

THE JURY DISGUSTED THE JUDGE

Gary Criminal Case Tried in East Chicago Yesterday Makes Big Crowd of Gary Negroes Happy As Larks As They Go Home.

CELEBRATE WITH A JOLLIFICATION

State vs. Hodges Provides Some Legal Sensation When Jury Refuses to Convict Colored Men of Chicago That Are Brought Against Him.

(Special to The Times)
East Chicago, Ind., Oct. 3.—A jury in Judge William A. Reiland's court yesterday afternoon returned a verdict that places a direct premium on crimes, permitting its open pursuit among the colored population of the steel city of Gary.

The verdict was returned in the case of the state of Indiana vs. Eugene Hodges, charged with unlawfully cohabitating with one Savannah Allen, the wife of a prominent Gary negro.

She Was a Co-Defendant.
It was originally called before Judge Huber's court and later venued to the local justice court, where Attorneys Ottenheimer, of this city, and Heart, of Gary, who represented the defense, demanded a jury trial. Twelve citizens of East Chicago were selected and impaneled shortly after noon yesterday. The following well known East Chicagoans returned the verdict that has aroused the storm of discussion in local legal circles: Leo McCormick, W. L. Cherry, Harry Thompson, Harry Lemon, Harry Brown, Ben Popeatz, William McKenzie, John Barnowski, E. A. Miller, William Kregan, William Egner and F. W. Ernst.

Makes a Confession.
Bessie Smith, a keeper of a Gary disreputable house, confessed that Hodges had registered with the Allen woman as man and wife, as well as associating with a woman by the name of "Little Bill," so called on account of her diminutive stature. The woman in question also declared that she had known Hodges, although possessed of the knowledge that Hodge had a wife living in Gary. Hodges, the man in the case, insisted that he was merely an acquaintance of the Allen woman and had seen her but infrequently.

Towards evening, the dusky co-defendant startled the jury and court by declaring, "Mister Judge, I can't fool dem people any longer. I make mahn living in just that way." The jury was out but five minutes following this declaration of her guilt, and their return was as startling as the woman's partial admission.

Judge Is Disgusted.
Judge Reiland did not even thank the jury for their patience and was evidently disgusted with the evident swerving of justice. The negroes from Gary quickly assembled and spent an hour in boisterous rejoicing. Walking up and down the streets of East Chicago, they waited for the car that returned to the Steel City. Hodges quickly sought out his dusky affinity, Savannah Allen, and together they returned to the scene of their former amorous difficulties.

GIRL UPSETS A STOVE

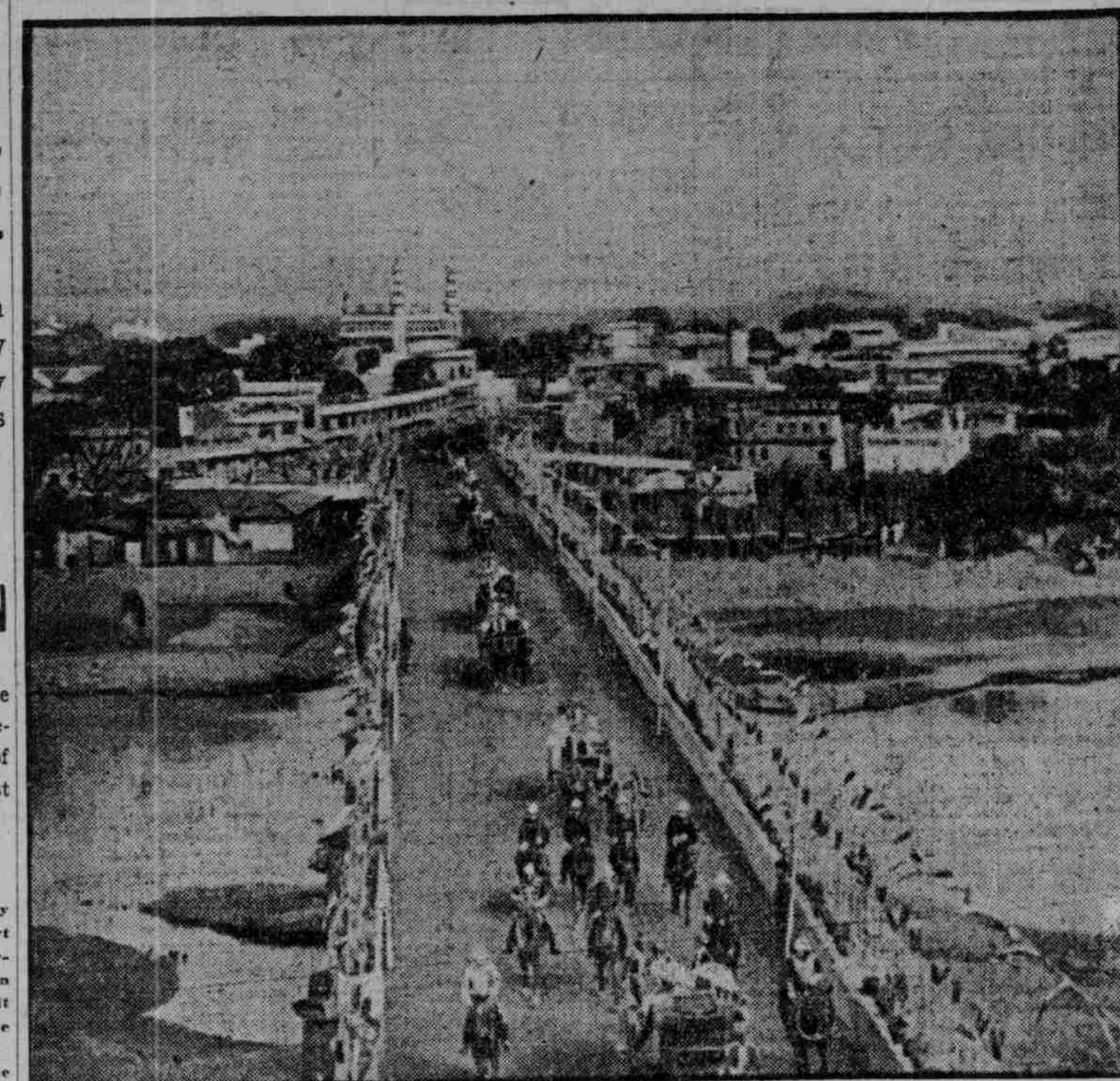
Central Operators in Gary Exchange Are Given a Fire Scare.

The telephone operators in the Gary exchange were given a sudden thrill yesterday afternoon, and one of the operators in particular when in crossing the room she upset the gasoline stove. These stoves are the only means the tenants of the Smith building have of heating the building, and have been used by the telephone company since the cold spell has begun.

As soon as the stove tipped over employees rushed to the blazing mass and hurried it through the window. Because of the quick action there was no danger at any time that the building would be set on fire. The young women were frightened for a while, however, but the service on the exchange was uninterrupted. Manager Sinclair says that at no time was there any danger of setting the building on fire, as there were plenty of men about the building to handle the stove the minute it was tipped over.

Truth by Uncle Eben.
"It's all right," said Uncle Eben, "to have a proud spirit, provided you takes pride in what you kin do instead of in how much time you kin put in dressin' up an' loafin'."

Hyderabad, Where It Is Reported Floods Have Killed 50,000.



Hyderabad, India, is the capital of the independent Indian state of the same name and the seat of the nizam, the greatest Moslem potentate in India. The city has many large and beautiful buildings, including the nizam's palace, has a permanent population of 500,000 and a bazaar which attracts thousands of visitors.

CHICAGOANS CONSIDER THEMSELVES LUCKY

Panic on Lake Shore Flyer
As Car Leaves the
Rails Yesterday.

TENDER JUMPS THE TRACK

Many Wealthy Chicago People Get a
Sensation They Won't
Soon Forget.

The exclusive story of the accident to the Lake Shore Flyer in last evening's Times was read with much interest in Gary. The Chicago morning papers gave a great deal of space to the story and tell of a number of incidents in connection with the miraculous escapes.

The Lake Shore Twentieth Century limited jumped the track a half mile west of Gary yesterday and the big train narrowly escaped rolling down the high embankment on which the tracks run. The passengers, many of whom were Chicagoans, were thrown into a panic and it was not until the train pulled into Chicago, an hour and a half late, that calm was restored.

S. O. Levinson, Clarence A. Knight and Conrad H. Poppenhauer of Chicago had just seated themselves in the dinner and had ordered breakfast when the rear trucks of the tender left the rails. For fully a mile the tender bumped along on the ties at the rate of sixty miles an hour, while the engineer tried to stop. The dishes on the table in the dinner were thrown about the car and the waiters became panic-stricken in their efforts to get out.

Passengers Thrown to the Floor.

Fred W. Upham, Comptroller Walter H. Wilson and Rudolph Waterman, president of the Ajax Forge company, had started down the train toward the smoker but never reached their destination, the rolling cars throwing them off their feet.

At the point where the accident occurred a high embankment is thrown up on which the tracks are built, and the train left the track entirely the wrecks would have been a serious one.

DAMAGE DONE TO CARS.

The dining car and smoker, just behind the crippled engine, were scenes of the greatest excitement. An air horn on the diner broke loose from its fastenings and well to the ground and dragged along the roadbed for a mile. An angle bar of the track was uprooted and tore a great hole through the floor of the smoker.

Mr. Knight said that it seemed fully four or five minutes before the train was brought to a standstill. When it finally stopped it was discovered that not a passenger was injured. A new engine was secured and took up the journey to Chicago, arriving here before noon.

The officials of the New York Central lines could say nothing concerning the wreck until a full report from the train crew had been received.

Other Chicagoans who were on the train were: L. C. Rose, president of the North Avenue State bank; Clarence L. Peck and Harry Black, president of the United States Realty company.

9 SHOTS SOUND ALARM

Familiar Signal in Gary
Brings Out Police Force,
Which Acts in Role of Fire
Department—Old Barn Is
Destroyed by Flames.

EQUIPMENT LACKING FOR EFFECTIVE WORK

Six Hundred People Gather on Scene
to Witness Spectacular Blaze—
Hose Nozzle Is Slogged With a
Piece of Wood—Stream Is Re-
duced.

At 6:45 last night when Broadway was crowded with pedestrians nine shots rang out in the air from a policeman's gun, sounding the familiar fire alarm in Gary. The police responded with the chemicals at once and rushed to the scene of the blaze in one of the buildings of the Faulkner Construction company. Here one of the barns, which had previously been occupied by the Gary Team and Transfer company, was ablaze and burned entirely to the ground.

Six hundred people gathered around the flaming structure to see the fire and assist the police. It was thought for a time that it would be impossible to save the various structures known as Faulkner Inn, where the pioneers in the construction of Gary lived and boarded in the old days.

It was soon determined that in a blaze of that kind that the chemicals would be of no use, so two lines of hose were procured and run down from the Sixth avenue hydrant.

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GARY'S POST OFFICE TO BE OPENED SOON

Arrival of Inspector May
Delay Opening of the
New Building.

FURNITURE IS NOW COMPLETE

Present Location in Knott's Building
Will Be Abandoned Because
Is Too Small.

Postmaster John West Call states now that he has a pretty good line on the date at which the post office will move from its present location in the Knott's building on Fifth avenue. He states that it will be not later than the 10th of this month. The furniture for the building is now practically completed and it will be moved into the Fifth avenue store within the next week.

After the furniture is in, however, it will have to be inspected by the government inspector. After it is sent for it may be a week or it may be two weeks before he can arrive from Indianapolis and this may delay the opening of the new office. The inspection of the office equipment will have to be done on one Sunday, and on the following Sunday the office will be moved so that there will not be a working day when it will be closed. The only thing, therefore, that is likely to delay the opening of the new office is the non-arrival of the inspector when he is sent for by Postmaster Call.

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