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THE RACE RIOT GREENWOOD.

8 NEGROES AND 1 WHITE MAN KILLED, AND A NUMBER WOUNDED.

The Tolberts, the Instigators of the Trouble Make Their Escape.

Special to The State.

Greenwood, Nov. 8 -At Phoenix, 10 miles below this place, to-day there was a most serious occurrence iu connection with the election. Giels O. Etheridge was killed instantly, Thomas P. Tolbort, Jr. was badly wounded and several negroes wers hurt There throughout the country, and the probabilities are strongly favorable to one or more lynchings.

About 9 o'clock this morning Giles O. Ethridge and R. C. Cheatham, citizens of the Phoenix section, went left. to the store of J. W. Watson, where the State and federal elections were being held, and at the instance of several citizens, reproached T. P. Tolbert The number of white men at Phoe- order to supply the crowd with am latter was accused of being very inevidently directing. On the small pected piazza in front of the store Tolbert he was directing all the Republicans yesterday. who had no registration certificates to drop a certifica'e. marked "Blank No. 3" reading as follows .

Biack No 3 State of South Carolina.

This certifies that the undersigned, being over the age of 21, male resident

of the voting precinct and legally qualified of Ward to register and vote therein, did, on

this, the 8th day of November, 1898, precent himself at the said voting presinct to vote for R. R. Tolbert, the Republican candidate for congress in be Third district of said State, deking and intending to vote for the aid R. R Tolbert, and, upon his attempting to so vote, was denied the right to so vote, and his vote thus offered to the proper officers

And the undersigned further states that prior to such an attempt to vote, and as required by statute, he had applied for registration, under the laws of South Carolina, being entitled to such registration, but had been refused and denied the right to register; and be further states that if he had been permitted to register and to vote at said election, he would have voted for B. R Tolbert, the Republican candidate for congress in said district.

Personally appeared and made oath that the above is cor-

Notary Public.

S C. Nov. 8th, 1898.

Etheridge demanded of Tolbert his have become very insolent right to carry on such a side election, and got away Those who did the term of the court of general sessions stated that Will White and not Joe firing were mainly young men, and The negroes construed this as a Circuit is the slayer of Mr Etheridge

flight of appone

WHAT HAPPENED ON WEDNESDAY.

Greenwood, Nov 9 .- A company about 40 strong was organized at Greenwood this morning to make a peaceable settlement of the affair. They visited Piney Grove church and met a crowd resting, about 300 strong, who had several negro prisoners They went to the Harris place and found the house apparently deserted.

Two men entered and found John Tolbert and his sister alone. Tolbert

The company scoured the swamps for bands of negroes reported gath-

ering, but found none. They returned via Rehoboth church where a crowd of two or three hun-

dred had eight negroes The crowd was commendably peaceful at first, but soon fired up. They were quieted twice, but finally one negro was dragged out in the road and 100 shots were fired into his

At this time two ran one way, two another, leaving three on a log, who were immediately lynched

Negroes are scarce, but it is thought that they are gathered in some secluded place.

The crowd has not dispersed Excitement is at the highest One negro was wounded running

across a cotton patch. More and the worst trouble is expected to night

FOUR NEGROES KILLED

Phoenix, S C., via Greenwood, Nov. 9 - Four negroes were killed near is great feeling about Phoenix and Rehoboth church about 5 o'clock this afternoon by a crowd of white men. Several other pegroes escaped, including Joe Circuit, who shot Etheride. There has been a large crowd at Phoenix to-day, but nearly all have now

> The situation at dark is critical. Negroes are gathered a few miles from here in large crowds

for the unusual proceedings he was nix is small, but reinforcements are ex munition a large quantity was ordered different toward the cause of Repub-

Fight is looked for. Some of the had an ordinary ballet box, and in it negroes who were shot were at Phoenix

The Tolberts have not been harmed to day, but the feeling against them is

ambush last night, is at Stockman's assistance. and may die.

This message is 'phoned to Greento-night and send more later if wire is

Greenwood, Nov. 9.—The excite ment in the vicinity of Phoenix has been intense since yesterday's riot. The entire community has been in a state of expectancy and the worst has been feared. Unless there is a decided change there will be a lynch ing before sundown. The people are wrought up over the affair and are bent on desperate measures All day there has been an armed force searching for the negroes who participated in the riot and also the members of the Tolbert family who are the recognized leaders of the mob The party have not committed themselves, but there is much significance in the remark that the guilty ones will never be taken to jail

WHAT CAUSED THE TROUBLE

There is a story concerning the affair not yet made public Many events have recently transpired lead ing up to the culmination at the ballot box on yesterday. The Tolbert have always hoped for the best The Tolberts own considerable prop

commenced By the time the men up- the parties were given a preliminary and avenge the death of Mr. Etheridge. stairs at the boxes got down. Tolbert hearing and bound over to court and At one time this afternoon the and all the negroes present scattered are now awaiting trial at the next negroes who were being examined

the aim was bad. Tolbert was the only victory and it only made them the Joe Circuit, it is claimed, participated man, it seems, who was seriously burt. moro insolent. Matters were appa in shooting, but White fired the fatal Several negroes were hit, but the rently moving with smoothness until shot. Last night White escaped and from. wounds were not sufficient to stop the a few nights age when a meeting was the negroes say, started for Charlotte. held and the Tollerts addressed the There is intense feeling against the and Columbia up train at Donald's riddled the buggy with bullets, and Twenty two men had been refused negroes at Rehoboth church Po- Tolberts and the indications now are dodging a crowd looking for him. wounded him and the little boy a the privilege of voting when the killing litical matters were discussed and that they will probably be lynched took place, two being white Democrats. the negroes were urged to attend the Mr. John Tolbert is seriously wound the Mansion House in Greenville He It is said the boy was killed by the Eighteen negroes had deposited in Tol- polls. This evidence was obtained ed and, the physicians think, will die will probably go to Washington.

cast a ballot.

was in a pitiable condition and can't course pursued. No trouble should citizens of the county. be feared and if assistance was

> perate action which characterized that had they not had the positive assurance of sanction of their course | Tolbert time to escape. and protection in the event of trouble penalty for their misdemeanor,

ing at Rehoboth until the riot of yes attention terday. Since then, however, the

in the riot until to day The guard will be lynched if captured every section of the county began to to get up in a few days. arrive and by the middle of the after mated from 600 to 1,000. All came has returned to his home. He was armed and there was every variety of here on election day and was on a firearms to be seen. Some carried political mission. While here he was had the latest Springfield rifle. Every the policy of his brother, Robert Tolthe early morning train.

have been squads holding themselves George Tolbert could not be ascertainin readiness to come at a moment's ed, but the people believed that he call. There was a large representation knew of what was to be done and came from Edgefield to arrive early to day to assist with the work. Young Miller, who was shot from and have been rendering much

men are being fed by the citizens of a negro and are firing on him. wood from Phoenix, I will stay here around Phoenix Provender for the From the outlook now it is very likely stock and food for the men have been | that the negroes who did the shooting dealt out liberally and will be as long | will be lynched and probably Thomas, as it is necessary for the crowd to Elias, Joe and "Rid" R. Tolbert will

The first thing begun this morning was to search for the negroes. Every abouts of R. P. Headerson, who is one house was visited and in almost every of the prime movers of the trouble instance the doors were closed and He has escaped and perhaps is now locked and the inmates away. It was out of the State. Bloodhounds an extremely difficult matter to locate | have been put on his trail and if he is them. The crowd was determined captured he will doubtless be disposed to apprehend the party or parties who of in the same way as the others. killed Mr. Etheridge There was no intention of punishing the innocent and this was manifested in the trials given the negroes Whenever one was captured he was thoroughly questioned on all matters pertaining to the killing and if he could establish his innocence he was free from any injury In fact, the members of the party instituting the search claimed that the innocent should and would be protected, but the guilty must suffer. The whites assert that they are not courting trouble, but simply desire to protect their own race If the negroes, acting under the advice of the Tolberts, offer any resistance family, of whom John R. Tolbert is or make any threats the people will the head, have been the dread of protect themselves even at the cost the Phoenix community for the past of life. This is the deliberate yet 25 years However, the citizens determined judgment reached by the leading men of the county.

It was though that Joe Circuit is the erty and have a large number of negro who killed Mr Etheridge and negro tenants on their farm The efforts were made to capture him. He political affiliations have been very was found this morning and a possee intimate and as a result the negroes of 30 mounted men with Springfield and parleying, with some difficulty where my brother was siiting at a rifles gave pursuit, but on account of Some time ago a few white men, the fences and undergrowth Circuit ed the customary unknown parties as the table and box in which the cerbeing closely followed by Cheatham Democrats, became involved in a made his escape. Immediately a mesand several young men. Tolbert struck | quarrel with a negro and ended it in sage was despatched to the county seat Etheridge in the face, and at about the a fight The whites whipped the and procured the use of two bloodsame time some one dealt him a horrible negro and this incensed the Tolberts hounds belonging to the county and blow with an iron rod. Almost at the as well as the negroes The Tolberts these were put on trail of the negro same instant a pistol was fired, and interested themselves in the affair If Circuit is caught he will be brought Ethridge fell dead with a bullet hole and made no less than three efforts back to the church where the headquar in the centre of his forehead Then to have the white Democrats arrested ters of the armed force is and either there was excitement and fury amount on a charge of assault and battery. shot or lynched. No quarters will be ing almost to distraction, and rapid The efforts in the first two instances given, for the death of the negro is the and seemingly indiscriminate firing proved futile, but after a third attempt only thing that will appeare the crowd

bert's box, the certificate being copied. from a number of negroes who were Thomas Tolbert and the young man

captured and questioned this morning | who was also shot are not seriously | Abbeville He will likely die from | by the mob, was aided to his home According to the evidence submitted wounded Mr. John Tolbert is at his wounds. Rhett Tolbert's family is at some distance away and was purthe Tolberts advised the negroes to home near Phoenix The others have Due West. Jim Tolbert, whose wife sued by the mob. While lying in turn out en masse and vote The fled. Last night they were in Verdery is postmistress at McCormick has left bed in a dying condition the mob right was theirs and they should and this morning they started towards on demand of citizens. demand it. If they were any who Abbeville, presumably to the residence There are some rash talk and rum- of the person who had killed Etheobjected the negroes were advised to of R. R. Tolbert. The crowd is bent ore to night, but no danger unless bad ridge. He said he could not because disregard it. They were told to on capturing them and it was reported judgment prevails. The negroes need come armed and prepared for any that a posse had started in pursuit and not be afraid. They are completely emergency They were also advised would bring them back to Rehoboth cowed. Stuart Miller's condition is to resort to desperate measures in church if apprehended These men precarious. order to accomplish their end-to are regarded as the instigators of the 10 45 p. m.-The inquest over riot and the universal opinion is that a Etheridge will be completed to morrow, The negroes also stated that they lynching is their just desert. It is he having been buried yesterday. The were assured by the Messrs. Tolbert openly asserted that the killing of the two negroes killed to-day are known to that the latter would sanction any entire family will be approved by the have been in the fight when Etheridge

needed to call on them (the Tolberts.) that the telephone wires were cut last The white men have lists of all The testimony obtained at the in- night by the negroes at the order of negroes implicated. By a crossed wire I formal trial this afternoon shows that the Tolberts. The wire was cut in caught a telephone message to-night the negroes were urged to the des- four different places and stretched from Kirksey's to Phoenix saying men across the road just high enough to would leave Kirkseys' for Phoenix tovesterday's election. They admitted interfere with travel. This was done morrow and that the negroes should be with the view of giving the Messrs killed.

matters would have assumed a far he and his nephew were attempting to slaughter of negroes may ensue unless different aspect As it was, they re escape in a buggy. The top of the wiser counsel prevails, but I don't lied on the advice of their Republi- buggy was filled with bullet holes. It vouch for accuracy of the intercepted can bosses and are now suffering the seems miraculous that the occupants threat. May wire something import-Nothing transpired after this meet is now in the city and attracts much Tolbert leaves McCormick to-night

Private Stuart Miller is lying excitement has been at fever heat critically ili at Stockman's. His and the people have been bent on wounds are of a serious nature and the avenging the death of Mr. Ethe- attending physicians entertain no hope of his recovery. His father is now at Last night there was a large num- his side and everything is being done to ber of men armed with Springfield save the young man's life. It is rifles who kept guard in the immedi- thought that his death, which is most ate vicinity of Phoenix. No effort probable, will further exasperate the was made to catch all the participants crowd and that the Messrs. Tolbert

was on duty all night to protect the | The wounds of Messrs. Fleming and inhabitants from any danger Early Younger are painful, but not serious. this morning mounted horsemen from | They are resting well and will be able

Mr. George Tolbert, brother of R. noon the crowd was variously esti- R Tolbert and Postmaster at Seneca, the old flint and steel, while others very severe in his criticisms concerning gun in Greenwood was used and in bert, ex-postmaster of this city. The from Elberton, Ga, and came in on licanism, and it is reported that sharp words ensued between the brothers. At every town in the county there Just what was the mission of Mr.

The last report from the facene of trouble this afternoon states that a This large force of several hundred posse of 25 or 30 men are in pursuit meet the same fate.

There is no clue as to the where-A. Beaty Sherard

The Tolberts Have Escaped and the Excitement Has Subsided.

Special to The State.

Greenwood, Nov. 10 .- Two more negroes were killed in this county to:day. This morning the crowd which started from Phoenix, met near Rehoboth church, the scene of yesterday's lynching, Essex Harrison, a negro who was in the Tuesday fight church who were lynched yesterday. the future. Their bodies still lie there borribly bodies will be buried to-morrow.

It is reliably understood that two other negroes shot yesterday are lying in the woods nearby. No inquest was beld over these

Later in the day a party found Beo Collins, another negro in the Tuesday fight when Etherikge was killed. Colworth, Sr. and was promptly killed on his person." and left there

Mr. J. S. Warson at Phoenix telephones me that all is quiet there now ing His father, J. R. Tolbert, was A sufficient number of men is there and no negroes around.

rumors, and at all other places heard

Chief Kennedy wires me that he is at number of times

Thomas Tolbert has been moved to T. P. Tolbert, who was first shot

was killed. Ben Collins emptied his It was ascertained late this afternoon pistol at that time, say eye witnesses.

Party of men is in Watson's stare at Mr John R. Tolbert was shot while | Phoenix. I understand indiscriminate escaped with their lives. The buggy ant on another line very late. If Jim there may be trouble.

Tolberts in the Penitentiary. COMMITTED TO PROTECT THEM FROM PUR-SUERS.

Columbia, Nov. 10 .- John R. Tolbert, Collector of the port of Charles- latter's zeturn to the city. Beyond the ton, and his son Joseph Tolbert, newspaper reports no information from arrived in this city at 12.45 to day and | Wilmington or Greenwood has reached went at once to Wright's Hotel and were | the administration from any source, but assigned to a room without registering. there is little doubt that the whole During the afternoon, Joseph Tolbert | matter will be looked into by the officers showed himself on the street, and was reeognized by members of the First action was decided upon at to-day's Regiment from Greenwood and Abbe- meeting, and unless the rioting is ville counties. It was feared an resumed it is probable that nothing will attempt would be made to kill the two be done pending the return of Attorney Tolberts, and a warrant was accord- General Griggs. ingly issued for their arrest and they whre subsequently committed to the State Penitentiary for safe keeping. John R. Tolbert is painfully, but not seriously wounded.

Rhett R. Tolbert Gives His Side of the Story.

Washington, Nov. 11.-R. R. Tolbert, whose father and brother were shot in the recent race war at give perfect satisfaction, or money retunded. Phoenix, S C., was at the department of justice to day to secure an investigation of the riot by the Federal authorities. He was accom panied by some of the Republican politicians of the State. The elder Tolbert is now in the State penitentiary for safety from popular violence

Mr. Tolbert says that the true facts of the rioting have not been given. The facts are, he said, as follows:

"I was nominated for congress by the Republicans of my district. For the purpose of making a contest before the house, my brother, T. P. Tolbert, agreed to be present at the polling place at Phoenix for the purpose of witnessing the affidavits of colored men who were rejected as voters because of their inability to comply with the requirements of the constitution

"My brother took no part in the management of the polling place, which was in the hands of the Demowhen Mr. Etheridge was killed. Har- crats. He simply sat on the piazza rison was halted and his heart was shot of Mr Lake's house and witnessed out. He was thrown on the pile of the affidavits given him, depositing four negroes lying in front of the these affidavits in a box prepared for

"Mr Ethridge, the white man who shot and frequent showers are falling | was killed, was an election manager to make matters worse. Coroner Dean at a precinct two miles away. He went down to hold the inquest to-day. left his own precinct and with a He met a crowd, who did not molest party of men went to Phoenix. He bim, and, after some little threatening had walked up with his party to secured a jury. The verdict mention- table and deliberately kicked over responsible. Coroner Dean says the tificates were. Then he assaulted my

"In a short wille the Democratic voters who were in the same house rushed out and commenced shooting into the crowd. The negroes fled. My brother who is probably dead by now told me that Ethridge was killed by shots from his own friends. lins was on the place of W. H. Stail- My brother did not have a weapon

Mr Tolbert said he was at Abbe ville, 25 miles away from the shoot at Verdery, another precinct. When the elder Tolbert learned of the riot All is quiet at Kirksey's despite he started for the scene in his buggy, accompanied by a ten-year-old nephew Before he reached the Rhett R. Tolbert took the Greenville scene he was met by a mob which

shots

attempted to make him give the name Etheridge had been killed by the Democrats themselves.

On finding his father so badly wounded, R R Tolbert procured a doctor, who attended to the wounds of the senior Tolbert After placing his family in a safe place, Mr. Tolbert came to this city.

Mr. Tolbert states that his brothersaid that so far as he could see no shots were fired by the negroes at

They fled as soon as the shooting commenced, leaving T. P. Tolbert as the target for the mob to shoot at.

McKinley Cabinet Gave Them Some Attention.

Washington, Nov. 11 .- The cabinet meeting to-day lasted over two hours. While a large amount of routine buisiness was transacted, considerable attention was devoted to the race troubles in the Carolinas. The president expressed deep concern over the situation, but it was decided that the developments up to this time did not warrant Federal interference. The condition in these two States will, however, be kept under close surveillance with a view to action should it be deemed necessary.

The president will confer with Attorney General Griggs concerning the situation in the Carolinas upon the of the department of justice. This

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PANA TROUBLES AGAIN.

The Race Riots in Illinois. Recklessness of the Negroes

Pans, Ills., Nov. 11.—The imported

negro non-union miners here are becoming reckless and the union white miners are growing restless. Troop B, of Bloomington, remains on duty here, but almost nightly in the "Flat hall" district the negro residents practice shooting at any white man that passes. The pegroes have been heavily armed by the mine operators. Last night the residences of several white miners were shot into by Winchesters in the hands of the colored men. A white widow's cottage was pierced repeatedly by bullets, several charges barely missing her three children. The militia say they cannot apprehend the culprits. Capt. Butler, in command, is apparently acting entirely under orders of Sheriff Cobourn and not following the instructions of Governor Tanner, given before election Capt. Butler, when asked to disarm the negroes, said it was useless, for the sheriff would arm them again. It is reported that a large contingent of outside union white. miners will soon arrive in Pana A consignment of 100 rifles was received here to day for citizens who intende protecting their property and families,.. claiming no protection is given them by the sheriff or troops.

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