

LENOIR'S RECORD FOULED BY GREENE'S LYNCHERS

NEGRO TAKEN FROM JAIL HERE THIS A. M. BY MOB FROM NEIGHBOR COUNTY; SHOT TO DEATH AND LEFT ON GREENE CO. ROAD

Joseph Black, Father of Little Girl's Assailant, Paid With His Life for Arming Son Against Posse and Threatening to Slay and Burn—Hundreds Determined Men Overpower Jailer—Victim Treated Kindly When Taken From Cell—Beardless Leader Who Spoke for the Lynchers Threatened to Kill Man in Charge of Prisoner—Automobiles Parked in Streets and Pickets on Corners—Procession of Death

Joseph Black, a negro, about 50 years of age, father of Will Black, alleged rapist held in the penitentiary at Raleigh for safekeeping, was taken from the Lenoir county jail here this morning a few minutes before 3 o'clock by a mob estimated at several hundred persons. The body of the man was found in a road between Maury and Lizzie, Greene county, later.

Last week Will Black, a boy not quite grown, attacked and viciously abused a six-year-old white child, Mattie Tyson, in Greene county. He beat her mother in order to complete his crime, and afterwards shot two white possemen in a gun battle. He was taken by officers and hurried to Goldsboro, and from there was later taken to Raleigh.

Joseph Black was impelled by human nature to take his son's part. He furnished him with two shotguns and a revolver, it is alleged. But not that so much as alleged threats and assertions, by him caused the Greene county people to take his life, it is believed. It is reliably reported that Black, without taking into consideration the fact that she was a mere baby, said the girl was no better than his son; that he would burn the Tyson home and kill the child's father if he had anything to do with the prosecution; that he by his actions in the neighborhood following the assault provoked the residents to fury. The Greene county sheriff got Joseph Black soon after Will Black was captured, holding him for furnishing weapons to the boy. It took the Greene county people days to reach the determination to lynch the old man, but their minds made up, Sheriff Williams knew better than to leave him within easy reach of a mob. Strangers in Snow Hill, where the Greene jail is, Tuesday afternoon aroused suspicion, and Williams rushed Joseph Black in an automobile to Kinston. The negro staggered up the steps of the Lenoir jail at 9:20 o'clock, shaking with fear. He realized that he had been moved to save his life. But Williams had not gotten him beyond easy reach of a mob.

Hedra V. Allen, the jailer, today gave the following account of the taking of Black from the prison:

"I received a telephone message shortly before 3 o'clock, telling me that a large party of men was en route here from Greene county to lynch Joe Black, delivered to me last night." The man who called Allen over the phone had been informed by a person who might have seen the mob on the road.

"I was preparing to telephone to Sheriff Taylor when the leaders of the mob arrived at the front porch. I responded to their knocks. A small group of men were on the porch, while hundreds, it seemed to me, were lined up along Queen and King streets, on the Courthouse lawn, lack of City Hall and even in the Courthouse. The lights all about were being brightly. I denied that Joseph Black was in the jail and was called a d-d liar for about three days.

"One man held a watch. I talked for time in the hope that help might come. The man with a watch broke in on the conversation. 'Half a minute left,' he said. 'You are disturbing my wife and children,' I said. I was assured that they had no idea of causing them any anxiety, but that if I made resistance it would be at my peril. The time up, two fellows grabbed me. I did not resist; it was useless; guns were pointed at my head.

"I gave up the keys and led the party to the condemned cell on the second floor. The man with the keys unlocked the cell. Two others were on either side of me, one man with a revolver in my temple and the other

poking the muzzle of a rifle against my head.

"They told Black to put on his clothes. He did so. He could not walk. Members of the party picked him up and carried him. They did not handle him the least bit roughly. 'We've come to take you to another jail,' they told him. Joe Black knew better, though. He was bundled into a car on King street and the procession started off. There were automobiles, wagons, buggies and mounted men. Black cried out: 'I don't know whether a noise that followed was the slamming of an automobile door or something happening to Black. He made no further outcry until the crowd had gone some distance, when he yelled again once or twice.

"I summoned Sheriff Taylor. He heard shots in the direction of Northeast Kinston and hurried out there."

Little Noise.
The mob made very little noise. It's said they had pickets at the principal intersections of streets. A number of their vehicles were parked uptown.

A man living in the Caswell Hotel who says that ordinarily he can hear a conversation carried on in the jail yard, two of his windows overlooking the place, had not the slightest idea of what had transpired almost under his bed until this morning.

A North Independent street man who happened to be awake was attracted by the noise of passing vehicles about 3 o'clock. He looked out and saw some automobiles. They stopped by a thicket at the eastern end of Grainger Hill. Rays from a pocket electric flashlight were seen by him to play upon the limbs of trees. Soon the party passed on up the road toward Greene county. He heard several shots.

The officials believe that Joseph

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DUTCH VESSEL SUNK AND WAR SPIRIT IS GIVEN BIG IMPETUS

Press Uncertain Who Holland Is Preparing to Declare Against

PAPERS FEAR INVASION

Pro-Ally Journals Assert Germany Is About to Cross Frontier, Pro-German That Allies Are Expected Violate Neutrality

(By the United Press)

The Hague, April 5.—The torpedoing of the Dutch schooner Elzina Helena while Holland is in the grip of a war scare caused great excitement today. The government immediately ordered an official investigation.

Newspapers differ regarding the military activities. Pro-German papers say an English invasion is feared. The pro-Ally press says a German invasion is impending.

FIND A BIG VEIN OF IRON ORE IN GRANVILLE AND DURHAM COUNTIES

(By the United Press)

Durham, April 5.—New York and Pennsylvania mining prospectors have found a huge iron ore vein, estimated at 48,800,000 tons, in Granville and Durham counties. The deposits embrace two thousand acres.

WILL BLACK TO BE TRIED AT SPECIAL TERM IN SNOW HILL

Craig Orders Session of Court for May 15—Whedbee to Preside—Governor Willing Trust the Assault Fiend Back in Greene

(By W. J. MARTIN.)

Raleigh, April 5.—For a speedy trial of Will Black, the negro who criminally assaulted 6-year-old Mattie Tyson in Greene county and seriously wounded J. O. Suggs, Governor Craig today authorized a special term of Greene County Court to convene May 15, Judge Whedbee to preside.

SANFORD WILL LOOM UP AS MUNITIONS CENTER

Sanford, April 4.—R. P. Gibson of Rocky Mount returned to Sanford this morning after a visit to the North, and brought with him a surveyor, who is engaged in locating the site for the factory buildings that are to be erected at Cumlock, six miles above Sanford, by the National Dye and Munitions Company for the manufacture of explosives, shells, cartridges and munitions of all sorts, as well as dyes of various kinds.

As soon as brick and lumber can be landed on the ground, a force of hands will start on the first five buildings, 50 by 180 feet, two stories high.

Morehead City, New Bern, Pollocksville and Vanceboro fans are expected to organize the baseball league for those towns in a few days.

GERM'N CHANCE FOR REVIEWS PROGRESS WAR TO REICHSTAG

Bethmann - Holweig Says Lasting European Peace Must Come Through Freedom and Development Nations

(By the United Press)

Berlin, April 5.—Chancellor Bethmann-Holweig before the Reichstag today reviewed comprehensively the whole military and political situation. He declared as doubly essential to lasting European peace that the various nationalities should be given a chance for freedom and evolution along the lines of their mother tongue and natural individuality.

He dwelt on the Dardanelles failure, German successes in the Balkans, gains at Verdun and checking of the Russians and British along the eastern and Oriental fronts.

No Intention to Annoy Americans.

He admitted that conditions of life are uneasy in Germany, but these difficulties are borne in admirable fashion by all classes, he said. He protested against reports that Germany contemplates any aggressive act against any portion of the Americas.

JOHN SMALL DEFENDS THE INLAND WATERWAY

Washington, April 4.—A defense of the inland waterway project from Norfolk south by Representative Small of North Carolina, marked the debate on the rivers and harbors appropriation bill in the House today. The bill carries an appropriation of \$1,000,000 for the improvement of the waterway from Norfolk to Albemarle Sound, and Representative Frear of Wisconsin, attacked the project, saying there was only 65,000 tons of commerce carried on it annually.

Representative Small in reply said there was annual commerce of 603,000 tons.

CHAMBER COMMERCE WILL FURNISH BIG DINNER FOR MAYORS

Shad Stew and Barbecue to Be Provided for Carolina Municipal Association Here in May—Committee to Receive Road Men

The Chamber of Commerce directors at their regular meeting for April Tuesday night, decided to assist in the entertainment of the Carolina Municipal Association here next month, when the city will have as guests probably a hundred mayors and other officials of cities and towns in North and South Carolina. The directorate planned to provide a joint shad stew and barbecue as a feature of the entertainment. The stewed shad and barbecued pig were first known in America in this immediate section, and are cooked here in a fashion which the people of no other region have learned to imitate, the Chamber proposes to impress upon the visitors. Long automobile trips through the surrounding country are to be arranged for.

Street Commissioner E. V. Webb, H. C. Hines, C. Oettinger, Dr. J. M. Parrott, H. H. McCoy and Dr. F. A. Whitaker were named a committee to receive the party of National and State road officials who will inspect the Central Highway this month when they arrive here on the 13th.

CHILD LABOR BILL GETS A FAVORABLE REPORT TO SENATE

Interstate Commerce Committee Recommended Its Passage Today

SOUTHERNERS TO FIGHT

Declare They Will Filibuster Against Measure If Necessary to Defeat It—House Committee for Armor Plate Plant Bill

(By the United Press)

Washington, April 5.—The House naval committee today voted 15 to 6 to report favorably on an appropriation of eleven million dollars for a government armor plate plant. Britten and Stephens, Republicans, voted favorably.

Favorable Report Keating Bill.

The Keating-Owen child labor bill was recommended for passage by the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee. Southern senators declared they would oppose an early place for it on the calendar, and if defeated would filibuster against the measure.

MINOR NAVAL BATTLE OFF COAST OF NORWAY

(By the United Press)

Copenhagen, April 5.—A German squadron dashed into the North Sea and engaged in a minor skirmish with a British torpedo boat flotilla off the Norwegian coast, according to reports from Stavanger, Norway, and Kullen, Sweden.

HUNDREDS PRESENT AT THE PINK HILL GROUP COMMENC'T

People of Southern Part of County Flocked to Group Center to Attend Exercises—Dr. Joyner Spoke on Progress of Education

Between 500 and 600 persons attended the group school commencement held at Pink Hill Tuesday. Dr. J. Y. Joyner, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, made the principal address. He was introduced by Dr. J. M. Parrott, chairman of the County Board of Education. Superintendent Jos. Kinsey and Clerk of the Court Jesse Heath were among those who went from here.

Pink Hill, Trent, Taylor, Lawson, Worley and Pine Forest schools, all in the Pink Hill group, participated in the exercises. A handsome gold medal, presented by Mr. T. G. Grady, was awarded to Miss Eva Mae Williams of Pink Hill, winner in a declamation contest. Songs, recitations, the awarding of certificates by Prof. Kinsey, contests, exhibitions of pupils' work and other numbers on a long program were all carried out admirably.

Dr. Joyner had for his theme "The Better Education of Every Lenoir County Boy and Girl." He told in vivid manner of the remarkable progress of the schools of the State and this county, and predicted greater progress still. Dr. Joyner was gratified over the great interest exhibited by the people of the lower part of the county in their schools.

The Pink Hill citizens provided a dinner for all the visitors in a tobacco warehouse. Mayor G. S. Willard was in charge of the entertainment. The Pink Hill group commencement was the first of a number to be held in

VILLA HEADING SOUTHWARD WITH SMALL BODY TROOPS PURSUING; ARMY BUYS LOT MOTOR TRUCKS FOR A LONG CAMPAIGN

Four New Companies to Man Machines—Poor Condition Mexican Railroads Makes Them Unserviceable to Some Extent for Supplying Punitive Expedition—Very Large Force Cannot Be Spared from Army for Chase. Bandit Believed to Have Gone to Parral District—Reinforcements Probably Will Be Necessary for Capture. More Arrests in Juarez Plot Expected

(By the United Press)

Washington, April 5.—One hundred and eight more motor trucks have been ordered by Secretary of War Baker to carry supplies from Columbus to the Mexican punitive expedition upon Funston's request. They will form four new truck companies and will include two gasoline tank trucks. The order was taken to mean that the army hereafter is going to depend on motor transportation because of the inability to make immediate use of the railways. It is pointed out that even Carranza's permission to use the roads did not solve the difficulty because of the poor physical condition of the railroads.

More Arrests in Juarez Expected.

El Paso, April 5.—Thirty additional arrests are prophesied in connection with the alleged Villa-Diaz-Orozco plot to capture Juarez from the Carranzistas. The public execution of several who confessed has been called off by the Carranza officials because of public disapproval. Small Force Pursuing Villa.

San Antonio, April 5.—Admitting that Villa has escaped to the southward, General Funston today declared that the bandit was probably headed for the Parral district, with a "very few" Americans pursuing. Funston explained that it was impossible to send a larger body for fear of crippling the communication line. Hope of Villa's early capture has practically been abandoned. Funston admitted that continuation of the chase to the southward must be backed by a larger force.

MASTER OF STRANDED VESSEL IS DROWNED

Captain Thayer Lost When Boat From Elsie A. Bayles Capsized In Heavy Surf—Maine Ship Went Ashore In Fog—Seaman May Have Shared Fate of Skipper, Says a Report

TARHEELS DEFEAT THE BRAVES' SECOND TEAM

Rocky Mount, April 4.—The Tar Heels prized off the lid of the exhibition season today by defeating the second string club of the Boston Braves by a score of 6 to 2 in a well played game in which both teams fought every point hard and in which plays that would have won midseason honors were pulled down in rapid succession.

BRITISH ON WEST FRONT WEARING STEEL HELMETS

London, April 5.—The English troops on the western front are coming to the steel helmet, as well as the French.

The new headgear had its first good trial in the recent fighting at the "Bluff" north of the Ypres-Comines canal. It proved a great success.

The English vary somewhat from the French helmets. They are of steel, painted gray, something like inverted bowls in appearance, and far from ornamental. They furnish efficient protection, however for the head and neck. The soldiers call them "soup plates."

the county in the present fortnight. The Woodington group is holding exercises today.

PARIS ASKS LONDON TO LENGTHEN LINES BRITISH IN FRANCE

Defenders of Verdun Could Have Reinforcements of 150,000 If English Would Take On Greater Stretch of the Front, Said

(By the United Press)

Berlin, April 5.—Hard-pressed at Verdun, France has asked England to extend the British lines from the river Somme to the bend of the French lines at Soissons, according to dispatches.

This would release a hundred and fifty thousand French for the Verdun front.

French Official Report.

Paris, April 5.—French troops have made further gains in the Caillette woods, south of Douaumont, the war office today reported. A squadron of French aeroplanes has engaged in a great raid over Nantillois and Damillers stations.

THE GREAT WHAT-IS-IT? NOT DISCOVERED BY COL. ROOSEVELT

(By the United Press)

Beaumont, Tex., April 5.—Did you ever see a blind fur-bearing snake, with four legs, which crawled backward? J. W. Kinnear did. He plowed one up on his truck farm near here. "T. R." has nothing on him as a discoverer. He took the thing home and is keeping it in a glass jar.

The reptile is 18 inches long and 3 1/2 around. Its back, head and tail are jet black and its stomach is the color of human flesh and covered with short, fine hair. It has a long wheel base, two speeds backward, and none forward. When it is irritated it turns yellow.