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BLOODSHED IN BATH.

A MOB OF DRUNKEN NEGROES TAKE POSSESSION OF THE HISTORIC TOWN.

Officers Defied and Attacked.

THREATS OF BURNING, PILLAGE AND BLOOD MADE BY THE RIOTERS. SIX OF THEIR LEADERS ARRESTED AND ONE SHOT, PROBABLY FATAALLY. NEGROES ATTEMPT TO RESCUE THEM. THE MOST DESPERATE LEADER STILL AT LARGE AND OUTLAWED. CLUBS, KNIVES AND PISTOLS USED.

A special from Washington, N. C., to the *News & Observer* of the 22nd, says: Saturday night about 10 o'clock, news reached here of a race war at the historic town of Bath, about 16 miles from here.

It seems that the negroes employed at the R. R. E. & L. Company, two miles below Bath, and negroes from the mills of A. B. Covington, several miles further on, caused the trouble.

These negroes are paid off on Saturday, and usually go to Bath to spend their money. On several occasions they have been arrested for petty misdemeanors, and this has engendered bad blood, and they had made threats that they would go to Bath and take possession of it.

Accordingly early in the night, about 100 of the negroes, with several of their most desperate leaders, went to Smith's bar, in Bath, and began to fill up on mean whiskey. By 9 o'clock they were nearly half drunk, and the trouble began. They grew boisterous and indulged in the most profane and foul language, interspersed with threats of a serious character. Pistols were shot off in the streets and the negroes openly defied any attempt at arrest and declared that they would do as they pleased and the whole town of Bath could not prevent them.

At this juncture town officer T. C. Paul and Deputy Sheriff N. A. Whitey and a small posse attempted to arrest the ring leaders, but failed. Paul was wounded, receiving a painful cut in the hand. Geo. M. Woolard, in trying to arrest a negro named Stewart was struck on the head with a club and severely hurt. Special deputies W. B. Ward, W. C. Oden and Miles Shepherd also received wounds, but not serious. Finally Smith succeeded in clearing the negroes from his bar, but locked in Paul and Respass and one other officer to protect them from the angry mob.

From the bar the negroes made their way to the Racket store where a number of white men had assembled, and a second scrimmage took place. Four white men were hurt. W. B. Ward was struck in the face while trying to arrest a most desperate negro who had a club. James Davis got a blow on the forehead. A bystander was struck in the eye and on the head and one of the officers was severely cut.

The white men at last succeeded in driving the rioters out of the Racket store and barring and locking the doors, then themselves on the inside. The negroes then returned to the bar, declaring that they would kill Paul before morning. But the officer was locked in the bar, and failing to effect an entrance the mob returned again to the Racket store, keeping up their boisterous threats and making night hideous with pistol shots, indecent language and loud challenges for white men to show themselves.

Dr. J. T. Nicholson was the only man that left the store during the seige. He was not molested.

At three o'clock Sunday morning the rioters left the town, declaring that they would return Sunday night and renew the attack.

During the trouble the officers telephoned to this place for aid in suppressing the rioters, and Company G of the N. C. State Guard was ordered in readiness by Col. W. B. Rodman, that they might be able to start at any moment as the sheriff's posse on the steamer. The troops were held in readiness until 11 o'clock Sunday morning. Col. Rodman has received authority from Governor Carr to call out the military under orders of the sheriff, if it becomes necessary to preserve order or suppress riot.

After the riot Saturday night two colored participants in the fray, Wiley Pitts and Charles Stewart, two of the leaders, were arrested.

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A MYSTERIOUS POND

LUNAR ECLIPSE DRIED IT UP AND ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY ALL THE FISH LEFT.

Near Logansport, Ind., there stands a small body of water commonly known as "Palmer's Pond." Many peculiar and interesting phenomena are related of it. On the night of the moon's eclipse, March 13, the pond, in which usually from five to fifteen feet of water stands, went completely dry.

Several families who lived nearby and had certain knowledge that the pond had been full the evening before were greatly astonished by the occurrence and hastened to relate the news to their neighbors. Many came and inspected the bare bed that day, but those who delayed their visit until the day following were disappointed, for that night the pond resumed its usual fullness.

Those who viewed the basin during its empty condition saw nothing in the shape of a fissure or outlet of any kind; neither was there any spring apparent whereby the pond might be filled again.

The only theory advanced is the possible effect of the moon's influence. In support of this theory it is said that about twenty-eight years ago the pond was observed to go dry under precisely similar circumstances. With these two exceptions it has always been one of the most stable and constant bodies of water in the locality. Through the worst of droughts it has maintained a constant depth of never less than five feet, which in the spring and fall is frequently increased to fifteen feet.

With other remarkable stories told of Palmer's Pond it is said that on St. Patrick's Day, 1873, all the frogs and tortoises in it formed in line upon its bank and marched overland a distance of a quarter of a mile or more to the Wabash River, where they again took to the water. This unique spectacle is said by many reputable citizens to have been viewed by them, and it is certain that to-day the pond contains no specimen of either of the species named.—*Philadelphia Press.*

COMING BACK TO THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

It is reported that many of the Populists of North Carolina are coming back to the Democracy and are shedding their Populist heresy as fast as they can. They realize what an awful mess the fusion Legislature made of their State and they are heartily tired of that sort of politics. What a pity it is that good men will allow themselves to be led off into these by-ways of politics to find out too late the fatal error of their action. There is one thing that all Democratic people should bear in mind. If they do not get good government under the principles of Democracy it is the fault of the men who control and not of the party itself. Those who are false to the principles of Democracy and betray it for selfish ends should be cast out. They should be made to obey the dictates of sound policy and to learn that those who undertake to prostitute a noble party to base and unpatriotic purposes must fail—they may prosper for a season, but in a little time their schemes must come to naught.—*Norfolk Landmark.*

COLONIAL RELICS.

The Colonial Committee of the Board of Woman Managers for the Cotton States and International Exposition is gathering many rare and interesting relics of Colonial and Revolutionary days. These exhibits will be, in most cases, loaned by private individuals throughout the Union. From their nature, these relics are not for sale, and in many instances have never been on exhibition before. Among others, will be a desk owned by George Washington, and now in the possession of a private citizen. This collection of colonial relics will be one of the most interesting ever seen in America.

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H. E. WILLIAMS.

A BAND OF BURGLARS.

Billy Williams a noted crook arrested at Washington City some days ago for complicity in a robbery, has made a confession to District Attorney Birney, which shows that Washington has been for the past year in the hands of a gang of organized thieves and cut-throats. The gang has plundered, robbed and waylaid, and even went so far as to plan for the murder of Sergeant John C. Daly because he was in the way and frustrated some of their crimes.

Among the crimes set out in this confession are the following: Robbery of the branch postoffice at Georgetown; robbery of Dyer's grocery in Georgetown, when \$300 was secured; the burning of the Lady of the Lake; wrecking of John Clark's safe at Royllyn; the shooting of Charles Orme at the Bateman-English fight near Bladensburg, when an effort was made to steal the gate money; the holding up of R. A. Golden; the robbery of the Washington and Alexandria Steamship Company's office; the robbery of an old man in Georgetown of the savings of a lifetime, aggregating \$1,500; attempt to waylay and rob John and Clarence Caray in charge of the foreign book of the Alexandria track and finally the plot to murder Sergeant Daly.

Billy Williams is an old-time criminal. He has been apprehended on a number of charges and served eight years in the Virginia penitentiary for the murder of Policeman Arnold of Alexandria. He returned to Washington and appeared to be leading an honest life. At the time of the Ford's Theatre disaster he was one of the most energetic workers in helping remove the debris and rescuing the sufferers. His confession, it is said, implicates a number of well-known sporting men, but the authorities refuse now to mention any names.

Our advice to young men and old ones is, don't write until you are thoroughly convinced that you know what you are writing about.

KINSTON INCENDIARIES CAUGHT.

A NEGRO ARRESTED, CONFESSES HIS GUILT, AND IMPLICATES THREE OTHERS.

The *Richmond Dispatch* says: There were four large fires in Kinston, N. C., during the months of February and March, and hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of property was destroyed. The flames were thought to have been of incendiary origin and a citizens vigilance committee was appointed and the community patrolled, but to no avail. On March 28th the services of the National Detective Agency, of this city, were engaged in the matter, and its officers after a great deal of hard work succeeded in locating and arresting Alex. Rouse, colored, as one of the guilty persons. Rouse was taken before Justice L. F. Moore, and was sent on to the Superior Court. He has since confessed his guilt and implicated three other negroes, who will be arrested at once.

The people of Kinston were greatly agitated over Rouse's arrest, and there was much talk of lynching him.

Notwithstanding the lavish appropriations made by Congress during the past five or six years, the annual expenditures of our government are not by any means the largest of any government in the world. France, which has not more than half the population of the United States, will require \$665,000,000 the present year to meet all the demands of her government. The interest on her national debt is \$370,000,000, and the expenses of her army and navy will reach \$180,000,000 more. There is of course loud complaint of burdensome taxes in France, but this is not unnatural when three items of her expenditures reach the enormous sum of \$550,000,000.—*Norfolk Ledger.*

Sword swallows ought to try saws awhile. They are more toothsome.

It is not good to be passionate or quick to anger.

FIRE AT WEST NORFOLK.

THE ATLANTIC AND DANVILLE RAILROAD PROPERTY BURNED, WITH A LOSS OF \$60,000.

Saturday morning about 2:15 o'clock a disastrous fire broke out in the old warehouse of the Atlantic and Danville Railroad Company, at West Norfolk, and as there were no facilities whatever for fighting the flames, the whole property was soon burning furiously. The old warehouse is about 30 by 75 feet long, and close by was the new house, 600 feet by 100 feet, just completed, to which the fire spread and entirely consumed it. By this time the whole neighborhood was aroused, but not a bucket could be found to carry water in, and those who were willing to assist were compelled to stand and see the destroyer do its work. There was a train of nine loaded box cars on the track near the warehouses, and these, with their contents of local freight and guano, were burned. There were two railroad barges tied to the wharf, but they were not noticed until the fire cut off the approach to them, and these two were burned to the water's edge. A bucket brigade could have saved the entire property, but unfortunately none was at hand, and the loss from this oversight will reach about \$60,000, on which there is only a partial insurance. The fire originated in a room used by the hands while waiting for trains, the stovepipe running through the roof. There was no one to watch the fire last night, and the pipe set fire to the wood work.

The tug *Sallie*, in command of Capt. Martin Huntley, made an effort to save two of the Atlantic and Danville transfer barges, but only succeeded in getting one to a place of safety. The cover to the one saved was burned, but the fire was soon extinguished by a stream from the tug.

KILLED IN A SAWMILL.

At Cross Roads Church, Davie county, N. C., last week Lee Wooten, a good farmer, was standing near a saw mill. One end of a shawl, which he had on, was caught in a revolving shaft, throwing Mr. Wooten on the same. He was whirled around and terribly bruised and mangled. He died in a few minutes after the machinery was stopped.

CONFEDERATE MONUMENT.

Every band in the State that can possibly attend the unveiling ceremonies is earnestly requested to communicate at once with the Chief Marshal, O. J. Carroll, at Raleigh, in order that positions and quarters may be assigned them.

MEMORIAL WINDOW.

Mrs. Z. B. Vance will attend the next commencement of the Salem Female Academy. It has completed a handsome memorial window of Senator Vance and at the commencement it will be presented with due ceremonies.

If Capt. Buck Kitchen could only get a nubbun how happy he would be. The man who of all other Democrats was the most bitter, the most truculent in his denunciation and condemnation of the Radicals is the man who is dependent upon them for an office they voted to give him, but which he will probably never get. It was a bad day for him when he flouted Democracy, jumped the track and landed in the Radical inclosure. We have not abused him for his unfortunate escape because we remember his gallantry as a soldier and his services to the Democratic party through more than twenty years. But his case is lamentable. Oh, how much harm a pone of bread can do!—*Wil. Messenger.*