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## RIOT TRIUMPHS OVER LAW

### An Ohio Mob Lynches Its Man After a Battle With Militia.

## CULPRIT BEATEN AND HANGED.

### Citizens of Urbana Killed and Wounded by Guardsmen Trying to Protect a Colored Man Who Had Assaulted One of the Most Estimable Women in the City—An All-Night Struggle.

URBANA, Ohio (Special).—Charles Mitchell, colored, who recently made a criminal assault upon Mrs. T. M. G. Gaumer, and had been sentenced to twenty years' imprisonment, was taken from the jail at 7:20 o'clock Friday morning by a mob and hanged to the nearest tree. The jail had been defended through the night by the local militia company, who fired on the mob at 2:30 o'clock a. m., killing two men and wounding eight others.

Just before the shooting occurred a crowd of a thousand people stood congregated around the jail. It seemed certain that an attempt would be made to take Mitchell from the jail and hang him. The crowd was more boisterous than at any time since the prisoner had been confined. There were shouts and howls for the culprit. The mob had crowded into the jail yard and was pushing toward the jail.

Captain Isaac Leonard, in command of the militia, advised the crowd and gave them three minutes to disperse. There was a general rush from the jail yard, but the crowd soon returned.

When the shooting occurred an attempt was being made by the mob to enter the jail from the rear. A man named Baker, of West Liberty, and another man, had sledge hammers in their hands and had broken the glass in the door leading to the hall from which the jail entered.

Suddenly the militia opened fire without warning and Baker fell back, crying, "I am shot." Volley after volley was fired, until as many as twenty rounds had been discharged into the crowd. There was a general panic, and the dead and wounded were carried in every direction in search of doctors' offices. After the smoke had cleared away and the victims had been identified, the fatalities were found to be as follows:

Killed—Harvey Bell, shot through the head; Upson Baker, shot through the body; Wounded—Dr. Charles Thompson, North Lewisburg, shot in the head; West Bowen, of Cable, shot in the hip; Ray Dickerson, shot in the shoulder; Dennis Graney, shot in the leg below the knee; Zack Wank, shot in the arm; Sherman S. Deaton, shot in the hip; Ray McCure, shot in the arm; Ralph McComb, shot in the arm.

The Springfield troops arrived as reinforcements at 7:30, and immediately marched toward the Court House. Many citizens who were incensed over the killing of their fellow-townsmen by the local militia at 2:30 a. m., were only further irritated by the appearance of more troops.

Crowds gathered on the streets and greeted the soldiers, who are colored men, with hootings and all sorts of insulting remarks. Next day the militia were ordered to leave the town. The Springfield company, without waiting for further orders, marched down street to the depot without so much as the Sheriff seeing them.

The local military company had previously refused to serve longer, and went to the second story of the Sheriff's residence to attempt to sleep.

With no resistance offered, the crowd at once made a rush for the side door. Two strong and determined men kicked it down in short order and gained admission to the jail, the crowd following. There were plenty of sledge hammers, chisels and other tools among the crowd and the men went to work.

Part of the crowd had previously forced themselves upstairs into the private apartments of the Sheriff, and found the keys to the jail, which were hanging on the wall. They did not wait to unlock the door to Mitchell's cell, but burst the lock with a sledge hammer, and the door swung open. Mitchell was standing in his cell. He offered no resistance, and did not utter a word. Some one in the crowd had a rope. It was placed around Mitchell's neck, and the crowd made for the door, Mitchell following at the end.

In going down the steps on the outside of the jail Mitchell fell down and the rope slipped of his neck. The crowd surrounded him, and he was kicked, beaten and almost killed. The rope was quickly slipped over his head again, and a rush was made for a tree in the southwestern corner of the yard, in front of the Court House. The end was thrown over a strong limb, and willing hands pulled on it, until Mitchell was hoisted to the iron fence, and Mitchell was hanging there in full view of several thousand people.

The crime for which Mitchell paid the penalty was a heinous one. He criminally assaulted Mrs. Eliza Gaumer, widow of the publisher of the Urbana Democrat. He was arraigned, but his victim was too ill to appear in court. The man was taken to her home for identification. As he entered the door she raised her hand to her cheek and exclaimed, "The brute! Hang him! How dare you face me, you brute?" That night the jail was surrounded by a threatening mob that was held back by the Sheriff's posse and the local company of the Ohio National Guard.

The Grand Jury was impeached, next day and Mitchell was indicted for criminal assault. Then the crowd was thrown out of the jail by bringing Mitchell into court in a soldier's uniform. Mitchell was scared, pleading guilty, and was sentenced to the limit of twenty years. The trial lasted only a few moments, and Mitchell wanted to get to the penitentiary at Columbus as quickly as possible. The crowd drove up to the jail the crowd rushed in, trying to lynch him. Another crowd surrounded the depot. The Sheriff remained fortified in the jail with his prisoners, while the militia patrolled the ground.

### The Brooklyn at the Jubilee.

The armored cruiser Brooklyn sailed for England, where she is to represent the United States in the naval demonstration attending the Queen's Jubilee celebration.

### All B. & O. Men in Uniform.

It is probable that, in the near future, every employee of the B. & O. will have a distinctive uniform. Train men are now neatly attired, but the conductors desire that each employe have either a badge, cap or suit that will identify him as a B. & O. man.

### Executed by Law.

James Lewis, a colored man, who was recently convicted of criminal assault on Mrs. Reidel, was hanged in the jail yard at Fairfax, Va., in the presence of a large crowd. Lewis was quite cool, and walked to the gallows without assistance.

## SENIOR METHODIST BISHOP.

Dr. Stephen M. Merrill, the Lawyer and Parliamentarian of the Episcopacy. Dr. Stephen M. Merrill, the senior presiding Bishop of the Episcopacy, has come back from a tour of 6000 miles in the Methodist church. He thinks that this fact stands for a symbol of the wonderful breadth of Methodism and a sign of the work that falls to the lot of a Bishop.

### Grave Situation Created Nominally by Tutman's Box on Comas's Ear, But Really by the Failure to Settle the Cuban Question—Wheels of the Government Blocked by the Attitude of the Liberals.



BISHOP STEPHEN M. MERRILL.

Bishop Merrill is the lawyer and parliamentarian of the Episcopacy. His book on ecclesiastical law is the only one in the Methodist world that brought to him the title of Master of Arts from the Indiana Asbury University.

## WORLD'S MODEL TOWN.

George M. Pullman has received from Archduke Rainer two magnificent medals and a richly wrought diploma as testimonials of honor and merit in founding and building the most perfect town in the world.

This distinction for the suburb came as a result of an exhibit in the international congress and pharmaceutical exposition in Prague, Bohemia.

## Big Fire in Alexandria, Va.

The greatest fire that has ever visited Alexandria, Va., broke out in Bryan's fertilizing mill, on the river front, and raged with great fury for about eight hours, causing a total damage of from \$40,000 to \$50,000, partly insured. The entire block bounded by the "Strand," Duke, Union and Prince streets was almost wiped out, only a few buildings with contents being saved. A fierce wind was blowing, and for a time the whole town was threatened.

## Big Bank Defalcation.

William M. Boggs paying teller of the First National Bank of Dover, Del., is alleged to be a defaulter in the sum of \$38,000. The populations are said to have extended over a period of ten years, and have been covered up by false entries that reported the bank as solvent.

## Thrown From Her Wheel and Drowned.

At Garrison-on-the-Hudson, N. Y., Susan Duryee, the twelve-year-old grand-daughter of Samuel Sloan, President of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad, lost her life by an accident. She was riding her bicycle, lost control of it, and was thrown headlong into a small pond, which only a few days before had been deepened. She was drowned.

## Lloyd for Congress.

Returns from the first Missouri Congressional District indicate Lloyd, Democrat, elected over Clark, Republican, by a plurality of 5000. The total vote cast was about eighty per cent. of that cast last November. Lloyd carried Hannibal, Clark's home, by 241 plurality, a Democratic gain of 260 over the November election.

## Marched to Death Singing.

At Morris-town, N. J., David Wilson, the colored man who murdered his wife a year ago, was hanged in the jail yard. He walked to the gallows, apparently without fear, between the pastor of the A. M. E. Zion Church, who baptized him a day or two before, and the President of the Y. M. C. A. They were singing "I'm Going Home to Die No More."

## No Transvaal for England.

The Transvaal exhibition was opened at Berlin, Germany. Among the speakers was Professor Kirchhoff, of Halle, who said: "As formerly the cry went throughout Germany 'the French shall not have the Rhine,' so now the English shall not have the Transvaal."

## Boy Kills His Two Sisters.

The fifteen-year-old son of L. Schwartz, while attempting to unload a gun at Greene, N. J., discharged the weapon, killing his two sisters. The bullet passed through the neck of one sister and struck the other just above the heart.

## Two Drowned in the Hudson.

Mrs. Helen Wheatley, of New York City, jumped from a high cliff at 197th street in the Hudson River, in an effort to save her daughter Helen, six years old, who had fallen from the embankment into the water, and both mother and child were drowned. They were attending a picnic.

## Crimes of an Insane Letter Carrier.

Edgar Harris, an insane letter carrier, shot and killed two of his children at his home in Baltimore, Md. He then seriously wounded his oldest daughter, Ella, and afterward shot himself through the head, inflicting a dangerous wound. The children killed were George, ten years old, and Ada, six years old.

## Losses by the Floods.

Experts estimate that the losses resulting from the recent floods in the Mississippi Valley will aggregate about \$15,000,000.

## SPANISH CABINET FALLS.

### Prime Minister Canovas and Colleagues Have Resigned.

## CUBAN FAILURE THE CAUSE.

Madrid, Spain (By Cable).—The Spanish Premier, Senor Canovas del Castillo, has offered to the Queen Regent the resignation of the Cabinet. This step has been taken owing to the difficulty the Ministers experienced in carrying on the Government, in view of the Parliamentary situation caused by the refusal of the Liberals to take part in the deliberations of the Cortes.

The attitude of the Liberals is due to the personal encounter between the Duke of Tetuan, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, and Professor Comas, a Liberal Senator, on May 21, when the Duke slapped the face of the Senator after a heated debate in the Cortes over the Morgan belligerence resolution adopted by the United States Senate.



SEÑOR CANOVAS DEL CASTILLO.

The real reason of the fall of the Cabinet was the failure of the Canovas Government to settle the Cuban difficulty. Responsibility for the safe conduct of the Government now falls upon the Queen Regent, whose dilemma is distressing. Like the majority of her subjects, the Queen fully comprehends that any change in policy and Government will be directly consequent upon colonial and international considerations. Her Majesty knows beforehand that the gravest significance will be attached at home and abroad to her decision.

## UNITED STATES NOT AFFECTED.

Secretary Sherman Thinks Our Relations With Spain Will Not Be Changed.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—Official and diplomatic circles in Washington were greatly interested in the news from Madrid that the Canovas Ministry has at last fallen.

## SOLID SHOT AT THE VALENCIA.

The Ward Line Steamer Fired on by a Spanish Cruiser.

The Ward Line steamer Valencia, which has arrived at Cienfuegos, Cuba, reports an exciting experience while off Guantanamo Bay.

The Spanish cruiser Reina Mercedes signalled to the Valencia to display her colors. As the Valencia did not immediately comply, the Reina Mercedes fired a blank shot, which was followed almost immediately by a solid shot, falling out of range. The Valencia then displayed her colors.

## A Norway Town Destroyed.

The town of Namsos, province of North Trondhjem, near the mouth of the Namsen river, on the Namsen Fjord, west of Norway, has been entirely destroyed by fire. The flames, fanned by a fierce wind, spread so rapidly that the 1,800 inhabitants were unable to save even their furniture.

## Result of a Drunk.

At San Antonio, Tex., Bud Franks, a horse trader, wound up a drunken spree by murdering his wife, and then blowing out his own brains.

## AN ACT TO PREVENT

### The Introduction and Dissemination of Dangerous Insect, Fungous, and Weed Pests of Crops.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact: Section 1. That for the purpose of this Act the State Commissioner of Agriculture, the Director of the North Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station, and the President of the North Carolina State Horticultural Society, are hereby constituted a commission for the extermination of noxious insects, fungous diseases and weeds which are affecting or may affect crops. They are empowered to select one of their number chairman, and to adopt rules and regulations for their own government, such as may be requisite for carrying out the provisions of this Act. The members of the said Commission shall receive no salary, and shall be allowed only such expenses as have been specifically incurred and reported in attending the duties of the Commission.

Sec. 2. The members of the Commission aforesaid shall hold a meeting within thirty days after the ratification of this Act, and shall prepare and publish a list of dangerous crop pests, known to be present within the State or liable to be introduced, and may at any subsequent meeting extend or amend said list. The commission shall also publish methods for exterminating such pests as they may deem capable of being economically exterminated within the boundaries of the State, and for preventing such as cannot be economically exterminated, and for preventing the spread of such pests within the State. They may also adopt regulations, not inconsistent with the laws and Constitution of this State and the United States, for preventing the introduction of dangerous crop pests from without the State, and for governing common carriers in transporting plants liable to harbor such pests to and from the State, and such regulations shall have the force of laws.

Sec. 3. No person, firm or corporation shall knowingly and willfully keep upon his or their premises any plant infested by any dangerous crop pest listed and published as such by the said Commission, or permit dangerous weed pests to mature seed or otherwise multiply upon their land except under such regulations as the Commission may prescribe. Every such infested plant and premises are hereby declared a public nuisance. The owner of such plants or premises shall, when notified to do so by the Commission, take such measures as may be prescribed to eradicate such pests, and if such action is not taken, or is improperly executed within ten days after being so notified, the Commission shall cause said premises to be freed from such pests by the best available methods, and the cost of such measure shall be a lien against such premises, and may be recovered, together with cost of action before any court in the State having competent jurisdiction. Said notice shall be written, and mailed to the usual or known address, or left at the ordinary place of business of said owner or his agent. No damage shall be awarded the owner of such premises for entering thereon and destroying or otherwise treating any infested plant or crop, when done by the order of the Commission.

Sec. 4. When said commission has reason to suspect that any pest listed by them as dangerous exists in any county in the State, they shall cause such suspicion to be verified by a person competent to determine the specific identity of such pests of crops, and if satisfied that the same exist, they shall further appoint for a designated time and duty, a competent person their agent to inspect such infested premises, and to take such measures for treating the same as the Commission may direct. Any duly authorized agent of the Commission shall have authority to enter upon and inspect any premises between the hours of sunrise and sunset during every working day of the year. Any one who shall seek to prevent such inspection, or who shall otherwise interfere with the performance of the duties of the Commission, shall be fined not less than ten nor more than thirty days.

Sec. 5. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act, the sum of \$200 per annum, or so much thereof as is necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, and shall be paid by the State Treasurer up on properly authenticated vouchers signed by the chairman of the Commission.

Sec. 6. The said Commission shall report to the Governor, for transmission to the next General Assembly, its acts and disbursements under the provisions of this Act. Such a report, together with all such circulars as may be issued by the Commission for the purpose of this Act, shall be printed in editions of one thousand copies by the Public Printer, and be paid for as public printing.

## NORTH STATE CLEANINGS.

### Treasurer Worth Refuses to Pay Extra Appropriations.

## A. & M. DIRECTORS APPOINTED.

### To Force Early Vegetables—Shipment of Tobacco—For Life Certificates.

The State board of education met in Raleigh last week, mainly to consider the steps to be taken to induce the State treasurer to pay the \$30,000 appropriated by the legislature as a special fund to stimulate local taxation for public schools. The act provides that where townships raise funds the State shall pay a certain amount, not to exceed \$20. Treasurer Worth has so far positively declined to pay a cent, saying he has not the amount of funds necessary to do more than meet the regular appropriations. The board adopted the following resolution: "That in case the general State fund shall not be sufficient to meet the payment of the \$30,000 appropriated by the public school law of 1897, the State board of education authorizes a loan from the school fund to the general State fund sufficient to meet such appropriation or so much of it as may be called for."

At a meeting of the State board of examiners, in Raleigh last week, the following subjects were adopted for examination of teachers applying for first grade life certificates: English Grammar, Composition and Literature, Spelling, Defining, Writing and Reading; Geography, Political and Physical; Physiology and Hygiene; History, North Carolina, United States and general; Arithmetic, Elementary Algebra, Elementary Botany, Elementary Psychology; Elementary Physics, Civil Government, School Law. The following books in addition to those prescribed by law are suggested as indicating the scope of examinations on the several subjects: Whitney's Essentials of English Grammar, Pancoast's Composition and Rhetoric, Lockwood's Lessons in English, Many's Geography, Farr's Grammar, Sully's Physiology for Teachers, White's Elements of Pedagogy, James' Physiology, Finger and Peterman's Civil Government. The board adjourned to meet on the 16th at Morehead City.

Col. Julian S. Carr, of Durham, has presented to the Trinity College Library, of the above city, a very valuable set of books. The set consists of sixty volumes of scientific work in "Appleton's Scientific Library." It contains the works of the most famous scientists and makes a very valuable collection. The library committee has also just purchased a valuable collection of books. The library has been enlarged until it is found necessary to remove to other quarters. During the summer the library will be moved to the Crowell Scientific building.

W. H. Wells has been elected chief engineer of the North Carolina Midland Railroad, and is now making an examination of the line between Mooresville and Mocksville. It is the purpose of the board to build on the shortest and best line possible, regardless of the work done heretofore. The Winston aldermen have passed resolutions urging the extension of Midland road.

J. W. Taylor, the Boston millionaire, who has built the wonderful model town of Haverhill, has given orders for the construction of forty more cottages before November 1, also for the erection of the largest hotel house in the State. The latter will be largely used for forcing early vegetables.

Last Monday was Federal Decoration Day. At Salisbury the largest crowd assembled there to decorate the Union soldiers' graves that has ever attended before. Excursions were run from Hickory, Statesville, Charlotte, Greensboro, and in fact, from that entire section of the State.

Governor Russell appoints as directors of the colored A. & M. College at Greensboro Charles E. Lane, of Asheville; John C. Benbow, of Greensboro, and L. C. Caldwell, of Statesville. The directors re-elected to the present faculty.

Secretary Drewry, of the grand lodge of Masons, says there are now 495 lodges in the State, of which four have been restored and three new ones added since the meeting of the grand body.

Deputy Revenue Collector Parrish and his four assistants, indicted for the murder of Barnum Jones, the noted moonshiner, has been acquitted in the Federal court at Raleigh.

Rutherfordton's dispensary has been opened under the management of Mr. Vance Scoggins. There is much curiosity expressed as to the success or failure of the movement.

Aron O. Oliver, a colored clerk in the Pension office, from Warrenton, died of pneumonia in Washington. His remains were brought home for burial.

The State Colored Teachers' Association is called to meet in annual session at Shaw University in Raleigh June 10th to 20th.

A big electric light is to be placed in the dome of the new court house of Mecklenburg. It will be visible for twelve miles around.

Winston shipped over one million pounds of manufactured tobacco during the month of May.

Jas Johnson, of Fayetteville, stepped off the steamer Hurt into the Cape Fear river and was drowned.

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