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## CONVICT HALL GOES BACK HOME

### Got Fifteen Years for Lynching at Salisbury

## COURT'S QUICK WORK

### Leader of Mob in Rowan County Convicted and Sentenced After a Remarkable Trial Before Judge Long—Some Exciting Facts About the Sensational Case.

(Special to the Evening Times.)  
Salisbury, N. C., Aug. 11.—It took but twenty minutes for the jury to decide that George Hall was guilty of conspiracy in the recent lynching case and at 7:10 yesterday evening returned a verdict accordingly. It took Judge Long less than twenty seconds to decide to give him all that was coming to him and sent him to the penitentiary for fifteen years.

For the first time during the trial, Hall seemed to be under hack and he showed it when the judgment was pronounced.

In a moment or two after the jury came in, Congressman T. F. Klutz moved that judgment be arrested and this was denied. An exception was noted here. Then Mr. Klutz asked for a new trial and Judge Long overruled this. An exception was then taken and an appeal for a new trial was made to the Supreme Court.

In passing sentence, at the instance of Solicitor Hammer, who had said he wanted it done while the militia is here, Mr. Klutz said the militia had nothing to do with it, but the solicitor had reason for the term. Judge Long then said: "I think this is one of the most heinous of crimes. The evidence is that he broke into the jail and was one of the leaders out of it. The solicitor has seen fit to make the charge a non-capital one although there is evidence to show that the defendant is guilty of murder in the first degree. According to the statute, he is guilty of that crime. His conduct is such that he could hardly help tying the knot around the murdered men's necks. But he was not indicted for murder and the Legislature has fixed the penalty at from two to fifteen years. The judgment of the court is that the defendant be confined in the state penitentiary for a term of 15 years. This is the second time during my career that I have given a man the limit."

The cases against Gantle, who has been arraigned for his life, and Bulbough, Cress and Cauble, will not come up this court. Solicitor Hammer said last night that he would ask that they be sent to the penitentiary for safe-keeping until the next term of court.

There is now talk that the work of the court may be undone. If a man cannot be tried in the county where the crime has been committed, the crime of lynching, a farce has been enacted and technicality rules. This question is now being debated by local lawyers.

**Hall Up Against It.**  
This man Hall was up against it from the start. There was not an iota of evidence for him and he stood accused by many of the best men in the county. His swarthy, sunburnt face was a study. He appeared indifferent to what was being said about him and laughed and chatted with people behind him, occasionally turning and leaning towards the prosecuting witness and shaking his head in a negative manner. This was taken to mean that the witness was not telling the truth, not that he cared whether it was so or not. Hall is down now and it may not be appropriate to say anything about him. He is a very naughty man. He was first exposed by others who were not at the storming of the jail when he was making a detour of the jail the day after the lynching and in the presence of Sam Kereby declared that he had been in the mob the night before and that the other negroes had to be lynched. He declared that he had been to the chain gang twice, the last time on account of Solicitor Hammer to whom he applied the vilest of epithets. Mr. Hammer he said had paid a fellow \$20 or \$25 to swear a lie against him and had caused the conviction. There was some merriment at the expense of the big solicitor here. Mr. Klutz, opposing counsel, laughingly telling Hammer that he was sorry to hear such things and that he would have done all he could to prevent their coming out. Hall seemed determined to tell this to everybody and that resulted in his undoing. He was not the least careful to whom he told his story and it was always with vulgar epithets.

**Evidence Was Strong.**  
There never was a case tried in

which the testimony was stronger against the man than this one and Judge Long was disposed to let everything bearing upon it come out. He showed the defendant all consideration in the way of getting counsel, but he left no loopholes for the law. From the start it was seen that Hall would have rough sledding. No judge and no jury can fall to convict when evidence is so strong, but there is a general sentiment that Judge Long was a trifle hard upon the man. His first words after conviction showed his feeling in the matter. Counsel for the defence objected against his rulings, but he had to give exceptions always.

**Some Good Witnesses.**  
Sheriff Julian was an important witness and Mayor Boyden told his story as entertainingly as a witness ever did. Both agreed that Hall who showed first what he was when a man had assaulted T. H. Vanderford and was arrested for it. Julian was taking him to jail when he was intercepted with a sledge hammer and told young Julian that he would brain him if he did not turn the prisoner loose. Another appearing with dynamite, re-inforced by yet another and backed by a crowd of howlers, made Julian release the prisoner. Hall had called Julian a vile name and said he was no better than the negroes charged with murder. When he went around to the jail and forced an entrance he was again interrupted and Hammer, having partly stopped the crowd, met his "old friend" as Sheriff Julian referred to him. There he wanted to make a speech. When this Apollo Belvidere of the bench, this Adonis of the rostrum arose he said, "I just want to say that all of you are a cowardly lot. You promised to go with me and wouldn't do it." There had been one man in the crowd who promised to muster out his forces and made good apparently. Hall is the kind of a man who would never keep that part of a covenant. There was other unprintable evidence that he had taken actual part in the lynching.

Before the jury came in with their verdict Hall admitted having been in the crowd that night and having used the words imputed to him. He objected to the testimony of T. H. Vanderford, and with his usual propensity for backguarding, said: "Yes, I was in there, but you all must have been as drunk as I was."

**Judge Long's Charge.**  
Judge Long's charge did not bring out anything that was not expected. He defined the statute and said that the burden of the state was the proof that this man had entered into a conspiracy with certain others to attack this jail for the purpose of taking out the prisoners and doing the deed to death. He referred a number of times to the fact that the failure of counsel to argue the matter had left the matter entirely with him. The jury could reach the facts in its own way. It could accept a portion, reject a portion, or accept or reject all of the testimony offered. The jury was not to take it for granted that because the defendant offered no testimony he was necessarily guilty. The burden of the state was as great as ever. His closing words were: "So the jury must find its facts from the evidence and take the law from the court, whether or not the defendant is guilty as in form and manner charged in the bill of indictment. Retire and make up your verdict."

**COURT MARTIAL 2,000**  
**Soldiers and Sailors Implicated in Mutinies**

**Czar Decides To Appoint Two Extraordinary Commissioners To Investigate Causes Of Mutinies And Determine The Responsibility.**

(By the Associated Press.)  
St. Petersburg, Aug. 11.—After the preliminary investigations, the military and naval prosecutors have decided to try by court-martial no less than 2,000 soldiers and sailors who participated in the Cronstadt and Sveaborg mutinies. The prospects of the men, however, have been brightened by the decision of the emperor to appoint two extraordinary commissions, headed respectively by Generals Vodor and Guncheroff and Admirals Mollas and Makaroff, to investigate the causes of the outbreaks at Cronstadt and Sveaborg and to determine the responsibility for the demoralization. War Minister Ridger and Minister of Marine Birleff are said to be arriving at the same conclusion as Admiral Skrydloff the commander of the Black Sea fleet, that the officers are more to blame than the men. The commissions will inquire into the general conditions prevailing in the navy and army and it may result in a very great shake-up, including the wholesale cashiering and retirement of commissioned officers.

A proposition to furlough indefinitely the superfluous sailors on the Baltic station is being seriously considered. It is pointed out that there are no ships nor occupation for them and that they are merely a source of demoralization.

**Second Congressional Primary.**  
(By the Associated Press.)  
Memphis, Tenn., Aug. 11.—The second primary to decide who will be the democratic nominee for representative of the tenth congressional district is being held today. The contest is between General George W. Gordon and Hon. W. A. Person.

## BULLETS FOR GRAND DUKE

### Whistled About Him as He Drilled the Troops

## EFFECT ON THE CZAR

### Emperor Changes His Plans—Will Not Give Bullets of "Loyal" Troops A Chance To Whistle At Him—Grand Duke Nicholas Had Close Call From Assassination By His Own Troops.

(By the Associated Press.)  
St. Petersburg, Aug. 11.—Grand Duke Nicholas Nicholasievitch, president of the council of national defence, narrowly escaped assassination yesterday afternoon at the hands of the imperial guards in the guard camp at Krasnoye-Selo.

Thus far the Associated Press has only been able to obtain meager details of the affair, from which it appears that the grand duke was personally reviewing, maneuvering and putting the troops through blank-firing practice, when he suddenly was startled by the wasp-like hiss of bullets about his head. Fortunately neither himself nor his horse was touched.

The command to cease firing was immediately given, and the soldiers of the regiment from which the bullets came were marched back to their quarters and an investigation was begun in the hope of ascertaining from the barrels of the rifles which of the soldiers fired the ball cartridges. Several arrests are understood to have been made.

One of the grand duke's aides-de-camp, who, however, was not personally present, advanced to the Associated Press the theory that possibly the bullets were fired by a doubt there considered a plot on the part of a number of disloyal guardsmen, who deliberately planned to take the grand duke's life under cover of the general blank cartridge firing.

"It was no more an accident," the aide-de-camp said, "than was the firing of the battery of grape from the saluting battery at the winter palace on the occasion of the ceremony of blessing the waters of the Neva by the emperor a year and a half ago."

The bold attempt on the grand duke's life caused an immediate change in the plans of the emperor, who had arranged to spend a week with the soldiers of his imperial guards.

Afterwards it was definitely established that the shots were fired by the first battalion of the sharpshooters of the guard, who advanced in rushes while making a sham attack on an entrenched position. Fully a hundred shots were fired, but the impetuosity of the conspirators led them to open fire at such a distance as to frustrate their object. Before the manoeuvres began all the ball cartridges were taken from the troops and the officers had taken the precaution to make a special examination of the cartridge pouches of the soldiers immediately before the inauguration of the movement of the troops.

It was learned that the troops were in extended order and engaged in volley firing when the "accident" occurred, rendering it difficult to determine the regiment from which the bullets came. The grand duke, surrounded by officers and aides-de-camp, was off on one side, out of the line of fire.

The affair has created a deep impression in military circles and is the one topic of conversation in the clubs.

But the attempt on the grand duke's life is not generally known here, no word on the subject having been published in the newspapers.

**Secret Printing Office Captured.**  
Moscow, Aug. 11.—The police have discovered in a neighboring village a secret printing establishment of the revolutionary league, where the Vi-borg and Terjoki manifestos to the army and navy have been printed. The police also captured three bombs.

It is learned that among the members of the revolutionary committee recently arrested in Moscow was Mme. Erenoff, who is said to have been the chief of the central organization of the social revolutionists and peasants league of the Moscow district.

## COL. BRYAN IN PARIS

### He Will Not Talk About American Politics

## Directors in

### The Steal Too

### New Trail of Crookedness in Chicago Bank

### Prosecution After 'Em

### Coolie Work on Canal

### Denounced By Gompers in Statement

### Charges the Government With Bad Faith in Suspending Eight-Hour Law in Canal Zone—Says Shorter Hours Are Needed in Ho. Country.

### Brodie Duke Gets Divorce

### Illness of the Sultan Serious.

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