

# NO LEGAL STEPS IN LYNCHING ANNOUNCED

By Associated Press.

MARYVILLE, Mo., Jan. 13.—Ashes of a little country schoolhouse and the body of a 27-year-old negro, charged with slaying its teacher, mingled on frosty soil near here Tuesday as authorities considered the unlicensed execution.

No definite action was announced against men who Monday invoked lynch law in the case of Raymond Gunn, negro trapper and ex-convict, accused of attacking and killing Miss Velma Colter, 19, teacher, last Dec. 16.

Gunn, seized from a sheriff's party marching him to court for a preliminary hearing, was burned to death chained to the roof of the school in which Miss Colter was violated and slain.

Leaders of the mob said Gunn confessed he killed the teacher and implicated Paul "Shibe" Smith, another Maryville negro, in the attack. Officers discredited the assertion Smith was involved. Upon reports some members of the mob were seeking him, however, Smith was placed in jail in Omaha, Neb.

Sheriff Harve England and his deputies did not pursue the mob. Battery C, One Hundred and Twenty-eighth Field Artillery, Missouri National Guard, mobilized Monday by order of Adj. Gen. A. V. Adams, was not called into action.

Virgil Rathbun, prosecuting attorney, gave no indication of prosecution of the leaders. He termed the lynching "a regrettable affair—a very, very sorry matter." The sheriff said he hadn't planned anything.

Governor Henry S. Caulfield, in Jefferson City, declined to comment pending receipt of a report from the Adjutant General.

"My men," General Adams said here, "could do nothing until county authorities asked for assistance."

No call, he said, was received for the troops, uniformed and armed a block from the courthouse.

## PETTENGILL, CO-WORKER OF EDISON'S AT KEY, DIES

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 13.—Heman J. Pettengill, who rose from a telegraph operator to one of the dominant figures of the telephone industry, is dead at the age of 79.

Mr. Pettengill, former chairman of the board and former president of the Southwestern Bell Company, died Monday night at St. Luke's Hospital here, where he had been a patient for several weeks. His family traced its ancestry to the Mayflower and to John Alden and his wife, Priscilla.

Born in Brunswick, Maine, in 1851, Mr. Pettengill went to work as a telegraph operator for the Western Union in 1870. One of his early associates at the telegraph key was Thomas A. Edison, and the two worked side by side in the Western Union office in



## Fort Worth Envoy Convoys Rogers Past Dallas

FORT WORTH, Jan. 13.—Seemed good to get away from in front of a movie camera and get back on an airplane again. Left Beverly Monday morning and here in Fort Worth Monday night, on regular daily passenger run.

Was met here by Amon Carter. You can try to sneak into this city on a bicycle, but Amon Carter will meet you at the city limits and welcome you.

No other city in America has anything approaching such a public citizen as Carter. He met me by special plane 200 miles out to prevent me going into Dallas first. He poisoned one friend just to keep him out of Dallas.

I am down here to help Congressman Garner divide up Texas into 12 Democratic Senators.

Yours, WILL.

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## Thar She Blows! Whar? Over Thar! Big Whale Takes Boatmen for Ride

By Associated Press.

PALM BEACH, Fla., Jan. 13. Shades of Moby Dick, "thar she

## STATE CONTROL OF CROP URGED

By Associated Press.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Jan. 13.—Legislative control of cotton acreage was endorsed here Monday night by the Southern Association of Commissioners of Agriculture.

The state commissioners had been old in addresses that a mounting surplus and overproduction threatened

Southern growers with poverty and a disastrous year unless the output is reduced.

"I would rather have my wife dressed nicely than be going around talking about invading people's rights with the seat of my breeches out," said State Senator W. B. Roberts of Mississippi in advocating a resolution adopted without a dissenting vote.

E. C. McInnis, Mississippi's director of agricultural service, was the only one who spoke against the resolution and he did not vote. He said legislation to enforce acreage reduction "tampers with economical laws and puts us on dangerous ground."

"This is a question of starving children and farmers," Roberts said in reply. "It is constitutional and it is the only solution."

# "Fire! M Blow Bl

DRILLING had been going on normally in McKelvain No. 1 when suddenly there was a crimson flash. "Fire!" came the piercing cry above the din of drilling. "McKelvain No. 1 blows in blazing!" Fifteen minutes later the huge steel derrick, weighing eight tons crumpled in a molten mass.

For two days and nights the men on the job fought a losing battle against this terrific fire.