

POWELL GREEN LYNCHED

Near Franklinton Last Saturday Night

NEGRO HAD KILLED R. M. BROWN, WHITE

On Streets Without Provocation—Coroner and Solicitor Hold Inquest—Holdings Prolonged for Governor to Employ Special Counsel—Mr. E. H. Malone Declines to Act.

Within three-quarters of an hour after having shot and killed Mr. R. M. Brown, Proprietor of the Moving Picture Show and one of Franklinton's most highly respected citizens, practically a cold blood, Powell Green, colored, was taken from the officers who were on their way to Raleigh with the prisoner for safe keeping, near the home of Mr. C. S. Williams, just south of Franklinton, tied behind an automobile, dragged about a half or three-quarters of a mile and hung up to a pine tree by the side of the road, by a crowd of men, supposed to be friends of Mr. Brown to avenge the crime he had only a short while before committed.

Sheriff Kearney visited the scene soon after the negro was lynched in an attempt to get to Franklinton in time to help get the prisoner to a place of safety and on his return made the first report to Coroner A. F. Johnson, who in turn notified Solicitor H. E. Norris, of Raleigh, and an inquest was arranged for one o'clock on Sunday. A jury composed of Messrs. R. P. Taylor, J. S. Howell, W. J. Cooper, S. C. Foster, C. C. Haese, and R. L. Peoples was summoned and taken to the scene. They viewed the body, finding it bruised and skinned about the head from the effects of dragging and found one or two bullet holes about the shoulders. The negro still wore the hand cuffs, which were removed. The body was cut down, offered to his family or relations. None responding it was turned over to The Colored Undertaking Co., of Franklinton, for interment. The jury then went to the Mayor's office in Franklinton when a number of witnesses were examined all of whose testimony corroborated the facts that the negro was very insolent and abusive to Mr. Brown who had spoken to him in his moving picture show about striking a match near the films and who was trying to get him quiet and turned over to the officers. The officers got on the scene arrested the negro and as they were taking hold of him to take him to the lock-up the negro pulled his gun and shot, killing Mr. Brown almost instantly, in front of the Sterling Store Co. He also attempted to kill the Chief of Police who caught the gun in time for the hammer to catch his finger between it and the cartridge. The negro was rushed to the guard house and the Sheriff notified, who told the local officers that if there was any sign of demonstration not to wait for him but take the prisoner to Raleigh at once for safe keeping. The local officers made immediate arrangements to leave, but were delayed by the negro's resistance to being taken away but were soon speedily on their way.

Five Winston and four deputies besides the driver. During all of this time the feelings ran high in Franklinton and trouble was feared by the officers who were exerting all efforts at their command to quiet the crowd. While the car carrying the prisoner was leaving two cars were seen to pass, three other cars were seen to pass through town going south before the prisoner could be put into his car. Upon arriving at the home of Mr. C. S. Williams about a mile from town Mr. Speed, driving the car containing the prisoner, noticed a car across the road. He had to slow up to pass around it, which he did. When he pulled back upon the road someone stepped on the running board and cut off the switch. Mr. Speed claims he cut the switch back on and applied the gas, but as he did so the party on the running board cut it off again removed the key, punched him in the side with something and told him not to move again. About

that time masked men were all over the car with drawn guns calling for and pulling out the prisoner. Officer Winston and his associates pleading with them to let the law take its course with no avail. In taking the prisoner, Chief Winston was bruised and bleeding about the hands. After the negro was taken the officers were ordered to go back, some one from the crowd threw them the key and they returned to town. The next thing learned was only a short while afterwards when a report was circulated about the town that "it was all over, he's lynched."

We understand the trouble begun in the moving picture show when the negro was asked by Mr. Brown not to light a cigarette in there as it was dangerous, the negro answering with an oath that he would get him when he came out. When Mr. Brown did go out the negro approached him, cursing and abusing him, and Mr. Brown called for the officers to arrest him, then followed the arrest, the shooting, the lock-up, the start for Raleigh and the lynching.

The hearing of the inquest was resumed in Lou'sburg on Tuesday, when after examining three witnesses, the Solicitor stated in open court that Governor Bickett had desired special Counsel to assist him in the attempt to apprehend the parties to the mob and had employed Messrs. E. H. Malone and W. H. Yarborough. Mr. Malone had declined to serve on account of illness in his family and that it was impossible for Mr. Yarborough to be present at that hearing therefore he requested the jury to be excused subject to the call of the Coroner at Mr. Yarborough's pleasure when they could complete the hearing of evidence and make their report, which action was taken. Reports Raleigh show that Governor Bickett has offered four hundred dollars reward for each member of the mob apprehended and convicted.

In all the evidence received so far there is nothing to incriminate anyone, although a man by the name of Hainsworth from New York, seemed to show an interest in the rope, which will no doubt be looked into by the jury at its next hearing.

The negro in some sections bore quite a good reputation as a peaceable, hardworking citizen, while in and around Franklinton his home, he has been regarded as a most unscrupulously insolent, profane and bully.

Mr. Brown was one of Franklinton's most highly esteemed citizens. For a long time he was manager of a large farm for Mr. S. C. Vann, who speaks of him as one of the best men he ever saw, that he was one man who lived his religion, and that he was not of a disposition to have disturbances with anybody. He was 42 years old and leaves a wife and three children, besides a widowed mother, a widowed sister with two children and one brother, Mr. C. W. Brown, who was connected with him in the moving picture business. He was a deacon in the Popes Christian church at which the funeral was held and interment made on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, which was conducted by the Franklinton Lodge of Masonry of which he was a member. Possibly the largest crowd was in attendance at these services in the history of the little Church at Popes. The evidence indicates that the officers did all in their power under the circumstances to protect the negro and are free in stating that they would have gotten him to safety had he listened to them and not offered such stubborn resistance.

COTTON REPORT.

The tabulation of the card reports shows that there were 19,505 bales of cotton, counting round and half bales, ginned in Franklin County from the crop of 1919 prior to December 13, 1919, as compared with 18,067 bales ginned to December 13, 1918.

SERVICES AT ST. PAUL'S CHURCH SUNDAY.

Usual service at St. Paul's Church Sunday at 11 A. M. Sermon and administration of Holy Communion, Rev. N. Gollin Hughes, Rector, officiating.

WEBB-SMITH.

Announcements reading as follows have been received by friends here: "Mr. and Mrs. J. Lee Smith announce the marriage of their daughter, Margaret Lee, to Mr. Edward Branch Webb, Tuesday the twenty-third of December, nineteen hundred nineteen, Orangeburg, S. C."

The bride is one of Orangeburg's most popular and accomplished young ladies, who enjoys a wide acquaintance. The groom is the son of our townsman Mr. W. W. Webb, and is a young man of broad ability. He has recently returned from France, where he saw service in several engagements and won the commission of Lieutenant. Since his return he has been engaged in the Lumber business. Mr. Webb has many friends in Lou'sburg who extend best wishes to him and his bride for a long and happy life.

ALSTON-CLARK.

Announcements as follows have been received in Lou'sburg:

"Mrs. Carrie Howland Clark announces the marriage of her daughter, Sarah Myrtle, to Mr. Edward Thorne Alston, Jr., on Thursday, December the eighteenth, nineteen hundred and nineteen, Clarkton, North Carolina."

Enclosed are cards reading as follows: "At Home after the first of January, Henderson, North Carolina." Mr. Alston being one of Franklin County's most popular young men, and being connected with one of the oldest, most prosperous and substantial families, has many friends here who extend the best of wishes in congratulations to him and his charming young bride.

TERRELL-REAVIS.

Miss Mabel Reavis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Reavis, of Lou'sburg, and Mr. J. Z. Terrell, son of Mr. James Terrell, of Franklin county, were married Tuesday at the home of the bride's parents. The ceremony was performed by Rev. G. B. Perry, of Kittrell, and was witnessed by a large number of guests. After the marriage the bride and groom accompanied by a party of their relatives and friends, came to Henderson and left on a north-bound train for Washington and other northern cities. Henderson Dispatch. The contracting parties are among Lou'sburg's most popular young people whose large number of friends extend the heartiest congratulations.

MR. ELIJAH ODOM DEAD.

Mr. Elijah Odom died at his home on Church Street early Monday morning after an illness of about two weeks. Mr. Odom was 60 years old and leaves a wife, and one brother. He was born and raised in Nash County but had made his home in Lou'sburg for a long number of years during which time he had made friends or his many acquaintances. Until a few years ago he conducted a mercantile business in Lou'sburg, and for the past few months was employed as salesman by Allen Bros. Co. Mr. Odom was a Christian gentleman, who lived his religion as he saw it and whose daily conduct was outside the realm of the critic. He was a member of the Methodist church and of the Lou'sburg Camp of the Woodmen of the World; both of which received his undivided attention in their respective endeavors. The funeral was held on Tuesday afternoon from the Methodist Church, conducted by his pastor, Rev. G. F. Smith, and was largely attended, and the interment was made at Oaklawn Cemetery in the presence of a large crowd of relatives and friends who had gathered to pay a last sad tribute of love and esteem. The pall bearers were E. W. Whelless, L. J. Pernell, E. W. Furgurson, M. S. Clifton, F. B. McKinnis, F. N. Spivey. The floral tribute was profuse and beautiful.

KINSTON CITIZEN INJURED BY HAWK

Bird Thief Was Shot Down While Trying to Steal Chicken—When Picked Up It Setted Assailant's Hand.

Kinston, Dec. 31.—Jack Parrott, well-known resident of this place, is suffering from injuries to his hands inflicted by a hawk. Parrott shot the bird while it was trying to steal a chicken at a rural point. The hawk was wounded in the wings. Parrott picked it up and found it impracticable to hold and almost impossible to turn it loose. The bird's beak and claws were formidable weapons, and it used them with telling effect. "It was a bird of an affair," said Parrott's friends, "his chicken hawk-parrott event."

WHITE-RICHARDSON

Bunn, N. C., Dec. 23.—A simple but very pretty wedding was solemnized at Mr. Robt. White's on Main Street, on Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 23rd, at 4 o'clock, when Miss Martha Richardson became the bride of Mr. Duke White, a resident of this town. The ceremony was performed by Rev. E. J. Clegg, pastor of the Methodist church.

What will 1920 bring to us of this town? Exactly what we reach out and grasp for, no more, no less. Let's begin now.

TO MAKE EXCHANGE OF TREATIES NEXT TUESDAY IN PARIS

Exchange Of Ratifications Will Be Without Ceremony, It Is Announced.

PROTOCOL PROVISIONS AGREED TO BY GERMANS

Allied Troops Will Proceed On January 12 To Territories Which Must Be Evacuated By Teutons Or Where Plebiscites Will Be Held; One Hundred Trains Needed.

Paris, Dec. 20.—Exchange of ratifications of the treaty of Versailles will take place January 6 at the Quai d'Orsay. Baron Von Leraner, head of the German delegation and Paul Dutasta, secretary of the peace conference, tonight settled all points in connection with the signature, except that relating to naval material, which it is expected will be solved shortly.

The Germans will sign the protocol, and at the same time the allies will hand a letter to them agreeing to reduce their demands to 400,000 tons if the total available tonnage has been over-estimated or Germany's a gravely menaced economically. In any case, after the signature, the allies will get 242,000 tons of material and the balance based on the reports of exports which are now checking up at Danzig, Hamburg and Bremen.

The British prime minister, David Lloyd George, will be present at the ceremony which will be carried out without any display. Diplomatic relations will be resumed the following day when the French charge d'affaires will go to Berlin and Frenchsuls will resume their posts.

Allied troops will proceed on January 12 to the territories which must be evacuated by the Germans or where plebiscites are to be held. It is estimated that one hundred trains will be needed for this purpose.

It is explained that the Supreme Council will satisfy Germany's demand for a more specific declaration on the reduction of the tonnage asked for through affixing to the protocol the text of M. Dutasta's verbal declaration to Baron Von Leraner on the subject.

The Rhineland commission, on which the United States is not as yet represented, officially is expected to meet as soon as practicable after the treaty is promulgated. This commission will have jurisdiction over the territory occupied by the allied troops in the Rhineland, including the American contingent.

The allied military mission dealing with the subject of transporting allied troops through districts where plebiscites are to be held under the treaty reported to the council today that satisfactory arrangements had been made with the Germans for the movement of these forces. It is estimated that it will require two weeks to get into Silesia the number of troops it is proposed to send to that plebiscite area.

Ellis Loring Dresel, an American member of the peace conference, as expert on German affairs, it is understood, will go to Berlin as soon as ratifications are exchanged. He will be accompanied by a staff. This is presumed here to be a temporary expedient until diplomatic relations with the United States are resumed. He was appointed acting commissioner and charge d'affaires in October.

CAMP BRAGG ARTILLERY PLATOON HERE AGAIN

The First Provisional Platoon of the 15 U. S. Artillery is again in Raleigh for the second time this year. The detachment is in command of Lieutenant R. S. Padden, coming here from Durham yesterday. The command will be here until January 2, and cordially invites the public to inspect the camp, corner Salisbury and Morgan streets. The detachment was entertained Christmas by the Grand Cross of Burlington. At Winston-Salem, a special drill was staged for the benefit of the Salem college girls. The students were allowed to ride on the caissons and otherwise had the time of their lives.

The men express delight at being in Raleigh again and will hate to leave for Camp Bragg on Friday. The itinerary of the men included the following cities and towns: Fayetteville, Wade, Dunn, Four Oaks, Wilson, Rocky Mount, Spring Hope, Wakefield, Raleigh, Durham, High Point, Winston Salem, Greensboro, Burlington, and Hillsboro.—News-Observer.

MR. J. D. HINES ASSUMES CONTROL OF BESTHINES MOTOR CO.

Among the few changes that has taken place here for the new year is noted. Mr. John D. Hines has purchased the interest of Mr. J. H. Best, his partner, in the Besthines Motor Co., which has been doing a flourishing business here the past year. Mr. Hines will continue the business at the same place while Mr. Best has not given out his intentions for the New Year's business.

DANIELS REFUSES TO CONCEDE THE COUNTRY TO THE REPUBLICANS

Prophecies Democratic Victory in 1920 Presidential Campaign, Mr. Daniels Could Easily Support Bryan.

Raleigh, Dec. 31.—Secretary Joseph Daniels of the American navy, and all its troubles in town today refusing to concede the country to the Republicans in 1920 and ready to call anybody names who does.

They wouldn't be very bad names, though; for not since Will Newland crept up behind him early in 1912 and from back of an ear whispered: "Joe, have I got a damned bit of chance of being elected Governor this year?" and received without a lookup: "Not a damned bit," has Secretary Daniels said anything more like "damn" than condemn. He doesn't cuss and never has learned in Washington. Worse than that, the only thing that he really would like to abuse, the United States Senate, is a part of the scheme of government and it isn't good form to swear at a co-ordinate branch.

"Don't quote anything I say about the Senate," Mr. Daniels said, apparently fearful that in a fit of absentmindedness he might tell just what he thinks of that body which Saint George Washington once asked to go to hell. But Saint George was a real cussier. Lord Joe of the navy has done his best to Christianize his boys and he would not like them to read any cuss words of his directed at a co-ordinate department of the United States government.

"Will Win In 1920."

"But we are going to win in 1920," Mr. Daniels said, "and you can quote me on that." "If you think we are disorganized I'd like to see how much better they are agreed on a candidate or a platform. We have a record and we are not afraid to present it in confidence because as many things as have been done by the Wilson administration will not be easily forgotten. No, we are not out of it and are not going to be out of it."

"Of course, after my service in the administration is over I am coming back to Raleigh to get back into the newspaper work where I left it off nearly seven years ago. It won't be hard to drop back into that even after a strenuous official life. I fancy that sometimes it will be necessary to bring out an issue on asbestos, certainly some of them will be hot. But I am coming back not because the Democrats are going to be out of it next year. The man who thinks we are beaten is foolish."

It will be remembered against Mr. Daniels, Bryan always does it, that he never has failed to prophesy a Democratic victory, but he is buoyed by westerners who come in to Washington to tell the people now running the departments that the West has no kick on Mr. Wilson. Mr. Daniels does not see the gold and silver, the protection and free trade elements of the Democracy that went to pieces when Bryan first ran.

The Secretary of the Navy is a great friend to Bryan and Raleigh people now speculating on the possible results of Bryan's nomination in 1920 would bet that the Naval Secretary could easily support the stone thrice rejected by the builders, more, they think, than Bryan could do if a Wilson man were nominated.

Until the Bryan resignation from the cabinet in 1915 the two were regarded inseparable. Resignation tore them asunder, but they could get together again. Indeed, nobody would be shocked to find it so.

HAPGOOD DENIES CHARGES MADE BY COL. HARVEY

Former Minister To Denmark Never Expressed Sympathy For Soviet Government.

New York, Dec. 30.—Norman Hapgood issued a statement here tonight in explanation of his resignation as minister to Denmark, in which he categorically denied having expressed sympathy for the Soviet government. He declared his views have not changed regarding the maintenance of the blockade and that he still believes Bolshevism is strengthened by it, not only in Russia but elsewhere, "in proportion as Europe suffers from the inability to get raw materials and food from Russia and to send her manufactured articles in return."

Charges that Mr. Hapgood had been in friendly relations with Lenin and Trotsky were originally made in Harvey's Weekly and the former minister said that one of his reasons for asking to be released from the diplomatic service, "was the necessity of answering Colonel George Harvey's falsehoods." His attack was "foolish and vindictive," he asserted.

Mr. Hapgood said he has been opposed to communism all his life and denounced the charge that he was a plenipotentiary of Lenin and Trotsky as a "grotesque falsehood." He characterized an accusation that he had used the American legation at Copenhagen as a "trading post" for the Soviet government as "despicable."

Old men are becoming young again, young men are getting kiddish, and the kids are assimilating all of the wisdom of mankind.

AMONG THE VISITORS

SOME YOU KNOW AND SOME YOU DO NOT KNOW.

Personal Items About Folks And Their Friends Who Travel Here And There.

Mr. W. E. White is spending the week in New York.

Supt. J. C. Jones spent Saturday and Sunday in Raleigh.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm McKinne returned the past week from Chicago.

Mr. W. T. Sledge, of Hickory, was a visitor to Lou'sburg the past week.

Dr. A. H. Fleming and Constable J. E. Thomas visited Raleigh Saturday.

Mr. Sterling G. Boddie, of Henderson, visited his people here during the holidays.

Mr. Jerry Mitchell, of Charleston, W. Va., was a visitor to Lou'sburg the past week.

Mr. D. L. Wells and family returned Tuesday from a visit to his people at DeWitt, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Rick's returned from a visit to his people in Greensboro Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Thomas spent a portion of the holidays with relatives in Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Fleming, of Raleigh, visited Mrs. Fleming's mother in Lou'sburg the past week.

Mr. S. T. Herman and family, of Hickory, visited his brother, Mr. F. L. Herman during the holidays.

Solicitor H. E. Norris was in Lou'sburg Tuesday to assist in the conduct of the Coroner's inquest.

Miss Mildred Shearin returned Monday from a visit to her brother, Mr. Frank Shearin in Greensboro.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Newell and children returned Wednesday from a visit to her people at Williamston.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Lancaster, of Newton, visited friends and relatives in and near Lou'sburg the past week.

Mr. T. B. Wilder, of Aberdeen, was a visitor to Lou'sburg during the holidays, guest of his brother Mr. S. T. Wilder.

Mr. Clifford Smith, a member of the United States Marines, and stationed at Hampton Roads, was at home for the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Ida Pearce and little granddaughter, Flora McLaurin, left Wednesday for New Bern to visit her daughter, Mrs. John A. Tucker.

Mr. N. M. Ballard, of Serman, Texas, visited his sisters, Mrs. J. J. Barrow, of Lou'sburg, and Mrs. H. D. Egerton, of Laurel, the past week.

Mr. Edmond B. Webb and bride, of Orangeburg, S. C., visited his parents Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Webb, on Kenmore Avenue, during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Y. Yarboro visited her people in Hertford during the holidays. Mr. Yarboro returned Tuesday, while Mrs. Yarboro will make her visit longer.

Their many friends are delighted to count Rev. and Mrs. Walter M. Gilmore, of Sanford, N. C., among Lou'sburg's welcomed holiday visitors. Irrespective of denominations they are held in the highest esteem and all join in extending to them the glad hand, and wish for them all happiness and prosperity. The great work they are doing in Sanford, not the least of which is the building a new \$75,000.00 church, is what could only be expected of this consecrated man and his excellent wife.

COURT CONVENES THE 12TH.

On account of a little confusion in figuring up the time of holding the January term of Franklin Superior Court we have been informed that it will convene on Monday, January 12th, 1920, and requested to say that all jurors and witnesses are expected to be present on that date.

U. D. C.

We are requested to state that a meeting of the Joseph J. Davis Chapter U. D. C. will be held at the home of Mrs. S. J. Parrott on next Tuesday afternoon at 8 o'clock. All members are urged to attend.

America is sick—prostrate with a terrible disease—the uncontrollable loss of squandering money.

Be good to the new year, and it may be the same to you.

Do your shopping early. Only 12 months until Christmas again.