

A TRAIN FIRED ON

Because the Negro Soldiers on it Acted Badly.

MADE THE ROWDIES BEHAVE.

The Warm Reception Accorded the Mustered Out Men of the Tenth Immunes. The Story.

The Tenth Immunes, who were mustered out at Macon, Ga., Wednesday, began to show their ill temper as soon as the train bearing the Negroes home began to move out of Macon. Producing revolvers and other arms which they in some way managed to smuggle with them they began firing from the windows. Bullets flew in every direction as the train sped on and passersby were compelled to seek shelter. Luckily only one person was shot in Macon. Will Goodyear, a 16 year old white boy whose arm was badly fractured by a ball. As the train passed the various stations on the road the rioting was renewed, shots being fired from the train at the people standing on the platforms to see the train go by.

At Griffin, Ga., where the first section of the train stopped about 2:30 Wednesday afternoon, occurred the most serious trouble of the day. The regiment came over the central of Georgia railroad in three sections. When the first train stopped at Griffin the Negroes, who by this time had filled up on whiskey, began firing their pistols and yelling like Indians. Over 200 shots were fired and the police were powerless to resist. The city was at the mercy of the Negroes, who kept up a fusillade of shots until the train carried them beyond the city limits.

The news of the outrageous conduct spread rapidly over Griffin and it was determined that the next section of the regiment should be held in check. Mayor Davis telephoned Gen. Candler asking him to order out the Griffin rifles. The governor sent word that he would consult the authorities and instruct him in a few minutes. Mayor Davis then ordered out the company on his own responsibility, as there was no time to lose. The rifles were given five rounds of ammunition, and under command of Lieut. David marched to the depot. In addition to the militia, the mayor and Sheriff Morris deputized nearly 100 citizens to assist the officers in preserving peace and protecting the city.

About 5:15 p.m. the second section came in sight and above the roar of the train could be heard the rattle of fire arms which were being discharged indiscriminately. When this train came to a standstill the Negroes saw 200 heavily armed men who commanded them to keep quiet. The Negroes were awed, and with a few exceptions were as docile as lambs. To those who proved fractious cracked heads were administered. When the train pulled out from the depot and the Negroes thought they were out of reach of the citizens they began firing at houses. At the first shot a volley was poured into the train by the citizens and militia. George Agee, a trainman, was fatally shot in the abdomen and one Negro slightly wounded.

Gov. Candler said: "I did not give the order calling out the company of militia as Griffin. Word was sent to the town to do their duty. Lieut. Col. Withrow, of the Tenth Immunes, wired me during the afternoon to extend protection to the Negroes while they were in the limits of the State. He said the people of Griffin were responsible for the trouble."

A dispatch from Raleigh, N. C., says the tour of the Negro troops through that State was marked by drunken rioting and shooting at people, houses and cattle along the railroad. During the few minutes that the train stopped here, there was drinking and disorder among the men. Several shots were fired at the ground or into the air. All along the route the conduct was the same. A dispatch from Henderson tonight says: "The Tenth Immunes, Negro troops, passed Wednesday over the Seaboard Air Line. They shot at private houses and school children. Several men were wounded. The officers of the regiment seemed to have no control over the men."

Further particulars in regard to the conduct of the Tenth Immunes were received from the towns along the Seaboard Air Line. Between Atlanta and Monroe they shot Plagman Sam Saly in the head inflicting a painful wound. At Monroe they made the dispensary, carrying off some 75 packages of whiskey. At Henderson they were near killing an old white man named Crozier. In Weldon, the last point at which they stopped in this State, their conduct was the worst. At the point of a pistol they forced John Battle, a worthy colored man, to drink seven glasses of whiskey. Battle fell down senseless soon after drinking the liquor and died before a physician could be summoned. The riotous troops forced their way into stores and saloons, taking whatever they wanted. They fired upon a switchman who failed to run at their command and spoke insultingly to those whom they met upon the streets.

Tug and Crew Lost.

The tug Bowen was lost with all on board off Hog Island Wednesday. Eleven lives were lost on the tug, but the crew of the dredge she was towing at the time were picked up by the German steamship Albano, bound from New York to Newport News. They were landed at old Point Comfort. The tug was lost in the midst of the terrible snow storm of last week. She was towing the steam barge Admiral to Philadelphia, where she is owned by the American Dredging Company; the assistant superintendent of which was aboard her. He was Capt. William G. Cannon and lived in Camden.

It Pays to be a Hero.

The Congress that recently adjourned made Dewey an admiral, which increases his pay from \$6,000 per annum to \$13,000. There is something substantial in such a recognition of Dewey's work in Manila bay.

DREADFUL SUFFERINGS

Of the Passengers and Crew of a Disabled Steamer.

The Portuguese steamer Vega, which arrived at New York Wednesday from St. Michael's, Azores, brought the passengers of the Cunard steamer Pavonia which was towed into St. Michael's after a terrible experience at sea. The total number of the Pavonia's passengers was 54, of whom 9 were saloon, 17 second cabin and 28 steerage. The Vega also brought four men who were on the German steamer Bulgaria, which put into St. Michael's disabled. Dr. J. W. Inches of St. Clair, Mich., one of the Pavonia's cabin passengers, said: "The experience of the voyage of the Pavonia was frightful. Gale followed gale and hurricanes prevailed throughout the whole time from Liverpool until we landed at the Azores. During the gales terrific seas came over the side and swept everything before them. The steamers rolled so violently that the six boilers broke adrift and the steamer was helpless on the ocean. Five steamers were sighted, but the weather was so stormy that they were unable to help us. The crew of the Pavonia worked nobly and did everything to make the passengers as comfortable as possible under the circumstances. When we finally got into St. Michael's we were obliged to land in lifeboats during a gale and it is a great wonder that none of us were lost. However, we landed without casualties and embarked on the Vega for New York. We have had every care and comfort possible on the way home from the Azores. The Pavonia sailed from London on January 24 for Boston. The general opinion of the Pavonia's passengers is that the members of the crew of that steamer deserve every praise for their heroic efforts, but Capt. Atkin did not merit the same consideration."

TO BE MUSTERED OUT.

Our Boys Will Come Home by the First of May.

Orders were issued at the war department Wednesday for the Twelfth New York volunteer infantry, now at Matanzas, Cuba, to take passage on the transport Berlin for New York city, where it will be mustered out. This is the beginning of a general movement for the muster out of all volunteer troops stationed in Cuba, and indicates that the administration believes that the time has come when it can safely reduce its military forces in Cuba. The fact that the rainy season is not far off is a potent reason for the early recall of the volunteer troops there. The home movement will have to be gradual because of the limited transportation facilities now at the disposal of the war department. There are now about 25,000 volunteers in Cuba, and their withdrawal will leave about 15,000 regular troops there for the enforcement of the policy of the administration for the establishment of a stable government on the island. Under the present plans of the department, it is expected that all of the volunteer troops will be withdrawn from Cuba before the first of May, and so escape the dangers of the fever, which make the country such an undesirable place of residence during the summer months. The officials of the administration express satisfaction at the present political status of affairs in Cuba, and are confident of a continuance of the prevailing peace and good order. The troops are to be withdrawn on the theory that there is no longer need of their services in that country, and that the questions of government will work out themselves without the presence of a large military force.

A Major Convicted

A dispatch from Santiago says Major Howard Wilson, of the Third Immune regiment, who was recently tried by courtmartial on charges of forgery, falsifying records and conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman, has been convicted and sentenced to dismissal from the service, forfeiture of pay and allowances, and confinement for one year at hard labor in the penitentiary. Gen. L. Wood military governor, taking into consideration Wilson's previous good character and the reduction from an honorable position to the status of a military convict, considers the court's clemency may be shown him without detracting from the force of the example to others, and directs that the sentence be remitted so far as the confinement at hard labor is concerned.

One Bill Vetoed

Gov. Ellerbe has decided to veto a bill which has reference to the operation of the sinking fund. A bill was passed at the last session relative to the collection of back taxes. It provided that for back taxes the state might collect by a suit or summary process within ten years from the date when they should have been paid. For back taxes due prior to March 31, 1899, the sinking fund would have ten years in which to collect them. There has been no law on the subject heretofore, hence the passage of the bill. The governor's veto meets with the approval and endorsement of the officers of the commission.

The Constables Bailed

Messrs. John P. Thomas, Jr. and Cole L. Blease, attorneys for State Constables W. R. Crawford, Coleman Dorn and Cooley, charged with the murder of Mrs. Stuart, made application for bail for the defendants before Judge Ernest Gary at Lancaster Wednesday morning. Solicitor General was granted bail in the sum of \$2,000, Dorn and Coleman each in the sum of \$1,000 and Cooley in the sum of \$500.

Ice Inside and Out.

The three masted schooner Alfred Brabook, Capt. Garland, from Boothbay, Maine, for Charleston, S. C., ice laden, stranded during a heavy gale and thick snow storm at Gull Shoal Life Saving Station, N. C., twenty-five miles north of Hatteras. The crew of eight men were saved by the life saving crew from Gull Shoal station by means of the breeches buoy and are now being cared for at that station. The vessel and cargo are probably a total loss.

A ROYAL WELCOME.

Columbia Entertains the Guests of the State Handsomely.

FEASTED AND TOASTED.

No Sections and no Factions Observed in the Hospitality of the Capital City.

The Toasts.

Columbia has entertained the congressional party which, on its way to Cuba, has stopped over in South Carolina at the invitation of our representatives in congress. Feeling very jubilant over recent events which point to Columbia's development and growth, the capital city has, in the limited time allowed, done everything she could to entertain and honor her guests and to show her appreciation of the services of Senator Tillman and Congressman Stanyarne Wilson, who have worked for the appropriation for the opening of the Congo. Greenville entertained the visitors in a royal style, Columbia did her best to receive them in true Southern style Wednesday, and on Thursday Charleston received them with a round of pleasure and good cheer.

The visiting congressmen were represented by Washington, W. S. Cowherd of Missouri, J. J. Showalter of Pennsylvania, John Shafroth of Colorado, Israel Waterhouse of Massachusetts and J. A. Connolly of Illinois. From our own State were Senator Tillman, Congressman Wilson, A. C. Latimer and James Norton. The following ladies accompanied the party: Mrs. B. R. Tillman, Mrs. Latimer, Mrs. Norton, Mrs. Connolly, Mrs. Shafroth, Mrs. Cowherd, Mrs. Showalter, and Miss Connolly, Miss Shafroth, Mrs. Waterhouse, who is a native of Statesville, N. C. The party arrived in Columbia at half-past three o'clock Wednesday.

They were met by the committee on reception, who drove the visitors to the Columbia hotel. After resting and refreshing themselves the visitors turned themselves over to the keeping of the committee and were driven over the city, visiting all the public buildings, among others the State capitol, where each visitor was supplied with a soul-inspiring souvenir of that institution. At dusk they were taken back to the Hotel Columbia, where they rested awhile and received the attentions of numbers of citizens who came to call.

The visitors seemed to have enjoyed the unexpected hospitable attention of the people of South Carolina and speak in warmest praise of the open-heartedness and generosity of the cities in South Carolina which they have visited. This town is designed to be an introduction of Southern people to the representatives of people of the North, and from this brief acquaintance the happiest results are expected. The average South Carolina loves to talk and to hear talking. The lobby was filled with representative citizens who were going upward trying to catch a glimpse of Senator Tillman or some of his associates. The programme called for a reception from 9 to 10, but the enthusiastic Carolinians could not stand the waiting. They wanted a speech. There were resonant calls for "Tillman" which broke forth with marked spontaneity. These were continued until the senator made his appearance. After he had addressed them in a few words, pleading fatigue and the crowd was entertained with a quite an hour with the speeches. Each speech was cheered, as a matter of course, but there were frequent bursts of spontaneous applause which sprung out from courtesy but from appreciation of the hits of the speakers.

Senator Tillman said: "I am glad to meet you again after I may say a four years absence. I wouldn't be surprised," he remarked ironically, "if tears shed upon my departure have raised the congress so that it will float a boat without river improvements." He excused himself from further speaking by saying that he was very much fatigued by the continuous session of the senate just prior to his departure, and with the fatigue of traveling. He concluded by saying: "Remember that I am in the senate yet and will see you again, and then you will hear it all."

Mr. James Hamilton Lewis of Washington State responded to popular call and made a clever speech. He said that our congressmen are very enterprising and whenever they see anything peculiar they want to bring it home and exhibit it. This was a palpable hit on his "pink whiskers." Latimer told me to come here and let the boys look at me. He had enjoyed the courtesies of the State and would have very much to leave. He lived as far west as man could get and still be in the country of the east. But even that great distance could not make him forget the pleasure of this visit. He then spoke of the two sons of Bishop Howe, Judge Elliot, and Major James L. Orr of Tacoma, who are worthy representatives of South Carolina in that far western state.

Mr. Cowherd of Kansas City, Mo., said he had suggested to Maj. Connolly to tell her who stood on the banks of the river so that the people could understand why he had come out of the war without a wound. He could now get into it and then forget it all. The benedictions were improving so that it was difficult to tell them from the Republicans. He hoped for South Carolina as glorious a future as she had had a past.

There were loud calls for "Stanyarne Wilson," the congressman from the Fourth district. Mr. Wilson said that he wanted merely to show his deep and heartfelt appreciation of all this country had done for him. He had endeavored to return that kindness in pushing the appropriation for the Congo. He looked to see the time when Richmond and grand old Columbia will occupy that future world warrant. Columbia but needs to be placed in a position where she may come out of the category of towns and she will work herself well up among the cities. He spoke of the presence of the congressmen from the north. "By their presence we recognize that there is no North, no South, no East, no West, no anywhere." On the roll of honor beside Devey, Otis, Roosevelt and other Northern heroes we see Wheeler, Blue, Hobson and Micah Jenkins. This is no new grand country without distinction of section. The South has taken up the song of prosperity and is forging ahead, aided by the reunited government. He would make way for other speakers. He knew that it would do to hear from some of the blue boys. He then introduced Representative Connolly of Illinois. Mr. Wilson was frequently interrupted with applause.

There was then an unusual picture. A Union veteran being entertained by and addressing an audience of southern people, some of whom were Confederate soldiers. Mr. Connolly of Illinois told of his first visit to or toward Columbia 35 years ago. Sherman's corps was marching through. He was at Lexington and thought the city of Columbia was in Sherman's hands. Accompanied by a orderly he rode to the banks of the river, but the bridge had been burned. He stood on the opposite bank trying to find some way to cross, because he wanted to see the capital city of South Carolina. So he spoke of his first visit to or toward Columbia 35 years ago. Sherman's corps was marching through. He was at Lexington and thought the city of Columbia was in Sherman's hands. Accompanied by a orderly he rode to the banks of the river, but the bridge had been burned. He stood on the opposite bank trying to find some way to cross, because he wanted to see the capital city of South Carolina. 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