

WOMEN RISE TO PROTEST

Brutal Treatment of Unfortunates By Police Stirs Up North Bench Residents.

BOY BEATEN WITH A CHAIN

Children Passing to and From School See Cruelty in Its Worst Form.

When Protest Is Made to Police Chief, Women Are Answered in Insulting Manner.

A storm of protest against mistreatment of prisoners of the city chain gang at the hands of Mounted Patrolman George Harris has broken out among the people living in the district where the chain gang has been working...

According to numerous reputable persons in that vicinity, chain gang prisoners who have attempted to escape because of the brutal treatment which they receive from Harris, have been chased through the neighborhood until they took refuge in private homes...

These eye-witnesses state that conditions became so frightful that they telephoned repeatedly to Chief of Police Barlow, protesting against the inhuman treatment of chain gang prisoners...

Among the army of witnesses who have seen all of these things and protested to Chief of Police Barlow and Lieut. Richard L. Shannon against abuse of chain gang prisoners are the following: Mrs. Valentine Scroggs, 334 E. street; Mrs. Ashley Wallace, 341 E. street; Mrs. M. P. Price, 328 E. street; Mrs. H. J. Halton, Jr., 475 D. street; Mrs. James Moncarr, 43 E. street; E. N. Engberg, 466 C. street, and his two daughters, the Misses Lillian and Dell Engberg; Mrs. M. M. Kershaw, 472 E. street; Mrs. Joseph Buzzo, 464 F. street and many others.

CHAIN GANG NOT OUT TODAY.

So emphatic have the people in this neighborhood been in their protest against the brutality shown chain gang prisoners, that Chief of Police Barlow this morning did not send the chain gang out to work. He said that the way that they will not tolerate any more atrocities, and demand that the chief of police keep the chain gang away from that locality permanently.

It is stated on good authority that Chief of Police Barlow, alarmed at the prospect of an Indian war, which has swept that district, will now change the chain gang to City creek canyon, where they will be put to work at digging sump holes in the canyon.

BEATEN UNMERCIFULLY.

Regarding the abuse of young Anderson, Monday, Nov. 22, Mrs. Valentine Scroggs said: "I was one of the most horrible things I ever saw in my life. The guard of the chain gang took that poor boy and chained him to a telegraph pole with a chain, and he was square just above my home, where I could see him clearly. The guard beat him unmercifully. The prisoner was kept bound to the telegraph pole in the morning until 12 o'clock noon of that day. A large crowd of women in this neighborhood became aroused by the brutality of the guard, and we protested against his treating the prisoners in that manner. The boy didn't have an overcoat, coat or gloves on. It was a very cold day. The night made me cry, and lots of other women cried. I wanted to take warm coffee and some clothing and food to the boy, but the guard wouldn't let us do it. Finally, I tried to telephone to Chief of Police Barlow about it, but I was so broken up over it that I couldn't talk, so Mrs. Marshall telephoned. Later, the boy was removed. The other guard, who was the one who had bound him to the pole, walked behind with a big rifle pointed at us, as though he were some desperate criminal. We found out that the boy had only been arrested for vagrancy, and that he had tried to escape because the guard wouldn't let us take warm coffee and some clothing and food to the boy. I think it is awful that Chief Barlow should permit such shameful abuse of prisoners. They have been worked in zero weather, without overcoats, and many of them didn't even have coats. Some of the men only had undershirts on, without overcoats. Some of them had no coats or undershirts, and only wore thin overcoats. It didn't until last Saturday morning that the prisoners were given gloves, and even then some of them had to work barehanded, when the thermometer was only 4 degrees above zero. I think that the chain gang is an outrage. I can't understand how the police dare to use prisoners in such a manner. I

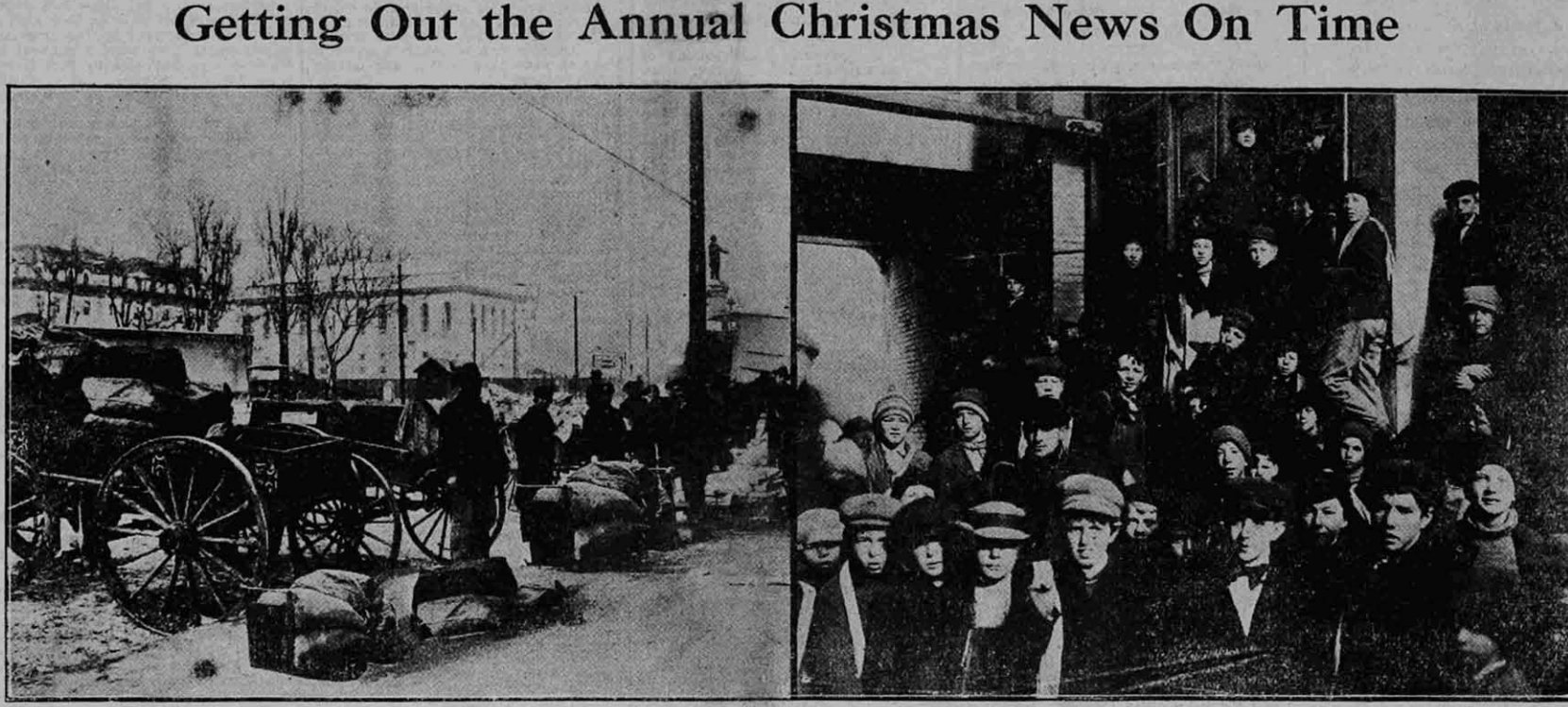


Photo by Utah Photo Materials Co. 'NEWSPAPERS' IN THE ALLEY AT 11 A. M.

MAIL SACKS FOR THE NEWS.

When the press stopped running at 4 o'clock Saturday, continuous hours there were close to 30,000 copies of The Christmas News in the course of handling. This last run was the kind of a similar sections on the part of the pressman and his assistants in the Desert News basement. For weeks before a small army of trained copywriters, and others connected with a modern news-

GENERAL ESTRADA ASKS RECOGNITION

Appeals to Secy. Knox in Name of Liberty and Justice, Claiming They're on His Side.

ZELAYA MUST BE EXCLUDED.

Nicaraguan Revolutionists Will Not Accept as President Any One Friendly to Him.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.—Peace in this country can only be assured by the complete exclusion of Zelaya and his followers. We will continue fighting until this is secured. In the name of liberty and justice on our side we ask you to recognize my government.

FEARED GUARD WOULD SHOOT.

E. N. Engberg, an elderly man, living at 466 C street, said: "We heard a lot of shots, and thought somebody was being killed, when a boy came running up at us and said nothing. After a while, they unbound the boy from the pole and led him away. One guard walked on one side of him, and another guard walked on the other side, while the man who had chained him to the pole walked behind him with a rifle pointed at his back. I thought it was one of the most terrible things I ever saw. We don't want the police to keep order here, but we want the police to see the abuse of the prisoners is degrading and brutal, and the influence of such a sight day after day on the minds of the people in this neighborhood is very bad, in my opinion. The chain gang looks more like a barbarous relic of the middle ages than like a twentieth-century institution. I never would have believed that such things could be, in free America, but now I know that such awful conditions do exist, because I have seen the proof with my own eyes."

DRAGGED BEHIND HORSE.

Awful stories of abuse were told by the chain gang prisoners themselves. They said that young Anderson had finally escaped, after Harris had tied him to a telegraph pole and beaten him with a chain, and kept him bound for three hours in the cold, with snow on the ground. They said that Harris had also handcuffed the boy, tied him to his saddle with a chain, and dragged him behind his horse, while he ran up and down the hill until the prisoner had a hemorrhage.

NOT THE FIRST CRUELTY.

Mrs. Halton was corroborated by her husband, who added that about two weeks before this case, which took place on Monday, Nov. 22, another prisoner on the chain gang had been bound to a telegraph pole at the cooking camp for a whole day.

SHOTS AROUSED NEIGHBORHOOD.

Mrs. Kershaw said: "On the day that the guard chained the boy to a pole and beat him with a chain, I heard a great many shots, fired in rapid succession. The whole neighborhood turned out to see what was the matter. The boy fell at Miss Lillian Engberg's feet and cried out: 'O, save me, save me! Don't let them get me. They will kill me. Harris beat me with a chain and I ran away to escape, but they are following me with guns. Please don't let them get me. I never did anything wrong. Hide me. Don't let them get me. They will kill me. I don't want to go to jail. Miss Engberg's pity was aroused, and she gave the boy refuge. It was a horrible sight. But the guard soon found out where the boy was, and he ran into the house and when he found the boy he dragged him into the front hall and gave him a terrible beating. Then he took him over to the rear of a new house that was being built at 318 Tenth avenue, and chained the boy to a post until he died. The guard finally saw all of us women protesting against the boy's brutality, and told him he would have to unbind the boy from the post and take him away. Finally, we telephoned to the chief of police, who said that he would have the prisoner removed. Then the guard took the boy and the people in that section of the city to the police station. The boy was kept chained to that pole for over three hours, and the weather was terribly cold. Ever since that time, I have seen the whole thing, and we all protested against such frightful mistreatment of the prisoners."

THREE LITTLE CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—John, Charles and Mary Corrode, aged 7, 2 and 4 years, respectively, were burned to death today in their house at south Chicago when the house caught fire from an unknown cause during the absence of their parents.

TOM D. PITT CALLED BY DEATH TODAY.

Former Chief of Police and Well Known Business Man Dies of Diabetes.

SUGAR FRAUDS AGAIN UNDER INVESTIGATION.

New York, Dec. 20.—Sugar frauds were again under investigation here today and hints thrown out unofficially led to the belief that an indictment against an individual in the sugar industry is being prepared.

FIFTY-MILLION DOLLAR MELON TO BE CUT.

New York, Dec. 20.—A financial "melon" involving a \$50,000,000 stock distribution is said today to be planned by the Consolidated Gas company, the local lighting combine. The company will move to the city and erect plants from the high priced city property to Long Island and the Consolidated will form a company to take over the vacated city property and distribute the stock at a 50 per cent dividend to the Consolidated stockholders.

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COL. ROOSEVELT CROSSES VICTORIA NYANZA.

Entebbe, Uganda, Dec. 20.—After a delightful voyage across the Victoria Nyanza, Col. Roosevelt and party arrived here today. At the pier they were met by government officials who were introduced to the Americans by Chief Secy. Kussell.

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MANY FAMILIES DESTITUTE

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When a mountain of ice jammed the Ninth North bridge over the Jordan river Sunday night, the river backed up to Fifth North street, overflowing its banks, flooding an area of two square miles, rendering a score of families homeless, temporarily, destroying their winter provisions and freezing chickens and turkeys to death. For five hours Sunday morning Jake T. Raleigh, street supervisor, with a gang of 20 men, and 10 teams worked incessantly to relieve the situation. Many of the residents were carried out of their houses which were filled with a foot of water and ice and taken across the river to other homes. A canal was dug 300 feet long to drain the water into the river at a point below Ninth North street, and the men used dynamite to blow out the ice jam and the middle section of the bridge to stop the overflow of the river.

Many of the women and children suffered from exposure while they were being transferred through the ice and water. In several instances the resulting party was unable to get to the houses with teams on account of the ice. In some places it was frozen hard enough to hold up a horse, in other places the animals broke through, the ice cutting their legs, and the men were unable to make much progress with the teams. Several members of the families had to be carried by brothers and fathers several blocks before they could get to a wagon, and be carried across the river.

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