

TRICK THWARTED A MOB

Negro Who Escaped Burning Gasolene Taken to a Safe Place.

VICTIM TELLS STORY

Narrow Escape from a Lynching at Huntington, L. I.—Mrs. Louisa Gervasini is Too Ill After Terrible Encounter To Be Removed to Her Home—Accused Spirited Away.

Huntington, L. I., Aug. 19.—George Washington, the negro who was rescued by members of Troop C, of Brooklyn, from an angry crowd planning to burn him alive by flooding the small jail with gasolene, waived examination on the charge of having attacked Mrs. Louisa Gervasini, employed at the Chateau des Beaux-Arts, and was spirited away to the county jail at Riverhead, there to await action by the Grand Jury.

His victim is in a critical condition and the attending physician has forbidden her removal to her home, a mile distant. Washington, who is married, and who served a sentence of two years for an attack on Miss Allen six years ago, and who less than a year ago was fined \$25 for similar brutality toward a negro woman, owes his escape from death more to the presence of another prisoner, James Fitzgerald, than to the militia.

Twenty-five gallons of gasolene had been carried to the jail, and the storming party intended to burn the negro after they got him from his cell. When they battered through the outer door and were stopped at the second they determined to flood the small building and apply the match. This plan was abandoned, however, when they were told there was another prisoner in the place. Then they renewed the attack on the second door, when they were put to flight by the appearance of the troops.

Mrs. Gervasini was attacked about 4 o'clock p. m., as she was on her way home with her little daughter Marguerite. Half a mile from the Chateau she came upon two negroes, one of whom took no part in the fight.

"I was afraid," she said, "when I saw the bigger of the men come toward me. When he grabbed me I cried out for help, but he got me by the throat and threw me to the ground. I fought him off and got to my feet, when he grabbed me again, this time by the hair and throat, and again got me down.

"I begged and pleaded with him to go away and leave me, but he jumped on me and tore me about the face and throat. All this time I was praying for help. I got to my feet and then I saw my little girl and my bag containing one hundred dollars in money were gone.

"All this time we were getting nearer to the Chateau, and when I got to Bustanoby's land I told him, 'Now you'll get yours,' and threw the two dollar bill I had at him. He grabbed it and made off. The next thing I knew friends came and took me to the Chateau. They had come looking for me when my little baby had reached the place. Soon after they brought the negro to me to identify him. I was sorry I was not in my room at home. I have a revolver there and there would have been no chance for my friends to have tried to lynch him later.

Washington was captured by men from the Chateau, who, after finding his victim, had started out in an automobile.

At dinner time, when the employees of the Chateau were sure to be occupied, the Constable drove with the negro in a closed carriage to the railroad station. They took a roundabout route and arrived just as the train for Riverhead pulled in. White earned the rig over to one of his men who was waiting for him, and jumped aboard the train with his man. They were well on their way to the county seat, before any one in the town knew what was going on.

CAMPAIGN HALTS RATE CONFERENCE.

Railroads Have Postponed Action Until After Election.

Paul Smith's N. Y., Aug. 19.—That the railroads have decided to postpone their aggressive campaign for a readjustment of freight rates until after the Presidential election was asserted by William C. Brown, senior vice president of the New York Central lines and chief spokesman for the railroads in the rate matter.

Coal Receivership.

Scranton, Pa., Aug. 18.—The Pennsylvania Coal and Coke Company, one of the largest mining concerns in the bituminous fields of Western Pennsylvania, went into the hands of a receiver. The intrinsic value of properties is given as over \$26,000,000.

Prof. Upson a Suicide.

Minnesota, Minn., Aug. 29.—Arthur W. Upson, former professor at the University of Minnesota and a poet of some note, drowned himself and his body was found in the river at Bemidji, Minn.

WHEN DOCTOR DIES WOMEN ARE SEIZED.

Two Prisoners, One a Spiritualist, Found Praying Over Body of L. Emerson Wheat.

Philadelphia, Aug. 18.—L. Emerson Wheat, a physician 45 years old, was found dead in his home at Nineteenth and Diamond streets, in one of the most fashionable residence sections of the city, under most startling circumstances. Beside the body, which lay upon a couch, two women were found praying for Wheat's resurrection and muttering strange incantations, though physicians say the condition of the corpse indicated the man had been dead at least forty-eight hours. Mrs. Fannie Soult, a professional Spiritualist, and Miss Florence Beckman were the women. Both were arrested.

Dr. Wheat, who was well known in the northern section of the city, had been living alone in his home during the absence of his family in the country for the summer. He last was seen alive on Saturday, when he called at a drug store in the neighborhood. In consequence of his having failed to make certain visits, the police were asked to investigate. They forced the door of the house and found the physician's body half clothed, lying on a couch in his office. Lying prostrate on the floor, they say, they found Mrs. Soult and Miss Beckman.

The police took the women to the station, where Mrs. Soult made a statement in which she said she had known Dr. Wheat for seven years, and that since last April she had been treating him by giving him what is known as the magnetic treatment.

On Sunday last, she said, the physician came to her house and asked her to go with him to his home, as he felt as if something was going to happen. When she went to his office Dr. Wheat was seriously ill. He could not say what he wanted. She worked over him until morning, when she got a message from her spiritual controller, Dr. Miller. At the time the police came in she was waiting for Miller to instruct her what she should do next in the case.

Miss Beckman, she said, was simply a friend who had gone to the house with her. Mrs. Soult, according to the police, has advertised as a fortune teller and medium and is well known as a spiritualist. Dr. Miller, whom she refers to as her spiritual controller, died two years ago.

FOUR DROWN IN LEAP OFF BURNING LAUNCH.

Father and Mother Die Before the Eyes of Their Children.

Newark, N. J., Aug. 18.—To escape a sheet of flame which enveloped the launch in which they were returning from a pleasure trip, four persons jumped into the Passaic River at the foot of Congress Street and were drowned. Others of the party unable to help, stood on the pier to which they had scrambled or had been lifted, and watched those struggling in the water until the tide closed over their heads. Of those on the pier were two young girls and a boy who saw their parents die.

Those drowned were: Mr. and Mrs. Carl Pankops, of Belleville, N. J.; Miss Catherine Ward, 19 years old, Waterbury, Conn.; Haldon D. Davey, 20 years old, of Belleville, N. J.

HARVESTERS RIOTOUS.

Stores Looted and Women Insulted—One Man Hanged.

Winnipeg, Man., Aug. 20.—About 15,000 harvesters have arrived here from Eastern Canada in the last three days, and special trains have been turned into expeditions of loot. Harvesters on the rest two or three trains have pillaged stores in small towns, terrorizing the occupants with revolvers and bowie knives. Every woman coming in the way of these rowdies was insulted and at one place a woman emptied a gun at the harvesters, wounding several. Every gang of section men which passed in daylight was shot at, and bottles and other missiles were thrown. A cow was tied to a rear car and dragged to death. At a wayside station a man was hanged and narrowly escaped death, his companions letting him down after his feet were dangling in air.

SHOT SON AND FATHER.

Bloodthirsty Italian Then Kills Himself to Escape Mob.

Westchester, Pa., Aug. 18.—Benjamin de Gildo, of Philadelphia, shot and killed Benjamin de Felix, fatally wounded Pasquale de Felix, father of the murdered man here and then, to escape capture at the hands of an infuriated mob, committed suicide by shooting himself. The shooting is said to be the outgrowth of a feud that has existed between the Italians for a long time.

Polish Actress Killed Over Precipice.

Innsbruck, Austria, Aug. 20.—As Ledantine Roman, a Polish actress, and Posselt, the violinist were ascending the Gerlos peak they fell over a precipice. The actress was killed. Posselt was seriously injured.

J. S. SHERMAN IS NOTIFIED

Republican Nominee For Vice-Pres. Says Real Issue is Roosevelt.

SAYS PEOPLE DO RULE

Declares Paramount Issue is Whether Roosevelt Administration Shall Be Approved, or People Will Trust Government to "Experimental Malcontent."

Utica, N. Y., Aug. 25.—Declaring that while a protectionist he favored an early revision of the tariff and that he approved most heartily the acts of the Roosevelt administration, James S. Sherman accepted the Republican nomination for vice-president, thus ending the last formal ceremony attending the official launching of the Republican national ticket of 1908.

In accepting the nomination Mr. Sherman subscribed heartily to the declaration of principle adopted at the Chicago convention in June, to the effect that the Secretary Taft in his Cincinnati speech, and to the policies of President Roosevelt. Mr. Sherman asserted that the approval of the Roosevelt Administration was the real issue of the campaign. The Bryan question: "Shall the people rule?" was no issue at all. "Surely the people shall rule," he said; surely they have ruled; surely they do rule. Shame on the candidate who insults the American people by suggestion or declaration that a majority of its electorate is venal.

Mr. Sherman's speech was brief and he did not attempt to discuss in detail any of the questions touched upon by Secretary Taft, saying he could not hope to persuade any one not convinced by the Presidential candidate's presentation of the platforms and the issues. He did enter into a brief discussion of the tariff and his declaration, "I am a protectionist," brought a quick response from his hearers.

Mr. Sherman praised the record of the Republican party and in contrasting it with the Democratic organization referred to the latter as an aggregation of experimental malcontents and theorists whose only claim to a history is a party name they pilfered.

Senator Julius Burrows of Michigan, Chairman of the Notification Committee, whose members gathered here from the various States of the Union, made tender of the nomination. In his speech he, too, resented what he declared was a thinly veiled accusation by Mr. Bryan that a Republican administration did not represent the rule of the people. Secretary of State Root, speaking as a neighbor and lifelong friend of the candidate, paid a glowing tribute to Mr. Sherman, politics having no place in his brief but eloquent address. President M. W. Stryker of Hamilton College, from which Mr. Sherman was graduated, also paid a personal tribute to the candidate, and there were addresses of welcome to the visiting committeemen and sightseers from Mayor Thomas Wheeler and Chairman Charles S. Symonds, of the local Republican Committee.

At the close of the ceremonies a magnificent gold-lined loving cup, a gift from his colleagues in the national House of Representatives, was presented to Mr. Sherman. The cup stands nearly eighteen inches high and is mounted on a base of ebony. The inscription read: "Presented to James S. Sherman, M. C., by his associates, August 18, 1908."

CHAFIN ACCEPTS THE NOMINATION.

Says Sentence of Death Has been Pronounced on Liquor Traffic.

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 20.—At Music Hall in the presence of a large and enthusiastic audience, Eugene W. Chafin of Chicago, accepted the nomination for the Presidency of the Prohibition Party. The address formally notifying Mr. Chafin was made by Professor Charles Scanlon of Pittsburg on behalf of the Committee on Notification appointed at the National Convention in Columbus, Ohio, July 16.

Prolonged applause greeted Mr. Chafin as he accepted the honor. Mr. Chafin said in part: "The attempt made by the Republican and Democratic Parties to create a fictitious issue is the most farcical in our history, in face of the fact that during the past four years the question of prohibition of the liquor traffic has attracted wider attention of the press and the people than all other public issues combined. The calm thought and common sense of the moral citizenship have pronounced sentence of death upon the liquor traffic, and the only thing that stays its execution is the protecting care of these two old political parties, kept alive by blind political party prejudice."

Warrants for 250 Negroes. Cincinnati, Ohio, Aug. 18.—As the result of a riot started by several hundred negroes in Greenwood, a colored settlement of the village of Lakeland, warrants were issued for 250 negroes.

WORLD NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Covering Minor Happenings from all Over the Globe.

DOMESTIC.

It was said in Boston that the militia might be called out to cope with the unprecedented wave of crime in the eastern part of Massachusetts.

Henry Farman who left for England on the New York, said he expected to return to New York in the fall with a new aeroplane.

Dr. Peter Pollis, a German scientist, arrived in New York with plans for establishing a system of forecasting weather at sea.

Frank B. Greer won the National Amateur Regatta at Springfield, Mass.

The War Department officials prepared for a test of the Wright Brothers' aeroplane, the next device to be tried out at Fort Myer.

Two masked men held up and robbed a trans-continental express train on the Northern Pacific line near Spokane, Wash.

Charles S. Mellen, president of the New York and New Haven Railroad, told the public Service Commission that his company is anxious to build a subway into the heart of New York city.

The owner of the schooner Menaway said President Roosevelt promised to pay for the damage resulting from the collision between the May-Lower and the lumberman.

It became known that Mrs. E. B. Strong, of Babylon, L. I., long deemed childless by acquaintances, has been for twenty years the mother of a daughter whom she drove from her at the child's birth.

Magistrate Higginbotham, of Brooklyn, accused by Miss Robinson of attempting to hug and kiss her during a conference in his private room, denounced the woman defendant in court and knocked down Howard Dinwiddle.

Test of the Davis torpedo seemed to show that the new type would not be turned aside by a net, but would pierce the hull of a battleship and explode its charge within the ship. Dr. Vogel, Surgeon in the Marine Hospital Service, said before leaving San Juan for New York that Venezuelans were suppressing news of the plague, and that no organized effort was being made to stamp out the disease.

FOREIGN.

The new government programme in Turkey declares that all the laws not compatible with the new regime will be amended, and army, navy and all government departments will be reorganized.

A decisive victory of Sultan Abdul-Aziz of Morocco over the troops of the usurper, Mulai Hafig, was announced by a wireless dispatch to Tangier.

The Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers in Toronto applied to the Canadian government for an arbitration board to decide the Canadian Pacific strike question.

At Rio Janeiro, Brazil, President Penna opened a national exhibition of industry and liberal arts. Thirty thousand visitors attended the ceremonies.

At San Juan, the four hundredth anniversary of the conquest of the island of Porto Rico by Ponce de Leon is being celebrated. Various relics of and documents referring to the explorer were transferred from the Church of San Jose to the Cathedral.

Six men were killed and eighteen maimed and injured in a terrific gun explosion on the French school ship Couronne, caused by the decomposition of "B" powder.

Sir Charles Hardinge, Permanent Under Secretary to the British Foreign Office, and Baron von Aehrenthal, the Austrian Foreign Minister, met at Ischl and agreed that Turkey must not be hampered in the attempt to carry out reforms.

POLITICAL.

Richard Croker will come to New York from his home in Ireland in September to aid in the effort to elect his friend William J. Bryan.

William Yancey Carter was nominated for Governor of Georgia by the Independence Party. Mr. Carter is a farmer.

Before he goes to Cincinnati, Mr. Taft will spend a week as the guest of the Middle Bass Club, which owns an island in Lake Erie, near Put-in-Bay.

Attorney-General Jackson of New York, notified the leaders of the Independent party that he would not support its ticket, but would remain a Democrat.

Judge Taft notified Chairman Hitchcock that he must obey orders and that Arthur T. Vorys, of Ohio, will be the candidate's personal representative in the campaign.

September 14 and Saratoga were selected as the time and place for the New York Republican State Convention.

Senator Elkins appealed to Mr. Taft to help save West Virginia from being won for disfranchisement of the blacks.

MOB PUTS CITY IN TERROR

Would-Be Illinois Lynchers Enraged When Ruse Saves Rapist.

GATLING GUN IS USED

Springfield, Ill., Aug. 18.—All the detachments of militia here, including Troop D, First Cavalry; Company C, Fifth Infantry, and the gatling gun section of the Fifth Infantry, were unable to quell a mob that rushed about the city threatening an attack upon the county jail, hurling bricks at the militia and police and shouting for a lynching.

Just before midnight there was a battle in Washington street between Sixth and Eighth streets, where there is a row of negro resorts. Hundreds of shots were fired. It is said negroes fired upon the mob from second story windows. The dead are G. J. Scott and Louis Johnson. Among the seriously injured are Albert Byrdline, shot through left hip; George Stusse, shot through arm; Harry O. Parrigg, member of Gatling gun section, shot in the head; Angelo Allganauka, shot through arm; George Winter, shot in hip; Robert Dahlkamp, colored, beaten by mob, condition critical. Stores conducted by negroes were wrecked, guns were stolen, from windows and plate glass windows smashed.

The rioting was precipitated by a criminal assault by a negro who crept into the home of Mrs. Earl Hallam, dragged her from her bed into her garden, where he assaulted her and left her unconscious. Her husband, a street railway conductor, was away from home at the time. Next day a negro named George Richardson was arrested and taken to the home of Mrs. Hallam. She said she believed he was her assailant. Officers thought he was not the man as he told a pretty straight story.

In a cell next to Richardson's was Joe James, a negro, who a few weeks ago entered the home of Clergy A. Ballard and attempted to assault his eighteen-year-old daughter, and in a fight with the girl's father stabbed him to death. A mob assembled at the jail, crying for the blood of both prisoners.

The crowd became so menacing that Richardson was taken first to the county jail under a heavily armed guard, and later under cover of a spectacular run of the fire department he was hurried into an automobile and with the negro charged with a similar crime was placed in a northbound Chicago and Alton train. The destination was kept a secret.

The Governor by telegraph ordered two companies of militia and one troop of cavalry from Peoria, a troop of cavalry from Bloomington and also one from Pekin. Negroes in various parts of the town have been attacked by the mob, and in two instances the negroes have turned with considerable effect upon their assailants. In one mix-up a trooper attempted to separate the combatants and was nearly overwhelmed by the members of the mob in pursuit of several negroes. A call for help brought several other cavalrymen to the scene, but they were all disarmed and their guns carried away by the rioters.

The fire companies were helpless to fight the blaze in the negro quarters, the mob refusing to allow the apparatus to approach the burning houses and having moreover cut the hose. Three members of the Gatling gun squad were injured and the rioters took several guns from the soldiers. These captured guns were used to finish wrecking a negro restaurant.

Steamer's Boiler Explodes. Traverse City, Mich., Aug. 19.—Mrs. Isabel La Bonte of this city was killed and a score of passengers were injured by the explosion of the boiler of the passenger steamer Leelanau, bound from Leland to Fouch, on Carp Lake, in the Northern Michigan resort district.

Negroes Desert Town. Duncan, Okla., Aug. 19.—One hundred negroes were residents of Duncan last week, now there are none. All headed the warning from the whites, ordering them to leave before sun-up on pain of losing their lives.

CAPTAIN HAINS KILLS HIS WIFE'S FRIEND.

Mrs. Annis Shouts Warning to Husband Sailing His Yacht Into Death Trap.

Long Island City, L. I., Aug. 18.—Capt. Peter Conover Hains, Jr., of the Forty-eighth Regiment, United States Coast Artillery, accompanied by his brother, T. Jenkins Hains, the writer, went to the Bay Side Yacht Club on Little Neck Bay and waited an hour until William E. Annis, a member of the club, came in with his racing sloop. Then T. Jenkins Hains held the crowd back with a revolver while Capt. Hains fired nine shots from a magazine pistol into the body of Mr. Annis. Mrs. Annis who was present, tried in vain to warn her husband.

The slayer used a magazine revolver of forty-five calibre, containing fifteen shots, built to fire continuously from the moment the trigger was touched until another finger movement locked the hammer. So rapid was the fire that the nine shots to unaccustomed ears sounded almost like one.

Hains shot Annis from a military kneeling position, with his weapon thrust under the bowed arm of Lewis Harway, whom the victim used as a shield. Harway attempted to shelter Annis from the rain of shot, but the captain's army training had given him quickness in handling firearms that enabled him to circumvent both men.

Capt. Hains, calm and self-possessed, told Capt. Ruthenberg of the Flushing police, after giving himself up, that he had committed the murder because Annis had broken up his home.

After driving his wife from home he said, he learned that the Hains continued, and it preyed upon his mind until he determined to put Annis out of the way. Annis was until the discovery of the intrigue a warm friend of Capt. Hains.

Capt. Hains is thirty-six years old. His wife who was Claudia Libby, was a high school girl of 16, at Wintthrop, Mass., when he married her. They have three children.

Annis, who was thirty-eight years old, had been living for the last two months at his handsome villa at Murray Hill, near Bayside, with his wife, a charming woman, and their two sons—William, aged seven, and Howard, aged five.

Thornton Hains killed a man at Fortress Monroe in 1891, who was, according to testimony in his trial as helpless to defend himself as the man his brother shot. Thornton's victim, for the killing of whom he was acquitted on a self-defense plea, had both hands on oars, pulling away from a squall. Peter's victim was in a bathing suit, and consequently weaponless.

The brothers were lodged in the Long Island City jail, where they will remain until their trial.

No Rain for Year in Hawaiian Island

Honolulu, Hawaii, Aug. 19.—The severest drought experienced in these islands for a number of years is being felt in the Nula region of Maui. This is a region devoted to small farming. There has been no rain there for nearly a year. Crops have failed and animals are dying for want of water. Many of the inhabitants have been obliged to leave the region.

Kills Deaf Mute With Auto.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Aug. 18.—Ignatz Wandrack, Ohio, a deaf mute, of this city, was run down and killed by John J. Ryan, the turf plunger, in his racing automobile.

BASE BALL.

Table with columns for National League and American League, listing scores for various teams like Pittsburgh, New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Detroit, St. Louis, Cleveland, and Chicago.

NEW YORK MARKETS.

Wholesale Prices of Farm Products Quoted for the Week.

Table listing prices for various commodities: WHEAT, CORN, OATS, BUTTER, CHEESE, MILK, EGGS, SHEEP, BEEVES, CALVES, HOGS, HAY, STRAW, LIVE POULTRY, DRESSED POULTRY, VEGETABLES, and ONIONS.