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White Woman Outraged by Negro Fiend

Victim A Gentle, Refined And Highly Connected Lady---Assaulted in Her Home Saturday Night While Alone For A Few Minutes---Life Threatened If Outcry Made---Three Negroes Tracked By Blood Hounds Arrested---Diligent Efforts Made To Get The Guilty One.

TROUBLE FEARED AND TROOPS SENT BY GOVERNOR ON REQUEST.

Troops Shoot Jas. A. Ray and Wound Two Others Monday Night When They Imagine Masked Men About to Storm the Jail---Citizens Very Angry After Shooting and Demand Removal of Troops---Negroes and Soldiers Sent Away On Special Train.

CORONER'S INQUEST HELD

Good Citizens Testify No Masked Men---Shooting Started At Jail And Jail Not Fired On---No Mob Attempted to Storm Jail.

This community has been passing through a season of tragedy and intense feeling since last Saturday night. Before the daylight was gone last Saturday evening a white woman was assaulted and brutally outraged by a masked negro. Three suspected negroes were arrested and lodged in jail. Fearing that the people would rise in anger and anticipate the processes of law, the county authorities called on the Governor for troops to protect the prisoners. The troops came Sunday evening, remaining over Monday, and Monday night three citizens, without provocation so far as the facts upon investigation show, were fired upon by the soldiers. One was killed and two were wounded. Such is a brief outline. Now for the more important details.

Mrs. Riddle Assaulted.

Mr. A. A. Riddle, his wife and child live in a cottage on the south side of the street car line between Graham and Burlington near the power plant and on the side of the power plant next to Burlington. Mr. Riddle had gone up town. Mrs. Riddle had put her three-year-old child to bed and started toward the front door. In the hall she was met by a masked negro with a pistol and warned not to make any outcry. He forced her into her sitting room and accomplished his brutal purpose. Mrs. Riddle, a gentle and refined woman, with no one near to help her was powerless in the hands of the brute. The negro told her he knew where her husband was when she said he was coming, and that he knew her near-neighbor was not at home. To add to the horror of the crime Mrs. Riddle was in a delicate condition. No alarm was given by Mrs. Riddle as she expected her husband to return in a few minutes, which he did.

Officers were notified and blood hounds were brought from Raleigh and placed on the trail. The two hounds were used separately and both followed the trail to the Rainey Hospital, where Arthur Veasey and George Troxler were arrested, and Will Lee, another negro who worked at the hospital, was not there with Veasey and Troxler, but was arrested at the home of his father. All were lodged in jail. The negroes were carried before Mrs. Riddle, but she could not identify either, as

there was no light on at her home at the time and the negro having a handkerchief tied over his face that concealed his features.

The news of the crime spread like wild-fire and hundreds of people thronged the streets in the vicinity of the jail all day Sunday.

An investigation was started at once by Sheriff Story and his deputies and Mr. E. S. Parker, Jr., county attorney, and others to ascertain, if possible, who was the guilty party. The whereabouts of Lee and Veasey were more reasonably accounted for at the time the crime was committed than were those of Troxler. In truth, Troxler made a number of statements which were at variance and conflicting.

Troops Asked For.

The people were angry, justly so, and as a matter of precaution the Governor was asked for troops to protect the prisoners in event a mob should form and attempt to administer summary punishment. A machine gun company was sent from Durham, part of them coming by truck and automobile and the others on the evening train.

Throughout the day the people came and went and congregated about the jail. There was no undue excitement and no concerted attempt to force the jail, so far as can be learned. At one time two men went to one of the doors of the jail and kicked the door, but this demonstration caused no uneasiness. At another time a crowd of boys called for the deliverance of the prisoners.

The crowd was talked to by Mr. E. S. Parker, Jr., and others, who explained they were doing all they could to locate the guilty one, that only one of the prisoners could be guilty of the crime, and that to do a rash act would involve two innocent men. Sheriff Story and his deputies were on the scene all day and explained the situation.

There were many people on the streets about the jail all day long. Men came in autos with their wives and daughters and children, and young men and young women drove by and tarried for a while. Instead of mobs storming the jail, according to reports sent out, the crowd seemed rather bent on seeing what was going on.

At nightfall, while there was still lots of people on the streets,

things were orderly and the people were not unreasonable. The soldiers were on guard and a feeling of security prevailed. It was the same way all day Monday, but here the opportunity to take the prisoners away and remove the temptation was lost, the prisoners being held here, it is stated, to enable the attorneys and officers to pursue their investigations.

The Shooting Monday Night.

Monday was a quiet day in Graham and few more than those who came on business were in town. The feeling about the heinous crime was still running high, as it naturally would. It was a showery day. In the early part of the night there was a heavy shower, during which for an instant the lights went out, caused by electric disturbance.

This was about 9:30 o'clock, and it was then the first shot was heard. In a few minutes people had come out from their homes and gathered on the court house square. Howard Moser, small son of the jailer, ran up to the American Cafe and told that lights were out at the jail. W. W. Phillips and Jas. A. Ray came out from the cafe and walked down toward the jail. The cafe fronts on court house square and is on same side of W. Elm St. as the jail. It is about 160 yards from the court house square to the jail lot and the jail stands off from Elm street about 75 feet. Phillips lives on this same street and on same side as jail and cafe. W. H. Boswell lives next door to Phillips and his is last house going from court house to jail. Ray and Phillips were joined by Clem Bradshaw who lives on same side of same street some 300 feet west of jail. When these three got about even with the end of Boswell's house toward the jail they saw a soldier on the northeast corner of jail lot. He did not hail them nor say anything. They saw the flash of his automatic and retreated.

It was then and there that all three were hit. Mr. Ray was shot through both of his upper thighs and both femoral arteries were severed. He got back about 30 yards from where he was when shot, and fell. A bullet went through the calf of Phillips' leg and a bullet barely brushed Bradshaw's leg. Ray was picked up, but said he was dying. He was rushed to Rainey Hospital but was dead when the hospital was reached. While the

shooting was going on two volleys were fired by machine guns.

Mr. Boswell's house was pierced by three bullets, two of which have been found and are 45 calibre pistol bullets.

Phillips says the ball that went through his leg was a pistol ball. The ball that ended Ray's life was cut out and is also a pistol ball. From where these three men were shot to where the soldier was firing his Colt's automatic is not over 115 feet, and from all the evidence the soldier was firing point blank.

The people gathered rapidly about the court house square after the shooting. Many of them were very angry and used strong language. At no time had serious trouble been more imminent. Good citizens, cool and deliberate under ordinary circumstances, demanded that the troops be moved as quickly as possible. Mr. Parker called for the Governor and got Adj't. Gen. Metts who got a special train in Raleigh and came to Graham. The soldiers and the three negroes were out of town before six o'clock Tuesday morning.

Inquest Held.

Dr. R. M. Troxler, the coroner, held an inquest Tuesday morning. Solicitor S. M. Gattis of Hillsboro was present and assisted the coroner.

The evidence taken and witnesses examined were as follows:

G. Allen Mebane; At Lynn B. Williamson's and heard one or more shots about the jail followed by firing of a machine gun.

W. W. Phillips, proprietor of American Cafe: Was in cafe. Howard Moser ran in and said lights were out. Phillips, Jas. A. Ray and Clem Bradshaw walked down toward jail to W. H. Boswell's house to see what the trouble was. A soldier on the corner at a telephone post shot three times; then a machine gun started. They ran back. A second volley was fired from a machine gun. Was hit by a pistol shot. Saw no one but the soldier and a man across the street. Heard one shot before leaving cafe. It was dark at the jail. Was in speaking distance of soldier, who said nothing. Man on Ed. Shoe's porch shot at three times. Heard no order to fire.

Thos. Hadley: Was at court house; walked by postoffice and drug store, up round the block and down Maple street down toward jail to W. Elm St. Jail was dark except a light at north door. Heard order to shoot. First shot came from second story of jail. Then machine gun commenced while pistol was shooting. He ran between Ed Shoe's house and the Fire House. Thought he saw man run out of east door of jail. This man shot at him. Machine gun seemed to be on north porch of jail. Only light here. First shot was from window. Saw only three men (W. W. Phillips, Jas. A. Ray and Clem Bradshaw); saw no one else. Side-walk around jail was dead line. Heard 6 or 7 pistol shots.

Howard Moser (about 14, son of jailer): Soldier sent him and Wm. Moore up town for officer. Heard someone say turn off lights; heard pistol; ran up town. Ran behind house when machine gun fired. Followed behind Phillips, Ray and Bradshaw. Saw 8 or 10 men going down street toward Mr. L. Banks Holt's; they came back and went toward corn patch. No men in jail but soldiers. Didn't know soldier that shot.

Clem Bradshaw: At cafe; started home; caught up with Moser boy, then with Ray and Phillips. Soldier at telephone post was shooting at man at Fire House. Shot 3 or 4 times. First shot heard was at telephone pole. Heard no one say anything. Close enough behind Ray and Phillips to touch them. Was few feet past Boswell's house. Soldier says to soldier "git them."

Jim Clapp: At home in bed 75 feet away; heard 3 or 4 shots. Sounded from jail. Went on back porch. Then machine gun commenced; little later machine gun again. Saw and heard no one.

J. M. Phillips: At front of cafe; heard pistol shot; Moser boy ran in and said lights out at jail.

Walked out, heard one shot, sounded like rifle; heard 2 or 3 other shots; saw no one.

P. A. Holt: Heard shooting, got up, went out, looked up street saw no one, went back to bed, heard bullets pass over house. Next morning went to corn patch, saw one track; not enough rain to wash out tracks.

McBride Holt: In bed, heard pistol and machine gun. Visited corn patch; no evidence of anyone being there. Corn shot up.

Ross Henderson: Heard 50 masked men were in corn patch; went to corn patch and saw only one track.

Boyd Trolinger (night police): At Fire House before shooting; saw no one. Dolph Moser asked what was the trouble. Soldier said there was a crowd of masked men. Saw no one; light enough to see. Asked about corn patch—said he saw one track.

J. P. Smith: Live across street from jail, was in bed. Someone said "halt." Heard pistol, sounded from Fire House. Looked out of window, soldier walked toward corner, shot 3 or 4 times. Then machine gun and other shots. Saw no one on streets.

Chas. A. Scott: At Lynn B. Williamson's, heard one shot, moment or two two shots; then machine gun. Went out. Machine gun again. No crowd.

Robt. L. Holmes (Mayor): Saw no foot prints in corn patch.

Dutch Clapp: Was at sister's (just south of jail), started up street, "halted," went back, saw no one. Had been no machine gun yet. Saw fire of pistol shot from porch; then pistol and machine gun shooting.

Verdict of Coroner's Jury.

NORTH CAROLINA—Alamance County.

Be it remembered that on the 20th day of July, 1920, I, R. M. Troxler, M. D., Coroner of said county, attended by a jury of good and lawful men, viz: A. W. Norwood, J. D. Lee, A. B. Nicholson, H. W. Scott, W. J. Nicks and R. G. Foster, by me summoned for the purpose, according to law, and after being by me duly sworn and impaneled, at Graham, in Graham township, Alamance county, did hold an inquest over the dead body of James A. Ray, and after inquiring into the facts and circumstances of the death of the deceased, from a view of the corpse and consideration of all testimony to be procured, the jury find as follows, to-wit:

That we find from the evidence presented to us that James A. Ray met his death by a gun shot wound, gun fired by some member of the Durham Machine Gun Company in charge of Captain Fowler, which Company was stationed at the county jail, on the night of July 19th, 1920, at about 9 o'clock.

We find no evidence whatever that any attack was being made on the jail.

The above list of witnesses examined are among the best citizens of this community and what they say is worthy of credit.

Ed Shoe lives diagonally across about 120 feet northeast of the jail lot corner from where the soldier used the automatic. It was at his porch where Thos. Hadley was fired at 3 or 4 times. Hadley ran between Shoe's house and the Fire House 15 feet away. One bullet hit the porch and two the Fire House. The only persons he saw were the soldier and the three men—Ray, Phillips and Bradshaw—on the opposite side of the street.

Jas. P. Smith lives on same side of street as Shoe and about the same distance northwest.

Jim Clapp lives west of jail about 100 feet and lot adjoins jail lot.

None of these saw any masked men or the semblance of a mob.

As to the jail being fired upon, if the statements to that effect are correct, there should be found some bullet marks, but none has been found. So misleading have been the reports that the citizens of this community have been severely and unjustly criticised by the leading daily papers of the State.

An investigation is being demanded—it is due this community. There should be no whitewashing.

Mr. Wm. H. Albright Dead.

Mr. Wm. H. Albright died about 3:30 o'clock this morning at his home here in the 44th year of his age. He was born here and lived here all his life.

Two weeks ago Mr. Albright went to Asheville on account of his health. He was suffering from heart and dropsical troubles. The doctors advised him that they could do no more for him than his home doctors could, and he returned home.

For a number of years deceased conducted a market business here, which he sold a few weeks ago. He had lots of friends and acquaintances who will regret to hear of his death.

He is survived by his widow, who was a daughter of the late Elbridge Foust of the southern part of the county, and two small children—a boy and girl, two half brothers—Thos. A. and Jas. D. Albright, and two half sisters—Mrs. P. A. Mitchell and Mrs. J. T. Shaw, also one full sister, Mrs. Flora Savage of Louisville, Ky. The burial will be in Linwood Cemetery.

James A. Ray Buried.

The remains of James A. Ray, who met an untimely death Monday night by being shot by a member of the Durham Machine Gun Company, were buried at New Providence Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock. The Modern Woodmen of America, of which he was a member, conducted the burial service. A large concourse of people attended the funeral.

Mr. Ray was in his 48th year. He was big-hearted and kind and his taking off is sincerely deplored by all who knew him.

Deceased was twice married. He is survived by a widow and eight children, six of them by his last wife, his aged mother and two brothers.

His oldest son, Rex, was in the U. S. Army and stationed at Norfolk. He was telegraphed to and attended the funeral.

—Mr. Jim W. McPherson has opened an ice business. His stand is next to Graham Grocery Co.'s store.

—Regular drives of automobiles have been passing through for several days past. Someone counted 26 in one of these drives a day or two ago. They were south-bound. The dealers got them shipped as far as Baltimore and some other points and had to drive them the rest of the way.

REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE CITIZENS BANK OF GRAHAM.

At Graham in the State of North Carolina, at the close of business, June 30, 1920.

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts	\$58,686.85
Demand loans	10,239.29
Overdrafts secured, \$—; unsec'd,	1,870.71
U. S. Bonds and Liberty Bonds	9,450.00
All other Stocks, Bonds and Mortgages	315.00
Furniture and Fixtures	1,281.44
Liberty Loan Bonds	347.00
Cash in vault and not amt'd due from Banks, Bankers, and Trust Co.'s	3,292.84
Cash items held over 24 hours	576.20
Checks for clearing	1,268.98
Total	\$77,273.37
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock	10,000.00
Surplus fund	1,000.00
Undivided profits, less current expenses and taxes paid	2,788.48
D. dividends unpaid	33.00
Bills payable	5,500.40
Deposits subject to check	62,629.83
Time Certificates of Deposit	2,508.24
Savings Deposits	11,051.29
Customer's Checks outstanding	328.87
Certified Checks	500.00
Due to National Banks	491.28
Accrued interest due depositors	610.00
Domestic and Foreign Acceptances, Special dep.	305.38
Total	\$77,273.37

State of North Carolina, County of Alamance, July 17, 1920.

I, J. S. COOK, Secretary of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. S. COOK, Secretary.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 7th day of July, 1920.

W. E. HASON, Notary Public.
My commission expires Sept. 17, 1924.
[Notarial Seal.]

Correct—Attest:

W. J. NICKS,
W. B. GREEN,
H. J. STOCKARD,
Directors.

What's become of the "Buy your next winter's fuel early" movement?

We read that "harmony is the chief aim of Harding and the leaders," which reminds us of an incident or two we saw at the Chicago convention. And by the way, did you ever notice how harmonious and non-contentious a row of headstones are in a cemetery.

Just three years ago the first American troops set foot in France. Thanks to the Republican Senate, the predictions made at that time that the war would last three years longer have proved correct.

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Mr. Hoover has promised to support Harding. Well, Mr. Hoover developed a maximum of nearly a dozen votes in the Chicago convention and every little helps.

The esteemed New York Evening Post asks if Senator Hiram Johnson is sulking "again," or "yet."

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EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as Executor of the will of Laura Malone, deceased, the undersigned hereby notifies all persons holding claims against said estate to present the same, duly authenticated, on or before the 25th day of July, 1921, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate settlement.

This June 28th, 1921.

J. D. WHITTED, Executor
of Laura Malone, dec'd.
Baltimore, Md.