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to vote for the confirmation of either Elias or Simmons will never again receive honors at the hands of the Democracy of North Carolina.

THE WAR ON COLLECTOR ELIAS.

We observe with extreme regret—the sensation which must possess the majority of his friends—the attitude which Senator Vance has assumed toward the confirmation of Collector Elias. Rarely has an appointment to a public position been attended with more universal applause than that which followed the appointment of Mr. Elias to the collectorship of this district. A man of singular personal popularity, enjoying a record as a party worker than which no man has a better, a business man whose own success in life was an ample guarantee of his capacity for public business, it was in no manner surprising that the appointment was well received. That far he has justified the best expectations that were entertained concerning him as an officer. His appointments have been in the main highly judicious and criticisms of him amazingly infrequent. Where there has been disappointment because this or that man did not secure a position, the edge has been taken off it by the blamelessness of the man who did. Further than would have appeared possible at the beginning of his term, the public has been satisfied and we seemed to have entered upon four years of firm and able administration of the revenue laws by a collector and a people of substantial whom the people treated and respected and whose appointments to office were recognized, in almost all the cases, as rewards of merit. There is no considerable sentiment in the district favorable to the defeat of Collector Elias; there are no public reasons why he should be defeated for confirmation.

The circumstances attending the appointment of Mr. Elias to this position are well understood. Ever since the appearance of Mr. Cleveland in public life he has been a Cleveland man. He supported him for nomination in two if not all three places the standard of Democracy in Mr. Cleveland's hand. His support of him in the Chicago convention last year was notable. Perhaps half of the North Carolina delegation was opposed to Cleveland. Of the other half all but three were convinced that his nomination would be an unwise one; that he could not be elected; and of this three Elias was one. His faith never wavered and he was active in his work. His candidate being nominated and elected, he applied for the western district of North Carolina. He had known Mr. Cleveland personally for several years and the President had taken quite a fancy to him. Senator Vance was pressing Mr. R. B. Glenn for the district attorneyship and Mr. H. A. Guderger for collector. The President desired to appoint Senator Vance and to what he recognized as the weight of public opinion in North Carolina and made Mr. Glenn attorney. He desired his friend the place he wanted, and that done gave him another. For this who blames the President? Who of us under like circumstances, would not have taken care of his friend? He performed an act of common gratitude, and deserved, for his own sake as well as for the merit of the appointment, to have been applauded, as he was.

Nothing is to be gained now by the defeat of the appointee, even if it could be accomplished. The President would either send his name back to the Senate or in his stead appoint some one who would represent his policy and retain his supporters. In that event Senator Vance's displeasure would fall upon Mr. Elias alone—a person against whom it is impossible that he should cherish any animosity—without putting Mr. Guderger any nearer the collectorship or putting any of his friends any nearer any of the subordinate offices. We need not say that it would give the enemy an edge with which to beat us over our heads next year, for the fight, whatever the result, provides the edge already.

More surprising still in the suggestion of resistance to the confirmation of Mr. Simmons as collector of the fourth district. He conducted so brilliant a campaign last year and led the party to so signal a victory that the Democracy marked him for whatever position he might desire.

It cannot be denied that both Messrs. Simmons and Elias have done excellent party service and that they well deserve the recognition they have received from the hands of the administration. This being the case no Democratic Senator can afford to join with the enemies of the Democratic administration in opposing their confirmation because the appointees are not his choice.—Morganton Herald.

After the foregoing was written, the following special telegram to the Charlotte Observer appeared: "WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—Senator Vance returned this morning. He and Senator Ransom had a conference on the floor soon after the Senate convened. Subsequently Senator Vance told me he intended to fight 'Uncle Kope's' nomination, but it was not decided whether he would contest Simmons'. Aycock's appointment will not be contested. The opinion among the Representatives seems to be that Senator Vance will not try to defeat anybody but Collector Elias. The finance committee will consider the latter case to-morrow. It has been reported for a day or two that Representative Settle is anxious to have the Republican Senators join with any Democrats so disposed in order to reject Simmons and Elias. He has been active recently in the Senate."

After the items concerning Vance's steps in opposition to the confirmation of Collector Elias and Simmons were prepared for the Courier last week, further information came from Washington in which it was shown to be true that Vance would oppose Elias and probably Simmons.

The Courier has now and always did have the greatest respect for our noble Vance. It fought his battle bravely, three years ago, when the Alliance made such strenuous efforts to defeat him. No such appeals have ever been made in its editorial column in behalf of any one man as it made for the re-election of Vance to the United States Senate. We have reasons to believe too that he appreciated these things. What the Courier says, therefore, concerning his present course cannot be attributed to prejudice.

It is reported in Wilmington that Vance would fight the confirmation of Elias and Simmons in the Senate. Later reports are that he will fight only Elias. We feel certain that Vance is making a mistake in doing this. There is certainly no excuse for his fighting Simmons, and we can see none for opposing Elias. We hope he will change his mind and let all the appointments be confirmed without any opposition.—Kinston Free Press.

Senator Vance has stated to the Washington correspondent of the Charlotte Observer that he will oppose the confirmation of the appointment of Kope Elias as collector of the western district, but was not decided whether he would oppose the confirmation of Mr. Simmons. This is greatly to be regretted and we fear, he of benefit to no one, except to those who rejoice at any dissension among Democrats. While there were several applicants for the position given Mr. Elias, and all of them may have been fully as competent and deserving as he is, yet after the President had selected him the Democrats of North Carolina were ready to a quiescence in his appointment.—Cathlam Record.

North Carolina never calls in vain upon Ransom, the invincible, when she has great achievements to make either at home or in the halls of legislation.—Lenoir Topic.

We do not think the Senators fight against Mr. Elias is a personal one, but rather a vigorous protest against the treatment he has been subjected to.—Shelby Review.

It is said that Senator Vance will oppose Kope Elias' nomination in the West, but will not oppose Simmons' in the East. Now who is to congratulate Elias or Simmons?—Wilmington Review.

No matter what position he takes, though it be ever so unpopular and though it fill the air with the clamor and confusion of discordant views and voices, in the wind up Grover comes out on top.—Laurinburg Exchange.

The charges against Simmons are the ridiculous wailing of Maryann Butler and the Progressive Farmer State executive committee, he was a party to frauds in the last election. What charges are to be made against Elias is not yet known. Why Senator Vance should try to get together enough help from the Republican and third party Senators to defeat the confirmation of Senators to defeat the Democratic appointees is a mystery to all Democrats. But nobody has any idea that he will succeed.—Newton Enterprise.

The Free Press believes it would be wise for the Southern States to withdraw to some extent from national politics. It would be wise, we think, for each State to elect presidential electors without pledging them to any candidate, and will instructions to vote for men who will come nearest to representing the State platform. This is the way our forefathers elected the President and Vice President; it is the way constitution intended they should be elected. We believe the people would come nearer getting what they vote for this plan prevailed.—Kinston Free Press.

Internal Revenue Collector Elias, of the western district of this State, has issued a very proper and commendable circular to his deputies, instructing them not to swear out warrants for the arrest of persons at the request of deputy marshals or United States commissioners, unless they are satisfied after proper investigation (which they should promptly make) that there is good ground for proceeding against the person charged. Exercise laws are never popular, but they can be made much more respected by a proper and respectable administration of them, an administration which aims at the honest execution of the law rather than to make fees for officers.—Wilmington Star.

HE WAS LYNCHED AFTER ALL.—ROANOKE, Sept. 21.—Robert Smith the negro who so brutally assaulted Mrs. Henry Bishop yesterday and to save whose life a number of citizens were shot down, paid a horrible penalty for his crime, shortly before 5 o'clock this morning. While J. Allen Wattle, Judge Woods and others were addressing the crowd, Sergeant Griffin with two officers took the negro from the jail and spirited him out of town. They carried him across the river into the woods but towards daylight they were notified that squads of men were scouring the entire adjacent country. They thought it best to

bring their prisoner back to town and place him in jail. They were proceeding to the jail and on Franklin road near Tenth avenue a squad of men about 20 in number, rushed upon them and the prisoner. With shouts and yells, the determined men rushed the negro to the nearest tree. He was hanged to a hickory limb and his body riddled with bullets and horribly mangled, and the small body of men who did the work dispersed. With the break of day crowds of people began to throng the streets leading to the scene of the latest tragedy in this terrible drama. The negro's face was bloody and swollen. A load of stut had been fired into his back, literally tearing his coat to pieces. Coroner Gray and a jury repaired early to the scene of the lynching and after viewing the body of the dead man rendered a verdict that the negro came to his death at the hands of persons unknown to them.

After the inquest the officers were ordered to take charge of the body, but the surging mass of avenging men which had by this time assembled would not let them touch him. A coal cart passing near by was pressed into service, and the body was thrown into it. It was then hauled to Mayor Trout's residence on Campbell avenue, it seeming to be the intention of the mob to bury it in his front yard.

At this critical moment Rev. W. C. Campbell, a Presbyterian minister, appeared upon the scene and told the mob that such procedure would never do. He spoke kindly to them and at last dissuaded them from carrying out their plan. The body during this time had not been removed from the cart, so at the suggestion by some one in the crowd, they took it over to the edge of the river to burn it. Fences were torn down and some one with an ax cut down several cedar trees near by. The dry wood was laid in a big pile, but arranged so it would burn freely and on this heap the negro's body laid. On top of all, the cedar boughs were thrown on, and then, before touching the match to it two gallons of coal oil were poured on the dry wood. The match was touched to it and the burning oil shot rapidly up.

It was not long before the crowd dispersed but all the morning men and sometimes an occasional woman, were seen going toward the place of burning in squads of three and five. Every one that went, seemed to wish to contribute something to the blaze by throwing a twig or chip on it. All that remained of Smith at noon was a few ashes and here and there a bone, but the fire was still burning fiercely and those standing around said that it should burn till there was not a vestige left of the assassin of Mrs. Bishop.

After the shooting of the mob by the militia last night, the mob demanded the person of Mayor Trout, but he had been removed to the country by his friends. Acting Mayor Buckner is in charge of the city government and has suspended Chief of Police Terry, Sergeant Griffin and officer McMorris, pending an investigation of their connection with the affair. The evidence before the coroner's jury so far severely censures the militia.

LYSBOURG, Va., Sept. 21.—Mayor Trout, of Roanoke, arrived here at 10:30 o'clock to night. He is suffering with a painful wound in the foot and declined to be interviewed.

The emptiest thing in the world is what is technically called "society." As things go in this country, the only conditions of entrance which it imposes are that the applicant should have a purse big enough to stand the expense of its sinful frivolities, and a mind little enough to be satisfied with its puerile amusements. For high breeding, intellectual cultivation, noble character, it makes no demands. In its poisonous atmosphere, Christian faith at once withers and dries; and under the thin veneering of its artificial good manners, there is often found a good moral rotteness that would disgrace a Hottentot and amaze a Sioux Indian.—Nashville Christian Advocate.

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