

SERIOUS OUTRAGES BY A BLACK FIEND SHOCK GREENE COUNTY

NEGRO COMMITS AWFUL CRIME UPON SIX-YEAR-OLD GIRL, CLUBS DOWN MOTHER OF VICTIM AND SHOTS A FORMER OFFICIAL

Will Black Spirited Out of Snow Hill Friday Night to Prevent Lynching—Greene County Mob Would Have Razed Jail to Secure Beast Guilty of Terrible Assault and Two Other Crimes—Attempt to Keep Countryside From Uprising—Assailant Taken to Goldsboro Jail—Sheriff There Hesitates to Admit Confinement of Black in Wayne Jail—Little Victim's Condition Pitiful—The Wounded Man Not Expected to Die

Will Black, a young negro, sealed his doom Friday afternoon at Snow Hill when he committed a bestial outrage upon a 6-year-old white girl, clubbed the little girl's mother to the ground in order to complete his crime and finally, when brought to bay after a chase through woods, shot J. O. Sugg, a former Greene county official.

The little girl is in a terrible condition, it is reported. Sugg is stated to be badly but not seriously wounded.

No telephone communication with Snow Hill has been possible since Friday afternoon. The story, regarded as accurate, as told exclusively to the Free Press today is:

Between 2 and 3 o'clock Black, about 18 years old, encountered 6-year-old Mattie Tyson, daughter of Leon Tyson and wife, and a smaller sister of the girl, playing in a tobacco barn near Snow Hill. He seized the tiny girl. The sister ran screaming with horror to her mother. Mrs. Tyson rushed to the scene. Black, angry at the interruption, deliberately beat down the woman. A few minutes later he left the prostrate woman and the pitiful victim and ran for the woods.

A posse was soon searching for the negro. Two men ran up with him and discovered that Black was armed with two shotguns and a pistol. He fired on them from a thicket. They returned the fire, and it is reported he was slightly wounded. The main body of the posse then came up and the negro fired again, the load taking effect in former Register of Deeds Sugg, peppering him from the waist-line down, it is said. Black was taken and hurried to the jail at Snow Hill.

Hundreds of men flocked into the little county-seat town. They would raze the jail, their leaders declared. Lynching would have been the least possible for the negro, they said. Sheriff Williams spirited Black away in an automobile just as the vanguard of the mob arrived.

Attempts have evidently been made to conceal the news as much as possible. Black was today in the Wayne county jail. Sheriff Edwards of Wayne county, recollection of a recent lynching there fresh in his mind, seemed loathe to admit it, but stated upon being pressed that a man concerned in some manner with an assault case at Snow Hill was carried there Friday night. The trouble with the long-distance wire from Snow Hill to Kinston had not been explained this morning.

THREE TO TWO FOR RECOMMENDATION OF BRANDEIS IS VOTE

Senate Subcommittee to Report to Judiciary Committee Monday—Believed Strong Fight Will Be Made Against Appointment

(By the United Press) Washington, April 1.—The Senate sub-committee which investigated the fitness of Louis Brandeis for the Supreme Court today voted three to two to recommend the appointment. Works and Cummins are believed to have cast "no" votes. The report will go to the Senate judiciary committee Monday. The Republicans there are expected to make a strong fight to keep the recommendation delayed or indefinitely postponed.

HOLLAND AND SPAIN BOTH RUBBED WRONG

Dutch Parliament Ordered to Assemble Monday to Consider Sinking of Tubantia — Spanish Government Forwards Protest Over Death of Subjects in Sussex Disaster

(By the United Press) London, April 1.—Both houses of the Dutch Parliament were summoned today by telegraph for a special meeting Monday to consider the Tubantia sinking. Spain Protests Sussex Sinking. Madrid, April 1.—The Spanish ministry today voted to forward an energetic protest to Germany over Spanish deaths in the Sussex disaster. Dutch Preparing for War. London, April 1.—The Dutch government has commandeered all railways and materials, according to the Central News' Copenhagen correspondent. The Queen has cancelled all military furloughs. The situation has grown more serious following a meeting of high army and navy officials

KINSTON DEBATERS WON HERE AND LOST IN WILSON CONTEST

High School Representatives Acquitted Selves Creditably in the State-wide Competition—Affirmative Defeated Greenville Team

Phillip Brooks and Clay Brewer, representing the Kinston High school in the interstate school debates, participated in by three hundred high schools of the State, and arguing for the affirmative on the question, resolved: "That the United States should greatly increase its Navy," were given the decision over Louis Mayo and Morton Johnson of the Greenville team, upholding the negative in the local High school auditorium Friday night. The debaters were given each a rousing reception by the large number of school children and patrons, who assembled. Miss Daphne Waters and Will Lewis lost to Wilson's affirmative team in Wilson. The girl's basket ball team of the Kinston High School helped to discount the Wilson victory over the debaters by defeating the Wilson team, however.

The decision of the judges, who were Mayor Sutton, George B. Greene and H. Galp Braxton, in the Kinston staged debate was by a two to one vote. Both sides acquitted themselves exceedingly well and the decision of the judges commended all the participants. The judges made special mention of the effort of Morton Johnson of the Greenville team, according him the best speech of the occasion.

THE RELIEF WORK IN BELGIUM DESCRIBED

Dr. John Van Schaick, Who Was in Charge of Big Undertaking in Holland in 1915, Gives a Graphic First-Hand Account of Experiences in the Warring Countries of Europe to Kinstonians

Descriptions of how the relief work is conducted in Belgium and the methods of the Hollanders in caring for approximately a million refugees were the features of a splendid address by Dr. John Van Schaick of Washington, D. C., in the Universalist Church of the Eternal Hope at Lenox avenue and McLewman street Friday evening. A fair-sized audience heard Dr. Van Schaick. He has an international reputation as a minister of the Universalist denomination, and for nine months last year was in charge of the Belgian relief work, in which the two big relief commissions are co-operating.

Dr. Van Schaick told briefly of the success of the relief work in various countries. The problems of transportation and distribution were easier solved in the case of Belgium than in that of any other war-suffering country, he said; therefore, the bigness of the undertaking is better realized in that instance. A fairly large office force of several nationalities, working loyally together without the slightest friction, a warehouse force of a hundred Belgian refugees and hundreds of Belgian girls operating sewing machines, handle the millions of pounds of food arriving constantly from America and manage to clothe the needy. The immensity of the work is astounding. Britain would not let the foodstuffs be sent into Belgium without restrictions; the German army was there to be fed. Germany having consented to let a neutral agency handle the succoring of the destitute population, however, the British agreed to let the food and other things be shipped to and through Holland after the Imperial Government had signed an agreement that the sup-

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FORT HOUSTON BREATHLESSLY AWAITING NEWS OF CAPTURE OF VILLA BY DODD; BANDIT MAY HAVE BEEN BADLY INJURED

More Details of Wednesday's Engagement at Guerrero, in Which Score and Half of Outlaws Were Killed and Force Put to Flight by Cavalry, Expected by Funston Late Today—Thought Wounds of Villa Are More Serious Than First Supposed—Mexican Denial of His Capture Although Rumors Are Rife—First Trainload of Provisions Out of Juarez Goes to Mormons to Be Sold to Pershing's Men

(By United Press) San Antonio, April 1.—Army headquarters here is on edge with expectation. General Funston this afternoon believed news of another clash might come at any time. Officers remained close to the telegraph office awaiting a possible flash from Pershing saying that Dodd had climaxed Wednesday's feat with the actual capture of Villa and annihilation of his band. However, up to noon no messages had been received. Funston believes there will be further details of Wednesday's fight late today.

Villa's Wounds May Be Worse Than Reported.

El Paso, April 1.—Like a wounded animal slinking into its lair, Villa is believed to be but a step ahead of Dodd's troopers, bent on his capture, dead or alive, following the thrilling ride and running fight reported yesterday. Officers believe Villa's capture is merely a matter of hours. Villa's injuries, mentioned yesterday, are believed to be more serious than at first supposed. The view is held that he may die from lack of medical attention. When Dodd's cavalry engaged and scattered Villa's main body at Guerrero Wednesday morning 31 Mexicans were killed and four Americans wounded, none fatally.

Denial of Bandits' Capture.

El Paso, April 1.—A host of reports that Villa has been captured since Dodd's victory have been circulated presumably by Juarez officials. The Carranza consul, Garcia, today denied the rumor. The first trainload of provisions left Juarez today for Casas Grandes. It consisted of five carloads of oats, one of sugar and five miscellaneous merchandise, owned by and consigned to the Mormons at Colonia Dublan. The Mormons will sell them to the soldiers.

ANOTHER ZEPPELIN RAID OVER ENGLAND WITH SOME DEATHS

Family Wiped Out and Several Injured By One Bomb Says Report

A FLYER BROUGHT DOWN

Twenty-sixth Zeppelin Destroyed Since Beginning of War Fell Into Thames Estuary—Aerial Visit When Theaters Were Filling Up

(By the United Press) London, April 1.—Twenty-eight persons were killed and 44 injured in the raid last night, the Admiralty announced today.

London, April 1.—One of five zeppelins that raided England was shot down and sank in a Thames estuary. The crew surrendered.

A single bomb from one zeppelin killed a man, his wife and a child and ninety bombs were dropped altogether.

The raid occurred last night as the theaters were filling. The zeppelin destroyed is the 26th shot down since the war started.

EDUCATIONAL RALLY DAYS NEXT WEEK.

Interest is being shown throughout the county in the coming group school commencements, to be held in the county during the coming two weeks. The first commencement will be held at Pink Hill on Tuesday, the next at Woodington on Wednesday, and the third at Coahoma on Thursday.

COUPONS AND SUBS TO GET MAXWELLS

Interest In the Contest Is Increasing Fast—Many People Are Taking Advantage of This Wonderful Opportunity. First Vote Coupon Appears Today—List of Nominations to Be Published Soon

Great interest has been aroused in the city of Kinston by the Golden Festival in which the Free Press is giving away, absolutely free, two Maxwell touring cars, and other very valuable prizes. The value of these rewards, being greater than anything ever offered before in this section of the country, has created much excitement.

The Prizes. The prizes in this great enterprise are many and of great value. There are first of all, two of the very latest model, fully equipped Touring Cars. These two cars will be awarded to the two people in the contest who secure the two highest vote totals, regardless of district limitations.

For convenience, there are two districts. The City of Kinston is district one, and all territory outside of the city is district two. Each of these two districts will receive three prizes as follows: The First Prize in District One is a Genuine Diamond Ring, perfect cut white stone, value, \$75, purchased from the Mewborn Jewelry Company of Kinston; the Second Prize is a 14-K Gold Watch, Elgin movements, purchased from the Mewborn Jewelry Company; the Third Prize is a Bank Account of \$25 at the First National Bank of Kinston. The First Prize in District Two is a Genuine Diamond Ring similar to the one offered in District One, value, \$75, purchased from the Lynch Jewelry Company; the Second Prize is a 14-K Gold Watch, similar to the watch in District One, purchased from Mewborn Jewelry Company; the Third Prize is a Bank Account of \$25 in the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Kinston. There will be

awarded after the two touring cars in order of the standing in each district. All others who take part in the contest and do not win one of these prizes will be paid a commission of ten per cent., as is explained in detail below.

WILL BE WEEK BEFORE INFORMATION ON SUSSEX

German Submarines May Not Return to Their Bases Before Next Friday or Saturday, However, Which Would Delay Forwarding of Reply From Imperial Foreign Office at Berlin

(By the United Press) Berlin, April 1.—Germany's reply to the United States' request for information on the Sussex attack will probably be handed to Ambassador Gerard next week. It is possible, however, that submarines operating in British waters may not return to their bases with their reports before the end of next week. This, of course, would delay matters.

FORMER GOV'R SMITH OF S-CAROLINA DEAD

Passed Away In Baltimore Hospital Today—Was President of Several Banks and Closely Identified With Big Business Interests—Home In Timmonsville; Remains to That Town

(By the United Press) Baltimore, April 1.—Charles A. Smith, ex-Governor and Lieutenant Governor of South Carolina and the president of four banks and extensively interested otherwise in southern business circles, died today in Johns Hopkins Hospital. The body leaves this afternoon for Timmonsville, his home. Congressman Ragsdale, a nephew, will meet it here and accompany it to South Carolina.

HOSPITAL SHIP SUNK; OVER A HUNDRED LOST

(By the United Press) Petrograd, April 1.—The Russian hospital ship Portugal has been submerged in the Black Sea by the Germans, with the loss of 115 lives, including the Countess Tatistcheff and 14 other Sisters of Mercy. The Portugal sank within one minute. One hundred and fifty-eight persons were rescued.