

HE'D LED MOB

Governor Blease Applauds the Action of Honea Path Lynching.

LECTURES PREACHERS

Rather Than Call Out Militia to Save Calypso, Governor Declares to Thousand of "My Friends," He Would Have Resigned His Office and Become Lyncher-in-Chief.

In response to an invitation extended by several friends, Governor Blease made an address on Court House square Saturday afternoon before a thousand people.

He stated that on Friday he was requested by the president of the State Farmers' Union to issue a proclamation, calling upon the farmers of the State to hold their cotton, and also to ask the Governors of the other cotton States to issue similar proclamations.

He called attention to the fact that the lawyers, the doctors, etc., had all organized and agreed upon prices for their services and he thinks the farmers should do likewise.

Governor Blease made a plea to the mill people, and to all the people, to secure registration certificates before it is too late.

He stated that he would veto any bill passed by the Legislature making any special requirement, but the danger lies with the Democratic Convention next May, when he will not be in position to look out for the interests of the people.

Governor Blease reiterated his position with regard to lynching. He said again that when a negro puts his hands upon the person of a white girl, the sooner the negro is put six feet under the ground the better.

The speaker stated that rather than use the office of Governor in ordering out troops to defend a negro brute and require these troops to fire on white citizens, he would have resigned from the office to which he had been elected and would have caught the train to Honea Path and led the mob.

The Governor then criticized the ministers of the local union, who had drafted resolutions condemning him, and everything and everybody connected with the lynching.

He said that he knew some preachers in this State to have more negro blood in their veins than did the negro who was lynched, and that he did not propose to be dictated to by any preacher or set of preachers.

He also expressed his belief that there are not twelve men in Anderson County who would bring in a verdict of conviction against any member of the mob who did the work.

Governor Blease attacked the newspapers, giving special attention to "the Columbia State and its editor."

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TAFT IS A LOAD

REPUBLICANS FEAR TO GO INTO NEXT ELECTION.

President to Be Side-tracked and Hughes to Be Made Candidate is the Story From Washington.

A big potent silent influence within the Republican party are organizing a movement to displace President Taft as the party's presidential candidate, and to substitute for him no less person than Supreme Court Justice Charles E. Hughes, says Judson C. Welliver, in The Washington Times.

The Hughes proposal is not a boom and it is not intended to be a boom. It is being kept just as quiet as possible. More is talked and known about it in New York than anywhere else, yet it gets no publicity in New York.

In political circles in the Middle West it is talked, but quietly and under the rose. The time is not come to give it notoriety.

Fearing that Mr. Taft cannot be elected if nominated, and that Mr. Wilson's nomination can not be prevented, the conservative interests in politics, which in general are non-partisan, are casting about for a means to secure control through the nomination of a different Republican.

A year ago the conservative plan was to let Mr. Taft be nominated, and then be defeated by Mr. Harmon. That plan has been spoiled by the rise of Mr. Wilson.

Justice Hughes, all things considered, has appealed as the man most likely to win at both convention and polls. It is calculated that Mr. Taft is now so far broken down under the assaults of the Progressive schism should develop in the East, he would soon be forced out of serious consideration.

Can Justice Hughes be induced to permit the use of his name? That is the big question at this moment. The people who are engineering the deal for him don't care, they would not ask him; they would go ahead and put over their plan and feel secure in the conviction that no man is going to refuse his party's nomination for president.

There is, however, a disturbing report that when Mr. Justice Hughes was named for the supreme bench, he is in substance pledged himself not to interfere with the future of Mr. Taft.

"Having heard that you intend to withdraw entirely from political activities, the president would be pleased to know whether a tender of a position on the supreme bench," etc., etc.

That, it is declared by people who assume to have learned the substantial contents of the letter, amounted to a commitment of Mr. Hughes to keep out of politics.

He said that the supervisor of Anderson County had just stated to him that he had two prisoners on the chain gang who were not earning their bread. He promised to send paroles for these men at once and thereby save the people the expense of keeping up two persons.

Governor Blease stated that he intends coming before the people next summer to give an account of what he has done as their Governor, and ask them to reelect him to that high office; that it was true he worked at a livery stable when a boy and was proud of the fact, all the criticisms of newspapers and enemies to the contrary.

Before the Governor left the hotel for the Court House he was serenaded by the 1st Regiment Band; a great crowd had gathered in front of the hotel and when the Governor made his appearance he was greeted with cheers.

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SHOWS NO MERCY

Merciless Slaughter of Chinese by the Manchus at Nanking

A HORRIBLE PICTURE

Great Portion of the City Was Burned and Looted, and Many Women and Children, as Well as Men, Were Massacred by the Blood Thirsty Manchus.

A cablegram from Nanking, China, under date of last Friday, said that city was desolate. The cablegram went on to say that fully a thousand of its inhabitants lie massacred and numerous business houses and dwellings have been looted and burned.

It was the hand of the Manchus that brought the devastation. While the Manchus were in camp three miles away, awaiting ammunition and reinforcements, the Manchus began the work of carnage.

Chinamen with white shoes, a sign of mourning among them, or even a white handkerchief, were ruthlessly slain. At historic Nanking, Friday afternoon, the sun set upon a scene of fire, rapine, desolation and butchery unrecorded in modern history.

Friday night 12,000 Manchu and Imperial old-style soldiers held Purple Hill, where they are entrenched, while from beneath their stronghold they are driving before them hordes of Chinese out of the city.

Friday night the revolutionists made a demonstration, but did little shooting and there were few fatalities. The main body of the reformers remained in camp three miles distant from the city, awaiting the arrival of ammunition.

Since the night of November 8, when the first attack was made by the rebels, the Tartar general has tried to terrorize the inhabitants by wholesale executions.

Thousands of Chinese poured from the gates. At noon it was estimated fully 70,000 persons had fled. Before nightfall 20,000 more, representing every class, had escaped.

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PAID LICENSE FEES

AMOUNT COLLECTED FROM THE CORPORATIONS.

The Report of Comptroller General Jones Shows That They Paid Over One Hundred Thousand Dollars.

The domestic foreign corporation license fees collected by A. W. Jones, comptroller general, during the year amounted to \$107,724.40. This is an increase of over \$50,000 in five years, which goes to show that much new capital has been invested in South Carolina during that period.

The following is a schedule of moneys received during the year by the comptroller general from corporations for fees imposed in pursuance of the act of 1904:

From banking corporations—Capital paid in, \$10,878,095; license fee, \$5,488.42.

From cotton mill corporations—Capital paid in, \$55,127,960; license fee, \$27,568.36.

From building and loan corporations—Capital paid in, \$3,237,201; license fee, \$1,716.

From miscellaneous domestic corporations—Capital paid in, \$41,969,518; license fee, \$24,023.79.

From foreign corporations—Capital paid in, \$14,384,593; license fee, \$7,210.44.

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DESCRIBES MOB'S BRUTALITY.

Revolting Story by Witness at Trial of Boy's Lynchers.

Revolting scenes attending the lynching of Fernando Gomez, a Mexican lad, at Thordale, Texas, last June, were described in Court Friday by Alfred Wilson, first witness called in the trial of Z. T. Gore, Jr., charged with participation in the murder.

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WIND AND SNOW

Storms and Blizzards Cause Wide-spread Disaster Over Country

SOME FROZEN TO DEATH

Deaths Nearly a Score, While Loss to Property is Estimated at Millions—Due to Sudden and Violent Temperature Changes in Central and Southern Portions of Country.

Nearly a score of deaths, several million dollars property loss and much suffering and inconvenience resulted from the violent change of temperature, the preceding storms and the succeeding cold and snow, that beset the central and southern portions of the country Saturday and Sunday.

A cold wave almost immediately rolled over the wreckage of the storms and extended in a few hours to the Gulf coast and the Atlantic seaboard. Rain turned to sleet, snapping telegraph and telephone wires, and snow followed.

Several persons were frozen to death by the sudden cold, shipping on the Great Lakes was damaged, and several boats were cast adrift. In some places, gas almost failed. The poor in large cities and the homeless in storm-swept regions suffered severely.

Reports received at Chicago Sunday night by the Associated Press indicate that cyclonic storms, coming between the abnormally warm period and the following cold wave, have caused death and widespread destruction in Southern Wisconsin, Eastern Iowa and Illinois Saturday.

Fourteen dead, several dying and scores of injured are reported to be lying in the wake of the storms and suffering because of their terror.

Southern Wisconsin was hardest hit, according to early reports. Near Oxfordville, Rock County, five persons are known to be dead and it is reported the list may reach twelve.

In the village of Virginia, Ill., several were found seriously, perhaps, fatally, and fifty others slightly injured. In Iowa, a 50-degree drop in temperature, accompanied by a driving storm of sleet, tied up traffic many hours.

Property loss mounted up rapidly in the path of the cyclonic blizzard. Nearly every public building in Virginia, Ill., was demolished, farmers' homes were wiped out in Wisconsin and the damage was increased by the heavy downpour of rain, sleet and snow.

Severe weather conditions are reported all the way from the Rocky Mountains. In Chicago the wind blew 44 miles an hour, and in Yellowstone Park and at Helena, Mont., thermometers registered 8 degrees below zero.

At least seven lives were lost and scores of persons injured, some fatally, in a tornado which swept Rock County, Wis., at dusk Saturday night. Hundreds of thousands of dollars damage was done.

At Orfordville Mrs. John Clowder, 70 years old, was killed, as were also a father and two daughters of a family whose surname is Smith, and a Mrs. Breed.

A New Orleans dispatch says the southwestern cotton belt is in the grip of the coldest weather experienced at this season in many years.

Pensacola and West Florida were visited by a cold nor'wester between 7 and 8 o'clock Saturday morning and it is believed there has been considerable property damage on the islands and along the lower coast.

Severe winter weather, with a temperature of 20 degrees lower, prevailed throughout Kentucky Sunday night, following the heavy storm of the early morning.

Two persons were killed and seven seriously injured in a storm which struck Easton, Ill., Saturday night, tearing away telegraph and telephone wires, and leaving the city isolated and the tragedy of the storm untold to the world until Sunday night.

Heavy damages are reported from all over Indiana, as the result of the blizzard which swept over the State Saturday night and early Sunday. Sleet and snow cover the State, and since Saturday the temperature dropped 50 to 60 degrees, and Sunday night was hovering around the ten above zero mark.

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THEY REFUSED FOOD

ENTIRE FAMILY STARVES TO PURGE THEIR SOULS.

A FATHER AND MOTHER, FOLLOWERS OF SELF PROMULGATED CREED, DIES WITH THEIR SON.

Details of a ghastly suicide compact involving a whole family were brought out by the Chicago police following the discovery of the emaciated forms of Herman Letsch, his wife Anna and their 12-year-old son. All had been dead several days.

Followers of a religious creed, self-promulgated, the parents had forced themselves and their son to do without food to "purge their sinful souls of lust," until starvation wiped out the whole family.

On a bed was a black shroud, bearing a note reading: "This gown is for our son Herman when he is dressed for his coffin."

A long and rambling letter in German criticized churches and church people, and named a Chicago church and pastor.

The rambling letter said no minister was to appear at their funerals, the determination to die, it said, ran back for three years and last March 17 was the day first selected for their taking off.

An illness of the boy, neighbors said, must have delayed the suicide. The last of the three to die, the father died three days before discovery, physicians said.

FOUND DEAD IN RIVER.

Could Not Tell Whether Man Was White or Black.

A badly decomposed body was found floating down Pee-Dee river Friday morning, opposite Society Hill. The negro ferryman saw it as he started across the river and it being near the Marlboro side, he brought it out to the bank in this county.

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WANT THE TOGA

Will Four More Men Oppose Senator B. R. Tillman for the Senate

OR IS IT ONLY GOSSIP?

The Names of Rhett and Heyward Are Again Being Used, to Say Nothing of Lever, Carlisle, Parker and Others in Connection With the Senatorial Race.

The Columbia correspondent of the Augusta Chronicle says politics are certain in South Carolina and yet politics are uncertain to the politicians.

The gubernatorial situation seems to be clearly defined with the present governor and Ira B. Jones, the only candidates in view.

So far all of the "big interest" has been centered around the race for governor, although there will be a race for a bigger and much more desirable office—that of the United States Senate.

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