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## Defying the Courts of North Carolina

On the night of April 14, 1923, at Proctorville, Robeson county, a hooded mob of eighteen men dragged two defenseless women from their homes and from their children, carried them into the yard of a negro church and there brutally beat them upon the bare flesh till the back of their thighs and legs were bruised and lacerated.

Three men were arrested as leaders of the mob, and placed under heavy bond till the grand jury found true bills, as charged by the state, then the court ordered them to prison to await trial.

Last week while the trial was in progress Mr Stephen McIntyre, attorney for the prosecution, received an anonymous letter which among other things contained these significant threats:

"This relentless persecution must cease for surely you know that dead men have been dragged from a lake for a less serious crime than you are committing and nobody convicted.

"Your intelligence tells you that the exposure of this warning brings an invisible, invincible hand that is mightier than the courts themselves upon your poor unworthy carcass.

"We command you to show this to T. A. McNeill for it is as much to him as it is to you, and the same penalty is on him if he exposes."

T. M. McNeil, for whom the letter was also intended, is the state solicitor elected by the people and under oath to prosecute criminals and the threat against him ceases to be personal, and is directed against the judicial system of North Carolina.

The following morning Judge Sinclair received an anonymous letter that warned him to use his influence to exonerate the men who were on trial.

But this was not all. On the morning of July 3 H. L. Taliaferro, a professed Ku Klux Klan detective, was arrested on the charge of attempting to intimidate or purchase state's witnesses in the flogging case. He was released the next day on a \$5,000 bond said to have been furnished by the K. K. K.

At the hearing of the case last Saturday, Taliaferro offered what has become a familiar plea when an outrage has been committed by hooded bands. He claimed to be helping to ferret out the perpetrators of the crime and to place the blame where it properly belonged. In other words, he was there to assist the courts in punishing criminals as he had done on other occasions. Taliaferro was as calm as a proverbial May morning until two bombs unexpectedly exploded in his face. These explosions were caused by the state's presenting two letters which he admitted having written. The letters were addressed to W. S. Coburn, P. O. Box 1472, Atlanta, Ga. After these letters had been read the court had nothing left to do except to impose the penalty in each of the three counts. The judgment of the court, as is well known, was thirty days in prison and \$350 fine in each case, making a total

of ninety days in prison and a fine of \$750.

Before announcing the judgment of the court Judge Sinclair, pointing to Taliaferro, said:

"This man professes to be the representative of an organization which has declared that it is mightier than the courts, and, speaking for myself, I want to say that the courts accept the challenge."

Taliaferro may take an appeal, make the required bond of \$5,000 and flee to distant parts. But the big work has been already accomplished. The public got one more glimpse on the inside of that dark, invisible empire and North Carolinians are again assured that Judge Grady who has been silent in seven languages can just remain silent so far as the public is concerned. His silence will cover no secrets as to his klan affiliation. This bit of history that will go down in the annals of Robeson county has been reported here in the hope that the citizens of North Carolina will not forget.—North Carolina Christian Advocate.

We wish to heartily commend the stand the Advocate has taken against the K. K. K. The great bulk of the press of this country is outspoken against this unholy hooded secret alliance. Upon the final adoption of the Constitution of the United States, it was tacitly understood, that the first ten amendments would be prepared and immediately submitted for adoption by the several States. These amendments embody the Declaration of Independence and the absolute rights of individuals and commonly known as the Bill of Rights. These sacred rights were inherited from our English ancestors who wrung them from King John. We do not believe this country is going to the bad. The anarchist and I. W. W make a very poor show in the United States where the great bulk of the citizenship are willing to die if needs be for the flag and the constitution. But when a large number of citizens of respectability and influence join the K. K. K. it is time to sit up and take notice. Although the leaders of this unholy alliance proclaim they stand for law and order, the facts show they stand exactly for the reverse. They ruthlessly repudiate the "Bill of Rights, and the absolute rights of individuals," which is a repudiation of the first ten amendments of the constitution of the United States. They stand in direct opposition to the constitution and laws of our own State. The pity of it is, that it is reported that men in high position who have taken a solemn oath to support and defend the constitution of the United States and of the State of North Carolina and the laws of the country are active members of this secret, lawless organization. The influence of the anarchist and the I. W. W. class can have but little effect in this country, but when men in high position lend their influence and respectability to repudiate the great bulwark of the liberties and rights of men, it is high time for that element of citizenship who steadfastly believe in the sacred Bill of Rights and the principals which our ancestors died for, to say

## Christian Science Under The Hammer Baptist Church Sunday night

Christian Science is a religion of Hallucinations. It is a religion of Inconsistencies. It is a religion of CONTRADICTIONS. We will prove it on Sunday Night or know the reason why. From History—the Bible and from Present Day Observation, we will make it clear and plain to every fair and open mind, we honestly believe, that CHRISTIAN SCIENCE is one of the most, if not the most DIABOLICAL thing on the face of the earth to day. If you do not believe it come and see. We will not mince words in exposing it, but will shoot right from the shoulder, aim straight and hit just as hard as we know how. If you have any Christian Science about you at all, you are more than urged to be present, and to bring as many others as you possibly can. We will do our best to make it as interesting and illuminating as possible, and while, in the very nature of the case, we will go at it "HAMMER AND TONGS," we will, at the same time, be courteous and gentlemanly about it all.

"BAPTISM—AS WE SEE AND UNDERSTAND IT," will be the theme of the morning service. Its place and part in the great Plan of Salvation—the Scheme of Redemption, we will emphasize.

Recently BAPTISM has been made quite prominent in our town, and all who are interested are most cordially invited to attend our morning service. We will deal with it almost exclusively from a Biblical standpoint, as it is entirely a question of Religious and Christian Doctrine.

Read the other day about a mother who called her little boy to her and said, "Willie, they tell me that Johny Jones tied a tin can to a poor little dog's tail yesterday. Is that so?"

Willie promptly replied "Yes ma'am"

Continuing, the mother said, "Well, they tell me that you saw him do it. Is that so?"

Willie again responded—"Yes ma'am."

"Now," said the mother, "Willie, since you were there why didn't you stop Johnie from tying that horrid tin can to the poor little dog's tail?"

Then Willie, with some degree of shame in his face, replied, "Well I just couldn't, Ma, for I was holding the dog." Boys will be boys, won't they?"

Read something from Stevenson the other day that did me much good, so will pass it on. Here it is—"Pinches, buffets, the glow of hope, the shock of disappointment, furious contention with obstacles—these are the true elixir for all vital spirits." Let us be vital spirits.

Come and see me Sunday,  
EVAN RIDGE EVANS.

P. S. After getting through with this series of sermons on False Systems of Religion we are going to close our work in Marshall. We made up our mind to do this on our vacation. Will probably do a little work in the eastern part of the state, and then go back to the far West. Will leave about the first of September. Since being here, at one time or another, we have had about nearly everyone in town and surrounding country at our meetings. We are glad and hope to meet them in Heaven. We wish them well, and I am sure that, down deep in their hearts they wish me well, too. We have had many differences of opinion regarding many things, but, on the whole, we have worked together in an admirable manner. God bless and keep the people of Marshall and surrounding country in every way shape and form, is my prayer. Could not have a better wish, could I.  
E. R. E.

## Paint Fork News.

The farmers of this section are about done their summer work. Most all of them have their hay up.

Crops are very good here this season except the fruit crop which is going to be rather small owing to the vifit paid us by jack frost last Spring.

The singing convention was held with the Terrys Fork Church the fifth Sunday of July. There was a large crowd present. Several folks of Asheville attended and the singing sure was fine. All-enjoyed a good dinner spread by the people of Terrys Fork and Paint Fork.

The Sunday School at East Fork is progressing nicely, Mr. Garrett Metcalf is their singing teacher.

Mr. Kellie Ray, of Paint Fork, was a caller of Miss Alta Anderson, of Barnardsville, on the fifth Sunday of July.

## The Only Way

Life is just a game to play;  
Play it!  
When you have a thing to say;  
Say it!  
Do not slumber "if" or "but"  
Courage takes the shortest cut,  
When your task is hard to do;  
Grit your teeth and see it through!

Life is just a prize to get;  
Get it!  
Men of mettle seldom find  
What they're looking for behind.  
Fate is passing down the street;  
Follow him with nimble feet.

## Attention

The Conservation Commission of New York is distributing cards to the sportsmen of that state, asking them to be careful of the use of matches in the field. What is worth while in New York is worth while in all other states and in Canada. It would be well for every one who goes into the fields to hunt or camp to read and remember what the following paragraphs say:

There is no finer vacation land in the world than the Adirondocks and Catskills. Keep them so by keeping fires out of the forests.

New York State spends thousands of dollars a year to protect the forests from fires.

Will you do your share by helping to keep fires out of the forests?

Remember that a lighted match a few dry leaves and a light wind can destroy a century's forest growth in a few hours. Mind your matches.

A carelessly left campfire may deprive you and your friends of your favorite fishing and hunting ground. Be sure your fire is out before you leave.

Every match that is lighted in a forest is a potential menace. Carelessly dropped it becomes An Active Menace.

A camp fire left burning by a camper after he has cooked a meal is likely to start a conflagration.

A lighted cigarette or cigar or a live coal dropped from a pipe may destroy an entire forest.

BE CAREFUL  
Ninety per cent of all forest fires are caused by carelessness and are preventable.

Every year many fires are set by smokers carelessly dropping matches or throwing away cigar stubs before they are cold.

A direct personal responsibility rests upon every hunter, camper, fisherman and tourist to exercise the utmost precaution to see that they do not set fires in the woods by carelessly dropping or throwing away matches or burning material of any kind.  
BE CAREFUL.

## Notice!

A Notice is hereby given in accordance with law to all persons, that the reward offered for the arrest of Willard English has been lifted. August, 3, 1923.  
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NOAH HENSLEY.

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## The First Printing Press in The United States

The first printing press was brought from England in 1638 and set up by Stephen Daye, in Cambridge. Later it passed into the hands of Samuel Green, one of whose descendants took it to New London, Conn., where it remained until 1773. It was then taken to Norwich. Five years later it was removed to Dresden, now Hanover, N. H., and thence to Westminster, Vt., where on February 12th, 1781, it was used for printing "The Vermont Gazette or Green Mountain Post Boy," the first newspaper printed in Vermont. In 1783 George Hough and Alden Spooner moved it to Windsor, Vt., and used it for printing the "Vermont Journal and Universal Advertiser." This historic and much moved press is, now preserved in the State Capitol at Montpelier, Vt.—Office Topics, courtesy of Baker Printing Company.

## A Night Of Mirth Melody and Music

Minstrel fans of Marshall will be pleased to learn that a real "honest-to-goodness" Minstrel Show is coming for one night only, on August 14th.

The Florida Blossoms Minstrels is the attraction. The Press Agent, Mr. Newton of the "Blossoms" called at this office and informed the Editor that his show is strictly first class, with a plethora of new jokes songs and musical specialties. The production is presented under a large tent theatre with seats for two thousand patrons. The usual Minstrel, Street Parade takes place at noon time.—Day of Show.

## Gabril's Creek.

Editor News Record:—I noticed there is an error about when our Decoration Day is to come at Gabril's Creek, it is Saturday, September 1st.

Mr. Marion Debruhl who has been sick for quite awhile was taken to the hospital last week. We hope to hear of him improving. Mr. Debruhl mother, Mrs. Rebecca Debruhl, while walking across the floor fell and broke her hip.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Tillar Phillips and family from near Mars Hill and Mr. and Mrs. Offie Silver of Asheville, motored to Mr. J. J. Capps' and spent the day Sunday.

Our school begins at this place August 6th.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cody, Miss Pauline Ammons, motored to Chimney Rock Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Murray and family, Miss Grace and Ethel Buckner were in Asheville Sunday afternoon.

Miss Burnice Ammons of this place is to teach school at Skyland. Miss Grace Buckner, Mr. Owens Arrowood, Mr. Guy Buckner of this place spent Sunday at the home of Mr. Nelson Buckner.