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## WE COUNCIL AGREED ON BIG QUESTIONS

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Associated Press  
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**HUNS MUST PAY**

## SOLDIERS TO FACE JURORS THIS WEEK IN LYNCHING CASE

### Nine Soldiers Must Face Marion County Jurors on Charge of Taking Young Miner From Jasper Jail and Sieving His Body With Bullets—State's Most Notable Lynching

## HIGH POINTS IN BAIRD LYNCHING, MOST NOTABLE OF ALABAMA CRIME

Here is a brief history of the most sensational lynching case in the history of Alabama, and probably the only one on record where troops in the field to maintain order have been charged with taking a prisoner from jail and shooting him to death:

December 22—James Morris of Tuscaloosa, member of Company M, Alabama national guard, on duty in the Walker county coal strike zone, shoots and kills John Yokel, a miner. While Morris is waiting for assistance in carrying for the body, he is shot down by William Baird, also a miner and son-in-law of Northcutt, who makes his escape.

December 25—Baird surrenders to Winston county sheriff at Halesville and is taken to the Franklin county jail for safe keeping.

December 27—Baird is removed to the Walker county jail at Jasper, where he con- fesses killing Private Morris, claiming he fired a bullet into the soldier's breast when Morris tried to shoot him.

January 12—The Walker county juror is overpowered by a small body of men, who seize Baird and drive away in two automobiles. Later in the day his bullet-riddled body is found beside a road two and a half miles from Jasper.

January 14—Members of Company M, stationed at Townley, near Jasper, are ordered to their home barracks at Tuscaloosa. Clyde Springer, a member of the detachment, and Leslie West, a "Posney" (armed driver), are held by the military authorities, who have begun an investigation into the lynching of Baird.

January 15—Springer and West are taken to Montgomery, where they are ques- tioned by Governor Kibby and Attorney General J. Q. Smith.

January 16—West confesses he furnished the automobiles used by the mob, and names several members of Company M who are brought to Birmingham and placed in jail. In the meantime the company's jury is striding away on the case.

January 17—Special grand jury is organized at Jasper.

January 18—Oly Cannon and Clyde Springer, grandmen, brought before grand jury.

January 19—Nine members of Company M indicted by grand jury charged with first degree murder in partial report.

January 20—Grand jury continues investigation under the direction of Judge Hester Q. Wilkinson, adjutanted by Governor Kibby as special assistant attorney gen- eral to these, the prosecution.