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MANHANDLED BY MOB.

One Peter McMahon of New York Tells Story of Rough Treatment at Hands of a South Carolina Mob.

A Philadelphia dispatch of October 20 gives the following:

Peter McMahon of Yonker, N. Y., his wrists scarred by a rope and his back bearing the marks of a whip, left a northbound Pennsylvania railroad train here today and sought the police for medical attention.

He says he was seized and whipped Monday night, a few miles outside of Trenton, S. C., after he attempted to assist a young woman of Aiken, S. C., in a settlement which involved a division of her father's estate.

His underclothing was stiff with blood and, besides lash marks, his body and neck bore the marks of ropes with which he said his tormentors had attempted to hang him.

McMahon, who is 55 years old, said he believed his assailants were adopting methods of the Ku Klux Klan. He said he was seized when he left the train at Trenton, S. C., and was driven into the country in an automobile.

At the point where his mistreatment occurred, he said, eight men, wearing white hoods, gathered around and beat him.

McMahon said he was too weak to leave the train at Washington. He told the police he was friend and adviser of the young woman and that her father lives at Aiken.

GEORGIA NEGROES RETURNING BY THOUSANDS FROM THE NORTH AND EAST.

Macon, Ga., Oct. 13.—Thousands of Georgia negroes who migrated to the North and East soon after the outbreak of the war, lured by high wages offered in industrial plants, are returning to Georgia, and hundreds of others, unable to make the homeward trek because of lack of funds, are sending appeals to their former employers for tickets on which to travel back to Dixie.

Notice contained in the newspapers of Macon from southern counties of Georgia chronicle the return of many families and appeals from even larger numbers for funds with which to return to their native homes.

Virtually all of those who return and those who are writing for tickets state that they have been driven out of employment and now find themselves faced with the prospect of a hard winter in a strange land.

Returning negroes all tell the same story. The high wages received counted for little with them, as they were more than offset by the high cost of the industrial centers to which they went.

Dr. and Mrs. Watson B. Duncan spent last week in Florence where Dr. Duncan lectured every night to the Sunday school Training Conference held in Central Methodist Church.

The Florence Daily Times of last Friday had the following to say: "The training school for Sunday school teachers, that has been in progress at Central Methodist church since Sunday, will come to an end to-night with an address by Dr. Watson B. Duncan at 8:30 o'clock.

This is the fifth of a series of talks that Dr. Duncan has been giving each night in his inimitable way, to the charm and delight of all who hear him.

The school has been well patronized and instructors Ford, Miss Suddath and McCoy are to be congratulated upon its success. The public is urged to attend this last session."

Craver-Randolph.

Lamberton Robinson. Miss Annie Randolph of Henderson and Mr. William Craver of Dillon, S. C., were married in the office of Register of Deeds M. W. Floyd, Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock, James M. G. McKenzie officiated. This was the 35th couple joined in wedlock by Justice McKenzie.

COLD BLOODED MURDER.

United States Marines Trying to Whitewash Dastardly Deed.

Details of the killing of two native Haitians on orders of an insane non-commissioned officer of the American marines were learned in Washington Tuesday, says an Associated Press dispatch.

It was this incident which caused General Barnett to make his charge of indiscriminate killings by the American forces occupying Haiti. General Barnett will be the first witness before the board of naval inquiry which is to start an investigation of the charges Friday.

The details of killing of two natives without trial came out in the court martial of a sergeant and two men who acted on his orders.

The two Haitians were Leonard Placide and Destine Jean, who were shot at Croix de Bouquets on the night of May 22, 1919. One had been arrested for "working magic" and the other for theft. They were taken from jail by the sergeant, and ordered to dig their own graves, the evidence in the court martial shows. Kerosene is said to have been poured over Placide's head, only a high wind blowing out matches preventing him from being tortured by fire.

The sergeant is then said to have assembled his firing squad, which besides two marines, contained three native gendarmes, and a civilian mechanic, and having ordered them to shoot the prisoners. When the Haitians failed to fall at the first volley, the sergeant is charged with finishing them off with his revolver.

At the court martial it was brought out that the sergeant was hopelessly insane and the two privates, it is understood, were acquitted as they acted on orders of a superior.

During the court martial the counsel for the sergeant declared this was not the only case of killing of natives without trial. It is understood that this will be explained before the naval board on the ground of military necessity. It is pointed out that when then marines took "cacos," or native bandits, they shoot them because they had not sufficient men to guard the prisoners. He released the "cacos" would inform their fellows of the position of the marines who usually were outnumbered and far from their base. The "cacos" themselves took no prisoners it is said.

A UNIQUE CASE OF "BEATING THE BEARS."

W. M. Frierson Won't Sell Till Long Staple Reaches \$1.00 A Pound.

Florence Times. A unique case of "beating the bears" in the present cotton situation, is reported in the lower end of Florence county. It is being reported to J. S. Wannamaker, president of the American Cotton Association for possible recommendation to cotton planters of the South.

W. M. Frierson, of Lynchburg, is building an individual cotton storage warehouse under the provisions of the South Carolina laws. He expects to put 175 or 200 bales of long staple cotton in it this season. Then he is going to make his will pertaining to this cotton.

Mr. Frierson has a young son, about six years of age, named Jack. He is going to win this cotton to Jack, under the provision that it is to be sold "when it will bring \$1 per per pound. Should long staple not bring \$1 per pound, within the life of Jack, the cotton is to be handed down the line to Jack's son; to Jack's son's son, and so on till there is a dollar market for long staple.

While waiting for that "dollar market", Mr. Frierson is going to occupy himself at memorializing his instance of storing cotton. He is going to have the word "Jack" painted in big letters across the front of his warehouse so that everyone will know or learn of the circumstances.

Mr. Frierson is reputed one of the wealthiest and biggest cotton planters in South Carolina.

DIED AFTER SHORT ILLNESS

Charlie Bennett Passed Away at Little Rock Last Tuesday.

Mr. Charlie Bennett of Little Rock died last Tuesday night after a brief illness. Mr. Bennett was in Dillon Tuesday and returned home about 1 o'clock. At 4 o'clock that afternoon he complained of feeling unwell and went to bed. His condition became serious and physicians were summoned, but he lapsed into unconsciousness and died about 9 o'clock that night. Mr. Bennett was 49 years of age and leaves a wife and several children. He operated a blacksmith shop at Little Rock. The body was taken to Lambert, Mr. Bennett's native home, for interment.

County Teachers' Meeting Next Saturday.

The Dillon County Teachers' Association will hold its first meeting of the school year Saturday, October 30, at 11:30 o'clock. The meeting will be held in the Dillon School Auditorium. According to a resolution, which prevailed at the last meeting of the association the teachers will organize the following departments: Department of Primary Teachers, Department of Intermediate Teachers, and Department of High School Teachers.

Dr. S. H. Edmunds of Sumner will address the general meeting.

COUNTY FAIR A SUCCESS.

Everybody Delighted With Splendid Collection of Exhibits.

In point of exhibits attractively displayed Dillon County's first fair was a success. The attendance did not come up to expectations, but the men behind the movement are very much gratified to know that everybody who attended the fair spoke in the most complimentary terms of the many interesting and attractive exhibits, and pronounced it one of the best county fairs in the state. The attendance was cut down by the good weather prevailing which enabled many people to gather cotton, but even in the face of these conditions the total receipts amounted to something like \$5,500. This amount will just about pay expenses, but as the fair was not established as a money-making institution the men behind the movement are not disappointed.

The live stock exhibit was splendid. As visitors passed through this department they were heard to remark, "Well, I had no idea there were so many fine hogs in Dillon county." The cattle exhibit showed up equally as well.

There were many attractive exhibits at the fair, but without discriminating the others, it may be said that the Dillon High School agricultural exhibit was one of the most interesting seen at the fair. It was artistically arranged and showed how a small farm crop should be diversified under both weevil conditions.

A list of the prize winners is being prepared by the committees on exhibits and will be published in the next issue of The Herald.

NO ROOM FOR PESSIMISM.

South Carolina Will Not Suffer, Says Director W. W. Long.

Clemson College, Oct. 21.—"Cotton selling around the 20-cent level, at least 60 percent of the crop must go to pay for the fertilizers used and the expense of picking and ginning," says Director W. W. Long of the Extension Service of Clemson College, "and I am more convinced than ever of the correctness of the position of the Extension Service in advocating a well balanced system of diversified agriculture. Recently, in urging increased acreage in cover crops to enrich our soils, I pointed out that our fertilizer bills would total \$50,000,000 and that it would take over 250,000 bales at 40 cents, or 350,000 bales at 30 cents, to pay this fertilizer bill. With cotton at 20 cents it will take 500,000 bales, or 40 per cent of the crop, to pay the fertilizer bill alone. Add to this 180,000 bales to pay for picking and 60,000 bales for ginning, and we have a total of 740,000 bales, or 60 per cent of the estimated yield.

"The figures speak more convincingly than any one can say of the soundness of the doctrine of diversification. Only the farmer who has followed diversified farming this year is on the safe side.

"But we must not be pessimistic. There is no room for gloom or despondency. Notwithstanding the great losses in the slump in cotton prices, we have much to be thankful for, because our food and feed crops are abundant and valuable. The corn crop which in early summer promised to be a poor one on small acreage, now promises (by reason of the farmer's response to the call for increased acreage and better cultivation, and the favorable seasons) to be around 44,000,000 bushels, the largest in our history, exceeding even the record yield of 1917 by about four million bushels.

"Then, too, we have more hogs in the state than ever before; and our live stock is increasing rapidly in number and value. We have an immense crop of hay; and we have exceptional yields of sirup, a big crop of sweet potatoes, etc.

"Now if our people will turn attention as early as possible to the seeding of a large grain crop, there is no danger of want of food or feed or of being forced to the expense of buying these things from other states with the money from low priced cotton.

"The newspapers of October 21st carry an interesting article from Secretary H. G. Hester, of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange, who makes the statement that there is nothing the matter with the South beyond an unreasonable scare in cotton, and points out that this decline, the greatest in the history of the market, was due largely to the fact that in the past two weeks more than 1,999,999,000 bales of spot cotton have literally been thrown overboard without time or reason. If we make up our minds that conditions are not as bad as they seem and everyone can catch the spirit of optimism, in a short time things will readjust themselves. Let's think about increasing our food crop. Let's fall, thus accomplishing two purposes—turning focus for all our people and reducing our cotton acreage.

Fork.

Miss Nannie Belle Taylor of Whiteville, N. C., spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Taylor.

Messrs. Burr Roberts and Carlton Braswell of Wolford College, Fanning School spent a few days at home last week.

Mrs. Anna Carmichael has returned home from Rowland, N. C., where she visited Dr. and Mrs. T. W. Carmichael.

Prof. S. A. Leslie spent the week-end at Marion.

SOLDIER KILLS SISTER.

Committed Deed at Her Request to Relieve Her Suffering.

Johann Strugger, formerly a captain in the Australian army, has been arrested on a charge of murder for shooting and killing his sister at her own request, according to a dispatch from Constance, Switzerland. The sister suffered a fracture of her spine in an Alpine accident last year, knew her illness to be incurable and had repeatedly begged the physicians of a sanitarium of which she was a patient to relieve her of her sufferings by an overdose of morphine.

Strugger delivered an ultimatum to the physicians that if they failed to comply with his sister's wishes within five days he would shoot her himself. This he did with the full consent of the girl.

WILL ASK GINS TO STOP MONTH

Louisiana Governor to Issue Proclamation.

New Orleans, Oct. 24.—Gov. John M. Parker will tomorrow issue a proclamation calling upon all cotton gin owners in the state of Louisiana to close their gins for a period of 30 days beginning November 1 in an effort to give new life to the cotton market. Promoters of the movement to close the gins are daily receiving promises of cooperation from all sections of the South and already several hundred gin owners have declared themselves in readiness to close their gins as long as may be necessary.

In addition to issuing his proclamation, asking the gins to close, Governor Parker will, at the same time, address communications to the governors of all the cotton producing states asking them to issue a similar proclamation.

The appeal of W. B. Thopson, president of the Louisiana division of the American Cotton association, to the cotton men of the South, together with the action of Governor Parker, is expected to bring ginning operations to a virtual standstill not later than November 1.

Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas are already fairly well organized for the closing campaign and telegrams from leading cotton men from other states indicate that they will not be far behind in closing down.

In addition to the movement looking to the closing of the gins, preparations are already under way in many sections to secure a large reduction in cotton acreage next year. The Texas association has notified the Louisiana division that under a sworn pledge the crop in that state will be reduced one-third. From Alabama came the declaration that among the farms to be turned to other uses are allowed to lie idle next year, is one 100,000 acre plantation.

Amounts Received by General Willie Jones from the Different Counties of the State for the Democratic Fund — Oct. 23, 1920.

County.	Amount
Abbeville	\$201.50
Aiken	418.00
Allendale	205.00
Anderson	701.00
Bamberg	159.00
Barnwell	259.00
Beaufort	9.00
Berkeley	13.00
Calhoun	269.00
Charleston	2,184.65
Cherokee	883.60
Chester	857.00
Chestnut	189.00
Clarendon	194.00
Colleton	48.75
Darlington	1,558.25
Dillon	817.93
Dorchester	101.00
Edgefield	552.58
Fairfield	274.99
Florence	69.00
Georgetown	36.00
Greenville	1,581.34
Greenwood	515.00
Hampton	187.75
Horry	252.00
Jasper	—
Kershaw	211.00
Lancaster	1,015.00
Laurens	387.08
Lee	405.00
Lexington	307.50
McCormick	300.00
Marion	386.75
Marlboro	487.75
Newberry	1,097.50
Oconee	478.00
Orangeburg	551.25
Pickens	241.00
Richland	4,312.83
Saluda	101.00
Spartanburg	1,051.00
Sumter	657.00
Union	702.00
Williamsburg	208.42
York	727.91
TOTAL	\$25,767.54

Services at Methodist Church.

Main street Methodist church, Dr. Watson B. Duncan, pastor. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Mr. W. H. Miller, superintendent. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by the pastor. Morning Subject: "The Pyramids of Egypt." A special sermon by the pastor. The sermon will be illustrated by means of slides. "Does God Will to Save All Men?" Evangelist at 7:30 p. m. followed by entertainment. Public cordially invited to all services.

Mr. Tom Miller of Lynchburg, S. C. spent the week-end with Mr. T. S. Reinbourg.

LORD MAYOR DIES IN BRIXTON PRISON

Body Will Be Removed Secretly to Cork for Burial by Officials, it is Believed.

London, Oct. 25.—Terence MacSwiney, lord mayor of Cork, the most prominent of the Irish hunger strikers and said to have been the brains of the republican army in Ireland, died early today in Brixton prison.

The end was not unexpected for the lord mayor had been unconscious for several days. He was entering upon the seventy-fourth day of his hunger strike as a protest against a sentence of two years' imprisonment on several charges, including one of having seditious documents in his possession.

Only his brother, John MacSwiney, and his private chaplain, Father Dominic, were with him when he died. Mrs. MacSwiney and the prisoner's two sisters, Annie and Mary, were at a nearby hotel.

The lord mayor, who was terribly emaciated as a result of his long abstinence from food, had been delirious for many hours, and was unconscious when death came.

Family Reaches Prison.

It was several hours after the lord mayor died before his brother was permitted to tell Mrs. MacSwiney the sad news. She immediately went to the prison, accompanied by her parents and the Misses MacSwiney, and the family, stoical and dry-eyed prayed over the body as it lay on the cot.

There were no untoward demonstrations outside the prison after the news of MacSwiney's death became generally known. A large force of police had been concentrated to put down any disorder that might occur. It was said at the prison that the reason for withholding permission to John MacSwiney to inform the dying man's relative of his condition was that it was in the prisoner's interests.

Just before MacSwiney died Father Dominic and John MacSwiney knelt at the bedside and offered up prayers. The priest administered the rites of extreme unction.

To Take Body to Cork.

It is well within the possibilities that the body will be taken to Cork secretly in order to avoid unpleasant results from whatever demonstrations might be arranged in England and Ireland along the route traversed by train bearing the body. There is no intimation that any official advocates refusal to send it to Cork.

The home office in charge of prisons, which would control the movement of the body in England, said that no plan for the removal of the body had been officially considered. At the Irish office it was declared that no plan had been formulated for the transfer of the body to Ireland and that final decision on this point would rest solely with Dublin Castle.

FAMINE PREVAILS IN PART OF CHINA.

20,000,000 People Are Said to Be in Danger of Death from Starvation.

Famine conditions in Chihli, Shan-shi, Szechuan, and Honan provinces, in China, due to repeated light crops followed by almost complete failure this summer are reported by investigators to be the worst in years. It is estimated that 20,000,000 people are in peril of death from starvation and disease during the coming winter unless help on a large scale. Thousands of families are already about making their way northward in the hope of finding food and employment. Others are selling their belongings piecemeal to procure food at greatly advanced prices. Farm and draught animals are being disposed of for a song for lack of fodder to keep them and fuel to cook them if slaughtered.

Dr. F. F. Tucker of Techow, Shan-shi province, and Dr. E. J. Pell, of Shuechang, also in Shan-shi, report that being without food and unable to buy it, people are living on weeds and the leaves of trees, cotton seed and bran. Children, especially girls, are being sold or given away, they say.

John Griffith, of the Canadian Presbyterian Mission, Changtcho, North Honan, writes: "The last fading hope was that at least a crop of quick maturing buckwheat might be secured after a late rain. But no rain has come and that hope is now entirely gone. Every road northward swarms with the hungry, penniless humanity. The Peking-Hankow railway is generously allowing refugees to travel free on all trains bound for South Honan and Hupoh, and these are crowded with families having many little children or old people who cannot face the trek over the mountain roads to Shan-shi and Szechuan."

The American Red Cross has at present \$500,000 for the famine sufferers in China and Japan. It has purchased a large amount of rice.

Community Fair at Sellers.

There will be a Community Fair at Sellers school house on Friday, October 29th, beginning at 4 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend.

"CAN'T VOTE FOR HARDING."

Says Man Just Before He Walks to His Death.

Niagara Falls Falls, N. Y., Oct. 22.—Before the eyes of a score of sightseers at Prospect Point late today a man climbed over the railing waded out into the river and was carried over the American falls. Too astonished to act, the spectators stood by while the man drifted to the brink waving his hands and shouting.

"Here's where I leave you: good-bye."

In a black derby found near the place where the man climbed the railing was found a piece of paper on which was written:

"This hat belongs to Carl A. Ellis, of Hamburg, N. Y." The description of the suicide corresponds to that of Ellis, who could not be located in Hamburg, tonight.

The owner of a souvenir stand near the falls told the police that the man approached him and laughingly said: "Well, I can't vote for Harding, so I may as well go over the falls."

COLORED FAIR POSTPONED.

The promoters of the Colored Fair which was to have been held this week met Saturday and decided to postpone the fair 30 days. The main reason for reaching this decision was because there is so much cotton in the fields which should be gathered while the weather is good, and another reason was that the promoters needed more time in which to prepare for the fair. The colored folks are very much interested in the movement and are laying plans to hold a fair that will be a distinct credit to their race. Dillon county numbers among its colored population many splendid farmers and there is every reason to believe they will get together a large collection of interesting and attractive exhibits. The committee has not decided on the exact date on which the fair will be held, but when they reach this decision dates will be announced through the columns of The Herald.

JUDGE INDICTED FOR RUNNING DIVORCE MILL.

Alabama Jurist Charged With Distributing of Fraudulent Divorce Decrees.

Anniston, Ala., Oct. 26.—Judge Jas. F. Creen, who was arrested here on October 12 on a Federal warrant charging use of the mails to defraud and who is at present dangerously ill at his home here, was indicted this afternoon by the Federal grand jury under five specific counts, the government's allegation being that Judge Creen had distributed a large number of fraudulent divorce decrees bearing the forged signatures of court officials, and for which Creen received a uniform price of \$25 each.

According to a statement that afternoon by Assistant District Attorney J. C. Smith, of Birmingham, the government's investigation has disclosed that the unlawful divorce mill has been in operation since 1916, as the result of which many illegal marriages have been contracted and a number of illegitimate children born.

Judge Creen was reported today by his physicians as being too ill to be taken to the Federal court room, even on a stretcher, and the case will go over until the May term of Federal court. Most of the alleged fraudulent divorces charged against the Anniston man were sold to persons living in Georgia, according to Assistant District Attorney Smith.

FIRE DESTROYS GINNING PLANT IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Aiken, S. C., Oct. 26.—Fire thought to be of incendiary origin destroyed the large ginnery of H. P. Hughes near Graniteville, last night, about 9:30 o'clock. Thirty bales of cotton and 3,000 bushels of cotton seed were also destroyed by the flames. Mr. Dyches estimates his loss at about \$10,000, with half insurance. No notice had been posted on the gin and it had been left unguarded all night.

Mr. Sam Eifenbrin of the Eifenbrin Company is in New York this week attending several big cost sales put on by New York Jobbers.

Rev. W. C. Wallace, former Baptist pastor at Lake View, but now of Johnsonville, S. C., was among the visitors in town Tuesday.

Mrs. Schafer Died Tuesday.

Mrs. Ray Rosenstein Schafer, wife of Mr. Sam Schafer, of Little Rock, died early Tuesday evening after a brief illness. The news of Mrs. Schafer's death came as a distinct shock to the community, as she was ill only a few hours before she passed away.

Mrs. Schafer came to Little Rock just a year ago as a young bride, and during her brief residence there made many friends who are deeply grieved to learn of her untimely death. Before her marriage she was Miss Ray Robinson of Baltimore.

The body was taken to Baltimore last night and interment will be made in the Jewish cemetery in that city.

E. D. C. MEETING.

The E. D. C. Chapter will meet at the home of Mrs. W. C. Moore this afternoon at half past four o'clock. Mrs. Wade Stackhouse, Secretary.