

TRAGEDY IN LOUISIANA.

Deputy Sheriff Shot from Ambush and Mortally Wounded.

Alexandria, La., Jan. 24.—Deputy Sheriff J. W. Lacaze was shot from ambush at 2 o'clock this morning at Woodworth, a small town a few miles south of Alexandria, as he was returning from a negro festival, where he had gone to preserve the peace. He died a few hours later from the effects of the wound, which was made with buckshot.

In a dying statement Lacaze declared that he caught sight of his assailant just as the latter fired and identified him plainly as Henry Brady, a young white man of Woodworth community. Brady was arrested and is now in jail here. A recent charge of illicit whiskey selling against him is said to have resulted from the efforts of Deputy Sheriff Lacaze.

Brady admits talking with Lacaze just a little while before the tragedy, but declares that he is innocent of the murder.

Lynching Prevented.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 20.—According to a dispatch tonight from Clinton, a clash between the company of State troops guarding the jail and a body of infuriated citizens of the Moltonville section of Sampson county was narrowly averted last night by the prevalence of calm judgment of a few individuals. The troops were on guard by order of Gov. Kitchin to prevent the lynching of Will Ward, a negro, who yesterday criminally assaulted Mrs. W. J. McLeod, wife of a citizen of Moltonville. Not until late last night did it become known to the neighbors of the woman that the negro actually accomplished his purpose. Then a crowd soon gathered around the jail at Clinton. Finding the jail guarded, the angry men were persuaded not to hazard their lives by an attack upon the troops.

Late to-day, upon assurances from members of the injured family and their neighbors that they had decided to let the law prevail in the case, Sheriff McPhail instructed Capt. Faircloth to withdraw his troops. Tonight it is doubted that the family and leading citizens can control the wrath of the enraged populace.

This is first case of criminal assault of a white woman by a negro in Sampson county in 18 years, the last one resulting in a lynching.

Census Report on Cotton.

Washington, Jan. 23.—There were 13,667,231 running bales of cotton ginned from the growth of 1908 to January 16 last against 10,339,551 a year ago, according to the census bureau report to-day. The report counts round bales as half bales and excludes linters. It includes 232,521 round bales for 1909; 137,800 in 1907 and 90,456 for 1908. The total of bales ginned in 1907 up to January 16 was 12,176,199, representing 92.8 per cent of the crop of that year and of the 1906 crop 93.5 per cent was ginned by January 16.

The following statement shows the bales ginned and number of ginneries operated respectively by States as follows:

Alabama, 3,177,266 and 3,477; Arkansas, 931,540 and 2,115; Florida, 68,518 and 254; Georgia, 1,951,740 and 4,458; Kansas, Kentucky and New Mexico, 1,787 and 6; Louisiana, 453,723 and 1,696; Mississippi, 1,551,263 and 3,476; Missouri, 55,182 and 78; North Carolina, 661,295 and 2,756; Oklahoma, 12,608 and 984; South Carolina, 1,193,520 and 4,229; Tennessee, 321,677 and 649; Texas, 3,599,426 and 4,148; Virginia, 12,814 and 115.

Less for Negro Schools.

Mr. Rucker, of Anderson, has a bill that is going to make the people of the country sit up and take notice. Its practical effect is to be the elimination of the appropriations for negro schools. He proposes to have two separate school funds and to permit the taxpayer to give his taxes for the benefit of either one that he wishes. One will be for the white schools and the other for the negro schools. Corporations may choose in the same way and the governor will appoint an attorney for foreign corporations who shall direct how the taxes are to be placed. This bill is said by some of the solicitors who have examined it to be constitutional and it will be more than likely to pass the house, though the conservative senate may kill it.

Charleston Entertains Taft.

Charleston, Jan. 23.—Without possum on the bill of fare, without official pomp or ceremony, Charleston is entertaining President-elect Taft with her own quiet and unique, but full-hearted brand of Southern hospitality. Her cup of pleasure is doubly-filled, for not only is Taft her guest for two days, but the big cruiser North Carolina has demonstrated that there is at least thirty feet of water over the bar, and is lying at anchor waiting for sailing orders Monday, when the President-elect and his party will embark for Panama.

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PASSED OVER VETO.

Tennessee Legislature Disregards Patterson's Action.

Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 20.—Over the veto of Gov. Patterson, both houses of the legislature passed the senate bill which prohibits the sale of intoxicating liquors within four miles of a school house in Tennessee and in effect a State-wide prohibition act. It is effective July 1, 1909. The vote in the senate was the same as on the original passage.

The house acted at 5:40 this afternoon, the vote standing 61 to 36, the original vote there having been 62 to 37. In each house the passage was effected through a combination of Republicans and "State-wide" Democrats.

The galleries were packed in both houses and the debates following the reading of the governor's message were bitter.

The action of the legislature today practically brings to a close one of the most bitter and sensational political fights in the history of Tennessee. State-wide prohibition was the main issue in the recent contest between Gov. Patterson and Senator E. W. Carmack for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination, and though Patterson, who advocated local option, won the nomination, the legislature elected November last, at the same time that he was, has after stormy times gone against him. This came, however, with the aid of Republicans, who gave the bill 22 votes in the house and five in the senate.

The bill to prohibit the manufacture of intoxicating liquor in Tennessee after January 1, 1910, passed the senate to-day and is expected to pass the house to-morrow.

Alleged Burglars Arrested.

Union, Jan. 21.—About ten days ago the store house of the J. F. Alaman Company, at Jonesville, was entered in the night time and something like \$250 worth of merchandise was stolen. Three young white men were arrested last night and lodged in jail here, charged with being the parties who committed the theft. Their names are Bascone Melton, Clarence Summer and Oscar Fultz. All of them, it is said, have confessed.

Hargis Runs Amuck.

Jackson, Ky., Jan. 23.—Beach Hargis, who is out of jail on \$25,000 bail, pending trial for the murder of his father, Judge Hargis, lies in his bed in the Hargis home here with a dangerous self-inflicted wound in the foot. Hargis yesterday began drinking heavily, and late in the afternoon terrorized his relatives at Clear Fork, on Frozen creek. There he entered the home of Harlan South and, ordering the family from the house, amused himself for some time by shooting the dishes of the dining table.

Neighbors who attempted to quiet Hargis were driven upstairs in the South home, but managed to get word to countrymen going by to send help from Jackson.

Officers were sent and late last night returned with Hargis, who was found with some of his friends, who said he had shot himself through the foot. The attending physicians say the wound is dangerous.

Negro is Lynched.

Mobile, Ala., Jan. 23.—So quietly did they go about their work, that the usual serenity of Mobile past the midnight hour was but slightly disturbed, when at 1:15 this morning, a handful of determined men took a negro from the county jail and lynched him almost in the heart of the city's residence district. The victim, Douglas Roberson, a mulatto, powerfully built and for years regarded as a desperate character, who on Thursday shot and killed Deputy Sheriff Phillips Patch and wounded another officer, was led from his cell to the place of the lynching so quietly that the residents along the path of the mob were undisturbed.

The mob had intended taking Roberson to the scene of his crime, but on account of his cries despite efforts to gag him, his captors hanged him to a tree just one block from Mobile's most prominent residence thoroughfares.

According to one authority, two men walked into the jail and covered two deputy officers with revolvers drawn, demanded them to throw up their hands, accompanying the order with a demand that they open the door leading to the cells. The deputies were powerless and, caught unaware, obeyed without resistance. Probably 20 more in the meantime had gone upstairs, leaving two men to guard the deputies.

Later two of them came back down and demanded the keys to Roberson's cell, which were given them. Gillis and Krouse were then left alone and ordered not to leave their seats or use the telephone, under penalty of death. The mob securing the man started with their captive toward the scene of his crime.

At 2:15 o'clock the coroner arrived on the scene, selected a jury, which adjourned to the police station after viewing the body. The following verdict was rendered:

"At an inquisition taken and held this, the 23rd day of January, 1909, upon the body of Douglas Roberson we, the jury, find that he came to his death by being hanged by parties unknown to this jury."

Kills Aged Mother-in-Law.

Washington, Jan. 20.—Revengeful over his arrest for cruelty to his wife, John Trilling, a steel worker, late to-day armed himself with an axe and going to the home of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Lucretia Corliss, nearly 70 years old, in this city, beat the aged woman so terribly with the weapon that she died soon afterwards without regaining consciousness.

The tragedy is alleged to have been the sequel to the mother-in-law's resentment of the treatment of her daughter by Trilling.

Trilling was captured by the police to-night in his sister's house, where he sought refuge.

ATTEMPTED ASSAULT.

Norway Negro Arrested for Crime of Two Weeks Ago.

Norway, Jan. 19.—Henry Hays, colored, was held before Magistrate Tyler to-day for an attempted criminal assault on Mrs. Gyles Spiers, a middle-aged widow lady. Mrs. Spiers is a mute and lives alone with her little daughter, who is about 10 years old. Hays went to Mrs. Spiers' house on January 3, finding her alone with her little child. Mrs. Spiers being a mute was unable to make any alarm, so she ran out of the house. The negro brute being well acquainted in criminal life remained indoors until a neighbor, who is also a mute, passed by, or through, the yard, and signs were given him, when he entered the house and ran the negro away.

Henry Hays has been at large until yesterday, when Magistrate Tyler was informed of his whereabouts and had him locked up.

After hearing the evidence, which was very damaging, Hays was sent to Orangeburg to await his trial.

The town is quiet and no evidence of violence to the negro is apparent.

Birmingham, and its Betterment.

The mayor of Birmingham, Alabama, George B. Ward, is going at the task of beautifying that city in a systematic manner that is bound to produce results. If he does not succeed in his purpose of making Birmingham a more beautiful and a cleaner city, and so a city more fit to live in, then it will be because the citizens fail to respond to his suggestions or to join him in his endeavors.

Mayor Ward has sent to each industrial plant or manufactory of one sort or another in Birmingham a request that it plant ivy or some other clinging vines around the walls of its establishment; he asks each of them to clean up the premises as far as possible and that any unused land be set to grass or made into flower plots.

To the women of the city Mayor Ward has sent a letter asking them to lend their efforts in the campaign for cleanliness and beauty, and urging them to plant flowers either in their gardens or, if they have not the space, then in window boxes and the like. Further, the mayor requests the women to organize themselves into "Block Improvement Societies."

Along with each of these letters is sent a tastefully printed pamphlet of suggestions and directions, including a model constitution for the improvement societies and declaring that the object of these societies is "to stimulate interest in civic improvement and public affairs; to encourage and assist the authorities in securing cleaner streets, alleys and public places, more parks, children's playgrounds and boulevards; to encourage the more general planting of trees, flowers and lawns, and the improvement of vacant property, and in general to do all things that would aid in the creation of a city beautiful, healthy and pleasant to live in."

This mayor seems to be imbued with a genuine zeal for civic improvement, and to these ends the city of Birmingham will offer forty-four prizes, to be awarded next spring, four in each of the eleven wards of the city, and for the following accomplishments:

- 1st. To the most attractive window garden and boxes.
- 2nd. Premises, large or small, kept by renters.
- 3rd. Premises fronting less than 100 feet kept by owners.
- 4th. Premises fronting 100 feet or more kept by owners.

The pamphlet sent out by the mayor gives various hints as to the technical details of grass and flower planting, the most suitable varieties, and standard prices of ordinary seeds and bulbs.

Among the general suggestions incorporated in the pamphlet these are of special force and excellence:

Pull down your fence. The city will haul it away and keep off the cows. If you can't be induced to part with it, fix it up and paint it.

Exercise the same supervision over your sidewalk as over your front yard. Sidewalks are the index of the kind of people inside.

Plant a strip of green in bare places along sidewalks. The city will furnish street sweepings, if the haul is not too long.

Sweet peas, climbing nasturtiums, castor beans, hollyhocks, or even sunflowers, make an effective screen to hide old fences, sheds, or other unsightly views. For permanent screens use hardy shrubs or the quick-growing vines.

Encourage your children to help the good work along by training them to pick up papers, sticks and other rubbish, wherever found.

When street or sidewalk is torn up and is not properly repaired, call up the mayor's office and give the name of party responsible.

This is a mayor that means business. This is the spirit of energy and enterprise that will mean a better and cleaner and more beautiful city. We congratulate Birmingham.—Columbia State.

Bill Passes Senate.

Columbia, S. C., Jan. 22.—Senator Wharton's bill to make an attempt to ravish a capital offense passed to third reading to-day in the senate with amendments. As the bill now stands the accused, if convicted straight out with no recommendation from the jury has to die; if he is recommended to the mercy of the court he may serve one year or more in the penitentiary; if the judge sees that there is a possibility of a doubt he may commute the death sentence to life imprisonment. With these safeguards it is believed the bill will be passed by the general assembly.

Don't Get a Divorce.

A Western judge granted a divorce on account of ill-temper and bad breath. Dr. King's New Life Pills would have prevented it. They cure constipation, causing bad breath and liver troubles the ill-temper, dispel colds, banish headaches, conquer chills. 25c. at Peoples Drug Co., Bamberg, S. C.

DIVORCE A HOME PRODUCT.

Native-Born Whites Chief Offenders Against Marriage Laws.

Increase of divorce in the United States cannot be attributed to the influence of aliens. It must be recognized as one of the developments of national life for which the native-born American must accept responsibility, if statistics are to be believed. In the February Delinquent Charles A. Ellwood, professor of sociology, University of Missouri, says:

Divorce is not an evil which the foreign-born and the negro have brought to us, for it especially characterizes the native white, that is, the preeminent American element in the population. It is about twice as high among the native whites as among the foreign-born. This leads one to suspect that divorce has something to do with the individualism of the American people, the tendency among us for each one to do as he pleases, to be a law unto himself. This is borne out by the fact that in those sections of the country in which individualism is most highly developed, the divorce rate is highest, namely, in New England and the Western States. It is borne out also by the fact that divorce is more than four times as common among Protestants as among Catholics. The Protestant element in the population is the element in which individualism is more highly developed; besides, the Roman Catholic church refuses to sanction absolute divorce upon any ground.

Finally, two-thirds of all divorces are granted upon demand of the wife. This suggests that the standards of morality of the male element of the population are not what they should be, and that husbands too often give ground for divorce by immoral conduct. Higher standards of morality are necessary as civilization advances, and conduct which the wife overlooked in the husband a half-century ago, or bore in silence now becomes a ground for divorce.

This last statement suggests another cause for increasing divorce in this country, and that is the emancipation of woman. Woman has now almost equal rights with man, and has achieved her economic, intellectual and moral as well as legal independence of man. This has been a good thing in itself, but many women have used their freedom to emphasize their rights rather than their duties, and consequently have rendered the family life less stable. In so far as the movement for "woman's rights" has been simply an expression of growing individualism or selfishness on the part of our women, it has tended, like all individualism, to destroy the home.

To Old Kentucky.

Read on "Kentucky Night" at the Hungry Club, New York City.

Here's a health to Old Kentucky, Where the simple life still gives its lazy, lustless rapture

To the soul that truly lives, And dispenses creature comforts To the mortal here below In a satisfying manner That the strenuous never know.

Here's a health to Old Kentucky, Where the hospitable mind is bent on doing something Of the good old fashioned kind For every man and woman Who is stranger or is friend, With a warm and open welcome Which continues to the end.

Here's a health to Old Kentucky, Where the women are as fair As the pink and white sun kisses That the rose and lily wear, And we dream of love and music, Of the moonlight and the flowers That have touched the earth with beauty

In that lotus land of ours. Here's a health to Old Kentucky, Where the amber Burbon glows In the tinkling crystal glasses As the horn of plenty flows In a golden stream of glory Bearing ever on its breast The weary soul and body To a topaz tinted rest.

Here's a health to Old Kentucky, Where the horse is king, and stands The model and the master Of his kind in other lands, And his hoof beats strike the measure Of the music that is known To the simplest child of freedom And the ruler on his throne.

Here's a health to Old Kentucky, Where the blue grass grows knee deep And the cattle in her pastures Show the virtues of their keep; Where the broad tobacco acres Raise the sweet, narcotic weed That solaces the millions In a world of strife and greed.

Here's a health to Old Kentucky, Where the fathers through the years Hand down the courtly graces To the sons of cavaliers; Where the golden age is regnant And each succeeding morn Finds "the corn is full of kernels And the Colonels full of corn."

Here's a health to Old Kentucky, To her sons and daughters here Who think of Old Kentucky With a smile and with a tear; They may talk of modern progress As the proper creed to hold, But their hearts will beat the fondest For Kentucky that is old.

A Horrible Hold-Up.

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FIRE IN ROWESVILLE.

Over 2,000,000 Feet of Cypress Timber Destroyed.

Rowesville, Jan. 24.—This morning at 4 o'clock the citizens of Rowesville were awakened by an alarm of fire at Blake's mill, and upon investigation it was found that the cypress lumber stacked on the yard was on fire. Fully 200 men were soon on the spot, but all efforts to confine the fire to a few stacks were unavailing. The yard contained about 2,000,000 to 2,500,000 feet, and covered at least five acres of land.

Practically all of the lumber was totally destroyed. Owing to the foresight of Mr. Blake, the lumber was stacked a good distance from the mill and buildings, none of which were destroyed. The fire when at its height presented a weird scene and the heat was terrific.

It is understood that the lumber was insured for about 80 per cent. of its value, and it is hoped that Mr. Blake's loss will not be very great.

The value of lumber destroyed is approximately \$80,000. The origin of the fire is unknown. The watchman discovered the fire when on his rounds and promptly gave the alarm. This is the most disastrous fire which has ever occurred here.



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