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A LESSON TO HIM.

& Negro Said to be Slowly Consumed by Sulphurous Flamesfor Blasphe-

A special from Adrian, Ga., to the Atlanta Journal of the 21st, says:

This community is thoroughly aroused over the weird rumor of a divine visitation which comes from Troop's Ferry, just beyond the Oconee river and about twenty-five miles from here. The story, while it surpasses belief, is repeated in every quarter and the people of the surrounding country are wrought up to the highest pitch of religious excitement over it. The strange story follows:

One night last week several negro turpentine workers were playing cards near the ferry. One negro had seven dollars at the beginning of the game, but lost steadily until at last he had left only one dollar. Holding this high above his head he swore that if he lost it, he would curse God. In the next deal he lost it. and in consequence he executed his oath.

No sooner had he done so than he was heard to scream, and his companions on looking at him, saw that sulphurous flames poured from his mouth, ears, eyes and nose.

Terribly frightened, they at first ran away, but soon returned and endeavored to relieve his sufferings. Water poured upon him was without avail. A blanket was brought forward and they attempted to wrap him with it, in order to extinguish the flames, but the would-be rescuers were kept away by some myster gious power. About four feet was as near as an approach could be made to the unfortunate victim.

Then, thinking that the log on which he sat was in some way responsible for his predicament they began to saw it off near the point on which he sat. The first incision of the saw caused blood to drip from it, and to fall with the sawdust, to the ground. An axe was next sent for, but its use revealed the fact that in every part the log was filled with veins of blood.

Then they threw a noose of a rope over the negro's body and tried to pull him away from his position.

According to reports they might as well have attempted to draw star from the sky. The rope in consequence of its contact with the body of the victim, rendered as naught the great strength of those who would save him.

There he sits, rumor says, consuming, yet with no probability of ever being utterly consumed --- dying always, yet not dead-living in and breathing the fires of hell, crying for water, which poured upon him causes him to scream as mortal was

never heard to shriek before.

It is said that people flock to see him, but, appalled by the sight, turn and flee, some with terror that is piteous to witness.

The children of Adrian are terrorized by the rumor and speak of it in whispers of horror. Night is no more welcomed, and sleep with them has only the meaning of a Plutoniaa dream.

(Signed,) T. M. CHETHAM.

Outrages Es Kuklux. Walnut Ridge, Ark., July 21-There is great excitement in Lawrence and Randolph counties over the continued outrages of a band of men known as the klukiux. The band first made its appearance in Randelph county about a month age, and its operations were confined to a few townships, but it is spreading until now the two counties are aroused over their actions. Hardly a week passes but some lew outrage 18 committed. A number of men and even women have been dragged from their homes at night and whipped in a most cruel manner by the kuklux, and one woman has died from the effects of a flogging administered on her bare back. The persons flogged have in every case been citizens with whom the kuklux found some fault. In one case an old man and his wife were dragged

from their bed, tied to a tree and whipped until their backs were raw because they did not send their daughter to school. Near Richwood, in Lawrence county, a few nights ago the band raided the home of Newton Gray, a respectable farmer, and Gray has not been seen nor heard of since. It is believed he is dead. A number of outrages have been committed in the vicinity of Richwood in the past week, and the

excitement in that neighborhood is intense. Thirteen well known residents of the neighborhood were arrested, charged with being members of the organization, but at the exa amining trial ten of them were dismissed, three farmers, named Bishop, Fletcher and Gates, being bound over to the circuit court.

Talmage Loses His Pastorate.

A telegram from Washington to the Durham Sun says:

"Owing to dissensions among the members of the aristocratic First Presbyterian church, Rev. Dr. De-Witt Talmage will not return to Washington to take charge of his

"The majority of the members claim that Dr. Talmage has far from realized their expectations. In fact, the church has less members and is worse off financially than ever before. He took the associate pestorate under a contract, which has not netted him a penny this year."



He is in Winston.

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