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HODGES MURDERERS **BURNED AT STAKE**

Awful Penalty Is Imposed at Statesboro, Ga.

FRIGHTFUL SCENE IS ENACTED.

Soldiers Overpowered and Slayers of Hodges Family Taken by Mob, and Match Applied.

Statesboro, Ga., August 17.-With clothing saturated with kerosene, writhing and twisting in their agony, screaming to heaven for the mercy that the mob would not allow, Paul Reid and Will Cato, negroes, two of the principals in the dastardly murder and burning of the Hodges, wife and three of their children, 6 miles from Statesboro, three weeks ago, were burned at the stake yesterday.

A determined mob charged upon the courthouse, overpowered the military mob, secured Cato and Reid, who had been found guilty after a legal trial, and sentenced to be hanged, took them 2 miles from Statesboro, and there exacted the fearful penalty.

Verdict of Guilty. The forenoon passed quietly, the trial of Paul Reid, the ring-leader in the murder, being concluded and s verdict of guilty rendered. Sentence was imposed upon both him and Will

September 9 was fixed as the date for the execution. Up to the hour of noon there was no intimation that so soon was to be

Cato, sentenced the day before, and

enacted the terrible climax. In the trial of Reid, little delay was prisoners, as before, were hustled into the witness room, where a strong guard of military was mounted over

In the corridors the agitation began The spectators left the court room and from the lawn outside many en tered the hallways. Shortly before 10 o'clock the crowd was addressed by a tall man, who seemed to inflame if greatly. He called on those about

him to follow him. After the mob had overpowered the soldiers, the jail was entered and the negroes secured.

Reid was taken down the stairway with a rope about his neck, and Cate down the other, both pleading for

The crowd numbered 500. They dragged the men along, shouting and cheering along the roadway leading to the Hodges homestead, where the five members of the family had been murdered and burned.

The two negroes were made to seat themselves on a log. They were told they had but a short time to live and

that they should confess. Reid Confessed.

Reid was the first to speak. He confessed, implicating other negroes, as he had in the courtroom. He denied however, that he had taken an active

part in the murder. Cato answered incoherently. The crowd moved across a field to a strip of woodland. Several men climbed two branches and called for

the more humane wanted to grant his boro last night. request, but they were in the minority. The rest wanted to visit the same death upon the negroes that they had visited upon the Hodges family.

A number of the mob made a speech recounting the horrors of the crime This inflamed the crowd to the burning pitch. To a lar stump, 12 feet high the

to the stump. With trace chains the of the two negroes, Reid and Cato. men were lashed to the stump. Then a wagon load of pine wood was hauled men and ten gallons of kerosene was thrown over them.

Scene Beggared Description.

The scene which followed beggared description. Frenzied cheers rent the not given serious attention. It is gir, as men almost crazed with the believed generally that all danger of hatred of the men being punished saw the cruel flames drinking up the life blood. Just as the match was applied to the pyre one of those in front asked Reid didn't he want to tell the truth before he died:

"Yes, sir: I killed Mr. and Mrs. Hodges," he replied. "Who killed the children?" he was

asked. "Handy Bell," came the resp the flames leaped upwards and further questioning was impossible in the wild tumult. The spectacle was frightful.

Screamed in Agony.

As the flames touched Reid's naked around in an endeavor to choke him sheriff at several places standing of curred recently in fires and battles self and avoid the fearful torture. Only mobs who wanted to lynch the pris. with burglars.

once did he complain. He said: "Lord, have mercy!" Cato screamed in agony and begged that he be shot. His heavy hair, which A grievous wail of times comes as a rewas oil-soaked, was almost the first sult of unbearable pain from over taxed thing the flames fastened on, and organs, dizziness, backache, liver com-

rope was burned in two and his head DAVIS IS NOTIFIED the fames had quenced Cato's life the swung from side to side, as he endeavored to avoid the flery tongue. By effort almost superhuman he writhed under the close locked chains. For only about three minutes was he visi-

BEST

of fagots made a wall of flame which the wind wiped around on Cato's side and hid him from view. Mob Hurled Sticks at Doomed Men. Reid was the first to exhibit unconsciousness, and was perhaps the first dead. Before the flames had progressed very far up his body, his head Chained to Stake, Soaked With Oil sank forward, and many believed that the fire got into his lungs and killed him. As Cato's head swung to and

fro some of the more excited members

of the party commenced throwing lightwood knots at it. As soon as it was seen that the men were dead, the crowd commenced dispersing. A large number remained behind, however, piling more fuel on, until both bodies were burned all except the trunks. Others employed themselves in thrashing out the fire, which commenced spreading along the

dry streaks of pine needles. After the last member of the mob irs they could find.

STORY OF HODGES MURDER.

Husband, Wife and Three Children

Butchered. Statesboro, Ga., August 17.-The murder of the Hodges family was probably the most horrible ever committed in Georgia. The family consisted of Henry R. Hodges, his wife and three little children.

All were butchered on the night of used, and upon its conclusion the July 29, at their home, 6 miles from The remains were found in the ruins of the home. There were blood stains outside the building, and investigation showed that Hodges, his wife and one child had their skulls broken apparent ly with an ax. There were no signs of an assault upon the younger children, but they were too young to pro-

> Mr. Hodges was found with his skull crushed in as though from the blow of an ax. Mrs. Hodges' head and body had been beaten with some blunt instru-

tect themselves from the flames.

ment. The body of a little girl was horribly mangled. The two other children's bodies did not show any signs of violence, and it

is supposed they were victims of the robbery was the motive of the murder the air was still and crisp. and that a sort of black mafia existed

HANDY BELL BURNED.

supposed to have money.

Reported That Another of Hodges Murderers Cremated. Savannah, Ga., August 17.-Long disthat Handy Bell, a negro implicated of the ceremonies. as ring-leader in the murder of the Cato begged to be shot or hanged Hodges family, by confession of ne saying he was innocent; that he had groes burned yesterday, was burned had no part in the crime. Some of at the stake a few miles from States

The report is generally credited in

Statesboro. The mob was searching for Bell early last night.

Quiet Now at Statesboro. Statesboro, Ga., August 17.-Everything is quiet here today after the trouble and excitement of yesterday. men were chained with their backs which resulted in death by burning The court has adjourned, the court officials have gone, the troops have to the spot. It was piled around the returned to Savannah and this little city has assumed its usual business.

There is a rumor that some of the suspects who were released from jail last evening, were lynched in the county last night, but this report is trouble has passed.

Cyclist Killed.

Salt Lake, Utah, August 17.-Clarence Derider, a cyclist, was killed while attempting to "loop-the-loop" at a local resort here last night. When he reached the upper side of the loop his wheel left the track and he dropped to the ground. His head struck the wheel and his neck was broken.

Sheriffs Had Exciting Time.

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his neck, a thrill of horror ran through the frames of the more timid. Before thorough. Try them. Only 25c. Guaranteed by T. B. Twitty and Thompson & Twitty's drug store.

OF HIS NOMINATION

ble to the crowd, before the great pile Occurs at White Sulphur Springs West Virginia.

ACCEPTS IN A BRIEF SPEECH

Echoed Sentiments of Judge Parker On Money Question and Expressed Determination To Be Successful In

White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., Au-

gust 17.—Henry Gassaway Davis was formally notified today that he is the nominee of the Democratic party for vice president of the United States. Mr. Davis accepted the nomination in a brief speech reviewing the political situation, echoing the sentiments of Judge Parker on the money question and expressing the determination to be successful in the campaign.

Williams Deliverd Address. Representative John Sharp Williams had left the scene, hundreds of citi of Mississippi, chairman of the notizens who had in nowise participated fication committee of the St. Louis in the execution, repaired to the scene convention, delivered the notification and many remained until long after address. The ceremonies were held nightfall, picking up whatever souven on the lawn at the White Sulphur



flames and not the murderous blows Springs hotel, which affords a natural amphitheater, the ground sloping up car. Congratulations were then in About 20 negroes were arrested on from the speaker's stand and all sides, order, and were received from stransuspicion, and finally Harriet Reid, and sheltered by huge spreading oaks. gers and friends.

Cato. Her confession showed that had been dissipated before the sun and and Mr. Dowling is a turpentine operamong the negroes for the purpose of assembled from the Virginias and bor. the groom. murdering and robbing white persons dering states, and heavy train loads brought others from other states. Sturdy mountaineers came on korseback. on foot and on wagons with their fam. Evidence Disclosed at Autopsy of ilies. The ceremonies were marked with the utmost simplicity. The famous Stonewall Brigade Staunton, Va., organized by General at an autopsy held on the body of a tance telephone message to the Jackson, played stirring airs. A pret man found in Spuytenduyvil creek on Savannah Press from Statesboro, says ty incident occurred at the conclusion Monday.

Georgia Delegation Present.

A delegation of 17 ladies from Atlanta, Ga., headed by Mrs. W. . Peel, all bearing the Georgia state flag, came tate agent who was for several years forward to congratulate the candidate. These same lakes tendered Judge Parker a reception in Atlanta last

Chairman Thomas Taggart, of the national committee, who had planned the skull and numerous cuts about the to attend the ceremonies, wired late face and head apparently made by a last night that it would be impossible hatchet. Their motive for the mur for him to get to White Sulphur Springs. Perry Belmont was the only victim's clothing had been plundered representative of the New York De of considerable money and jewelry. mocracy present.

Davis In Good Spirits. Mr. Davis was an early riser this morning. His attire was a dark suit with sack coat made distinctive by his old-fashioned white shirt with high He mingled freely with the throngs on the broad hotel verandas and held many impromptu receptions in the corfriends and making new ones.

BENEFICIARY FUND

To Assist Families of Officers Killed on Duty.

has been instituted among the mem-Nashville, Tenn., Aug. 17.—Dobins bers of New York's police force to Maybrier, who murdered Jailer John form an association for the purpose of W. Thompson at Mount Olivet, was assisting families of officers killed in

> help they received was a small contribution from the rlot relief fund. would be raised.

LAW APPLIES TO ALL ALIKE.

Judges In Office Are Surrendering Their Franks.

Atlanta, August 17.—The justices of the supreme court of Georgia and the judges of the superior courts are now surrendering their free passes and will hereafter pay for riding on railroad

Both the governor and the attorney general have investigated the law and give as their opinions that the free pass provisions apply just as much to judicial officers now in service as to those hereafter to be elected, even though the increase in salary does not become operative during the present term of office of any judge or justice. As a consequence, judicial officers over the state are surrendering their free passes in order to conform without any question to the spirit of the

The members of the supreme court have already given up their passes and telegraph franks, though assured by several members of the legislature that the free pass provision was not intended to apply to any save such as reaped the benefits of the bill as well. Judges over the state are now following the example of the supreme court judges and hereafter superior court judges will pay for all their riding. The law does not apply at all to

judges of city courts, although a great proportion of the railroad litigation of the state is tried in these latter courts. The city court judges are not required to give up their free passes.

MARRIED ON TRAIN.

Wedding of Romantic Nature on Atlantic Coast Line.

Waycross, Ga., August 17.-A wed ding of romantic nature occurred on Train No. 35, of the Atlantic Coast Line. A. W. Dowling, of Atkinson, and Miss Alice Benton, of Pembroke, Ga., were married, the ceremony being performed by Rev. J. W. Hunter,

of Atkinson. Miss Benton has been teaching school at Screven, in Wayne county, and while visiting here Mr. Dowling proposed the wedding on the train. A license was secured from Jesup, and as No. 35 pulled in Mr. Dowling and Miss Benton boarded the passenger coach through one door, and Rev. Mr. Hunter through the other. They met about midway in the aisle, and the wedding ceremony was at once com-

The coach was crowded with passengers, who at once saw that something unusual was about to occur. As the ceremony progressed, the passengers crowded around the wedding party, and the latter part of the service was witnessed by nearly every one in the

the wife of Paul Reid, made a confes. The day was an ideal one from every | The bride is the daughter of Mr. sion implicating her husband and Will standpoint. The early morning fog and Mrs. James Benton, of Pembroke. ator at Atkinson. Hon.. R. Dowling, Hundreds of enthusiastic people had of Pierce county, is the father of

MYSTERIOUS MURDER.

Man's Body. New York, Aug. 17.-Evidence of

mysterious murder has been disclosed

Identified first by the police of the King's Bridge station as a policeman whom they had seen daily for ten years, the body was later found to be that of Stephen McCarthy, a real es-

a government employe attached to the appraiser's office in this city. McCarthy, who was at first believed to have met death by drowning, was found to have sustained a fracture of der has not been found, although the

AT ROSEMOUNT.

Visitors of Note Go to Judge Parker's Esopus, N. Y., August 17 .- A good deal of interest was exhibited here standing collar attached and black tie, today in the selection of William S. Rodie to have charge of the newly

created bureau of organization in connection with the Democratic state ridors. Mr. Davis gave every evidence committee. Mr. Rodie has not been of good spirits and health and evinced gn active political leader, but he is keen interest in meeting his old noted for his talent for organization and detail Edward M. Shephard, of Brooklyn, who ran for mayor of Greater New York against Seth Low, in 18901, and Morocco point to the conclusion that whose name has been mentioned in the sultan's unpleasantness with Eng-

A Sweet Breath

pected today.

and took luncheon at Rosemount Bev.

eral other important visitors were ex-

brought here today for safekeeping the performance of their duties. Nu is a never failing sign of a healthy proportions oil-soaked skin, he twisted his head The drive was full of excitement, the merous deaths of this kind have oc stomach. When the breath is bad the stomach is out of order. There is no remedy in the world equal to Kodol As a rule, the victim left a large Dyspepsia Cure for curing indigestion, family without means, and the only dyspepsia and all stomach disorders. Mrs. Mary S. Crick, of White Plains, Ky., writes: "I have been a dyspeptic for years; tried all kinds of reme It is now proposed that an organ- but continued to grow worse. By the ization shall be formed with its af use of Kodol I began to improve at once, screaming with agony, while the hemp plaint and constipation, but thanks to fairs administered by trustees and that and after taking a few bottles am fully rope became a collar of fire around Dr. King's New Life Pills, they put an each member of the force shall contribute 50 cents as an assessment in digests what you eat and makes the Crowell & Wilkie, Forest City.

CHINA JAPAN SENDS ULTIMATUM

Must Enforce and Respect Neutrality Laws.

CASE OF THE CRUISER ASKHOLD.

mit Chinese Ports to Become Asy lums for Russian War Vessels In Which to Make Repairs.

London, August 17.-The Associated Press learned this afternoon that Japan has made a demand of China in the nature of an ultimatum that she enforce her neutrality in the case of the cruiser Askhold, and the torpedo boat destroyer Grosovio, now at Shang-

Japan pointed out that the time limit of 24 hours permitted by international law, had expired and that Japan therefore was at liberty to take such action as may seem to her expe-

At the Japanese legation here it was expressly stated that the Tokio government had no intention of remaining quiescent if Russia attempts to compel China to give asylum to her men of-war and authorize repairs at her ports, which would enable them to re sume belligerent operations. Should China fail to comply immediately with Japan's demand, the division of Japanese warships now in the vicinity of Shanghai will, the legation declares, be instructed to enter the part and cap ture the Askold and Grosovol as was

done in the case of the Ryeshitelni. Japan has made no secret of her intention, but has not consulted the powers, believing that the matter is Loans and discounts,..... \$36,709 03 ne which concerns herself alone. Japan is prepared, the legation further asserts, to recognize Cuinese neutrality only so long as it is respected by Gold coin Russia.

With regard to the Ryeshiteini, Japan, it is asserted, is determined not to comply with the Chinese demand submitted in compliance with the Russian note, that the vessel be returned to Che Foo. Japan insists that to all intents and purposes Che Foo has been a Russian base during the war. Chinese junks having been fitted out there and sent through the Japanese Individual deposits subject to blockading vessels to Port Arthur. No answer has yet been given by

Cashier's checks outstanding Japan to the Russian protest in the case of the Ryeshitelni, but when it is made it will be communicated to all State of N. C., Rutherford County. the powers.

NOT RISK FRESH CRISIS.

Porte Will Probably Accede to American Demands. Constantinople, Aug. 17.-The porte has addressed a formal note to the American legation confirming its undertaking to accord equal treatment to American schools and kindred institutions be granted the most favored nation "subject to the accomplishment of the usual departmental formalities.' In spite of the seeming reservation.

it is not believed that the porte will

raise further difficulties in executing

the agreement or run the risk of creating a fresh crisis, which American diplomatic circles declare would follow promptly any failure to loyally carry out the arrangement. There is much comment among diplomatic and official circles concerning you money on anything in my the incompleteness of the American settlement compared with the settle ment obtained by France on the occasion of the occupation of the island of Mitylene in 1901. The American customers. Am here every Moncircles, however, point out that Min-

cution of the undertaking. DR. BROUGHTON TO LONDON.

manded, and is now awaiting the exe-

Will Fill Rev. G. Campbell Morgan's Pulpit for Two Months Atlanta, August 17.-Dr. Len G. Broughton, pastor of the Baptist Tab Pork, Poultry and Eggs. We make our ernacle, will reach Atlanta Saturday afternoon and will preach at his church Sunday morning and evening. Next Try our market for anything for the ta-Monday he will leave Atlanta for London, where he will fill the pulpit of

of September and October. Dr. Broughton was selected from all the available ministers in this country by Rev. G. Campbell Morgan to fill his pulpit, and the selection is consider just received. ered a great compliment.

Will Be Settled Amicably. Paris, August 17.-Advices from the Democratic convention for gover. land in connection with the confisnor, arrived from Lake George today cation of the property of a Zritish subject, will shortly be settled amicably. In any case, the thoroughly cordial understanding between France and Great Britain suffices to prevent the incident from assuming serious

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Report of the condition of the Bank of Rutherfordton, at Rutherfordton, in the State of North Carolina, at the close of ousiness June 9th, 1904.

RESOURCES. Loans and discounts..... \$26,799 30 Overdrafts, secured Rutherford county bonds.... 1,200 00 Banking house, furniture and 5,007 00 16 00 Due from banks and bankers 846 01 Checks and other cash items 426 71 Gold coin..... 242 00 Silver coin... National bank notes and oth-1,439 18 1,274 00 541 81 claims

Total \$38,399 76 LIABILITIES. Capitol stock paid in \$10,000 00 Surplus fund..... Undivided profits, less expenses, and taxes paid Individual deposits subject to 16,871 98 Time certificates of deposit.. 4,912 76 3,000 00 Notes and bills rediscounted.

North Carolina, Rutherford County. I, J. W. Dorsey, acting cashier of the Bank of Rutherfordton, do solemnly swear that the above report is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and elief. J. W. DORSEY.
Sworn to and subscribed before me,

..... \$38,399 76

this 18th day of June 1904. J. F. FLACK, Notary Public. Correct-Attest: R. S. EAVES, D. F. MORROW, T. C.

SMITH. COMMERCIAL BANK.

Report of the condition of the Com mercial Bank of Rutherfordton, at Rutherfordton, N. C., at the close of business on June 9th, 1904.

RESOURCES Furniture and Fixtures..... Due from banks and bankers, Checks and other cash items, 1.837 50 Silver coin National bank notes and other U. S. notes..... 3,052 00 LIABILITIES. Capital stock paid in \$16,000 00 Surplus fund Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid..... Due to banks and bankers... 55,505 60 check.....

Total \$70,220 09 I, J. F. Flack, cashier of The Commercial Bank of Rutherfordton, do solemnly swear the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. F. FLACK, Cashier.

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