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## LYNCHED BY A MOB

### Mitchell, the Urbana Fiend, Suffers Death.

### MILITIA WOULD NOT PROTECT HIM

Mayor Induced the Springfield Militia to Withdraw, Thus Leaving the Negro Unprotected.

COLUMBUS, O., June 4.—A special to the Dispatch from Urbana, O., says:

Click Mitchell, the negro brute, has paid the penalty of his foul crime with his life. An outraged people have taken the law into their own hands, meted out the punishment he so richly deserved and obeyed the command and wish of his prostrate, and, as announced, dying victim. The sensational and unfortunate events of the night intensified the feeling against Mitchell, if it were possible, and the determination had been general that the brute should never leave the town alive.

After the firing of the militia on the crowd of spectators during the early morning hours, Governor Bushnell ordered company E, of the Third Infantry at Springfield, to come here at once. The Springfield militia arrived at 7:10 this morning and left their special train on the outskirts of the city near the water works. As they marched toward the courthouse, the crowds greeted the soldiers with hootings and insulting remarks, and mud balls were thrown at them. Women appeared on the streets in large numbers, and their presence seemed to be an incentive to the mob to avenge in some manner the outrage to Mrs. Gaumer. The excitement was growing so fast that another clash between troops and citizens seemed inevitable.

When the company, thirty-six strong, under Captain Bradbury, reached the jail they found 2000 people there. They marched into the jail yard, and were met by Hon. M. Lewis, who said to Captain Bradbury:

"We don't want you now."  
"Who are you?" asked the captain.  
"I am a deputy sheriff," replied Lewis.  
"There is a sheriff over there," pointing to Mayor Gosson, who came forward from the crowd on the courthouse steps and proceeded to address the militia and the crowd.

The mayor assured the militia that their services were not wanted, that the people were law-abiding and would assist him in preserving order, that the company could leave the courthouse yard, and when their services were needed he would send for them.

The Springfield company, without waiting for further orders, marched down the street to the depot, without the sheriff seeing them. The local military company had previously refused to serve longer, and went to the second story of the sheriff's residence and tried to sleep.

With no resistance offered, the crowd at once made a rush for the side door. Two strong and determined men kicked it down in short order and gained admission to the jail, the crowd following. There were plenty of sledge hammers, chisels and other tools and the men went to work. Part of the crowd had previously forced themselves upstairs into the private apartments of the sheriff and had found a bunch of keys, which proved to be the keys of the jail. The crowd got into the jail in short order. They did not wait to unlock the door to Mitchell's cell, but burst the lock with a sledge hammer and the door

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soon flew open.

Mitchell was standing in his cell and offered no resistance and did not utter a word. Some one in the crowd had a rope, and it was placed over the brute's neck and the crowd made for the door, Mitchell following at the end. In going down the steps outside the jail, Mitchell fell down and the rope slipped off of his neck. The crowd surrounded him and jumped on him like a thousand hungry dogs after a bone. The brute was kicked, beaten and almost killed.

The rope was quickly slipped over his head again and a rush made for a tree in the corner of the courtyard. An end was thrown over a strong limb and a thousand willing hands pulled the wretch up. The end was tied to the iron fence and Mitchell was left hanging there in full view of several thousand people to die.

All this was done in quicker time than it takes to tell the story. The lynching took place at 7:30 this morning. Those taking part in it made no attempt to disguise themselves. It is not known who did the work and the person who attempts to find out will get himself into serious trouble.

It is doubtful if Mitchell died from the effects of hanging. His miserable life had been almost kicked out when he fell down. It is the general opinion that he was unconscious when strung up.

The brute's body was left hanging for an hour or more and the people of the city flocked to see it. It was finally drawn down and placed in an undertaker's box and left lying in the courtyard yard, open to the public gaze. Governor Bushnell is en route here from Wooster, O., and is due at 2:15 p. m.

### THE CRIME AND ITS RESULTS.

Events Which Led Up to the Lynching of Mitchell.

URBANA, O., June 4.—Never was there such a tragedy in this city as that enacted at 2:30 this morning. Two men lay dead and six seriously wounded, with one more that may die. Since the deplorable shooting the people are standing around the corners sadly and seriously discussing the awful and appalling tragedy.

When the shooting occurred an attempt was being made by a mob to enter the jail from the rear. The militia were in the hall on the second floor, and standing at the windows. Higgins, of West Liberty, and another man had sledge hammers in their hands and had broken the glass in the door leading to the hall from which the jail is entered. Suddenly the militia opened fire without warning, and Higgins fell back with the exclamation: "My God, I am shot!" Then followed the scene of death and destruction that brought others down. The panic-stricken citizens exclaimed: "No one is safe here but Mitchell."

The city of 6000 inhabitants is an unusually orderly one. With its colleges it has always had the highest reputation, but pandemonium reigned last night.

Recently Mrs. Eliza Gaumer, the widow of the late publisher of the Urbana Democrat, was criminally assaulted by Charles Mitchell, alias "Click" Mitchell, a notorious negro, who was arraigned last Wednesday, but his victim was too ill to appear in court. The man was taken to her home for identification. As he entered the door she exclaimed: "Hang him! How dare you face me, you brute?"

In default of bail Mitchell was locked up in the city prison, but on account of the feeling was removed to the county

jail the same night for safe keeping. That night the jail was surrounded by a mob that was held in check by the sheriff's posse and the local company of Ohio National Guard. Last night the situation was more threatening than ever, and Governor Bushnell was called on for assistance, but refused to order the militia from any other place here. This city is only twenty miles from Springfield and forty miles from Columbus, from which place troops could have been transferred, but it was thought that Mitchell could be taken to the penitentiary quietly.

The grand jury was impaneled yesterday and Mitchell was indicted for criminal assault. Then the crowd was thrown off the trail by bringing Mitchell into court in a soldier's uniform. Mitchell was scared, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the limit of 20 years.

The trial lasted only a few moments, and Mitchell wanted to get to the penitentiary at Columbus quick, but when the carriage drove up to the jail the crowd rushed to get Mitchell and lynch him. Another crowd surrounded the depot. The sheriff remained fortified in jail with his prisoner while the militia patrolled about the ground.

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