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A TRAGEDY IN A COURT

Judge, Sheriff, States' Attorney Killed.

Hillsville, Va., March 14.—Eighteen outlaws of the Blue Ridge Mountains today participated in an unprecedented crime here. They attempted by assassination to wipe out all the officers of the law in this, the county seat of Carroll county.

Nine of these men are still in Hillsville, heavily armed and defying the residents. The list of the dead is as follows: Judge Thornton L. Masie, shot three times. Sheriff L. F. Webb, shot four times. Commonwealth Attorney William Foster.

Wounded and in a serious condition: Floyd Allen, leader of the "Feud Gang," shot two times. Others wounded: A. C. Cane, juror, shot twice. Stuart Worrall, spectator. C. C. Fowler, juror, shot twice. Dexter Goad, clerk of the court, shot once in trying to wrest pistol from Allen.

The scene of the wholesale murder was the quaint little old-fashioned red brick county court house. There had been reports that an attempt might be made to rescue Floyd Allen, who himself had aided a prisoner friend recently to escape from the county officers. The trial had been in progress for several days, however, without any indication becoming public of the carefully planned plot of the Allen brothers and their associates.

Floyd Allen had been found guilty and had called for sentence today. The stuffy little courtroom, with its coal stove and crude furniture, was crowded. Sidney and Jack Allen were among the first arrivals and were seen to take their places near the rail marking the enclosure for prisoner and counsel engaged in the case. Standing nearby were a number of their associates and friends from the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Judge Masie went about the usual matter of fact way, but the words "one year at hard labor" had scarcely passed his lips when there came the crack of a revolver.

In an instant this was followed by a volley of shots and the judge, who had partly risen at the first shot, lay dead and bleeding on the bench. Commonwealth's Attorney Foster was sitting directly in front of the bench and was next to succumb to the well-directed shots of the suddenly turned outlaws, who had taken what they deemed justice into their own hands.

The brothers and their friends must have been well armed, for it seemed to spectators who escaped from the bloody courtroom, that fully one hundred shots were fired. In the first fusillade several jurors had been wounded, Blankenship probably fatally. Sheriff Webb, using his own revolver, made for the prisoner, who had joined in the shooting, with an oath, and a declaration that he would never go to jail, but the officer was stopped by a perfect hail of lead and crumpled into a lifeless heap on the floor.

By this time the shooting in the courtroom had become general and there was a wild rush of the unarmed for windows and doors.

Dexter Goad, clerk of the court, received a bullet wound in the neck. The Allens, including the prisoner and their friends, after the killing of the sheriff, backed slowly out of the courtroom, holding all would-be pursuers in check at the point of revolvers. Once outside, some of them made a dash for the mountains on horseback. The others engaged in a pitched battle with a posse.

Floyd Allen is lying in a hotel room suffering from two gunshot wounds in his stomach and one in his side, and a broken leg. His leg was broken as a result of being trampled upon by infuriated spectators who witnessed the shooting. Following the escape of Jackson and Sidney Allen, pursued by the only remaining officer, Floyd Allen was removed to the hotel room where his son, Victor, heavily armed, stands guard and threatens to shoot anyone who attempts to enter his father's room. The wounded man refused the aid of surgeons and it is believed he will die before morning.

Special officers are being rushed into the county to help in running down the murderers. Governor Mann is holding two companies of militia in readiness in case the Allens and their friends gather recruits in the mountain fastness.

The village was thrown into a ferment. The wiping out of the law officers left affairs in the hands of untrained citizens but nearly every man in this section of the county has joined in the hunt.

The cause of today's assassinations dates back to last fall when a deputy sheriff arrested a nephew of Floyd Allen on charge of illicit distilling. Enroute to jail Allen intercepted the sheriff and beat him into insensibility with the butt of a pistol and brass knuckles. Leaving the officer for dead he spirited the prisoner away and secreted him. Allen was on trial today for the assault.

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Richmond, Va., March 14.—"Rather than indicate a fear of lawbreakers by sitting on the bench with a weapon in my pocket, I prefer to be killed in the administration of justice," was the statement made by Judge Masie only last night to a friend who urged him to take steps for his own protection against the lawless element he had determined to bring to justice. Commonwealth's Attorney Foster said this morning just before he walked into the courtroom that it would probably be his last day on earth. It was expected that trouble would follow the rendering of a verdict if the jury should convict.

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tion at any place that is most convenient to him. The papers of the applicants will be graded and the certificates of graduation will be presented on graduation day. These certificates will not only be a seal set upon the work of the Public school course but they will also serve as credentials for entering our State High schools which give free tuition to High School students. The graduation day or commencement day as it is coming to be called will be the last Saturday in April or April the 27th. The commencement will be held in Graham on the grounds of the Graded School. The program is now being formulated and will be in the main as follows:

10:45 gathering of all students of the county on the Graded School grounds under their respective township banners. 11:00 Grand parade of all students led by the Oneida brass band. 11:30 literary address. 12:30 presentation of certificates of attendance, prizes of attendance and certificates of graduation. Dinner, 2:00 p. m. debate, Resolved: That the state is doing its duty Educationally.

A more nearly accurate and a more detailed program will be announced later. The Brass Band will furnish music through the entire program.

There will be appointed soon a marshal from each township who will have the oversight of all the schools in his township. Each township is provided with a large banner to head the schools in his township and each school will have a smaller banner to designate its students.

The Piedmont Railway and Electric Co., has kindly offered a liberal percentage of its entire receipts that day towards defraying the expenses of the occasion. We ask all teachers and students and committeemen and friends of education to give a united effort in making this commencement occasion by far the greatest educational gathering in the entire history of the county and in every respect a great success. J. B. Robertson, Supt. of Schools.

To Select Meeting Place. Raleigh, March 7.—The executive committee of the North Carolina Teachers' Association is to meet in Raleigh, March 20, to select the time and the place for the next annual meeting. Morehead City has already extended an invitation and numbers of other invitations from other North Carolina towns and resorts are expected before the date of the committee meeting. On the committee are: J. J. Farris, H. A. London, R. W. Vincent, H. B. Varner, R. M. Phillips, D. T. Edwards and J. B. Sherrill.

Working out Educational System Grand Parade of All School Children of the County Graduation from the Public Schools Policy in Outlined

In the early part of the fall the Supt. of schools announced through the papers that a regular system of graduation from the Public schools would be formulated and announced this scholastic year. This announcement is made in compliance with that promise.

For fifty years we have had in the county and in the state a public school system. This system through rude and undeveloped through much of its history, has done much for general progress and common uplift. It has done a great work in the past and it is destined to do much more in the future. One thing that has been lacking in the past has been exactness in its scope. There was no end to it and hence no end to be reached by the student. The student either went till he got tired or got married or got too old. But as for reaching the end this he did not and could not hope for because there was no end to be reached. Such a system was void of definite aim and hence incomplete. In order to give finish to our system, to set a goal to be reached, and an incentive to the student to finish and complete the work of the course, and to fix a standard and to give credentials for entering our State High Schools, we institute the following plans and policy: For all students of the county who have completed the Public School course examinations will be held on the last Saturday in March or March 30th at the following places:

Maywood, Cross Roads (In Pleasant Grove Township) Hawfields, Spring, Sylvan, Friendship and in the Superintendents office at Graham.

These examination will be uniform for every place and will be based on the Public school studies which are as follows:—spelling, reading, writing, arithmetic, drawing, language, English grammar, geography, North Carolina history, U. S. history, Civil government, Agriculture, Physiology and Hygiene.

Any student in the county who has taken the above studies has the right to take the examination at any place that is most convenient to him.

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MORTON'S TOWNSHIP. Thursday March 14th. Altamahaw Store from 10 a. m. to 2 p. m. Morton's Store from 3 p. m. to 5 p. m.

BOONE STATION TOWNSHIP. Friday, March 15th. Elon College. Wrightsell's Store 10 a. m. to 2 p. m. Gibsonville—Dickey's Store 3 p. m. to 5 p. m.

BURLINGTON TOWNSHIP. Saturday March 16th. Freeman Drug Co. 9 a. m. to 6 p. m. HAW RIVER TOWNSHIP

Monday March 18th. Anderson & Simpson's Store 10 a. m. to 2 p. m. Trollingwood Store 3 p. m. to 5 p. m. COBLE'S TOWNSHIP.

Tuesday March 19th. Alamance Factory 10 a. m. to 3 p. m. Belmont Mills 3 p. m. to 6 p. m. ALBRIGHT'S TOWNSHIP.

Wednesday March 20th. Eureka School house 10 a. m. to 2 p. m. THOMPSON'S TOWNSHIP.

Thursday March 21. Saxaphaw 10 a. m. to 2 p. m. Swepsonville 3 p. m. to 5 p. m. MELVILLE TOWNSHIP.

Friday March 22. W. A. Murrays store 10 a. m. to 5 p. m. PATTERSON TOWNSHIP.

Tuesday March 26. Rufus Foster's Store 10 a. m. to 2 p. m. John Holt's residence 3 p. m. to 6 p. m. Wednesday, March 27th, J. E. Stroud's store 9 a. m. to 1 p. m. NEWLIN'S TOWNSHIP

Wednesday March 27th. Snow Camp 2 p. m. Thursday March 28. Holman's mill 9 a. m. to 11 a. m. Sutphin's mill 12 m. to 4 p. m.

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