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## OHIO MOB MAKES WAR ON NEGROES

Riot Illuminates the Night in Springfield With Fire.

## MILITIA WAS CALLED OUT

Only six Members of Local Company Respond—A Company Expected From Another Town did not Arrive—Saloon Riddled and Looted—Rioters Forced Back.

Springfield, Ohio, Feb. 27.—Tonight mob violence is threatened here, as the result of a shooting in the railroad yards early this morning, in which M. M. Davis, a brakeman, was perhaps fatally shot by two negroes. Preston Ladd, of Bellefontaine, and Edward Dean, of this city. Ladd was taken to the hospital this morning as a result of injuries received presumably in connection with the shooting of Davis, where he lies in a ward adjacent to his victim.

Dean was taken to Dayton after a hurried conference of officials. A mob of one thousand men and boys formed and marched to "The Jungles," a locality inhabited by colored people, with the announced purpose of burning that section.

Mayor Todd shortly after 3 o'clock asked that companies B. and E. of the Third Regiment Ohio National Guards, be called out.

The mob soon reached "The Jungles," and battered one house to pieces with stones and posts used as battering rams. A general fire alarm was sounded. The sounding of the gongs served to fill the streets with people and the feeling in the crowds was tense.

The mob entered Kempler's saloon, in East Columbia street, and quickly looted it. Kempler and his wife fled leaving their three little children asleep in a room over the saloon. The building was riddled with bullets and stones, and it was only by the hardest efforts of police and firemen that a way was forced through the mob and the children rescued.

After the pillaging of the saloon drunkenness was an added feature of the mob riot. At 11 o'clock members of the mob broke through a cordon of police and set fire to a house in "The Jungles" which was quickly burned down. Sergeant Creager, who had charge of the squad of police, was hit on the head with a brick and seriously wounded.

A request was sent out at 10 o'clock for the Xenia Military Company.

At midnight six houses which had been fired by the mob were burning fiercely, and the police had apparently lost control of the situation. Only six members of the local militia responded to the mayor's call, and the Xenia company, which is expected had not arrived.

## RECONCILIATION DENIED

BY MR. JAMES B. DUKE

His Former Infatuation for His Wife Has Vanished—Wants Divorce Now.

Somerville, N. J., Feb. 26.—The report that a reconciliation is about to be effected between James B. Duke, president of the American Tobacco Company, and his wife, Lillian N. Duke, whom he is suing for a divorce, is emphatically denied by Mr. Duke's close friends here today. Richard V. Lindebury, Mr. Duke's counsel also states that he has no knowledge of any intent on the part of Mr. Duke to settle his differences with Mrs. Duke out of court, and he is quite positive that the divorce trial will go on.

"Mr. Duke's infatuation for his pretty wife has been dispelled and he is done with her forever," said a close friend of Mr. Duke in discussing the case to-night. "Since his separation from his wife Mr. Duke has taken up his abode with his brother, Benjamin N. Duke, in New York, making occasional visits to his estate here."

Mr. Steve Freeman, who has been conducting a retail store in the building next to The Robesonian office, is moving in to the store room formerly occupied by the Bridgers Grocery Store.

## CONGRESSMAN PATTERSON WILL HAVE A REPLY

In the Event that Mr. Gudger Champions the Cause of Judge Pritchard in Congress.

Washington, Feb. 28.—Representative Gudger received a number of letters from citizens of Asheville and elsewhere, urging him to speak in defense of Judge Pritchard, who is charged with practicing before one of the executive departments of the government on several occasions; but if he does so on the floor of the House, as has been predicted, he will draw fire from other members of Congress, and a general discussion of these charges is certain to follow.

Representative Patterson, of the Sixth District, is one of those who will have something to say in the event that Mr. Gudger champions Judge Pritchard's cause in Congress. Speaking with reference to this subject Monday, Mr. Patterson said:

In the event that a speech is made on the floor of the House in defense of Judge Pritchard, I shall have something to say with reference to a speech that he, as a Senator, delivered in the Senate after the Wilmington riots, in which he denounced the people of my section. I recall that at that time North Carolina was represented in the Senate by Senators Pritchard and Butler and that a Senator

from another State felt called upon to speak in behalf of and in defense of the people of North Carolina, who were abused by one of their representatives. Appeals to Congress have nothing to do with Judge Pritchard's practicing before the departments in violation of a Federal statute. If he did so, and acknowledges the fact, as I understand he does, he should stand before the laws of the country as other citizens are required to do. The cases in which the charges are preferred against Judge Pritchard should rest on their merits, and appeals to Congress one way or another should have nothing to do with their final determination, whether in a Federal court or elsewhere.

The speech referred to by Mr. Patterson was delivered in the Senate in 1901 by Senator Pritchard in support of a motion made by Ex-Senator Marion Butler to refer to the Elections Committee the credentials of Senator Simmons with the view of denying him his seat. In that speech Senator Pritchard said, among other things that the people of North Carolina did not have a Republican form of government.—News and Observer.

## Funeral of Mrs. Thomson.

The funeral of Mrs. N. A. Thomson, mention of whose untimely death, was made in the last issue of The Robesonian, was held from Back Swamp Church, six miles from Lumberton, Tuesday afternoon. The service was conducted by the Rev. C. H. Durham, pastor of the First Baptist Church. A large attendance of sorrowing relatives and friends were at the funeral.

## Death of Mr. Duncan McLean

Mr. Duncan McLean passed away at his home at Bladenboro last Monday, aged 80 years. The funeral was held Tuesday, followed by the burial. The deceased was one of the most prominent citizens of Bladenboro and related to the McLean families in this county. He was a son of former Solicitor McLean.

As a rule, the imaginative poet is one who imagines he can exchange his poetry for real money.

people will throw down all such innovations.

We sometimes lose our patience with certain innovations of dress, manner and speech of the coming generation, but we have this new generation to reckon with, and we might as well make up our minds to accept the responsibility. We cannot down it by a frown as was done before the negroes were freed, because the freeing of the negro freed the young people also. Example, kindness, patience, forbearance and prayer are the machinery to operate upon them now, and not the old dictum, the shout that was formerly used. What you cannot help must be endured.

One of the predominant traits of the Scotch character is its individual independence and equality of social position. This peculiarity originated and was fostered by the clan system of the highlands when the lowest member of the clan was considered socially the equal of the chief.

## CONTROVERSY TRANSFERRED

Out of Committee Room into the Chamber Rate Bill Reported.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 26.—The Hepburn railroad rate bill was reported to the Senate today by Senator Tillman, in accordance with the action of the Senate Commerce Committee last Friday. Large crowds assembled in the galleries, anticipating a field day of debate, but were disappointed. There was little interest in the proceedings regarding the bill. A brief statement from Mr. Tillman with the necessary arrangement for printing the report of the hearings before the committee and a promise that a formal report would be made later was followed by a few remarks from Mr. Aldrich showing the position of the five Republicans who opposed the bill as reported. Mr. Aldrich indicated that there would be no unnecessary delay, but that the bill would be discussed in accordance with its importance.

Mr. Tillman announced that as soon as possible he purposes to digest the testimony and to submit a formal report on the bill. He said that within two weeks he should move to make the rate bill the unfinished business, and to displace the Statehood bill, if that measure was not disposed of before that time. The transcendent importance of the rate measure and the wide interest in the subject throughout the country, he said, made it desirable that the bill should be considered without delay.

## Beckwith Drug Company.

The Beckwith Drug Company has made application for a charter to conduct a general drug business and to manufacture drugs and chemicals. The incorporators are Dr. R. B. Beckwith, J. R. Pope and R. E. Lee. The authorized capital is \$25,000 and the company will begin business as soon as \$5,000 of this amount is

## Jamestown Exposition.

Norfolk, Feb. 28.—Governor Roberts, of Connecticut, accompanied by other Connecticut State officials and number of the Connecticut commission to the Jamestown Exposition, arrived here today and visited the site of the exposition, viewing the ground allotted for the Connecticut State building. A conference with the Jamestown officials will occur tomorrow. The Connecticut visitors were banqueted at the Virginia Club tonight and will return to Hartford tomorrow night. With the Governor are Attorney General King, Treasurer Walsh, State Comptroller Mitchell, and Jamestown Commissioners Barber, Hamilton, Goodard and Concord.

## NEW LUMBER PLANT FOR THE TOWN OF LUMBERTON

Carolina Lumber Plant Will Begin Business in a Few Weeks—Site Purchased.

An application has been made to the secretary of State for a charter for the Carolina Lumber Company, of Lumberton. The paid-in capital is \$18,000, with privilege to increase to \$50,000 at will. The incorporators are G. B. McLeod, W. H. Bryant, J. N. Bryant and H. M. McAllister.

The new plant will be located on the old fair ground property, which has already been purchased by the incorporators. A first-class modern planing plant has been purchased and will be installed at the earliest possible moment. The Company promises to be quite an important addition to the business enterprises of Lumberton.

## At the Baptist Church Sunday.

The subject of pastor Durham's sermon at the Baptist church next Sunday morning will be "An Error in Accounting" at 7:30 p. m. Rev. Livingston Johnson, Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist State Mission Board, will speak. A cordial invitation to attend these services is extended to all.

But the more confidence a man has in himself the less praying he does.

## INTERESTING NEWS AND NOTES FROM ASHPOLE

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Ashpole, March 1.—Rev. A. E. Baker and D. W. Bullock, of Lumberton, were here Sunday. Mr. Baker delighted his audience with a splendid sermon at the Presbyterian church, and we hope to hear him again soon.

B. L. Pope, general agent for the Equitable Life Insurance Co., has rented a splendid office in the new Brown building on Main Street, where he will be glad to see his friends.

Dr. J. P. Brown received a copy of "The History of the Lowrey Outlaws" in five hours after The Robesonian reached Ashpole last Friday. Moral—Advertise in The Robesonian.

The second quarterly meeting for the Robeson circuit will be held at Olivet church the third Saturday and Sunday. Rev. J. N. C. of Rockingham, will be

News of the death of Mrs. Thompson, of Lumberton, received with great sorrow and regret by her large circle of relatives and friends here.

Mr. Giles Robeson, of Rowland, was here Monday, taking back with him his daughter, Miss My-

## VEGETABLES ARE HIT BY FREEZE.

From Twenty to Thirty-Five Per Cent Damage Done.

## CONTINUED COLD IS BAD.

Still Further Injury is Expected From the Recent Cold Nights—It Will be Several Days Before the True Amount of Damage Will be Known.

Wilmington, March 1.—It is estimated that early vegetables in the Wilmington trucking belt were damaged from 25 to 30 per cent, by the freeze of yesterday morning. The injury to the crop was fully expected from the warning sent out by the Weather Bureau and every precaution was taken to reduce the loss to a minimum, but as best the havoc wrought by the freeze is great. Exactly as predicted by Observer Felser the thermometer went down as low as 24 and ice formed freely in every place the least exposed. The maximum since 8 o'clock yesterday morning was 48; the minimum 25.

The high winds kept up all Tuesday night and it was well nigh impossible for growers to keep their lettuce beds covered or afford any kind of protection to plants in the open. In some sections lettuce bed covers were torn into shreds and the damage in those instances is, of course, great. Radishes and beets were damaged worst, being a total loss in some sections, according to reports from the vegetable territory contiguous to Wilmington yesterday. The continued cold last night was not accompanied by the high winds, but even under the more favorable conditions, the damage will still be great. The exact damage, however, will not be known for several days; at least, not until a few days of warm sunshine have come upon the plants to bring out what really has been done.—The Morning Star.

Many a man who is honest in principle is honorable only for effect.

## NEWS AND COMMENT FROM RED SPRINGS

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Red Springs, Feb. 28.—There is no man on a farm but who, having left its healthy and moral influences, does not desire to return to his former State. He will always be "racy to the soil" and in imagination will smell the upturned earth that the force-compelling plow loosens and throws up to mellow and disintegrate—the unnumbered flowers of whose names and qualities he is as ignorant as ever was old Adam (Eve you know named the flowers). He hears the birds singing and, save the mocking bird and robin, he is as equally ignorant. (What a commentary upon our system of education) the field crickets and hoppergrasses are all around him. He hears the distant hells of some lone African, the cow bell tinkles in the pasture, a covey of partridges whirle past him, and anon the baying of a neighboring dog is heard. His pulse quickens, his eyes brighten and he wants to go back again to the old farm even if he didn't get rich on it. Back, back to the farm will be the slogan some of these days. The farm needs the man and the man needs the farm.

To accomplish anything in life it is said that we must go at it with a determination to succeed—go at it all the time and never let up and to be everlastingly at it. Some men can succeed and not be everlastingly at it either, but they are few. The best exemplification of this motto is for one to attack a lightwood knot—one of those curly, hard-headed fellows that's often found at the head of a branch. Nine men out of ten will give it up at the expiration of five minutes, but if you go at it with the determination of splitting it open and everlastingly go at it, you will finally succeed. Of course the knot is not worth the trouble of itself, but will serve as a model for higher things.

There is no first and second class among the Scotch. If a man is poor it has no effect upon his social position, but he maintains an equal position with his rich neighbor. This is the way it used to be, but of late I notice a disposition among some people to assume a "society" air, and a desire to let the world know that they are better than their neighbors. This is to be deplored and we hope the better class of our