

SWIFT AND TERRIBLE JUSTICE

Brutal Crime Avenged by Three Hundred Citizens of Anson County

THE WRETCH CONFESSES

Tracked by Blood Hound's Unerring Scent

CAUGHT RED HANDED

Luke Hough, a Negro, Enters the Room of a Sleeping Lady and Mutilates Her After Committing a Nameless Outrage—After He Had Been Hanged and Riddled with Bullets His Body Was Given to Flames—The Victim of the Crime Expected to Die

Wadesboro, N. C., Aug. 21.—Special.—Luke Hough, colored, was lynched at McFarland, this county, this afternoon, and thus paid the penalty for the commission of a crime without a parallel in the history of Anson county.

Miss Lena Keith, who resides with her brother near the South Carolina line, was assaulted and outraged by Hough today about 1 o'clock. She is now scarcely alive, and it is thought that she cannot live.

Miss Keith was asleep in her home by herself, when her room was invaded by the negro. She awoke and found herself in his grasp. The negro grabbed a chair and pounded her into insensibility and then accomplished his nameless purpose. After having done this he cut her throat, chest, face and head and left her apparently dead. She survived an hour or more afterwards and made an effort to reach the house of a neighbor. She reached the door and fell upon the floor unresponsive and remained in this condition for some hours.

The cause of her condition was immediately conjectured. The alarm was given, messages sent to nearby towns, and soon scores were making haste to the scene of the tragedy. A message was sent to Florence for bloodhounds, and they were soon brought on a special train. Before their arrival a dog was obtained from Dr. Meisenheimer and placed upon the track. He was tracked to a house a half mile distant.

The negro, upon seeing his pursuers approach, closed the doors and windows and refused to be arrested. The doors were battered down and he was found on his clothing and the hair of the young lady was found on his coat. He was carried to Miss Keith, who at this time had regained consciousness. She recognized him and gave a limited account of the assault. The negro then made a confession and gave the details of his dastardly deed.

By this time as many as three hundred citizens from this county and from South Carolina were on the scene. A large number of negroes were also present. The brute was carried to a limb a short distance from the place of his crime, where he was hanged and his body perforated with bullets. The negroes present endorsed all that was done. The negro was about twenty years of age and bore the reputation of being extremely insolent. The young lady is twenty-two years of age and is possessed of a beautiful character. The wounds on her neck and head are thought to be fatal.

Later.—It is reported that the body of the negro has been taken from the limb and burned.

ANOTHER REPORT

A Thousand Shots Fired into the Black Brute's Body

McFarland, N. C., Aug. 21.—Special.—One of the most terribly outrageous crimes was committed here today about 2 o'clock upon one of McFarland's nicest and most accomplished young ladies, Miss Lena Keith, aged twenty-two, by a negro, Luke Huff, aged about twenty. She was alone at the house and asleep in her room, when she was awakened by some one walking in the house. Before she could escape she was struck a heavy blow over the head with a chair which rendered her unconscious for some two or three hours. The chair was broken to pieces and the posts splintered over her head. After accomplishing his purpose he cut her throat and stabbed her in the head with a knife, and then left her for dead and made his escape across a field.

The negro was tracked to his home, about a mile from town, by hounds. He tried to appear as though he had just awakened from a nap; but blood was found on him and he was taken by the neck and brought into town. He was then taken before the young lady and identified and was put in the guardhouse. Several parties questioned him and he confessed the crime. Then a crowd of cheers went up from the furious crowd of about two hundred.

Huff was tracked to his home and was taken back near the place where the crime was committed and swung to an oak tree and riddled with bullets. Not less than one thousand shots were

Drowned in a Crib

Cleveland, Aug. 21.—A second disaster in the water works crib out in the lake occurred here last night, resulting in the death of five workmen. The disaster occurred in water works crib No. 2, caused by an explosion of gas. Work had been completed on the shaft and last night a gang of five men began to rig out the tunnel toward crib No. 2. About twenty-five other men were on the crib. About 8 p. m. there was an explosion in the bottom of the shaft, the casing of the shaft was broken and the water poured in from the lake. The men at the foot of the shaft were overwhelmed in a few minutes. Before any efforts could be made by the men in the crib to save their comrades the latter had perished.

A Bad Negro's Rage

Albany, Ga., Aug. 21.—William Miller shot and killed Emeline Ragan and her daughter, Lela Ragan, and mortally wounded her son, Anthony Ragan, on the "floating plantation," five miles from the town of Newton, last night. All the parties are negroes. Bill Miller called at the house where the Ragan family lived and tried to get the daughter to go away with him. She refused, and in a rage he used his rifle to wipe out the whole family. Miller, who is a desperate character, is still at large.

FAKE HORSE DOCTOR

Junior Order and Their Proposed Home for Orphans

Winston-Salem, N. C., August 21.—Special.—"Dr." W. H. Stone, who claims to be a veterinary surgeon, was arrested, tried and convicted today for cruelty to a fine animal belonging to a Guilford county farmer. Stone was charged in open court, and he did not deny it, that he did not have license to practice what he calls his profession. He came here some time ago from Roanoke, Va. The mare he treated is in bad condition.

Rev. J. K. Pfohl, a popular young Moravian divine, was united in marriage at noon today to Miss Bessie Whittington, an accomplished young lady of East Bend. It was a home wedding. Bishop Roththaler of the Moravian church, officiated.

The Junior Order councils here have appointed committees to investigate the advisability of establishing a home somewhere in the State for orphans of deceased Juniors, as suggested at the last annual session of the State council.

Solicitor Mott, of this district, has decided to indict himself for not paying the special lawyers' license tax in this State, and then carrying the case to the Supreme Court to have it tested.

CHURCH VS. STATE

The Case of San Jose Medical College at Manila

Manila, Aug. 21.—Attorney General Wigrey is preparing an agreement on facts in the San Jose college case, which will be submitted to the Supreme Court September 1. The litigants will then receive thirty days to prepare arguments.

This is the case where the government and the Catholic church claimed the San Jose Medical College property in Manila. The case was heard in the Philippines court. Archbishop Chapelle and the bishop of Manila decided the case in favor of the government. The church authorities then announced that they would appeal the case to the Supreme Court of the United States.

The steamer Thomas, with five hundred school teachers, arrived here from San Francisco today.

The steamship Union, which has arrived here from Cebu, reports that brigandage is rampant in that vicinity.

LOUISIANA PURCHASE

The President Announces the Exposition at St. Louis

Washington, Aug. 21.—The President today issued a proclamation announcing the holding of an exposition in St. Louis commemorating the purchase of the Louisiana territory from France. After the announcement of its opening in May, 1902, the President, in the name of the government and of the people of the United States, invites all the nations of the earth to take part in the commemoration of the purchase of the Louisiana territory, an event of great interest to the United States and of abiding effect on their development, by appointing representatives and sending such exhibits to the Louisiana purchase exposition as will most fully and fully illustrate their resources, their industries and their progress in civilization.

Killed by a Crazy Man

Buchanan, Ga., Aug. 21.—While hunting near Rowell's Bridge, Gus Wood discovered the body of Thomas S. Latham, an old man who had been living with his widowed sister, Mrs. Philpot. A gunshot wound was discovered in the back of his head. The mystery which surrounded the killing was cleared up

by the confession of A. B. Latham, nephew of the deceased. Mr. Latham had been visiting his brother, the father of the young man who did the killing, and after dinner he left for home, accompanied by young Latham, who carried a double-barrelled shotgun. Later young Latham returned and informed his mother that he had killed his uncle Tom. He was immediately taken into custody. He has been in bad health, and had been regarded as insane for some time, but he was not thought to be dangerous.

Colombian Gunboat Sunk

Colon, Colombia, August 21.—News just received here from Cartagena says that an open boat containing nine men has arrived there and reported that the Colombian gunboat LaPopa sank on leaving Savanilla for Cartagena. She recently underwent a thorough overhauling at Colon, the repairs costing about \$25,000.

JAMES T. LEGRAND DEAD

He Had Been an Invalid the Past Eight Months

Charlotte, N. C., August 21.—Special.—A telegram from Rockingham says that Hon. Jas. T. LeGrand died there at 4 o'clock this morning after an illness of eight months. He returned only last Friday to Rockingham after a trip to Buffalo Lithia Springs, where he had been in search of health. The cause of his death was Bright's disease. His wife and children were at his bedside when he died.

MACON MONUMENT FUND

STARTED BY GEN. CARR

Sends a Contribution of \$25, Which the Post Duplicates for a Monument Over Macon's Grave

Gen. Carr writes the Post as follows with reference to the fund: To the Post, Raleigh, N. C.: My Dear Sirs—In this morning's issue of the Post you saw, referring to the purchase of the burial place of Hon. Nathaniel Macon:

"If friends, patriotic North Carolinians, residing in Warren, or nearby, will undertake the movement, the Post will gladly, and with pride, do its all in promoting it."

I read with shame the very interesting article contributed by M. S. Davis, of Louisburg, in last Sunday's issue of the Post, "describing a recent visit to, and the sadly neglected condition of, the grave of Nathaniel Macon, who in his day" rendered the States some service."

I desired to do what I have had in my heart to do, for many years, to-wit, join in a movement to reclaim the last resting place of "the noblest Roman of them all." To this end I beg to hand you enclosed my check for twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) and request the Post to take charge of the movement.

Wishing the Post great success in this undertaking, I remain, Very truly, J. S. CARR.

BLOWN TO PIECES

Sudden and Awful Death of Two Negro Quarrymen

Baltimore, August 21.—Brackston Jasper and W. Edward Jittus, colored men, were blown to pieces this morning at the Schwind quarry on the Falls road. The men had been detailed to unload the blast, which had failed to go off. The blast was in a three-inch hole about 10 feet deep, and the men worked with an iron auger. After working about half an hour, a terrific explosion was heard, and those working near by were horrified to see the two men blown into the air. Both bodies were horribly mangled. Jittus' head and right arm were blown from his body, while Jasper's body was crushed almost beyond recognition by coming in contact with a ledge of rock.

Jittus was 32 years old. He is survived by a widow and three small children. Jasper was unmarried.

A peculiar feature of the explosion was the fact that the large rock which had been drilled and which contained the charge was not even cracked. There was not a fissure or crevice visible on its rough and uneven surface and the only traces to be seen were a black smear of powder, some blood stains on the adjoining rocks and several scraps of a felt hat worn by one of the men.

Post Office Notes

Washington, August 21.—Special.—J. W. Lano has been appointed postmaster at Fort Barawell, Craven county, vice W. P. Lane, resigned.

The postmaster at Greensboro will be allowed an additional letter carrier September 1st.

New offices established: Cather, Jackson county; Hays Mathias postmaster; Silica, Transylvania county; Emma J. Fenwick postmaster.

BLACKS NOT IN IT

White Republican State Convention at Roanoke

HOGUE A SURE WINNER

Strong Ground Will Be Taken Against the Grandfather Clause—The Platform Will Bid for the Confederate Vote

Roanoke, Va., August 21.—The Virginia State Republican Convention met in the Academy of Music here today at noon. It is the largest white Republican gathering ever held in the State, and the colored delegates, usually forming a large part of Virginia Republican conventions, are scarcely noticeable in the crowded hall. The convention was called to order at noon by the State chairman, Park Agnew, C. A. Hermans was elected temporary chairman and Capt. Asa Rogers secretary.

The committee on credentials has several contests to decide and will be some time in reporting. Col. S. Brown Allen of Staunton, was elected permanent chairman and Capt. Asa Rogers was made permanent secretary.

The leading men in the convention are George D. Bowden, S. B. Allen, Morgan Treat and Edgar Allen. It seems likely

on the roll and stayed there until ousted at the next session. At the night session many prominent Democrats of Roanoke occupied seats on the stage. While waiting for committee reports Braxton Stovall of Halifax, in a lengthy speech, made a severe onslaught upon Democracy and paid high tribute to the Republican administration. He aroused much enthusiasm by declaring his support of Marcus A. Hanna for President. A number of favorites were called out and consumed the interim in brief speeches. Hugh Gordon Miller, the youthful new assistant district attorney, in referring to the constitutional convention, spoke of it as Senator Daniel and his fellow funeral undertakers and grave-diggers at Richmond.

Hogue Nominated Unanimously
Roanoke, Va., Aug. 21.—The expected has happened. A few minutes after 12 o'clock tonight J. Hampton Hogue was nominated unanimously for governor, the other candidates withdrawing. Hogue made a speech of acceptance. The delegates were wild, though fagged out.

PENNSYLVANIA POLITICS
Republican Platform Goes It Strong on McKinley Prosperity
Harrisburg, August 21.—The platform adopted by the Republican State Convention today compares the condition of the country under the McKinley administration with the languishing industries under the Cleveland administration. It points with pride to the supremacy of the army and the navy and the triumphs in distant parts of the world. The people of the State are congratulated upon the prosperity which they now enjoy, and, regretting labor contests, the resolutions express the hope that a spirit of mediation and concession may prevail. The right of capital and labor to organize is recognized, but "neither capital nor labor has the right to resort to violence or illegal methods to redress wrongs or obtain rights," it is declared. The Republican party is congratulated upon the harmony and the recognition of the right of the majority to rule. The factional troubles are stated to be of benefit to Democrats only.

Reference is made to the failure of the last Democratic State administration and the legacy of forty millions of public debt by a previous administration which has now been wiped out by the Republicans.

There are strong endorsements of President McKinley, Governor Stone, Senators Quay and Penrose and the State legislature.

EXPLOSIONS HOURLY

The Philadelphia Oil Fire Not Yet Burned Out

Philadelphia, Aug. 21.—Explosions occurred almost hourly at Point Breeze where the doomed plant of the Atlantic Refinery Company is disappearing in smoke. Since 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon fifty men have been seriously injured and burned, and since the fire started the list includes four dead and one hundred badly wounded.

It is estimated that 150,000 barrels of oil have been burned in twenty-four hours, and at this rate there is fuel left for two days more. The arrogance of the officers of the oil company toward the firemen and policemen has created much unfavorable comment, and Mr. Baxter, the fire chief, says he never heard of such ignorance as they profess regarding every subject connected with the fire.

The Fire Under Control

Philadelphia, August 21.—The fire at the Atlantic Oil Refinery of the Standard Oil Company that has been burning since Monday afternoon was under control at midnight tonight. The wind died out and the firemen were able to pour into the tanks. The loss will not exceed \$500,000. Explosions of the tanks today injured 18 persons, none seriously.

FIFTEEN YEARS FOR JACK WINTERS

The Last Bar of Gold Recovered by the Company

San Francisco, August 21.—Jack Winters who stole \$320,000 in gold bullion from the Selby Smelting Works, was sentenced today at Martinez to 15 years in the State prison. There is a suspicion that the court has been used to secure a new trial for Winters. In the first place as detectives only had circumstantial evidence against Winters the sentence is considered excessive. The judge in his sentence, declared he would impose the limit of the law. Then he added these peculiar words: "I believe that any man who enters a building for the purpose of stealing is no better than a murderer, for if caught in the act, I believe he would commit murder to protect himself. I believe you would too."

Lawyers who read this charge agree that it furnishes ground for an appeal and that the Supreme Court can not sanction it, but will be sure to declare the language used illegal. The last two bars of bullion were recovered Tuesday, so the smelting works lose nothing by the crime.

Boy Shot Fatally

Durham, N. C., August 21.—Special.—News has just reached here of the accidental shooting of Douglass Watkins, a ten-year-old boy at South Boston. Douglass, who is the son of Hal Watkins, teller of a South Roston bank, went hunting with Bill Smith, a negro boy. While Douglass was walking behind the negro, the latter's gun went off and the entire charge lodged in his stomach. Douglass lived about fifteen minutes after the accident.

OUT OF HARMONY

France and Turkey Not on Speaking Terms

RELATIONS BROKE OFF

The Porte Ignores the Rights of a French Company at Constantinople—Paris Feels Suppressed Excitement

London, Aug. 21.—A news agency dispatch from Constantinople says that, as a result of continued friction of the quays concession, the French ambassador has notified the porte that all diplomatic relations between France and Turkey are suspended and that the ambassador has informed his own government to this effect.

The dispute between France and Turkey centers on the porte's refusal to allow the quays company, which is a French concern, to enjoy the rights it claims under a convention with Turkey. The sultan has made determined efforts to obtain possession of the quays, and it was stated, August 4, that negotiations for their purchase were in progress. It was said at that time that the sultan regarded as highly dangerous the facilities afforded for landing and embarking passengers at Constantinople.

Later on it was claimed by the Turkish embassy in Paris that the quays company was really an Ottoman concern, though much French capital was invested in it. A little over a week ago the sultan, while agreeing to give compensation for the property of the quays company, insisted on the right of Turkey to purchase the concession.

Announced in Paris
Paris, Aug. 21.—It is semi-officially announced here that M. Constans, the French ambassador at Constantinople, has broken off all relations with the porte. This report has occasioned surprise, for the reason that yesterday's advices from Constantinople were to the effect that the sultan was to be given until Monday to decide upon the claims of the French company to the quays concession which has occasioned the dispute between the two governments.

It was stated in a dispatch to The Temps last night, however, that the situation had suddenly taken a bad turn because the French ambassador had been subjected to insult by the porte and that an open rupture was almost a certainty.

Some time ago the sultan promised M. Constans to settle the quays dispute, but, according to his habit in diplomatic affairs, he failed to make good his word and continued to withhold his decision. This irritated the French ambassador and he forwarded to the porte what was practically an ultimatum, giving a few days for the Turkish authorities to reply on the matter in dispute.

It is believed here that the porte replied before the time limit expired, and that its answer was not couched in diplomatic language. Just what reply was made cannot at present be ascertained, but it is known to have been of a character to justify the severance of relations.

There is suppressed excitement here today over the turn of affairs, and in many quarters the prediction is made that unless the sultan comes to his senses and transmits an apology at once there will be serious developments.

French Ships for Turkish Waters

Paris, August 1.—In consequence of the rupture with Turkey the cruiser Cassard has left Toulon for Turkish waters. She will be followed immediately by four other warships.

The Report Confirmed

Paris, August 21.—An official telegram from Constantinople confirms the statement that diplomatic relations between France and Turkey have been broken off.

TOO BUSY TO WRITE

Gen. Uribe Has His Hands Full of Fighting

New York, August 21.—Dr. A. J. Restrepo, diplomatic agent for the Colombian revolutionists, received a long cable dispatch today from Gen. Rafael Uribe Uribe, in which the rebel chief asks that more arms be shipped to him immediately. General Uribe Uribe adds in his message: "Enemy retreating into interior. Will pursue. Have not time to write letters now. Too busy fighting. Clericals severely beaten in both battles."

The battles referred to are the two that followed the attempt to invade Venezuela from Colombia by troops of the latter republic. General Uribe on both occasions led the combined Venezuelan and Liberal Colombian forces. The representatives here of Colombia continue buying material. The latest purchase is a Driggs-Seabury rapid fire gun.

The Color Line in London

London, Aug. 21.—The Central News says that nine negroes, two of whom are bishops, who are here to attend the International Ecumenical Conference next month, are stopping at a West End Hotel. Many Americans who are stopping at the same hotel asked the manager to request the negroes to leave. The manager refused to comply and two Americans departed.