

BURN NEGRO CHURCHES

Schoolhouses and Lodge Rooms Also Fired in Three Counties.

NIGHT RIDERS' WORK

Warning to the Blacks—Fire Follows Fire Until Twenty Buildings Are Destroyed—Negro Recently Lynched in the District—Victims Afraid to Talk.

Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 1.—About twenty negro churches, schoolhouses, and lodge rooms have been burned by night riders in the territory formed by the junction of Early, Baker, and Calhoun Counties.

Among the buildings destroyed were Mount Zion Church and schoolhouse, Pleasant Hill Church and schoolhouse, Christ Church and schoolhouse, Little Zion Church and schoolhouse, Belmont Church, Mt. Aetna Church and schoolhouse, New Salem Church and schoolhouse.

The night riders first made their appearance at a point three miles east of Kestler, where the first church was fired.

This is the same district where a few months ago a number of negro lodge rooms were dynamited and where several lynchings have recently occurred.

Reports differ as to the cause of the arson. One story is that the negroes had been selling cotton too freely instead of holding it for an advance, but the general accepted theory is that the churches were burned because recently a negro in that section attacked the wife of a prominent white planter.

It is alleged by some of the whites that the negroes use their lodge rooms and churches to form plots, and that several crimes have been planned at these places.

The outrage is condemned by good citizens, and the Governor will be asked to offer a reward for the capture of the night riders.

RICH FARMER MURDERED.

Former Convict Shot and Robbed Him of Watch and Money.

Utica, N. Y., Oct. 30.—A cold blooded murder was committed near midnight in the town of Pine, twenty-five miles from Gouverneur.

The victim is Harry Omer, a prosperous farmer, whose body was found in the sugar bush on his farm with his murderer standing over him.

Shots were heard by neighbors, who rushed to the scene and found Leslie Combs near the corpse.

He was arrested and confessed that he murdered Omer for the purpose of robbery, having stolen the farmer's watch and money, and then shot him down.

Combs was discharged from Dannemora prison less than a week ago after serving a five year sentence for burglary and larceny.

DECISION WILL LET 20,000 MEN VOTE.

One Under Suspended Sentence Cannot Be Deprived of Franchise.

Albany, N. Y., Oct. 1.—In a decision handed down by the Court of Appeals it is held that a person who has been convicted of a crime and on whom sentence is suspended can vote without first having been restored to citizenship.

The question was raised by George Fabian of New York, who was arrested for illegal voting, on the ground that he had not been restored to citizenship, having two years before been found guilty of burglary, when sentence was suspended.

The question passed on was "whether the word 'convicted' means the verdict of a jury or the solemn judgment of the court."

It is understood that the decision will affect the right of about 20,000 persons to vote in this state.

Presidential Elector Resigns.

Albany, Oct. 1.—R. Ross Appleton of Brooklyn, has resigned as an Elector for President and Vice-President on the Republican ticket.

He holds the pulpit at 92 Years.

Middletown, N. Y., Oct. 1.—Believing that activity will tend to prolong his life the Rev. O. P. Crandall, of Ridgebury, Orange County, is occupying pulpits at the age of 92 years.

SAYS COWARDS' ACT COST 110 LIVES.

Captain of the Bark Star of Bengal Accuses Tug Skippers of Abandoning Vessel.

Wrangel, Alaska, Oct. 1.—One of twenty-seven survivors of one hundred and thirty-seven persons on the bark Star of Bengal, which during a storm went on the rocks and was torn to pieces at the end of Coronation Island, Captain Wagner charges the captains of the tugs Kayak and Hattie Gage, which cut loose from him, with rank cowardice.

That the two tugs which were towing the heavily laden cannery vessel to sea, deliberately cut loose from her during the storm is admitted by Captain Farrer, of the Hattie Gage, who gives this account of the disaster.

"As we came within reach of the gale we could see that we were making leeway and drifting toward Coronation Island. The Kayak was light and could do nothing. The Hattie Gage could not handle the ship alone.

At four o'clock the Star of Bengal drifted into a narrow bight and we could see land on both sides abreast. We sounded and found eight fathoms. We could see the vessel dimly by the phosphorus rocks, which were all around. We cut the tow-line and steamed out into open water, but could not see anything in the driving rain, except one blue light burning on the ship.

The news of the disaster was brought by Capt. Farrer of the Hattie Gage, which carried the survivors, twenty-seven in all. The survivors before leaving Coronation Island buried the bodies of fifteen white men on the beach. Those buried were:—

Charles Buchanan, Carl Bore, Joseph Griffin, Andrew Hanson, Frank Healy, Norman Hawkins, George Hendrickson, Benjamin Johnson, Sigurd Nelson, Erick Person, William Perischke, Peter Peterson, John Peterson, Olaf Peterson and Simon Swenson.

The cable ship Burnside, which left for the scene of the wreck at midnight, as soon as the news was received, returned with the news that the Star of Bengal was a total loss, only the ends of the masts showing above water.

The ships books and papers were found on the beach. One man had matches and a fire was built with kerosene from the wreck. The fire kept the survivors from freezing.

EBERHARD GUILTY: TO GO TO PRISON.

Slayer of Aunt Changes Plea and Is Sentenced to Thirty Years.

Hackensack, N. J., Sept. 28.—Gus Eberhard's trial for the murder of his aunt, Mrs. Ottilie Eberhard, came to a sudden by the prisoner withdrawing his plea of not guilty and pleading non vult. After a few formalities had been disposed of the prisoner was sentenced by Judge Parker to thirty years at hard labor in State prison.

The change of plea followed an hour's conference between the lawyers and judges.

5 BROWN BROKERS IN ROGUES' PHOTOS.

Firm Members Arrested on Charges of Larceny.

New York, N. Y., Sept. 28.—Five of the six members of the bankrupt Wall Street brokerage house of A. O. Brown & Co., were arrested on charges of larceny. While Edward Lauterbach, their counsel, was pleading with Magistrate Finn in the Tombs Court to save his clients from the ignominy of being measured and photographed for the Rogues' gallery, the police calmly went ahead with their work of taking the pictures, measurements and thumb prints of the accused men.

The prisoners were A. O. Brown, Edward F. Buchanan, W. Rhea Whitman, Samuel C. Brown and Lewis C. Young.

E. R. MEEKER AND WIFE DIES.

New Jersey Ex-Assembly Man's Wife Survives Him Only Two Hours.

Elizabeth, N. J., Sept. 30.—Ex-Assemblyman Ellis R. Meeker and his wife died at their home here during the night, Mrs. Meeker two hours after husband, and without knowing that her husband had passed away.

Mr. Meeker was 60 years old. He served two terms in the Legislature.

Plan to Protect Insane Patients.

Albany, Oct. 1.—Hereafter all employees of the State Hospitals for the insane when they sign the monthly payroll must certify to any cases of mal-treatment of inmates that have come under their observation within the month. This order affecting about 5,000 employees was decided upon at a meeting of the State Commission in Lunacy and the managers and superintendents of the State Hospitals.

Woman Nominee's Cigars.

Newburg, N. Y., Oct. 1.—Democrats of the First Assembly District of Dutchess County nominated Amy Shaw of Fishkill, a teacher, for School Commissioner. She passed two boxes of cigars among the delegates.

VILLAGE LOST IN FLAMES

Long Lake West Wiped Out—Firemen Sent to North Woods.

DROUGHT DISASTROUS

Western Pennsylvania Suffers—Epidemic Feared When Rain Comes—Adirondack Camps and Villages—Burn—Mohawk and Malone Division Tied Up by Heat.

Utica, N. Y., Oct. 1.—The forest fires in the Adirondacks, fanned by a strong south wind which prevailed got beyond the control of the hundreds of men who have been fighting them, and large areas were swept by the flames and several small villages and camps were wiped out.

The village of Long Lake West, a thriving lumber community, was wiped out, entailing a loss which will exceed \$150,000. The hundreds of residents of the village barely escaped with their lives, getting away on a train which had been dispatched to the scene by the Mohawk and Malone Railroad when the peril of the village became apparent.

The residents saved none of their belongings, beyond the clothes they wore and such bundles as they were able to grab up as they dashed out of their homes and clambered onto the waiting train which carried them to safety at Tupper Lake, a few miles north of Long Lake West.

The village contained about a dozen buildings, the railroad station and a large storehouse, which supplied the camp for miles around. All were destroyed.

The Mohawk and Malone division of the New York Central was put out of commission between Nehasne and Horseshoe. The intense heat of the fires sweeping over the road-bed twisted the rails out of shape so that no train could safely pass over them.

The air was unbearably hot so that crews of men that were dispatched to repair the road for a day found it impossible to enter the burned area.

Pittsburg, Sept. 29.—With losses aggregating several million dollars from forest fires and heavy damage to crops and livestock, the reported loss of a number of lives due to fighting timber conflagrations, the enforced idleness of thousands of workmen, owing to the suspension of manufacturing establishments because of a lack of water, the health authorities fearing a serious epidemic of contagious diseases, and many small streams dried up and practically obliterated, the drought of 1908, which has held Western Pennsylvania, Eastern Ohio and West Virginia in its grasp for more than two months, remains unbroken, each day gradually increasing the seriousness of the unprecedented situation.

DYNAMITE BLOWS FIVE MEN TO DEATH.

Premature Explosion in Railroad Cut in Pennsylvania.

Scranton, Pa., Sept. 29.—Three Americans and two Italians were blown to pieces in an explosion of dynamite to-day while working at Cross Keys cut, along the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad, near Tobyhanna. The Americans are:—

Harry Broadhead, married, of Tobyhanna; John Walsh, married, Firth Cliffe, Pa.; Gorick Coyne, Kingston.

The five men were tamping a hole containing eighteen inches of dynamite when it prematurely exploded.

18 KILLED, 20 INJURED.

Burlington Passenger and Freight Collide in Snowstorm.

Helena, Mont., Sept. 28.—Eighteen were killed and a score or more seriously injured near Young's Point, 200 miles east of Helena, when a Burlington and Quincy through passenger train running over the Northern Pacific and an extra freight met in a head-end collision.

The known dead are M. McConkock, J. Ryan, Milo Holloway, Col. H. Hedson, John Pawlas, L. A. Stewart, Robert Anderson, H. C. Gamble, E. L. Dymack, George McKontick, Ors Babcock, S. T. Marchington, Charles E. Johnson and George Pantlerock.

The wreck occurred during a snowstorm.

Students Back Broken in a "Rush."

Worcester, Mass., Sept. 28.—In a "rush" between members of the sophomore and freshmen classes of the Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Emil Gran, of West Wareham, Mass., a member of the sophomore class, fell, was trampled upon and his back was broken.

Wisconsin Eight-Hour Law Voted.

Madison, Wis., Oct. 1.—The Supreme Court declared unconstitutional the Wisconsin eight-hour Railroad Telegraphers' law, enacted in 1907, on the ground that it conflicts with the Federal Constitution.

North Woods Fires Halted.

Heavy rains throughout the northeastern section of the State last night have practically eliminated the danger of further forest fires in the Adirondacks.

WORLD NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Covering Minor Happenings from all Over the Globe.

DOMESTIC.

Dr. B. Bang, noted authority, of Copenhagen, decried useless slaughter of cattle which react to tuberculosis in an impromptu address before the International Congress on Tuberculosis at Washington.

F. W. Whitridge, receiver for the Third Avenue Railroad Company, asked permission to prosecute claims against the Metropolitan receivers for \$5,854,038.68.

John D. Archbold of the Standard Oil Company, said his private letter books and files had been looted three years ago by an employe who offered them for sale to a newspaper.

Dr. Irvine, prison physician at Sing Sing who resigned under pressure, said there were other stories of graft at the institution than those which concerned him.

Prof. Irving Fisher told the tuberculosis congress that the great white plague cost more than \$1,000,000,000 a year.

The Lackawanna Railroad is said to have issued an order prohibiting the throwing of rice at newly-weds travelling on its lines.

The close relation of the principal express companies and other corporations is shown by the annual report of the Public Service Commission just issued.

It became known that Dr. Irvine resigned his position as prison physician at Sing Sing under a charge of grafting.

Lee Gilbert Warren was mortally injured while playing football with the Yale scrub team.

Lieut. W. W. Ballard, jr., of the Coast Artillery, was placed on trial at a court-martial charged with "fraudulently converting to his own use" \$709 of his company's funds.

Private Belindah Denegri, a Salvation Army lassie, dismissed by court-martial, has barricaded herself in the barracks at Waterbury, Conn.

A Federal Judge in Pennsylvania declared Harry K. Thaw in contempt of court and ordered that he be taken to Pittsburg to answer. Thaw's removal will be fought.

Leslie Carter, former husband of the actress, died at Chicago.

Samuel Gompers testified in Washington that Broughton Brandenburg, acting for the National Manufacturers' Association, sought to have him sign a statement renouncing his allegiance to the cause of labor.

President Roosevelt discussed with his Cabinet the advisability of allowing the fleet to visit cholera stricken Manila.

FOREIGN.

Floods caused great loss of life in the Hyderabad and Deccan districts of India, thousands of native houses being swept away.

A dispatch from Willemstad said that President Castro had refused to receive the second Dutch note through the German minister; this course is regarded as an attempt to delay a possible blockade of the ports.

Sir Hiram Maxim, using the roulette system of Monte Carlo, defeated the Earl of Rosslyn in the contest to test the value of the latter's scheme to beat the bank.

Americans are said to be trying to force out Cardinal Merry del Val as Papal Secretary of State.

The Liberals at Newcastle-on-Tyne, suffered a heavy defeat in a by-election for the House of Commons, the Irish vote alienated by the prohibition of the Eucharist procession; being a leading factor in returning a Unionist candidate.

A mob of unemployed persons in Manchester, England, attempted to raid the Town Hall; the police, after a sharp struggle, dispersed the crowd.

Cholera cases in St. Petersburg showed a slight decrease, owing to cold weather, but fears are entertained of an outbreak in the spring.

Germany will not oppose the demands of France and Spain for reimbursement for the military occupation of Casablanca and will yield to the demand of a guarantee from Mulai Hafid to abide by the terms of the Algeiras act.

Cholera appeared in several palaces in St. Petersburg, including the Czar's winter residence.

POLITICAL.

President Roosevelt made public at Washington, a letter received by him from J. H. Marble, attorney for the Interstate Commerce Commission, giving lists of indictments and convictions in 1908 under the Hepburn act, which the President had omitted from the letter to Mr. Bryan.

William H. Taft made nine speeches at points in South Dakota, and one at Sioux City, Iowa; the keynote of most of his addresses was tariff revision.

William J. Bryan spoke to an immense crowd at Rock Island, Ill., from the same platform as Monnett, the accuser of Governor Haskell.

Mr. Taft made a trip through Iowa, accompanied by Governor Cummins and Major Lacey, rival candidates for Senator, being welcomed by great crowds at every stopping place.

RICH MAN HELD FOR ARSON

H. B. Clark Faints When Seized in Family's Presence.

CHARGED WITH THEFT

Alleged Accomplices, Boys, Say He Helped to Burn \$75,000 Hunting-ton Home—Burglary Also Charged—Alleged Jekyll and Hyde Life—Locked in Jail at Poughkeepsie.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Oct. 1.—Herbert R. Clark, a wealthy resident of Rhinebeck, was arrested charged with burglary and arson. The District Attorney has corroborated evidence that Clark helped to burn the home of Robert Huntington a Rhinebeck last February, with all its costly furnishings, entailing a loss of \$75,000.

In addition it is alleged that Clark assisted in robbing the house before it was burned, and also on a previous occasion, and that he and Roy Traver, aged 19; Sterling Traver, aged 15, and Able Bellsworth, aged 21, have committed a number of burglaries. The two latter have confessed to burglary and arson. Both incriminated Clark.

In addition the police officials found a lot of stolen property at Clark's place, and unearthed a pistol which was stolen from the Huntington place, under a floor in Clark's greenhouse, where it was hidden. A toolhouse on Clark's place was recently burned under mysterious circumstances. It is alleged that this contained the product of some of the burglaries in which he was concerned.

Clark lives on a \$30,000 estate at Rhinebeck. On every side there is evidence of taste and refinement. He is a man of leisure, and has a beautiful wife, who is prostrated by the disclosures. The couple have a baby a year old. Clark's father is A. L. Clark, a wealthy grain operator, who owns elevators in East Thirty-second Street, New York. He is in poor health and was not told of his son's predicament. Clark's mother sticks loyally to her son, and accompanied him to Poughkeepsie.

It is alleged that Clark has been living a Jekyll and Hyde life for some time. By day he was a polished gentleman of leisure, interested in all good works, and devoted to his wife. By night he led a roistering life with the young men employed on his estates. He supplied beer and liquor for them to drink, and it is alleged, encouraged them to steal chickens for midnight suppers.

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TEMPERANCE WAVE SWEEPS OVER OHIO.

Twelve Counties Carried by the "Drys" and 350 Saloons Forged To Close Their Doors.

Cleveland, Oct. 1.—Ohio is going after the saloons with a vengeance. Already sixteen counties have held elections under the Rose local option, and every one has gone "dry," driving several hundred saloons out of business. It is predicted now that when the elections are over nine-tenths of the counties in Ohio will be so. It is planned to have elections in the majority of the counties before the Presidential election, others waiting till afterward for fear of the effect the voting may have on the regular election.

First four elections were held, the following large counties going "dry" by good margins: Meigs, Morrow, Warren and Marion. Next four elections voted with the following majorities for the "drys": Van Wert, 894; Hocking, 709; Guernsey, 1,000; Gallia, 1,600; Lawrence, 1,500; Athens, 1,600; Jackson, 1,800; Pike, 900; Noble, 1,450; Scioto, 400; Vin-ton, 800, and Adams, 400.

Portsmouth, a city of 15,000, went "dry" by 400, while Gallipolis, where a fight was very bitter, gave the "drys" a 5 majority.

Marion, a city of 12,000, always a wide open town, drove the saloons out by a majority of over 600 votes.

Table with 2 columns: County, Majority. Lists counties like Hocking, Jackson, Van Wert, etc., with their respective majority counts.

Iron-ton, Oct. 15.—Hundreds of women and children paraded the streets, women furnished lunch at the polls, and the largest vote ever cast here resulted in both city and county voting "dry." This put forty saloons and one brewery out of business.

In three days three hundred saloons have been knocked out.

KILLS WIFE TO AVOID DISGRACE.

Wife Ordered from Home by Her Husband, Takes Life.

Milford, Del., Oct. 1.—Mrs. Ver-madella Cirwethien, prominent in social circles in this town, shot and killed herself after her husband had found her in the company of another man in their home. Cirwethien shot four times at the other man, but failed to hit him.

The angry husband then ordered his wife to leave. She gathered up her clothing and started to obey. A few yards from the house she stopped and pleaded to be allowed to return for the sake of her child. The husband remained obdurate and then she shot herself, dying at once.

SCREAM OF MAID CAUSES DEATH.

Servant Saw Dress in Closet and Thought It Was a Stranger.

Boston, Oct. 1.—The authorities of Arlington announced that the death of Mrs. Emily H. Niles, a wealthy resident of that town, who dropped dead during the night, was due to heart disease, aggravated by the scream of a maid who thought she saw a strange woman in the house.