

AUSTEN DIES OF WOUNDS.

Negro Desperado Was Being Brought to Hampton.

DETERMINED MOB AWAIT ARRIVAL

Had Negro Been Brought Alive Mob Would Have Made Quick Work of It.

Ridgeland, May 28.—Richard Henry Austin, who was badly wounded yesterday by Sheriff Morris and officer Stavinger, near Newington, Ga., and carried to Savannah for treatment, has cheated the law by dying aboard the Attaquin, a boat, between Savannah and Bluffton, this afternoon about 4 o'clock.

The officers had decided that it was safer to move Austin from Savannah and were also in hopes of getting him to South Carolina soil alive, but he died half way between Savannah and Bluffton.

Immediately after the boat landed the officers secured an automobile and left for Ridgeland to spend the night. They are on their way to Allendale.

Awaiting Austin's Arrival.

Hampton, May 28.—That Richard Henry Austin, the negro desperado, wanted for murders in South Carolina, who was captured Tuesday evening near Newington, Ga., after being desperately wounded, had died on board a boat on the Savannah River between Savannah and Bluffton, was the news received here at about 8 o'clock to-night over long distance telephone.

The report that Sheriff Morris, of Barnwell County, and Messrs. Stavinger and H. M. O'Neale had left Savannah for Hampton at about 1 o'clock p. m., with Austin in an automobile was received here about four o'clock this afternoon. In less than an hour a crowd of determined men began to gather from various sections of the county to await the arrival of the officers and their prisoner. From the nature of the threats heard on every side it appeared certain that the crowd would make short work of the desperado if he arrived alive.

Left to Meet Sheriff Morris.

Sheriff Lightsey and three or four men left here in an automobile at 8 o'clock to-night to meet Sheriff Morris with the body of Austin and escort him to Hampton. It is expected that the officers will arrive with the body of Austin about 11 or 12 o'clock to-night.

The men composing the crowd gathered here to-night are sober and quiet. This afternoon, however, some of them appeared excited and various threats as to what would be done in case Austin arrived alive were heard.

How Austin was Captured.

D. T. Padgett, one of the commissioners of Hampton County, who was at Newington, Ga., and who saw the capture of Austin, told the story here to-day. According to Mr. Padgett's story it seems that Sheriff Morris and Mr. Stavinger were at the home of Mr. Marvin Jarrell, about seven miles above Newington, on Tuesday evening. Mr. Jarrell was not at home. About dark a negro came up to the rear of the house and asked for something to eat, stating that he was wet, cold and hungry. Miss Jarrell recognized the voice as that of Austin, he having worked for Mr. Jarrell in the past. The young woman at once communicated with Sheriff Morris, who answered Austin, telling him to wait, that he would bring him the food directly.

Both Guns Aimed at Once.

Proceeding cautiously around the house to the rear Sheriff Morris caught sight of Austin by the back fence. The officer and the negro raised their guns in deadly aim at the same time, but Sheriff Morris proved quicker on the trigger and the desperado fell desperately wounded in the stomach with a load of buck shot. Austin, recovering from the shock, reached out and grabbed his gun, which had fallen two or three feet from him. Pointing the weapon at Mr. Stavenger, who had approached with Sheriff Morris, the negro was about to fire, but again he was not quick enough, and before he could fire the arm that steadied his aim fell limp at his side, almost severed with a bullet from the 44-calibre Winchester in the hands

BANDITS KILL, BUT MISS CASH.

Pay Rigs, of Illinois Zinc Company, Held Up by Masked Men.

LaSalle, Ill., May 29.—Four masked bandits held up pay rigs of the Illinois Zinc Company, five miles southeast of here this afternoon, killed one man and wounded three others, but \$6,000 in cash for semi-monthly pay of 160 miners was saved by a wild dash of a wounded officer, who escaped under fire of the robbers.

Ben Dierks, acting as guard for the Zinc Company men, was instantly killed.

Elmer West, clerk at the Zinc Company, was shot in the head, back and chest, and is in a serious condition.

F. D. Richmond, a civil engineer of the Zinc Company, was shot in the back, and Henry Oeslerle, employee of the company, received a glancing shot in the head, also shot in arm and body. Neither is seriously hurt.

Money for the pay roll was sent to Black Hollow mine in two buggies, in charge of these four men. A mile from the destination a gang of robbers sprang up from the brush surrounding the roadway. Without attempting to take the money from the vehicles the robbers opened fire. The bandits used automatic shotguns, and the first shots killed Dierks, who was driving the second buggy. West also fell at the first volley.

Richmond, who was in the rig with West, and the money, whipped up the horse and fled, while the robbers stood in the middle of the road and continued to fire at him. Soon as they saw the first buggy making a successful escape the bandits left the other one unmolested and fled through the woods. When Dierks fell dead in the second vehicle Oeslerle grabbed the reins, whipped up his horse and followed the other rig to the Zinc Company's mine. The miners were paid off and then joined in searching for the robbers.

That the bandits were former zinc miners familiar with the system of paying at the plant is the opinion of the police.

STIVENDER TO LOSE JOB?

Governor, Petitioned in Behalf of Barnwell Rural Policeman.

Allendale, May 29.—A petition to Governor Blease and the Barnwell County delegation is being circulated asking for the retention in office of L. G. Stivender, a Barnwell County rural policeman, who, it is said, expects to lose his position on account of his political opinions. Policeman Stivender has won much praise for his tireless efforts during the past four weeks in running down the negro Austin. He was with Sheriff Morris Tuesday night when he was captured, and probably saved Mr. Morris's life by a shot from his rifle, which broke the arm of Austin as he was taking aim at Sheriff Morris.

Found Dead Mouse in "Dope" Bottle.

Spartanburg, May 28.—As Thurman Williams was drinking a bottle of coca cola he found a dead mouse in it. He suffered great anguish, he says, and sued J. W. Allen, the bottler, for \$7,000 damages. The jury hearing the case returned a verdict for the defendant.

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of Mr. Stavinger.

"Don't Fire, I Surrender."

Austin, as he fell the second time, shouted, "Don't shoot any more: I surrender." He was immediately disarmed. The negro held conversation with members of the posse who gathered around him, giving details of his wanderings as a fugitive from justice. Austin admitted killing Mr. Victor Bowers, but declared that the other men had been shot by accident by the members of the posse. He said that the reason he had taken Magistrate Edenfield's gun was because the South Carolina folks had taken his overcoat. Austin said that he had moved over to South Carolina from Georgia, had secured a piece of land and had intended to settle down to farming.

Austin was taken to Savannah this morning about 10 o'clock and lodged in police barracks there, according to reports from men who have returned from the scene of the man-hunt.

By the Associated Press.

Hampton, May 28.—Word reached here at 3 o'clock this afternoon that Henry Austin was being brought to Hampton by Sheriff Lightsey and Morris from Savannah by automobile, and about fifty men from Allendale and Fairfax arrived on the afternoon train from Augusta. Austin was still alive, it was reported, and was being brought to the local jail.

Armed men from all sections in a radius of 20 miles, flocked to Hampton and are patiently awaiting the arrival of Austin. Large crowds have gathered at Allendale and Fairfax and the sheriff's guard will certainly be overpowered in the event they arrive with Austin alive.

CLOSING UP PORT ROYAL TIGERS.

Nuisance Was Complained of By Secretary of Navy.

ENLISTED MEN BOUGHT LIQUOR.

Law for License to be Revoked when Whiskey is sold.

Beaufort, May 29.—One of the blind tigers complained of by Secretary of the Navy Daniels as interfering with the navy reformatory at Port Royal was put out of business by the county commissioners to-day. Under a law passed at the last session of the Legislature no mercantile business can be conducted outside of an incorporated town in the county without a license from the board of county commissioners. The law makes it mandatory for the board to revoke the license whenever it is shown them that a holder of a license has sold liquor.

Two enlisted men to-day swore that they had bought liquor from R. S. Goetz, who keeps the largest store on the island outside the Government reservation. Goetz, who is said to be an old offender, offered no evidence in rebuttal. The revocation is to take effect July 15, unless liquor is sold, when the revocation will become immediately operative.

Evidence is in hand against another storekeeper on the island, who will be proceeded against shortly. This latter case was handled by Dispensary Constable E. F. Hammond, co-operating with Major Hatch, the commanding officer of the naval station. This constable is an appointee of the Governor, who has appointed also one of the enlisted men to assist.

At no time has there been criticism here or on the part of the naval authorities, so far as can be learned, of the Governor. Secretary Daniels, it seems, understood during his talk with citizens here that the trouble has been and is with local sentiment acting on the juries. All that has been said from Washington as to the necessity of cleaning up conditions around the station outside the Government's zone of authority has been directed, it is believed, at local sentiment and officials.

Remarkable Record of School Girl.

Miss Mary, daughter of the Hon. and Mrs. W. N. Graydon, a student of the 6th grade of the Abbeville graded school, has made a most remarkable record during the past year, and it is doubtful if her record has ever been equaled before. She is in the 6th grade, 11 years old, the youngest pupil in the grade taught by Miss Ione Smith, and her general average for the nine months was 99.7—lacking only two points of making a general average of 100. In neatness, attendance and conduct she received 100 each month. The seventh month she received 100 in each study, 100 each month in spelling, and it is stated she has not missed a word in spelling in two years. During the past year she did not receive less than 99 in any study. On her card are 89 marks, of which 69 are 100 and the rest 99.—Abbeville special to News and Courier.

LAD KILLS YOUNG MAN.

Boy of 14 Years Shoots His Sister's Sweetheart.

New Orleans, June 1.—Florville LaCoste, a boy of 14, shot and killed William Easton, aged 19, his sister's sweetheart, here today as the sequel to a violent quarrel between the girl and Easton. The shooting occurred just outside the LaCoste home, from which the boy had driven Easton at the point of a shotgun. After he had been taken in charge by the police, LaCoste declared that Easton was abusing his sister when he interfered.

Knew it Well.

A man who had been troubled with bronchitis for a long time called on a rather noted doctor. After a few questions the doctor told him he had a very common ailment that would readily yield to treatment.

"You're sure you can cure my bronchitis," said the man, "you must have had great experience with it."

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