

BLACK AND WHITE FEUD IN MISSISSIPPI.

Fifteen Lives Already Taken and the Trouble May Cause a Serious Race War.

Five Negroes Killed at Scooba, Five at Wahalaka, and One at Crawford.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 31.—With the number of dead placed by a conservative estimate at fifteen, the racial trouble prevailing throughout Kemper county, Miss., has reached a most acute stage, and unless quickly checked a race war of serious proportions, it is feared, will result.

After quiet had been restored at Wahalaka, where the first outbreak occurred on Monday, and shortly after the departure of the troops sent to quell the disturbance, rioting broke out afresh at Scooba, five miles south of the latter place, and during yesterday and last night five negroes are reported to have been killed. Of this latter class reports are conflicting, some placing the number of killed and wounded at a score. Troops were immediately ordered to the scene and left Meridian early today.

At Wahalaka five negroes were killed before the arrival of the troops.

At Crawford, Miss., Conductor R. N. Harrison, of the Mobile & Ohio Railroad, was shot and fatally wounded by a negro last night. The negro in turn was shot by Harrison, and before he could escape was killed by a posse. Three conscripts who were with the negro fled to the woods. One of these was later captured and shot to death. The others are being pursued. Last night a negro became involved in an altercation with two white men aboard a train near Artosia, Miss., and when the station was reached he was taken from the train and killed. The troops sent to Scooba today comprise a company of infantry and a battery of artillery.

Besides the troops an organized party of forty men from Columbus are on the scene to assist in quelling the riot.

In a despatch to Governor Vardaman last night, Sheriff Trout, of Kemper county, described the situation as critical.

Military on Hand.

Scooba, Miss., Dec. 31.—One company of infantry and a battery of artillery dismantled here today in command of Col. R. G. McCants, and are patrolling the town and adjoining country which has been much disturbed by race riots. Several negroes have been reported killed, but rumors are unconfirmed. Governor Vardaman has issued instructions to military officers to preserve peace at all hazards. Col. McCants has wired Governor Vardaman that the situation is well in hand.

There are no indications of further trouble.

GIRL OF THE FAIR LOCKS IS RAPIDLY DISAPPEARING.

Pretty Soon Drug Store Blondes Will be the Only Variety According to Man of Great Learning.

New York, Dec. 31.—That blondes are disappearing from the United States and that in time none save those that originate in the drug stores will be seen, is the contention which Maj. C. E. Woodruff of the Plainsburg, N. Y., will present to the American Association for the Advancement of Science when it meets tomorrow in Columbia University.

Once upon a time when Americans were chiefly Anglo-Saxons, a large majority were fair. Now they are growing darker, even to the extinction of the blonde type, the major declares.

Blondes, according to the major, will continue in session until January 12th, will hear many strange theories. Some of the most famous men in the United States, representing every university and several of the bureaus in Washington, will gather, to the number of 1,500, in Earl Hall. Then the different sections of the association will meet in other parts of the university buildings to hold their annual sessions.

Major Woodruff is to appear before the section in anthropology on Saturday morning. He will read a paper entitled "The Disappearance of the Blonde Type from the American Population." Though the major has not yet arrived in the city, some of the scientists who have arrived understand in a general way the character of the presentation. It is an interesting and a theory of causes. His address is looked forward to with keen interest.

Blondes according to the major, are rapidly disappearing from American life. In certain seasons of the year blonde women seem to be on the increase in New York. This usually happens in the spring and summer when it is fashionable to wear those transparent, fluffy veils.

ARREST OF A N.Y. DOCTOR'S WIFE. CASE OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY;

Charged With Theft of \$13 From a Man and Locked Up In a Cell.

New York, Dec. 31.—With the arraignment in a police court today of Mrs. Alexander Trautman, the wife of a prominent physician, on a charge of larceny, came the final act in what is believed to be one of the most deplorable cases of mistaken identity in the city's police history.

Mrs. Trautman was arrested on Christmas eve on the complaint of Peter J. Hogan, a salesman, who accused her of having robbed him of \$13 a few evenings before. Hogan said the street, had invited her into a dark hallway and that when he left he learned that the money which had been in his pocket was missing.

Mrs. Trautman protested her innocence, but the policeman upon whom Hogan had called to arrest her, took her to the station house.

The arrest of the fashionably dressed woman on the crowded thoroughfare attracted a great crowd which followed her to the station house. She was taken to a cell where she was forced to spend several hours in the company of half a dozen dissolute women who had been arrested on the various charges. At the end of that time friends of Mrs. Trautman had been notified of her predicament and had hurried to the station house to procure her release. They protested against the arrest, but it would have been in vain if not for the fact that the woman had been arrested on a charge of larceny.

Bail to the amount of \$1,000 was furnished, and Mrs. Trautman was taken to her home. When she appeared in police court on Christmas morning, Hogan, the accuser, was there to press the charge. He said he was certain that she could not have been mistaken. He declared that he had followed Mrs. Trautman for several blocks, observing her man for several blocks, observing her closely, and was satisfied before she entered a dark hallway where she was arrested.

On the strength of this testimony the magistrate was obliged to hold the prisoner for further examination today. The case had attracted very wide attention, not only on account of the high social standing of the Trautmans in the city, and the south, whence Mrs. Trautman came, but because of a realization of the danger to which any innocent woman may be subjected. It has been shown that under the present conditions in the city no woman, whatever her standing or character may be, is safe from possible humiliation such as that to which Mrs. Trautman has been exposed.

Kittie Wilson, a woman well known in the underworld, who bears a striking resemblance to Mrs. Trautman, and who has been sought by the police since last Monday, was arrested in a house in 50th street, on information given, it is said, by several female pickpockets and confidence women who were arrested last night. From police headquarters she was taken immediately to the Jefferson Market Court. Long before the case against Mrs. Trautman was called, the court room was filled to its capacity, and hundreds of persons crowded the street in front of the doors, unable to gain admittance. Hogan, the accuser, entered early, accompanied by his counsel, and 20 minutes later Mrs. Trautman arrived. Mrs. Trautman was arraigned at 4 o'clock in the afternoon after sleeping all day. It appears that he must have sat down to enjoy the society of his wife and child before the evening meal. The mother and little five-year-old Gertrude had sat on the floor, while the child played with her toy dishes and an apple. Evidently the noxious fumes of the burned gas collected in the closets shut room unnoticed by the occupants. They grew drowsy and finally dropped into unconsciousness without realizing what was happening. There was no sign of struggle, but the mother's head was turned towards the door, as if she sought for succor when it was too late.

How it happened that the girl, Myrtle, did not share the fate of the rest of the family is not known. She is at the house of her uncle, C. F. Campbell, and the doctors say she will live, but she cannot speak yet. It may be that she had been out of the room and found the others overcome when she entered, but fainted at the awful sight, or was overcome by the gas before she could get out again. Dr. S. E. Birdsall is the coroner in charge. The bodies are at Morse's morgue on Main street.

The last person known to have seen the family alive was Mrs. Doty, who was at the house in the middle of the afternoon. No one can explain how the lid came to be off the stove and the gas flame pouring out. Manager Smith

FOUND DEAD IN BED.

Frank Siples, of Ingersoll, Asphyxiated in a Hotel.

An Ingersoll despatch: Gas which escaped from a jet which was partly turned on caused the death of Frank Siples, between fifty and sixty years of age, at the Kirwan House last night. A strong odor of gas in the hotel this morning led to an investigation, and Siples was found lying on his back in bed, with his hands clasped on his breast. He had been dead for some time. His death is thought to have been accidental, as he was familiar with the gas, having occupied the same room for some time. Relatives in Brantford and Newark, Ont., were notified of his death.

NEBOGATOFF IS CONDEMNED TO DIE MASSACRED BY YAQUI INDIANS IN MEXICO.

For Surrendering Squadron at Sea of Japan—May Commute Sentence.

Attacked Party of Mexicans and Americans and Murdered Four of Them at Lancho. Other Four Killed in Another Attack Where the Indians Were Repulsed.



St. Petersburg, Dec. 31.—The court-martial which has been trying Rear-Admiral Nebogattoff and seventy-eight officers of his squadron for surrendering to the Japanese at the battle of the Sea of Japan on May 28, 1905, handed its decision at 10 o'clock today. Vice-Admiral Nebogattoff, Commander Lyeb-child of the coast defense ironclad, General Admiral Apraxine, Rear-Admiral Gregorieff of the coast defense ship Ad-

miral Zeninavin and Lieut. Smirnov, who succeeded to the command of the battleship Nicolai I., were sentenced to death, but in view of the extenuating circumstances and the long and otherwise blameless careers of these officers, the court has petitioned the Emperor to commute Admiral Nebogattoff's sentence to a short term of imprisonment in a fortress and to let the others free. Four other officers are sentenced to short terms of imprisonment.

PERISH ON THE HILLS OF SCOTLAND

London, Dec. 31.—The blizzard which commenced Christmas night continues throughout Great Britain. The country districts in most of the northern parts of the country are snow bound, trains are blocked, the roads are impassable, and isolated villages are temporarily cut off from communication with the neighboring towns. A number of deaths

UGLY ITALIAN.

HE THREATENED SETTLER IN FOLEY TOWNSHIP.

Was Clubbed Under Submission by a Constable—Two Other Italians Were Landed in Jail at Parry Sound Yesterday.

Parry Sound despatch: Last night an Italian, Tony Bert, who works for C. A. Phillips & Co., on the Canadian Pacific Railway construction in Foley township, about nine miles south of here, walked into the house of a settler with a knife in his hand and threatened to stab him on sight. Mr. J. F. Hayward, a constable, who lives near the Italian's shack, had complained of their taking his wood, and notified them not to do so again.

FOUR OF FAMILY SUFFOCATED.

Father, Mother and Two Children Dead at Niagara Falls—Girl May Die.

A Niagara Falls despatch: Sitting in his chair by the stove dead from suffocation, his wife and baby dead at his feet, his little boy dead in bed in the next room, and his little girl gasping for life on the floor, James Harris was found at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon in his home on Ferry street by his little niece, who chanced to call in at the house.

TOWN DESTROYED.

ARICA, IN WORTH CHILE, VISITED BY EARTHQUAKE.

Damage More or Less Severe Done to Other Towns in Neighborhood—District Severely Shaken at Time of Valparaiso Disaster in August.

Santiago, Chile, Dec. 31.—Half of the town of Arica, in the province of Tacna, has been destroyed by an earthquake and other towns in that neighborhood have suffered more or less severely. The seaport of Iquique, 120 miles south of Arica, was not damaged. With the recollection of the August disaster fresh in their minds, the people in the earthquake zone are greatly alarmed.

FIRE AT DAWSON.

Governor McInnes' Residence Destroyed, With Furniture and Contents.

Dawson, Y. T., Dec. 31.—The residence of Governor McInnes, of Yukon Territory, known as Government House, was burned on Christmas Day, with all its furniture. The building was valued at \$100,000. It was probably insured through the Government officials at Ottawa.

GIRL WAS STAGE-STRUCK.

Her Parents Had Her Arrested as a Vagrant.

Toronto, Dec. 31.—Mary Shannon, a girl of 14, whose parents kept a store at 210 Victoria street, was arrested last night on a charge of stealing a chateaufort bag with \$7 in it, belonging to Lillian Wagner, a girl of her own age. She told Acting-Detective Guthrie that she was an actress, and that she had played with a company which presented a play called "Lost Margaret" in Toronto Junction and other suburban places.

A MONGREL NATION.

What Canada Will be in Fifty Years, According to Moore.

London, Dec. 31.—Miner Moore, writing in the Standard, suggests that the Imperial Government invest the next year's surplus in Canadian industries, the Canadian Government to appoint a committee and guarantee that the money will not be readily invested. Mr. Moore encloses extracts from a letter received from a Canadian friend, who says: "Americans are outnumbering Canadians in the far west two to one. And as for the thousands ofscrubs, Dagoes, Galicians, Doukhobors and Russians, they are countless. The American nation is a mongrel one, and, by Jove, if

LAWLESSNESS IN CUBA.

Parts of the Island Are Unsettled Condition.

Washington, Dec. 31.—United States Secretary of War Taft has received advices from Governor Magooon at Havana, indicating that a more or less unsettled condition of affairs exists in certain parts of Cuba, and that in Santa Clara province some lawless bands are operating and pillaging. Therefore, at the Governor's instance, General Pei has ordered a considerable reinforcement of the garrison of American troops in that province.

DOUBLE TRAGEDY.

Man and Woman Commit Suicide in the Jail at Elmira.

Elmira, N. Y., Dec. 31.—The Elmira county jail was the scene of a double tragedy to-night. A woman named Jessie Wells, occupied a cell in the women's dormitory, awaiting sentence on Jan. 3 for abducting a young girl. A man named Frank Delaney, possessing a power of attorney from the woman, and who is said to have been her lover, called at the jail, and, stating that he wished to obtain the woman's signature to some papers, was shown to her cell by a guard, who stood close by while he conversed with her.

HOME RULE FOR INDIA.

Propose dat Opening of National Congress at Calcutta.

Calcutta, Dec. 31.—At the opening of the Indian National Congress today (today) Dadabhai Naoroji, former member of the British Parliament, delivered an address insisting upon the rights of Indians as British subjects to govern themselves. The speaker pointed out that the Boers, whom the Indians helped to subjugate, had seen given self-government, while India was still without it, and urged that a large patriotic fund be raised to educate Indians as to their rights and to carry on the campaign in England. There are upwards of 100 thousand delegates present, and the speech was received with a tumult of applause.

SENSATION IN OTTAWA.

Wandering Bear Pays a Call on the Civic Servants.

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—The young ladies on the ground floor of the Langevin block were in a state of fright today, when a bear made its appearance in the corridor. The animal belonged to Mr. Sam Cassidy and had been kept in a shed in the rear of his restaurant, which is just behind the Langevin block. It got loose shortly after noon, and made its way into the Government building. A waiter saw the animal escape, and hurried after him. With the assistance of some of the civil servants' bruin was finally captured and restored to his pen.

TAMMANY IN BERLIN.

Social Democrats Colonize Imperial Constituency With Floaters.

Berlin, Dec. 31.—It is understood that the Social Democrats have completed for members of the Reichstag in the Imperial constituency of Berlin, in which the Kaiser's palace is situated. This is the only metropolitan constituency that they have yet held. They held it in 1902 by only 350 votes. It is stated that they have now resorted to Tammany methods with enough floaters to ensure a majority for their party.

WHOLE TOWN TO EMIGRATE.

Nine Thousand Spaniards to Leave Bejar in a Body.

Madrid, Dec. 31.—Nine thousand of the inhabitants of the town of Bejar, Salamanca, decided some time ago to emigrate in a body. A meeting was held yesterday, which approved the exodus. Owing to disagreements between officers and the management of Hamburg shipping companies numerous steamships are unable to proceed to sea. Officers of the German East Africa line, the Woreman Lane, the Cosmos Company, the Levante Line, the German-Australia Steamship Company, and the North Baltic Company have gone on strike, declaring that they refuse to recognize the right of the companies to interfere in their private affairs.

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SHOOTS WIFE'S PROTECTOR.

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 31.—John W. Benjamin was shot and killed here today by Charles Church.

Church had been drinking, and while quarreling with his wife drew his revolver and attempted to shoot her. She screamed for help. Benjamin, who had a room in the same apartment house, rushed to her assistance. As he entered the door, Church fired four times in rapid succession, each bullet lodging in Benjamin's body.

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HOAX.—MARRY'S LITTLE LAMB THAT FOLLOWED HER TO SCHOOL HAD ONE THING TO BE THANKFUL FOR.

Hoax—"That Mary didn't go to cooking school."