

NIGHT RIDERS' CRIMES EXPOSED

Mrs. Emma Jackson, a Witness, Would Not Leave Courtroom Without Armed Protection.

SHE KNOWS THESE MEN.

Russell, Who Turned State's Evidence, Corroborated Fehring's, and Expects to be Murdered.

Union City, Tenn., Dec. 22.—When Mrs. Emma Jackson, one of the state's witnesses this afternoon in the night riders' trial, was excused from the stand she turned to Judge Jones and said:

"I will not leave the courtroom without armed protection. I know these men."

Mrs. Jackson told a vivid story of several visits of the riders, corroborating Fred Fehring's testimony in many details, as did other witnesses, and identified by name at least 27 members of the band. She was followed on the stand by her daughter, Miss Dora Jackson, 18 years of age, who corroborated her mother.

The last witness of the day was Will Russell, another alleged night rider, who has turned state's evidence. Russell came to Union City after the Rankin killing and made a confession. He was trembling with fear and could hardly raise his voice above a whisper.

Russell is under constant guard, but believes that he will be killed in spite of these precautions. Russell's story was practically the same as that told by Fehring and corroborated it in every essential detail.

Judge Shaw was the first witness. He was the proprietor of a store near Reelfoot lake. The riders forced him to give them oil to pour on the fish docks when they were burned and later whipped him when he tried to go before the grand jury.

Shaw said the night riders wore mother hoods and black masks and tried to disguise their voices by talking in false tones. When Shaw was summoned before the grand jury he tried to slip into town at night. The riders caught him and threatened to kill him. Finally they gave him his choice of a switching or hanging. He told them he was not anxious to endure either, but if he had to make a choice he would prefer the switching. He got it. After the riders whipped him they told him to run.

"Did you run?" inquired the court. "You ought to have seen me," retorted the witness.

Martin Leonard, another farmer near Reelfoot lake, was visited by the riders and given five days to move, under penalty of being hanged. Asked if he moved he casually observed that he was still alive, but his home was burned.

Witness after witness told of visitations by the riders, but there was no identification and no effort made to connect the riders with the murder of Capt. Rankin or his murderers. Mrs. Leonard was asked how many there were to the band which visited her.

"About 200," he replied. "The purpose of the state is to show the reign of terror in the Reelfoot district inaugurated by the riders and to prove that the murder of Capt. Rankin was only an incident of a general conspiracy."

This afternoon witnesses continued the corroboration of Fehring's confession, detail by detail, told by him. Old man Fagan cleared up the mystery of his name. It is Harvey. He was taken out and whipped. He did not know what he was whipped with, but it "felt powerful like a piece of leather."

The day the soldiers arrived Garrett Johnson, one of the eight defendants, drove with him to Camp Xeno. As they passed a little cottage a woman

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saw the prisoner, threw up her arms and screamed:

"Now, thank God, I can tell what I know."

She was taken under guard to Union City for her own protection. The woman was Mrs. Emma Jackson, and she was called to the stand this afternoon. The riders came to her home, forced her to dress and accompany them to her father's, with her husband and daughter. They ordered her to kill some dogs she owned and burn her father's house. She identified Garrett Johnson as the leader.

The riders came back two nights later, forced her to go to her father's half-child and said there had been some talking done. They whipped her father and then her sisters. She heard her sister's appeal for help and began to scream, whereupon they threatened to whip her. Again she recognized Garrett Johnson and several others.

A third time they called to force her to get rid of her sister's little child because the latter had quarreled with another neighbor's child. They told Mrs. Jackson that if they had to come again they would whip her. A fourth time they came to whip her father because he testified before the grand jury. On the last visit Garrett Johnson asked Mrs. Jackson if she had talked. She replied:

"No, Mr. Johnson, I have not."

"If you were a man," Johnson retorted, "I'd blow your brains out. We will hang you if you talk."

MISS ANNIE PECK ARRIVES.

She is Woman Mountain Climber Who Ascended Mount Huascarán.

New York, Dec. 22.—Fresh from a triumphal tour of the Peruvian and Ecuadorian trip, where she scaled the summit of Mount Huascarán, one of the highest peaks in the world, Miss Annie S. Peck of Providence, R. I., arrived here today on board the steamer Allalanca from Cris total.

GAME WARDEN RESIGNS.

Helena, Mont., Dec. 22.—Without assigning any reason for his action, State Fish and Game Warden W. E. Scott today tendered his resignation, to take effect Jan. 1, whereas his term did not expire until March 1. There are 40 applicants for the position, which is one of the best in the state service, both as regards salary and patronage.

CASTRO REGIME IN VENEZUELA OVER

Dictator Said to Have Conspired To Compass Assassination of Acting President Gomez.

CONSPIRATORS HIS FRIENDS.

New Government Gives Evidence of a Desire to Settle All Disputes With Foreign Powers.

Caracas, Monday, Dec. 21, via Willemstad, Dec. 22.—The end of the rule in Venezuela of Cipriano Castro has come. The dictator, who has governed the republic with a rod of iron ever since he took forcible possession of the Yellow House in Caracas in 1899, is now openly charged with conspiracy to compass the assassination of a man he left at the head of the republic when he sailed away on Nov. 23 for La Guaira, nominally to secure skilled medical aid in Berlin for a malady of long standing, and is today thoroughly discredited. The Bank of Venezuela has cabled its correspondents at Berlin and Paris cancelling the unlimited letter of credit given to President Castro when he left Venezuela for Europe, and no one in Caracas believes he will ever dare return to the capital. The Castro cabinet has been forced to resign, and a new and progressive ministry has been formed by Juan Vicente Gomez, the acting president.

The attempt upon the life of Gomez was frustrated by the coolness and courage and the daring act of the president himself. Alone and unsupported he arrested the ringleaders of the conspiracy with his own hands in the presence of their armed adherents, and after this action he issued a proclamation, saying that not only had he saved his own life but he had maintained the highest ideals of the republic.

Already the new administration shows signs of a desire and intention to settle the disputes between Venezuela and foreign powers that have kept the republic in a light of unfavorable notoriety for several years past.

At a conference held yesterday between Acting President Gomez and Baron von Seckendorff, the German minister in charge of the interests of Holland since the departure of the Dutch minister, M. De Reus, last summer, it was agreed to suspend the operation of a decree issued by President Castro prohibiting the trans-shipment of goods destined for Venezuela. Pending the signing of the treaty between Holland and a duly empowered Venezuelan authority, the Dutch warships that have been patrolling the Venezuelan coast for nearly three weeks will be withdrawn.

The attempt to assassinate Gomez and several of the ministers was decided upon on Friday night, Dec. 18, Gomez heard of the plot and took the personal stand that tipped it in the bud.

THE CONSPIRATORS. The men concerned in the conspiracy were President Castro's closest friends and best known adherents. Secret cipher cablegrams have passed between President Castro in Berlin and his agents here, the popular anti-Castro demonstration on Dec. 13 and 14. A prominent lawyer has filed an accusation in the high court, charging President Castro with conspiracy in the plot to assassinate Gomez and proposing the impeachment of Castro.

The minister of the interior, Lineras Alcantara, issued a proclamation today addressed to the governors of the federal districts and federal territories, which after praising the new government says "to what principal is due the ability to control, to well and indefinitely improve. Today by order of the first magistrate all citizens in prison for political causes are liberated. The complete and necessary justice all Venezuelans at large for the same causes are called back. We have pending the international conflict which the country knows through the recent government's announcements and this demands imperiously from Venezuelans the obligation of uniting in a common cause. Let us show that we are worthy and strong in defense of the honor of our flag."

The proclamation says further that each state will dispose of a share of its income according to a proportion and the government will study every economic condition and give particular attention to the credit. Referring to public contracts, it says that these must be re-established on the basis of constant and reciprocal good faith. "Venezuela knows," says the proclamation, "to what principal is due the poverty of all working classes, and the government will make indispensable rectifications. Venezuela wishes a frank and honest friendship with all civilized nations. We must therefore try to come to some definite conclusion with regard to questions now at issue, always consulting the dignity of the nation and its inalienable rights."

The minister asks that prudence be exercised by the citizens.

AFTER INAUGURATION TAFT WILL VISIT TEXAS.

Augusta, Ga., Dec. 22.—President-elect W. H. Taft decided today to visit the state of Texas at some convenient time after his inauguration, preferably at the end of the special session of Congress which he is to call to revise the tariff. While his itinerary for the visit has not been arranged, he will make the city of Dallas one of the principal points of the trip.

Thirty cities and towns of the Lone Star state until in consequence of his presence at any time he should choose to come. The invitation expressed a keen desire on the part of the commercial bodies of the places in question to make the personal acquaintance of Mr. Taft and promised him a cordial welcome and courteous treatment. It also dwelt upon the advantage which would result both to the state and to himself through such a visit.

But three southern cities beside Augusta will see the president-elect during his present tour in the southland. He will visit Atlanta at some time to be fixed by a delegation which will come here next week. He will embark for Panama from Charleston, S. C., and has decided to land at New Orleans on his return.

TO CONSERVE WATER POWER.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Practically the first steps toward a more judicious use of the water power of the country in line with the policy of President Roosevelt to conserve the natural resources of the United States are now being taken by the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce, in the preparation of a bill to regulate the construction of dams across navigable waters.

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MRS. EMILY C. CHADBURNE GETS HER ART TREASURES

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