## THE DARLINGTON TRAGEDY.

A MAN'S HOUSE IS HIS CASTLE.

Darlington and the Dispensary Spies-The Town in a Great State of Excitement-It Makes the Blood Boil to Talk of Raiding Private Houses-The Military Told to be in Readiness.

[Special to News and Courier.] DABLINGTON, March 28 .- Darlingon had the liveliest time to-day it has had since South Carolina has been Till- THE LOCAL COMPANY IN SUMTER, S. C. man ridden. Several spies have been here for the past week and to-day Gaillard put in an appearance. No time | was thrown into a state of excitement was lost after his arrival, and he and | this afternoon when the news was rehis associates commenced their work | ceived here of the threatened conflict

spect for himself nor for his office here. been received by Capt. Phelps: The searches were made quietly, and eral public places were raided, and two of the town of Darlington. pints of whiskey were the sole results of all the searching, nosing and smell-

About this time the report rapidly uphold the law." spread that three private houses would one residence at that time. It has aggerated. never been the intention of any one unalterable determination of the people that no home shall be invaded.

When this report got abroad quiet and determined men were at once seen walking in the direction taken by the spies, armed with shot guns and rifles. This was about 2 o'clock in the day, and up to this time everything had been noisy, but the crowd was in a good humor, though it was evident that the spies were possessed of "that tired feeling." Everything grew more quiet while these armed men silently proceeded to stop this tyrannical invasion of the rights of a free people.

For some reason the spies changed their course, making a detour, crossing to another street and coming to their hotel amid the jeers and hootings of a large crowd. The crowd now was very large and meant just exactly what their actions indicated.

In the afternoon the crowd again gathered but "Tillman's gentlemen' did not come down from the second story of their hotel.

About 4 o'clock it was accidentally discovered that the following telegram had been sent to Capt. Henry T. Thompson, commanding the Darlington Guards:

"Put your command under orders of the sheriff and preserve the peace.

"B. R. Tillman, Governor." Capt. Thompson at once wired back to Gov. Tillman as follows:

"Telegram received. Have conferred with sheriff, who says there is no danger of a breach of the peace and no necessity for ordering out the militia. "Henry T. Thompson,

"Commanding Darlington Guards." Capt. Thompson then called his officers to a consultation with the sheriff in the Courthouse.

The crowd was now very large and was under the impression that the fun was about over, when they learned that Capt. Thompson had received the telegram ordering him to place his command under orders. They at once went to the armory, seized every gun, and armed with rifles and smiles, proceeded to the public square. When ther ws reached Capt. Thompson he went to the crowd, demanding the immediate return of the guns. The whole thing was done in a spirit of mischief, and upon Capt. Thompson's demand the guns, were carried back to the armory and delivered to him and he put a guard over the gun room.

About 6 o'clock in the evening Till man again wired Capt. Thompson as

"I hear your arms have been taken by a mob. Answer if this is true. "B. R. Tillman,

"Governor." Capt. Thompson wired this reply: "Upon the receipt of your first tele-

gram I went to the Courthouse, and was in consultation with officers of my command concerning it. During my absence from the armory a party of citizens went there and took possession of the guns. On hearing of it I went to them and demanded that they surrender them immediately, which they did. I now have all the guns, and have taken such precautions as will effect ually prevent a repitition of the incident. Everything quiet.

"Henry T. Thompson, "Commander Darlington Guards." In the afternoon things looked squally, and they were as they looked. It is a settled fact that if any attempt be made to raid any residence or home here it will be resisted. The persons Dee section has set the ball rolling, and who are resisting this include some of our best and most law-abiding citizens, held by representatives of three counand they-are quiet but absolutely de-Further movements by the spies will develop results. At present everything liberty and resistance to tyranny were is quiet. The spies have been ordered being discussed. away from the Enterprise Hotel, where they have been stopping, and had to motion offered and were enthusiasti-

home. Beyond this they have nothing

Surely it is a sufficient commentary upon the administration of our Government when law-abiding citizens in broad daylight are seen walking across its business thoroughfares armed with rifles and shotguns to defend their rights against such a government. The temper of the people here is unmistakable and if other towns followed Darwould require-even lower and dirtier erty-loving people. tools than his spies now are.

CALLED ON TO SUBDUE DARLINGTON. SUMTER, March 28 .- Our little city

at once. Armed with warrants and between the State constables and the accompanied by the sheriff and a dep- citizens of Darlington. No definite uty they proceeded to make searches. facts could be obtained and every one A large crowd at once congregated who had heard the rumors was anxious and made the rounds with these men, to learn more and the excitement was who are engaged in an occupation as considerable. The excitement of our low as it is contemptible. A Tillman people was intensified when it was spy need never expect the slightest re- learned that the following telegram had COLUMBIA, S. C., March 28.—Capt.

while no violence was shown, the A. C. Phelps, Sumter Light Infantry crowd showed not the slightest regard | Can your company be relied upon to of respect for Tillman's minions. Sev- upheld the law? A mob has possession

In reply Capt. Phelps telegraphed: "The Sumter Light Infantry will

A little later a telegram was received be next searched, and it was positively from Darlington stating that all was stated that the spies were moving on quiet, and that the report had been ex-Governor Tillman has since notified

here to opyose the search of what are | Capt. Phelps that the services of the S. considered "blind tigers," but it is the L. I. would not be needed, as all was quiet again.

THE SACREDNESS OF HOME MADE AN ISSUE IN THREE COUNTIES.

DARLINGTON, March 29 .- Darlington has had another day of excitement, but it was that quiet, suppressed excitement, dominated by self-control and resolute determination. This morning twelve Tillman spies, armed with Winchester rifles, came in on the 8 o'clock train. They went to the sheriff's residence, about a mile from the business

As soon as the arrival of the spies was positively known, a meeting of the citizens assembled to take such steps a they deemed necessary. The meeting was without any excit-ment whatever, but determination sat upon the countenances of all and only determined words were spoken. A committee was sent to the sheriff and he was notified any arrests he might make when armed with warrants. At the same time he was informed that any attempted arrest by any spy would be resisted to the las extremity, and that no invasion of private residences would be al-

A this stage it was announced that Mrs. Hodges, the proprietress of the Enterprise Hotel, had made the spies leave her house last night, not because she feared any violence to them, but because they were objectionable characters to her. A purse was at once raised and a handsome solid gold souvenir spoon was purchased and a committee appointed to present this token of regard to Mrs. Hodges. The committee at once discharged this pleasant task and Mrs. Hodges received the sonvenir most gracefully and with

many thanks. The spies did not show themselves on the street at all during the entire day, but rumors filled the air and the telegraph wires were kept busy. About noon it was authoritatively stated that the spies had wired for a Gatling gun corps, and a little later it was ascertained that the Sumter Light Infantry had been ordered here by Tillman. Then it was that your correspondent was kept busy. Telegrams were received from Sumter, Florence and Cheraw offering assistance. At 2 o'clock a telegram was received stating that a special train would leave Florence

bringing help. This train came rapidly in and forty men filed out ready to stand by those who met them. They were escorted to the Court House, which was soon filled entirely with white men. While the meeting was in progress another telegram was received from Sumter stating that friends were coming from that

These "Game Cock" boys were met and escorted to the Court House, where the interrupted meeting was resumed. Then it was that the most spirited Anti-Tillman meeting ever seen in South Carolina was held. Ringing speeches were made, but no rash measures were advised. Good and true men all over our State would have rejoiced to see the spirit shown. It was not the action of thoughtless men, but showed the unutterable determination a resist iniquitous and malicious persecution by a despot who has only his own aims

The tenor of the meeting was unmisfelt throughout our State were the example here shown followed. The Peethoughtful men can see in the meeting ties here to day the beginning of the end. The spies were for the time lost sight of, while the broad principles of

The following resolutions were on

Resolved, That in the counties of Darlington, Florence and Sumter searches of private residences, private rooms and private apartments used by the owners as their dwellings and not as places of trade, shall be neither tolerated nor permitted, and we hereby pledge ourselves to resist all such un-

lawful depredations. Resolved, That the citizens of Darlington, Florence and Sumter, hereby mutually pledge each other to support each other in resistance to all such unlawful acts, and we invite the co-operalington's example Tillman's dirty work tion of all other law-abiding and lib-

> At the conclusion of the meeting a resolution of thanks to the men from Florence and Sumteo for their voluntary assistance was unanimously adopt-

> Late in the afternoon a telegram was received from Sumter stating that a special train was waiting and three hundred men were ready to come at

The Darlington Guards at 5 o'clock this afternoon met the Sumter Light Infantry and escorted them to their armory, where lunch was served. They are still the guests of the Darlington Guards, and await further orders from Governor Tillman. The day has been an unusual one, but no disorder has been visible. The crowd was quiet and orderly all day, but it is still the inflexible determination of the people to resist to the last extremity the arrogant exercise of a despotic power unknown to the Czar of Russia. The attitude of the citizens who are in this movement is unmistakable. They are quiet and resolute, but are thoroughly aroused. Everything is quiet now. The spies have made no demonstration as yet. They will not be interfered with except in the manner indicated by the above resolutions. Should they attempt this they will most positively be interfered with. The spirit shown to-day, in the meeting particularly, was the inivincible spirit of South Carolina. Could it inspire our entire State, South Carolina would not long be the leprous, tainted, Tillman-ridden, spy infested land that

WHAT DARLINGTON'S MAYOR SAYS. DARLINGTON, March 29.-There is no mob in Darlington nor has there been any. No one has defied the law or any authority. The reports current and sent abroad are absolutely without foundation, and have been originated and promulgated by irresponsible and evil-minded persons from

I assured the Governor by wire that there was no row or prospect of one, and that I could keep the peace of the town. The peace has been kept and that, too, by the ordinary number of police on duty. During the constabulary raids, which were made without hindrance or molestation, some one circulated the report that raids would be made on private houses. Immediately some five or six, or possibly eight men got Houble-barrel shotguns and openly asserted that resistance would be made. The constables were then in a different part of the town. and I immediately went to the sheriff, who accompanied the raiding party, and asked if there were warrants for the search of private houses. H assured me that there were none. I then went to the men who had the guns and told them there was no foundation in the report and to put up the guns, which was immediately done and every thing quieted down.

In short time afterwards a rumor was spread that Mr. C. S. McCullough had dared the constables to raid his home and that the constables had accepted his challenge. Immediately McCullough's friends rushed for his residence in Pearl street. The constables were then in Broad street perfeetly ignorant of what was going ou. On the way to McCullough's house they met McCullough, who assured his friends that there was no truth in the rumor. Everybody turned back and the guns were again put up and all became quiet.

A rumor soon spread that the Goverpor had ordered out the Darlington Guards. Somebody said good naturedly, confound the Guards, we will take their guns. A few of them rushed to the armory and took out a few of the guns which were unloaded and appeared with them on the street, laughing and joking. As soon as I saw this says: I told several that their action might be misconstrued, and to carry the guns | night and the Sumter Light Inf. by some of the faithful, to rush a telsgram off to the Governor. I am the it better than the sheriff, the constabulary or the military, and I intend to keep it, and will be backed by a hundred good citizens if I need them, and when I fail will call for aid, and not before. I have assured the Governor, the sheriff, the Attorney-General and the chief constable that I could and would keep the peace, but it seems that

## W. F. DARGAN, Mayor. Economy and Strenght.

Valuable vegetable remedies are used in the preparation of Hood's Sarsarparetain the full medicinal value of every

## MORE BLOOD SHED.

THE TROUBLE IN DARLINGTON RE-SULTS IN LOSS OF LIFE.

The Details of the Trouble as Cathered from the Daily Papers.

[Special to News and Courier.]

DARLINGTON, March 30 .- About 5 'clock this afternoon a tragedy occurred here, the cold-blooded brutality of which will forever stain the fair name of the State. All had gone on quietly up to that time, and the day had been an uneventful one. Attorney General Buchanan had been here, everything had been satisfactorily settled and the spies had been relieved and were about to take their departure. Fourteen of them, armed with Winchester rifles, were at the Coast Line depot. The citizens had no idea of taking any further actions. A personal difficulty occurred at the depot between two young men, citizens of the town, hearing of which five gentlemen of the town, two of them totally unarmed, went to the depot to see what the disturbance was.

Without any visible cause, as is testified to by the few witnesses present, one of the spies himself confirming this, these fourteen spies began firing upon the five men who had come up. The shots were fast and furious for a few moments, numbering at least seventy-five in all. In a moment there were heaped on the depot platform, side by side, the dead bodies of two citizens of the town, Frank E. Norment and L. L. Redmond, and that of Spy Pepper, while alongside of them lay a second spy, McLendon, mortally wounded. Mr. Louis M. Norment, a brother of Mr. Frank E. Norment, was shot in the side and in the right arm. Mr. K. D. Lucas was shot in five places, and Chief of Police Dargan, who came connection with the personal difficulty alluded to above between the two young men, is dangerously wounded

A pocket book in Mr. Louis M. Norment's pocket was the only thing that dition of affairs. They have undersaved his life.

chester rifles, firing upon five innocent house for a murderer, felon or stolen provocation. Such a result could only quor comes in the same category. have been expected from such irre- There is no such thing as a man's cassponsible men armed by Governor Till- | tle about it. The editors of these ganow lying at the point of death, ad- over yonder. The malitia companies, mits having fired the first shot.

These are the simple facts in the case and they cannot be controverted. Af- will likely be disbanded. If I cannot ter the slaughter the remaining spies get city companies to enforce the law took to their heels and ran down the their arms will be taken from them railroad track, taking to the woods in every direction.

determined men an ton Guards, ry having by the sheriff to keep the peace. The responded promptly, and double quicked to the depot, but were too late to be of

any assistance. They are still under arms at the armory, and are acting under the sheriff's orders. Mr. L. L. Redmond was about 25 years of age and unmarried. He moved to Darlington from Durham,

N. C., about three years ago. Mr. Frank E. Norment was about 35 years of age. He leaves a wife and three little children. He was one of the most lovable of men and did not have an enemy in the world. Frank, manly, unusually intelligent and pos-

and esteem of all who knew him. De-

cidedly one of the most popular men

munity mourns in deepest anguish tonight over his terrible end. As heretofore everything in town is quiet to-night.

A TILLMANITE ACCOUNT. COLUMBIA, S. C., March 30 .- A

special to the Register from Darlington "Everything had quieted down back. About this time Capt. Thomp- and constables were to depart to-day. \_\_reets. They went son, who had been out of his office a Constable Swan and two other of the few minutes, heard about the guns constabulary left on the Charleston, being out and ordered them returned, Sumter and Northern Railroad, and which was done. All this was a joke the other constables, eighteen in numand occasioned no alarm to anyone in her, went to the depot of the Cheraw the streets, not even to ladies and chil- and Darlington Road to depart. The newspapers, but the enactment and about. I told the captain there was dren, who, during the whole of it, were train was late. Not many citizens walking about, except that it offered were at the depot. Two of them, Paul the opportunity, too eagerly sought for Rogers and Billy Floyd, had an altercation. Floyd struck Rogers in the face with brass knucks. Rogers fell peace officer of this town, and can keep and Floyd got on him, but was pulled off. Rogers had quarrelled with Constable McLendon earlier in the week and McLendon had been fined five some words with a Mr. Redmond about the Floyd-Rogers fight. Some say Red-The Governor, at least, persists in believing to the contrary. I am satisfied don fired at Redmond. Others say the sheriff and chief constable believe McLendon fired at Rogers and that the throat instead, killing him instantly. Firing then became general and citizens hurried to the scene of encounter. rilla in such a peculiar manner as to It was found that the constables had been scattered to the woods and four combines economy and strength and is men were lying on the ground—Red- mit to anything you say; but, uttering the only remedy of which "100 Doses mond and Frank Norment, citizens, faction out of Floyd, Hearing

in the side. Several citizens were

"One hundred and fifty mounted men are scouring the woods for the constables, who are armed with Winches- made this remark McLendon arose ters and will fight for their lives. The Darlington Guards are under arms, endeavoring to preserve the peace, but said. 'Yes. chief, he is the rascal,' the trouble has outgrown their control. whereupon McLendon said, 'You are Sheriff Scarborough is powerless, and, another damn lyingunder threats of being killed by the citizens if he interferes, he has subsided. One of the wounded constables is in Darlington jail, protected by the local

military company. "Mr. Norment, who was killed, had been taking no part in the riotous proceedings of the last few days and had pistols into the party of citizens, among gone to the depot on business of his

SPONSIBILITY FOR THE BLOODY WORK AT DARLINGTON.

COLUMBIA, S. C., March 30 .-About 6 o'clock this afternoon the newspaper representatives repaired to the Executive Mansion. The Governor came hurriedly to the door. He seemed to be very much worried and walked up and down the piazza. When told that the spies had taken to the woods he said he could not blame Darlington. them when there were four or five hundred men after them. He said:

"Nobody wants to do anything over there but to secure the peace and get the civil authorities in possession of the town again. I have received a message from the sheriff, which is an appeal to send the military there. He him say: "Forman, I'm shot.' Forman says he is powerless. Attorney-General Buchanan tells me to send Gen. Farley with the militia. The mayor of Darlington played havoc yesterday, and is no doubt partly responsible for the trouble to-day. The mayor and the police should have arrested all the obstreperous men yesterday, and there would never have been any trouble. solely to perform his official duties in They sowed the wind yesterday and reaped the whirlwind to-day. It is no light thing for men to resist the State law. The News and Courier, the Greenville News and the State are directly responsible for the present contaken to educate the people to the be-After remaining here three days and lief that the constables do not have a doing absolutely nothing the spies right to search a private dwelling. It their intention a longer crowd would closed their campaign in Darlington by bas never been disputed that with a have been there. ourteen of them, armed with Win- warrant you can search any man's men, and that without the slightest goods. Under the dispensary law li- Floyd had had a fit cuff, of which I man with Winchester rifles and reck- pers I have mentioned are the murder- with him in having a fair fight." Othless instructions. McLendon, the spy ers of those who have been shot down ers tell the same story. which have been so handsomely handled by their officers over there,

and given to those in the country who will see that they are properly cared

but to re-establish the civil authorities in power and uphold the dignity of soon this morning, were called upor Darlington are simply insurrection and nothing more."

THE SCENE OF TROUBLE.

The Day After the Massacre in Darlington Governor Tillman's Ill Advised and Groundless Proclamation of Martial Law-An Eye-Witness's Story of the Killing.

[Special to News and Courier.] DARLINGTON, March 31 .- Truly "the wind has been sown and the whirland reaped" in the dispensary law. those who are responsible for the passage of this obnoxious law could have spent a few hours in Darlington County they would have been convinced of the not have been more determination and sessed of the very finest attributes of resolution among any set of people mind and heart, he won the friendship than there was among those who made up the posse of several hundred, bent upon the arrest of the constables responsible for the killing of Norment who ever lived in Darlington, this com- and Redmond, and the wounding of Lucas, Norment and Dargan. There was no child's play about their doings, neither was there any buncombe. They meant business, and strictly business. They meant to show the minious of the dispensary law that Winchester rifles were not to be used among white people as if they were playthings, and it is no use to deny the fart that the temper, and it might be said the desire, of the party who made up the posse was not eal lightly with the constables who

tered Darlington's citizens in her rifles across their saddles and in their wagons to use them if the occasion demanded, and had constables and citizens met there is indeed, but little lina's blood would have been spilled, not because of the teachings of the daily law which is showing itself more and more every day to be a curse.

THE STORY OF AN EYEWITNESS. The full and straight story of the shooting at Darlington has not seen yet published and there seems to be some misunderstanding about the matter. This morning I had a responsible and temperate eyewitness to give me a plain statement of the facts. He gives an dollars by the mayor for drawing a exceedingly graphic story and it tells pistol on Rogers. McLendon had briefly how unnecessarily human life was lost. He said:

"I went to the station to go off and upon my arrival there about twenty spies arrived with Winchester rifles and pistols. While standing there, not ten feet distant from the crowd, I heard one Rodgers tell Floyd that he bullet passed through Redmond's had not been treated fair and that he could whip him any way he wished. When he made this remark Chief of Police Dargen caught hold of Rodgers and said 'This thing must be stopped; if you don't I will have to arrest you.' Rodgers answered 'I am willing to subreinforcements will arrive to-morrow. No crowd that can be brought here will be large enough, brave enough nor strong enough to raidany residence or stand constables were stay-link, approached him and said, 'I don't mean to take it.' As Floyd advanced, then in ough the storage of this, approached him and said, 'I don't mean to take it.' As Floyd advanced, then in ough the storage of things to counting, then in this, approached him and said, 'I don't mean to take it.' As Floyd advanced, then in ough the constables were stay-linking and sold, 'I don't mean to take it.' As Floyd advanced, then in ough the constables were stay-linking and sold, 'I don't mean to take it.' As Floyd advanced, then in ough the constables were stay-linking and sold, 'I don't mean to take it.' As Floyd advanced, then in ough the constables were stay-linking and sold, 'I don't mean to take it.' As Floyd advanced, then in ough the constables were stay-linking and sold, 'I don't mean to take it.' As Floyd advanced, then in ough the constables were stay-linking and that the spen or report of anyone being injured. Whiskey is and that the is entitled to defend the mean to take it.' As Floyd advanced, then in ough the constables were stay-linking and in the constable said and it is living, but will die; Norment is dead. Chief of Police Dargan was shot through the mean to take it.' As Floyd advanced, then in ough the constable said and it is living, but will die; Norment is and that the promptly, easily and that the is entitled to defend the mean to take it.' As Floyd advanced, then in ough the constables were stay-linking the

"As Rodgers made this remark one of six or eight citizens present told the chief, 'There is the rascal who interfered in the fight,' and pointed to McLendon, who is a State spy. As he from where he was sitting and said, You are a damn lying and at the same time another citizen the same time drawing a large revolver on the last citizen who spoke (Norment) and shot him. Norment threw up his hands, fell to the floor never to speak afterwards. So far as I know Norment had no pistol, and certainly

showed none.
"As McLendon fired the group of spies gathered and fired their rifles and whom were two ladies. Redmond fell soon after, shot through the neck, and died almost instantly. The few citi-GOV. TILLMAN TRIES TO SHIRK HIS RE- zens who had pistols fired into the spies to protect themselves, killing two of them, McLendon and Pepper. One spy, Cain I believe is his name, was the last man who fired. When he fired his last shot he said: 'I got that long-legged -McCullough,' but Mc-Cul-

lough did not receive a wound. When the firing ceased, which lasted about five seconds, and about one hundred shots were exchanged, the spies hurried ly picked up their grips and took to the woods near the station, where they were to take the first train out of

"It was found afterwards that Chief Dargan, K. D. Lucas and L. M. Norment had been wounded. wounds are most serious, he having been shot five times, but are not dan-When last heard from I saw the chief standing on the opposite side of the passenger depot leaning up against the freight platform, and heard answered: 'Shall I get a doctor?' Lie down.' The chief said: 'No; good God, how can I lie down when my dear friend, Frank Norment, is shot; maybe can get on my horse, ride up-town and get a doctor for him and save his life.' He got on his horse, went uptown and secured a physician, at the same time crying as he went through the streets on his dashing pony, 'For God's sake go to the depot; Norment is

"In about ten minutes citizens came running down to the depot, about seventy-five in number, and found to their horror that the chief's report was They looked for the spies, but they had fled, and a large crowd are now after them. Those citizens at the lepot, who only numbered six or eight, had no idea of precipitating a row or interfering with the spies; they were there on business. Had such been

Rodgers and terference of the st was not a witness, five minutes before the second row which brought on the killing. In the first row Rodgers claimed that McLendon interfered

THE GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION. Post this Proclamation-To Darling-South Carolina Office: Whereas certain persons have assembled in the councies of Darlington and Florence and are now in open rebellion agains the authority of the Government of this State, and it has become impracticable to enforce by the ordinary course of judicial preceedings the laws for. The military are not going to of this State within said counties. ig the woods Darlington to protect the constables, Now, therefore, I, B. R. Tillman, Gov. ernor of the State of South Carolina do proclaim such persons so assembled to be in open rebellion against the laws nome by the Governor the law. These offers of help to go to of the State, and I do hereby command all such assemblages of insurgents to disperse and retire peaceably to their respective abodes within twenty-four

> hours. "Done at Columbia this 31st day of March, 1894.

["Signed.] B. R. Tillman, Governer's seal. By the Governor, J. E. Tindal, Secretary of State." Some who read it thought seriously of it, others joked about it, and while some were reading it they jocularly remarked: "Take off your bat."

MAKING FUN OF TILLMAN. There was not much talk about the proclamation and those who thought seriously of it said there was no occasion for it and it could not accomplish any good; and it was not long after I truth of the proposition. There could arrived here that I heard of the flasco of the Bishopville campany, which had been forwarded on a train of minimum speed of thirty miles an hour to relieve a horror-stricken people No one seemed to know exactly they had so unceremoniously left the city on the same train on which they had arrived. I, however, found that Sheriff Scarborough was able to explain the matter to some extent.

> THE PASSING OF THE BISHOPVILLE GUARDS He said: During the day I received telegram from the captain of the company, which read as follows: Sheriff Scarborough: Meet the Bishopville Guards at Cheraw and Darling-

ton depot W. S. JAMES, (Signed.) Commanding.

On the receipt of this telegram

went to the Cheraw and Darlington depot and met the captain. He informed me that he had been ordered here and to report to a constable. I doubt more, very much more, of Caro- told him I did not think he could report to any constable at this time, as it was not very probable there was any aggressive attempt at enforcement of a | a dying constable in jail, and that I feared he would be lynched during the night, and I demanded his protection. He went off to consult the lieutenants and afterwards the members of his company on the other side of the track. As I was tired waiting for his answer and wanted to go up town I sent Mr. Carter to find the decision of the company in the matter. When Mr. Carter returned he said the Bishopville Guards had left on the train on which they had arrived and by that time were probably half way to Florence. I asked the bus to wait on me and went up town without hearing any more from the Guards and have not since seen anything of them. Speriff Scarborough is neartily tired of the trouble and

wern out trying to do his work. ONLY TILLMAN TO BLAME.

There is but one sentiment here in reference to this killing, and that has been openly expressed by everyone here to-day, be he Tillmanite or not. This says most unequivocally that on Tillman, and Tillman alone, rests the ull blame of this shedding of blood. Nothing can take away the responsi-

thing be allowed to stop until we assert that they were assured that no private ourselves and shake off, once and for- houses would be raided. ever, this yoke that has been too long endured. Acquiescence now means a return to all we have suffered. Resistance from one end of the State to the other means the knell of Tillmanism. This is what we all think, this is what has been quietly and determinedly reiterated here all day. Darlington is willing to continue as she has begun. Will others follow?

FARLEY AS A PEACEMAKER. Gen. Farley, who left Columbia last night with what he called his war corresponeent, arrived here this afternoon He said that he had the pleasure of the company of ten men from Manning on his way to Charleston, and that he spent the day in Charleston and that while there he had a consultation with the military of that city.

After a brief survey he said that he felt warranted in telegraphing to Governor Tillman that the town of Darington could be controlled by the local authorities, and that there was no need of troops. He will to-morrow send a ull report on the situation, and will advise that there is no necessity for martial law. Gen. Farley thought that it was best for him not to bring afternoon. It was believe that all danger the Manning detachment with him.

THE MARKED SELF-CONTROL OF THE PEOPLE.

How they were Affected by a Brutal Remark of Qov. Tillman-The Meeting to Protest Against House Raiding-

[Special to News and Courier.] DARLINGTON, March 31 .- The story of he great tragedy which was enacted in Darlington yesterday afternoon has been its gravity and horror have not been told. Here on the ground, mingling with the men who participated in it, hearing its details recounted by an hundred tongues and touching elbows with the brothers and fathers of the bereaved or wounded, one begins to appreciate the magnitude of the catastrophe which has fallen upon the people and the State.

So far as I have been able to see there has been no violent display of passion, certainly not since the hour of the trage dy, but never in my life have I seen a community so thoroughly aroused and ani-mated by such a determination to seek redress with their own hands for what they conceived to be an unparalleled outrage and such a dastardly crime. TILLMAN'S BRUTAL SPEECH.

If there had been an outbreak in the sense of a violent demonstration of anger among the people it would have followed upon the reading of the interview with Governor Tillman in The News and Courier this morning, in which he is reported as saying that "honors are easy," ing that his constables had killed as "The fight was to veen private parties, and there was need for the integration as they themselves lost that they had gone over to the Charleston, Sumter and Northern depot. The crowd nen This is not the time and a reporter is not the person to comment upon that cold-blooded view of a tragedy, which should bathe an entire State in tears, in

the language in which it merits. It can only be said that that assertion exercised a powerful influence upon the emper of the people of Darlington. The eople felt that the words had been utered by an implacable enemy-one who was animated with a spirit of satisfaction ver the fearful catastrophe which had fallen upon them-and they resented it accordingly. There were many promient Tillmanites, some of whom high staff officers and close friends of the Administration in the town, but no one was found to defend or even to excuse the brutal language which with ill-timed Slippancy Governor Tillman chose to feliitate himself upon the calamity which

had fallen upon the people. It was this possibly which suggested the often reiterated statement that the bitterness of the people was directed more toward Governor Tillman than towards the constables, who had been the mere instruments in his hands. Even the aninosity which was caused by this incident did not break the coolness with which the Darlington people are seeking to redress the wrong which has been done against their fellow citizens

Hundreds of people, many of them armed with rifles or shotguns, were collected in the public square throughout the day, but at no time was there the slightest disturbance. Conversation even was carried on in hushed voices. The quietness was unusual. There was an unnaturalness about it which suggested overwrought feelings. It was not the bustling crowd which gathers in an upcountry town on Saturday, but a throng of citizens actuated by some terrible mo-

WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE. Whatever guilt results from this terrile day's work rests upon the shoulders of Constable McLendon and Mr. F. E. floyd. Floyd was not probably actuated by criminal motives, while McLendon was. No one who has heard the full details accompanying the beginning of the riot can doubt that the disturbance was precipitated by McLendon with the deiberate purpose of murder. The public

may judge for itself. DISPENSER FLOYD'S COMPLAINT. It is believed by the people of Darlington that the extra force of constables was sent to the town in consequence of complaints which had been told by Dispenser Floyd. He is the father, I believe, of the young man who subsequently had the fight with Rodgers, and he thought to ton and elsewhere. Should they arrive put an end to the competition to his dispensary business by having a wholesale raid made upon the illicit dealers in li-

NOT MANY BLIND TIGERS. It does not appear that this business

was carried on to any great extent. Blind tigers were doubtless in the city, but they were no more plentiful nor aggressive than they have been everywhere else in the State. ... A few of the people followed the

instables about and jeered at them occasionally, but there was no open rupture until Constable McLendon drew his pistol on a citizen, and was subsequently fined \$5 for it in the police court. This evidently aroused in him the biterest animosity, and from that time on he became "ugly." On more than one subsequent occasion he was guilty of conduct calculated to cause trouble, and that was averted so long is probably due to

the coolness and vigilance of Mayor Dargan, who from the first has been untiring in his efforts to preserve the peace. THE PROTEST AGAINST HOUSE RAIDING. As has already been told in the disguilty of no unbecoming conduct. They

Under no circumstances should this houses there would be trouble. It is said

NO TROUBLE EXPECTED

When Friday morning dawned there was not a man in Darlington who anticipated any trouble. It was believed that he raiding was about over and that the constables would quietly leave the town during the course of the day. Once or twice as the day were on rumors got afloat that one or another private house was to be raided, and a few citizens procured guns with a view to resistance. Mayor Dargan saw these gentlemen and assured them of the futility of their fears. At his request they disarmed and dis-

A LEGAL FARCE.

About 2 o'clock in the day warrants were issued for the leaders of the mass meeting of the previous afternoon. These gentlement were notified to appear before trial justice in the presence of Attorney General Buchanan and they readily consented to do so. At the appointed time they were in Court, but the Attorney General was not, and after waiting him for some time they dispersed and

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went to their homes.

The train to Florence over the Cheraw and Darlington Road leaves the city shortly after 3 o'clock in the afternoon. It was late, and to this unfortunate circumstance is to be attributed the opportunity for the tragedy.

EXCITEMENT IN THE TOWN. Chief of Police Dargan, who was himself severely wounded in the side, turned his horse and dashed down-town. As he turned the corner into the public square he was covered with blood. He tore his official badge from his breast and dashed it to the sidewalk. In less time than it takes to tell an armed band of citizens rushed to the depot. The alarm bell of the city was rung, and the people gathered from all quarters. The Darlngton Guards marched to the scene of the distubance. They were in full uniform and were armed with their guns. The excitement which prevailed at the station was intense.

NARROW ESCAPE OF BUCHANAN. An omnibus drove up and Attorney General Buchanan jumped out of it. He ran to the platform and stood with the

Guards. A citizen jumped in front of him and forced his gun into his face, threatened to shoot him, and the life of the Attorney General was only saved by his removal from the scene. This was not accomplished, however, until he had looked down the barrel of a rifle three HUNTING FOR THE SPIES.

The crowd immediately began their pursuit of the constables, who had fled

with great precipitation. It was rumored ran to that point. They were time to see the train move off with Chief Constable Gaillard and Constables Swan and Meekin on it. FIRING ON A TRAIN. The crowd tried to head the train off at

found this attempt ineffectual they began to fire into it. The engineer crouched behind his box and pulled his throttle wide open. A score or more of shots were fired into the flying train. One ball broke a glass and a half a dozen others were buried in the side of the coach, where I saw them this afternoon.

THREE LUCKY SPIES. While the crowd did not know it at the time Constables Gaillard, Swan and Meekin were not present at the shooting, this fact, and they exonerate these constables from any share in the riot. The mayor subsequently facilitated their escape. They stopped the train at a way station, got off of it, and it is said that they made their way to the Atlantic Coast Line Road and went either to Columbia or to the eastern border of the State. Their whereabouts was not known

in Darlington to-day. ORGANIZING THE POSSES. The people of the town next organized themselves into posses and began to After a time they got on the track of the constables and from that time on a hot pursuit was continued. The flying constables were known to have taken a southwesterly direction and they were believed to be in the neighborhood of Timmonsville or Syracuse When I arrived here late Friday night

this was the situation. THE BODIES OF THE DEAD. On the early morning train the body of young Redmond was sent to his family in Durham, N. C. It was accompanied by a delegation of cityens appointed by the mayor. The family of R. H. Pepper were telegraphed to and they desired that his body be sent to Charleston for interment. This was done in the afternoon.

Telegrams which are constantly coming in from all quarters of the State pour in condolences and offers of assistan Darlington. Literally hundreds of them have been received to-day and Mayor Dargan can scarcely find time to answer Other telegrams during the afternoon

have brought the intelligence that companies of militia are en route to this place from Aiken. Orangeburg, Summer they will find not the slightest disturbance in progress in Darlington.

FLORENCE DISPENSARY WRECKED. Action of a Body of Indignant Citizenshiskey Flowing in the Gutter It is so Bad Even the Negroes Will Not Drink it.

[Special to News and Courier.] FLORENCE, March 31 .- Your corresondent at the time of writing heard hat Florence county's dispensary store here was broken open at an early hour this morning by unknown persons. They had destroyed all the bottles of liquor, beer and champagne by breaking them to pieces and opened the bungs of all the barrels, letting all the liquor run out and causing a loss to the State of South Carolina of about \$1,500 It is a fact, as your correspondent has visited the place and has seen the facts as above described.

Liquor is flowing at a terrible rate, or at least from a dispensary standpoint, in Florence. proud to know that Florence now has no dispensary, and when the good patches from this place, a picked body of people, who have only for a few mocitizens held a meeting and organized. means gone to their rest, become cogni-They were calm to a degree, and were | zant of the fact a general handshaking and day of rejoicing will be at hand. simply determined that they would not It is alleged that the guards prevented submit to having the private houses of the policemen and some who were Darlington searched. A committee from against this action from tearing down them waited on the sheriff of the county, the dispensary. At any rate, Florat whose house the constables were stay- ence, Darlington and Sumter want no