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Eastern Carolina Dispatch

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Cooper Marble Works
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A MAN BURNED AT THE STAKE.

Crime Expiated in the Presence of Thousands of People.

A HORRIBLE SPECTACLE.

A Kentucky Mob Composed of Men and Women, take Negro Prisoner From Sheriff and Posse and Wreak Vengeance.

Maysville, Ky., Dec. 6.—Richard Coleman, colored, confessed murderer of Mrs. James Lashbrook, wife of his employer, expiated his crime in daylight today at the hands of a mob, consisting of thousands of citizens, by burning at the stake after suffering indescribable torture.

The dreadful spectacle occurred on the peaceful cricket grounds on the outskirts of this city.

Just two months ago Richard Coleman, the trusted employe of Farmer James Lashbrook, murdered the woman who had been his benefactor. Coleman had been left in charge of the house. Mrs. Lashbrook had driven to Maysville and returned, when Coleman asked her to enter the cabin to look at some work at which he had been engaged. The negro locked the door on the inside. Mrs. Lashbrook became frightened and screamed. Coleman struck her on the head knocking her down, but not stopping her cries. He then seized a razor and cut her throat. He picked up the bleeding body and placed it on the bed. He then left the room, but returning, heard her still groaning, and with an axe he struck her repeatedly on the head until he was sure she was dead. The negro washed the blood from his hands and clothing and went to where Mr. Lashbrook was at work in the field and told him that he had better come to the house, as some one had killed his wife.

THE CONFESSION.

It was not until after the officers arrived that suspicion was directed against Coleman. Spots had been found on his clothing, but he accounted for that by saying that he had been killing chickens. That night, however, at Maysville, a partial confession was obtained and knowing the result if that fact should become known, the officers quietly took him to Covington, Ky., for safe keeping. He was indicted for the murder. Shortly after his incarceration at Covington, he made a complete confession of his crime to the jailer. The story of his crime, including worse than murder, was told without any appearance of feeling by the prisoner.

PARALYZED WITH FEAR.

The trial was set for today. Sheriff Perrine determined to leave Covington by the train on the Chesapeake and Ohio, which started at 7:30 o'clock Wednesday morning, from Cincinnati and Covington. Coleman had been apprised Tuesday night to prepare to return to the scene of his crime. He was instantly stricken with fear and begged piteously to be permitted to remain in Covington until after his trial. He said he expected to die, but he dreaded the vengeance of a mob. When he was handcuffed on leaving the jail at Covington he was almost paralyzed and had to be assisted to the patrol wagon. On entering the train he seemed unable to sit down, until one of the guards forced him into a seat.

ON THE LOOKOUT.

It developed that in the crowd at Covington, and even on the train, there were some of the

relatives of Mrs. Lashbrook, ready to convey information if any attempt was made to secrete the prisoner. Messages were sent here. The prisoner with his escort arrived at 10:20 o'clock. Sheriff Perrine, while en route to Maysville, had been informed that a mob was awaiting the arrival of the train at the depot, and he hastily prepared for the swearing in of deputy sheriffs. As the train puffed slowly into the old station the mob formed on both sides in two long but closely huddled crowds. Armed men stationed themselves at the platform of all the cars and warned the frightened passengers to remain quiet and not to interfere. The Sheriff and his assistants were strongly armed and there was some resistance as the leaders of the mob jostled roughly against them and demands were uttered from the outer fringes of the crows for the prisoner.

A BOLD MOVEMENT.

Sheriff Perrine made a bold movement and started walking swiftly, but with no indications of panic from the car. A step behind him followed the officers with Coleman in their midst, seeking to conceal him behind the brawny forms of his protectors. As the officers proceeded the numbers of the mob were constantly swelled by new arrivals, and through the downtown business streets to the Courthouse they were closely followed. Hundreds of stones and other missiles were thrown and revolvers and rifles were freely displayed.

HUSBAND LEADS MOB.

At the Courthouse a mob of over 2,000 men, headed by James Lashbrook, the husband, had been hastily formed. A demand for the prisoner was made. There was a brief struggle, in which weapons were hastily drawn by the officers, and then the Sheriff and his assistants were overcome by force of numbers and the prisoner was seized by the leaders of the mob. The prisoner was dragged along by ropes loosely attached to his body. He was the target again of hundreds of missiles and several times he sank half conscious to the ground, while the crowd pressed forward, striking at him with clubs, sticks and whips until his head and body were scarcely recognizable. More dead than alive he was dragged along and forced to his feet. Scores of women joined the men. The wretch could be heard pleading for his life, but the cry of the prisoner was answered with an oath and a blow.

THE FUNERAL PYRE.

The place of execution had been selected weeks ago and all the other details of the program mapped out by the leaders of the mob. The prisoner was strapped against a tree, facing the husband of the victim. Large quantities of dry brush and larger bits of wood were piled around him while he was praying for speedy death. James Lashbrook, the husband of the victim, applied the first match to the brushwood. A brother of the victim struck the second match. Some one with a knife was vainly slashing at the prisoner's chest. Not a single shot was fired. The purpose seemed to be to give the wretch the greatest possible amount of torture. A fatal shot would have been merciful and there was no mercy in the crowd surrounding Richard Coleman.

A PRAYER FOR WATER.

The ropes securing him to the tree were burned and his body finally fell forward on the burning pile. The crowd used rails and long poles to brush his body back into the flames. It is not certain how long life lasted. During the process, while his voice could be heard, he begged for a drink of water. At the end

of three hours the body was practically cremated. During all that time members of the family of Mrs. Lashbrook had remained to keep up the fire.

In all the thousands who constituted the mob there was not a single effort made to disguise or conceal identity. No man wore a mask. All the leaders of the mob are well known and there are hundreds of witnesses who can testify to their participation in the tragedy. They are leading citizens in all lines of business and many are members of churches.

THE LAW INVOKED.

County Judge Hareson will empanel a special grand jury at once to make a speedy investigation and return indictments against the leaders of the mob.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 6.—Governor Bradley announced this afternoon that he will offer a reward for the apprehension of the members of the mob which burned Coleman at Maysville today.

A REVOLTING FINALE.

Maysville Ky., Dec. 6.—The Coroner held an inquest on the charred remains of Richard Coleman and rendered the simple verdict, "Death at the hands of a mob." The body was left lying there and at present has not been removed. Relic hunters took away teeth and bones and flesh and every fragment of the body that they could lay hands upon. All the afternoon children some of them not more than 6 years old, kept up the fires on the blackened body by throwing grass, kindling wood, brush, bits of boards and everything combustible that they could gather.

The action of the mob seems to be generally approved, even by women, who think that hereafter they will be safer.

NO-HEAD-ACHE Tablets cures all headaches. Price 10 cents. No cure no pay.

Cuban Census Completed.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 4.—General Sanger has made the important announcement that the Cuban census has been completed. He is at present at Matanzas and the news of the end of the work is contained in a cablegram from that place received by Secretary Root. The dispatch shows that the census was finished November 30th, the exact date fixed by the original order from Secretary Root. His next work is a census of Porto Rico.

Plot to Blow up Dublin Castle.

Bellast, December 4.—The News Letter publishes a startling story from Dublin to the effect that a plot to blow up Dublin Castle with dynamite has been discovered. The plans had almost matured. The guards have been doubled and extraordinary precautions taken to prevent the outrage. Unknown persons are excluded from the Castle grounds. The Castle is the official residence of the Lord Lieutenant, Earl Cadogan.

HER MISSION TO OFFER FORTUNE.

Arrest of a Woman Claiming to Be General Jackson's Widow.
Spring City, Pa., December 2.—A woman claiming to be the widow of General Jackson, of civil war fame, who came here over a week ago in search of John Smith, of this town, whom she claimed was one of six prospective heirs to over \$9,000,000, was arrested this evening by Officer Henry Hallman, on instruction from Chief of Police Rodenbaugh, of Norristown. The charge on which she was arrested was one of suspected larceny of a watch and some silverware from a house at Ivy Rock, near Norristown, about a month ago, where it is alleged she told a similar story.

The woman, who is about 68 years of age, took her arrest very coolly. To-morrow Chief Rodenbaugh will bring persons to see if they can identify her.

She has a badge of which she claims was presented to her by ex-President Harrison for bravery on the battlefield during the civil war, where she claims to have been a female spy. She also claims to be an intimate friend of Mrs. William McKinley.

INTO HIS THIRD FORTUNE.

New Brunswick Young Man Had Cause For Thanks.

There's a man of New Brunswick, N. J., who had more than ordinary reason for giving thanks last week. He is Alexander McC. Hardenburg, and has just tallen heir to his third fortune. He is now 25, but by a provision of his foresighted father's will he will not come into the entire fortune of \$500,000 until he shall have attained the age of 40.

When 18 years old Alexander fell heir to the small fortune of an aunt. It was only \$25,000 or \$30,000, but it made him one of the most envied young men in New Brunswick. Added to this he was a handsome, curly-headed youth of engaging manners, which assured him of a welcome everywhere and played havoc among hearts feminine.

Alexander was educated at the best private schools, and was welcomed by New Brunswick society at an early age. When his aunt's money came to him young Hardenburg proceeded to enjoy it, despite his parents' efforts to keep his expenditures down.

He became a member of the Essex Troop, a crack Jersey organization, and for a time displayed his gay uniform in drawing room and market place. For further diversion he made the rounds of the fashionable watering places. One day he awoke to realize that his tight little fortune had gone the route.

The young man returned to New Brunswick then and resumed his life with his parents. Two years ago young Hardenburg's mother died and he found himself the possessor of another fortune by inheritance. Straightway and for a few months longer he proceeded to dazzle the good people by a display of horseflesh and equipage. He fitted out an elaborate coaching stable, and shared its joys with his numerous friends.

But the pleasures of New Brunswick staled and the young man sought new fields to conquer in the land of the sunset. Out in California his impetuosity stood him well. He met a handsome and wealthy young woman whom he wooed and won. With his wife he returned to Brunswick for a time, then returned to California, where he is now sojourning. By the death of his father he gets the whole estate, valued at half a million of dollars.

We Don't Want Your Money

Unless you are thoroughly satisfied with the values we give you. We have bargains daily without any flourish of trumpets and minus any circus performances. Figure it out, compare our prices with others and see how much more we can save you on

Mens' and Boys' Clothing, Shoes,

« Ladies and Gents' Furnishing Goods, »

Ladies' Capes, Jackets, Hats, Etc.

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Saving From 10 to 25 per cent.

is strong enough to appeal to any person, no matter how long they have held out against our bargains. Sooner or later we are bound to get our trade

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ELIZABETH CITY, N. C.

Just 13 days—scarcely 13 days—then Christmas. The immense amount of business that must be crowded into that brief period should induce early buying. Sensible, far-seeing people begin their Christmas shopping early so as to avoid the rush and disappointment of not securing their choice at the last minute.

We have not a Mammoth Stock of exclusively Christmas Articles. Just a nice assortment of choice new articles—high in quality without the high price. Our Specialty is Ladies' and Mens' Furnishings.

Have you ever thought how valuable was a useful article—something wearable to remind the person at all times of the giver? Try it this year. We have a full assortment of useful, wearable articles.

In The Dress Goods Department.

We have made special prices on our Dress Goods for the Holiday trade. Those Skirt Lengths of Black Goods would make a very suitable present for mother, sister or daughter.

These are goods cut from the piece in suitable lengths for skirts—some for full dresses—and marked at an attractive price—much less than regular.

In colored goods we have full dress lengths and also piece goods at greatly reduced prices.

Our Lining Stock is full of seasonable goods, Mercerized Satens, Percasilks, Percalines, Silecias and Fancy Stripes and Plaids.

In the White Goods Department.

Handkerchiefs galore. We are safe in saying that we have the largest variety of handkerchiefs ever shown in town. Although the market is constantly advancing, our prices on these goods remain the same.

No woman ever had too many handkerchiefs. Make her a present from our stock Embroidered Pillow Shams, Table Covers, Bureau Scarfs, Stand Covers, Center Pieces and Doilies make excellent presents. Here at lowest prices. Table Linens and Napkins at special prices.

In the Notion Department.

This is replete with useful and ornamental presents. Pocket books, purses, brushes, combs, mirrors, hand glasses, toilet sets, pin trays, comb and brush trays, real pearl trinket baskets, stick pins, brooches, belt buckles, belts, fancy garters, soaps, perfumeries, toilet waters. All at the lowest prices consistent with good quality.

For Gentlemen.

It is sometimes hard work to think what to give a man. We can help you out with

Suit of clothes or an overcoat—tailor-made perhaps: (You know we are doing the business of the town in that line.)

Pair of Shoes.

Pair of Suspenders.

Pair of Hose.

Handkerchief.

Muffer.

Necktie.

Pair of Gloves.

Buy Your Holiday Goods at THE FAIR.