

### THE SITUATION IMPROVING.

#### The Atlanta Authorities Think They Have the Riot Under Control.

Today has passed without serious troubles in the race difficulties here. The authorities feel so confident that they have the situation well in hand, that at noon five companies of the State militia, ordered here yesterday to assist the local companies were dismissed. The militia were taken from the downtown streets today and sent to the armories for much needed rest. They are on the streets tonight patrolling the entire city. The saloons have been closed all day by order of Mayor Woodward, and will remain closed till further orders.

The courts have taken a hand in connection with the riots of Saturday night. In the city police court today Judge Broyles inflicted the extreme sentence of the law on six young white men charged with inciting a riot, giving each 30 days in jail and binding them over to the higher court under \$1,000 bond.

Mayor Woodward has issued an order that all boys under twenty-one must keep off the streets after 8 o'clock at night. He also asked that all citizens remain in their homes at night until the present troubles shall be passed.

Although the day has been quiet in the downtown districts, a number of disturbances have been reported from the outlying districts. A squad of Macon militiamen, on guard in a negro settlement last night, surprised and dispersed a company of negroes drilling on a back street. There were no arrests. A gang of negro boys, 15 to 18 years of age, beat a young white boy who took refuge in the home of a prominent citizen on Piedmont avenue.

An old negro woman seeing the disturbance remonstrated with the negroes, who replied that the whites had beaten and killed negroes and they proposed to get even. This spirit manifested by the younger negroes is taken by some to reflect the sentiments of the older members of the race.

Many citizens today have expressed the feeling that the trouble is not yet passed. They have been arming themselves and preparing for possible emergencies. Some have believed that trouble would come tonight, but in view of the confidence of the authorities in their ability to control the situation, it is believed that these fears are groundless.—Atlanta, Ga., dispatch, 24th.

#### Lingle-Bangle Wedding.

There was a quiet marriage Sunday afternoon at the home of Rev. R. L. Brown, in Gold Hill township, in which Miss Carrie Lingle, of the county, and Thos. Bangle, of this city, were the principals. The parents of the young lady were not informed of the impending event when the young man called for his intended bride Sunday afternoon and drove away with her. The young couple came to Salisbury after the wedding.

#### Operator Hurt.

The Statesville Landmark states that E. D. Blackard, who was night operator at Barber, met with a serious accident last week. He had been to Salisbury and was returning on passenger train No. 85. For some cause he did not leave the train when it reached his station, possibly because he was asleep. He jumped from the train and rolled down a steep embankment. When found he was lying some distance from the foot of the embankment, and was unconscious. Blackard was sent to the sanatorium here, and it may be several weeks before he is able to be out. The friends of the injured man, at Barber, missed him and wired to Statesville. The conductor wired back that Blackard had left the train between Barber and Cleveland. Some of the railroad men at Barber went up the road and found him.

### THE GOVERNMENT YIELDS.

#### Secretary Taft and Insurgent Committee Have Long Conference.

Victory for the liberals or revolutionary party seems certain tonight at the conclusion of a long conference between a committee of the insurgents, of eight members, and the American peace commissioners. The insurgent committee announced that there was practically no difference remaining between them and Secretaries Taft and Bacon, and that they would receive a draft of the peace plans tomorrow. These no doubt would be agreed to at the meeting to be held in the Presidio where the prisoner members of the committee are confined.

Secretary Taft said he could give no details of what transpired at the conference, for the reason that it was now necessary to treat with the government leaders, and that the publication of the peace proposals might interfere with their prompt acceptance.

Messrs. Taft and Bacon went to the palace tonight and informed President Palma of the outcome of the negotiations with the Liberals. The absence of a definite statement from the commissioners makes it impossible to say whether the plans carry the resignations of the present administration and the congressmen elected last year, or not. There is a strong impression that President Palma will remain and organize the cabinet, but that new elections will be held for half the senators and representatives. In other words, those who were elected last year, and possibly also for provincial officers.

In discussing the situation with the Associated Press, Secretary Taft said that tomorrow he would go over with Alfredo Zayas, the leader of the Liberals, the variations that the Liberal leaders desire in the memorandum of the peace programme. "If we reach a conclusion," Secretary Taft said, "we hope to announce it tomorrow night."—Havana dispatch, 24th.

#### Intervention is Certain.

Havana, Sept. 25.—It is declared on very high authority that American intervention in Cuba is certain. Furthermore, it is expected that the proclamation of intervention will be issued from Oyster Bay.

President Palma has called a special session of Congress for Friday, when he will present the resignations of himself and Vice-President Mendez Capote. The Moderates, however, will not attend that session of Congress, for in their hurriedly called National Moderate Assembly this afternoon they decided unanimously simply to quit forthwith. They will not even attend the approaching session or have anything more to do with the government of Cuba, alleging they have been unjustly treated by President Roosevelt's commissioners.

#### Governor Wires for Arms.

Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 25.—Two negroes were killed today in a fight with officers mounted on bicycles. The negroes had barricaded themselves in a house on the edge of the city. The officers were not wounded.

Sheriff Nelms today swore in about 800 citizens as special deputies. It is understood that he will swear in as many more as he can properly arm, up to 500. Governor Terrell has wired for supplies of guns and ammunition.

#### A Sorely Stricken Family.

Jane Lucile, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude L. Frederick, died yesterday morning at the home of S. J. Swicegood, the father of Mrs. Frederick. The funeral will take place this afternoon at 3 o'clock at the house, Rev. J. C. Rowe, officiating. This makes the third death in this family in the past three weeks.

### Atlanta Negroes Talk.

Salisbury, Sept. 25.—A squad of refugee Atlanta negroes came to Salisbury today and gave The Observer's correspondent a rabbit-hearted interview. When approached they appeared to fear harm and all of reportorial blarney failed a long time to supply the ability necessary to make the oyster-mouthed fellows talk. They were suspicious of everything white, but finally, having been persuaded that there was nothing dangerous in giving out an interview, they talked a bit. They left Atlanta about midnight after the riot of last night. The men said that they personally had not been maltreated, but that their fellows, as innocent, had been beaten and lynched and that fearing a general crusade against them, they "taken the steamers." They are an unintelligent lot and seemed utterly lost as to the cause of the trouble. They merely knew that it is vera inconvenient to be a negro now in Georgia, and just left. When asked if they had heard of many crimes perpetrated against the white people, they said they did not know of any. John Temple Graves and The Georgian were as so many Egyptian hieroglyphics to them. The negroes say the white people just took up arms against them, began to run them off and that's all they seem to know about it. They must have seen some of the colored men firing upon the police and declare the men ran because they did not have the nerve to fight.—Correspondent of Observer.

#### Department Takes Notice.

The postoffice department has taken cognizance of the case of J. L. Price, the negro in charge of the postoffice station in South Atlanta, who, it is reported, has been arrested charged with supplying ammunition to the blacks. An investigation is now under way, and if it be true, as alleged, that Price has been taken into custody on the grounds stated, and is convicted, he will be dismissed from the service of the government. The practice of the department has been that employees committing offences involving arrest and conviction, are removed from their positions. A report has been for from the postmaster at Atlanta, and until it is received no action with regard to Price will be taken.—Washington dispatch.

#### Ku Klux Found in Augusta.

Augusta, Ga., Sept. 25.—The police authorities today discovered a secret organization of Ku Klux in Augusta and broke it up. Detectives found in a local job printing office literature privately printed for the organization, and on further investigation, found that a local tailoring establishment of high reputation had made gowns and other regalia for the band. The literature and gowns were confiscated, the former being destroyed. A number of the young men connected with the organization were arrested placed under peace bonds. It was the purpose of the Ku Klux to make their first visitation tonight on White, the negro preacher-editor, who left the city this afternoon.

#### Declares For Care of the Insane.

It is a pleasure to note that a good many of the Democratic county conventions are passing resolutions pledging their representatives to vote for increased appropriations for the State hospitals for the insane, a work that has been neglected to the everlasting shame of the Commonwealth. This county took no action, probably because the convention was held so much earlier than usual, and the matter had not been agitated, but it can be stated, so we judge, that when such a measure comes up the representatives from this county will vote for it.—Greensboro Record.

### Run out of Augusta.

Augusta, Ga., Sept. 25.—After having been mysteriously warned that he must leave Augusta on account of incendiary publications in his paper, a negro journal, The Georgia Baptist, W. J. White, a negro preacher, today notified Mayor Allen that he had decided to get out of Augusta and never return. He left on the noon train and his paper is not to be published any more.

White has several times in the past been the cause of incipient disturbances between the races by expressions through his paper, and a few years ago was saved from injury and his office from destruction by a mob, which had surrounded it with the intention of applying the torch, by a prominent attorney.

He was advised today by conservative men of both races that it would be safer for him to leave and he accepted the advice.

#### Best of Awl.

This date in history 67 days ago, Andru Carnige's comite on simplified spelling knockt spots off 800 innocent wurdz. Sum seed it was becuz Andru was shi on spelling himself, but whatever idear the Lard of Skibo had it maid a hit with Rosefelt. Delighted he yellid, "Bulee, bi junks! I'e hav all publik dokumentz in Skibo English, and then the department clurks won't get gra hares trin' to spel rite. But, best of awl, it will help anettee-race suiside, becuz parentz won't worri about teing they're ofspring how to spel."—Boston Journal.

#### Killed at Mock Funeral.

While conducting a mock funeral today with her little companions, Mary Emerick, the seven-year old daughter of Sylvester Emerick, a Pennsylvania Railroad engineer, was accidentally shot by Eugene Smith, son of Dr. J. Carl Smith, of Ellerslie, this county. The children had just buried a doll when young Smith fired at a rat, and the bullet passed through a fence and struck the Emerick child in the left side, passing through her heart. She advanced a few steps and fell dead. Smith was not aware of the presence of the children. He is nineteen years old.—Cumberland, Md., dispatch.

#### "The Clansman" Barred.

Montgomery, Ala., Sept. 24.—The city council tonight unanimously passed an ordinance calling on the mayor to prohibit the production of Thomas Dixon's play, "The Clansman," Thursday next, on account of the excited condition of the public mind on account of the disorders at Atlanta.

#### The Motion Miscarried.

The attempt to amend the constitution of the Improved Order of Red Men to exclude liquor dealers, saloon keepers and professional gamblers from the order made by the great council at Niagara Falls yesterday was unsuccessful. The vote stood ayes 90; noes 84.—Buffalo, N. Y., dispatch.

#### Speakers for Salisbury.

It has been announced by State Chairman Gimmons, that this city will have speeches during October from three speakers of note. Capt. R. P. Hobson will speak on the night of October 8th; Governor Glenn will speak here on October 15th, at 8 p. m., while ex-Governor Aycock will hold forth on the 18th in Atwell township, and at Spencer on the night of that day.

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### CURRENT COMMENT.

Hackett's apologist, the Chronicle, closes a paragraph in its last issue with this sentence: "Besides, Mr. Hackett is not in the liquor drinking business in any shape, form or fashion." Isn't that a corker? When did he quit? Where was he on the day of election in 1902, and what time did he get to the polls? It is common knowledge here that "the liquor drinking business" has been his chief occupation. It appears to us that criticism on the part of the Chronicle along this line is calculated to rebound and its candidate's, as well as its own little "glass house" is in danger of being shattered.—The Wilkes Patriot.

#### Farmer Loses Barn.

On Friday night the barn of R. L. Barringer, a farmer living near Summer, was struck by lightning and destroyed by the fire which resulted. Two horses, a cow and a lot of feed was also lost. It was not learned whether or not there was any insurance on the property.

#### Typhoid Fever Victim.

A. L. Holshouser, an employe of the Southern, at Spencer, died yesterday at his former home at Gold Hill, his death resulting from typhoid fever. He was taken ill at Spencer and was removed to his home at once. The funeral was held this morning at Lower Stone church.

#### New Advertisements.

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