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### AFTERMATH OF THE SALISBURY LYNCHING.

Since the people have begun to cool down somewhat from the fever heat caused by the violent and lawless conduct of the mob in Salisbury last Monday night some things are being brought out which at first were entirely overlooked or were considered as sensational rumors.

One statement which had caused a great deal of comment was that the Salisbury company was called out to protect the prisoners in jail and were supplied with only blank cartridges and were afterward requested to leave the jail because their presence acted as an irritant to the mob that was then surging about the building and trying to get hold of the negroes for the known purpose of lynching them. The captain of that company says his men had blank cartridges, but were never authorized by any one to use them. He will demand a court-martial and investigation of the conduct of himself and his men on that occasion. On this subject a Salisbury special to the Raleigh Times says:

Captain Max Barker feels that the Rowan Rifles called out for protection Monday night have been put by the papers of the state in a very bad light. He says his men were simply ordered out and that they were given no orders at all. But they were not supplied with blank cartridges, and that there were goods there if they had been commissioned to shoot.

One of the men was in the very act of pulling down upon a lyncher when restrained by an officer. Neither did they retreat at double quick time when they left the jail. It was thought there that their presence was harmful and they were advised to go away for pacific reasons.

It is as The Raleigh Times says, "The mob was too powerful." But sides, it seemed certain that dynamite would have been used, as a stick was found at the building and a slow fuse attached to it.

The Rowan Rifles have stood well in the state and a reflection upon them when they were given no chance to show what they would have done, is hardly justice. Captain Barker will next week at the Morehead encampment ask for a court martial to investigate his conduct, and Captain Flannigan will conduct the examination.

On the other hand, the Charlotte News prints a dispatch from Salisbury quoting Senator Overman, who was on the ground at the time of the attack on the jail and who did all he could to prevent the crime, as saying that "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 offense." The question is who is correct, Senator Overman or Captain Barker? We hope this matter will be thoroughly investigated and the responsibility for the soldiers not doing their duty placed where it belongs. There should be no whitewashing in this case. Those at fault should come up and take their medicine like men, whether it be the sheriff and other county officers or the captain and his men of the military company. If it was because of the latter being unwilling to do their duty in such an emergency, no matter how disagreeable that duty, then the sooner that company is mustered out of service the better it will be for the state.

While this affair was a disgrace to our state the following comment on it and approval of the action of the mob

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by the Atlanta News is as great a disgrace to the state of Georgia:

Aroused to a frenzy of fury and vengeance, 3,000 men, representing the patriotic citizenship of Salisbury and surrounding country, assembled at the county jail and took therefrom three brutal negro murderers, who had shamefully assassinated the Lysterly family, on July 13th, and promptly dispatched them to their doom.

Nothing short of the stake would have meted proper punishment to them for their awful crime, but the North Carolina patriots who, and that case had mercy upon them, and simply took them out and hanged them to trees and shot them to death.

One by one the southern communities are falling in line in the determination to mete out swift justice and proper punishment to murderers, assassins, and to the heinous criminals who assault and kill the helpless women and young girls of the south.

What can the law abiding class of people do in the way of preventing such kind of lawlessness by peaceful means when leading papers of the country utter such sentiments? They only hasten the inevitable day when the mob and the military shall clash with bloody results.

There is some talk of an attempt to storm the Salisbury jail tonight for the purpose of rescuing the six prisoners held on charge of participation in the lynching. If it is attempted we hope the sheriff and the soldiers will be more determined in their efforts to preserve law and order without regard to what the results may be as to casualties suffered on either side. The burning of the barn on the Lysterly farm Thursday night was done, we fully believe, by some person or persons in sympathy with the men who are being held on charge of participation in the lynching. We do not believe a negro in Rowan county would have dared to do such a deed at this time. It was done by white men to create greater hostile feeling against the negroes and to work up additional sentiment in favor of the fellow conspirators so as to offset the result of the pending trial of the six men in jail and such others as may be arrested on similar charge.

### ONLY REMEDY FOR LYNCH LAW.

We are glad to see that the Charlotte Observer agrees with The Messenger in the latter's opinion editorially expressed yesterday as to the only remedy for lawlessness of the kind recently exhibited in Wadesboro and Salisbury. We should say that the two papers hold to the same opinion on this subject, rather than that the one agrees with the other, for the two editorials, the one in The Messenger of yesterday and the one in The Observer, which we give below, were both published without the writer of either having any knowledge of the existence of the other or of the views of the editor of the other paper on the subject. When we take a stand on a public matter and find that The Observer occupies the same position it gives us the feeling that we must be right. It is, therefore, with much pleasure that we find the following editorial in that paper under the heading, "The Remedy, The Only One":

We would gladly take leave of the subject of all thought, the theme of all conversation in North Carolina at present. It is far from an agreeable one; but this further would as well, would better, be said while we are yet on it. Lynch law is the increase in North Carolina. There is no negro vote, no negro legislation now; but there is a growing disrespect, not to say contempt, on the part of the white people for the laws which they themselves make. The mob hoots and jeers senators, judges and other officers, whom it helped to elect, when they get up before it to expostulate with it and pray of it to observe the laws which it helped to frame. There must be an end to this, or worse days will come. We are not addressing the lawless but the law-abiding; not the vagabonds and the pariahs of society but the solid element—the men who have a stake in this state and perhaps children to live after them. To these we say with deliberation and in all seriousness that the period of argument has passed. Tufts of grass have been thrown at lynchers to no effect and volleys have been fired over their heads without result. We are saying now, in the hope that the message will carry to the governor, the judges, all sheriffs and all other officers charged with enforcement of the laws, that there is no hope of curing this disease, which is spreading rapidly, except by the shedding of blood. When a North Carolina mob is fired into by deputies or the military, and a dozen or fifteen of the lawbreakers are killed, there will be an instant end to mob law in the state. The longer the appreciation of the remedy is delayed the faster the disease will spread. It should be applied to the next mob that thunders at the gates of a jail. But the execution should not be entrusted to the local militia; the chances are that it would fail. The militia of another county should be ordered where it is practicable, as it generally is, for there are nearly always premonitory murmurings which indicate the coming of the mob and give time for preparation for it. And power should be given the governor to remove the sheriff who fails to give the command to shoot when to shoot is necessary.

We are fully conscious that this is an awful alternative; that this is a dreadful policy to advise; that to take human life is a solemn thing; but better this than that our system of laws should be overthrown; that every man should hold his life subject to the caprice of the mob; that the very foundations of society should be undermined. To talk about educating public sentiment on this subject is idle. There is no education in morality for those congenitally degenerate. There is no appeal to the virtue or humanity of

these. As well appeal for mercy to Radamanthus, the judge of death.

Lynching will not end in North Carolina until the killing of lynchers begins. Then it will end.

The remedy suggested is a fearful one and we deplore the existence of conditions which makes it appear to be the only one but it is our firm conviction that such is the fact and the sooner the remedy is applied the better it will be for our state.

### CONVICTION OF GEORGE HALL, THE LYNCHER.

The county of Rowan and the state of North Carolina are to be congratulated on the conviction and sentencing to the penitentiary of the man George Hall for participating in the lynching, last Monday night. It shows what the better class of people think of the action of the mob, and that jurors can be secured who will do their duty. We hope the good example set by this jury will be followed by others drawn to try similar cases.

The Novoe Vremya of St. Petersburg thinks the United States in for war with Japan; that the killing of the Japanese seal poachers in the Aleutian islands will give that country the opportunity she is so anxious for as an excuse to begin hostilities, and the New York Times adds that if such be the case "we are in for a sure and speedy beating after which the Japanese will seize the Philippines and Hawaii and occupy California—just as some Spanish officials threatened in 1898 to land an army in Florida and March to Washington."

It was reported yesterday that a negro had been arrested who was suspected of having burned the Lysterly barn Thursday night. We hope this will not cause any undue excitement in that section or lead men to attempt to take the law into their own hands. We do not believe any negro to be guilty of that crime and if there are grounds for charging any with it they should have fair and impartial trial.

Some folks say it will be Bryan and Roosevelt and some say it will be Roosevelt, republican, against Roosevelt, democratic nominee. Well, some mighty strange things happen in politics at times. No doubt two years hence there will be some democrats who will prefer Mr. Roosevelt to Mr. Bryan for president, believing the former to be a better democrat than the latter.

We see from the Horry Herald of Conway, S. C. that the local boards of tax assessors in Horry and Colleton counties have put the valuation on real estate so high that the state board has decided that the increase shall not exceed fifty per cent in the first named county and twenty-five in the other. It is something unusual for local assessors to err on that side in fixing the value of lands for taxation.

The sheriff of Guilford county says he knows talk is cheap, but that if a mob had attempted to take Bohannon and the two other negroes from his jail somebody would have been hurt. We believe him and are glad to feel that he would have maintained the law at all hazard.

Captain Hobson also thinks that Japan would have greatly the advantage of this country if she sought to bring about war from the shooting of the Japanese seal poachers. Maybe so, now the captain is no longer a member of our navy.

Mr. Bryan does not seem to be in such a big hurry to demand Chairman Taggart's resignation. He was learned a lesson in the Sullivan affair.

Pope Pius has had another serious attack of the heart. It came on just after attending the celebration of the third anniversary of his consecration as pope.

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apr 28 1f JOHN D. TAYLOR.

### To the Democratic Voters of New Hanover County.

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