

JUDGE, SOLICITOR AND SHERIFF SHOT DEAD

AWFUL TRAGEDY ENACTED IN A VIRGINIA COURT ROOM.

Assassins Flee to Mountains—When Sentence is Pronounced on Floyd Allen, Notorious Mountaineer, and a Score of Friends Open Fire—Clerk and Others Wounded.

Hillsville, Va., March 14.—A troop of mountain outlaws rode down out of the Blue Ridge today to Carroll county court house here and assassinated the judge upon the bench, the prosecutor before the bar and the sheriff at the door in less than ten minutes.

When the crack of the rifles died away only one member of the human fabric of the court—Dexter Goad, the clerk—was alive and he had been wounded.

Three jurors were seriously wounded, and three bystanders were more or less seriously wounded. Floyd Allen, the prisoner at the bar, was shot several times, probably not fatally. Sidney Allen, his brother, who killed Judge Massie, was wounded, but left town with his friends.

Tonight the outlaws, with a good day's start, are up in the mountain bush with a citizen posse, little organized, making a semblance of a pursuit. Sheriffs and deputies from neighboring counties cannot reach here before early morning. A special train from Roanoke tonight brought twenty detectives to Galax, the nearest railroad station, nine miles away.

Governor Mann has offered a \$3,000 reward for the capture of the assassins and holds State troops under arms for orders at Lynchburg and Roanoke.

Hillsville Terrorized. The shooting terrorized Hillsville to the point of paralysis. There was not a man to give an order or organize a pursuit. Citizens fled to places of safety and mothers gathered up their children while the assassins rode out of town.

Judge Thornton T. Massie had risen from his chair as the bullets struck him and fell across his desk a bleeding corpse. Commonwealth's Attorney William Foster with half a dozen bullets in his brain crumpled down to the floor. Sheriff Lewis Webb was shot and killed as he reached for his revolver and sprang forward. Bullets grazed Clerk Goad and in the confusion he was reported killed. Jurors who had been slightly wounded were reported dead and by that indefinable method of communication which prevails in the woodlawn country, reports of a wholesale slaughter shot out to the countryside.

Allen's Crime. Floyd Allen was before the bar this morning, convicted of taking a prisoner from a deputy sheriff. Allen had struck the sheriff over the head with the butt of a rifle and the prisoner escaped. Sheriff Webb had gone up in the mountains and taken all four despite warnings of what such a venture might mean. Attorney Foster had prosecuted him fearlessly and a mountain jury gathered from the inland section—for no man in Carroll county dared sit on the trial of an Allen—had convicted him.

Just as Allen was about to be called up for sentence, his two brothers, Sidney and Jack, at the head of a troop of about twenty mountaineers, rode up to the court house.

Setting of Tragedy. The brothers and their companions, some carrying rifles and others armed with revolvers, crowded into the small court room and stood behind the rail and about the door. Floyd Allen, aged 50, tall and gaunt, was in the dock.

Judge Massie mounted the bench and Prosecutor Foster moved sentence upon Allen, who stood up. There was a shuffling of feet and a general movement among the mountaineers in the back of the room but no sign to forestall the terrible tragedy in the minds of every one of them.

The usual legal formalities over, Judge Massie began pronouncing sentence. The last words that fell from his lips precipitated the tragedy.

“One year at hard labor.” Before the last word was cold, the fusillade began. Allen with an oath that he would never go to prison, sprang out of the prisoner's dock as Judge Massie collapsed upon the bench. Another roar of shots and Prosecutor Foster was on the floor of a heap. Sheriff Webb was springing forward for his prisoner when the lead found him.

Assassins Gallop Away. Then holding the panic-stricken jurors and onlookers at bay, although that probably was not necessary, the assassins slowly backed out of the court room and across the green to their troop of ponies. In a second they were galloping like madmen through the aroused village and off to the hills.

friend who urged him to take steps for his own protection against the lawless element he had determined to bring to justice.

Gov. Kitchin Takes a Hand. Raleigh, March 14.—Responding to a special appeal from Governor William Hodges Mann of Virginia, Gov. Kitchin of North Carolina this afternoon telegraphed the sheriffs of Stokes, Surry and Alleghany counties, which border on Carroll county, Virginia, to take every step possible for the apprehension of the seventeen desperadoes who killed the Judge, Commonwealth's attorney and sheriff of the Carroll county court this morning. Just as the judge was sentencing Floyd Allen to one year at hard labor, Governor Kitchin informed the sheriffs of the reward the Governor of Virginia had offered.

Anarchist Fires Three Times at Victor Emmanuel of Italy.

Rome, March 14.—A youthful anarchist, Antonio Dalba by name, who asserts that he is a member of no organization, attempted to assassinate King Victor Emmanuel today. The King was not injured, nor was Queen Helena, who was driving in a closed carriage with him at the time, but an officer of the King's guard, Major Lang, was wounded in the head and fell from his horse. Three shots were fired at the King who was on his way to the Pantheon to attend a service commemorative of the birth of his father, the late King Humbert, who died in 1900 at the hands of an assassin. As the King's carriage, escorted by Cuirassiers, was passing along the Vialata, a man pushed through the line of soldiers that guarded the street and fired three shots from a revolver.

Fear Volcano Near Panama Canal.

New York, March 13.—The statement that a volcano, dormant for many centuries, is threatening the safety of the Panama canal is made in special dispatches from Colon published here today. The volcano is said to underlie the Culebra cut and it is stated that “the report of the division engineer at Culebra is rather pessimistic.”

The fear of volcanic trouble had its origin in the fact that clouds of steam and blue smoke have been rising from newly turned ground. Every drill hole in the affected area is tested with a thermometer before dynamite is put in to prevent a premature explosion. The canal commission's analyst declares the steam and smoke are due only to the oxidation of pyrites and have no volcanic significance.

Debate Between Winecoff and Rocky River High School Postponed.

The first annual debate between the Winecoff and Rocky River High schools which was to have been held at the Winecoff school in No. 4 township tonight at 7:30 o'clock, has been postponed on account of the bad weather and had regard to it will be held later. The question in the Best State in the Union in Which to Live. The affirmative will be presented by Claude Stroud and Robert Litaker and the negative by Harry Bost and Drayton Horton. Claude Stroud and Drayton Horton will each have a rejoinder. There will be declamations by Ralph Black and John Barnhardt, and recitations by Evelyn Winecoff and Zula Bost.

The Rival Leaders.

It is now understood that Thomas Settle will manage the campaign of Mr. Taft in North Carolina. The State will be controlled by Roosevelt followers. Mr. Settle is promised a foreign appointment in case Mr. Taft again wins.

Mr. Z. V. Weiser, of Lexington, will lead the Roosevelt forces and it is said will be named as candidate for Governor. It is a well-known fact that the man who sacrifices himself as a candidate for Governor on the Republican ticket is to be cared for, and there is generally more money in losing than in winning.

Wishes for the Old Time Night Watchman.

Mr. Editor: What has become of the old time night watchman, who used to walk up one street and down the other continuously all night long, in the back lots as well as on the front streets? We rarely heard of burglaries in three days. I do not think there is much danger of any one breaking in the city hall at night, and therefore it is not necessary for it to be so well policed. O, for the good old nights, when Will Johnson and Luther Byles used to be night watchmen, for then we felt safe from the intrusion of the burglars.

Mr. Ritchie Doing Well. Salisbury Post, 14th. Mr. Mumford Ritchie, of Concord, who was shot by a Mr. Hamilton from whom he was collecting a bill about a week ago is doing well at the Whitehead-Stokes sanatorium. Some one or more of his brothers have visited Mr. Ritchie daily since his being brought to Salisbury and his physician and his pastor have each paid him several visits. The many friends of Mr. Ritchie will be glad to know that he is rapidly on the way to recovery.

Edrd's are giving Salem Almonson ride to their customers.

AND THE FLOODS CAME.

Tremendous Rain All Last Night And Today—Streams Highest Since Floods of 1908.

Not since the never-to-be-forgotten flood of August, 1908, has this section been visited by an heavy a rain as fell last night and today. All night long the rain fell hard and fast and there has been no let up today. About 1 o'clock this morning the down-pour seemed to be the hardest, and for some time the rain came down absolutely in sheets.

Early this morning the Three Mile branch was the highest since the great flood four years ago, and has been rising all day. The creek at the depot is up to the bridge and the entire bottom there is one vast river. A telephone message from the Cold Water creek is the highest it has received in 30 years. Sheriff Honeycutt received a message from No. 7 township saying the streams in that section were all on a rampage.

At 12 o'clock today the water in the creek at the depot was up to Mr. F. C. Niblock's barn, and was just where it was four years ago when the Kerr bleasery was washed away. At 1 o'clock it was 14 inches over the fill leading to the bridge, and was still rising.

A message received at 1 o'clock said that the water was over the fill at Cold Water creek on the Mount Pleasant road, and that the fill was being washed away. The rain is still falling fast, and the streams are all rapidly rising still higher. No doubt we will have the most disastrous freshet ever known here.

A telephone message received from China Grove says that a large fill in the public road near there, erected for Rowan county by Mr. W. A. Foil under contract, was washed away this morning.

Father Must Give Consent to Wed When Under Age.

Raleigh, N. C., March 13.—The supreme court in J. E. Littleton vs. Jno. Haar, register of deeds of New Hanover county, just decided, holds that the register of deeds is liable for the \$200 penalty for erroneous issuance of marriage license to Littleton's daughter, Edna, because the license was issued on the written consent of the mother and out of the father. The girl was under age and only the consent of her mother was given. The father sued for the penalty and recovers judgment for it. The court holds that the consent of the father is essential if having in this case the daughter was living with and being supported by the father, but the court holds that this consent of the father is necessary whether this is the case or not and whether the father and mother are living together, as they were in this case, or not. Also a case in Alabama is cited approvingly in which it is held that this penalty would apply if the license were issued on the consent of the mother only when the father was out of the state for a time. His consent must be gotten if he is living, no matter what the circumstances, is the position of the court unless there is other specific guardianship.

Taft Will Not Get One Tar Heel Vote Special to News and Observer.

Washington, D. C., March 13.—The National Roosevelt headquarters, of which Senator Dixon is the director, today gave out the statement that Taft will not get a single district in North Carolina. Dixon claims North Carolina for the Colonel and declares that the claim is substantiated by the information that has come to him from persons closely in touch with conditions in the State.

Taft has 23 Per Cent.

Washington, March 13.—Exactly 23 per cent. of enough delegates to nominate President Taft at Chicago are pledged today, according to a statement from Taft headquarters. Taft has 123 delegates; Cummins, 2, and Roosevelt a lone one, Manager McKinley declared. Five hundred and thirty-nine are necessary to nominate.

Mill Watchman Disappears.

A. N. Lawson, night watchman at the Bibb Mfg. Co., Columbus, Ga., disappeared in a most mysterious manner last Sunday night and since that time no trace of the missing man has been found. He was known to have had a sum of money on his person and it is thought that he was robbed. Investigations by the police have revealed practically nothing. Two unknown men were seen about the mill on Sunday night and suspicion points to them, as they also have disappeared. Lawson is sixty years old and as there is no apparent reason for his leaving home, it is believed that he met with foul play.

N. C. Christian Advocate: Rev. J. C. Rowe, D. D., is serving his fourth year on the Salisbury District. It is indeed gratifying to note the devotion of the people of the district to him as their leader. The Steady Enterprise, referring to a recent visit to Albemarle, says: “Our people always enjoy hearing the gift of man of God; they love him and look for his visits.”

TO END MEXICAN REVOLT.

President Taft and the Senate Put Up Arms—To Stop Shipment of Arms.

Washington, March 14.—President Taft, with the unanimous support of the Senate, today dealt a knock-out blow to the agitators for intervention in Mexico. The House is expected to pass tomorrow the joint resolution today. It provides:

Whenever the President shall find that conditions of domestic violence exist in any American country which are promoted by the use of arms or munitions of war procured from the United States, the President is hereby authorized in his discretion, and with such limitations and exceptions, to prohibit the export, to prohibit the export of arms or munitions of war from any place in the United States to such country until otherwise ordered by the President by Congress.

The shipment of any material prohibited by any such proclamation shall be punishable by fine not exceeding \$10,000 or imprisonment not exceeding two years, or both.

This important action was taken following a conference at the White House between the President, Attorney-General Wickardham, Secretary of War Stimson, the members of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations and the Texas delegation in Congress.

Senator Root, who drafted the resolution, in introducing it said thousands of Americans were fleeing from their homes and properties because imperiled by arms and ammunition sent across the border from the United States.

Major-General Wood said the authority conferred on the President to stop the supply of munitions of war will soon bring an end to the rebellion and in a less expensive way to the United States than by intervention.

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GRACE SAYS HIS WIFE DID IT.

Dying, He Tells Pitiable Story of Her Ormly.

Atlanta, Ga., March 14.—With the lower part of his body pronounced already dead, Eugene H. Grace whose spinal cord is severed by a bullet alleged by Grace to have been fired by his wife, expected to die within the next twenty-four hours, according to his physicians tonight. Grace is said to be facing death with stoical nerve. He continues to insist that his wife shot him.

Although Grace last night made an ante-mortem statement to his attorney, Chief of Detective Lanford stated tonight that the dying man will be asked to make another to the officers of the law. In his story to his lawyers Grace is declared to have told in detail how his wife shot him; that she remained with him several hours after he was shot; that he pleaded for a doctor and then begged for water. The attorneys decline to give out the statement for publication.

Mrs. Daisy Opie Grace spent a sorrowful day in her cell in the county jail a result of the news of her husband's condition.

“Oh, why don't they operate on him?” she is said to have exclaimed when informed of the doctors' decision that an operation would be useless.

Hear the Topers Smacking Their Lips

Montclair, N. J., Mar. 14.—Ernest Manderson, of Montclair, possesses a keg of peach brandy—he claims it more than 50 years old. According to Manderson it is one of six buried on a plantation near Salisbury, N. C., since the time General Sherman made his northward march from Atlanta. The kegs were buried in the cellar of a still burned by Sheridan's soldiers, it is said, and their presence in the ruins was unknown until this spring, when a new building was constructed on the site.

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Opening at Miss Alexander's Tuesday, March Twenty-Sixth, Nineteen Hundred and Twelve.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Some of the People Here and Elsewhere Who Come And Go.

Mr. Cameron McRae was in Concord yesterday. Mr. Joe McKay, of Charlotte, was here yesterday. Mr. Jno. C. Paxton, of Woodstock, Va., was here yesterday. Mrs. George Norman, of Charlotte, is visiting her sister, Miss Josephine Smith. Mr. F. L. Gibson, of Georgia, is here visiting his brother, Mr. H. G. Gibson.

Mr. Easley, a young lawyer from Edenton, was here this week looking around with a view to locating.

Mrs. J. L. Pipkin and little son have returned from a visit to relatives at McCall, S. C.

Mr. Harry Howell, of Winston-Salem, was in Concord yesterday.

Mr. B. A. Klutz and his mother, Mrs. Felix Klutz, came in yesterday from Hickory. Mrs. Klutz is now visiting her son, Mr. J. R. Klutz, of No. 11.

Some unknown person poisoned one of Dr. Pemberton's fine bird dogs one night this week, resulting in the animal's death.

Mrs. L. B. Clegg will leave tonight for Havre de Grace, Md., where she goes to see her son, who is in school there. She will go from there direct to her home in San Antonio, Texas.

Messrs. D. B. Coltrane and H. P. Guffy spent yesterday in Salisbury, having gone up to see Mr. M. F. Ritchie. While Mr. Ritchie's condition is encouraging, the physicians do not yet consider him out of danger.

Mr. McNeill Will Not Be a Candidate.

News and Observer. In an interview last night, Chairman Egan McNeill, of the North Carolina Corporation Commission, announced that he would not again stand for election, having served two full terms and two years of the third.

Many persons have looked for this announcement earlier, because there seemed to be a general understanding that Chairman McNeill would not again offer for election. There will be two vacancies in the campaign, which is to say there will be necessary two nominations. Hon. E. L. Travis, who is filling the unexpired term of Commissioner H. C. Brown, who died in the middle of his first term, it is understood will offer again to the people. There are two candidates for this place, certainly, and many more are expected.

AMAZED BY PANAMA WORK.

Mr. R. F. Simpson Declares It the Greatest Work of Ages.

Baltimore Sun. Mr. Robert P. Simpson, president of the Poole Engineering Company, of Hampden, has returned after a five weeks' inspection trip of the Panama Canal.

“Work accomplished by the Panama Canal Commission is one of the greatest engineering feats of the ages,” he said last night. “I had read much of the work in the Canal Zone, but I could hardly realize what I beheld. Forty thousand men are at work in a territory less than 25 miles long.”

“There are three locks, the top of the center one being 85 feet above the level of the Atlantic Ocean. The steamer to Panama now goes right into Lake Gatun and sails at full speed for 20 miles. The Culebra Cut is a wonderful place. There are scores of huge steam shovels working day and night. Tracks run in all directions. Rock and earth are torn away by train loads and swamp lands are being filled in.”

Two Officers Have Furious Battle With Moonshiner.

Troy, March 13.—Sheriff J. R. McKenzie and Deputy George W. Shatt had a lively round with blockaders near Steeds, close to the Randolph county line, this afternoon, and as a result, Will Saunders, a notorious blockader, is in Montgomery county jail tonight and the still brought to Troy. Sheriff McKennie learned about the still yesterday afternoon and this afternoon went after his man. The still was discovered in a little hollow, and Saunders was in the act of making a run when the officers arrived. There were a number of men about and a fusillade of shots followed, and when Saunders was at last captured he was found to be shot, a number of shots from a shotgun having entered his side and arm.

New Officers of Elks Lodge.

At a meeting of the Elks Lodge last night the following officers were chosen:

- Exalted Ruler, L. T. Hartoal. Hugh Parks, Leading Knight. H. G. Gibson, Loyal Knight. T. F. Morrison, Lecturing Knight. A. F. Goodman, Treasurer. R. E. Cline, Secretary. Ed. Crowell, Tyler. Trustee: G. L. Patterson, one year; Earl Brown, two years; E. C. Barnhardt, three years. Salisbury has raised through Mr. J. M. McCorkle, the sum of \$40 for the China famine sufferers.

Crochet Saten and Marseilles Counterpanes Special Saturday and All Next Week. The best values and largest assortment ever shown in Concord, hardly any two alike—Hemmed quilts, full size, \$1.50 and \$2.00 values—Special 98c AND \$1.50 Scalloped, cut corners and hemmed—Special \$2.00, \$2.45 AND \$3.00 Beautiful designs in Monogram, Hemmed, Scalloped with and without cut corners, all made of mercerized yarns—Special Saturday and all next week—\$2.95, \$3.45, \$3.95 Special Saturday and all next week—\$2.95, \$3.45, \$3.95 TO \$4.95 Circular Scalloped Table Cloths, new designs—Special \$1.99, \$1.99 AND \$2.95 BATH MATS—SPECIAL. 40c—assorted colored Bath Mats 50c 75c—assorted colored Bath Mats 85c Ask to see these goods. Whether you buy or not, we are pleased to show you. H. L. Parks & Co.