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A BLOODY EVENT IN GEORGIA

Escaped Negro Kills One and Wounds Four Pursuers---Lynching and Burning Follows.

Soperton, Ga., Special.—Two negroes lynched and a posse in pursuit of the wife of one of the victims; the killing of a prominent planter, a member of the posse; the probable fatal injury of the sheriff of Montgomery county and the wounding of four other members of the posse summarizes the result of one of the most exciting man-hunts this section has ever known.

Ben Clark, an escaped convict from the Bibb county chain-gang, was shot to death after a fierce battle early Friday morning and his body burned. The negro threatened to kill Nicholas Adams, a merchant of Kibbe, "and a hundred others."

John Sweeney, who harbored the ex-convict, was taken from a passenger train a mile from Tarrytown Friday night and lynched.

The posse then set out in search of Sweeney's wife, who, it is said, was in the neighborhood. Intense excitement prevails throughout this section.

James Durden, a prominent planter and member of the posse which captured Clark, was shot and instantly killed. The other members of the posse who were shot by Clark were: Sheriff James Lester, Walter Simmons and three others unknown. The officer received an ugly wound in the breast.

The posse found Clark by going into Sweeney's house. Sweeney's wife was at home, but Sweeney was absent. The sheriff called on Clark to surrender. For answer he received a 44-caliber bullet fired from a rapid-fire gun.

Durden was shot and other members of the posse fell before the torrent of lead dealt by the negro. He continued to fire until his ammunition was exhausted. He was then overpowered and his body riddled with bullets. He wore a steel breast-plate that turned Winchester bullets. A pile of logs was covered with crude turpentine and the body cremated.

Sweeney was caught near here Friday afternoon. He was carried aboard a northbound train to a secluded wood near Tarrytown, where his body was riddled with bullets after being swung to a sapling.

1,200 ARE DROWNED

Great Loss of Life By Flood in Mexico.

MEXICAN RIVER ON A RAMPAGE

Deluge of Rain, Descending For Forty-Eight Hours, Causes Overflow of the Santa Catarina River, and Possibly Three Hundred Lives Are Sacrificed.

Monterey, Mexico, Special.—Twelve hundred persons drowned, 15,000 homeless and property damage to the extent of \$12,000,000, is the result of a flood which struck this city between 1 and 2 o'clock Saturday morning.

Word from Laredo, Texas, reached this city late in the afternoon of one of the most disastrous floods that has ever been experienced in northern Mexico caused by the overflow of the Santa Catarina river. According to rumors there has been great loss of life, estimated at 100 to 300, and the financial damage is estimated at anywhere from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000. For the past 96 hours a veritable deluge of rain fell, which together with the flow of water from the adjacent mountains into the Santa Catarina river, swelled the stream that it reached a width of a mile and a half and completely overflowed certain portions of the city of Monterey, and wrecking houses, and causing loss of life as it rampaged on its mad course. Reports state that the current in the river was so swift that it appeared to the stricken families who lived in the vicinity to be a miniature Niagara.

Information reaching here through reliable sources states that so severe was the flood that the inhabitants in the vicinity of the flooded stream barely had time to flee for their lives; that the onrush of waters carried away their homes and chattels and in many cases drowned the occupants of the jacales or small huts used by the natives. It is said that a chaotic condition exists and that the plazas are crowded with the poor homeless natives who were providentially allowed to escape with their lives.

Saturday night every effort was made by the kind-hearted citizens to shelter the women and children. Their homes were thrown open to the sufferers; the police station, many of the hotels and private clubs as well as the rooms of several organizations were placed at the disposition of the authorities and for the greater part the women and children were cared for. However, many of the men were compelled to sleep in the open in the various plazas. Many women had been separated from their husbands, mothers from their children, without knowledge of the whereabouts of one another, and scenes of the most profound grief are witnessed on all hands.

While as yet there is no scarcity of food and the city is amply able to care for its destitute, there is fear of a shortage in the near future.

There have been several washouts along the line of the National Railway between Laredo and Saltillo, Mex., and not a train has entered the city of Monterey for the past 72 hours.

There has thus far been no attempt to inter the dead. They are being placed along the banks of the river, where an impoverished morgue has been constructed, and there await identification. The bodies are guarded by soldiers.

Automobile Party Killed.

St. Louis, Special.—Five persons were killed Sunday when an automobile in which they were riding was struck by a fast passenger train of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway west of Vignes station, St. Louis county. All were residents of St. Louis. The dead: Theodore F. Witte, Theodore F. Witte, Jr., aged 3 years, Mrs. Carl Klinge, Miss Halcyon Campbell, Frederick O. Witte. The men were brothers and officials of the Witte Hardware Company. Mrs. Klinge was their sister-in-law. The party had been at Creve Coeur lake, a resort 12 miles west of the city and were speeding homeward when killed.

Dynamite Explosion Fatal.

Key West, Fla., Special.—As a result of the explosion of 700 pounds of dynamite at Bocaehica, 12 miles from Key West on the Florida East Coast Railway, ten men are dead and ten others probably fatally wounded. The explosion was caused by a member of the railroad construction force carelessly throwing a lighted cigarette into a box of fuses. Nine of the workmen met instant death and the tenth died while being brought to the hospital here. The men were hurled high into the air and the bodies of the dead were almost beyond recognition.

MEXICO'S CALAMITY

Number of Dead May Reach 2,000—800 Are Found—River Subsided and Desolation Visible—Relief For the Suffering—Diaz Sends \$30,000.

Laredo, Tex., Special.—While conditions are gradually being brought back to normal, it will be many days before Monterey will resume its wonted tranquility.

The various organized relief corps are busy and committees and sub-committees are engaged in seeing to the various details of rescue and relief work. Committees are endeavoring to secure identification of the dead bodies, while other committees are charged with the onerous duty of seeing to the sheltering and feeding of the thousands of uncomplaining homeless, who wander distracted about the scenes of the flood, hoping against hope that they may be able to encounter missing loved ones or at least recover their bodies and give them Christian burials.

Too much cannot be said in commendation of the authorities for the prompt steps they have taken to overcome the chaotic conditions that existed for fully two days.

It is necessarily almost impossible to accurately state the number of dead at this time. Thus far it is accurately known that slightly over eight hundred bodies have been recovered. Of this number about 30 per cent have been identified and were interred during the morning and late afternoon. The others will be interred by the city authorities if not identified soon.

Press reports have estimated the loss of life at anywhere from 400 to 1,200 lives, but private individuals venture figures even more astounding. A prominent capitalist in Monterey, Pedro Trevino, says the death roll will eventually reach 2,000.

There are several little pueblos, or small villages, containing from 50 to 100 inhabitants, located along the banks of the river to the south of Monterey and it is reported that these have been completely wiped out and the inhabitants drowned.

It is on this ground that Mr. Trevino places his estimate of the loss of life at a higher figure than has yet been stated.

A Monterey dispatch Sunday night says with eight hundred bodies recovered and buried in Monterey up to tonight, two thousand is now the estimate of the city authorities of those who lost their lives throughout the valley of San Catarina river. The number of homeless, many destitute, is placed at 15,000 and 20,000.

The river has now gone down and the danger is over.

Ten thousand persons are being fed on bread, coffee and soup by the municipal authorities, and the American consulate is giving food to all who apply. Thousands of persons have taken refuge in the cathedral and the churches.

The greatest loss of life is said to have been caused by the giving away of the reservoir dam.

Monterey is situated in a cup-like valley and is surrounded on three sides by mountains. The water rushed into this valley down the bed of the Santa Catarina river. This stream is ordinarily 150 yards wide, but with the advent of the flood its banks were fully three-quarters of a mile apart. It is estimated that eighteen inches of rain fell.

The Federal authorities here are busy with the organization of relief measures. Theatrical performances and other means are being planned. Subscription places have been opened all over Mexico City and the other cities of the republic are responding to the call for assistance.

President Diaz telegraphed \$30,000 to Monterey. Vice President Corral has contributed \$2,000 and Ambassador Thompson \$1,000 to the fund. Others are contributing liberally, a public subscription list having been opened in all parts of the republic.

American Schooner Wrecked.

Galveston, Tex., Special.—The British steamer Lugane arrived at this port Sunday bringing Capt. W. G. Waldemar and six members of the crew of the American schooner Isaac T. Campbell, from Port of Spain, Trinidad, to Galveston with asphalt, which was wrecked in the gulf last Thursday by the tropical hurricane, that later veered inland over Mexico.

Never Ate Corn Products.

Atlanta, Ga., Special.—A case of pellagra, the victim of which claims she had never eaten cornbread or any corn products, was revealed Sunday in the death of Mrs. Kate Barto. Dr. Frank Eskridge, who claims to have treated many cases of the disease, says he doubted his own diagnosis and thought she might be a victim of "sprue," a disease known to the tropics, with symptoms resembling those of pellagra. He called in a physician who had had years of experience in the tropics and found that his original diagnosis was correct. "I am convinced now," he says, "it does not come from musty corn."

KILLED IN SELF DEFENSE

Lad of 17 Shoots Man Found Rummaging in His Father's House.

Asheville, Special.—Ben. W. Morris, Jr., son of B. W. Morris, a youth about 17 years of age and well connected in the county, who Wednesday night shot and killed Joe Capps, a white man, whom he found rummaging in the Morris homestead about five miles from the city was acquitted by a coroner's jury on the grounds that he shot in self defense.

There were no witnesses to the affair except Morris, who testified that he was out at the barn at his place, there being no others at home, and hearing a noise at the house, he started there and found a man, unknown to him, in the house destroying the furniture and chinaware, part of which he was throwing out of the window.

Capps, who appeared to be either drunk or in a frenzy, threatened to kill him if he entered the house. Morris secured the shot gun from a neighbor, entered by the front door and was met in the hall by Capps, who had worked through the house. A scuffle ensued. After some minutes Morris was able to throw Capps off him out of the house. Capps tried to enter again, making threats and holding an open razor in his hand, a razor he had got in ransacking the house, and would not heed warning of Morris, to have the place, when Morris leveled the gun and fired, Capps falling over and died shortly. The house was badly ransacked and things thrown into confusion.

Ben Morris Arrested.

Asheville, Special.—A warrant was sworn out Saturday afternoon by John Capps, father of Joseph T. Capps, who was killed by Ben. W. Morris, Jr., late Wednesday evening, charging Morris with the murder of Capps. Morris who was the only witness before the coroner, made it a case of self-defense, but other witnesses are to be examined.

Mattamuskeet Railroad.

Washington, Special.—A large delegation of citizens left here Wednesday morning for Swan Quarter to be present when the Governor and Council of State are making their investigation in Hyde county and discussing the advisability of continuing the Mattamuskeet Railroad, which the State is now building between Fairfield, Hyde county and Belhaven, from Belhaven to this city, instead of stopping the road at Belhaven. The continuing of the road to Washington and making this city its terminal means much to Washington and her various commercial interests and every pressure will be brought to bear on the State officials and every inducement offered by our citizens to get this road.

"Near-Beer" Was Plain Beer.

Durham, Special.—W. T. Riggsbee, the richest young man in Durham, was fined \$500 Tuesday for retailing liquor. Other cases against him were not prosed. Riggsbee owned a near-beer stand, whereat Detective Mayfield, of Roanoke, bought drinks, which analysis showed to be commercial beer. There was a conference with City Attorney Everett, who agreed to accept the settlement mentioned. In the trial of the case, Fernie Foster, a negro, had made affidavit that he was promised immunity for turning State's evidence. Attorney W. B. Guthrie, representing him, asked for his release. Associate Counsel Holton, for the State, interposed a remark which provoked hot words, with the result that Guthrie struck Holton and spat in his face.

Youth Shot by Accident.

Hamlet, Special.—Halbert Stewart, a young man about 18 years of age, was accidentally shot and painfully but not seriously injured Sunday night. The accident occurred in the cab of Conductor F. B. Hall, of the Seaboard, while the revolver was in his coat pocket. It is supposed the hammer of the gun became entangled in the lining of the pocket and was discharged.

Counterfeiting Charged.

Winston-Salem, Special.—Counterfeiting, although on a small scale, perhaps, is charged against E. R. Butler, of Tobaccoville, this county; also W. G. Lane, his brother-in-law, is in the toils, suspected of being an accomplice. Butler is charged with trying to pass a crudely "raised" \$1 bill to \$10. When Butler was searched another bill was found upon him which had been "lifted" from \$10 to \$20. Clippings from Confederate bills had been used to turn the trick. Butler claims to be a cattle dealer while Lane says he is a laborer.

NORTH STATE

Items of State Interest and Told in Brief

CONFEDERATE REUNION

Two Days of Greeting and Mirth in Joyous Reunion of North Carolina Veterans of the Lost Cause at Charlotte, Special.—Veterans began to arrive Tuesday night for the State Confederate Reunion held here on Wednesday and Thursday. Gen. Carr and staff were on hand and Adjutant Gen. London was especially active and skillful in executing program as published.

At the morning session, in the Academy of Music the packed house was spell-bound with the speeches of Chief Justice Clark and ex-Governor Jarvis, not to mention the happy greetings in the welcome addresses and the responses.

At the afternoon session the former officers were all re-elected by acclamation. A motion was carried to appoint a committee to see to the work of securing a slab at the grave of each soldier buried at the Soldiers' Home at Raleigh. Also the committee was continued that has in charge the work looking to suitable monument to the memory of the women of the State, who bore so much of the burden of the great Civil War.

At 8 o'clock the veterans and their families were admitted to Vance Park and enjoyed a treat of music, recitations and refreshments.

On Thursday morning mustered for the last time on Charlotte soil to march to the notes of "Dixie" and the roll of drums, in the wake of tattered banners eloquent of martial conflict, 1,085 Confederate soldiers fell into line behind their mounted leaders astride spirited chargers and treated a large crowd to an unusual spectacle, eliciting cheers from men and hand-clapping and kerchief waving from ladies onlooking.

With General Carr was his staff, on the left being Brigadier General H. A. London, of Pittsboro, and on the right Col. W. H. H. Gregory, of Statesville; Major Ashley Horne, of Clayton; Col. J. H. Currie, of Fayetteville; Major George H. Hall, of Red Springs; Major Shakespear Harris, of Concord, who rode with little Miss Ruth Porter, who was dressed in the Confederate uniform and colors, and Major J. Y. Young, of Winston.

By actual count there were 1,085 veterans in the parade, many not participating. In the First Brigade were 382 men, in the Second were 453, in the Third 88, in the Fourth 70 and in carriages 92 infirm.

Among the big features of the reunion was the great barbecue given near Latta Park after the march undoubtedly ranks high. A crowd estimated at 4,000 persons, not all veterans, partook of dinner there. Tables were spread in the grove. After much work of preparation food for this large assemblage was got together, cooked and served, much of the work being done by the ladies interested in the cause.

Just as a matter of mathematical curiosity, how much do you suppose was eaten at that barbecue? Twenty-one hogs, averaging 70 pounds each, 7 beeves weighing about 400 each and three goats. The guests did full justice to the repast.

Equally interesting in this connection, are the figures of Capt. W. B. Taylor, who, in charge of the commissary department, toiled early and late to provide for the material wants of the visitors. He furnished food Tuesday afternoon for 700 men, Wednesday morning for 800 men, Wednesday noon for 1,300 to 1,600 men, Wednesday evening for 800 men, Thursday morning for 800 and Thursday afternoon for 250. Thus it would appear that approximately 5,000 meals were served free.

Drowned in Lumber River. Maxton, Special.—Mr. R. M. Forbes while swimming in Lumber river Thursday afternoon was drowned about 5 o'clock. Mr. Nolan White, who was with him at the time, was unable to account for the unfortunate man's accident, as Forbes had told him he could swim. He was a Scotchman and had just arrived recently to make his home with Mr. James McBridge and to learn farming.

Freight Leak Near Gibsonville. Durham, Special.—The eastbound passenger train between Asheville and Goldsboro was delayed five hours Wednesday evening owing to the wreck of a freight headed towards Goldsboro near Gibsonville in the afternoon. Eighteen cars piled themselves in pairs along the tracks, the wreck being caused by broken trucks. Barrels of flour were scattered by the way and the track was badly torn up. One brakeman, whose name was not learned, was bruised badly.

PEONAGE CHARGES AGAINST STEEL CAR COMPANY.

Pittsburg, Special.—The first testimony offered in the federal government investigation into the charges of peonage against officials of the Pressed Steel Car company in Schenectady, N. Y., where 3,500 employes are on strike, in which, it was alleged, force was used to compel imported workmen to work, developed late Thursday. The Pressed Steel Car company's attorney attempted to hold the man who testified that he was made to work against his will, but this was prevented by the Austro-Hungarian consul attorney and the assistant federal district attorney.

All testimony was taken Thursday in the form of affidavits. From the first dozen witnesses called, little information upon which to base peonage charges was elicited, the witnesses for the greater part declaring that their food had been bad and their treatment rough, but citing no definite persons as being responsible.

Alexander Friedman, a Hungarian of New York, was the witness who made the sensational charges of the day. He said he was brought here 15 days ago with 100 other men from New York and alleges they were brought under false impressions. He said the workmen were given to understand there was no strike at the works of the Pressed Steel Car company. He said he was in the plant before he learned of the strike. Friedman

alleged that the car company picked out the strongest looking imported workmen and made guards of them. He testified these guards handled the men in a rough manner.

Friedman stated that he had been at work in the plant a few days when he was asked if he did not want to make some overtime money, and when he replied affirmatively, he was taken to the kitchen and told to work there. Friedman said he refused. After so doing, he stated, he was roughly handled by the workmen guards.

Friedman said the workmen guards then took him before company officials and asserted the officials said they should compel him to work in the kitchen. This they succeeded in doing, according to the witness, who was also told that his pay for the hours' enforced work would be his supper.

Friedman did not claim he had been forced to stay inside of the car plant, but stated he could point out men who had been compelled to remain at work against their wills.

United States District Attorney Jordan refused to comment on the disclosures, but it is now said by those in a position to know that suit in peonage charges will more than likely be filed against minor officials of the car plant within the next ten days.

ENGLISH AVIATOR BREAKS THE RECORD AT RHEIMS

Rheims, By Cable.—Henry Farman, the English aviator, a hitherto unknown quantity in the aviation contests, in a biplane of his own design, broke the world's record in duration of flight and distance in a heavier-than-air machine Friday and won the grand prix de la Champagne—the endurance test—by a remarkable flight officially recorded as 180 kilometres (111.78 miles), in 3 hours, 4 minutes, 56 2/5 seconds.

He actually covered an extra ten kilometres and remained in the air ten minutes after 7:30 o'clock in the afternoon, the hour that the timekeepers, under the rules, ceased to keep a record of the flight.

Although Farman's brilliant record as an aeroplanist would have warned

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the sharps that he was a dangerous competitor, his victory was a complete surprise. He had been preparing his machine secretly and had not appeared upon the field until Friday except for a few practice flights, and had been almost forgotten.

Indeed, after he started about 4:30 p. m., keeping close to the ground, while Lenham and others were soaring in spectacular fashion high in the air, Farman attracted no attention until he had flown 80 kilometres. Then suddenly the watchers woke up and began to make inquiries, only to discover that he had gone out carrying petrol enough for a 5-hour flight, and equipped with a self-cooling revolving motor built by the Gnome Company after his own design.

GULF STORM DOES DAMAGE; PEOPLE BARELY ESCAPE

Brownsville, Tex., Special.—After spending the night at the quarantine station at Tarpon beach, refugees brought to the mainland Friday by the life-saving crew from Brazos de Santiago, tell of damage to the Pedro and Brazos islands as a result of the gulf storm, which swept inland Thursday night. At Tarpon beach

every building except the lighthouse and quarantine station were either damaged or destroyed but, so far as ascertainable, no lives were lost. The greater damage, it is stated, was the result of the high waves, the wind not attaining a violent velocity. Furniture and wreckage of buildings washed ashore at Point Isabel, Friday, three miles across the bay.

COLORED KNIGHTS AVERT RIOT WITH DRAWN SWORDS

Kansas City, Mo., Special.—Swinging their swords above the heads of the belligerents, and declaring that unless the trouble ceased they would use them, a company of negro Knights of Pythias Friday prevented what promised to be a race riot during a parade of the Supreme Lodge of the Knights of Pythias. The trouble began when W. S. Jarboe, a laundryman, accompanied by his wife, wove through the parade of 5,000 negro Knights, at Twelfth and Central streets. Several negroes

not in the line of march, seized the bridle of the horse. "You can't pass here," they shouted. Mrs. Jarboe seized a whip and struck at the men. Instantly a hundred excited negroes crowded about the wagon. One wrested the whip from the woman, striking her a number of times and inflicting painful bruises. Many white men rushed to the aid of the laundryman. A riot call was sent to the police headquarters, but before the police arrived, the armed Knights had restored order.