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## CORDON MACHINE GUNS GUARD NEGROES IN ALAMANCE JAIL

### Mob Attempted Twice Sunday to Take Negroes From Jail and Lynch Them — Captain Fowler Ordered to Shoot to Kill if Necessary to Protect Negroes.

(By the Associated Press.)

GRAHAM, N. C., July 19 — State troops today maintained a cordon of machine guns around the jail here, where three negroes are held charged with attacking a white woman. The soldiers were under orders from Governor Bickett to "shoot straight" if an attempt on the life of the prisoners were made.

The soldiers were sent from Durham when it became apparent that mob violence was imminent. County Attorney E. S. Parker prevailed upon the crowd which gathered around the jail to let the law take its course and assisted in keeping the prisoners safe until the arrival of the troops.

The three negroes were placed in jail yesterday after a chase with bloodhounds.

The night passed quietly after one of the most exciting days in the history of Graham. Shortly after the negroes were arrested yesterday morning a mob estimated at 1,500 to 2,000 men, gathered about the jail and made several unsuccessful attempts to gain admission to the prison.

The attack on the woman was made by a masked negro early Saturday evening and the victim today was in a serious condition.

GRAHAM, July 18—Making two attempts in broad daylight today to lynch three negroes held in the Alamance county jail here, an angry mob of over 1,500 persons was held off by Sheriff C. B. Story, of Alamance, and four deputy sheriffs until the machine gun company sent to Graham today from Durham, under orders of Governor Bickett, arrived to check further trouble. The mob was out-talked by Sheriff Story.

The three negroes, William Lee and Jim Hazel, both of Burlington, and Arthur Veasey, of Elon College, are being held in the Alamance jail on suspicion of having criminally assaulted a white woman, aged 27, of Burlington, at the home of her husband there last night at 9 o'clock. Her husband, an electrician at the power house there, had gone up to the business section of Burlington when a negro entered the home, drew a pistol on the wife, who was alone with her little child, attacked her and made his escape. Upon her husband's return home, the alarm was sounded and

the search for the negro continued all night, without result.

**Bloodhounds Used.**  
Sheriff Story sent for bloodhounds at Raleigh, which arrived at Graham at 6 o'clock this morning. They immediately picked up the trail and ended it a few miles from Burlington at a negro house where Jim Hazel and Arthur Veasey were arrested at about 7 o'clock this morning. The negro Lee was arrested on suspicion as he seemed to resemble the description given by the woman of her assailant. He was arrested near the Burlington hospital at the home of his father. He had been employed at the hospital.

The negroes were taken before the woman this morning but she was unable to identify positively any of the three as her assailant. She is in a rather serious condition and nervousness resulting from the attack helped to make identification impossible.

### BLOODHOUNDS FOLLOW TRAIL TO HOSPITAL SERVANTS' HOUSE

(Special to Greensboro News.)

BURLINGTON, July 18.—One of the most brutal crimes ever committed in this part of North Carolina was perpetrated last night about 8:30 o'clock when a negro, pistol in hand, entered the home of A. A. Riddle, who lives near the power house of the Piedmont Railway and Electric company, between this city and Graham, and criminally assaulted Mrs. Riddle.

Bloodhounds were brought here late in the night from Raleigh and early this morning they separately trailed to a servants' house at Rainey hospital. As a result of the work of the hounds, three negroes have been arrested, but the guilty one has not been identified. One of the negroes is Arthur Baseley of Elon College, and the others are named Lee and Troxler, both servants at the hospital. They were taken to the Alamance jail at Graham.

As soon as the people learned of the atrocious crime, they began assembling at Graham and all day more than 1,000 persons gathered at the prison, so that danger of lynching appeared imminent. Prominent citizens continuously pleaded with the mob to await the gathering of more facts, so the guilty negro could be identified and punished as the law provides.

The victim of the assault is a member

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## FOUR YEARS AGO BIG 1916 FLOOD SWEEPED THE COUNTY

### Sunday Night Four Years Ago to the Day Big Concrete Bridge at Sloan's Ferry Went Down — Southern's Trestle Went Down at 5:30 in the Afternoon — Every Bridge in the County Damaged.

Four years ago today, Gaston county was beginning to emerge from the wreck and ruin of one of the greatest catastrophes in the history of the county, the flood of 1916 and the subsequent demoralization of traffic and industry. Sunday afternoon, July 16, 1916, the Southern Railway bridge over the Catawba went down carrying with it some eight or ten men to their death. Some time in the night or early Monday morning, four years ago today, the mammoth concrete bridge over the Catawba at Sloan's Ferry went down and traffic from the South to the North was completely cut off. Three bridges at Mt. Holly had gone down, as had every bridge on the Catawba from Hickory to Camden, S. C. Southern Power juice had been cut off and towns and cities were in darkness for days. Many towns and communities in this vicinity were marooned from the rest of the world and there was an alarming scarcity of foodstuffs for several days. Cotton mills in the county were cut off entirely or run part time.

More than 28 hours of consecutive rain fell, beginning at 4 o'clock Friday afternoon and continuing until 8 o'clock Saturday night.

From the files of The Gazette of Wednesday, July 19, 1916 we obtain the following facts about the flood and its damage:

Conservative estimates place Gaston county's loss in bridges and roads alone at \$25,000.

The following bridges in Gaston county were damaged and destroyed as the result of the recent floods which followed the two days of rain:

Sloan's Ferry bridge. Loss to Gaston county, \$35,000.

Rozzelles' bridge a total loss, \$5,000.

New Mt. Holly bridge a total loss, \$10,000.

McAdenville bridge a total loss, \$20,000.

Vestal Ford bridge a loss, \$8,000.

Sandler's Creek bridge, loss \$6,000.

Armstrong's Ford bridge, loss, \$500.

Long Creek bridge, damaged, \$500.

High Shoals bridge, damaged, \$200.

Hardiff bridge, loss, \$6,000.

There are also 20 other bridges which spanned smaller streams and were damaged considerably which will range from \$50 to \$1,000 on each of these bridges.

Coming at a time when least expected the electric current of the Southern Power Company was switched off about 9:30 o'clock Sunday night, leaving Gaston and the surrounding towns over the county in darkness. Those who had both gas and electric lights in their homes were fortunate as the gas lights were welcomed by many. Five of six of Gaston's cotton mills are standing idle as the result of the southern Power Company's inability to manipulate its numerous power plants over the two Carolinas.

Nine mills in the city are running either full or part time on power furnished by their own steam plants. The Modena Cotton Mill's plant gave to the city last night and tonight its only electric current which was turned on at 8:30 o'clock and off again at 6 in the morning. It is reported that the surrounding towns of Belmont, Lowell, McAdenville, Mount Holly, Bessemer City, Kings Mountain and Shelby are in darkness and without a sufficient supply of water. Gaston's auxiliary plant furnished a regular amount of city water but it is not known how long this supply will last. Reports are to the effect that the Southern Power plant at Mount Holly is now above water and will probably furnish current within 24 hours. This, however, is only problematical and there is no manner of learning just when the current will be resumed.

The following account is from the Belmont correspondence descriptive of the harrowing scenes on the river after the Southern's big bridge had gone down:

Desolation reigned over the scene the whole night. With daybreak rescue parties formed and began to search the streams. Mr. Titman of Lowell, took especially grave risks in his efforts at rescue. A party composed of Mr. John McLean, Mr. Dave Wright and his two sons, Mr. John Armstrong and Mr. Elington took grave risks in steering a boat to a clump of trees on Rock Island from which they rescued a negro, who was almost exhausted and chilled through having on no clothing. It was a matter of matching life against life in these efforts at rescue. The most successful, however, were two negro men, Pete Stone and Fons Ross, of Belmont. They rescued six men from trees in the river where the current was swift. Two of these were men who had gone to rescue four who were marooned and were themselves forced to take to the trees when their boat washed away. One of the

## 81ST DIVISION WILDCATS WILL HOLD REUNION SEPT. 20

### Governor Cox is Urged to be Present as Chief Speaker of Day — Reunion Will be Held at Columbia Where Division Trained.

COLUMBIA, July 18.—Governor James M. Cox, democratic nominee for President, has been invited to be the principal speaker at the first annual reunion of the Wildcat division in Columbia in September, and W. C. McGowan, head of the veterans' association, has appointed President Woodrow Wilson as a committee of one to urge acceptance. The chief executive is a member of the Wildcat association, being entitled to full privileges as commander in chief of the United States forces. He holds card No. 1.

"The Eighty-first division Wildcats will hold their first reunion at Columbia, S. C., September 20 and 21," says the telegram to President Wilson. "We have invited Governor Cox to be our principal speaker. By virtue of my authority as president of the Wildcat veterans' association, of which you are a member, I appoint you a committee of one to urge Governor Cox to accept our invitation."

In addition to a telegram from Mr. McGowan, Governor Cox has been invited by Governor Cooper and by Joseph D. Miot, president of the Columbia Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. McGowan's telegram to Governor Cox was sent in care of the White House, as the nominee is expected in Washington for a conference with President Wilson. After explaining that the reunion will be held in Columbia, giving the dates, etc., Mr. McGowan, in his message to Governor Cox, said: "Thousands of veterans will come from every part of the country. The people of Columbia and of South Carolina and the Wildcats will be satisfied with nothing but the best."

The governor and President Miot seconded the invitation sent by Mr. McGowan and urged Governor Cox to accept. The nominee was given his choice of the two dates of the reunion.

—Mr. Harold Sims was among the visitors in Lincolnton Sunday.

—Messrs. Claude Craig and Ralph Simpson left Gastonia Friday to spend several days of their vacation in New York City.

—Messrs. Pink Rankin and Brown Wilson were visitors in Thomasville Saturday and Sunday. Mr. Wilson returned to Gastonia Sunday night, while Mr. Rankin will not leave Thomasville until today.

—Messrs. W. Y. Warren, Clyde Bralley, Billie Warren and Warren Gardner, Misses Willard Jenkins and Sarah Warren motored to Kings Mountain Sunday.

—There will be an ice cream supper tonight at the Loray Cafeteria for the benefit of the Loray Band.

—Misses Jannie, Myrtle and Blanche Robinson, of the Tanyard neighborhood, were among the many shoppers in town Saturday evening.

—Mr. John Schrum, of the clerical force at Belk's, is at Wrightsville Beach on his vacation.

—A large number of young people spent a social evening at Mr. John Kendrick's Saturday. Mr. Kendrick's home is near New Hope.

men rescued in this party was Mr. Thomas, of Belmont, section foreman.

Another was a Mr. Kennedy, a civil engineer who volunteered his help. The names of the other men in this party are not known. Mr. Griffin, track inspector, was drowned, it is feared, as no report can be had from him. Just how many lost their lives cannot be told. One of the men rescued has made the statement that there were 25 on the bridge when it went down. Up to the present only five men have been rescued. This leaves probably twenty unaccounted for. Concerning the storm and its results in Catawba county the Hickory Record says:

"More gasoline engines did business in Hickory that ten days than ever before. The telephone company installed a little fellow that could make as loud a pop as was ever heard. The Record got hold of an old engine that marched up and down the press room, but it turned all its type by hand, the merchants backed it like true sports and the circulation of the paper increased 300 copies during that strenuous time. There was nothing to print but water, but that was good enough, it seemed.

Hickory people longed for news from the outside world and morning papers retailed from 25 cents to \$1 a copy. Mr. L. E. Cansler, who is now with the Record, helped to put the first Charlotte Observer across the river. He and Buster Brown rowed over in a small boat and mailed the papers at Mount Holly.

This section recovered promptly from the damage, although the corn crop in bottom lands was ruined and many farmers bought grain the following fall and winter who had never known what it meant to have empty cribs.

## WILSON AND COX TOGETHER ON BOTH LEAGUE AND PLATFORM

### President and Candidate Agree on Principles of Platform and Opinions of League of Nations — Conference Very Satisfactory.

## OHIO ENTERS UPON BIG POLITICAL WEEK

### Democrats Plan Big Campaign — Official Notification of Harding Will Take Place Thursday.

COLUMBUS, O., July 19.—Ohio, the home of the two presidential candidates, today entered upon its first big political week of the campaign.

Several members of the democratic national committee arrived during the day for their first meeting here tomorrow with Governor Cox, the democratic nominee, and Franklin D. Roosevelt, his running mate. Tomorrow's meeting is expected to develop preliminary plans for the campaign. The committeemen will be entertained at dinner tomorrow evening by Governor and Mrs. Cox at the executive mansion.

Members of the executive committee of the republican national committee will meet here Wednesday preparatory to going to Marion Thursday for the Harding notification ceremonies. Harry M. Daugherty, Senator Harding's pre-convention campaign manager, will entertain the republican committeemen at a dinner here Wednesday evening.

Thousands of persons are expected in Marion Tuesday, when Senator Harding, the republican nominee, will be officially notified of his nomination, and to listen to his address, which is expected to be the keynote of the republican campaign.

The notification ceremonies at Marion will be held at Garfield Park, about a mile and a half from Senator Harding's home. Arrangements have been made for the handling of an immense crowd.

Members of the state democratic committee will meet in Columbus tomorrow morning to fix a date and place for holding the democratic state platform convention. W. W. Durbin, of Kenton, state chairman, has announced that the convention probably will be held in Columbus on August 17, just one week following the state primary election on August 19.

—Misses Ollie Belk, of Monroe, and Willie Belk, of Charlotte, spent Friday and Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Belk at their home on West Airline avenue.

## RAILROAD LABOR BOARD WILL ANNOUNCE DECISION TUESDAY

(By the Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, July 19.—The first grand council for more than a year of executives, general chairmen, and general committeemen of the sixteen recognized railroad brotherhoods opened in Chicago today to pass upon the wage award of the railway labor board. The board's decision, it has been announced, will be made public tomorrow.

Approximately 1,000 union officials are expected to be present when the council takes final action on the award and more than half that number already have reached Chicago. Preliminary meetings were held yesterday by early arrivals but no statements were given out as to what work had been done.

According to union rules all questions of a wage increase must be submitted to a referendum vote of the entire membership of the unions, but it was pointed out today that the call for the grand council stated the purpose of the gathering to be "to consider and pass finally upon the award made by the board." Under these circumstances it was not known whether the board's award would be submitted to a referendum or whether final action would be taken by the union chiefs in session here. Leaders today declined to comment on the matter.

In connection with the discussion of a probable referendum it was pointed out that a vote by the entire membership of the brotherhoods would require a month or more and that many union leaders were opposed to this delay in the final acceptance or rejection of the award.

Samuel E. Heberling, president of the Switchmen's union of North America, declared last night that if it was decided that the award was unsatisfactory "concerted action would be taken by the sixteen brotherhoods."

The wage increases asked by the railroad workers, of whom there are nearly

(By the Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, July 19.—Unity of opinion on the league of nations in particular and the democratic platform in general was acclaimed by President Wilson and Governor Cox, the democratic presidential nominee, in statements published today treating of yesterday's conference at the white house.

President Wilson's statement said that he and the party nominee "were absolutely at one with regard to the great issue of the league of nations" and that Mr. Cox "is ready to be the champion in every respect of the honor of the nation and the peace of the world."

Governor Cox in summarizing the results of the conference, said it brought out that he and the president "are agreed as to the meaning and sufficiency of the democratic platform and the duty of the party in the face of threatened bad faith to the world in the name of America."

Franklin D. Roosevelt, the democratic candidate for vice president, who also participated in the conference, which lasted about an hour, said "splendid accord" was shown in the conversation between Mr. Wilson and Mr. Cox.

Party leaders here expressed satisfaction today over the results of the fifty-hour visit of Governor Cox to the capital. In addition to the conference with President Wilson, the nominee saw a number of senators, representatives and other officials before departing for Columbus, O., late yesterday.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Flanagan, of Bowling Green, passed through the city Saturday on their way to Montreal, where they will spend some time.

—Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Howell, of Clover, were shoppers in Gastonia this morning. Mr. Howell is a brother of Mr. F. M. Howell, of this city.

—Messrs. Hubert Huffstetler and Walter Anderson, formerly of the Loray team in this city, left Sunday to join the Chesterfield team at Chesterfield, S. C. Messrs. Huffstetler and Anderson will be with the South Carolina team for the remainder of the summer.

—South Gastonia defeated Rex baseball team Saturday afternoon by the score of 5 to 4. Neither of these teams had lost a game in the Gaston county league. By the winning of this game, South Gastonia goes to the top. Keever, Teague and Lowe formed the battery for South Gastonia.

2,000,000, would total more than \$1,000,000,000. The demands range from 25.3 per cent for shopmen, to 66.4 per cent for maintenance of way employees.

## SOUTHERN NEWSPAPER MEN IN SESSION AT GROVE PARK INN

(By The Associated Press.)

ASHEVILLE, N. C., July 19.—Sixty-eight newspaper men were elected members of the Southern Newspaper Publishers' Association, at the opening session here today of its 18th annual convention. This number is equal to the total membership of the association at the time of its first meeting in Asheville eighteen years ago.

Aside from the election of new members the main business on today's program was the address by President James H. Allison, of Fort Worth, Tex. Following the hearing of reports, the convention was addressed by H. N. Kellogg, of the Associated Newspaper Publishers' Association, who spoke on the labor problem, and Walter G. Bryan, publisher of the New York American, who led a discussion on five cent dailies, ten cent Sundays and nine column papers.

Discussion of the wood pulp supply situation was to follow an address on the subject at the afternoon session by E. A. Sherman, associate forester of the department of agriculture. The program also included discussions of newspapers and agency relations, second class postage, the Thompson bill, news print and uniform routing of news print.

Following adjournment the publishers and advertising men opened a golf tournament on the country club links. The sessions will last through Wednesday.

## LEAGUE OF NATIONS WILL LEAD ALL OTHER ISSUES IN CAMPAIGN

(By the Associated Press.)

MARION, O., July 19.—Assurance that the league of nations will lead all other issues in the campaign is seen by the advisers of Senator Harding in over-Sunday developments around the camp fires of the two big parties.

The announcement in Washington that Governor Cox stands in perfect accord with President Wilson is taken here to mean a straightout plea by the democratic party for vindication and perpetuation of the Wilson foreign policy, a policy against which Senator Harding and all of his lieutenants here are ready to make the fight of their political lives.

Even before yesterday's white house conference was concluded, Senator Harding had conjectured this significance and outcome and had taken the aggressive in a public statement demanding that the "mysterious foreign commitments" embraced in the president's program be outlined in detail so the American people might know what they were asked to support. At the same time he gave assurances that the republican party never would accept that program.

The senator's statement called directly on Governor Cox to put himself on record in regard to Article 10, the Armenian mandate and other subjects on which Mr. Wilson has found himself in conflict with the republican senate and with some influential democrats. The feeling in the Harding camp today was that the next move was up to the democratic nominee.

The alacrity with which the league issue has come to the fore has caused manifest surprise at Harding's headquarters here. Many of the senator's close associates had not expected Governor Cox to take counsel with the president, at the outset of his campaign nor to take any aggressive measures to hold up the hands of the present administration, with which he has not been closely associated. In that event they considered it possible that the league issue might be thrust more or less with the background for

want of a direct point of conflict between the two parties.

So far, however, the other ordinarily important issues have failed to supply a paramount of conflict and that circumstance is expected to help keep the league controversy in the spotlight. The Harding managers are not unmindful that within their own party there is some division of opinion regarding the league, but they believe that on a direct issue of acceptance of the Wilson policy without the dotting of an "i" or the crossing of a "t" they can count on a united republican front. They also are confident that such an issue will drive a wedge through democratic solidarity and they do not propose to overlook any opportunity thus to carry the fight into the enemy's territory.

### SUBJECTS ANNOUNCED FOR JERSEY BREEDERS' MEETING

At the meeting of the Jersey Breeders' Association next Wednesday, July 21st, the following subjects will be considered: Cow testing, milk and butterfat records.

Appointment of committee to purchase at auction sales.

Annual picnic day.

Jersey bulletin.

Membership drive.

Tuberculosis testing.

Exhibiting at fairs.

All breeders of Jersey cattle and those interested in the development of the breed are cordially invited to attend this meeting, which will be held at the court house promptly at 1:00 p. m.

—Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Ferguson spent the week-end in Chester, Orlisle, Union, Gaffney and Blacksburg, S. C.

—Rev. A. E. Spencer, of Bowling Green, was a visitor in Gastonia Saturday. He will go to Montreal today to join his wife, who has been there for about a week. Rev. and Mrs. Spencer expect to remain at Montreal for the next two or three weeks.