

JUDGE, SOLICITOR AND SHERIFF SHOT DEAD

AWFUL TRAGEDY ENACTED IN A VIRGINIA COURT ROOM.

Assassins Flee to Mountains.—When Sentence is Pronounced on Floyd Allen, Notorious Mountaineer, and a Score of Friends Open Fire.—Clerk and Others Wounded.

Hillsville, Va., March 14.—A troop of mountain outlaws rode down out of the Blue Ridge today to Carroll county court house here and assassinated the judge upon the bench, the prosecutor before the bar and the sheriff at the door in less time than it takes to tell it, while sentence was being pronounced upon Floyd Allen, one of their number.

When the crack of the rifles died away only one member of the human fabric of the court—Dexter Goad, the clerk—was alive and he had been wounded.

Three jurors were seriously wounded, and three bystanders were more or less seriously wounded. Floyd Allen, the prisoner at the bar, was shot several times, probably not fatally. Sidney Allen, his brother, who killed Judge Massie, was wounded, but left town with his friends.

Tonight the outlaws, with a good day's start, are up in the mountain bush with a citizen posse, little organized, making a semblance of a pursuit. Sheriffs and deputies from neighboring counties cannot reach here before early morning. A special train from Roanoke tonight brought twenty detectives to Galax, the nearest railroad station, nine miles away.

Governor Mann has offered a \$3,000 reward for the capture of the assassins and holds State troops under arms for orders at Lynchburg and Roanoke.

Hillsville Terrorized.
The shooting terrorized Hillsville to the point of paralysis. There was not a man to give an order or organize a pursuit. Citizens fled to places of safety and mothers gathered up their children while the assassins rode out of town.

Judge Thornton T. Massie had risen from his chair as the bullets struck him and fell across his desk a bleeding corpse. Commonwealth's Attorney William Foster with half a dozen bullets in his brain crumpled down to the floor. Sheriff Lewis Webb was shot and killed as he reached for his revolver and sprang forward. Bullets grazed Clerk Goad and in the confusion he was reported killed. Jurors who had been slightly wounded were reported dead and by that indefinable method of communication which prevails in the woodlawn country, reports of a wholesale slaughter shot out to the countryside.

Allen's Crime.
Floyd Allen was before the bar this morning, convicted of taking a prisoner from a deputy sheriff. Allen had struck the sheriff over the head with the butt of a rifle and the prisoner escaped. Sheriff Webb had gone up in the mountains and taken all four despite warnings of what such a venture might mean. Attorney Foster had prosecuted him fearlessly and a mountain jury gathered from the inland section—for no man in Carroll county cared to sit on the trial of an Allen—had convicted him.

Just as Allen was about to be called up for sentence, his two brothers, Sidney and Jack, at the head of a troop of about twenty mountaineers, rode up to the court house.

Setting of Tragedy.
The brothers and their companions, some carrying rifles and others armed with revolvers, crowded into the small court room and stood behind the rail and about the door. Floyd Allen, aged 50, tall and gaunt, was in the dock.

Judge Massie mounted the bench and Prosecutor Foster moved sentence upon Allen, who stood up. There was a shuffling of feet and a general movement among the mountaineers in the back of the room but no sign to foretell the terrible tragedy in the minds of every one of them.

The usual legal formalities over, Judge Massie began pronouncing sentence. The last words that fell from his lips precipitated the tragedy.

"One year at hard labor—"
Before the last word was cold, the fusillade began. Allen with an oath that he would never go to prison, sprang out of the prisoner's dock as Judge Massie collapsed upon the bench. Another roar of shots and Prosecutor Foster was on the floor of a heap. Sheriff Webb was springing forward for his prisoner when the lead found him.

Assassins Gallop Away.
Then holding the panic-stricken jurors and onlookers at bay, although that probably was not necessary, the assassins slowly backed out of the court room and across the green to their troop of ponies. In a second they were galloping like madmen through the aroused village and off to the hills.

Judge Massie Gave.
Richmond, Va., March 14.—"Rather than indicate a fear of law-breakers by sitting on the bench with a weapon in my pocket, I prefer to be killed in the administration of justice," was the statement made by

Judge Massie only last night to a friend who urged him to take steps for his own protection against the lawless element he had determined to bring to justice.

Gov. Kitchin Takes a Hand.
Raleigh, March 14.—Responding to a special appeal from Governor William Hodges Mann of Virginia, Gov. Kitchin of North Carolina this afternoon telegraphed the sheriffs of Stokes, Surry and Alleghany counties, which border on Carroll county, Virginia, to take every step possible for the apprehension of the seventeen desperadoes who killed the Judge. Commonwealth's attorney and sheriff of the Carroll county court this morning just as the judge was sentencing Floyd Allen to one year at hard labor. Governor Kitchin informed the sheriffs of the reward the Governor of Virginia had offered.

Hillsville, Va., March 15.—Shortly after his arrival here today Judge Staples, who had been designated by Governor Mann to take charge of the court situation, summoned a special grand jury to indict the murderers of Judge Thornton L. Massie, Commonwealth's Attorney W. M. Foster and Sheriff L. S. Webb, who were killed by the Allen outlaws yesterday. This act had a wonderful effect in restoring public confidence.

Death of Miss Ayres.
The surprise of the day in Hillsville, was the death of Miss Nancy Elizabeth Ayres, a 19-year-old girl. No one in the town seemed to know that she was wounded until her death was announced this morning at 9 o'clock. When she left Hillsville for her home yesterday, she did not know she had been shot, but complained of bruises which she thought she had received in the mad rush from the court room. Without a doubt, Miss Ayres, who was a witness in the Allen case, was shot accidentally.

After escaping from the court room yesterday Floyd Allen was removed to the one hotel in the village, where he was guarded by his son. Immediately upon their arrival this morning at 7 o'clock, detectives went to the hotel and arrested him without trouble, but once he had been placed in the county jail Allen tried to cut his throat with a small pen knife. He was quickly seized by the guards who took the weapon. The wound is not serious. Victor Allen, Floyd Allen's son, Cabell Strickland and Byrd Marion were also arrested. It is the general belief that they are being held merely as witnesses.

Juror Fowler, who was wounded in the court house yesterday, is in a desperate condition and is not expected to live through the night. Juror Worell was only slightly injured, while Juror Kane is improving and will probably recover. The wound received by Dexter Goad, clerk of court, is only in the flesh of the neck.

Tonight the man hunt is in abeyance waiting for daylight. No trace, let alone a stranger, will travel these mountain roads at dark with the Allen gang loose. At daybreak one set of detectives which had reached Hillsville, joined a party of deputy sheriffs from the neighborhood and set up the mountainside. The traveling was slow and tedious. The other party which went up the north side of the ridge stormed the Allen house.

The reorganization of the court which was all but wiped out yesterday by the work of assassins had a great influence.

Early in the day a report came from Mount Airy that the Allen gang had raided a hardware store there and stocked up with guns and bullets. That probably is partially true. Sidney Allen was part owner of the store and the gang probably found supplies ready.

Reports have been coming down the mountain all day that the outlaws have recruited a big band to their defense. Officers think this not unlikely. A lawless element in which the Allens were ringleaders has ruled the mountain fastness for years. There is a saying among the revenue officers that every pine tree shelters a whiskey still. A battle between law and crime is sure to draw recruits here.

First White Victim for Kentucky Death Chair.

Frankfort, Ky., March 16.—Unless an act of executive clemency intervenes, the electric chair in the State prison at Eddyville will receive its first white victim next week. The man who is awaiting execution is Cal Miracle, the Breathitt county murderer. On August 26 last, Miracle shot and killed Matthew Jones at his home near Pineville. The screams of the wife and children of the victim attracted Mrs. Delsie Gibson a neighbor, to the scene. On her way she met Miracle, who shot and killed her. The double murderer fled to the mountains and for several months all efforts to capture him were without avail. Several months later he was found in Birmingham, Ala., where he was arrested and returned to Pineville, for trial.

N. C. Christian Advocate: Rev. J. C. Rowe, D. D., is serving his fourth year on the Salisbury District. It is indeed gratifying to note the devotion of the people of the district to him as their leader. The Stanly Enterprise, referring to a recent visit to Albemarle, says: "Our people always enjoy hearing this gifted man of God; they love him and look for his visits."

GRACE SAYS HIS WIFE DID IT.

Dying, He Tells Pitiable Story of Her Cruelty.

Atlanta, Ga., March 14.—With the lower part of his body pronounced already dead, Eugene H. Grace whose spinal cord is severed by a bullet alleged by Grace to have been fired by his wife, expected to die within the next twenty-four hours, according to his physicians tonight. Grace is said to be facing death with stoical nerve. He continues to insist that his wife shot him.

Although Grace last night made an ante-mortem statement to his attorney, Chief of Detective Lanford stated tonight that the dying man will be asked to make another to the officers of the law. In his story to his lawyers Grace is declared to have told in detail how his wife shot him; that she remained with him several hours after he was shot; that he pleaded for a doctor and then begged for water. The attorneys decline to give out the statement for publication.

Mrs. Daisy Opie Grace spent a sorrowful day in her cell in the county jail a result of the news of her husband's condition.

"Oh, why don't they operate on him?" she is said to have exclaimed when informed of the doctors' decision that an operation would be useless.

A Delightful Party.

A delightful party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hope Alexander Thursday evening in honor of Miss Fannie Hartsell who is to leave for Canada Friday. Those present were: Misses Jennie Mims, Fronie and Onnie Griffin, Fannie Query and Margaret, Myrtle and Lula Lipe, Mary Query, Jane Thompson, Martha Barringer, Lucy Perkins, Jessie Pratt Suther, Rebecca Alexander, Ida Benfield, Jack Freeze; Messrs. Millard Alexander, Zeb Thornburg, June Sapp, Lonnie Crooks, Mearl Crooks, Lance and Frank Barringer, Robert Suther, Joe Cope, Marcus Chaney, Will Yates. After several games refreshments were served.

ONE PRESENT.

Memorial to Cleveland.

New York, March 16.—The life of the late Grover Cleveland and its influence upon the national progress and material welfare of the United States will be the themes of speeches by Chief Justice White of the Supreme Court of the United States, Mayor Gaynor, Judge Alton B. Parker and other well known public men at the memorial exercises to be held tomorrow afternoon in the assembly hall of the College of the city of New York.

The affair has been arranged by the Cleveland Administration Association in honor of the seventy-fifth anniversary of Mr. Cleveland's birth.

G. O. P. Split in Alabama.

Birmingham, Ala., March 16.—The anti-Taft movement in Alabama came to a head today, when a conference of progressive Republicans met in this city to take steps looking to the sending of Roosevelt delegates to Chicago to contest with the Taft delegates for seats in the national convention. The leaders of the Roosevelt movement is Joseph O. Thompson, internal revenue collector for the Alabama district, who is said to be at out with the President because the latter disregarded some of his recommendations in the matter of federal patronage.

Mill Watchman Disappears.

A. N. Lawson, night watchman at the Bibb Mfg. Co., Columbus, Ga., disappeared in a most mysterious manner last Sunday night and since that time no trace of the missing man has been found. He was known to have had a sum of money on his person and it is thought that he was robbed. Investigations by the police have revealed practically nothing. Two unknown men were seen about the mill on Sunday night and suspicion points to them, as they also have disappeared. Lawson is sixty years old and as there is no apparent reason for his leaving home, it is believed that he met with foul play.

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RATES TO REUNION.

The Southern Railway Offers Extremely Low Round Trip Rates to Macon, Ga., on Account of Annual Reunion United Confederate Veterans, May 7th, 8th, and 9th, 1912.

On account of this occasion the Southern Railway will sell round trip tickets to Macon, Ga., on May 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8, 1912, with final limit until June 5th by personally depositing ticket with special agent at Macon not later than May 15th and upon payment of 50 cents per ticket at time of depositing. Stop overs will be permitted at Atlanta and several other points within limit of tickets either going or returning trip, or both by depositing ticket with agent of stop over. Arrangements have been made to sell side trip tickets from Macon to a large number of points within a radius of five hundred miles at greatly reduced rates. The following round trip rates will apply from stations named:

Greensboro, \$8.45; High Point, \$8.15; Thomasville, \$8.00; Reidsville, \$8.90; Siler City, \$8.45; Lexington, \$7.80; Asheboro, \$8.70; Albemarle, \$7.45; Charlotte, \$6.60; Concord, \$7; Salisbury, \$7.45; China Grove, \$7.45; Norwood, \$7.45; Gastonia, \$6.60; Blacksburg, \$6.00; Rock Hill, \$6.10.

Reduced round trip rates on same basis from all other stations on Southern Railway. Arrangements are now being made for the operation of two special trains to take care of the movement from North Carolina, one starting at Raleigh and one at Charlotte, leaving Charlotte about 7:45 a. m. Monday, May 6th, arriving at Macon early Tuesday morning, May 7th. These trains will consist of first class coaches and Pullman sleeping cars, exact schedule to be announced later. Passengers from branch line points can use regular trains to junction points, connecting at such points with special trains.

For detailed information in connection with rates, reservations, schedules, etc., apply to any agent, or R. H. DEBUTTS, Division Passenger Agent, Charlotte, N. C.

Taft Will Not Get One Tar Heel Vote

Washington, D. C., March 13.—The National Roosevelt headquarters, of which Senator Dixon is the director, today gave out the statement that Taft will not get a single district in North Carolina. Dixon claims North Carolina for the Colonel and declares that the claim is substantiated by the information that has come to him from persons closely in touch with conditions in the State.

"In Eastern North Carolina," says the statement, (the author evidently having confused the Western part of the State with the Eastern part) "there are many counties in which the white Republican vote far outnumber the white Democratic vote and those are lining up for Roosevelt with an approach to unanimity that is giving deep concern to the Taft people."

The Roosevelt movement in the State is based on the conviction that if a strong candidate is named for President it will be possible to regain the loss of the two congressional districts in 1910.

Nineteen Miles a Second
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Teacher—Now boys, here is a little example in mental arithmetic.

How could would a person be who was born in 1875? Pupil—Please, teacher, was it a man or a woman?
R. G. Collins, Postmaster, Barnegat, N. J., was troubled with a severe la grippe cough. He says: "I would be completely exhausted after each fit of violent coughing. I bought a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar Compound and before I had taken it all the coughing spells had entirely ceased. It can be beat. For sale by Gibson Drug Store."

"What dirty hands you have Johnnie!" said the teacher. "What would you say if I came to school that way?" "I wouldn't say nothin'," replied Johnnie. "I'd be too polite."

The "Child's Welfare" movement has challenged the attention of thoughtful people everywhere. Mothers are natural supporters, and will find in Foley's Honey and Tar Compound a most valuable aid. Coughs and colds that unchecked lead to croup, bronchitis and pneumonia yield quickly to the healing and soothing qualities of Foley's Honey and Tar Compound. Sold by Gibson Drug

"Yes," said the young wife proudly, "father always gives something expensive when he gives presents." "So I discovered when he gave you away," rejoined the young husband.

ACUTE INDIGESTION SUCCESSFULLY TREATED.

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Best Quality OUTING GOWNS at cost.

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HALF SIZE, PRICE	\$2.25
LARGE KITS	\$1.25
SMALL KITS	90 Cts

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Cline & Moose.

Matter of Finishing the Street Car Line.

At the meeting of the board of aldermen last night the matter of completing the link between Depot and Corbin streets through the business section came up. The city expects to lay this distance with bitulithic, but on account of the bad condition of Church street, the only parallel street have to be diverted, it was thought best not to tear up the over which the heavy traffic would Main street just now. The street car company is to lay its track at the same time the city lays the new street, and will be given sixty days to complete it after they are notified to begin work.

Mr. Ritchie Doing Well.

Salisbury Post, 14th.
Mr. Mumford Ritchie, of Concord, who was shot by a Mr. Hamilton from whom he was collecting a bill about a week ago is doing well at the Whitehead-Stokes sanatorium. Some one or more of his brothers have visited Mr. Ritchie daily since his being brought to Salisbury and his physician and his pastor have each paid him several visits. The many friends of Mr. Ritchie will be glad to know that he is rapidly on the way to recovery.

A Cold, La Grippe, Then Pneumonia

Is too often the fatal sequence, and coughs that hang on weaken the system and lower the vital resistance. Foley's Honey and Tar Compound is a reliable medicine that stops the cough promptly by healing the cause; soothes the inflamed air passages and checks the cold. Keep always on hand. Refuse substitutes. For sale by Gibson Drug Store

Both Neglected.

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