDITOR'S REPORT WILL BE MAILED SATURDAY

Full Prints of the Document, Together With Report of the Committee, Are Now Coming From the Press.

(By the Associated Press.)
Raleigh, N. C., Aug. 31.—Printed copies of the audit of the state's finances recently completed by Price, Waterhouse and Company, New York, have come off the press and will be mailed out over the state Saturday. It was announced yesterday by Secretary of State W. N. Everett, who in making the announcement said that the group of state officials who had contended against a statement explaining the audit in simple words had decided not to issue the statement, they being of the opinion that the report of the finance committee, issued following completion of the audit, gives it sufficient explanation. The committee's report will be included in the audit report pamphlets to be mailed Saturday.

Recommending the authenticity of the audit report, North Carolina's financial condition, Mr. Everett said, "The legislative examining committee has accepted the figures of the audit as correct. The Governor and the Council of State, of which the treasurer and auditor are members, has accepted them as correct. The state treasurer, B. R. Laey, and the auditor, Baxter Durham, have examined them and report them as correct. The syndicate which buys the state bonds has accepted them as correct."

The issuance of copies of the state finance audit, according to indications observed here and elsewhere, has been awaited with much interest and anticipation, the subject of state finances having been prominent in the minds of citizens of North Carolina since the time it was reported to the committee of the 1923 legislature on finance and appropriations that the accrued surplus in the general fund on January 1, 1923, was approximately \$2,400,000. About a month after the committee was informed of this, A. J. Maxwell, corporation commissioner, was accredited with the statement that there was a deficit in the operating expenses of the general fund on January 1, 1923, of about \$5,000,000 this figure not including \$710,000 borrowed for schools. This difference of opinion resulted in the employment of Price, Waterhouse and Company, of New York, to audit the state's business. The auditing firm on July 19 submitted its report of the condition of the general fund to Governor Morrison and his Council of State.

Two copies of the audit report will be mailed to every daily newspaper in North Carolina and one copy to every weekly or semi-weekly newspaper, while other copies will be mailed to members of the general assembly, state officials and persons who have requested them. It has been announced. Copies will be given out at the office of the secretary of state beginning Monday, Mr. Everett said today.

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