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MOB STOPS TRAIN TO GET PRISONERS

PASSENGERS AND MEMBERS OF TRAIN CREW HELD AT BAY WITH GUNS.

HANG NEGRO FROM BRIDGE

Mob Intended to Lynch Two Negroes, But One Saved by Confession of His Companion.

Hernando, Miss.—Stopping an Illinois Central passenger train in the woods near Love Station, Miss., a mob of about fifty masked men held passengers and members of the train crew at bay under cover of revolvers while they forced Sheriff E. F. Nichols of DeSoto county to turn over to them Johnson McGuirk and Bill Phillips, negroes, accused of wounding J. K. Ingram, a wealthy mill owner, near Byhalla, Miss., several weeks ago.

When the sheriff and his two prisoners disembarked the mob permitted the train to proceed while the marched the handcuffed negroes to the trestle. Preparations were being made to lynch both, but the pleadings of Nichols in behalf of Phillips against whom it is stated the evidence is slight, was effective and he was returned to the sheriff. With little ceremony a rope was placed around McGuirk's neck and he was forced to leap from the bridge. The mob then dispersed and Nichols came to Hernando aboard a later train with his prisoner.

The two negroes were being brought to Hernando from Batesville, where they had been taken at the time of their arrest to escape mob violence, for preliminary hearing. At Love Station the mob surrounded the train, and while four of the men took charge of the engine crew others marched through the train, terrifying the passengers by brandishing revolvers and shotguns.

Ingram was shot from ambush three weeks ago. He was taken to a Memphis hospital, where he is reported to be in a precarious condition.

YEGGMEN MAKE BIG HAUL

Between \$15,000 and \$40,000 Taken From Blown Safe.

Milledgeville, Ga.—Currency amounting to between \$15,000 and \$40,000 was secured by yeggmens who wrecked the safe of C. H. Bonner, a business man here. One of the robbers bound and gagged the night watchman, and guarded him while two others exploded three charges of nitroglycerin, completely demolishing the safe, and emptied it of what is said to have been the accumulation of a lifetime.

Mr. Bonner would make no definite estimate of his loss. The yeggmens escaped without detection, and apparently left no clue. Mr. Bonner is one of the wealthiest merchants of the city and was peculiar in his business habits inasmuch as he deposited money only in his safe, never using a bank. He employed a private watchman. It was generally known that he carried a large sum of money at all times in his safe. He was a collector of rare coins and other odd moneys and kept several sacks and boxes of such in his safe. The robbers got everything in the shape of money. Mr. Bonner himself has not told the amount of his loss. Sheriff S. L. Terry was one of the first to the rescue of Mr. Dunn, and has begun quietly to investigate the robbery, with hopes of finding clues that will bring about arrests.

N. Y. Treasurer Kills Self.

Buffalo, N. Y.—John J. Kennedy, state treasurer, committed suicide at the Markeen hotel, where he lived with his family. He was found in a small lavatory with his throat cut and an open razor on the floor beside him. His jugular vein had been severed. Temporary insanity, induced by the worry over his impending appearance before a New York grand jury where District Attorney Charles S. Whitman has been conducting a John Doe graft inquiry, is said by his attorney, Michael F. Dirnberger, Jr., to be the only reason that can be assigned for his act.

Dug Hole in Wall and Escaped.

Bay St. Louis, Miss.—Four white men, charged with burglary, one charged with carrying concealed weapons and another charged with larceny, escaped from the Hancock jail here by digging a hole through a three-foot brick wall. One of seven negro prisoners who refused to leave said the escaped men were directed in their work by Alfred Oliver, aged 20, charged with burglary and breaking jail. He said one of the prisoners escaped through the hole, stole the jail key from the sheriff's office.

DR. WILLIAM C. BRAISTED



Dr. Braisted is the only appointed head of the medical corps of the United States navy, succeeding Surgeon General C. F. Stokes. He is now surgeon of the Atlantic fleet. Dr. Braisted is a native of Ohio and was appointed to the navy from Michigan.

URGES CHECK ON JAPANESE

COMMISSIONER GENERAL WANTS EARLY ACTION ON ASIATIC IMMIGRATION.

Claim Japanese, Chinese and Hindus Threaten the Entire Nation.

Washington.—Despite a general understanding that, in deference to the administration, Asiatic exclusion legislation would not be agitated in congress pending diplomatic negotiations with Japan, Commissioner General Caminetti of the immigration bureau addressed a house committee urging early action "to check the menace of Asiatic immigration."

"The Chinese and the Japanese," said Commissioner Caminetti, "had become so acclimated to the United States that Asiatic immigration is a serious menace to the entire country. The danger is greatest, of course, on the Pacific coast, but it is general as well.

"The Chinese have spread rapidly all over the country and now the Japanese have become so acclimated that no part of the country is immune from the invasion. There can be no question but that the Japanese are coming in surreptitiously. The number of Japanese in the country has doubled in the last five or six years.

"New laws to prevent smuggling of immigrants are an urgent need. They should be passed at the present session of congress. Japanese, Chinese and Hindus cross the border illegally. I should like to see legislative action at the earliest possible moment on the question to check the menace to the Pacific coast and the whole country.

VICE ADMIRALS BILL PASSED

Secretary of the Navy Daniels Pleasued by the Action.

Washington.—Six vice admirals for the American navy would be authorized under a bill passed by the senate, after an extended debate, in which senators told of how the commander of the battleship fleet in Mexican waters might have to take orders from a ranking foreigner. The navy has been appealing for years for a revival of a higher grade than rear admiral. Secretary Daniels was highly pleased by the senate's action and expressed confidence that the measure would certainly pass the house promptly and be signed by the president.

"The ablest, best and most resourceful officers will be chosen for the new grade," he added, "not necessarily the present seniors in rank.

\$2,250,000 Tax to Be Levied on John D. Cleveland, Ohio.—Harry Weiss, internal revenue collector for northern Ohio, mailed to John D. Rockefeller at Tarrytown, Ky., tax blanks for the listing of the oil king's income for federal taxation under the income tax law. Mr. Weiss said he would proceed to collect about \$2,250,000 income tax from Mr. Rockefeller unless he pays the money to the revenue collector. "It hasn't been decided whether Rockefeller's legal home is Ohio or New York, so I've sent him blanks to be on the safe side."

SENATOR BACON PASSES TO BEYOND

STATE AND NATION IN DEEP MOURNING FOR SENATOR BACON OF GEORGIA.

GEORGIA PAYS HIM HONORS

Passing of Senator Causes President Wilson to Lament and Moves Colleagues Almost to Tears.

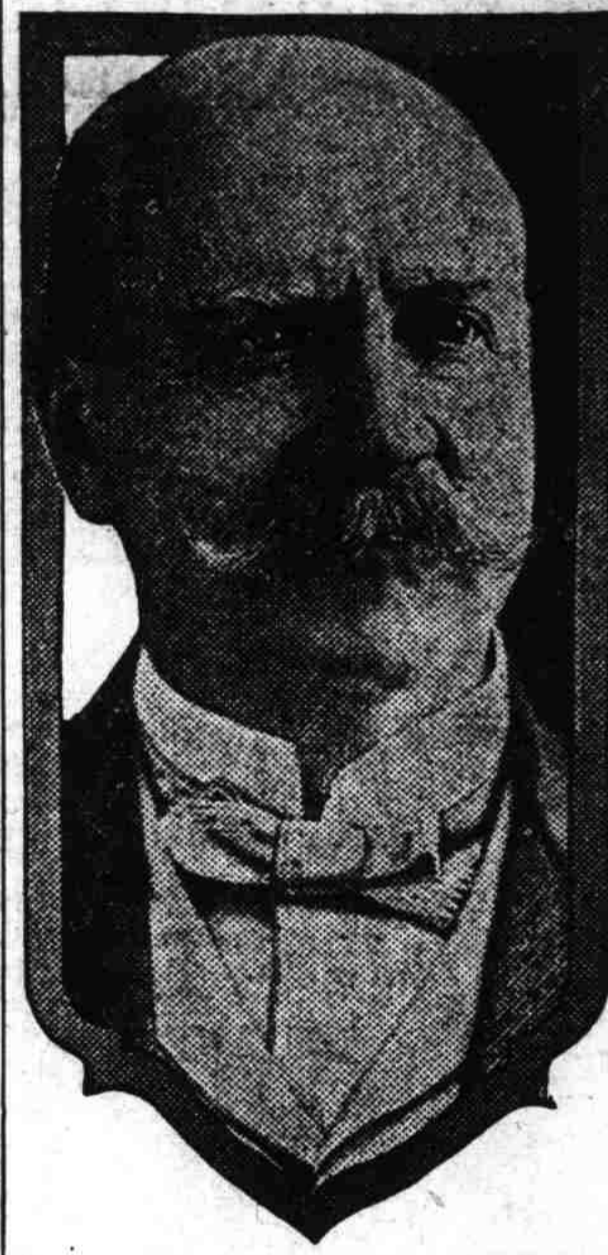
Passing of Georgian Lamented by Wilson.

Washington.—When President Wilson heard of Senator Bacon's death, he wrote the following statement:

"All who knew Senator Bacon will sincerely deplore his death. It deprives the senate of one of its oldest and most experienced member; a man who held, with something like reverence, to the traditions of the great body of which he was so long a part, and who sought, in all that he did, to maintain its standards of statesmanship and service. The great state of Georgia will miss her distinguished son and servant. My own association with him had been of the most cordial, and, to me, helpful sort. I particularly profited by his experience in foreign affairs."

Washington.—Senator Bacon is dead. While Washington was wrapped in the white mantle of the first snow-storm of the season, the soul of this great statesman and modest soldier, who had defended Georgia on the bat-

AUGUSTUS O. BACON



tiefled and in the halls of congress, passed away.

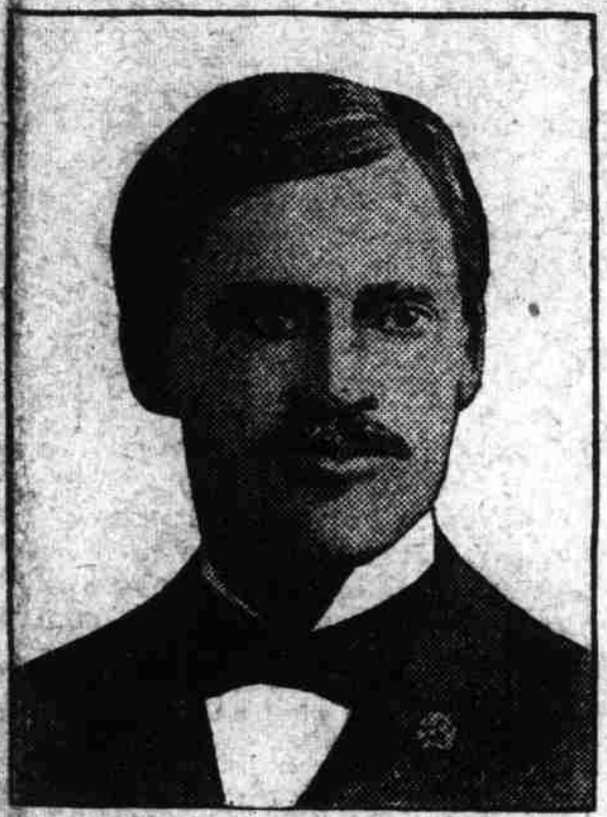
The end came at Garfield hospital with a suddenness that astounded his physicians, his intimate friends and the world of official Washington. At noon his condition was not thought alarming. Shortly afterwards he had a sinking spell, and at ten minutes after two he was gone. An infected clot of blood, which reached the heart, caused his sudden death.

President Wilson issued a statement expressing his deep regret. Vice President Marshall, members of the Georgia delegation and intimate friends in the senate, hastened to the hospital to show their respect and to urge that all the marks of a great nation's honor be accepted by the bereaved relatives.

Following the official funeral, the body was taken to Georgia, accompanied by an honorary escort of senators and representatives. The funeral was in Macon Thursday.

Northeast in Grip of a Blizzard. New York.—A snowstorm, said to rival in severity the famous blizzard of 1888, raged to the accompaniment of zero weather in the upper Hudson valley, the Mohawk valley and the northern and western parts of New York state, tying up smaller railroad trolley lines and paralyzing communication generally. All mails were delayed. Four deaths were caused in New York City by the storm, and the total fatalities due to the cold spell and stormy conditions numbered seventeen.

JAMES R. GARFIELD



James R. Garfield, secretary of the Interior under President Roosevelt, has announced his candidacy for the Progressive nomination for governor of Ohio.

FRANK DENIED NEW TRIAL

MAN CONVICTED OF SLAYING MARY PHAGAN LOSES APPEAL.

His Lawyers Say They Will Not Give Up Fight for the Life of Their Client.

Atlanta, Ga.—The Frank case is affirmed. Decision delivered by Justice Atkinson, Justices Evans, Lumpkin and Hill assenting. Chief Justice Fish and Justice Beck dissent. The dissent is principally on the admission of the testimony of Jim Conley and Dalton.

Attorney Reuben R. Arnold, associate counsel with Luther Z. Rosser, for Frank, when informed of the decision, said he had no comment to make.

"Judgment affirmed," is the verdict of the supreme court of Georgia in the case of Leo M. Frank. "The court below did not err in refusing a new trial. No new trial should be granted." With these words, the highest court in the state placed its approval upon the verdict of guilty pronounced last August in Fulton superior court against Leo M. Frank, charged with the murder of Mary Phagan on April 26, 1913.

The announcement of the supreme court's decision was a profound shock to the attorneys and friends of Frank, who have fought to establish his innocence and with the utmost confidence up to the present time. It is anticipated that an extraordinary motion for a new trial will be filed by Frank's lawyers and that the case will be carried on appeal to the United States Supreme court.

The history of the Frank case is familiar to all. On the morning of Sunday, April 27, 1913, the body of Mary Phagan, an employe of the National Pencil factory, was found in the basement of that factory. A few days afterward, Leo M. Frank, the superintendent of the factory, was arrested on a charge of suspicion. He was later indicted by the grand jury, and he was tried last August. The trial was the longest in the criminal annals of the state, and aroused widespread interest. The jury returned a verdict of guilty, and Frank was sentenced to death. His attorneys, Luther Z. Rosser and Reuben R. Arnold, filed a motion for a new trial, which was denied by the trial judge, L. S. Roan. An appeal was then taken to the state supreme court, which now affirms the lower court.

Prevention of Floods to Be Urged.

Washington.—Appointment of a committee of business men from the country at large to provide means for preventing floods will be urged upon President Wilson at a hearing February 26. Immediate action to further the flood prevention movement has been urged by Ernest P. Blacknell, national director of the American Red Cross, in a letter to Edmund T. Perkins, president of the National Drainage congress, replying to notification that lack of finances had halted the educational work of the drainage congress. Mr. Blacknell wrote: "I am sure the American Red Cross is entirely in sympathy with the objects for which the National Drainage congress stands."

\$5,000,000 Increase in Postal Measure.

Washington.—Nearly five million dollars has been added to the total of the postoffice appropriation bill as it passed the house when the senate committee completed its work on the measure. It carries \$31,000,000. The largest amount ever appropriated for postal purposes. Maximum salaries for rural mail carriers would be increased under the bill to \$1,200, the total increase for this purpose amounting to \$4,350,000. An increase of \$1,000,000 was added to meet the demands of the parcel post.

DISPUTE ARISES IN STRIKE PROBE

CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEEMEN CLASH OVER HEARING OF EVIDENCE.

THE CHAIRMAN STANDS FIRM

In His Contention That Every Condition Should Be Submitted to Congress.—Report of a Raid By a Striker.

Hancock, Mich.—Chairman Taylor, a Democrat, refused to entertain the motion of Representative Switzer, a Republican, that hearsay testimony presented by striking miners regarding alleged violations of constitutional rights of citizens be expunged from the record. Debate on the question grew acrimonious. Mr. Taylor charged that Mr. Switzer was attempting to discredit the work of the committee by taking the position that it had no authority to make a full investigation.

"You can object as much as you please," Mr. Taylor exclaimed, "but if you object to an investigation of the conditions here you ought not to be on this committee."

Mr. Switzer denied he objected to an investigation but he insisted that a limit should be fixed so that everything ordered would not be admitted into the record.

"As chairman of this committee, representing the Democratic majority in the House," Mr. Taylor said, "I will say that anything that goes into the record will go back to Congress. We were sent here to investigate conditions with a view of providing remedial legislation and if we cut out anything that might throw light on the situation we would be severely criticized."

"Do I understand you to say that this is a partisan committee and that this is a partisan investigation?" inquired Representative Howell, the Republican member.

"No," the chairman replied, "but when a minority member tries to discredit the committee by saying it is exceeding its proper limits it is time for the majority to take decisive action."

Mr. Howell said the experience of centuries had shown that the rules of evidence afford the best means of conducting an investigation of this character.

Mr. Switzer had a right to ask to have anything stricken out," Mr. Taylor said, "and his objection will appear in the record."

"Should it not be stricken out because I ask it?" Mr. Switzer asked.

"No," was the reply.

The discussion arose while Waino Wyreno, a striker was giving testimony as to a raid in which members of the Citizen's Alliance acting as a sheriff's posse, raided the Western Federation of Miners' headquarters at South Range, following the shooting of a deputy sheriff, who had been searching it for arms. The witness said he was beaten by a man, described by others as a deputy sheriff. Mr. Switzer asked that his testimony be stricken out because the witness personally did not know his assailant was a deputy.

Contract For Big Ship Let.

Washington.—Contracts were awarded by Secretary Daniels to the Boston navy yard for the construction of a supply ship at \$1,171,713, and to the Philadelphia navy yard for a transport at \$1,458,805. The government plant submitted estimates below the lowest bids of private shipbuilders seeking the contracts.

May Not Accept Johns Hopkins Offer.

Peking.—President Yuan Shi Kai declared that he was willing to permit Prof. Frank Johnson Goodnow of Brooklyn, legal adviser to the Chinese government, to retire from his post here in August, thereby enabling him to accept the offer that has been made to him of the presidency of Johns Hopkins University. Prof. Goodnow, however, has not decided whether he will withdraw from China.

Urges Flood Prevention.

Washington.—Urging a national plan to prevent floods in the Mississippi valley, Miss Mabel T. Boardman, president of the American Red Cross, told the senate commerce committee that the Mississippi should not be allowed to become our "gorrow," as the Yellow river in China with its centuries of disastrous flood history, was known. China now, Miss Boardman said, had taken steps to curb the Yellow river. The Red Cross had no specific plan to offer with respect to the Mississippi, Miss Boardman said.

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