

Three Negroes Lynched For the Lyerly Murders

A Mob of Several Hundred Stormed the Salisbury Jail Last Night and Secured Three Prisoners, Nease and John Gillespie and Jack Dillingham. They were Hanged to a Tree.

Mob Formed Outside the City at 8 O'clock. The Members Refused to Listen to the Advice of Prominent Men. All Three Prisoners Swung From Same Limb.

Special The News. Salisbury, Aug. 7.—There is little to remind one at this hour of the terrible and ghastly doings of a mob of infuriated citizens last night near this city. All is quiet today, though great many visitors from nearby points still remain in the city.

The fact that the three remaining prisoners who were indicted by the grand jury yesterday afternoon were returned to the Charlotte jail this morning lessens the interest considerably. At the reconvening of court this morning Judge Long in addressing the grand jury, stated he would not discharge them because he was sure that there was work ahead of them, and that they would be called upon to pass upon some very important cases. He said, however, that in view of the excited condition that court would take a recess until tomorrow when he hoped that matters would so adjust themselves and that indictments would be issued for those who composed the mob last night.

It is known that all the power invested in the executive department at Raleigh will be used to single out those who were in the mob of last night. Governor Glenn has informed Judge Long that it is his desire to ascertain every member of the mob and that if necessary he will come to Salisbury and assist in the prosecution.

The Governor has issued a denial from Raleigh stating that he did not command the military not to shoot and that the whole matter was left entirely in the charge of Sheriff Julian.

Judge Long was interviewed this morning by a News representative. He greatly deprecates the turn of affairs last night. He says that after speeches were made by prominent citizens at the jail last night that the crowd was quiet. He had been assured by prominent citizens of Salisbury that no lynching would take place and that all the people demanded was that the guilty parties should hang. He does not believe that the mob of last night was composed of men from the neighborhood in which the murderers were committed. He firmly believes that the mob was made up of one of the manufacturing plants outside the city limits last night about 8 o'clock. He has been told that some of the mob were from Whitneys.

Senator Overman was interviewed today. He denies that he was stricken with a missile while he was pleading for peace last night. He says that the appearance of the Rowan Rifles on the scene did good, and did not incite the mob to wreak vengeance on the prisoners. He further states as soon as the militia appeared on the scene the crowd quieted down and there was an air of rest and quiet for some little while. Continuing, the Senator said:

"The truth may as well be told now as hereafter. The real reason why the militia did not shoot last night was because the men in uniform did not care to shoot down white people who were demanding the lives of negroes they were satisfied were guilty of a heinous crime."

It is said here that another reason as to why no shots were fired by the militia was because they had no orders to do so. No one was left in charge of the company, Sheriff Julian having left them temporarily. It was at this moment that the jail was stormed and the prisoners were taken therefrom.

What Judge Long Says. Salisbury, N. C., Aug. 7.—Court did not assemble until 11 o'clock today. Solicitor Hammer asked for a continuance of the cases against the three prisoners, Henry Gillespie, Della Dillingham and George Erwin from day to day as the prisoners were in the Charlotte jail, where they were sent at 9 o'clock this morning.

Judge Long then called for the grand jury and said:

The special venire of 200 men were dismissed and the court took a recess at 11:30.

Judge Long told the grand jury he would have more to say to them today.

The injured as far as can be learned are Engineer Frank Mooney, Will Troutman, Engineer McLendon and another man who is said to have disappeared after being shot. McLendon is still alive, but the full extent of his injuries are not known.

ASKS FOR 100 MEN

Sheriff Julian Wires Governor for 100 Men at Once.

Raleigh, N. C., Aug. 7.—A telegram from Sheriff Julian at Salisbury just received at 2 p. m. by Governor Glenn says:

"Send 100 men here at once to assist me in maintaining order."

PRISONERS ARE BACK.

Henry Gillespie Makes Confession to News Representative.

Henry Gillespie, George Ervine, Della Dillingham and Fannie Gillespie, the four prisoners who are said to be implicated in the Lyerly murders and who escaped the vengeance of the mob last night at Salisbury, are now safe behind Mecklenburg prison bars.

This afternoon a News' reporter visited the jail and had an interview with Henry Gillespie and George Ervine. Henry Gillespie says that he heard Jack Dillingham tell the negro prisoner Massey, that he knew who had committed the crime. He said that he (Dillingham) and John and Nease Gillespie were responsible for the murder of the Lyerly family.

Henry Gillespie further stated that as soon as Nease Gillespie learned that Dillingham had told Massey who had killed the Lyerlys that Nease gave Massey a dollar to keep his mouth closed.

Gillespie says that he saw the dollar pass and George Ervine corroborates him. Henry says that John Gillespie told him that Jack had said, previous to the murder, that he would fix Mrs. Lyerly if they kept on fooling with him. Henry said that he heard this told while in jail. Henry also says that John Gillespie told him who had committed the crime saying that Jack had made the statement that he would fix one of the Lyerlys before he left. Jack Dillingham it seems knew the prisoner Massey before he met him in jail.

All of the prisoners are frightened into an inch of their lives because they feel that if they will have to go back to Salisbury to stand their trial.

Henry Gillespie as well as the rest of the prisoners seems to fear that if they return to the Salisbury jail they will meet the fate of the other three prisoners.

BAD MEAT AND BREAD.

Supply at Navy Yard Not in Good Condition.

By Associated Press. Washington, Aug. 7.—Secretary Bonaparte has received the preliminary report concerning the supply of fresh meat and bread at the Norfolk navy yard and similar conditions to that existing in the New York yard has been found. The contractors failed to furnish these articles in as good condition as the department demands. Probable the contracts will be cancelled.

SEARCH FOR HIGH BANK OFFICIALS

President Stensland of Milwaukee Avenue State Bank Probably be Arrested when Found. Depositors Losing Hope of Recovering Their Money.

By Associated Press. Chicago, Aug. 7.—President Stensland, of the Milwaukee Avenue State Bank, will probably be arrested as soon as he enters Chicago or can be found.

Bank Examiner Jones said Stensland surely had knowledge of the looting of the bank. The depositors are gradually losing all hope of recovering the \$4,200,000 they are entrusted to Stensland's care. Detectives are seeking Cashier Hering, the alleged embezzler.

The call for additional police was made through fear that the depositors and their friends would storm the bank and precipitate a riot when the rumors spread that the contents of some of the safety deposit vaults had been tampered with. Persons with money in the vaults were said to have found their savings gone.

GILLESPIE'S CONFESSION.

Henry Gillespie this morning stated that Jack Dillingham had made a confession while in the Charlotte jail that he and Nease and John Gillespie murdered the Lyerly family.

ONE LYNCHER ARRESTED.

Others to be Arrested—Charlotte Military Company to go to Salisbury to Guard Lynchers.

Raleigh, Aug. 7.—At 1 o'clock this afternoon Governor Glenn received a telegram from Judge B. F. Long, at Salisbury, to the effect that one person had been identified as a member of the mob which lynched the murderers of the Lyerly family last night and was placed in jail.

Also that evidence was in hand against others and that the investigation is being pushed as rapidly and thoroughly as possible.

The Governor, at the request of Sheriff Julian and Judge Long, telegraphed an order to the military company at Charlotte to go to Salisbury at once and guard the jail to prevent the liberation of any lynchers arrested.

FEELING AGAINST COUNSEL.

Some Entertain Feeling Against Messrs. Newell and Williams.

Special to The News. Salisbury, Aug. 7.—It was said this afternoon that Mr. Jake F. Newell, of Charlotte, and H. S. Williams, of Concord, the two lawyers who had been retained by the alleged negro murderers that it would be best for them not to remain in Salisbury as feeling ran high against them. The mob spirit does not seem to be appeased at all. Even the sacrifice of three victims does not in the least seem to satisfy the craving of those who formed the mob last night.

Messrs. Newell and Williams laughed when told that there was any feeling against them. They say they only did what any good lawyer might have done under similar circumstances. They accepted fees from the negroes because they were in need of counsel and, had they not taken the case the court would have had to appoint some one to defend them.

The lynching, the Governor declares to be a great blot on the State and he has called on all good citizens to aid in bringing to punishment the lynchers.

He has telegraphed the authorities at Salisbury that he will come at once if needed to assist in the prosecution of the members of the mob.

ZION'S INDEBTEDNESS.

A Detailed Statement Issued Last Night—A Total of \$5000,000.

Chicago, Aug. 7.—The first detailed statement of the indebtedness of Zion City was given to the directors of the League of Women Suffragists opened under the chairmanship of Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, of New York, president of the League and will hold daily sessions until August 11, inclusive. Twelve countries were represented. American delegates including, besides Mrs. Catt, Miss Hay, Rev. Anna Shaw, Mrs. Rachael Forster Avery, Miss Lucy J. Anthony and Mrs. Ida Husted Harper.

The proposition has been accepted, there being but two dissenting votes. It is proposed to relieve the present financial difficulty by a mortgage on 40,000 acres of undivided land of the city.

CALL OFF STRIKE

Workmen's Council Decides to Call Off Strike.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 7.—The Workmen's Council has decided to call off the strike in St. Petersburg. The announcement will be issued tonight or tomorrow. This act does not apply to the provinces but there is little doubt the workmen there will follow St. Petersburg's example.

Workmen Return. More than half of the factories here resumed work this morning and while the employees of some of the establishments at Moscow are out of the predictions of the parties who organized the strike movement were fulfilled.

SOLID FOR BRYAN

Big Fight Over Nomination for Governor—All Delegates Favor Bryan.

Waterloo, Iowa, Aug. 7.—The entire interest of the Democratic State Convention is in the nomination for Governor. State Senator Clyde Porter consented to be a candidate. Friends of Geo. Ball and John Denison were active and confident and prepared to carry the contest into the convention. All the delegates agreed that Bryan be endorsed for the Presidency.

INDIANS JOIN NAVY

Among Recent Recruits for the Navy is Number of Indians.

Washington, Aug. 7.—Among the recent recruits for the Navy have been a number of young Indians who were educated at Carl Indian school in Pennsylvania. Edward M. Ellis, grandson of Red Cloud, a Sioux Chief, is one of these. He is a petty officer.

Two Deaths in Patterson.

Special to The News. Patterson, N. J., Aug. 7.—Owing to the hot weather a number of factories were forced to shut down. Other mills are running half time. There were several deaths and many prostrations.

SHALL BRING TO JUSTICE MEMBERS LAST NIGHT'S MOB

Governor Glenn Wires Judge B. F. Long and Sheriff Julian of Salisbury to Make Every Effort to Bring to Justice Members of the Mob.

Governor Denies Statement that he was Cause of Military Company's not Shooting. Says he will Go to Salisbury if Needed to Aid in Investigation.

Special The News.

Raleigh, Aug. 7.—Urgent telegrams were sent this morning by Governor Glenn to Judge B. F. Long and Sheriff Julian, of Salisbury, insisting that every effort be made to identify and bring to justice the members of the mob which participated last night in the lynching of the three negroes on trial at the time for the murder of the Lyerly family at Barbers Junction.

Governor Glenn denies the statement sent out from Salisbury that the military company could not fire into the mob and prevent the lynching because they had no authority from the Governor to shoot. He says that on August 2nd, he wrote Sheriff Julian placing the military company under his orders in the event of any trouble and that he has a letter from Sheriff Julian to the effect that there would be no necessity to call out the military as all the people seemed anxious for the law to take its course and that to call out the military would serve only to incense the people.

The next that the Governor heard was when he was called out last night by a long distance telephone message from Judge Long stating that a great mob had gathered at the jail. He ordered the Greensboro and Charlotte military companies to Salisbury but before they could even start another message came that the negroes had been lynched.

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WOMEN SUFFRAGISTS.

Hold Third Annual Conference at Copenhagen.

Copenhagen, Aug. 7.—The third annual conference of the International League of Women Suffragists opened under the chairmanship of Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, of New York, president of the League and will hold daily sessions until August 11, inclusive. Twelve countries were represented. American delegates including, besides Mrs. Catt, Miss Hay, Rev. Anna Shaw, Mrs. Rachael Forster Avery, Miss Lucy J. Anthony and Mrs. Ida Husted Harper.

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LOADED ELEVATOR FELL 900 YARDS

Elevator with Nine Miners Going Down into Mine Dropped 900 Yards, Killing Occupants Instantly and Smashing Car into Pieces.

By Associated Press. Charleroi, Belgium, Aug. 7.—An elevator with nine miners who were going down the Marchines coal mine dropped 900 yards, smashing the car to atoms and instantly killing all the occupants.

CHARTERS GRANTED.

Company at High Point and One at Winston Chartered.

Raleigh, Aug. 7.—A charter was issued for the Durham Hosiery Mill No. 3, of High Point, with a \$200,000 capital authorized, \$37,500 subscribed by J. S. Carr, Jr., W. F. and C. M. Carr.

TRIED SUICIDE TWICE.

Bride of Two Months Confided Her Secret to Mayor.

Norfolk, Va., Aug. 7.—Having determined to get out of the world, Mrs. Rosa White Diggs, wife of Policeman Diggs, of Portsmouth, has made two efforts to leave it. Today in Mayor Reed's office, she swallowed a quantity of laudanum, but stomach pumps kept her alive. Last night she threw herself in front of a rapidly approaching train, but her husband dragged her out of danger.

Mrs. Diggs revealed her secret to Mayor Reed, and no one else. The mayor refused to talk and every one else connected with the case is silent.

A Gruesome Picture the Result Mob's Vengeance

WHY MILITIA DID NOT FIRE.

Salisbury, Aug. 7.—Senator Lee S. Overman said today: "The truth may as well be told now as hereafter. The reason the militia did not shoot on the mob was because the men did not wish to kill white men while protecting negro prisoners, charged with such a heinous offence."

BLOCKADERS DESTROYED.

Revenue Officers Get Two in Durham County—Raleigh's Communication With Fayetteville.

Special to The News. Raleigh, Aug. 7.—Mr. R. M. Phillips announces that he will accept the secretaryship of the Greensboro Chamber of Commerce. To this end he today tendered his resignation to the Raleigh Fayetteville and the one from Raleigh carried good crowds. A special rate of one fare for the round trip is allowed for Sunday. Under the new schedule a citizen of Raleigh may leave home at 7:50 a. m., reach Fayetteville 10:45 and returning leave Fayetteville at 3:40 p. m., arriving at Raleigh at 6:30 p. m. While the citizen of Fayetteville can leave home at 6:15 a. m., arrive at Raleigh at 9:05 a. m., spend the day at the capital, leave Raleigh at 4:05 p. m. and be home in Fayetteville at 6:55 p. m.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction J. Y. Joyner has returned from Elizabeth City where he attended a district conference of county superintendents of public schools. He will attend a similar conference for the southeastern district at Wrightsville, N. C., Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

Revenue officers returned today from Durham county where they destroyed two blockade distilleries and captured two prisoners. The prisoners are Robert Roberts and James Roberts. They were captured in connection with a still that was destroyed near South Level where an eighty-five gallon still, twelve fermenters and two barrels of whiskey were destroyed. The other still was forty-five gallons in the Braham district, fourteen miles from Durham. Six fermenters were also destroyed at the latter place. The officers in the raid were Deputy Collectors D. C. Downing, W. G. Pool and J. B. Jordan.

W. G. ALLEN RESIGNS.

Supt. of Roads of Robeson Resigns. Confederate Monument at Lumberton Special The News.

Lumberton, Aug. 7.—W. G. Allen, for the past 16 months Superintendent of the county roads has tendered his resignation to the board of commissioners to take effect today. Mr. Allen has been an efficient officer and his decision is regretted. He will return to his home in Wake County.

The contract has been let to The McNeill Marble Co. of Spartanburg, S. C., for furnishing and erecting a Confederate monument in the court house yard here at a cost of \$3,850. The monument will be unveiled May 10, 1907.

HEAT CAUSE OF TRAGEDY

Man Crazy by heat Kills Wife and Then Shoots Himself.

New York, Aug. 7.—Crazed, it is believed, by heat, James Lupo, aged 33 a tailor living in East Twelfth street, shot and killed his wife, Agurora, aged 20 and sent a bullet through his own brain inflicting probably a mortal wound.

Nine Deaths From Heat. Philadelphia, Aug. 7.—Two deaths occurred from heat before 8 o'clock, making a total of nine fatalities since the beginning of the present hot and humid wave. Forty-three cases of prostrations are in the various hospitals.

SEVERAL PROSTRATIONS

Though There is Promise of Relief in the Weather—Two Fall From Fire Escapes and are Killed.

New York, Aug. 7.—There is some relief from torrid weather conditions of the last few days, and the weather bureau gave promise of still further relief by thunder storms. Two persons sleeping on fire escapes fell to the street and were killed. A few prostrations were reported early.

A BLOODLESS DUEL

Two Generals Fight Duel Today—Still Unreconciled.

Paris, Aug. 7.—Generals Andre and Negrier fought a duel with pistols. Andre fired without hitting his opponent and Negrier declined to fire. The principals left the field unreconciled.

SIMMONS CHAIRMAN

Was Re-elected State Chairman at Meeting of Democratic Executive Committee Last Night.

Special to The News. Raleigh, Aug. 7.—The State Democratic Executive Committee met here last night at the call of State Chairman F. M. Simmons and organized for the impending campaign by re-electing Hon. F. M. Simmons, United States Senator, as State chairman, and Alex J. Field as secretary.

Senator Simmons in accepting another term of office as state chairman reviewed the former campaigns that he has conducted covering a period of twelve years, congratulating the party for its most zealous efforts. The race problem had been eliminated and the action of the party had the real approval of the best people of the country over so there is no probability of the working being undone. He said that there were those who predicted that when the race problem was eliminated there would be a division in the Democratic party so that there would be two strong parties in the state.

"I thank Senator Simmons," that time can never come in North Carolina until the men who invite white men to leave the Democratic party are themselves respectable and fit for self-respecting white men to associate with."

He expressed deep appreciation for the honor conferred on him in the re-election to the chairmanship and pledged his most zealous efforts.

The election of the central committee resulted as follows: First—E. F. Lamb, Elizabeth City; W. U. Hampton, Plymouth; R. B. Winborn, Murfreesboro; H. T. Greenleaf, Elizabeth City.

Second—T. W. Mason, Northampton; J. W. Granger, Kinston; H. A. Gilliam, Tarboro; I. E. Green, Weldon.

Third—C. E. Poy, New Bern; N. O'Perry, Goldsboro; E. M. Koonze, Jacksonville; T. C. Whitaker, Trenton.

Fourth—H. A. London, Pittsboro; F. S. Sprull, Lenoir; B. H. Bunn, Nash; E. C. Beddingfield, Raleigh.

Fifth—J. S. Carr, Durham; J. N. Wilson, Greensboro; R. L. Holt, Burlington; C. O. McMichael, Madison.

Sixth—J. D. Bellamy, Wilmington; W. A. Stewart, Dunn; J. D. Croom, Maxton; E. Hale, of Fayetteville.

Seventh—S. W. Finch, Lexington; D. E. McIver, Sanford; W. F. Gibson, Gibson Station; N. G. Williams, of Williams.

Eighth—Col. P. B. Means, Concord; Edmond Jones, Lenoir; R. A. Doughton, Sparta; Z. V. Long, Statesville.

Ninth—Dr. R. J. Brevard, J. H. Weddington, Mecklenburg; Major H. F. Schneck, Cleveland; T. L. Jones, Madison county.

Tenth—Lock Craig, Asheville; T. W. Whitmore, Brevard; G. L. Jones, Franklin S. Gallert, Rutherfordton.

In making up the central committee nominees from the Sixth district Major W. H. Bernard of Wilmington was the only committeeman present and he named the committee which was adopted as given above for the Sixth district. There was another proxy present committed to E. S. Hall, of Cumberland as against E. J. Hale, named by Major Bernard. It was on motion of P. M. Pearsall that the committee nominated by Bernard with Hale as a member was adopted.

It is Claimed by Some that Dillingham and Nease Gillespie Made a Confession to Members of the Mob Last Night Before they were Hanged.

The Ears of the Victims were Cut Off and their Bodies were Riddled with Bullets John Gillespie Declared his Innocence to the Very Last.

Special The News. Salisbury, Aug. 7.—After the wild fury of the mob had spent itself in three short hours Salisbury grew suddenly calm as a country village and only an occasional officer patrolled the streets from midnight to dawn, while the bodies of Nease Gillespie, his son John Gillespie and Jack Dillingham hung unguarded at a lonely spot on the roadside, suspended in a bunch from the limb of a large oak.

The scene where the lynching occurred is located about three-quarters of a mile from the center of the city, at Henderson's Cross Roads, east of Salisbury. The three corpses are terribly mutilated and are punctured from head to foot with bullets.

The method of the lynchings was rather unusual. Each of the dead men has a rope tied about his neck, then running over a huge limb only 14 feet from the ground, while the other end of the rope is tied to the right ankle of each of the three negroes. This caused each body to come to a steady position with the right foot and leg pulled up to a level with the men's heads while their left feet hang less than two feet from the ground.

Both of the Gillespies' ears are cut off. John Gillespie's left ear is trimmed close off and the index and little finger of the left hand and the little finger of the right hand are gone. Dillingham has three fingers cut from his left hand and one from his left hand and one from the right.

The only mutilation done to the body of old man Nease Gillespie is the trimming off of the rear of his left ear, evidently cut off as a ghastly souvenir of a fearful night's work.

The bullet holes in the bodies are too numerous to be counted. The arms, legs, bodies and breasts of the dead men are literally spotted with little holes from some of which the blood trickles.

The bodies are hung as follows: Dillingham's next the huge oak trunk, Nease Gillespie's in the middle and John Gillespie's in front.

Six strands of rope of various sizes and roughly pieced together, hold the bodies by the necks and heels over the limb of the tree.

The bodies were stripped of clothing to the waist and are so closely luddled together that it is impossible to see Dillingham's face as one stands in front of the awful spectacle. Looking in an easterly direction towards John Gillespie's face.

The three men were strung up one at a time, Jack Dillingham's first and with the back to the tree. As each body was hung by the odds and ends of ropes used by the mob, a volley of shots was fired into it and the next negro would be strung up with his back to the face of the victim behind him still warm and bleeding from uncounted bullet wounds.

The rope about old man Nease's neck is very loose, not touching the front of the neck or windpipe at all and if this is the position in which he was first strung up he could not have died from strangulation. He bears enough bullet wounds to have killed a score of men, as blood oozed from many wounds from one over the eye, with the arms, chest and abdomen shot every few inches down to the feet.

The faces of the dead negroes bear little trace of agony, old man Gillespie apparently having his features the worst comforted. The right eye is half closed but the left is wide open, with a wound over it disfiguring all that part of the side of the head.

The frightened negroes were taken from their cells after the mob had broken in and knocked off the locks to the cell doors with sledge hammers, the cells being on the second floor.

Judge Long, Senator Overman and Sheriff Julian remained in the jail until it became apparent that further delay would be almost certain death as stones, bricks, pieces of coal and bullets flew in at the rear of the building which faces Main street just north of the county courthouse.

For some strange reason the mob did not take the other prisoners. It seemed to be a rearing mob, if Continued on page 8.