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## ASSAILANT LYNCHED

### Colored Man Pays Penalty For Outrage On Young Lady

#### RESCUED BY HER TWO BROTHERS.

#### A Mob Battered Down the Jail Doors and Took the Guilty Man Out and Hung Him.

Springfield, Ky., Special.—Jim Mays, a negro charged with assaulting Lula Jeans, the daughter of Jos. Jeans, one of the most prominent farmers in the county, near Slinnstown, six miles from here, was taken from jail by a mob early Sunday and hanged to a tree in the high school yard. The mob came into town quietly and after arousing Jailer Catlett, demanding the keys to the jail. Their demand was refused, however, and they immediately began to hammer the locks on the jail doors. In a few minutes they effected an entrance and found Mays scouring in his cell, begging the other prisoners to protect him.

The leaders of the mob took charge of the negro and telling the jailer to watch the other prisoners, dragged Mays to the high school yard, where he was speedily strung up to a tree.

The mob's work was quietly done and but few words were spoken by the leaders while they were at the jail. Citizens knew nothing of the lynching until Mays' body was found swinging from the tree. It is not known in what direction the mob departed and heads of the members in known to the officials. The negro's body was cut down and an inquest held by the coroner.

The negro was arrested and brought here Wednesday. It was charged that the assault was committed while Miss Jeans was returning home from a neighbor's. She fought stubbornly and her screams brought two of her brothers to her rescue.

They pursued Mays and succeeded in capturing him after a long chase. The brothers beat the negro severely and were only prevented from killing him by the arrival of some farmers who turned the negro over to a constable.

#### McKinley Arch

Washington, Special.—The McKinley National Memorial Arch Association has drafted a bill which will be introduced in Congress this week, and supported by a petition, signed by the members of the McKinley National Memorial Association, formed to erect a monument in Canton, to which the arch association yielded the field of popular subscription, providing for a commission to select a site and secure plans for a memorial arch in honor of President McKinley, to be erected in the District of Columbia. The commission is to report to Congress. An appropriation of \$25,000 is made which will pay competing artists furnishing plans and models.

#### The Cotton Supply.

New Orleans, Special.—Secretary Hester's statement of the world's visible supply of cotton, shows the total visible to be 4,418,462 bales, against 4,362,723 last week, and 4,057,277 last year. Of this the total of American cotton is 3,710,462 against 3,648,723 last week, and 3,335,277 last year, and of all other kinds including Egypt, Brazil, India, etc., 738,000, against 674,000 last week and 722,000 last year. Of the world's visible supply of cotton there is now afloat and held in Great Britain and continental Europe 2,227,990 bales, against 1,925,030 last year; in Egypt 229,000 against 175,000 last year; in India 254,000 against 317,000 last year, and in the United States 1,733,000 against 1,670,000 last year.

#### A Revolution.

Buenos Ayres, via Galveston, Special.—The rumors circulated here of a revolution to the republic of Paraguay turn out to be well-founded. The revolt, which broke out at Assuniojon, the capital, was caused by the question of the presidential succession, the term of President Azaul expiring in November of this year.

#### Ship on Fire.

Baltimore, Special.—The Merchants and Miner's steamer Junata, which called for Boston Saturday night returned here Sunday morning with cargo in her forward hold on fire. After several hours of hard work, during which the compartment was completely flooded by the fire department, the fire was extinguished. No estimate of damage has been made.

#### Development Company.

London, By Cable.—The Shanghai Development Company, which has been since Ching, president of the Chinese Foreign Office, recently returned United States Minister Count that the viceroy of Canton has been ordered to enter into no understandings with reference to railroads in the province of a nature affecting the rights of the American Development Company, under the Hankow-Canton Line contract, as a company has notified Shanghai general of railroads in China, as the correspondent, of its intention to proceed with the construction of the line, beginning at Canton.

## OUR TEXTILE SCHOOL.

### Good Results to Come From This Department of the A. and M.

#### A Raleigh Special says:

"Mr. D. A. Tompkins, engineer and architect of the State's Textile School building at the A. and M. College, was in the city last week and visited the building with President Winston and Prof. Wilson of the Textile Department.

"The purpose of the visit was to inspect the building, which is now nearing completion.

"Large quantities of textile machinery have been received and is stored in the completed portion of the building. The erection of this machinery will be begun now in a few days.

"This textile school when completed will make one of the finest and best equipped in the country.

"Many of the older schools have been developed in three buildings which are not as well adapted as a new building can be made to the purposes for which it is to be used. It has been very economically built, but is very substantial and looks well.

"In discussing the benefits that could be made to accrue to our people from the establishment of this Textile Department Mr. Tompkins said that Miss Sigrid Hamilton who lives in middle New York and who makes a business of weaving fancy dress goods patterns on a hand loom. Miss Hamilton does her own designing and weaves different materials, silk, linen, cotton and other fabrics. She will contract to furnish a fine fabric for a shirt waist pattern of an original design and guarantee that there will be none other like it.

"Her work is all beautiful of design and she sells her stuffs at high prices. She gets five, eight, fifteen and even twenty-five dollars for fine patterns for shirt waists. Her loom is a simple hand loom and she does her work at home. The work of weaving is pleasanter than hand work with the needle and far more profitable.

"Philadelphia has vast numbers of hand weavers who make rugs, tapestries and such fabrics at home. Some times considerable business is developed. A hand weaver will get another loom and hire an assistant and then another until a factory is made.

"The hand loom in an ordinary house is very little more in the way than a sewing machine. The possibilities of a profitable occupation with one or more looms is far ahead of that with the sewing machine.

"The yarns are of course bought, silk, worsted, cotton, linen or other, are abundant on the markets. The yarn can be bought already dyed or the weaver may do the dyeing.

"The Textile Department at the A. and M. College will give full course in carding, spinning, weaving, dyeing and designing. A young lady who might be interested in designing and weaving only might take a special course in those branches.

"There is a large field for profit in weaving rugs by hand."

#### Tar Heel Notes.

Grand Secretary John C. Drewry, of the Grand Lodge of Masons, says there are now 325 subordinate lodges in North Carolina, a gain of 5 since the last annual communication. Seven new lodges were formed and two ceased to exist; increase in membership during the year 421, making the total 12,000. The total revenue for the year from lodges for \$7,647, an increase of \$703. When Mr. Drewry became secretary six years ago there were only 9,500 members and the revenue was only \$4,700.

The returns as to length of terms of the public schools in the various counties, as compiled by Clerk Duckett, of the office of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, show that in 37 counties the terms of the white schools were 4 months or more last year and that in 30 counties the same condition existed with regard to negro schools. The average increase in the length of term of white schools was nearly a week and of negro schools a week and a half. It is the \$100,000 direct appropriation which has largely brought about this increase. Buncombe county heads the State in length of term, having 31 weeks.

The receipts of the insurance department paid to the Treasury for the year which will end March 31, will be \$25,000 greater than for the preceding twelve months. This is by far the greatest gain ever made. The companies are better satisfied with the North Carolina insurance laws and their administration than with those in any other Southern State. They are in fact endeavoring to induce other States to take the North Carolina laws as a model.

Insurance Commissioner Young says that three fire companies withdrew from the State December 31, these being the Southern of New Orleans, Erie of New York, and the Lion of England. There are now 85 fire and 70 life companies doing business in the State.

#### Steamer Ashore.

Baltimore, Special.—The steamer Augusta Bennett, from Norfolk for Baltimore, with passengers and merchandise, is ashore of Sparrow's Point, having got ashore during the dense fog. On board the steamer were 43 passengers, who were taken off and brought to Baltimore by the tug Britannia. The tug, Britannia and Chicago will try to pull her off at high water.

#### Mr. Cleveland to Come South.

New York, Special.—Ex-President Cleveland is so far recovered from the effects of his recent attack of rheumatism as to have arranged for a hunting trip in the South. He will leave his home at Princeton, January 22, for an island of Georgetown, B. C., where, with a party of friends, he will remain several days.

## COMMITTEE IS SUED

### Cropsey-Wilcox Case Takes Unexpected Turn.

#### WILSON AND DAWSON PLAINTIFFS

#### The Mayor and Chief of Police of Elizabeth City Each Sue the Citizens' Committee.

Suffolk, Special.—Mayor J. B. Wilson and Police Chief W. C. Dawson, of Elizabeth City, N. C., have entered suits in \$10,000 each against the Cropsey-Wilcox committee. This was the climax of six weeks of alleged friction and an attitude of rivalry and antagonism which is said to have existed all along, but which for reasons suggested by prudence was concealed from the public. The brand which touched off the volcano of unrest and hostility was applied in the form of a signed statement from four committeemen, which in substance charged the mayor and police chief not only with supineness in solving the Nell Crosey mystery, but to use the committee's words, "They have at all times seriously handicapped our efforts by their actions and manner of treatment." The committee also accused Chief Dawson of wiring the release of a Cropsey suspect whose identity they were preparing to investigate. After referring to the burden of criticism they have borne the committee further accused the officials by declaring, "We could have accomplished better results and have saved much time had the chief of police and mayor recognized that they were public officials and public servants and discharged their duties in accordance with these facts."

According to rumor in Elizabeth City one member of the committee desired Chief Dawson's job and they naturally made exertions to find the job before the police did and regarded him as an enemy which should lead to his best endeavors in assisting rather than directing the committee. Dawson's refusal brought the first rupture. The committee has among its members some of the wealthiest residents of Elizabeth City, and a verdict, if obtained, would be worth his face value.

Though a newspaper reply was expected to the committee's statement, Mayor Wilson and Chief Dawson decided that a press answer to the accusations would not appease their feelings, whose soothing the courts will be asked to adjust. The best legal talent obtainable will appear.

The intense interest which first centered in the finding of Miss Cropsey and then the fate of Wilcox, her lover and alleged murderer, has now been diverted to the legal strife among those who sought to dispel the uncertainty, and unless a compromise is effected the bitterness which will creep in will draw a sharp line between the two local factions, both of which have influential adherents and the cause of whose principals they so readily endorse.

Locally the factional bitterness will overshadow the frantic attempts to get State's evidence to convict James Wilcox, who while away his time among reading and and whose indifference to it is well high impregnable.

#### To Meet in Charleston.

Washington, Special.—A call has been issued for the fourteenth annual convention of the National Association of Railway Commissioners, to be held at Charleston, Tuesday, February 11. The principal subjects that will be considered are the classification of operation and construction of steam and electric railways; grade crossing; railroad taxes and ascertaining fair valuations of railroad property; uniform classification and simplification of tariff sheets; railroad statistics; necessary legislation; safety appliances; delays in enforcing orders of railway commissioners; rates and rate-making form for reports of electric railways.

#### Schley at Savannah.

Savannah, Ga., Special.—Rear Admiral W. S. Schley, accompanied by his wife, arrived in this city Friday afternoon, an hour and a half late. The depot was thronged with people who waited patiently to greet him. As he alighted the cheering was deafening. Mayor Myers and a delegation of aldermen extended the admiral a cordial official welcome, and asked his consent for a formal reception at the city hall. The admiral agreed. Carriages were then taken for the residence of Gen. W. W. Gordon, where Admiral and Mrs. Schley will visit for ten days. General Gordon was a member of the Porto Rico commission, of which Admiral Schley was a member.

#### Miss Stone's Release.

London, By Cable.—The release of Miss Ellen M. Stone by the brigands, who have held her in captivity since question 3, is believed to be only a question of hours. An official telegram received in London Friday afternoon, which was dispatched from Constantinople after midday today, says the release of Miss Stone is imminent.

#### Trouble With Mother-in-Law.

Salisbury, Special.—As a result of a fight with his mother-in-law, on whom he used a stick of wood, Mr. J. T. Wyatt, of Faith, and his wife have agreed to separate. Thus ends a romance, which began a year ago by Mr. Wyatt marrying a Swiss bride, a highly educated young woman, whom he found through a matrimonial paper advertisement. The last chapter being Mrs. Wyatt's quit claim on Mr. Wyatt for a specified sum. The differences between the couple had caused much talk. Two days ago while Mrs. Wyatt was here Mr. Wyatt tried to move his effects out of the house. Mother-in-law who had come with the bride and who speaks no English objected, hence the fight. Mrs. Wyatt had him arrested and only agreed to his release when he agreed to separate.

## CONTRIBUTIONS PAST YEAR.

### A Letter of Much Interest to North Carolinians.

The following letter will interest all North Carolinians and particularly all Confederate soldiers and daughters of the Confederacy:

Madam President and Ladies of the Memorial Literary Society.

My work this year is not all I would like to have accomplished, but every reassuring promise and letters give me such encouragement for the coming year. The U. S. C. are our faithful allies. They have given two oil portraits, one of our beloved war Governor Zebulon Vance and one of Colonel Fisher, the latter given by Mrs. Bond's Children's Chapter. I had hoped to have received these portraits ere this, but for some reason unknown to me they have not yet arrived. An oil portrait of Major General W. D. Pender has been given by his son, W. D. Pender. I hope very soon to have these portraits unveiled. Also one of Captain Frank Shaffer, of the Confederate Navy, given by his widow; that, also, has been detained.

Mrs. E. H. Davis, of Henderson, N. C., gives an oil painting of the grave of Anne Carter Lee, General Robert E. Lee's daughter, who lies buried in Warren county, N. C.

Mrs. Wm. Parker, of Henderson, sends a gavel made of a piece of the car that bore the remains of President Lincoln through the South.

Through Mrs. Parker, Miss Whitehead, of North Carolina, gives a prayer book found on the body of her brother, James F. Whitehead, who was killed in a skirmish at Spottsylvania, C. H., November 27th, 1864. The book was inherited by North Carolina troops, one of whom preserved the prayer book, and years after the war returned it to the family.

Capt. P. C. Carlton, of the Seventh North Carolina Infantry, gives an original poem, written on the back of a \$50.00 greenback bill, and the reply to the poem written by Daniel L. Westmouth, of Boston, Mass.

From a friend I have received \$5.00. From General Anderson Chapter, U. S. C.'s \$2.00. Sale of Confederate notes \$85.50.

MRS. JOHN W. GORDON, Vice President.  
MRS. ARMISTEAD JONES, Agent for North Carolina.

#### To Apportion \$100,000.

The various County Boards of Education in the State at their meetings will get up information upon which will be based the distribution of the second \$100,000 appropriation to bring up the weak districts in the State to the constitutional requirements of a four months school. Blanks were sent sometime ago to the county boards in order to secure this information. As soon as the blanks are received the \$100,000 extra appropriated among the schools that have not sufficient funds to comply with the four months constitutional requirement. The demands of the law making this appropriation are explicit, and must be complied with in order that the counties may participate in the distribution.

#### Safe of State Lands.

Raleigh, Special.—Mr. James H. McRae, of Wilmington, the State Engineer, spent the day in the city, inspecting maps of the State swamp lands. He was met here by Rev. Bayliss Cade and Mr. J. P. Noble, of James county, who were seeking information relative to swamp lands in Carteret, Jones and Craven counties. Rev. Bayliss Cade claims an option on all State lands in Craven county, which are over 100,000 acres in area. Mr. J. P. Noble represents parts in the North, who desire to purchase parts of this land on which Rev. Mr. Cade claims an option. State Engineer McRae has been engaged in surveying the State lands in Pender. He says that the survey of the 110,000 acres of State land in Tyrrell and adjoining counties is now complete, but he will charge the plan slightly to conform to some recent sales. He says this land is desired for timber.

#### Heavy Pension Roll.

Washington, Special.—The pension appropriation bill was completed by the House committee on appropriations Friday, and reported to the House. It carries \$159,842,230, exactly the amount of the estimates, as against \$146,245,250 appropriated last year.

#### Gorman For Senator.

Annapolis, Md., Special.—Hon. Arthur P. Gorman and Chairman Murray Vandiver, of the Democratic State central committee, were selected as the Democratic nominees for United States Senator and State Treasurer, respectively, at the Democratic caucus, held Wednesday night. Senator Gorman's selection was unanimous and enthusiastic. There were 64 members present and the question of the next United States Senator and State Treasurer is regarded as settled. The Republicans held their caucus in the afternoon and nominated Congressman Wm. P. Jackson, of Wicomico county, for United States Senator, and General Thomas J. Shickel, of Baltimore city, for State Treasurer.

#### Judiciary Report Ready.

Richmond, Special.—Consideration of the judiciary report was completed in the constitutional convention Wednesday, except that a motion to reconsider the vote by which the paragraph was adopted providing that the Supreme Court are to be elected by the General Assembly, went over for action tomorrow.

## FIFTEEN ARE KILLED

### In a Disastrous Wreck in a New York Tunnel.

#### ENGINE PLUNGES THROUGH A CAR.

#### Train Was Crowded With Suburban Passengers, and the Destruction Was Frigid.

New York, Special.—In the New York Central Railroad tunnel that burrows under Park Avenue, this city, two local trains collided Wednesday. Fifteen passengers were killed and twice that number were injured. A dozen of the latter were seriously hurt, and the roster of the dead may be extended.

The dead: Albert M. Perrin, 43 years old, recently from Chicago, secretary and social vice president of the Union Bag and Paper Company, residence New Rochelle, N. Y.; B. D. C. Fokett, 40, New Rochelle; A. E. H. Mills, 25, New Rochelle; E. C. Hinsdale, 35, New Rochelle; Mrs. A. J. Hazzard, 27, New Rochelle; Frank Washburn, formerly of Chicago, president of the Union Bag and Paper Company, residence New Rochelle; Wm. Leys, 35, New Rochelle, general manager B. Altman and Co., New York; Theodore Forgardo, 29, New Rochelle; Wm. Fisher, of Forbes, 25, New Rochelle; William Howard, 13, New Rochelle; Oscar Meyrowitz, 10, New Rochelle; optician in New York and secretary of the New Rochelle Yacht Club; Franklin Crosby, 53, New Rochelle; Ernest F. Wang, 40, New Rochelle, broker in New York; H. G. Diamond, New Rochelle, assistant general manager of the American Bridge Company, this city; Charles B. Mass, New Rochelle, employed at the new custom house.

A list of the seriously injured follows: Ernest Coffin, 15 years old, New Rochelle, serious wound on head, taken to Woman's Hospital, 1710th street and Lexington avenue; Alfred Wadley, florist of New York city, fracture of both legs, shock and scalp wounds; Albert W. Adams, a carriage builder, of New York, left leg cut off below knee; George M. Carter, New York, leg fractured; George M. Fisher, 46, East Port Chester, severely injured; Mabel Newson, New Rochelle, contusions of body and hip fractured; Mamie J. Rice, New Rochelle, fractured nose, lacerated ear and sprained ankle; Sadie Scott, New Rochelle, left hand and left foot fractured; Richard Millineux, New Rochelle, compound fracture of thigh; Thomas T. Murphy, New Rochelle, both legs broken and internal injuries, condition critical; Winfield Schultz, New Rochelle, fractured leg and burn; E. McFias, New Rochelle, leg fractured; Henry Resene, general manager of the Steel Copper Company, this city, fractured ribs and internal injuries; George W. Winter, New Rochelle, compound fracture of left leg which was amputated; Wm. Brooks, Erie, Pa., lacerated face and possible fracture of skull, taken to Roosevelt Hospital.

It was a rear-end collision between a South-Norwalk local train that ran in over the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, and was halted by block signals at the southern entrance of the tunnel, and a White Plains local that came by the Harlem branch of the New York Central. The wreck occurred at 7:17 a. m., at which hour the trains were crowded by suburbanites. Most of the deaths, injury and damage were wrought by the engine of the White Plains train, which plunged into the rear car of the motionless train and was driven through to the middle of the car, smashing the seats and furnishings and splitting the sides as it moved forward. The victims were either mangled in the mass of wreckage carried in the pilot, crushed in the space between boiler and car sides or scalded by steam which came blasting from broken pipes and cylinders. The engine in its final plunge of forty feet carried the rear car forward and sent twisted iron, broken timbers and splinters crashing into the coach ahead. Lights were extinguished and from the wreckage and darkness came the cries of the injured and calls for assistance by those who escaped.

#### Three Killed.

Huntington, W. Va., Special.—A boiler exploded at the lumber mills of Lewis Mill in the southern part of this county, killing three persons and injuring several others. The dead are: Lewis Middliff, of Fomeroy, O., and Bert Trippett and Benjamin Masling, of Salt Hook; W. Va. Among the more seriously injured are: Hiram Harvey, of Lynch county, and Wm. Ham, Albert and Frank Billa, brothers of Cabell county.

#### More Exhibits.

Monterey, Mex., Special.—The State of Nuevo Leon will be represented at the St. Louis World's Fair by Governor Neal, in response to an invitation from the World's Fair management, has decided to supervise the preparation of a suitable exhibit of the material and other resources of this State. The Governors of the States of Chihuahua, Tamaulipas and Sonora, have likewise received invitations to send an exhibit and will cooperate. Mr. Enrique Coel will assist in the preparation of the exhibit of the State of Chihuahua.

#### Death List Grows.

New York, Special.—The death caused by the New-York Central tunnel accident has been swelled to seventeen. Winfield Stutze, who submitted to the amputation of one his legs, died at Fowler Hospital. He lived at New Rochelle. Richard Millineux, another New Rochelle man, who is at the same hospital, is reported to be in a precarious condition. The other patients are progressing favorably.

#### Seaboard Changes.

Savannah, Ga., Special.—The announcement was made here that W. H. Pleasant, now traffic manager of the Ocean Steamship Company, with headquarters in New York, would become traffic manager of the Seaboard Air Line, on February 1, succeeding H. W. B. Glover. Mr. Pleasant was formerly connected with the Florida Central and Peninsular road. His absorption by the Seaboard in capacity of general freight agent is not known who will succeed Pleasant with the Ocean Company.

## IN SESSION AGAIN.

### Congress Gets Down to Work After The Holiday Recess.

#### HOUSE.

Nineteenth Day.—The debate upon the Nicaragua Canal bill in the House developed sentiment in favor of giving consideration to the recent offer of the Panama Company to sell its franchises and property for \$10,000,000 and this sentiment took the form of advocating the Morris amendment to empower the President to select the latter route if the canal commission, upon considering the company's offer, recommends it and the required concessions can be obtained from Colombia. Of 16 members who spoke today, nine favored the Morris amendment. It was agreed that general debate should close tomorrow at 2 o'clock, after which the bill will be open to amendment under the five-minute rule. The final vote probably will be taken Tuesday. The speakers today were Messrs. Shackelford, of Missouri; Parker, of New Jersey; Lovring, of Massachusetts; and Littlefield, of Maine, in favor of the Morris amendment, and Messrs. Burgess, of Texas; Bell, of Colorado; Cooney, of Missouri; Cummings, of New York; Gibson, of Tennessee, and Lacey, of Iowa, for the bill in its present form.

Twentieth Day.—The day was spent in further discussion of the canal treaty.

Twenty-first Day.—The House passed the canal bill, but no selection of routes has yet been made. There was much lively discussion during the session. The House adjourned at 1:30 p. m.

#### SENATE.

Eighteenth Day.—The first notes of the contest between the Nicaragua canal were heard in the Senate. After an hour had been spent in routine business, Mr. Morgan offered and secured the adoption of a resolution which indicated his purpose to have the committee on inter-oceanic canal inquiry into the relations alleged to exist between the trans-continental railroad companies of the United States and Canada and the Panama Canal Company.

Nineteenth Day.—During the consideration of the Senate of private pension legislation, in response to an inquiry from Senator Bacon, some important statements were made by Mr. Gallinger, chairman of the committee on pensions, in respect to regulations adopted by the committee to govern it in the consideration and recommendation of private pension bills. He announced that none but absolutely meritorious cases would be presented to the Senate for its consideration and that the closest scrutiny would be given by the committee to every bill introduced. He said that no pension exceeding \$50 a month would be recommended by the committee for the widow of a general officer and that pensions for the widows of other officers would be scaled down proportionately.

Twentieth Day.—The session of the Senate was brief and mostly devoted to routine business.

Twenty-first Day.—The Senate passed the Philippine tariff bill and then went into executive session.