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### CONDEMN MOB SPIRIT AT TRINITY

#### The North Carolina Press Association Denounce the Action of the Students of that Institution.

#### TO MUZZLE THE PRESS

##### The Lawlessness Shown in Hanging One Who Had Done Nothing More Than Exercise the Right of Freedom of Speech is Denounced as a Blow at the Liberty of the Press.

(Special to News and Observer.)  
Washington, D. C., Dec. 3.—Today the North Carolina Press Association, in session in this city, after due deliberation and with only one dissenting vote, passed a resolution condemning in the strongest language the recent display of lawlessness and mob violence on the part of the students at Trinity College, Durham, N. C.

Following is the text of the resolution, which was voted for by every member of the association present, except H. M. Blair, editor of the Greensboro Christian Advocate:

"Whereas, the papers of today inform us that a brother member of this association has been hanged ineffigy by the students of Trinity College, one of the leading educational institutions of our State, for the apparent reason that he exercised the right of freedom of speech in his paper;

"Resolved, That this association regret the said action as an attempt to abridge the freedom of the press and condemn it in the strongest language as contrary to the true spirit of our people."

Shortly after the association met this morning Editor Z. W. Whitehead, of the North Carolina Traders' Journal, offered a resolution calling for the appointment of a committee of three to prepare a suitable resolution expressing the sentiments of the association regarding the action of the students and trustees of Trinity College on the Basset matter. He wanted a prompt and decisive condemnation of it, as he thought no language could be too emphatic in deprecating the refusal of the trustees to accept Basset's resignation or too strong in denouncing the outbreak of lawlessness that his teachings had inspired among the students, as manifested by their hanging in effigy one who had dared oppose such dangerous doctrines.

Editor London, of the Pittsboro Record, deplored greatly so unfortunate a situation as had developed at Trinity, but he did not think the action proposed by Mr. Whitehead wise. He did not think the association ought to go on record as denouncing the action of the trustees of a private institution, but to condemn the act of lawlessness on the part of the students in attempting to degrade one, who had done nothing more than exercise the right of freedom of speech and of the press, he regarded as properly in the province of the Association.

Moderation was urged by Editors Manning, of Henderson Gold Leaf; Farris, of High Point Enterprise; Beasley, of Monroe Journal, and perhaps others, but all of them took occasion to express emphatic disagreement with the views of Basset, and the strongest condemnation of the spirit of mob violence displayed by his students. Mr. Farris and Mr. Beasley doubted whether it were not beneath the dignity of the Association to be condemning the act of a lot of irresponsible boys in school. But Mr. Hartness, of the Statesville Mascot, pointed out that the act of the students was not the act of boys, but of men, that it was a blow at the freedom of the press by attempting to degrade and humiliate one who, in the exercise of that freedom of speech guaranteed him by the Constitution, had dared disagree with them. He considered it an act that called for prompt action and one that could not be passed in silence by the Association.

Elder P. D. Gold, Editor of Zion's Landmark, spoke to much the same effect. He deprecated the necessity for any discussion of a matter which related to a policy of a great denomination or the government of a great educational institution of that denomination, but he did favor the condemnation by the Association of an act of unprecedented indignity launched by any body of citizens against a reputable citizen. In the case in hand, an honored member of the Press Association of North Carolina had been attacked, and he believed that this act should be condemned in no uncertain tones by the Association. He could not see how those who had been pleading for tolerance of thought and speech could now object to the strongest condemnation of this disgraceful spirit which would destroy the constitutionally guaranteed liberty of the press.

Editor Blair, of the Greensboro Christian Advocate, said he had condemned Basset and he might do so again, but he could not conjure this up as an excuse for such action by the Association as was proposed by Mr. Whitehead, nor even the more conservative action proposed by Mr. London.

Barring the views of Mr. Blair, the only point of difference seemed to be as to the

tion disclaims any purpose or design whatsoever of waging warfare on or antagonizing Trinity College, but on the contrary, only seeking to eradicate an evil in its inception that will, and must inevitably bring about untold misery and woe and humiliation to the present and succeeding generations if left to take its course unchecked and unrebuked, and unhappily we are called upon to deal with a doctrine that if persisted in and carried to its logical ending will undermine and ultimately pull down the pillars upon which the foundation of this country is resting."

Speaking to his resolution Mr. Whitehead deferred to the certain had effects of Basset's views on race relations in North Carolina and expressed the hope that the men who voice public sentiment and are looked to guide public opinion would be brave enough, while speaking out in their own behalf, also to go on record in condemnation of such doctrines as Basset had proclaimed.

Several members rose to say that as to Basset's views they had so gone on record in their papers, but they did not think this was a proper time and place for doing so.

Editor King, of the Greenville Weekly, thought the issue was Basset, as Basset was at the bottom of the trouble and not to condemn him was to endorse him. He like Mr. Whitehead would vote to substitute if they were the only two to do so.

Mr. Johnson, of Charity and Children, hoped they would have the pleasure of being the only two. He thought the association would be in poor business when it went to condemning Trinity, or any other college.

Mr. Blair, of the Greensboro Christian Advocate, wanted to repeat his objections to any action whatever and asked permission to file later a protest. The permission was readily granted.

On the vote for his substitute, Mr. Whitehead demanded a rising vote.

Three voted for it: Mr. Whitehead, Mr. King and Mr. Cobb, of the Morganton Herald.

"Let these three votes be recorded on the minutes by name," demanded Mr. Whitehead.

"Yes," added Mr. Cobb, "I'd like to go on record on it."

Having received only three votes, the substitute was lost, and the report of the committee was then adopted by an aye and nay vote, every member in the hall voting "aye" except Mr. Blair, who voted "no."

FRED L. MERRITT.

#### Sad Death of a Talented Young Woman.

(Special to News and Observer.)  
Kittrell, N. C., Dec. 3.—Our whole community is deeply grieved at the death today of Miss Olive Allen, one of the most estimable and gifted young ladies ever reared in Vance county. Highly educated, amiable, too gentle to have ever made an enemy, but beloved and admired by all for her high qualities of head and heart. Her death is a distinct loss to this community.

Miss Allen held a position in the Durham graded school and came home only yesterday. Rapid consumption is reported to have been the cause of her death. It seems that her people, who live near Kittrell, hardly knew of her illness till her arrival. The suddenness of her demise adds sadness to a sad occurrence. She was just in the flower of a splendid young womanhood, being scarcely twenty-five.

#### Great Dam at Buckhorn Falls.

(Special to News and Observer.)  
Fayetteville, N. C., Dec. 3.—Nearly two hundred men are now busily at work on the huge dam at Buckhorn Falls, the purpose of which is to utilize power to operate vast dynamos for the distribution of electrical currents to various manufacturing towns within reach of the plant. The dam is being constructed of crushed stone and cement, the rock used being torn from a granite precipice within a few feet of the abutment of the dam by means of dynamite and carried to its place in the river in cars operated by a draw engine. The dam when complete will be twelve hundred feet long by fifteen high.

#### Came Back and Killed Him.

(By the Associated Press.)  
Roanoke, Va., Dec. 3.—John Zagle was shot and killed by Chester Peoples, in an alleged gambling place at Wytheville, Va., today. The men quarrelled and Peoples left the room, threatening to return and kill all of those in the place. When he again appeared he had a shot gun and fired on Zagle, killing him instantly. Peoples claims Zagle attacked him with an axe. The coroner's jury returned a verdict of murder. Peoples was arrested.

#### The Strike at Charlotte.

(By the Associated Press.)  
Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 3.—About half the usual number of cars were run over the lines of the Charlotte Consolidated Construction Company, on which a strike was declared yesterday by the conductors and motormen, because of the failure of the company to provide heat for the cars. There has been no disorder, although efforts are made at "guying" the strike breakers.

#### What They Say Everywhere.

To the Editor: Plenty of money behind Trinity College. Put Basset on the pension roll and put a sensible, prudent man in his place to instruct the youth of the church and State or else give him a place under his Ideal Booker Washington.  
W. N. PRITCHARD.  
Chapel Hill, N. C., Dec. 3, 1902.

#### To Announce the Committees.

(By the Associated Press.)  
Washington, Dec. 3.—Speaker Cannon will announce the committees of the House at the Saturday's session.

### BEATEN BY WAVES

#### Submarine Boat Strands Off Our Coast.

##### Life Savers of Currituck are Standing by Ready to Lend Assistance.

##### High Wind, Heavy Sea.

(By the Associated Press.)

Cape Henry, Va., Dec. 3.—The submarine torpedo boats Moccasin and Adder were reported in distress off Little Island life saving station today. The tug Peoria succeeded in getting a line aboard the Moccasin, but lost it later. Both tow and tug drifted rapidly southward. The gunboat Yankton passed off Cape Henry at 2 p. m. to their assistance.

The government tug Peoria succeeded in getting a line to one of the torpedo boats and headed toward Norfolk at 4:30 p. m. The Yankton arrived upon the scene at about the same time and after making several unsuccessful attempts to pick up the other boat, followed in the same direction, leaving the torpedo boat drifting slowly southward. The wind is from the northwest and is blowing at the rate of 25 miles an hour. There is a heavy sea on. It is not known which of the torpedo boats was towed into Hampton Roads.

Later.—The submarine boat previously reported as drifting southward stranded four miles south of Currituck Life Saving Station at 8 p. m. The life savers are standing by, ready to lend assistance. The wind continues high and the sea is heavy.

Newport, R. I., Dec. 3.—The submarine torpedo boat Moccasin, reported in distress off Little Island Life Saving Station, Cape Henry, was on her way from the torpedo station here to Annapolis in company with the submarine torpedo boat Adder. Both were in tow of the tug Peoria. They were to be used by the naval cadets in training for submarine warfare.

Lieutenant Pinney, U. S. N., and Gunner James Donald, U. S. N., were in charge of the submarine boats, and each had a crew of six men. On the voyage from Newport to Annapolis, however, the complement of each torpedo boat was on board the Peoria and the vessels in tow were not manned.

#### ATKINSON IS NOT IN IT.

##### So Declares Coolidge Speaking of the Seaboard System.

(By the Associated Press.)  
Tampa, Fla., Dec. 3.—President John Swelton Williams and Directors James A. Blair, of New York, and T. Jefferson Coolidge, Jr., of Boston, and J. M. Barr, Vice-President and General Manager of the Seaboard Air Line Railway, arrived here tonight, having come direct from Richmond. They are on a tour of inspection and will visit the Manatee section.

Mr. Coolidge denied a statement that the Old Colony Trust Company, of Boston, had acquired a controlling interest in the Seaboard Air Line, and that H. M. Atkinson, of Atlanta, Ga., might succeed Mr. Williams as president.

Mr. Coolidge stated that the Boston interests in the Seaboard Air Line Railway are co-operating with Messrs. Blair and Ryan and Mr. Williams and his friends, and that it has never been contemplated that Mr. Atkinson should be made an active officer of the corporation.

Mr. Blair and Mr. Coolidge expressed themselves very well pleased with what they had seen of the system.

The new directors are greatly interested in the development of the South and stated that, in their judgment, the development of this section in the next few years will be greater than in any other part of the country.

#### Funeral of Dr. Lindsay.

(By the Associated Press.)  
Boston, Dec. 3.—The funeral of the Rev. John Summerfield Lindsay, D. D., LL. D., who, for fifteen years was rector of St. Paul's Episcopal parish in this city, was held today, attended by several bishops and hundreds of priests and prominent laymen. Bishop Lawrence officiated.

Dr. Lindsay before coming to Boston was rector of churches in Virginia, his native State, Washington, D. C., and Bridgeport, Conn. For two years he was chaplain of the National House of Representatives. He was twice elected a bishop, but declined to accept on each occasion.

#### Three Men Killed in Collision.

(By the Associated Press.)  
Westerly, O., Dec. 3.—Three men were killed, two seriously injured and two slightly injured in a collision between a hand car and a freight train today, at Sargents, a few miles below here on their way to Sargents to make repairs on a bridge, when they ran into a freight train on a curve so short that neither the engine of the train nor the men on the hand car were aware of each others presence until the moment of the accident.

The three dead men were bridge carpenters and the injured men were their assistants.

#### Anti-Christian Rising.

(By the Associated Press.)  
London, Dec. 3.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg says a report is current in Port Arthur, originating in Chinese quarters, of an anti-Christian rising in the province of Szechuan.

#### UNDER THE AUDUBON LAW.

##### Death of Mrs. Otto Budd. New Card Game Invented by Asheville Laidy.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Asheville, N. C., Dec. 3.—At a special meeting of the Audubon Society it was announced that several new members had been enrolled since the last regular meeting of the society. The most important question discussed was as to whether non-resident hunters had the right to hunt any game here. This came up in connection with the Asheville school boys; the majority of whom are from Northern States and other students who are residents and who wish to hunt rabbits, bear, deer, and other game not included in the Audubon law. Dr. Ambler presented a letter in this connection, in which the Secretary of State stated that the State's Executive Committee had decided that according to the laws non-resident hunters could not hunt any game in North Carolina without license. A letter was read from the State Secretary extending the authority of the Asheville branch over Transylvania county. This was done in order that the society might control the hunting in and around the Sapphire country.

News has been received here of the death of Mrs. Otto W. Budd, which occurred in Texas. Mrs. Budd had suffered with Bright's disease for several years, but friends here were not aware of the fact that she was seriously ill. Mrs. Budd was formerly Mrs. Warren Manning, and was the daughter of R. H. Southgate, the well known Chicago hotel man. Mrs. Manning's former husband died in Asheville about two years ago. Mrs. Manning was married to Capt. Budd, Capt. and Mrs. Budd left Asheville for San Antonio over a year ago.

Congressman J. M. Gudger left yesterday afternoon for Washington, where he has private business to attend to before the convention of Congress Monday. Mrs. Gudger and Miss Kate Gudger expect to leave tomorrow to join Mr. Gudger in Washington.

A new card game has been invented, the name of which is "Zero." Mrs. F. T. Meriwether, of this city, invented the card scheme and has secured a patent.

#### Not to Marry Divorcees.

(Baltimore Sun.)

New York, Dec. 3.—Opposition to Christian ministers, solemnizing the marriage of divorced persons is extending to such an extent that the Protestant Episcopal Church committee on the subject is receiving assurances of co-operation from other denominations.

Support was first pledged to the movement in a meeting held ten days ago in St. Bartholomew's Parish House, at which were present delegates representing the Protestant Episcopal, Presbyterian, Baptist, United Presbyterian, Unitarian, Congregational and Lutheran churches. The secretary was instructed to send invitations to other religious bodies to join in the crusade, and it is expected that at the next meeting, on February 10, at least twenty religious denominations will be represented.

#### More Wood Here.

There has been an increase in the quantity of wood received in Raleigh in the last three or four days.

The railroads are furnishing cars and much is coming in by rail, while the high price of wood is causing the farmers of this section to haul from their farms here.

The prices for eight-foot wood on the streets ranges from \$2.75 to \$3.25 a cord, while the wood dealers are charging \$4 a cord for wood cut ready for use.

The principal trouble now met with in the wood line is that the farmers say that labor is scarce and that they have not a sufficient force with which to get wood cut ready for the market.

#### Big Fight in House Over.

(By the Associated Press.)

Richmond, Va., Dec. 3.—The greatest fight of the present session of the Virginia House of Delegates ended this afternoon, when what is known as the Jordan bill, which breaks the Baylor oyster survey and authorizes the State to lease barren and depleted oyster areas, won out by a vote of 42 to 42. The measure now goes to the Senate for action.

### INDICATES A DROPPING OF LESS THAN TEN MILLION BALES.

#### The Government Report on the Production of Cotton Says it Will be 9,962,059, Weighing 490.8 a Bale.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 3.—Preliminary returns to the Chief of the Bureau of Statistics of the Department of Agriculture indicate that the actual growth of cotton in the United States in the year 1903 will amount to 9,962,059 bales of an average net weight of 490.8.

The area picked or to be picked is estimated at 28,014,860 acres, a reduction of 892,495 acres or 3.09 percent from the acreage planted.

The total production of lint cotton is estimated at 4,889,796,267 pounds, an average of 174.4 pounds per acre. The estimated production by States in pounds of lint cotton per acre is as follows:

Virginia, 180; North Carolina, 210; South Carolina, 178; Georgia, 158; Florida, 142; Alabama, 161; Mississippi, 211; Louisiana, 223; Texas, 143; Arkansas, 196;

### GOT IT AT TRINITY?

#### Idea That the Negro Should Hold Office.

##### Student Says He's Thankful He Had Chance to go to Man who Teaches History as it is.

During the Constitutional Amendment campaign a student of Trinity College, son of an old-time Democrat, was heard to remark in a Western county: "I haven't got any patience with this prejudice. If a negro has the education and natural stuff in him I don't see why he shouldn't be allowed to hold office as well as a white man."

A Methodist layman standing by remarked "For heaven's sake what an expression to come from —'s son. My dear boy, where on earth did you get that from, from Trinity?"

"Well," remarked the Trinity student, "I am thankful that Trinity is farther advanced than other Southern institutions, and I'm glad I have had the chance to go to school to a man who teaches history just as it is."

#### INDICTED FOR FORGING.

##### James L. Blair, a Prominent Attorney, Now in a Hospital.

(By the Associated Press.)

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 3.—James L. Blair, the attorney, has been indicted by the grand jury on the charge of forgery in the first degree. The indictment was returned this afternoon. Blair was formerly general counsel of the World's Fair and for several weeks has been confined in a hospital.

The indictment is the result of charges filed by James T. Roberts an attorney at one time employed in Blair's law office. Roberts—who had been familiar with Blair's private affairs secured certain papers and records in which he afterwards based his charges that Blair was juggling the finances of large estates committed to his trust. That was more than three years ago. The story, however, did not become public until the present grand jury began investigation. Roberts following his appearance before that body publicly charged among other things that Blair forged deeds of trust and mortgages on which \$33,000 was obtained from the estate of the late Peter Blow, of St. Louis, and that he counterfeited and used the notarial seals of the Recorder of Deeds of St. Louis and frequently employed "Walter F. Jenkins," a purely fictitious personage, to attest the documents.

Blair characterized Roberts' accusation as a "tissue of falsehood woven around a few grains of fact."

Varying reports of Blair's condition have been given from time to time to the public. He is now reported to almost fully recovered.

A bench warrant will be issued for Blair's arrest and he will be required to give bond.

The indictment is based specifically on the alleged forgery by Blair of deeds of trust given to secure purported loans from the Blow estate, of which Blair, as one of the trustees, has charge.

The indictment contains two counts, each devoted to the alleged forgery of a deed. One deed of trust is for \$20,000 and was made in favor of John D. Weyer. The other is for \$8,000 in favor of Michael O'Laughlin. Both deeds, it is alleged, were forged in 1896.

New York, Dec. 3.—At the meeting of the Board of Review of National Trotting Association today the application of R. L. Davis, of Columbia, S. C., for the removal of himself and the bay mare Quick, and the bay stallion Manaloo from suspension imposed July, 1902, was granted.

Tennessee, 209; Missouri, 232; Oklahoma, 223; Indiana Territory, 231.

In addition to the reports of its regular correspondents, the Bureau of Statistics has had the benefit of an investigation of the effect of the boll weevil upon the cotton crop of Texas for 1903 conducted under the direction of the chief of division of entomology. The results of this investigation have been given due weight in the present report, and the details will be published later by the division of entomology.

Through the courtesy of the officials of the Census Office the department has also had access to the estimates made by the Census agents as to the amount of cotton remaining unginned. These estimates were turned over to the department too late, however, to receive full consideration, and they were, therefore, not used in making the present estimate.