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FIVE CENTS

## FLED INTO CANADA

### Belief Concerning Missing Bank Officials.

## AFFAIRS IN BAD SHAPE

### New Irregularities Being Disclosed by Examiners.

### Even Safety Deposit Boxes Have Been Tampered With—Vice President Stensland Arrested on Charge of Violating the State Banking Laws. Probably Seventy Cents on the Dollar May Be Paid Depositors in the Final Adjustment.

Chicago, Aug. 7.—Theodore Stensland, Vice-President of the Milwaukee Avenue State Bank, was arrested late this afternoon on a charge of violating the banking laws of the state. Earlier in the day the institution was placed in the hands of a receiver and Paul O. Stensland, President of the bank and father of the Vice-President together with Cashier Herring were officially declared fugitives from justice and their personal descriptions placed in the hands of the police throughout the country.

Besides the discovery of many irregularities in the management of the bank, it was also found that even the safety deposit boxes owned and rented by the bank had been tampered with and rifled.

The specific charges on which Theodore Stensland was arrested was that of having accepted deposits at the bank when he knew the institution to be insolvent. The arrest was made in the office of Chief of Police Collins, where Stensland had come to confer with the head of the police department.

The warrant for the arrest of the Vice-President was sworn out by Mr. J. P. Strub, a liquor dealer who declared that last Saturday he deposited \$350 in the bank and that Theodore Stensland as one of the officers of the institution had knowledge then that the bank was insolvent. Straube contends that the Vice-President should have notified the acting officers of the bank not to receive any deposits but that had not been done and his money was taken in violation of the banking laws.

Later in the day Jacob J. Kern, a former states attorney signed bonds for \$5,000 for the release of Theodore Stensland.

The promises held out yesterday that the elder Stensland would appear in Chicago today were not fulfilled and it is the belief of the police, based on despatches from several northern cities, that he has fled into Canada.

Cashier Herring sought on a similar warrant is thought to have reached the Dominion by another route.

The days developments were productive of the first ray of hope for the depositors, who yesterday believed their savings of years were swept in the wreck. David R. Morgan, Vice-President of the First National Bank, and such of those to whom the status of the defunct banks affair has been laid bare declared that probably seventy cents on the dollar would be paid in the final adjustment.

The affairs of the bank are said to be in an almost hopeless tangle and new irregularities are being disclosed as the examiners go further into the books. President Stensland loaned money to himself, it is alleged, by the subterfuge of having employes sign the notes. Specific instances came to light during the day of the looting of the safety boxes. In particular to which the attention of the police was that of Mrs. Lidia Herman who declared that \$150 of her funds had been taken.

The clearing house committee is sparing no effort to bring the missing president to justice. Handwriting experts, it is said, will be put to work at once upon the case to establish the evidence of forgery.

Belief that Stensland has made his escape into Canada is supported by a report from Michigan, that the missing banker was seen on a Duluth and Superior car, en route to Superior. Another dispatch from Superior from Chief of Police McKenna, tended to show that Stensland made his way to Canada by boat from Duluth. Cashier Herring is thought to have reached the line by way of Detroit.

### A Few Prostrations From Heat.

New York, Aug. 7.—There was some relief this morning from the torrid weather conditions which have prevailed in New York for the last few days. Throughout last night every breathing spot in the city was crowded with sweltering humanity. Two persons who were sleeping on fire escapes fell to street and were killed. A few prostrations from heat were reported.

LUMINA TONIGHT  
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## IN EFFECT AS TEMPORARY LAW

### Government Will Promulgate its Agrarian Programme.

### LIKE THE STICHINSKY PROJECT

### This Will be Done in an Attempt to Appease the Discontented Peasantry. Appointments to the Three Vacancies in the Cabinet Will be Announced Today.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 7.—From a member of the cabinet, the Associated Press learns that government regards storm of the revolution as passed. The cardinal plank of the progress is an attempt to appease the discontented peasantry as far as possible. The governments agrarian programme, which will not differ greatly from the Stichinsky project, will not only be promulgated but probably will be placed in effect as a temporary law, the emperor having the right to issue temporary laws during a recess of parliament. In other words, it is the intention of the government to attempt to solve its most difficult problem irrespective of parliament, in the belief that it will meet with enough support to make it impossible for the next parliament to refuse its assent.

Appointments to three vacancies in the cabinet, Agriculture Commerce and the Holy Synod, probably will be announced tomorrow. M. Samarin, member of the council of the empire, who was offered the last named post, has finally refused it, thus ending the hope of securing the desired co-operation of the lower house and upper house elements.

Prince Vassilohikoff, of famous Russian family, father of the well-known litterateur of that name, will probably be Minister of Agriculture. Another member of the family was recently relieved of the command of the Guard Division, in connection with the mutiny of the first battalion of the Preobrajenski Regiment.

A semi-official statement referring to the conclusions deduced abroad from an article in the Russia saying it was the intention of the government to suspend cash payments is published tonight. It says these conclusions are based on gross misunderstandings and that no such intention exists.

The article in the Russia says the statement does nothing more than indicate an issue of paper money as an extreme measure to which the state may have recourse in the event of the total arrests of the normal financial functions of the country. It represents merely the personal opinion of the writer. Any interference that there is an intention to suspend cash payments is possible only to people who everywhere are seeking some pretext for crating disquiet and even panic.

## IOWA DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

### Full State Ticket Nominated and Platform Adopted—Support Pledged to Bryan.

Waterloo, Ia., Aug. 7.—The Democratic state convention today nominated a full state ticket headed by Claude R. Porter of Appanoose county for governor, and John D. Denison, Jr., for Lieutenant Governor. The convention adopted a platform and a resolution pledging to Wm. Jennings Bryan the support of Iowa democrats for the presidency in 1908 and adjourned since die tonight.

The platform demands legislation to destroy trusts, favor rate legislation in Iowa to give rates as low as interstate rates, a two cent passenger fare, a state primary law that will protect all parties, election of United States senators by the direct vote of the people, laws to punish corporations for contributions to political funds, and asks for the assessment of railroads in Iowa by a non-partisan commission. On the tariff and other national questions the platform says:

"We believe in tariff for revenue only and that there should be immediate relief granted to the people who are now being robbed by extortionate prices exacted under shelter of tariff. We believe the tariff should be removed from all trust made goods and in the removal of all duties on iron, steel lumber and coal. We demand the enactment of such legislation as will effectually destroy all trusts and the strict enforcement of all laws concerning the same and we denounce the executive of the state of Iowa for failure to enforce existing laws."

The following was added to the platform as an endorsement of Bryan:

"We endorse the exalted character, peerless statesmanship, the high-minded and pure personality of democracy's conceded leader, Wm. Jennings Bryan and pledge him our unqualified support for the presidency in 1898."

### The End of the World

of troubles that robbed E. H. Wolfe, of Bear Grove, Ia., of all usefulness, came when he began taking Electric Bitters. He writes: "Two years ago kidney trouble caused me great suffering, which I would never have survived had I not taken Electric Bitters. They also cured me of General Debility." Sure cure for all Stomach, Liver and Kidney complaints, Blood disease Headache, Dizziness and Weakness or bodily decline. Price 50c. Guaranteed by R. R. Bellamy's drug store.

## MILITARY COMPANIES

### GUARD SALISBURY JAIL.

### To Prevent Attempt to Rescue Alleged Lynchers—Other Three Negroes Taken to Charlotte for Safe-keeping—Participants in the Affair Will be Tried at Once.

Charlotte, N. C., August 7.—Tonight three companies of the North Carolina national guard, one command from Statesville, a company of infantry and a battery of artillery from Charlotte, surround the jail at Salisbury, while sentries with loaded guns and orders to shoot to kill patrol the four streets that flank the prison. There have been threats and rumors of threats all day, but all is quiet there tonight. It is believed the worst is over.

Geo. Hall, the ex-convict from Montgomery county, who is supposed to have led the mob which lynched the three alleged murderers of the Lyerly family last night, is in the jail—the plan to rescue him from the clutches of the law, rumors of which caused Governor Glenn to hurry troops to Salisbury, has not materialized. The surviving negroes, Henry Lee, George Erwin, and two women, are safe in jail at Charlotte, and there is no danger of violence to them. The special term of court, which convened to try the victims of mob vengeance, acting under orders from the governor, will not adjourn until every effort to convict the leaders of the mob has been exhausted.

The case is being worked up and many arrests are expected tomorrow. The governor is determined to push the matter to the bitter end. The cases against the surviving defendants, against whom true bills were found, were continued until the regular term of Rowan county court.

Long before the sun rose this morning, curious persons went to the scene of the lynching and cut off the toes, the fingers and ears of the negroes who were hung to the limb of the big tree on Henderson's baseball ground. The bodies were badly mutilated before they were removed. It looks as if a lot of sorry fellows, assisted by a few good citizens, from the scene of the Lyerly murder, did the work.

When the court was convened this morning there was a slight diminution in the crowd though every seat was taken. Solicitor Hammer made a motion to continue the cases against the surviving prisoners until the regular term. Judge Long replied that he would make the order. He then turned to the crowd and in a clear voice full of feeling said:

"There was a venire called here to try this case this morning at 10 o'clock. The grand jury had found a true bill and the court had made an order that the two hundred veniremen appear at the court house, that the case might be investigated according to law. But last night, when the court had become satisfied shortly before that the best sentiment in this county would uphold the laws of the land, and stand by the courts in its administration of the law, a band of men broke into the jail, took the lives of the prisoners out, and lynched them as the court is informed.

"It will say to the citizenship in my hearing that if there is any law abiding men in Rowan county, and there are such, I would be glad to have your presence during the sitting of the court.

"God Almighty reigns and the law is still supreme. This court will not adjourn until this matter is investigated. "Gentlemen of the grand jury I am not going to discharge you this morning, but I will return you here, I hope you will keep calm and serene. Retire to your room and proceed with your deliberation and investigations. I will call you for further instructions later."

## SALISBURY IS NOW QUIET

### Remaining Three Prisoners Taken to Charlotte for Safe Keeping.

Salisbury, N. C., August 7.—The city is quiet after the triple lynching last night. Geo. Irvin and Henry Gillespie and the wife of Jack Dillingham were taken to Charlotte this morning for safe keeping. True bills for murder in the first degree were found by the grand jury yesterday against Irvin, Henry Gillespie and the Dillingham woman, but the mob did not disturb them last night. Henry Gillespie this morning stated that Dillingham had made a confession in the Charlotte jail that he and Nease and John Gillespie murdered the Lyerly family.

## SALISBURY JAIL GUARDED

### To Prevent Attempted Liberation of Any Alleged Lynchers Who May be Arrested—Engineer McLendon Dies of His Wounds.

Raleigh, N. C., August 7.—This afternoon Governor Glenn received a telegram from Judge E. F. Long, at Salisbury to the effect that George Hall had been identified as a leader of the mob that lynched the alleged murderers of the Lyerly family last night, and he has been placed in jail. 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 alleged lynchings who may be arrested.

Today J. C. McLendon, the Southern Railway engineer who was shot in the mouth, died in the hospital at Salisbury. He leaves a widow and four children. An officer is said to have shot the engineer as he was battering a window. Others say that he was merely a spectator.

Solicitor Hammer is securing names of witnesses to the lynching, to place before the grand jury.

## NO TROUBLE IN GREENSBORO

### Military Company Guarding the Jail to Prevent Any Attempt at the Lynching of Bohannon.

(Special to The Messenger.)

Greensboro, N. C., August 7.—There was no trouble here today. Well defined rumors that a party was forming to lynch Bohannon tonight has caused the placing of a military company around the jail, and the entire police force is on picket duty. Any attempt to storm the jail will be resisted to the death by the sheriff and military. There is no local lynching sentiment, the trouble being feared from railroad shops at High Point and Spencer.

## TROOPS ORDERED OUT

### Imperative Instructions Given by the Governor to Preserve the Peace at Any Price.

(Special to The Messenger.)

Raleigh, N. C., August 7.—At 1 o'clock this afternoon Governor Glenn received a message from Sheriff Julian asking that 100 troops be sent immediately to Salisbury to assist in maintaining order. The governor ordered the companies at Statesville, Charlotte and Salisbury to report this afternoon to Sheriff Julian for duty. He talked with the captains over the telephone and gave them imperative instructions, to do their duty, to use ball cartridges only and to preserve the peace at any hazard. The county of Rowan, under the law has to pay the expense of such troops which are under the sheriff's immediate command. If necessary more troops will be sent to the scene. Naturally it was desired to send those nearby on the ground of expense.

Governor Glenn mailed the following letter to Judge Long this afternoon: "The killing of Mr. Lyerly and his innocent family was a most horrible crime, and doubtless aroused the anger of the people, but the deliberate and wilful taking of the prisoners from the jail last night was likewise a crime and is a blot upon the fair name of North Carolina. The amount of damage to the state cannot be estimated in dollars and cents for it shows a lawless spirit amongst certain of our people, which may deter enterprise and immigration into our midst."

The governor then tells of his correspondence with the sheriff of Rowan already referred to, and says to the Judge: "I was horrified last night when called from my bed by you, saying the mob was assailing the jail. There is no excuse for this lynching. An upright judge, a fair jury, a vigorous prosecutor, and full evidence rendered the conviction of the prisoners almost a certainty. Therefore to take the law into their own hands was inexcusable in this mob. You have a grand jury and solicitor with you, and the court is in session. Spare neither time or expense in apprehending and bringing these violators of law to justice. If necessary I will aid you with the whole power of the state. Mobs must understand that they cannot perpetrate crime and go unpunished. I feel that a blot is upon our state. Help me in every way you can to remove it by punishing the perpetrators."

## ARMFIELD ORDERED TO SALISBURY

(Special to The Messenger.)

Raleigh, N. C., August 7.—Governor Glenn late this afternoon ordered Brigadier General P. I. Armfield to go to Salisbury, and take command of two or three companies. Captain of Salisbury company informed the governor that three more companies and a galling battery were needed. There are threats to lynch the jailer for defending the jail last night and also threats to release George Hale, ex-convict, and desperado from Montgomery county who was one of the mob leaders.

Tom Taggart is moving his establishment to a place where the anti-gambling laws are laxly enforced. It goes to show that he doesn't run his "health resort" for his health.—New York American.

Coal went up another 10 cents yesterday. Ice costs small consumers about twice as much as last year. People who want either heat or cold in their housekeeping are sadly out of luck.—New York World.

LUMINA TONIGHT  
Mid-week dance at Lumina tonight.

## THIRD GAME GOES TO PROTEST

### Trouble Over the Empire the Cause of Dispute.

### EACH SIDE CLAIMS THE GAME

### One Umpire Declared it Forfeited to Chicago and Another Declared it Forfeited to New York—The National Commission Will Have to Straighten Matters Out.

New York, August 7.—Something unique in baseball occurred here today when the game which was to have been played as the third of the present series between the New York and Chicago National League clubs did not take place on the Polo Grounds. Each club claims that the other forfeited, so the national commission must straighten out matters, and a lengthy wrangle is bound to ensue. So far as the National League can chronicle the unplayed game at present, Chicago has been officially declared the winner 9 to 0, by forfeit.

At yesterday's game, the second of the series, there was a good deal of ill feeling shown on both sides on account of decisions rendered by Umpire Johnstone. When Johnstone and Emisle, the umpires assigned by President Pulliam arrived at the entrance to the Polo Grounds today, Johnstone was refused admittance and Emisle, who accompanied him, declined to take any part in the game so long as his associate was not allowed to perform his official function. Johnstone then declared the game forfeited by New York to Chicago, basing his decision on the local club's refusal to admit him to the grounds.

The crowd which numbered about 11,000, wondered at the delay and yelled "play ball" repeatedly while Managers McGraw and Chance held a consultation. McGraw called upon his utility man, Strang, to officiate as umpire. Chance refused to appoint a man from his team to match in conjunction with Strang, saying that the game had been forfeited under the rules of the Chicago club, then took a hand in the much mixed proceeding, and after he had spoken a few words to Chance, the Chicago players left the grounds, in the belief that they were perfectly justified in doing so.

A few minutes later an announcer jumped from the grand stand and said that he had been requested by the New York club to make the following statement:

"Umpire Johnstone was barred from these grounds today by Police Inspector Sweeney, who feared that the presence of Johnstone after yesterday's tumult might incite a riot. Umpire Johnstone has declared the game forfeited by New York to Chicago 9 to 0. Later on the announcer again addressed the crowd which by this time was scattering over the diamond and out field, saying: "I am instructed by Manager McGraw, to say that he having sent Strang out as an umpire, and the Chicago team having ignored his calling on them to 'play ball,' the game under the rules is forfeited by Strang to New York 9 to 0, and the New York club will protest the claim of the visiting club."

Rain checks had been issued prior to the game, and the patrons of the club were informed that these checks would be good for any other game on these grounds during the present season.

Police Inspector Sweeney when seen later on said that he had not taken the initiative in preventing Umpire Johnstone from entering the grounds, and added that it was at the request of the management of the New York club that he had acted as he did.

Tonight the Associated Press received a dispatch from President Pulliam of the National League, dated Saratoga, regarding the forfeited game. President Pulliam says that the game was legally forfeited to Chicago, and that he will stand by the action of Umpire Johnstone to the finish. He adds that so long as he is president of the league he will sustain every forfeit made where an umpire is refused admittance to any park, and that if this does not suit the league, it can have his resignation at a minutes notice.

## LOUISIANA OR CONNECTICUT

### Controversy Has Arisen Over Which Ship Shall be Chosen for the President's Trip to Panama.

Washington, D. C.—Quite a controversy has arisen as to what ship shall be selected to take the president to Panama and petitions have been filed at Oyster Bay on behalf of both the Louisiana and the Connecticut. The question of the building of these ships has entered into the controversy, the Louisiana having been constructed in a private yard and the Connecticut by the government, and friends of the different methods of building government ships are anxious that their particular vessel shall be selected. The Connecticut has been fitted up for a fleet flagship, and offers more room than does the Louisiana, but it is not certain that she can be completed in time to go to the Isthmus in November. The matter is being considered by the president and the Secretary of the Navy.

There has been a suggestion that either the Washington or the Tennessee should take the president to the Isthmus, but it now seems probable that a battleship will be chosen, although it is possible that one of the cruisers will be sent along as a consort.

## DAMAGE BY FLOOD

### 500 People are Reported Homeless.

## GAME WITHOUT WARNING

### Railway Banks Have Been Washed Out for Miles.

### Wires are Down in All Directions and it is Impossible to Confirm the Stories of Disaster—Inhabitants at San Angelo and Ballinger Were Forced to Flee for Safety in Their Night Clothing—Twelve Inches of Rain Fell All Over South Texas.

Port Worth, Texas, August 7.—A special from Brownwood says: Many lives are reported lost as a result of a flood in this neighborhood, but as the wires are down confirmation at this time is impossible. Five hundred people are homeless. Railway banks have been washed out for miles, and a pile driver sent out with 200 laborers was unable to proceed further than here.

Special to Post Dispatch reports from the country say loss of life was great. The rush came without warning, and inhabitants at San Angelo and Ballinger were forced to flee for safety in their night clothing. An entire family at Ballinger named Cook were drowned as they attempted to reach their home on an improvised raft which struck an obstruction. The Colorado River is from four to six miles wide in places, and the tributaries south are out of their banks. Two thousand cattle are killed. The Santa Fe track bridges were washed out, and traffic is at a standstill. Persons made homeless sought refuge in churches. Provisions and clothes were rushed to the scene.

One man on horseback was lost while trying to warn the inhabitants. A mother and three children at San Angelo perished in sight of a score of men who were unable to attempt a rescue. The mother was in the upper story of a house in the bottoms. She was calling for help when the flood caused the small house to totter and collapse. Twelve inches of rain fell all over South Texas last night, causing all rivers to overflow their banks. Relief trains were rushed out, but were unable to reach their destination. Rescue parties in boats are going from house to house taking people from second stories and carrying the dead to morgues. Heartrending scenes were witnessed in towns where lost children were hunting parents. It is estimated that two hundred miles of track was washed out. The death list increases hourly. Telegraph offices are besieged by crowds demanding news from the flooded district.

## CONTRACTS MAY BE CANCELLED

### Report Concerning Supply of Fresh Meat and Bread at the Norfolk Navy Yard.

Washington, Aug. 7.—Secretary Bonaparte has received a 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 Navy Yard has been found. The contractors have failed to furnish these articles in as good condition as the Department demands. It is probable that the contracts will be cancelled.

The report of bad meat supplies for both New York and Norfolk Yards was made by Captain Littlefield of the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts, who has investigated the condition in both yards. No action has yet been taken by Secretary Bonaparte because the official reports containing all the data have just arrived at the Department and he has not yet had time to go over them, but the verbal reports were sufficient to convince him that drastic action was necessary, and unless the contractors immediately take steps to remedy the conditions and furnish meat and bread according to the terms of their contracts these contracts are to be cancelled and supplies secured elsewhere. The conditions at both Norfolk and New York are said to be equally bad. It is pointed out that the matter relates to fresh meat only and supplied by the contractors locally and has nothing to do with meat conditions elsewhere in the Navy.

Woman Sentenced to Death. Stockton, Cal., Aug. 7.—Mrs. Emma Ledoux was sentenced today to be hanged October 19 next on her conviction of the murder of Albert H. McVicar, a miner with whom she has been living. The case will be appealed.

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