

# Negro Rapist Lynched By People of Omaha, Neb.

(Associated Press Dispatch.)

Omaha, Neb., Sept. 28.—A lynching, which developed many characteristics of a race riot, held this city terrorized for nine hours today. Mayor Edward P. Smith was himself saved from lynching by a policeman, who it was reported cut a rope from about the mayor's neck while his comrades clubbed off the mob. At midnight it was said that the mayor was unconscious in a hospital.

The riot centered about the new Douglas county court house, valued at a million and a half dollars, which was set on fire in the efforts to reach William Brown, a negro, charged with attacking a young white girl a few days ago.

With the flames mounting steadily from floor to floor, Sheriff Mike Clark and his deputies fought a grim battle of hours to save Brown from those who clamored for his life, but at 11 o'clock, with the cries of the 100 or more prisoners on the top floor—the jail floor—ringing in his ears, he was compelled to surrender the prisoner, who was hustled to an electric light pole and hanged.

The mob spirit began to manifest itself during the afternoon, but it was not until a gun store had been looted that the sheriff considered the situation serious. He swore in extra deputies and also brought in some police in uniform determined that the law should take its course, despite the atrocity of the crime charged against the negro.

By dark the streets in the vicinity of the court house were blocked for several squares. Chief of Police Eberstein mounted a box and attempted to address the crowd but was unable to make himself heard and only with difficulty made his own escape. It was at this time that the mob began breaking windows in the court house and shortly afterwards the cry of "fire" was heard.

### Mob Cuts Hose.

Firemen were already on the ground but members of the mob, upon whom they had turned streams of water, had cut the hose and it was useless. Other fire companies brought more hose but it was similarly rendered useless.

Meanwhile the progress of the flames could to an extent be judged by the smoke curling from the windows. Every available policeman was on the scene by 7 o'clock, but they were impotent in the hands of the thousands arrayed against them, and troops at Fort Omaha and Fort Crook were appealed for. At 11 o'clock, however, the lynching was over and the crowd began to disperse before the soldiers entrained for the city. For hours it was not known whether Sheriff Clark and the prisoners were alive or dead. There was no way to get word in or out of the building. Some faces, supposed to be those of deputies, could occasionally be discerned through the obscuring smoke at the windows and at times the cries of the jail prisoners now imprisoned as well by flame and smoke could be heard above the shouts and cries of the mob.

Sheriff Clark is believed to have surrendered Brown only when the threat of death to his deputies became too menacing. With the dispersal of the mob after the lynching, firemen were able to get water on the flames, which it was reported, were checked at the fourth floor, one story below the jail.

During the rioting a large number of negroes were badly beaten on the streets, some of them dangerously injured. Chief of Police Eberstein was himself subjected to physical violence and narrowly escaped personal injury when members of the force charged the crowd and led him to safety. Thousands of persons congregated in the downtown districts, some of them out of curiosity, but great numbers showing decided sympathy for the would-be lynchers.

Fire hose run to the blazing structure with impunity. The police and firemen were entirely at the mercy of the mob.

### Mayor Seriously Hurt.

The mayor tonight was said to be in a critical condition at a hospital, although his physician declined to say just how seriously he is injured.

A rope was thrown around his neck and he was pulled off the ground twice before two police officers succeeded in cutting the rope and getting him into an automobile and away from the

mob. The mayor had gone to the court house and held a conference with Sheriff Clark. Emerging from the court house, he met the mob and began to make an appeal for law and order. Somebody shouted "Lynch him!" and a member of the mob threw a rope around his neck.

Several men dragged the mayor half a block and threw the loose end of the rope over a trolley pole. Twice they drew the mayor's body from the ground. Each time two police officers cut the rope.

Following the second attempt the officers succeeded in placing the mayor into a police car and rushed him to a surgeon's office nearby. The mayor was bleeding from the mouth and nose and after a brief examination by physicians was taken to a hospital.

A corps of physicians began working over him as soon as he was removed to the hospital. His face and body were badly bruised by being dragged by the mob.

After the lynching the firemen were for the first time able to get a stream on the flames. At the same time additional extension ladders were sent to the third and fourth floors where many of the occupants were standing on window ledges on the one side of the building that had not been touched by the flames.

### LATER.

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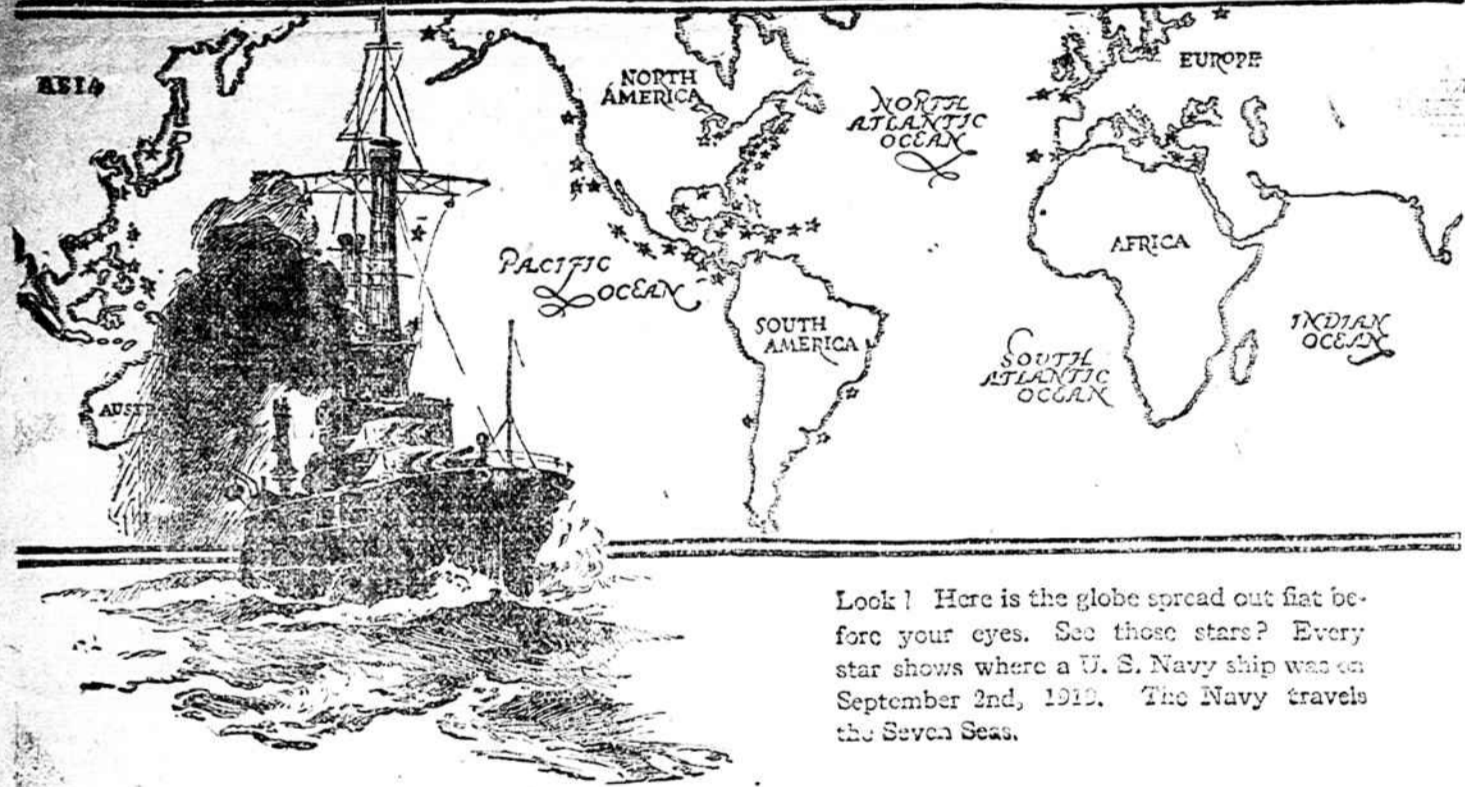
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