

## TWO MEN LYNCHED

And a Terribly Angered Mob Looking for a Third

## EXCITEMENT INTENSE

Sequel to Murder of John Gray Foster — Negroes Lynched were Members of Obnoxious Sect

Shreveport, La., June 20.—Intense excitement prevails as the result of the lynching of the two colored men believed to have been implicated in the murder of John Gray Foster, one of the most popular young men in the community and a brother-in-law of Governor McMillin of Tennessee. Following the lynching of Frank Smith and F. D. McLand at an early this morning, armed men began another search for Prince Edwards, who is believed to be the murderer. If Edwards is taken, he will be strung up without ceremony as the citizens are terribly angered over the crime. They are certain that he is hiding somewhere in the neighborhood. He escaped at the time Smith and McLand were arrested.

An investigation of this morning's lynching has been begun, but nothing is expected to come of it. It is claimed that those who took part in it are the best citizens in Benton and they declare that it was absolutely necessary to hang the two colored men in order to preserve the safety of white people. The mob broke into the jail at Benton seized the prisoners, took them to a tree on the Arkansas road and hanged them. The arrangements for the lynching were quietly made yesterday. Citizens of Bossier and Caddo parishes assembled in the streets of Benton at night, all being armed. The crowd was quickly organized, leaders appointed and the advance upon the jail begun. With revolvers drawn, the mob demanded the keys from the officers in charge. The keys were refused. An attack on the jail was immediately made, the officials seized, and after a desperate struggle overpowered and the keys secured.

The crowd with fierce yells, then searched the prison until they found the cells in which Smith and McLand were confined. They were led out at the end of ropes, trembling with fright.

The journey down the Arkansas road was soon completed. As Smith was dragged along he frequently exclaimed "Lord, you promised to be with me now." Halting at the tree selected for the execution, the mob tried to make a full confession of the Foster murder and to reveal the whereabouts of Edwards. Both men vigorously denied that they had anything to do with the crime. They were then given time for prayer. Smith prayed fervently, but McLand remained silent. Ropes were then placed around the necks of the doomed men and thrown over a limb. The leader gave the word and with a rush backward the mob swung the men into the air. Smith continued praying until the tightening rope prevented utterance. McLand did not make a sound as he was swung upward. The rope was then made fast and the mob returned to town.

Smith was known in the section as "Prophet" Smith and was the head of the "Church of God," a newly organized religious sect which is held mainly by the whites that resulted in the murder of Foster. It was on account of their connection with this sect that Smith and McLand were arrested.

### Lynching Explained

New Orleans, June 20.—The explanation offered for the lynching of "Prophet" Smith and F. D. McLand, the negroes who were lynched by the mob in Bossier parish, La., is that they were the leaders of a negro mafia, a fanatical, semi-religious society, which had in view the murder of whites and that Foster, who was killed by Prince Edwards, was formerly and officially selected by the society to be murdered. The name of the organization is the "Church of the Living God," and it was organized at Houston, Tex., with "Prophet" Frank Smith at its head, under the title of "Worthy Shepherd." McLand was "worthy treasurer," and Edwards, who killed Foster and for whom the mob is still searching with the intention of lynching, was worthy secretary.

Nearly a year ago the negroes comprising the "Church of the Living God" to the number of 100 moved from Texas to the Foster plantation in Bossier parish, La. The worthy shepherd did not go to the Foster plantation at once, but remained in Shreveport where he was very successful in securing converts, and the "Church of the Living God" increased greatly in numbers both in Louisiana and Texas. He was finally ordered to leave Shreveport by the chief of police of that city on the ground that his sermons were inflammatory and tended to cause trouble between negroes and whites and unsettle the negroes, as the "Prophet" pretended to see into the future and predicted that Shreveport would be destroyed by fire and water. From Shreveport the "Prophet" moved to the Foster plantation, where being surrounded by his congregation he was all powerful and the trouble which

culminated in his lynching was precipitated. An investigation of the "Prophet's" house disclosed an ark of the covenant, a rudely constructed box covered with cabalistic signs and held in great reverence by the negroes who believed that any one who troubled it would be immediately destroyed.

The Shreveport police are in possession of the records of the "Church of the Living God," and there is no reason to doubt that the negroes were religiously crazy, and the whites believe, or claim dangerous.

The following minute was largely responsible for the lynching, as the last paragraph was supposed to threaten the life of Foster, the white man murdered by Prince Edwards. It was only after a thorough investigation of the record and an examination of the minutes and representatives of the "Church of the Living God," that the mob concluded that Smith and McLand were equally guilty with Edwards and decided to lynch them.

"Foster's Place, Bossier Parish, May 24, 1901:

"The Royal Archive of the kingdom of God met in supreme council, sang 'Dark Was the Night,' opened by reading the 32d chapter of Isaiah. After F. K. Smith, the King, announced the meeting, stating that he was advised of God to call the princes together in council to decide what should be done with the chief of police and his force for interfering with the king of the 'Church of God' in Shreveport. Prince Webb, being the first to arise and said he was in favor of demanding affliction upon the Chief. Prince Hicks said he was in favor of the same. Also Prince McLand; also Prince Johnson; also Prince Edwards. All concurred, demanding six months affliction of Chief Lake of Shreveport. After which Brother Johnson Miles was appointed captain of the council and Albert Mendor appointed clerk of the council. Next case was the rockers of the building. The case was decided all that rock the building must be punished with death within four days. A complaint was taken against J. M. Foster that he would be ornamented until he give consent that all saints leave the place. Warrants were issued for the arrest of all parties complained against."

"Signed ALBERT MEADORS, 'Clerk.' The religion preached by "Prophet" Smith was a wild, fantastical one, based on the Book of Revelations.

Albert Meadors, the secretary of the meeting, and Nathan Lewis and Mose Littleton, two princes, are now in the Caddo parish jail, held for developments. It is not likely that anything will be done with them, but the "Church of the Living God" is most likely to be closed permanently, as the whites believe that the race and religious excitement it kindled is dangerous to the community. It is thought, however, that the lynching of the prophet and Prince McLand and the disappearance of Prince Edwards will disperse the flock.

## HAMNER COLLEGE CONDEMNED

Citizens of High Point Adopt Strong Resolutions

High Point, N. C., June 20.—Special.—There has been intense feeling here for some time growing out of the existence of the healing institution known as the "Hamner College." This feeling was intensified tonight on account of an altercation between one of the paid detectives of "Dr." McKnight and one of our leading citizens.

The detective called the citizen a lie, who struck the detective. The detective then tried to draw his pistol but was prevented. A serious difficulty was narrowly averted.

The detective was sent to jail in default of \$700 bonds in two cases. A pistol and brass knuckles were found on him.

Immediately after the difficulty there was a large gathering of the best people of the town and after reviewing the situation they passed the following resolution unanimously:

"Whereas, the existence in our midst of the institution of healing, presided over by one Harry McKnight is having a very demoralizing influence in the community and causing a great deal of trouble in our heretofore peaceful town, and

"Whereas, the Secretary of State has refused to grant a charter to said 'College' on the ground that the same was illegal and pretentious, and

"Whereas, it is believed that the further conduct of said 'college' here is demoralizing and tends to a breach of the peace, therefore be it

"Resolved, That the said institution is condemned in the strongest terms, and we believe that its continued existence in our community is demoralizing and harmful."

The meeting represented the very best interests of the community and the people are determined in the matter.

## OLD NORTH STATE NEWS FROM WASHINGTON

Washington, June 20.—Special.—Pensions granted: Henry Lane, Dwight, \$12; Simon Lofton, New Bern, \$6; Albert L. Jones, Southern Pines, \$12.

A new post office has been established at Margaret, Franklin county, with Clyde P. Harris as postmaster.

Congressman Moody has left for home. H. P. Harrell has been appointed postmaster at Kelford, Bertie county, vice E. D. Clark, removed; Daniel M. Williford at Giles' Mills, Sampson county, vice J. D. Williams.

Daniel Hoover of Randolph county, a messenger in the Treasury, has been promoted to a \$900 clerkship.

## STATE DRUGGISTS A RAILROAD SOLD

Annual Meeting Adjourns to Meet at Morehead

## THE OFFICERS ELECTED

Out of Class of 33 Applicants for License Practice Pharmacy 26 Passed and 7 Failed

Winston-Salem, June 20.—Special.—The annual meeting of the North Carolina Pharmaceutical Association closed with this afternoon's session, adjourning at 4:10 o'clock to meet at Morehead City on the third Thursday in June, 1902. Charlotte and Greensboro were also mentioned in connection with the next session, but on a vote being taken Morehead City received the majority of votes. The following officers were elected: President, J. W. Chanlon, Winston; first vice-president, Henry T. Hicks, Raleigh; second vice-president, W. A. Leslie, Morganton; third vice-president, G. K. Grantham, Dunn; secretary, A. J. Cook, Fayetteville; executive committee elected, B. B. Owens, Winston; G. R. Wooten, Hickory; J. M. Scott, Charlotte; W. H. McNair, Tarboro. Local secretary, C. G. Branham, New Bern.

Member Board of Pharmacy elected by the Association and appointed by the Governor for a term of five years, E. V. Zoeller. The State Board of Pharmacy announced that the following had passed the examination: Walter S. Martin, Hickory; J. Elbridge, Benson; B. L. Cole, W. F. Wilson, Jr., W. W. Kidd, T. N. Edwards, Charlotte; J. E. F. Hicks, Goldsboro; H. H. Eubank, Hendersonville; W. F. Moody, Asheville; W. D. Patterson, Chapel Hill; W. O. Singletary, Iona; J. E. Sainsting, Washington; C. W. Simpson, Monroe; L. J. D. Allison, Braxard; F. L. Carpenter, Stanley; J. E. Watson, Olive; E. L. Tarkington, Raleigh; M. M. Pennington, Warrenton; W. L. Phifer, Morganton; A. L. Ashford, Kinston; J. N. Phigpen, C. R. Thomas, Thomasville; R. M. Brane, Winston; J. M. Whitesless, Spring Hope; L. S. Shoop, Salisbury; W. E. Bevans, Enfield. There were 33 applicants of whom 26 passed and 7 failed. One of the latter was colored. The visiting druggists were given a trolley ride this afternoon and tonight will be banqueted at Hotel Phoenix.

## TOOK HIS OWN LIFE

Emil Tredelius Become Dependent Because of Losses

New York, June 20.—Emil Tredelius, formerly a prosperous dealer in mineral waters, shot himself while sitting on a bench in Central Park today. He fired three times, wounding himself fatally. Mr. Tredelius left a sealed letter addressed to Max Oppenheimer. The letter says despondently, due to losses in speculation, caused Mr. Tredelius to wish to take his life.

Mr. Tredelius is about 55 years of age, said Mr. Oppenheimer, "and comes of a good family. He inherited about \$250,000 from his father's estate, which he lost in speculation on the Berlin bourse twenty years ago. His wife died about that time, and Mr. Tredelius came to this country with his five sons.

"For several years he was in the mineral water business, with an office on Broad street. He had a passion for speculation, against which he struggled, last fall he entered the market again. For a time he was successful, and in December he sold his business to devote his entire time to Wall street. He lost his little competence in the wild flurry in stocks, and has since lived at cheap hotels and boarding houses instead of the style to which he was accustomed."

## MAY BE RELEASED

Bond for D. M. Carman of Commissary Fraud Fame

Manila, June 20.—The provost marshal has decided to accept an ordinary bond for the release of D. M. Carman, the Californian, who was arrested last February in connection with the commissary frauds. He has been held under a bond of \$10,000 but it was decided last month not to prosecute him, for a time, and he applied for reduction of bail, prior to returning to the United States.

Carman has secured permission to leave the islands for an indefinite period, subject, however, to the call of the government. The action of the provost marshal tends to confirm the report already cable that there is a probability of Carman's ultimate dismissal.

Portland, Me., June 20.—Edward Grafham, who was this week convicted of the murder of Clifford Mosher, today withdrew his motion for an arrest of judgment and was sentenced to State prison for life. He is only twenty-four years old.

## A RAILROAD SOLD

Sioux City and Pacific Bought By Chicago and Western

## THEIR BID \$1,872,000

Sold By Auction in Accordance with Act of Congress -- Governments' Insolvent Railroad Property

Washington, June 20.—In the presence of Secretary Gage, Secretary Hitchcock and Assistant Attorney General Richards, the Sioux City and Pacific Railroad was sold at noon today at public auction to the Chicago and Northwestern Railway Company for \$1,872,000. The sale took place in the office of the Solicitor of the Treasury.

The sale was made in accordance with the advertisement published in April and by authority of the act of Congress of June 6, 1900. The Northwestern was the only bidder. The total indebtedness of the Sioux City and Pacific was \$4,180,018.20, of which \$1,628,320 was principal and \$2,551,698.20 was interest. The greater part of the accrued interest was, of course, sacrificed.

The government commission placed at which the road could be sold was at \$1,872,000. There was a prior lien of \$1,628,000.

Added to the bid price of \$1,872,000 is an allowance of credits amounting to \$250,000 for government transportation charges. Accordingly the total amount to be received by the government for the road is \$2,122,000.

The Northwestern road has operated the Sioux City and Pacific for some time. This sale disposes of the last of the government's interest in insolvent Pacific railroads except the central branch of the Union Pacific. The principal of this debt is \$1,600,000 and the interest of \$2,141,480.16.

## MRS. MCKINLEY

Will Go to Canton First Week in July

Washington, June 20.—Mrs. McKinley's condition continues to improve and Dr. Rixey speaks most encouragingly of her case. Preparations are being made at the White House for the departure of the President and Mrs. McKinley to Canton the first week in July.

Mr. Rixey, Secretary Cortelyou and one of the White House stenographers will accompany the President.

## 40 INSURGENTS KILLED

Reports from Recent Engagements in Alboj, Sorsagan

Manila, June 20.—It is estimated that forty insurgents were killed or wounded during the recent engagements which have occurred in Alboj and Sorsagan provinces. Many insurgents are returning to their homes.

General Caniles, who was at Pagsanjan, Laguna province, yesterday, is now at Cavinti, not far from Pagsanjan.

Charges of theft and sale of public property are made against a number of the witnesses in the commissary cases. Provost General Davis has submitted a plan for the municipal government of Manila. The United States Philippine Commission is modifying it.

## KRUGER'S ENGAGEMENTS

Offered \$10 a Word for 1000 Word Magazine Article

New York, June 20.—H. W. Wright, the lecture-tour manager who went abroad to book lectures for the coming season, arrived last on the Teutonic. While on the continent he saw Mr. Kruger and offered him \$5,000 a lecture, for a tour of this country. While Mr. Kruger was favorably disposed, his advisory board would not permit him to come.

Mr. Kruger showed Wright a number of offers he had received and among them was one of \$10 a word for one thousand word articles for a magazine.

## A DASTARDLY CRIME

John Devine Tortured His Sister's Benefactors

Altoona, Pa., June 20.—Identified by his little sister, who was horrified by his crime, John Devine was arrested in this city today on the charge of torturing and robbing Mr. and Mrs. William Jackson, an aged couple, residing near Derry.

The Jacksons had adopted the girl and named her as their heiress. The brother paid her a visit and learning from her that Jackson had considerable money secreted in the house, bound the old people in their bed and tortured them into revealing the whereabouts of the money. Mrs. Jackson is not expected to recover.

Devine then forced his sister to accompany him to this city where she told her story to the police at the first opportunity.

Butler Dies August 23

Baltimore, June 20.—Governor Smith has fixed August 23 as the date for the execution of John F. Butler (colored). Butler was convicted of killing his wife, Lavinia Butler. The murder took place on October 27 near the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad track on Bayard street, this city.

Steamship Asturia Ashore

London, June 20.—News reached here that the Hamburg American Line steamship Asturia, homeward bound from Yokohama, has gone ashore on Kas Hafun, one of the African capes on the Gulf of Aden and is likely to prove a total wreck. The crew was landed in safety.

Wanted View of Prince

Berlin, June 20.—When Crown Prince Frederick William arrived at the railway station at Bochum today on his way from Menden to Bonn, an intoxicated clerk struck the window of his carriage with a stick and was promptly arrested. The clerk explained that he merely wished to obtain a view of the prince.

A Fatal Jealousy

Walpole, Mass., June 20.—Jealous because Harvey C. Blanchard had ceased to call upon her, Annie Veitz Jay in ambush for him last evening and when he was near her shot him. Then the woman committed suicide.

Miss Veitz had known Blanchard about a year and during that period he had paid her considerable attention. Recently he discontinued his call. Blanchard still lives, but his condition is critical.

## HE STILL DENIES

Li Contends Belgian Missionaries Wer'nt Massacred

## THE INVESTIGATION

Ministers Inclined to Believe Earl Li's Statements—Na Lung will Apologize to Japan for Killing Chancellor

Pekin, June 20.—Li Hung Chang still denies the story of the massacre of Belgian missionary priests in southern Mongolia by troops under Prince Tuan, Duke Lan and General Tung Fu Hsiang. The ministers are inclined to believe the statements of Earl Li, but no evidence has been adduced so far to prove that the murders were not committed. The Belgian minister has made a request that messengers be dispatched with orders to report the exact facts.

Na-Tung, one of the Manchu ministers, who in the Tsung Li Yamen for a short time last year and was supposed to represent the most conservative element has been appointed to go on a special mission to Japan to apologize for the murder of the chancellor of the Japanese legation during the troubles of last June.

For the last few months he has assisted Li Hung Chang and the committee on indemnity in conference with the foreign representatives. He is regarded as a courteous gentleman although there have been strong accusations made against him of having shown sympathy with the Boxer movement. Na-Tung denies these charges however, and says he is a man of advanced ideas. He was formerly director of court ceremonials. It is stated that in one district where the people are unable or unwilling to meet the alleged extravagant demands of the Catholic missionaries for compensation for damages on account of the Boxer uprising one wealthy gentleman has offered to advance over \$3,000 in gold to help satisfy the claimants.

## MANY CALLED, FEW CHOSEN

Candidates for Commissions in Army Run Gauntlet

Washington, June 20.—Of 640 officers and others ordered for examination for promotion to the rank of lieutenant in the regular army 119 passed and commissions have been issued to them.

Of the 312 enlisted men ordered for examination 108 passed and 104 failed. The others did not try. Sixteen of these who failed have been ordered for a second trial on the ground that they were unable to get the necessary text books for study.

## WOMEN RULED OUT

Tennessee Supreme Court Says they Can't Practice Law

Memphis, June 20.—Women can not practice law in Tennessee. The Supreme Court said so today.

Miss Marion Griffin, of Memphis, was today denied a license by the Supreme Court on the ground that a lawyer practicing law is an officer of the court and the state constitution prohibits women from holding office.

Judges Wilkes and Caldwell delivered dissenting opinions believing the decision of the other three justices as reaching too far.

There are a score of women lawyers in Tennessee, who have been patiently awaiting the decision.

## THREE MEN KILLED AND EIGHT INJURED

Work Train Plunged from a Trestle and Wrecked

Cumberland, Md., June 20.—Three men were killed and about eight injured in a wreck on the Dry Fork connection of the West Virginia Central and Pittsburgh Railway today. A work train plunged from a trestle. The following were killed: William Booker, superintendent of the railroad carpenters; W. D. Crawl, fireman, and a man named Morrison.

A broken axle caused the accident. The train was going at a fair speed, about 14 miles north of Hendricks. The branch road there connects with the West Virginia Central. The axle gave way and the train was wrecked on the trestle. The engine and two cars were demolished and went over the trestle. A number of men were thrown into the river and several seriously injured. Surgeons have hurried to the scene.

Superintendent Booker was about 50 years old. He was married and his home was in Bedford, Pa. His remains will be sent there for interment.

## Gen. Bartlett's Found Yesterday—Northfield Raised

New York, June 20.—The body of Gen. Charles G. Bartlett, the fourth victim of the collision between the ferry boats Mauch Chunk and Northfield last Friday evening was found floating alongside pier seven, East River, at 9 o'clock this morning.

Pier seven was freshly painted yesterday and as the clothing on the body was smeared with this paint it appears probable that it was carried into the slip by the rising tide some time last night and remained there until discovered this morning.

The Northfield was raised this morning.

General Bartlett was 65 years of age, and resided in Hart Park, Livingston, N. Y. He was engaged in business in New York city. He was on his way home, on a passage on the Northfield at the time of the accident. He was a retired U. S. A. officer.