

THREE PERSONS MURDERED NEAR BARBER'S JUNCTION SATURDAY.

MAC LYERLY, HIS WIFE AND ONE CHILD KILLED IN THEIR HOME BY UNKNOWN PARTIES.

Another Child Seriously Injured and Will Die—Crime Was Committed Between One and Two O'clock This Morning—After Victims Were Murdered House Was Set Afire, Smoke Awakened Two Older Daughters Up Stairs, Who Rushed Down To Their Parents' Room and Witnessed Horrible Slight—Three Negro Men and One Negro Woman Arrested and Held, Pending Full Investigation—Much Excitement—Victims Well-Known and Highly Respected People.

At Barber's Junction, July 14.—The most horrible tragedies in the history of this county occurred at this station this morning. Between the hours of one and two o'clock an unknown person or persons entered the home of Mr. Ike Lyerly, a known farmer, while its occupants were asleep, killing Mr. Lyerly, his wife and three of the youngest children, namely, Janie, John and the baby, Alice, their ages ranging from three to twelve years. The two parents and the three children were sleeping in the front room on the first floor, there being two daughters sleeping up stairs, who were unmolested and were awakened by the smoke and flames below, the criminal or criminals setting fire to the house. The two descended the stairs to awaken father and mother. On reaching the room they beheld a most appalling scene, their father and mother and the three younger children being in their beds, cold in death. Their faces were crushed and their faces disfigured.

Through courageous efforts the two daughters, Mary and Addie, aged 18 and 16 respectively, managed to carry the dead bodies from the room and extinguish the flames. Then they ran to the nearest neighbor, W. B. Barber's, and told the story of the awful tragedy.

There being no officers of the law at this place Mr. R. R. Millikin, train warden on duty at that hour, was notified and promptly dispatched the sheriff at Salisbury, who arrived at once to the scene with bloodhounds and a posse of armed men. Bloodhounds were also sent from Winston-Salem to assist in the hunt of the guilty.

It is not known whether the deed was committed by a white man or a negro. As yet there seems to be no clue as to the identity of the criminal.

Mr. Lyerly was a most highly respected citizen and well connected. It is inconceivable that any one could have had anything against him or his family.

Great excitement prevails here. The sheriff with a posse of armed men and blood-hounds are scouring the country and making every possible effort to capture the guilty party.

Three Persons Killed.

Fuller details and developments as to the assassination of the Lyerly family near this place early this morning proved to be that only Mr. Lyerly, his wife, and little son Isaac were murdered outright and the little daughter, Alice, wounded fatally, there being no chance for recovery. The child's skull was crushed in the forehead and is resting on the brain but she is still alive this hour and all possible medical science is being rendered. The girl Janie was asleep with the other daughters up stairs and was killed as formerly reported.

Our correspondent has just returned from the scene, Coroner Dorsett having arrived from Salisbury at 11 o'clock.

Mr. Lyerly resided on his plantation about one and a half miles from this place on the Salisbury road and had a pretty country place. The dead bodies were lying altogether in one room, horribly disfigured with the clothing about them partially removed.

An assemblage of more than five hundred people from all over Rowan and Irredell counties gathered and made an effort to find some clue as to who committed the dastardly crime.

The dead are Isaac Lyerly, father, aged 59 years; his wife, Augusta, age 55 years; and their little son, Johnnie, aged 7 years. The wounded daughter, little Alice, is 7 years of age.

Isaac Lyerly was found lying on the floor in the front bed room, lying on his right side with blow on the left side of head lacerating the ear

and breaking the skull in several places. A portion of his ear was found. Johnnie Lyerly was found on the floor and badly burned about the lower extremities and a wound about the scalp penetrating the brain and substance of the skull crushed on the right side.

Mrs. Byerly was found lying on her right side in the bed with her right foot resting on the floor with her left hand from the bed as if about to arise therefrom, her left ear being cut in two and skull in vicinity of the ear being crushed and about one inch back from the root of the hair on the vertex an ensized wound two inches long penetrating the brain, probably made with an axe.

Coroner Dorsett is obtaining all the evidence possible and will return a verdict some time this evening.

Bloodhounds from Winston-Salem and Salisbury arrived at 8 o'clock this morning but could do no good in finding any trace of the criminals on account of the fact that so many people had thronged around.

Three negro men and a negro woman, namely, George Erwin, Jack Dillingham and Mitchell Graham and his wife, upon whom broad suspicion is cast, have been arrested and lodged in the county jail at Salisbury, pending investigation and further developments. Graham, a negro man apparently 40 years of age, is stated to have made some agreement with Mr. Lyerly in the fall as regards a piece of land. Graham, failing to conform to some condition, was ousted and ordered to give up all his interest and it was only a few days ago that this negro, it is stated, made the remark that "Mr. Lyerly had cut his wheat, but would never live to enjoy any benefit therefrom." It is also stated by Graham's wife that for the past few nights her husband and the other two negroes, who have formerly worked for Mr. Lyerly, "plotted" at the well after bed time. The statements will probably be corroborated by reliable people.

Excitement is intense but as there is not definite proof as to who the guilty parties are and the people of Rowan county are law-abiding citizens it is not thought that violence is inevitable.

Mr. Lyerly and family have long resided in this section and are a most highly respected and honorable people.

The funeral and interment will take place from Unity church tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock.

Went Over on Special.

The first report of the horrible murder of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Lyerly and one child, near Barber's Junction was received here by telephone about 4 o'clock this morning. Deputy Hutchins was requested to come at once and bring his blood-hounds. He left at six o'clock on a special, consisting of an engine and one coach, carrying his two dogs with him.

Deputy Hutchins returned with his dogs on the afternoon train, arriving at 2:15. He reports that one of the negroes had been arrested when he arrived at the Lyerly home. The crowd gathered there prevented the blood-hounds from doing any effective work. The Forsyth deputy had an interview with the wife of Mitchell Graham and she gave him information which led to the arrest of another negro, at whose home was found a pair of trousers on which were considerable blood, apparently rubbed off of the man's hands. The story told by the Graham woman seems to implicate the Graham and two other negroes.

Deputy Hutchins says that the weapon used by criminals was an axe. It was taken from the wood pile and after the crime was thrown under the porch. There was much blood on it.

The negro woman further told Mr. Hutchins that after she retired last night she heard her husband, who was in the next room, get up and

leave the house and never heard him come back; that she knew her husband, her son and Dillingham were going to kill somebody, but did not know whom, and that her son left home soon this morning, and that the officers could not get him. In the meantime her son was caught trying to board a freight train. When the officers arrived at Graham's house, about six o'clock this morning, they found the woman washing the clothes being in the pot boiling. The clothes were taken from the pot at once, but if there had been any blood stains on them they had boiled out. All the apparel in the pot was found to be men's underwear.

The negro Dillingham had told several negroes in the neighborhood that he killed a farmer near Roanoke some time ago. He had been at Barber's Junction for 15 or 20 days and Wednesday Mr. Lyerly discharged him for cruelty to his horse.

Reward of \$350 Offered.

RALEIGH, July 14.—Governor Glenn this morning received a telegram from R. A. Millikin, telegraph operator at Barber's Junction, to the effect that early this morning an unknown person entered the home of Ike Lyerly, one of the most peaceable and respected citizens, and murdered Lyerly, his wife and three youngest children, all sleeping on the first floor. Then the murderer set fire to the house and fled. The smoke and flames awoke Lyerly two eldest daughters up-stairs and they rushed down in time to get the bodies of their murdered parents, brother and sister out and save from burning. No clue to the murderer has been found but citizens are scouring the country now. Millikin appealed to the governor to send at once bloodhounds.

Orders were issued from the governor's office for sending hounds from the penitentiary but it was found that the institution has only two young and untrained ones. Besides they are at this time on the Halifax county State farm. Although unable to provide hounds a proclamation was promptly issued from the governor's office, offering a \$350 reward for the arrest of the murderer. This action was taken by Private Secretary A. H. Arlington, Governor Glenn being now at Atlantic City.

ALLEGED LYNCHERS' TRIAL NEXT WEEK

RALEIGH, July 14.—The trial of twenty-one alleged lynchers, prominent farmers and business men, will begin Monday at Morgue, Union county, for the lynching of a white man named Johnson for the killing of his brother-in-law, a few months ago. Great pressure is being brought to bear to acquit the defendants. The case was removed from Anson county, the scene of the lynching, at the request of the defendants.

GIRL'S COMPANION HAS BEEN ARRESTED

UTICA, N. Y., July 14.—Chester Gillette, of Courtland, companion of Miss Grace Brown, who was drowned in Big Moose lake last Thursday, was arrested today in the Adirondacks. It is believed Gillette threw the girl into the lake. An autopsy is being held today to see if there was a motive for the crime.

GEO. OAKLEY KILLED BY WALLACE GIBSON

(Special to The Sentinel.)

STONEVILLE, July 17.—Last Saturday night, just across the Virginia line above Price, George Oakley shot Wallace Gibson with a pistol. The wounded man died yesterday. It is claimed that shooting was accidental. Both men are reported to have been drinking. The section in which the shooting occurred has a bad reputation. One or more distilleries are said to be operated there.

Discussion in Douma. (By Publishers' Press.)

ST. PETERSBURG, July 17.—The question of making an appeal to people of Russia on subject of agrarian affairs was discussed in the Douma today and called forth exciting debate. Professor Koussin Karahoeff made an effective speech in which he emphasized the responsibility resting upon every deputy for happenings of recent weeks. The speech made a great impression upon all Douma members.

END OF GRAND JURY HEARING

Inquiry Into Standard Oil's Connection With Railways Adjoins Temporarily.

Postponement of Further Hearings at Cleveland, Ohio, Probably Due to Inability to Secure Certain Standard Oil Officials as Witnesses in the Investigation.

CLEVELAND, July 11.—The federal grand jury here investigating relations of oil trust and railroads will adjourn today until next week. United States District Attorney Sullivan is to go to Washington to consult the attorney general on developments in the case. It is said one of the causes of adjournment is the failure to secure the presence as witnesses of Treasurer Vilas and other officers of the Standard Oil Company.

POSTMASTER LONG DIES SUDDENLY

A special to the Greensboro Telegram from Rockingham, Richmond county, announces the death yesterday of Postmaster Long, of that town. The telegram states that Mr. Long is the man reported to have been struck by a female waitress with a soup bowl in the dining room of the Benbow hotel in Greensboro, while the Republican State convention was in session last week. The girl alleged that the man insulted her. The telegram says it made diligent effort last night but failed to find the physician who dressed the man's head after he was assaulted. Anyhow, those who witnessed the assault and saw the wound, said it could not have proven fatal. The Greensboro paper hears that Mr. Long died from other causes.

EVADED THE LAWS

Many Unqualified Japanese Immigrants Got In United States Last Year.

Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization Has Reports Showing That Laws Were Evaded in Good Many Instances—Other Notes About Immigration.

WASHINGTON, July 17.—That hundreds of Japanese have secured admission to this country by intrigue during the last year has been proven to the satisfaction of the bureau of immigration and naturalization after a careful investigation into the subject. Incidentally agents assisting immigrants have made large sums of money by charging "commission" for their part in outwitting Uncle Sam's law makers and executive officials.

MAYOR LINVILLE WIRES FOR THE BLOODHOUNDS

Deputy Sheriff Hutchins received a telegram this morning from Mayor W. S. Linville, of Kernersville, asking him if he could bring his bloodhounds to that town on the 10:50 train today.

It was near time for the train to leave when the message was delivered to Deputy Hutchins, therefore he did not go.

Mayor Linville gave no explanation as for what purpose he wanted the officer and his dogs. Parties coming in from Kernersville this afternoon said they had not heard of any trouble.

Since the blowing up of the mayor's office and calaboose by dynamite there has been much discussion between the two factions, which have existed for some time. One of these wants the mayor and chief of police to resign. One citizen reports that there have been several small dynamite explosions since the mayor's office and calaboose were wrecked and the opinion was expressed here this afternoon that Mayor Linville had a clew to the guilty parties and wanted the bloodhounds to aid him in capturing them.

Deputy Hutchins prefers a guarantee that he and his dogs will not be blown up before he enters the gates of that town.

WASHINGTON ICE TRUST NOW UNDER FIRE

WASHINGTON, July 12.—The federal grand jury this morning returned indictments against the local ice trust under the Sherman anti-trust act charging conspiracy in restraint of trade and competition. The jury had been in session several days and examined a large number of witnesses among both retail and wholesale ice dealers. It was the prospect of a local ice famine that brought about an investigation, ending in the indictments today.

FARMERS ELECT NEW OFFICERS

Ashley Horne Elected President And Tait Butler Secretary by Convention

Two Resolutions Were Adopted at the Closing Session of the State Convention This Morning.—Several Addresses Delivered at Last Night's Session.

RALEIGH, July 12.—The State Farmers' convention today elected Ashley Horne, of Clayton, president, to succeed C. C. Moore, resigned, and state veterinarian Tait Butler, secretary.

Resolutions were adopted protesting against the proposition now on file from the railroads with corporation commission for increasing minimum tonnage of car load lots of fertilizers from 20,000 to 30,000 tons, also calling on state board of agriculture to appropriate \$1,000 for expenses of holding these conventions at A. and M. College each summer.

Addresses Last Night.

"Corn, a Crop for All Farmers," was the subject of an especially interesting address by R. W. Scott before the State Farmers' convention last night. Mr. Scott is a member of the North Carolina state board of agriculture from Alamance county and is one of the most successful farmers in the State. Mr. Scott urged especially the necessity for diversity of crops and dwell on the methods of cultivating corn so as to get the best results, whether raised as provender and feed, for stock or for the market and a money crop. The other features of the evening session were two addresses on "Problems of Crop Culture," "The Breeding and Selecting of Seeds" being treated by Mr. C. B. Williams, of the state department of agriculture, and "Important Steps in Cultivation," by F. P. Walton.

Unique Feature.

A unique feature of the Farmers' convention has been an excellent band composed entirely of farmers from Mecklenburg county. Their music has been greatly enjoyed by all. Yesterday while the farmers were at dinner in the big dining room of the college a collection was taken up for the band, the rather unassuming sum of \$13.13 being raised. Some one at the last minute slipped in an extra dime to break the hood-doo.

STAMP CLERK REYNOLDS HAS HIS COMMISSION

Stamp Clerk J. F. Reynolds returned this afternoon from Asheville, where he witnessed the transfer of the internal revenue office to the new collector, Mr. Geo. H. Brown. Mr. Reynolds brought his commission home with him. He says that all of the old clerks, field deputies, etc., were re-commissioned. The new collector gave all of the men to understand that if they were competent they would be retained, otherwise they would have to step down and out.

In reply to a query Mr. Reynolds stated that the impression prevails at Asheville that the collector's office will later be moved to Statesville. Mr. Brown stated emphatically that he proposed to run the office and would spend most of his time in Asheville until it is definitely determined where the office is to be permanently located. Of course he prefers to have it at Statesville, where he owns a beautiful home.

EXISTENCE OF AN ICE TRUST

High Officials of Department of Justice Discover An Alleged Combine.

They Think This Trust Has Headquarters in New York And Branches in Practically Every Large City of the United States.—Proposed Warfare Against This Trust.

WASHINGTON, July 17.—That a national ice trust exists, with headquarters in New York and branches in practically every large city in the United States, is the belief of high officials of the Department of Justice. It is said the matter has been called to the attention of Attorney General Moody personally by District Attorney Jerome, of New York.

No steps have been taken to attack this trust except in the District of Columbia, where the officials of the American Ice Company are under indictment for entering into an unlawful agreement to control prices in the district. The district attorney here is of the opinion that if the trust is to be energetically attacked it will have to be in New York and that the Department of Justice might take an interest in such proceedings.

If a girl has fiery-red hair, its a sign her mother will admit it is golden.

JUDGE HAS NOT DECIDED AS YET

No Decision On Motion To Quash Indictments For Lynching.

Judge Shaw is Considering the Law On the Subject And a Decision as to Motion Made by the Defense is Expected at Any Time.

MONROE, July 17.—An announced yesterday court was opened for argument by both sides in cases of alleged lynchings regarding the motion of defendants to quash the indictments.

Judge T. J. Shaw at 10 o'clock today asked the prosecution if it had any further authority to present before the court replied, "We have, if your honor has not made up your mind," replied counsel. To this Judge Shaw said: "I have my convictions, but am open to a change of mind." This was followed by strong pleas for each side. Judge Shaw, speaking to Mr. Bennett, said: "You need not reply to expense pleas at all. I do not consider expense." For the state it was said that justice could not possibly be had in Anson county, while the defendant's counsel claimed they possibly could get justice there, but on account of newspaper reports and sentiment no justice could be expected in Union county.

Judge Shaw said: "Gentlemen, I am not going to rule finally on this question at present. Lynching is the most horrible of all crimes and the most cowardly, and I said enough to the grand jury yesterday for them to infer my opinion. I am not here to make laws. It is not for judges to make laws. The act of 1903 gives the court the right to try this case in this county."

The revised code in connection with that of 1903 is now being considered by the judge.

Further Judge Shaw said: "My ruling in this case will be given reluctantly. The act of 1903 is a very wise law. The longer these cases are postponed the harder it is to get justice. We are not here to make laws. They are passed by the general assembly and no doubt these statutes are at variance with common law when the right to try these cases in adjoining county is considered, which right ought to be expressed in the special statutes. I leave the matter open, Mr. Solicitor, for purposes which I deem wise. I will not announce my decision as yet."

Judge Shaw's decision is expected at any moment.

UNIQUE DUEL BETWEEN DEAF AND DUMB MEN

(By Publishers' Press.)

GENEVA, Switzerland, July 17.—A duel of unusual nature with fatal termination has been fought near Como. Both duellists were deaf and dumb and their seconds were similarly afflicted. The duel took place in the forest. The duellists fired at twenty-five paces and one fell dead.

THAW SAYS HE IS NOT INSANE.

Reiterates Statement That He Will Not "Stand For" This Defense.

However, Mrs. William Thaw And Attorneys Seem to Think Insanity Plea the Best for Her Son.—Important Conference This Afternoon.—Former Counsel May Be Re-Engaged.

NEW YORK, July 17.—Pending an important conference at five this afternoon between Mrs. William Thaw, her personal counsel, Louis A. Deland, and former Judge Olcott the situation in the Thaw case is filled with uncertainties and various possibilities.

Mrs. Thaw, mother of the prisoner, has indicated that she desires that the law firm of Black, Olcott, Gruber and Bonyne be re-engaged to defend her son.

Friends of the Thaw family say the Thaws believe the best solution of the whole case to be to have Thaw declared insane. The prisoner, however, sticks to the contention that he is not insane.

Writ of Prohibition Granted.

Later.—John B. Gleason, one of Thaw's attorneys, was granted a writ of prohibition in the supreme court this morning, restraining the district attorney and the July grand jury from taking any evidence as to the killing of White. The writ also restrains the district attorney and grand jury from issuing any subpoenas in connection with the matter. An order was also issued, directing the district attorney and the grand jury to show cause tomorrow why they should not be restrained from any further proceedings in regard to the killing of White as affecting Thaw.