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## ALL QUIET AT CHARLOTTE TODAY

IT IS EXPECTED ARRESTS WILL BE MADE SOON.

Reports That the Negroes Were Becoming Disorderly Without Foundation.—No Evidence of Disorder. Authorities, However, Taking Every Precaution.—Special Officers Sworn In.—Public Sentiment Strongly Condemns Lynching.—Rewards Offered Will Induce a Thorough Search for Guilty Parties.

Special to The Tribune.

Charlotte, Aug. 27.—At 11 o'clock this morning no new developments had taken place following the shooting of Jim McNeely by a mob Tuesday night in front of the Good Samaritan hospital. Rumors have gone out that the negroes are becoming disorderly on account of the lynching but are without foundation. There is not the slightest evidence of disorder. The authorities, however, are taking every precaution to prevent further trouble. Special officers have been sworn in and members of the local militia are ready to respond if their services are needed. Officers are patrolling the negro district at regular intervals but no disorder is apparent.

Public sentiment strongly condemns the work of the mob and the officers are making a vigilant search to apprehend the men who composed the rewards offered will likely induce a number of detectives to enter the search, and it is expected arrests will be made shortly.

## HEAVY REWARD OFFERED.

Charlotte Authorities Offer Reward Of \$1,000 for Each of the Thirty-Five Members of The Mob.

Charlotte, Aug. 26.—That Joe McNeely, deceased, came to his death by pistol wounds in the hands of a mob unknown to the jury was the verdict given this afternoon by the coroner's jury at the inquest held over the body of Joe McNeely, who met death at an early hour this morning at the hands of a mob composed of some 35 persons.

At a special session of the board of aldermen today a reward was offered by the city of Charlotte of \$1,000 for each and every member of the mob. Superior court is in session here and Judge Shaw delivered a caustic charge to the grand jury, instructing them to use every means within their power to ferret out the parties composing the mob.

Solicitor Wilson has taken charge of the case and is conducting a sweeping investigation. A ban has been placed on the sale of firearms and ammunition to any person. Some talk has been indulged in today by the negroes, but it is believed that they will not attempt any retaliation. It is believed the police department has the situation well in hand and that a clash between the races will be avoided.

## Governor Craig Takes a Hand.

Asheville, Aug. 26.—Governor Craig, who arrived here this afternoon from Raleigh, tonight announced his intention of vigorously prosecuting the 35 members of the mob which lynched the negro assailant of Policeman Wilson at Charlotte this morning.

"The persons who committed this crime," said the governor, "will be prosecuted and punished to the limit. All good citizens will do their part to avenge this outrage against the law which was trampled down by a band of criminals in the darkness. The accused was in legal custody and justice would have been done in order by the court. There was not the slightest excuse for the deed of the mob. I commend to all officers of the state the courageous example of the sheriff of Spartanburg county, S. C., who last week held his prisoner against great odds and asserted the majesty of constituted authority. The officials at Charlotte are awake to the situation and will not rest until the members of this lawless mob are brought to justice. Judge Shaw is holding court at Charlotte and can be relied upon to meet the situation."

## Going Home by Parcel Post.

Dover, N. J., Aug. 26.—In a small tin tube the ashes of Carl H. Wolff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Wolff, who died on March 3, were sent by parcel post today to the parents in Germany.

The youth died at the home of a brother, near here, and in accordance with a request made shortly before his death his body was cremated and the ashes were sent to his father and mother.

## Uncertainty at Mexico City.

Mexico City, Aug. 27.—Uncertainty as to what the day might develop is plainly apparent in the apprehension of the officials. Many Americans are leaving the city. The officials are silent on President Huerta's consideration of the mediation plan.

## STRANGE CASE IS CALLED TO MEMORY.

Man and Woman Went to Prison. Denying to the Last Their Guilt of Homicide Charge to Which One Confessed.

Charlotte Observer.

The manner in which a crowd secured Joe McNeely, shot him and left him, believing him dead, recalls a somewhat similar occurrence in Stan county some ten years ago. A young physician, named Love, living at Locust, was taken suddenly ill after eating his dinner and died in a few moments. An analysis of his stomach was made and it was found that he had been poisoned. The negro cook, a woman named Ella Knotts, who had served Doctor Love his dinner was arrested. On the way to the jail at Albemarle a mob of men overpowered the officers, took the Knotts woman, tied a rope around her neck and swung her to a limb in an effort to make her confess. Finally she admitted that she had put strychnine on the tomatoes served Doctor Love and that a kinsman of hers, John Knotts, had given her the poison.

She was released from her perilous position and the officers immediately placed John Knotts under arrest. At the time he implicated a white man but upon investigation this man was declared innocent. John Knotts was placed in jail and a few days later he was released. On the morning in an attempt to secure Knotts.

The sheriff who lived in the jail was not at home and his plucky wife refused to surrender the keys. Not to be outdone the mob went to the east side of the jail and with picks soon dug a hole in the wall large enough to admit a man's body. Several men in this way got inside the prison and, battering down the steel cell, secured Knotts. He was pushed through the hole and when he struck the ground he struck it running. He succeeded in eluding his captors and made a get-away. It was not known whether or not the mob had lynched the prisoner and a search was made for his body.

Two days afterward it was reported that he was in jail at Monroe. He had covered several miles after eluding his pursuers, wading Rocky river on his way and was in such a bad physical condition when he gave himself up that his toes were frostbitten. He went to a Union county farmer's home the next day after his escape, told who he was and this man carried him to Monroe and delivered him to the sheriff of the county. He was afterwards carried to Salisbury for safe-keeping. Court coming on, his condition would not admit of his being tried and it was some six months before the case was finally disposed of. When it did finally come to trial both Knotts and the woman bitterly denied having committed the crime. The woman stating that she confessed only when a rope was around her neck and she was afraid they would kill her if she did not own up. Under the circumstances and with no direct evidence the State agreed to a submission of the case to the grand jury for both parties and John Knotts was sentenced to the penitentiary for 30 years and the woman was given 10 years. The man lived but a few years in prison, denying to the last that he had anything to do with the poisoning. When Sheriff McCain, of Stanley, carried him to Raleigh he said to him: "John you are now in this place for perhaps the balance of your natural life and the case has been settled one and for all. Tell me if really did give the woman the strychnine to administer to Dr. Love?" His reply was: "Sheriff, I know nothing about it. I am an innocent man."

The case therefore remains as much of a mystery as when it occurred ten years ago.

## WORK ON NORFOLK SOUTHERN ROAD COMPLETED NEAR ROCKY RIVER SPRINGS.

First Train to Enter Norwood Monday.

Mr. J. A. McAuley, who conducts a large mercantile establishment at Mount Gilead and is interested in various enterprises in that section, was a visitor here yesterday. Mr. McAuley states that good progress is being made on the extension of the Norfolk Southern out from Mount Gilead. The bridge across Long creek, about three miles from Rocky River Springs, was completed Monday and the construction of the road toward Charlotte from that point will be rushed. The road will begin operating trains from Raleigh to Norwood next week, the first train to go into Norwood Monday.

Mr. Cleo Ritchie, a prominent and public spirited man, of Richfield, Stanly county, had the misfortune of having his left arm broken while driving a split log road drag last Saturday afternoon. The drag hit suddenly against a rock or stump, which jerked his feet from under him.

Being special breathing apparatus supplying oxygen, three Frenchmen recently ascended nearly 35,000 feet in a balloon without suffering any ill effects.

## BROKE ALL RECORDS.

Major Foll's Pack of Walker Hounds Catch Nine Foxes in Three Mornings.

Messrs. W. A. Foil, A. G. Linn and Harry Rankin have returned from Moore county, where they have been on a fox hunting expedition for a week. The party camped near Montrose and had a most successful hunt. Major Foll's pack of fine Walker hounds made a record during the week, the party reporting three races and nine foxes caught. The first morning the dog caught four foxes, the second morning two, and the third three. Major Foll states that Superintendent Tyre Glenn, of the State Sanatorium, says that it is the greatest record ever made by a pack of hounds there. The people in that section became so enthusiastic over the hounds that they induced Major Foll to allow them to keep the pack there for a few weeks.

## ANOTHER ROSS STORY.

Charlie Ross, Kidnapped Thirty-Nine Years Ago, Located, It Is Reported.

Cleveland, Aug. 26.—The rumor that Charlie Ross, kidnapped 39 years ago from his home in Germantown, Pa., has been located, bobbed up here today.

According to the police, they have been notified by Chief of Police Boyer, of Sayersville, N. J., that he has received a communication from Cleveland, signed by Charles Brewster Ross, who says he believes he is the missing man. An attempt is being made to establish his identity.

Charlie Ross was kidnapped in 1874 by a man in a buggy. A ransom of \$20,000 was demanded for his release.

## How Flood District Cities Will Prevent Further Floods.

Dayton, O.—Raised \$2,000,000 prevention fund by private subscription. Temporary repairs made in levees.

Columbus, O.—City council appropriated \$20,000 for complete survey. When plans are submitted will bond itself to wipe out flood damage at any cost.

Cairo, Ill.—\$750,000 available for strengthening and raising levees. Sixty-foot gage planned. New levees going up.

Hamilton, O.—Complete survey being made. Bond issue to be voted on after plans for completion from future floods have been submitted.

Indianapolis, Ind.—City appropriated \$10,000 for survey. Also appropriated \$150,000 for repairs.

Evansville, Ind.—Raising embankment five feet.

Cleveland, O.—Plans when carried out will provide adequately against any recurrence of floods.

Cincinnati, O.—City and federal government working out plans for permanent relief.

## To Be Sentenced for Dynamiting.

San Jose, Cal., Aug. 27.—When Walter Thomas of Redwood City, who recently pleaded guilty to a charge of maliciously destroying the property of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company, is arraigned in court tomorrow for sentence, a strong effort will be made to have him released on probation. Thomas was a lineman employed by the gas and electric company and was among those who went out on a general strike some time ago. During the strike he was arrested by Pinkerton men on a charge of having dynamited some of the company's poles. He pleaded guilty to the charge.

## Motor Boats Supplant Romantic Gondolas.

Venice, Italy, Aug. 27.—The desire for rapid transit has killed another romantic custom in romantic Venice. With the formal inauguration today of a power boat service on the historic Venice canals, the gondola's doom is sealed as was the doom of the cabby of London and New York when the taxicabs were put on the streets. There have been one or two motor boats on the Venice canals before but they were rickety boats driven by erstwhile gondoliers were put in service today and twenty more will be launched shortly.

## Gold Hill Consolidated Company.

Salisbury Post.

Mr. Walter George Newman, of Gold Hill, who is now engaged in reopening the mine at that place, was in the city today. The name of the concern is the Gold Hill Consolidated Company, mines and works at Gold Hill; New York office, 30 Broad street; and Salisbury offices have been opened up in the Grubb building. Mr. Newman is president of the company. Mr. F. W. Downes, cashier and Mr. C. F. Montgomery, superintendent. It is stated that work is going right along and will be pushed and that the number of hands will be greatly increased from time to time.

It has been talked that a Charlotte man would try to defeat Congressman Webb for the Democratic nomination in the sixth district next year. Among the names of possible candidates mentioned are those of E. B. Preston, Cameron Morrison, C. W. Tillet and W. C. Maxwell of Charlotte, and Judge W. B. Connel, of Hickory.

## THIS IS HARRY THAW'S MOST CRITICAL DAY

TRIAL MAY BE POSTPONED UNTIL OCTOBER

At Regular Term of Court.—If so Thaw Will Probably Be Given His Freedom on Bail.—Thaw's Lawyers Want Delay.—New Hampshire and Vermont Officials Ready to Accompany Thaw to the Border and Arrest Him if He Is Deported.

## THAW BROUGHT INTO COURT.

Judge Abruptly Shuts Off New York Lawyers.—Decision Viciously Cheered.—"Fair Play for Thaw!" Was the Cry.

Sherbrooke, Aug. 27.—Contrary to plans, Thaw was brought into court when it convened and permitted to sit with his counsel instead of in the prisoners' dock. He was not handcuffed. Judge Globensky abruptly refused to hear the New York lawyers opposing Thaw's request for a discontinuance of his application for habeas corpus and adjourned court until three o'clock when he will decide whether he will permit the Thaw lawyers to withdraw the writ. The jammed court room cheered the decision vociferously with "Hurrah for the judge!" "Fair play for Thaw!" "We will show the Americans!" Judge Globensky was almost abrupt in shutting off the New York lawyers and refusing utterly to hear them.

## MR. NEWMAN LEASES MISENHEIMER SPRINGS.

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Mr. Walter George Newman, who now has a large force of men at work at Gold Hill where he has reopened the famous Gold Hill Mine, has decided to enter the resort field and has leased for one year as a starter the well known Misenheimer Springs property, including the hotel at that place. He was in Salisbury today and stated that he would at once begin the building of a splendid road from Gold Hill to the hotel property, a distance of 10 miles, and would also build a splendid road from Richfield to his newly leased properties.

He telegraphed this morning for Mr. E. N. Woodberry, of the Hotel Belaire, New York City, to come to Misenheimer and take charge as manager of the property there. Mr. Woodberry is an experienced hotel man and will put life and development into Misenheimer hotel. Mr. Newman states that he has other plans in view, the exact nature of which cannot be made public at this time.

When asked as to the progress being made at the Gold Hill mine he stated that the water in the shaft had been reduced to the 200 foot level in 14 days and that the pumps were going day and night and would continue so until all of the water in the shaft was pumped out, and that the mill is about ready to start on gold ore. Mr. Newman is enthusiastic over the prospects and stated that the mine never looked as well or more promising as today.

## What Judge Shaw Said About the Lynching.

Charlotte, N. C., Aug. 26.—"What are you going to do about the horrible crime that has been committed in this city this morning, gentlemen of the grand jury? What is going to be your attitude as to the forces and factors who must stand their share of the blame that such a tragedy could be enacted in such a fine community as this?"

"I will tell you what your county needs and what it needed the morning. It needed a sheriff like one in South Carolina who had the courage and the backbone to stand up and do his duty. We are told by the newspaper accounts of this crime that two policemen levered their pistols on the mob that wrought death to a negro in the hospital, but two big pistols in the hands of men who were not diligent as to their duty were as harmless as a toy pistol in the hands of a child."

These utterances by Judge T. J. Shaw announced the climax of an eloquent and powerful and appealing charge which he made to the grand jury this morning at the opening of the second day of Superior Court, in regard to the morning lynching.

The condition of Miss Ruth Liles, of Rockingham, who was accidentally shot by her father, several days ago, having been thought at the time fatally, continues slowly to improve. However, the attending physicians have not yet attempted an operation owing to the fact that the full load of shot lodged so near the base of the brain.

A three-act programme at the Theatre today.

## SLAVERY IN PHILIPPINES.

Dean Worcester Tells of Children Being Traded for Pigs.

Washington, Aug. 27.—Slavery in the full meaning of the word exists throughout the Philippines, even in the city of Manila, and peonage is general in the islands, according to a special report Commissioner Dean C. Worcester has made to the Insular government. It has not been received here by the War Department, but copies are in the hands of other officials.

Philippinos in some parts of the island commonly capture children and sell them into slavery for profit; some are sent to China, where they are dressed in native fashion. Some children have been enticed from their homes by slave agents upon promises of scholarships in schools, and some of these, in an instance which Mr. Worcester reports in detail, were sold and others farmed out for money.

## ALABAMA SENATORSHIP.

Some Interesting Facts Concerning It.—Says Clayton's Appointment Will Stand.—Hobson the Favorite.

Mr. T. B. Ward, of Tuscaloosa, Ala., who is visiting friends here, gives a number of interesting facts concerning the Alabama Senatorship controversy. Mr. Ward is a member of the Tuscaloosa bar and takes a lively interest in the political affairs of the State. In speaking of the situation Mr. Ward stated that in his opinion the appointment of Congressman Clayton to succeed the late Senator Johnstone would stand. The Attorney General of Alabama, has rendered an opinion upholding Governor O'Neal's action in appointing Mr. Clayton. The principal ground upon which the opinion was based is that section three of the constitution declares that no State shall be without representation in the national Congress and a section to the new amendment requiring United States Senators to be elected by a direct vote of the people states that the amendment shall in no wise interfere with the terms of office of the Senators serving in the Senate when the act became a law. It is contended that under this section Mr. Clayton's appointment will stand as he was appointed to fill out the unexpired term of Senator Johnstone, which term began before the new amendment to the constitution was ratified by necessary to thirds of the States.

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## PRESIDENT WILSON READS HIS MESSAGE

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Mexicans Are Advised That Summary Punishment Awaits Them if American Lives Are Outraged.—Deems it Advisable to Let the Various Factions Fight Out Their Troubles.—Will Strictly Prohibit Shipment of Arms to Both Federalists and Rebels to Insure Strict Neutrality.

Washington, Aug. 27.—President Wilson read his message to Congress today, with the following recommendations:

That all Americans be urged to leave Mexico at once.

That the Mexicans be advised that summary punishment awaits them if American lives are outraged.

That the President deems it his duty to let the various Mexican factions fight out their troubles.

That he must strictly prohibit the shipment of arms to both federalists and rebels, to insure strict neutrality by the United States.

Washington, Aug. 27.—Shortly before noon the President was still undecided whether or not to read his message to Congress on Mexico. The situation is complicated by receipt of dispatches from special envoy Lind stating that Huerta informed him that he is sending him a note on the situation. The President does not desire to delay reading his message but is anxious to learn the contents of Huerta's last communication. He will not make a decision in the matter until the last moment. There is no intimation of the contents of the Huerta note.

## FARMERS' MEETINGS IN STATE CAPITOL.

Delegates Walk for Two Hours Over A. & M. Farm.—Features of Morning Session.—Farmers' Union Meeting.

Raleigh, Aug. 27.—Delegates to the Farmers' Convention opened today by walking two hours, from 5 to 7 o'clock, over the A. & M. College farm and the State experiment station. A hundred and twenty were in the walking party.

Demonstrations of judging stock, injecting hog cholera serum and vaccination of tuberculosis in cattle were the features of the morning session. An interesting talk was made by W. F. Ward, of the Federal Department of Agriculture, and a talk on southern markets for beef cattle was made by R. S. Custis, of the State Department.

## National President, C. S. Barrett, of Georgia, presided at today's session of the State Farmers' Union. Features were addresses by Mr. Barrett, and A. O. Nelson, of Svea, Minn., and discussions of plans developed for work along co-operative lines. The executive committee endorsed the proposition for a farm life school at Hillsboro on the property of the Farmers' Alliance and a resolution was adopted recommending that the Union appropriate \$10,000 to this end.

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