

GOVERNOR BLEASE'S UTTERANCES CONDEMNED

Members in Speeches, Arraign South Carolina's Chief Executive for Declarations in Favor of Lynch Law.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 6.—The Governors' Conference unanimously repudiated to-day the recent utterances of Gov. Blease, of South Carolina, concerning the lynching of negroes. By a vote of 14 to 4 it adopted a resolution declaring against mob violence and for the impartial enforcement of the law. The four governors who opposed the resolution declared themselves as strongly endorsing its support, but voted no because they thought they had no right to reprimand a colleague.

Gov. Blease himself, target of the attack, hotly defended his convictions, snapped his fingers in the face of his colleagues, told them to "go to it," declared he cared not a whit what the conference said, thought, did, or did not do, and announced that all the resolutions they might ever adopt would neither keep him from the governor's chair nor from a seat in the United States senate in 1915 or earlier. Four times within as many hours he asserted his life had been threatened because of his utterances, but this appealed to him as little as the resolution.

All Letters Anonymous.
The four threatening letters Gov. Blease received were all anonymous. One was mailed in Richmond, another in Washington, the third in Louisville and the fourth in Pittsburg. The Washington writer told him he would pay the penalty if he ever came to that city; the Pittsburg writer said, "You will be taken to account on sight for your words;" the Richmond and Louisville missives were unprintable.

Gov. Blease was taken to task by a dozen governors. Gov. Carey, of Wyoming, denounced him for "claiming a monopoly for South Carolina of the respect of the white men for women." Gov. Hadley, of Missouri, declared that the floor of the conference hall was not a "clearing house for local and personal controversies." Gov. Goldsborough, of Maryland, declared that he stood solidly by the resolution because it was a matter of right. Gov. Dix, of New York, thought it would be "most unwise" not to adopt the resolution. Gov. O'Neal, of Alabama, in a ringing speech, which was drowned time after time by applause, asserted his belief that the entire conference had been belittled by the South Carolinian's remarks and that it was the sworn duty of every executive to uphold the law and enforcement of law.

Says it Again, to Everybody.
To these declarations Gov. Blease replied that he had been quoted yesterday as saying "to hell with the constitution," and that what he said yesterday he repeated to-day to "all the good governors here: to all the governors of all the States, to all the people of the United States." Once, when his voice was drowned in a storm of hisses, he turned to the galleries and to his colleagues and laughed.

"What care I for your hisses?" he asked. Then, shaking his clenched fist, he exclaimed, "Hiss if you must. Only snakes and geese hiss."

Gov. O'Neal unloosed the storm when he introduced the following resolution:

"This conference of governors does not undertake to control the individual views of its members upon any questions of law or administration; it declares that this government is based upon the fundamental principle of law and order; that the constitution of each State imposes upon its chief executive the supreme duty of taking care that the laws shall be faithfully and equally enforced; that it advocates all proper methods for strengthening and simplifying our methods of civil and criminal procedure.

"This conference protests against any disposition or utterances by those entrusted with the execution of the law in any of the States of this union which tends or could be construed as tending to the encouragement or justification of mob violence or interference with the orderly process of law."

Resolution as Passed.
To this Gov. Mann, of Virginia, objected and offered the following substitute, which was accepted and amended:

"Resolved, That it is the sentiment of the Governors' Conference, in session at Richmond, Va., to-day, that the whole power of the several States should be used whenever necessary to protect persons accused of crime of every kind against the violence of mobs and to provide for speedy, orderly and impartial trials by courts of competent jurisdiction to the end that the law for the pro-

tection of life and property be duly enforced and respected by the people."

"I hold in my hand," said Gov. Blease, when he rose to defend himself, "the fourth letter threatening my life I have received this morning. It was handed me just now by some one I don't know and it was addressed to me in care of the governor of Virginia."

"I know nothing of the letter, sir," retorted Gov. Mann, of Virginia. "I never heard of it before; I did not receive it; I know nothing of its contents."

Speaks Only for Himself.
"It doesn't matter," continued Gov. Blease. "I speak nobody's opinion but my own. The newspaper headlines have misrepresented me. When I spoke yesterday about the marriage of Jack Johnson in Chicago, I did not say he would be lynched in South Carolina; I did say that the laws of my State forbade the marriage and I did say that I didn't know, if the marriage had been performed in South Carolina, whether the law protecting him would have been possible of enforcement or not."

"Now, what I want to say to you is this: I don't care one whit whether you adopt this resolution or not. You may expel me for all I care. On the 21st day of next January I will begin my second term as governor. On the 4th of March, 1915, if God spares me, I will be sworn in as a member of the United States senate. I snap my fingers at your resolutions, for all the resolutions and all the motions you may act upon will not avail to keep me out."

"Long after many of you gentlemen here to-day are resting in the shades of private life I will be reaping the awards of public sentiment. Long after you governors are no longer governors, the white women of South Carolina will pray for me with their arms around their girls, and will arise from their knees to kiss their husbands and beg them to go to the ballot box and vote for Blease to protect them from their daily terror."

Hisses Drown Applause.
A faint round of applause rippled over the hall, succeeded by a storm of hisses.

A dozen governors, thinking the South Carolina governor had concluded, clamored for recognition, but he held the floor and smiled at the turmoil.

"What care I for your hisses?" he shouted, shaking his clenched fist at the chairman and turning to face his colleagues.

"Hiss if you must. Only snakes and geese hiss."

Again his voice was drowned in the storm. When the vigorous rapping of the chairman had brought order, he continued: "You're making yourselves ridiculous in the eyes of the nation. Why do you have to declare against mob law? They ought to know you back in your homes. They ought to meet you each one at the railroad station with a brass band and say, 'Governor, we are glad you did not endorse the utterances of that South Carolinian.'"

"When I said I never would order out the militia to protect the black brute who laid his desecrating hand upon a white woman I spoke the truth. I say it now again. That is my position, gentlemen, and if you don't agree with me, in the words of the great Virginian, 'Go to it.'"

The four governors who voted against the resolution declared emphatically that they opposed mob violence. They voted in the negative, they said, because they thought they would exceed the rights of the conference and violate the courtesy due a colleague should they vote to reprimand him. On the final ballot Gov. Blease did not vote. After the result had been announced he arose and said:

Absolutely Indifferent.
"I did not vote, gentlemen, because it makes no difference to me, one way or the other, what this conference thinks or does."

Conference adjourned at 5 o'clock this afternoon to meet in Colorado Springs next year at a date to be determined by the executive committee. Many of the governors will leave here at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning for Washington, where they will meet President Taft, who has invited them to the White House to discuss "rural credits."

The conference to-day appointed a committee of five to draft uniform State legislation, under which old-style farm mortgages could be replaced with short or long term farm bonds. A chain of new State banks

WHAT ONE KISS COST.

Married Woman Breaks Two Ribs and Arm in 25-foot Fall.

A 14-year-old boy, during an intermission at a barn dance held at New Bridge near Hackensack, N. J., Tuesday night, became so interested in Mrs. Winfield Ackerman that he felt called upon to tell her the story of his life.

In the recital he made the startling admission that he had never been kissed. Thereupon Mrs. Ackerman asked him if he would allow her the signal honor of making the initial inscription on his facial slate. The boy blushed and backed away.

Mrs. Ackerman rose and repeated her request. The youngster blushed more furiously than before and ran toward the door.

"I'll kiss you for fun," cried Mrs. Ackerman, starting after him, while the other dancers, who had switched their attention from the entertainment to the incident, laughed and shouted encouragement.

The boy, fear evident on his face, ran upstairs and tried to hide himself behind one of the supports. Mrs. Ackerman, pursuing, located him and for a few minutes they dodged and sped around the wooden column. The boy finally sprang out into the open. Mrs. Ackerman caught him but he wriggled free and then dashed around the room, with the young woman keeping up the chase.

When she caught him the second time Mrs. Ackerman held him tightly. He yelled and fought seeking to squirm from her grasp. This he continued while she backed him against a double door. She was bending over him when the door gave way and the boy and Mrs. Ackerman both fell through to the ground, twenty-five feet below.

The fall had come so unexpectedly to the young woman that she could make no effort to save herself. She suffered a broken arm, two broken ribs and numerous painful bruises. The boy escaped injury.

Dr. C. F. Adams was called to attend Mrs. Ackerman. He found that her injuries were so severe that he hurried her to the Hackensack Hospital.

Girl Saves Man's Life.

That the life of a man who was injured and who was dying from loss of blood might be saved, Miss Christine Crews, a trained nurse, submitted to an operation for the transfusion of blood and the man's life was saved.

A Mr. Latimer was injured in an accident and his shoulder was crushed. He had lost a great deal of blood. It was hurriedly decided that the only way to save his life would be to transfuse blood into his system. Miss Crews, who was hurriedly called in on the case, volunteered to give the blood.

Miss Crews was very reticent about talking for publication, and it was only after the reporter had put up a good argument and explained that the world deserved to know of such deeds, that she would consent to the publication of the story.

"I only did my duty," said Miss Crews to the reporter. "If more people would do the same more lives would be saved." And then she continued: "Mr. Latimer was badly crushed about the shoulder and had lost a great deal of blood; in fact we thought him dying, and the only thing to give him strength was blood. An incision was made in the artery of my left arm and a tube attached and to the artery of the injured man's arm." Miss Crews said her arm pained her a great deal during the process of the transfusion, and that she became very weak. She could not say how much blood she gave to the injured man. Miss Crews is originally from Greenville, but has been nursing in Columbia for some time.

His Gain.

Mrs. Terhune was grieved and disappointed at the conduct of her son, Robert, says Ted Robinson. She called him into her presence and questioned him gravely as to his latest enormity.

"Mrs. Hayes tells me that you tied a tin can to her dog's tail," she said. "Yes, ma'am."

"What a shameful thing to do!"

"Do you know that the poor dog ran away so far that he has never come back—that he probably ran himself to death?"

"Yes, ma'am."

"O, Robert! What do you gain by such cruelty?"

"I gained a dollar from Mr. Hayes."

throughout the country to be authorized by the various legislatures under a uniform law and the listing of the bonds on stock exchanges are contemplated.

Under the terms of the resolution the bill to be drafted by the committee shall be submitted to the governors of all States and must be approved by two-thirds of them before it shall be sent to the legislatures.

Digs Up Buried Treasure.

Seventy-five thousand dollars' worth of buried treasure was unearthed by a Mexican banker of Ensenada, State of Sonora, from a mountain ridge in Benito county last week, according to a story told to-day by William Rogers, who says he acted as the Mexican's guide.

Rogers says his employer carried a map true in every detail to the topography of the section. Two Mexican laborers accompanied the bankers, and dug out the treasure chest—an iron-bound oak affair. It was discovered eight feet under ground at the foot of a huge oak tree. The treasure consisted of \$10,000 in silver bullion and \$65,000 in gold ingots.

It is believed the money was buried by a Mexican outlaw, named Vasquez, whose band operated in that region half a century ago.—San Diego, Cal., special to Washington Post.

Summer weather last week. Better prepare for the cold days, though; they are coming soon.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. F. E. Copeland was born March 7, 1850 and died September 17, 1912, after an illness of several weeks.

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It is impossible to estimate the influence for good of this Christian mother. No more lasting monument could be erected to her than the knowledge that she exerted a sweet, gentle, Christian influence over her family and friends.

Truly a good woman has gone from us, bright, cheerful, and of an unusually energetic nature. She will be sorely missed in the home, the church and the neighborhood. To the God of all comfort we commend the sorrowing ones in their bereavement.

The messenger called her. She answered I come. Then out from the shadows he bore her, and tenderly carried her home.

Only a veil that divides us, only a step to the shore, where our mother now awaits us, and will welcome us ever more. A little while longer to linger amid shadows and solitude deep, then into the mansions of glory where He giveth His loved ones sleep.

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