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## NEGRO CAPTURED AND IS LYNCHED HIS BODY RIDDLED

Bob Davis, the Assailant of Miss Jennie Brooks and Negro Girl Near Greenwood, S. C., Meets Death at Hands of Mob, of 1,000 People.

Governor was Present and Pleaded with Crowd to Disperse but to no Purpose. Mother of Negro Girl Fired First Shot, it is Said.

Special to The News.

Greenville, S. C., Aug. 17.—Despite the presence of Governor Heyward, at Greenwood, who pleaded with great earnestness for the sake of God, for the sake of the fair name of South Carolina to let the law take its course, a crowd of over one thousand determined men shot to death last afternoon Bob Davis, the negro fiend who attempted criminal assault on Miss Jennie Brooks Tuesday morning and almost murdered her by cutting her throat.

Search for Davis had been unremitting since Tuesday, but it had seemed all day that Davis would get away. The searching party had dropped in numbers, but those who remained were determined. This afternoon a party tracked Davis to a creek three miles south of Ninety-Six and three of the party got in the creek and waded down looking for further traces.

Some one of them discovered a human form crouching on a shelving bank washed out by the creek. It was Davis. He was dragged out, begging them not to shoot; several knew him personally.

He was taken to the home of Miss Brooks and was at once identified by her. Governor Heyward, who had reached the scene, pleaded with the mob to let the law take its course, but it was no use. They paid him all respect while he was talking but immediately turned their backs upon him when he had finished. The Sheriff also was present and tried to talk to the crowd, but all to no purpose.

The negro was moved off down the road, out of sight of the Governor and preparations made for ending his life. The girls father wanted to burn him and many in the crowd were for it, but all were not fully determined. The Governor, hearing the talk of burning him, tried to get to the scene to do something to prevent it, but friends would not let him go, telling him that he had done all he could. However, he sent the Sheriff, who again tried to talk but the crowd would not listen. But the influence of the more humane prevailed in that it prevented a burning. The doomed man was rushed to a tree his body drawn up and riddled with bullets.

A humane man pulled the doomed negro's hat over his face and stepped to one side and waived his hand. A perfect sheet of flame lighted the deepening twilight and a roar dulled the air, and the miserable, brutish life of Bob Davis, rapist and would-be murderer, was hurried into the great unknown.

For ten minutes the roar of guns was intermittent rattlings of pistol shots was heard. The negro's head was literally shot into a pulp, his brains covering hat and face.

The mother of little Mamie Stewart, the 16-year-old negro girl, who was the second victim of Davis, was present and took part in the shooting. She begged to be allowed to take part in the shooting. A few wanted her to shoot first, but there was no first shot. A volley struck Davis. Some say she did fire the first shot.

I understand it excites the ladies and this is a consideration that appeals to all South Carolinians. (The residence was only forty feet away.) I come to appeal to your manhood. The question to be ruled by their passions and prejudices or shall the majesty of the law be upheld? I promise you on my honor, as speedily as the law allows, to be held in custody, not object to being the rope to hang that scoundrel provided the laws say so.

It was one of the most picturesque sights ever witnessed either in this State or any other.

Just a few yards away stood the helpless prisoner, who looked dazed, and men stood close about him with rifles and shotguns in their hands.

"I am here alone," went on the Governor, "but I represent the majesty of the law, I represent the State of South Carolina, your State and mine and I say to you, I beg you, I implore you in God's name, don't put another stain upon our fair State. I plead with you to let the law take its course. You have an opportunity here, a splendid opportunity to let it be said that South Carolina leads in this matter. Let us reason together. I feel just as you do, I have lived in the country and read the dangers to which our women are constantly exposed, but there is something higher than the wreaking of vengeance on that black devil and fiend of hell. You won't enjoy it tomorrow when you look back upon it all."

Just here the men came up to the stand and said, "We appreciate what you say, but we are not going to do it, we have stood this thing long enough." Many shouted for the Governor to go on, and he concluded his fruitless appeal to prevent the lynching.

At the Brooks home, before the lynching a most unusual scene was witnessed.

### SECRETARY ROOT ABROAD

Delivers Address at Reception Given in His Honor.

Buenos Ayres, Aug. 17.—Secretary Root yesterday visited Estancia and other places, accompanied by President Alcorta, Cabinet ministers and the diplomatic corps. In the evening the Secretary was present at a reception given in his honor by the North American Society of River Plate, attended by the leading English speaking people, an prominent Argentine citizens.

Secretary Root spoke on the great prospects for future development of the country by investment of American capital.

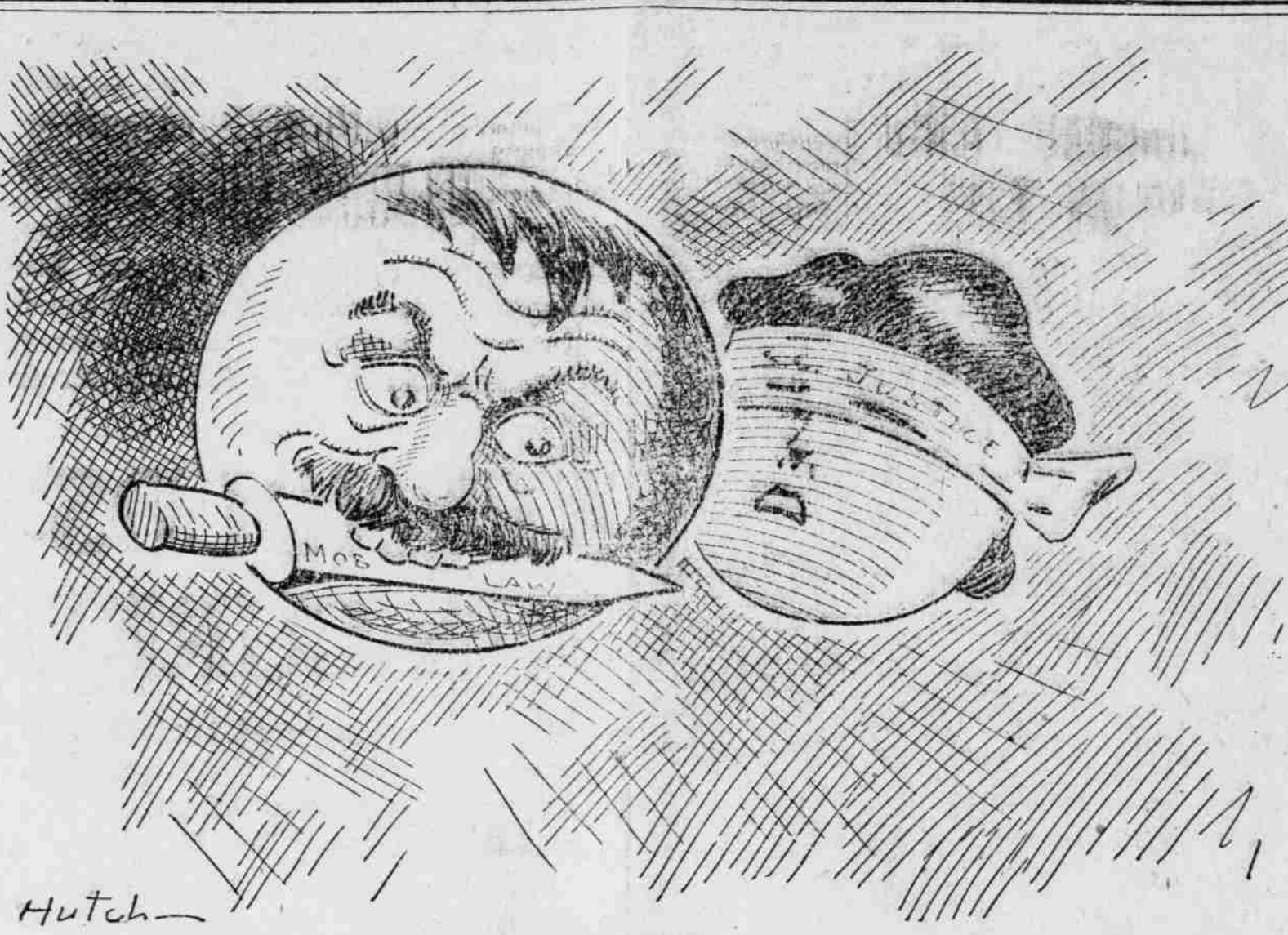
## GREAT EXCITEMENT AT STOCK MARKET

Following the Reports of the Dividends Declared by two Large Railway Companies, Stock Market Became Scene of Intense Excitement.

By Associated Press. New York, Aug. 17.—The executive committee of the Union Pacific Railroad Company and the Southern Pacific company announced the following dividends declared:

A semi-annual dividend of 2 per cent. on preferred and a semi-annual dividend of five per cent. on common stock for the Union Pacific; and a semi-annual dividend of two and one-half per cent. on the common stock of the Southern Pacific company.

Five per cent. of the dividends on the Union Pacific common compares with the previous dividend of three per cent on that stock. The dividend on the Southern Pacific common is the first ever declared on stock. The official announcement of dividends says: "It is understood that of the dividend of five per cent. on common stock of the Union Pacific, three per cent. is charged to surplus, the earnings of the railroad, and two per cent. to the income from investments."



Hutch Eclipsed Again.

### GRAND ARMY ENCAMPMENT.

Today Matter of Next Meeting Place Was Considered.

By Associated Press. Minneapolis, Aug. 17.—The encampment of the Grand Army may take no action either on the question of the abolishment of the canteen from old soldier's homes, or on the proposed erection of a monument to Henry Wirz.

### HEARST ENDORSED

Resolutions Endorsing Stand Taken by Hearst Received With Enthusiasm.

By Associated Press. Colorado Springs, Aug. 17.—What for a time had the appearance of a dangerous cloud over the proceedings of the International Typographical Union convention, was dispelled by the agreement among the delegates upon compromise substitutes for a resolution endorsing and commending Hearst.

### MILL COMPANY ORGANIZES.

Stockholders of the Holland Mfg. Co. Elect Officers—New Business Building.

Special The News. Gastonia, Aug. 17.—The stockholders of the Holland Manufacturing Company met yesterday afternoon in T. M. Fayssoux's office for the purpose of organizing. The following officers were elected: G. A. Gray, Sr., president; L. L. Jenkins, vice president; B. M. Holland, secretary and treasurer. After this they elected the directors, who are as follows: G. A. Gray, Sr., L. L. Jenkins, B. M. Holland, T. M. Fayssoux, H. F. Forbes, D. M. Jones and A. L. Bulwinkle.

### WITH THE RECORDER.

Woman Claims That Hubby Beat Her—Order to Arrest Witnesses.

Thus spoke the Recorder this morning when a case was called and none of the witnesses were present, and the court meant it too.

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Young Man of Wilmington Jumps From Train, is Caught Under it and Horribly Mangled.

Special The News. Wilmington, August 17.—Wednesday night, while attempting to jump from a train on the Atlantic Coast Line near his home on Tenth Street, Alex Miller, a young white man, about 18 years of age, was thrown underneath the moving train and his body was horribly mangled. There were three or four large excursions in the city Wednesday and it is a custom of a number of young men to go down to the station to see them off and it is presumed that young Miller stayed on one of the excursion trains thinking that he would leap off when it reached Tenth street crossing. It is not known whether he struck an obstruction when he leaped which threw him under the cars, or whether his feet were caught in some way and he was thus caught in the wheels.

Young Miller has for some time past been in the employ of the Coast Line in the office of the auditor of freight receipts, and Wednesday night when the news was received at the office quite a number of desk mates went out to view the body. No one on the train was aware of the accident and the train went on its way and the body was not found until some little time after. His parents were immediately notified of the horrible death of their son and they have the heartfelt sympathy of the entire community in their loss.

## EARTHQUAKE DOES GREAT DAMAGE TO CITY VALPARAISO

City of Valparaiso, Chile, Terribly Damaged by Earthquake Thought to be as Desastrous as San Francisco Disaster. Destruction Complete.

Every Building in City Damaged. Many People Thought to Have been Killed. A Description of the City which has 150,000 Inhabitants.

By Associated Press. New York, Aug. 17.—The city of Valparaiso, Chile, is reported badly damaged by an earthquake. One report is that the situation at Valparaiso may prove to be as serious as that in San Francisco.

Practically every building in the city is damaged, and there are fires in different parts of the city.

Many persons are reported killed and injured.

The earthquake has interrupted the cable facilities to lower South American points, and communication is restricted to the route via Lisbon.

Another report at Lisbon is that the loss of life has not been confirmed.

Description of City. Valparaiso is a fortified sea port of Chile and the most important commercial town of the western coast of South America. It has a population of about 150,000 people. It is the capital of the province of the same name, and is situated on a large bay in the Pacific ocean, 75 miles west-north-west, of Santiago, with which it is connected by rail.

The bay of Valparaiso, which is well sheltered on three sides is bounded by ranges of hills, rising from 16 to 1700 feet high, on the slopes of which a considerable portion of the city of Valparaiso is built.

On the south side of the bay are the spacious suburbs of Nuevo, Male con, and Gran Avenida, from which pass out the finest thoroughfares of Valparaiso, Avenida De Las Delicias.

The lower central section of the city is constituted by Almendral, having regular attractive and modern appearance, the principal business houses, the Park Plaza Victoria and the National theatre.

Business of City. To the north west of this section, in the quarter of the city known as the Puerto, or port, are situated the greater number of public buildings and vast warehouses which line the quays, and docks. In this portion, however, narrow and crooked streets are still a feature, but the newer sections of Valparaiso have an attractive, and modern appearance, the buildings in the business quarters being massively built.

The industrial establishments comprise foundries, railroad and machine shops, sugar refineries, breweries, distilleries, large bottling works and factories of all kinds.

Elevators connect the lower parts of the city with the villa sections on the heights.

The port of Valparaiso is the terminus of important lines of steamers for Europe and is the center of South American coasting services. Severe storms and tidal waves at Valparaiso June 30, 1899, wrecked the railroad and did great damage to the city.

Was Noted at Washington. Washington, Aug. 17.—A heavy, distinct, earthquake was recorded on the seismograph at the Weather Bureau yesterday afternoon, beginning at five minutes and 22 seconds past seven p. m. seventy-fifth meridian time. Complete and perfect records were obtained of each of the North and South and East and West movements of the earth.

The earthquake lasted continuously for several hours, and finally ceased at about midnight.

From the press reports this is evidently the record of the great Chilean earthquake of August 16th, and is the heaviest recorded in Washington since the San Francisco earthquake.

Hundreds of Bodies Buried. New York, Aug. 17.—The report which reached this city said portions of Valparaiso were burning all night and bodies of hundreds of its residents were buried in the ruins of the buildings.

Maybe not so Serious. New York, Aug. 17.—The Central and South American Telegraph Co. has reestablished their main office in Valparaiso, and are working with that city now. This would seem to show that the conditions are not as serious as at first reported.

Officer Earnhardt's Condition. The condition of Officer J. M. Earnhardt, night turnkey at the police station, who was run over and badly injured by a carriage some weeks ago, is today reported as favorable and could be expected. Officer Earnhardt has about recovered from his bruises and injuries, except that in the shoulder, which may be permanent or may last a long time before the hurt is fully cured. His condition has been the subject of much earnest solicitude among his fellow officers since he was hurt.

## THE COUNTY'S BANK IN ASSESSMENTS

Comes Second in the Amount of Property Owned by Public Corporations and Assessed by Corporation Commission of the State.

The Corporation Commission at Raleigh has completed the assessments on the public utilities of the State and the portion of assessment allotted each county has been made out with care. The statements were mailed out this morning from Raleigh and include the assessments against railway, telephone and telegraph companies and other public corporations subject to tax assessment by the commission. The amounts must be collected by the several counties in whose jurisdiction these companies have property.

The total amount of assessment is \$76,050,548, which is exclusive of the privilege tax which goes direct to the State treasury and which aggregates about \$19,000.

Of the total aggregate it will be seen from the figures given out in the Raleigh special today that Mecklenburg comes second in the amount of assessed property, proportioned to her. She is one of six receiving over \$2,000,000 in assessments. Roberson county leading with \$2,828,674, and Mecklenburg closely following with \$2,362,991. Guilford, Wake, Columbus and Halifax are the other four counties to whom was apportioned over \$2,000,000.

An effort was made today to secure the detailed list of foreign corporations who are included in the assessment, but they have not yet been mailed to the register of deeds. Last year the Southern Railway which is the largest property holder in the county was assessed by the commission \$362,277.08, the Atlanta and Charlotte and the North Carolina Railroads were each assessed over \$300,000.

The county only collects taxes on the foreign corporations for county and school purposes. The State tax is collected in Raleigh, and goes direct to the State treasury.

Mr. Latta Denies Report. It seems that some of the good people of Gastonia had gotten the impression that the P. C. Company of this city was planning to take in that town at this time, by extending an electric line to Gastonia and perhaps also building a local system. Mr. E. D. Latta was approached by a News reporter this morning and asked about the matter. He declared that it was all new to him and that the Four C's had not had a man on the grounds as reported. "We are going to the river as has been announced" said Mr. Latta "but we have nothing further in view at present."

Death of a Child. The 2-year-old daughter of Mr. Stowe, who resides at the Chadwick Mills, died yesterday morning. The funeral took place this morning at the Sugar, the interment being at the Sugar Creek Church.