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SHOT DEAD IN EFFORT TO QUELL RIOTOUS NEGROES

A Terrible Tragedy on the Seaboard Air Line Between Middleburg and Manson.

SIX NEGROES INVADE FIRST CLASS CAR

Acting Offensively They Are Asked to Leave It.

AT FIRST THEY REFUSE BUT FINALLY GO

One of Them Then Attacks Conductor Clements, Road Master Stevers Comes to His Aid and is Shot Dead. A Second Bullet Meant For Clements Strikes the Colored Porter. Two of the Negroes Escape. The Others Jailed at Henderson. Bloodhounds to Track the Fugitives. Rumors of Lynching and of the Military Being Called Out.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Henderson, N. C., August 19.—A terrible tragedy occurred on the Seaboard Air Line train yesterday afternoon about two o'clock. Roadmaster red Stevers was brutally shot dead by a riotous negro and Jim Mitchell, a colored porter, was shot so seriously that his death is expected.

The trouble occurred between Middleburg and Henderson, while the south-bound train was in motion. Four or five colored workmen from Lynchburg, Va., got on the second class car and were very noisy. Captain W. P. Clements requested them to go into the car for colored people. In that car an assault was made on Capt. Clements and Roadmaster Fred Stevers, who was on the train, came to his assistance.

He was shot dead by one of the negroes and the porter who came to Captain Clements' aid was also shot. The passengers aided in capturing three of the negroes, while two escaped and jumped from the train. The body of the dead man was taken off when the train reached here. A third party is said to have been shot.

Telegrams were received here from the incoming train and there was great excitement. Officers went to the train and took charge of the three negroes captured. The blood hounds here were sick and could not be used to track the negroes who escaped. Telegrams were at once sent to Weldon for blood hounds and those have been sent by special train.

Mr. Charles Turner, of Henderson, was on the train at the time of the shooting, and it is said he aided greatly in arresting the criminals.

The Seaboard Air Line officials have sent a special train with two sets of bloodhounds. The negroes who escaped are said to have ridden within two miles of Henderson on a freight train, from which they jumped and took to the woods. There are no threats of lynching yet.

THE STORY OF THE KILLING.

The Seaboard Air Line train on which occurred the terrible tragedy told of above, reached Raleigh forty-five minutes late. It was in charge of Captain W. P. Clements, around whom occurred the exciting events which led to the killing of Roadmaster Fred Stevers and the serious wounding of the negro porter, Jim Mitchell.

An interview was had with Captain Clements, and his account of the terrible event is as follows:

"In going through the coaches I found that there were six negroes in the car reserved for white people. They were singing loudly all manner of songs and were very boisterous. I went to them and told them that they were in the wrong coach and that they must go into the colored coach. One of the negroes agreed to this, but the others at first did not seem inclined to go.

"Understanding that they were going to the colored coach I left and went forward on the train to start back collecting tickets. The train at this time was between Middleburg and Manson. The negroes were coming into the colored compartment as I came in and were boisterous again, three of them particularly so.

"I asked what was the matter and was told that they did not mind coming, but didn't want to be ordered and dragged about. I asked who had dragged them, and all seemed satisfied except one negro, Joe Cole, Sr. He threw off his coat and saying: 'We are all brothers and are going to stick together anyhow.' He made a pass at me.

blew out his brains. It was all over in a minute and there was no chance to stop him.

"Mr. Stevers' arms fell from about the negro and he fell to the floor of the coach leaving the negro free. Again his pistol blazed and the Porter Mitchell, who had run in front of me, was shot in the right side of the abdomen.

"By this time passengers had run in and the negroes, after much resistance, were tied with parts of the bell cord. The pistol was taken from Cole. In the excitement, two, perhaps three of the negroes had jumped from the train and three of them were taken in chase. Telegrams were sent to Henderson, and at the depot well-armed officers met the train and took charge of the prisoners."

At Henderson the dead body of Mr. Stevers was taken off. His head was dreadfully torn by the bullet. The negro porter, Jim Mitchell, was brought to Raleigh on the train and taken to Rex Hospital.

In the interval that the train was here yesterday afternoon some of the passengers told of the affair, and that which they had seen corresponded with the statement of Captain Clements. One of the passengers said there was intense excitement on the train, and that when it was known that Mr. Stevers had been killed there was great indignation. "We wanted to lynch the dirty murderer on the train," said one young man, "and the bell cord was handy. It was used, however, to tie the prisoners. The train slowed up a little about this time and two, maybe three, of the negroes jumped off and fled to the woods.

Captain Clements left the city yesterday afternoon to return to Henderson on the freight leaving here at half past five o'clock.

The negro, Jim Mitchell, was taken to Rex Hospital on the arrival of the train here. His wound is a very serious one. Dr. Goode Cheatham, coroner of Vance county, came from Henderson, and with Dr. Cary P. Rogers, operated on the wounded man last night at the hospital, seeking to locate and remove the bullet from his abdomen.

In the operation it was impossible to locate the bullet, but the torn portions were sewed up. Just before midnight Dr. Cheatham said that the man was getting on well, but it was impossible to say whether or not he could live.

All during the afternoon yesterday there were rumors in Raleigh that a lynching had taken place in Henderson after the negroes had been landed there, but these were merely rumors.

Another report which was widely circulated, was that Governor Aycock had been telegraphed to asking that the military be called out to protect the prisoners. The telegrams from Henderson received early in the night said that there had been no threats of lynching, but a later telegram given below tells of later events there.

Lynching Feared.

(Special to the News and Observer.)

Henderson, N. C., Aug. 18.—30:30 p. m.—There is a great deal of excitement here now. Earlier in the evening all was quiet, but gradually the feeling has been growing that Joe Cole, the older man, the one who shot Stevers and Mitchell, ought to be lynched. Feeling is not so high against the other two, as they are mere boys. It is reported that several lawyers have said that Cole could not be hung by process of law, because the murder was not premeditated. This has infuriated the people, and explains the growing excitement. Many say that Cole will never live to see morning, and it is thought the jail will have to be guarded.

Many messages have been received from various points in the surrounding country, and some even from places in Virginia, offering to do anything they can in the way of assistance, if necessary.

The bloodhounds have arrived, and are trailing at Middleburg for the two men who escaped.

AGED WOMAN BURNED TO DEATH.

Two Women Living Near Hearing Cries of Distress Die of Fright.

(Special to the News and Observer.)

Fayetteville, N. C., Aug. 19.—Mrs. Thomas Green, aged 70 years, met a horrible fate about one o'clock this morning at the home of her son-in-law, Mr. Alex. Giles. At this hour the home was burned. When discovered the fire had gained such headway the family had barely time to escape in their night clothes. When the building had collapsed and the flames died out it was discovered that Mrs. Green was missing. Search in the smoldering debris revealed the charred trunk of Mrs. Green, and from its position it is thought she was burned in bed. Her limbs and head were gone. Only the charred trunk remained to tell its story. During the progress of the fire two ladies living near convalescing from fever, hearing the cries of distress, died from fright. The house burned was the property of Mr. W. L.

Holt, situated about a mile from the city.

SUICIDE OF A CARPENTER.

Lumber Mill Owner of Maxton Files Petition in Voluntary Bankruptcy.

(Special to the News and Observer.)
Wilmington, N. C., Aug. 19.—Owen C. Burris, a carpenter of Wilmington, aged 28, died this morning shortly after midnight as the result of swallowing three ounces of laudanum at a single gulp. Alcoholism is said to have been the cause of the young man's rash act. He leaves a wife and a child one year old. Jno. H. Gore, Jr., Esq., most strenuously denies the report that he is to be a candidate for Congress in this District in opposition to the nominee of the Fayetteville convention tomorrow. Mr. Gore clothes his denial of the rumor in no less emphatic language than that it is a lie out of the whole cloth.

E. G. Davis, a lumber mill owner of Maxton, has filed a petition in voluntary bankruptcy in the United States Court here. The liabilities are stated at \$10,251.32; assets, \$10,192.70 exclusive of the homestead exemption.

Ex-Sheriff A. H. Ricks, of Nash county, arrived today and arranged to give bond for young Ben. F. Bryan, of Rocky Mount, who is held for the Federal Court in the sum of \$500 to answer the charge of abstracting letters containing checks from the postoffice here.

Looking Over the Ground.

A party of gentlemen from New York and Norfolk were here yesterday driving about the city with Mr. R. T. Gray, and riding on the street cars. They visited Milburnie and inspected the power plant there. It is thought that they were here in connection with the sale of the street car line, which has been spoken of recently. The gentlemen were Messrs. W. C. Iverson, of New York; V. S. Gugleman, of New York; Peter Wright, of Norfolk, and P. A. Moller, of Norfolk.

THE BOER GENERALS

They Meet With a Most Enthusiastic Reception at The Hague.

(By the Associated Press.)

Rotterdam, Aug. 19.—De Wet, Delarey and Botha, the Boer generals, and their party landed here this morning. They were given a hearty welcome by the municipal authorities and representatives of Boer associations. Many ladies presented bouquets to the generals' wives. The ships in the harbor displayed their flags. The party proceeded to The Hague.

At The Hague.

The Hague, Aug. 19.—A public reception was accorded to the Boer generals on their arrival here today from Rotterdam. General Eyster, in a speech, paid a tribute to their heroic deeds. General Botha replied, expressing the appreciation of the Boer officers at the warmth of their reception, and referring to the consolation which it had been to them to know that while they fought their women and children were being supported by Dutch generosity. The time, added General Botha, had not yet arrived to make public all they knew, but probably at no distant date they would publish their account of the war.

The visitors were escorted in procession through the town in open carriages and were everywhere loudly cheered by the crowds assembled. A number of Boers who served during the war formed a guard of honor for the generals.

The space in front of the hotel where the apartments had been secured for the generals was closely packed with people, shouts of "Long live the Boers!" greeted the South African commanders when they appeared and then the crowd sang the Transvaal national anthem, whereupon the generals bared their heads and waved their hats in acknowledgement of the enthusiastic welcome accorded them. Subsequently a reception was held in the drawing room, former State Secretary of the Transvaal, Dr. Leyds, the European agent of the Boers, introducing the local celebrities to the visitors.

During the course of a speech General Botha declared that he and his colleagues had not come here to hold festivities but the cordiality of their reception was some recompense for the great sorrow they had experienced. "We are deputies," said the Boer commander general, "of one of the most ruined people—ruined only because we have done our duty and defended our liberty and independence for which no sacrifice could be too great."

The Boer generals are expected to visit former President Kruger at Utrecht tomorrow and will probably remain there until August 21.

The generals have requested the members of pro-Boer associations to refrain from making anti-British speeches, which, the Boer commanders say, may possibly impair the success of their mission to Great Britain.

During the day the Boer generals visited former President Steyn.

First Local Tax Election.

(Special to the News and Observer.)

Greensboro, N. C., Aug. 19.—The first local tax election occurred in Deep River, this county, Saturday. The returns show that local tax carried the day by four majority. Parties from that section here yesterday declare that there were several illegal votes cast and counted in favor of the tax, and they intend to contest its validity.

After all, patience is about the highest form of politeness.

GREENSBORO HEARS THE OLD REBEL YELL

Veterans Are Pouring in on Every Train.

OLD WAR SONGS AFLOAT

General Carr Leads in Airs That Thrill the Heart,

A BOUNTIFUL SUPPER AT CAMP SCALES

The Roll of the Drum, the Thrill Tremor of the Fife, the Blare of the Cornet and

Rattle of the Banjo Stir the Blood.

(Special to the News and Observer.)

Greensboro, N. C., Aug. 19.—Veterans have poured in on every train until now at ten o'clock tonight fourteen hundred have been registered and eight hundred more are expected on the midnight trains. Although nothing like this number was expected until tomorrow there was a bountiful supper in camp for all and the citizens of Greensboro will rise to the needs of the hour.

Tonight in General Carr's tent many ladies and distinguished veterans, led by the General himself, have made the air delightful with old war songs, the Reidsville and Proximity bands filling in with few gaps were left open.

The drum, the fife, the banjo and cornet have added to the enjoyment of the night.

An order was issued this evening naming the camp Camp Scales, in memory of ex-Governor Scales. At this writing General Carr has led the troops in front of the Guilford Hotel, and as I write these hurried lines the old original rebel yell is coming from a thousand hoarse throats and the tattoo has just sounded.

Mayor Osborne issued an order this evening that no policeman should arrest an old veteran for hilarity or conviviality and all is well.

Eckles Grove presented the appearance of a sure enough camp this morning, and the streets and buildings on Elm street looked as if a King Edward's coronation was on the tapis, as waving flags and bright colored bunting could be seen everywhere. A good many old soldiers came in yesterday and last night, and every train today brought a small quota. Reinforcements sure enough began to arrive by noon and the town is now in the possession of visitors.

Major C. C. Bunch, of Raleigh, superintending putting up the tents, 300 quadruple yesterday, and left for home this morning.

The young men of the city will give the sponsors and maids of honor of the Confederate reunion a complimentary dance Wednesday night at Lindley Park. So far sixty couples have been booked, and the young people will have almost as big a time as the old veterans. Twenty sixteen-year-old boys have volunteered as pages and steering committees of one, to assist the old soldiers, conduct them to places of interest, keep the maimed and halt from getting run over, help 'em eat, ride free on street cars, etc.

The following letter, enclosing a liberal check, was received last night by Chairman J. W. Scott, of the veteran reunion local organization. It breathes a splendid spirit and deserves publication as a true index of the real sentiments of our better class of colored citizens towards their white friends:

"Greensboro, N. C., Aug. 18, 1902.
"Dear Sir: Observing in Saturday's papers that you and your committee are apprehensive as to the sufficiency of the preparations made for the reception and entertainment of the Confederate veterans in a manner creditable to our city, permit me, a negro who has been so generously treated all my life, by so many Confederate veterans, some of whom are or will be in your midst, to tender the enclosed small contribution to assist in making their stay in our city, alike pleasant to them and satisfactory to us.

"While rejoicing that the union is preserved and the slavery no longer hinders the progress of the South, or of my people, I admire the devotion of the Confederate veterans to the cause they have been taught to revere and respect every effort made to render their declining years happy in the section they so faithfully served.

"For other reasons and because further of my desire that everything that Greensboro undertakes to do shall be well done, I ask you to accept for the purposes indicated the enclosed contribution of
"A NEGRO CITIZEN."

ISSUE AN ULTIMATUM.

This Will Probably be Chaffee's First Act in Mindanao.

(By the Associated Press.)

Manila, Aug. 19.—There have been no developments today in the Moro situation on the Island of Mindanao. General Chaffee was expected to reach Cebu on the army transport Ingalls this morning but the vessel's arrival at that port has not yet been reported. It is possible that General Chaffee has decided to shorten his trip to the Southern islands and return to Manila direct. An order

received from the War Department at Washington leaving action in the Moro situation to General Chaffee's discretion, has been transmitted to him in the south but has probably not yet reached him. It is believed here that General Chaffee will increase the American forces on Mindanao and issue an ultimatum to the hostile Moros.

There are at present 27,000 American troops in the Philippine islands, a goodly portion of which could be spared for active service.

Captain John J. Pershing, of the Fifteenth Cavalry, who is in command of the American column at Lanao, Mindanao, has reported a fierce Moro inter-tribal fight near Camp Vickers, Mindanao.

The contending factions met at Weeding. Thirty-five men were killed outright and many others were wounded. No Americans were concerned in the trouble.

PRITCHARD CHALLENGES CRAIG.

A Joint Discussion of State Issues. Craig Promptly Accepts.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Asheville, N. C., Aug. 19.—Hon. Locke Craig today received from Senator Pritchard a challenge for a joint discussion before the people of State issues involving in the coming campaign. He accepted at once. Senator Pritchard bases his challenge on a statement that it seems to be conceded that Mr. Craig is to be the caucus nominee of the Democratic party for the office of United States Senator in the event that the next Legislature should be Democratic. The Senator asks if it will be convenient for Craig to meet him immediately after the Republican State Convention and arrange a list of appointments to begin in Eastern North Carolina.

The last gossip here is to the effect that Judge Boyd will be appointed to the Court of Claims bench and Senator Pritchard to the United States District Judgeship for Western North Carolina.

FIVE BURNED TO DEATH

Two Women and Three Children Perish in a New York Tenement.

(By the Associated Press.)

New York, August 19.—Something exploded in a furniture store on the ground floor of a double tenement at No. 35 Essex street today and before the tenants could recover from their surprise the building was a mass of flames.

The fire obtained a frightful headway, which the firemen had to fight while the flames were under control two women and three children had been burned to death, and a man and a woman carried to Gouverneur Hospital suffering painful injuries. Many others were badly burned. One of the dead bodies was believed to be that of Mrs. Hannah Balothin and the other that of Mrs. Joseph Knott, but both were so badly burned that they were not recognized. The persons seriously injured were Mrs. Rosa Mieses, who was burned about the body and face, and Jacob Muscovitz, who had three ribs broken by jumping to the pavement. The money lost by the fire was \$5,000.

Coroner Goldekrantz, who viewed the bodies, said there had been only one positive identification—that of the remains of Mrs. Batholin. The other bodies were so charred that it was almost impossible to identify them, but it was likely that the body of the other woman was that of Mrs. Knott, one of the children's bodies was that of Mrs. Knott's child and the other two children's bodies those of two of the family of Nathan Liebowitz.

EVE OF THE CONVENTION.

The Situation as it is Now Seen by the Correspondent.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Fayetteville, N. C., Aug. 19.—Delegates and friends of the respective Congressional candidates line the streets and crowd the hotels. The convention meets at noon tomorrow in the Armory building and will be called to order by C. C. Lyon, of Bladen county. J. B. Underwood, Jr., of this city, will deliver the address of welcome.

It is purely a matter of speculation as to who will be the permanent chairman or the successful candidates before the convention. The opposition tonight conceded to Bellamy a gain on first ballot of all votes over last night's concession, and held that the ballot will be: Bellamy 116, Patterson 82, Hale 63, Brown 58. Bellamy's friends have not changed their contentions of last night, to-wit: That he will have on the first ballot no less than 125 votes and that he will be nominated on the second or third ballot. The convention bids fair to be on the order of "A Breezy Time," minus the farce. As I see it tonight the situation is a peculiar one. It seems to be the field against Bellamy. Current rumor is that a combine has been perfected to prevent the nomination Bellamy, Robeson, Columbus and Cumberland each have a candidate and with their combined 179 votes control the situation in the early history of the convention. But a break must come, and when it does guessing will be in order. Two of the candidates in this humored combination control their delegations and can throw them to whom they please, but it is claimed the third is not so fortunately situated. Bellamy's friends held that when the break comes that his nomination is sure and quick.

At a late hour tonight the various delegations are yet holding caucus.

C. J. KIVENBARK.

Some fond mothers spare the rod and spoil the slipper.

APPROPRIATIONS BY LAST CONGRESS

Summary of Those of the First Session.

NEW OFFICES CREATED

Those of Civil Character, Number, 6,386, 1,165 Abolished

NEW MILITARY OFFICES NUMBER 65

The Total Appropriations Authorized by the Congress Are \$800,624,496. A Comparison With the Appropriations of Preceding Sessions.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, Aug. 19.—The volume containing statements of the appropriations, new offices, etc., required by law to be prepared and published at the end of each session of Congress under the direction of the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and House, has been completed for the first session of the Fifty-seventh Congress by Thomas P. Cleaves and James C. Courts, chief clerks, respectively, of those committees. A summary of the appropriations shows the grand total of \$800,624,496. The details by bills are as follows:

Agricultural, \$520,366; Army, \$91,730,136; Diplomatic, \$1,357,925; District of Columbia, \$8,544,469; Fortifications, \$7,298,955; Indian, \$8,986,028; Legislative, \$25,398,681; Military Academy, \$2,627,324; Naval, \$78,856,363; Pension, \$139,842,230; Postoffice, \$138,416,593; River and Harbor, \$26,771,442; Sundry Civil, \$50,163,359; Deficiencies, \$28,050,007; Miscellaneous, \$2,722,795; Isthmian Canal account, \$50,130,000; permanent appropriations, \$123,921,220.

In addition to the specific appropriations made, contracts are authorized to be entered into for certain works requiring future appropriations by Congress in the aggregate sum of \$262,711,405. The contracts include \$21,065,500 for additional ships for the navy and for permanent improvements of and increased facilities at certain navy yards; \$15,43,650 for additions to old public buildings and the construction of new public buildings in various cities of the country; \$38,336,160 for improvement of rivers and harbors; \$3,500,000 for reconstruction of old and creation of new buildings at the Military Academy at West Point, and \$180,000,000 for the construction of an isthmian canal.

The new offices and employments of a civilian character, specifically authorized number 6,286, with compensation for the year of \$6,345,595 and those abolished or omitted aggregate 1,165, at an annual pay of \$1,289,050, a net increase of \$,521, at a yearly cost of \$5,054,514.

In addition to the new civilian employments shown the volume also exhibits an increase of 65 in the military establishment, at an annual cost of \$42,308, and 300 officers (including 285 additional midshipmen) together with 3,000 seamen in the naval establishments, and 750 additional men in the Marine Corps, with total yearly pay of \$1,343,777.

A comparison of the total appropriations made at the last session of Congress for 1903, \$800,624,496, with those of the preceding or short session of the Fifty-sixth Congress for 1902, \$720,238,576, shows an increase of \$70,285,920.

Schwab Goes to France.

(By the Associated Press.)

Altoona, Pa., Aug. 19.—Charles M. Schwab, president of the United States Steel Corporation, passed through here today on his private car, "Lorette," en route to New York, whence he will sail for Europe. He disclosed his destination and will be called to order by C. C. Lyon, of Bladen county. J. B. Underwood, Jr., of this city, will deliver the address of welcome.

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Cumana Taken by Revolutionists.

(By the Associated Press.)

Willemstad, Island of Curacao, Aug. 19.—News has just reached here that the seaport of Cumana, in the State of Bermudez, Venezuela, was occupied at noon today by the Venezuelan revolutionists without the firing of a single shot.

The government forces commanded by General Velutini and the local authorities of Cumana evacuated that town last night. They withdrew to the island of Margarita, forty miles north of Cumana, on board the steamer Ossun.