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Ku Klux Investigation.

We learn from our exchanges, that the prisoners arrested by Col. Kirk, have been brought before Chief Justice Pearson, and Judge Brooks, of the U. S. District Court, under writs of habeas corpus. We also observe that those who were carried before Mr. Pearson, are undergoing a strict examination, while those carried before Judge Brooks have been discharged for lack of evidence. The Standard claims that there is abundance of evidence against the parties arrested, and that although some of them have been released by Judge Brooks, they will be taken up again and brought before some one of the State Judges, where they will be tried for the offenses charged against them. We hope this may be so, and that the investigation may be continued until the last one of the guilty party are brought to trial, convicted and severely punished.

This is truly a serious matter, and ought to be settled by the strictest administration of the law. If the parties arrested are guilty surely they ought to be punished to the fullest extent of the law in such cases. If they are not guilty, and there is no evidence to convict them, then they should not have been arrested, and certainly should be discharged, but we cannot believe that Gov. Holden would have pursued such a reckless course, as to have so many men arrested upon such grave charges without sufficient evidence. If he has, then we say he has made a very grave mistake, but if, as he says, he has the evidence sufficient to convict the parties referred to, we hope he will see to it that they are tried, and punished severely by the law. If there is such an organization, as the Ku Klux in this State, which we firmly believe there is, and these belong to the organization are guilty of the crimes charged against them, and should be released without being punished, then there will be no safety for life, liberty or property in the "Old North State" so long as the Democratic Ku Klux party are allowed to rule.

We hope they may be tried, and found guilty, for we believe they are guilty, and if they are severely punished, we may have some hope of better times in the future.

What Shall we Do?

This question, says the Greenboro' Republican, has been asked anxiously by thousands since the disastrous results of the late election over the State have been reported to them. A feeling of greater or less in security agitates the mind of every tried Union man and Republican; they have become fully conscious that their very next neighbor, in many instances is bound by an oath to murder them if so ordered by an irresponsible, secret commander; they now know that nine-tenths of the Conservative party are in this organization of death; they know also that it is only needful to be a Republican and faithful to the fealty he owes his country to make him liable to the dagger and the halter. There is no particle of ground for security. These men can give no assurance for they are sworn to speak—to swear lies in order to hide their guilty secret. Every bond that holds together society is gone; all that invests civil courts with respect is gone; all that makes life valuable is in peril, and it is no wonder Union men, white and black, ask "what shall we do?" Shall we at once leave the State, bid hasty farewells to the homes where our hearts linger, turn from the graves of those who happily are beyond the reach of the assassin—give up property and all the prospects of the future and seek a home in other States whose secret assassins and where the dread of the dagger and the halter does not overshadow every household. Shall we remain and be slaves—

our mouth's sealed and in fear of our lives? Shall we flee from a land and homes pledged to us by the United States Government—where we have equal rights with every and all citizens? We would yet stand and appeal to the paternal character of that government. We would ask the United States Government to fill its pledges and protect the lowliest citizens of the whole land. We have, by secret terrorism and by the vilest agencies, been bereft of the power of self defence, and are to-day in the hands of sworn enemies—will the President—will Congress give us protection and guarantee to us life and civil, religious and political freedom.—We believe it to be imperative to take immediate steps to bring the real facts of the case before the President and Congress. We must have protection to life and property or no Republican can remain. Whippings and murders for political differences must end or an exodus of Union men must take place. Let all the facts be collected and full and fair representations be made; send up honest and good men with our complaints, and then if no redress of grievances is had, it will become needful to decide what is to be done. But we cannot submit to wholesale murder tamely any longer, and then have us falsely and basely declared that there are no Ku Klux Klans, no political murders, and that all our wrongs are pretended and political tricks.

A Word to our Patrons.

We have been sending the STAR to many of our patrons for a long time, and without receiving any part of the subscription that they owe us; now as much as we dislike to do, we must remind our friends, that it is their duty to come forward and help us. We need what you owe us, and we cannot get along without it, every little is a help, so we hope you will open your hearts, and bring us something to pay part of your subscription, if not all. If you have not the money, bring something else, we will take anything that we can eat, drink, wear or use in any way, so just come along now, and help us what you can. We have been patient with you—"patient as Job," and we do think that you ought to remember that we cannot work for you always—bear our own expenses, and then get no pay. Come up and pay as much as you can now, and if you show a disposition to help us, we can indulge you a little longer for the balance, until you get your crops gathered at least, but we must have part of it right away, we can't do without it, and we hope you will appreciate our kindness in waiting so long with you, well enough to heed our call, while we stand so greatly in need.

More Ku Kluxing.

Below we give a letter from a gentleman of varacity who lives in Cleveland county, which gives a short account of the doings of these midnight assassins. What is the use of the Militia and Kirk, if they are not sent to such counties as Cleveland. We think it would be well for the Governor to send a company to Cleveland, and there let them remain until those rascals behave themselves. The cost of the Militia would do them good.

CLEVELAND COUNTY, N. C. August 21st 1870,

FRIEND CARPENTER:—About a week after the election, on Thursday night, I believe, there was a general Ku Kluxing in the Reynolds, or Blantou old precinct. They numbered about thirty or forty, and during the night whipped, and otherwise maltreated six families.

A young man named Crowder and his wife were whipped awfully, and informed with pistols drawn at their foreheads, that if they did not deny being whipped they would kill them.

A Miss Digh, Mrs. Rollins, Miss Cabaniss, Miss Green, ladies of unquestionable character, and a negro, family called Horn, were all horribly and unhumanly beaten. I suppose secrecy demanded as above. These are facts and with Kirk's Militia to investigate would no doubt bring about the arrest of many of the outlaws.

Yours Fraternally, and with Respect

Telegraphic Summary.

The following is a summary of Saturday's noon dispatches, from the Standard:

General News.

BERLIN.—The Queen has the following from the King: NEAR RESSONVILLE, Aug. 19, 9 p. m.—The French army was attacked to-day west of Metz. Its position was very strong. My command, after a contest of nine hours, totally routed the French forces, interrupting their communication with Paris, and throwing them back upon Metz.

LONDON.—A rumor is current of the sudden death of Napoleon by apoplexy. Though this is positively asserted by some it should be accepted with distrust. The bombardment of Strasburg on Friday lasted from morning till noon, when it was suspended two hours. The return fire was almost harmless.

PARIS.—A council of war has ordered the partial destruction of Bois de Boulogne.

The inhabitants of Chalons have been ordered to get their grain away within twenty-four hours.

Nothing from the front. The public are very anxious.

BRUSSELS.—A Paris letter says that Marshal McMahon is retreating on Paris. He will avoid a battle unless he can form a junction with Bazaine.

CARLSRUHE.—Official.—Three Bavarian divisions invest Strasburg, and a fourth is harassing the retreating French.

LONDON.—The French war office forbids the publication of war dispatches unless signed by Bazaine.

Great rejoicing in German cities over their victories. Illustrations and processions are the chief features of these occasions.

TORONTO.—Great fire raging. The Ottawa canal has been cut to flood the burning district. The troops have been ordered to render assistance. Business suspended.

NEW YORK, 20.—Cotton firmer. Sales 1300 bales. Uplands 197, Orleans 201. Flour 5 to 10 cents lower. Wheat heavy, and 1 to 2 lower. Corn unchanged at 85 to 90. Pork \$28.50. Beef quiet. Lard dull. Kettle 161. Naval stores firm.

The War.

PARIS, Aug. 20.—Many more arrests have been made of persons supposed connected with the Billette affair.

MADRID, Aug. 20.—The Government is preparing for a heavy shipment of troops for Cuba in September.

FLORENCE, Aug. 20.—There was a violent debate in the Italian Chambers yesterday. A deputy accused the ministers of violating the neutrality of Italy by sending Italian troops to defend the Pope. One of the ministers replied denouncing Mazzini for travelling in secrecy under a false name. The government was well aware of his plans and was determined to defeat them. Mazzini would have a fair trial. Deputy Botani denounced the arrest as illegal.

LONDON, Aug. 20.—It is stated that there are more than 400,000 Germans between the Rhine and Paris.

The French have succeeded in victualing Strasburg.

It is admitted that the corps of Frederick Charles has suffered severely.

It is stated that Bazaine had weakened his forces while under fire to send a regiment to defend the Emperor's person.

Part of the Prussian army has reconquered Nancy. Invasion from Luxembourg is considered imminent.

Gladstone has returned and the cabinet is summoned to consider intervention for a speedy peace.

The Queen has addressed an autograph letter to the King of Prussia urging him to accept peace proposals from France. The Pope writes him to the same effect.

MUNICH, 19.—A blood battle has been fought between Gravelle and Risoville to-day. The French were driven back to Metz. All communication between Metz and Paris has been destroyed.

BRUSSELS, 20.—The Etoile Belge announces the Emperor as extremely ill on Wednesday at Chalons. It also intimates that he contemplates abdication.

ST. PETERSBURG, 20.—The Russian Minister at Vienna has gone to Paris. The Czar has congratulated a Silesian regiment of which he is colonel on its gallantry at Weissenburg. He also sent the usual surgeons to the Prussian camp.

PARIS, 20.—The Presse estimates the Prussian loss in the last three days at ninety thousand.

The bulletin in the bank of France has decreased one hundred and twenty millions of francs. The decrease is attributable to the purchase of notes to pay the

troops which requires fifty-four millions per month. Bank notes are five per cent. discount.

Prince Napoleon arrived here yesterday.

Bazaine, whose retreat the Prussians say they have stopped, is in support either of Metz or Verdun. He still keeps his plans and movements a profound secret.

Gen. Trochen to-day publishes a letter explaining how he desires to aid the people. He says, "I defy maintaining order by force of the bayonet and sword in Paris, which is so agitated and given up to grief. It fills me with horror and disgust. The maintenance of order by the ascendancy of patriotism freely dispensed, with a knowledge of evident danger, fills me with hope and security. But this problem is arduous, and I cannot solve it alone, but I can with the aid of those having such sentiments; that is what I term moral aid. The moment may arrive when malefactors will spring up, defending the city, and pillage. Those who are honest must seize them."

WASHINGTON, 21.—The U. S. Consul at Liverpool reports to the State Department that in consequence of the continued increase of fever in Liverpool, he has deemed it his duty to suspend the issue of certificates to bills of health for the present. He further states that during the first five days previous to August sixth, over one hundred and sixty cases were received into the parish hospital, which is full to overflowing. There are two hundred and ten cases more than there were a month ago under treatment.

PARIS, Aug. 21.—A private letter describes the conduct of Marshal Canrobert in the battle of Dancourt as heroic in the extreme during the entire day in the front lines. He personally headed the charges. His aid-de-camp had an arm shot off by his side. At Point a Mousson the Prussians continue their exorbitant exactions from the people and endeavor to make 5,000 people feed a hundred and fifty thousand troops.

The journals urge energetic reprisals by the Baltic fleet.

Advices from Mulhouse report that the Prussians have entered Erstein; also that the garrison of Strasburg had made another sortie, capturing and killing a considerable number.

A number of Prussians were seen near the Sainte Marie Aux Mines.

The enemy have not besieged Schlettstadt.

A dispatch from a Prussian source announces the resumption of the bombardment of Strasburg.

Prince Napoleon has gone to Chalons.

The excitement of the people of Paris last night was intense, on account of the recent news. When the evening journals appeared the people fought for the first copies. Paliokov's statement was read to a large crowd and was wildly cheered.

No official bulletin has appeared in two days, so Gen. Froesch has issued another proclamation, the meaning of which is that Paris must stand a siege.

Prince Frederick William is reported at Ganmont.

The Bourse fell to-day in anticipation of the new loan.

Bazaine has decided not to leave Metz.

There has been another seizure of arms in Paris.

Indications are strong that an extensive conspiracy against the Empire has been discovered.

Bismarck is at Pout a Mousson.

The dispatches claiming a victory on the 16th are false.

The Latest.

LONDON, 22.—A letter from Queen Victoria to Eugene dated August 15, relative to mediation is published. Victoria regrets her inability to mediate and intimates that mediation is a cabinet affair, but thinks the time inopportune.

The Prussians are surrounding Verdun.

The camp at Chalons is abandoned, the troops there being ordered along the line.

The plan of the Crown Prince seems to be abandoned along the valley of Aube.

It is said that McMahon is performing a strategical movement preliminary to an action in which Bazaine is expected to support.

Bazaine at last has been supplied with food and ammunition.

The scale of to-day says "it is certain we must accept a siege."

Two of Bismarck's sons are wounded.

McMahon's headquarters is at Desceia.

FLORENCE, Aug. 22.—A war appropriation of forty millions livres passed both houses.

PLYMOUTH, Aug. 22.—A French corvette captured a Prussian bark off this port. The people gathered on the beach to see the operations.

BERLIN, Aug. 22.—The Prussians have occupied Mosieres.

LONDON, Aug. 22.—The Prussians are bridging the Rhine between Basle and Mulhouse in close proximity to the Swiss line where ten thousand troops are collected.

Stockholm advices state that French agents have been arrested for bribing the press to excite Prussia in this war.

A Vienna dispatch says the Austrian Germans have declared for Prussia in this war.

Vote of North Carolina. FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL.

August 4th, 1870.

Table with columns: Republican, Conservative, Name, Votes. Lists names like Alamance, Alexander, Alleghany, Anson, Ashe, Beaufort, Bertie, Bladen, Brunswick, Buncome, Burke, Cabarrus, Caldwell, Camden, Carteret, Caswell, Catawba, Clarendon, Cherokee, Chowan, Clay, Cleveland, Columbus, Craven, Cumberland, Currituck, Davidson, Davie, Duplin, Edgecombe, Forsyth, Franklin, Gaston, Gates, Greenville, Greene, Guilford, Halifax, Harnett, Haywood, Henderson, Hertford, Hyde, Iredell, Jackson, Johnston, Jones, Lenoir, Lincoln, Macon, Madison, Martin, McDowell, Mecklenburg, Mitchell, Montgomery, Moore, Nash, New Hanover, Northampton, Onslow, Orange, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Person, Pitt, Polk, Randolph, Richmond, Robeson, Rockingham, Rowan, Rutherford, Sampson, Stanley, Stokes, Surry, Tazewell, Tyrrell, Union, Wake, Warren, Washington, Watauga, Wayne, Wilkes, Wilson, Yancey, Yadkin.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

Sinking Slowly. Diseases that progress rapidly to a crisis are not the only ones to be dreaded. Canker or dry rot does not blast a tree as suddenly as a stroke of lightning, but unless arrested it destroys it as certainly; and in like manner chronic debility, although it does not fill with the swiftness of yellow fever, is as sure to sap the springs of life eventually as any acute disease, if not checked by invigorating medication. There is something inexplicably touching in the spectacle of premature decay, languor, pallor, emaciation, depression of spirits, and a distaste for exertion, are its ordinary symptoms, and they should be promptly met by tonic treatment. The best, invigorant and exhilarant that can be administered in a case of this kind is Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. The stimulating principle of the preparation raises the dormant energies of the system, and the strengthening and regulating properties give a permanent and beautiful impulse to the vital forces thus brought into play. The falling appetite is re-awakened, the process of digestion and assimilation are quickened, the quality of the blood is improved, the secretions become more natural, and every organ that contributes to the nourishment of the body undergoes salutary change. By these means a repair of the physical structure is effected and its health and vigor restored. In no class of diseases has the beneficent, purifying and strengthening effect of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters been more marked and striking than in those characterized by general debility and nervous prostration. Ladies affected with these ailments find in this most wholesome of all tonics and correctives the safest and surest means of relief. It is strong to restore and powerless to injure. Such is the uniform testimony of "clouds of witnesses."

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