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BOATMAN ON MISSISSIPPI SAVES MANY LIVES MOB LEADERS SENTENCED TO PRISON TERM

N. C. Mob Leader Draws 30 Years In Prison; 26 Others Are Convicted

(Preston News Service)
Williamston, N. C., May 30.—Sentences ranging from thirty years down to two years' imprisonment were imposed in Martin County superior court here Wednesday upon the five principal defendants convicted of mutilating Joseph Needleman (white) on the night of March 28, after removing him from the Martin County jail. Henry D. Griffin, alleged leader of the mob, drew a sentence of thirty years, while the lightest sentence of two years was given to Clara Heath, for whom the jury had recommended mercy.

Sentence was imposed upon the defendants after F. W. Sparrow, Jr., who had been tried along with the other four, submitted to the charge of mutilation. Sentences imposed were as follows:

Henry D. Griffin, thirty years; F. W. Sparrow, Sr., F. W. Sparrow, Jr., and Julian Bullock, six to three years.

Conviction of twenty-seven men in the case marked the first time in the history of North Carolina that a mob had been indicted, tried and convicted en masse.

Four of the men, Henry D. Griffin, Julian Bullock, F. W. Sparrow, and Clara Heath, were convicted of mutilation by a jury, which deliberated just a few minutes over three hours. Nineteen of the men indicted pleaded guilty to being accessories before the fact of mutilation, while four others pleaded nolo contendere to the lesser charge.

Sam Lilly will be arraigned at a later date as an accessory if he recovers from self-inflicted wounds. Three men pleaded not guilty to being accessories, and it was indicated the state would not press these.

Coincident with the return of the verdicts, Solicitor Don Gilliam announced for the state that a directed verdict of not guilty would be accepted as to the defendant, Joseph Needleman, indicted on a charge of attacking a young white girl for which he was awaiting arraignment in Martin County when the mob broke into the jail and committed the crime against him.

Miss Florence Koonce, of Bellingham, Washington, spent last week in the city as the guest of her aunt, Mrs. L. K. Weeks. Miss Koonce who used to reside here with her aunt, as a very young girl, has developed into a beautiful and charming young lady.

At Seaside, Oregon

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The Associate Editor of The Advocate spoke before the senior history class, Miss Hilma Anderson instructor, at Lincoln High School Monday and Wednesday of this week on race relations. She has been engaged to address another of Miss Anderson's classes on Monday.

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Florida Puts Another "Kultur" Mark on Her Record

(Preston News Service)
Orlando, Fla., May 21.—Officials of Orange County report that they had been advised Thursday by telephone from Sanford, that Jack West had been taken from a train Wednesday night and lynched and his body riddled with bullets near Longwood, Seminole County. The body was found early Thursday morning tied to a tree.

HOTEL NOTES

Frank Waldon, who has held down the janitor and the hat-rack jobs at Thele's Eating Emporium on Tenth street, has lost out, just as the boys predicted.

Ad Benton, for five years a waiter at The Portland, but for the past several years a mechanic in Oakland, Cal., ship yards, returned to Portland this week, looking fit and fine. The reason for it, Ad said, was that he has cut out all the rough stuff. It grieves Ad to see some of his old friends in Portland still rushing the downward path. Ad is still single and says he is going to stay so until St. Peter blows his horn.

Henry Theile, the highly rated caterer and proprietor of several restaurants, without notice, picked up last Sunday night, and closed up his restaurant at the Sovereign Hotel, on Broadway.

Captains in The Portland dining room come and go so fast that it is a mighty hard job even to keep up with their names.

DOINGS OF THE ELKS

O. S. Thomas, after much persuasion, has consented to make the race for the next E. R. of Rose City Lodge of Elks. Thomas is well and favorably known to the business, religious and social world and takes an active part in all civic affairs that tends to the betterment and uplift of the people. He is qualified and well fitted for the responsible office by education, diplomacy and experience. He is just the man who can and will, it is thought, who will keep Elkdom up to its high standard of progressiveness and achievements.

A Past Exalted Rulers' Council of the Order of Elks was temporarily organized last Tuesday night at the Stag Club. James A. Manley was named temporary chairman; George Payne, temporary secretary. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, May 26th.

The Imperial Lodge of Elks of New York has found out, after having an expert accountant examine the books of their treasurer, Adolph Howell, and their financial secretary, Henson J. Styles, that the treasurer had deposited \$1,144.35 of the lodge's money to his own credit; the secretary had embezzled \$1,412.84. A writ was sworn out for their arrest by the Fidelity Surety Company, which bonded the officers. But it was soon discovered that the secretary had fled to the West Indies, his native home. Both men had held their respective offices for the past five years. This should serve as a warning to all lodges to guard well their treasures.

Joseph Wilmore (Old folks), a bill of Rose City Lodge, is with Joe Benjamin, the prize fighter, at Hollywood, Cal.

Dts. Louise Thomas, Fanny Bond, Lottie Payne and Bettie Strawder are on the sick list.

The Dts. look fine in their white regalia, following the recent enforcement of a law which requires Dts. to appear at meetings clad in white.

The Dts. were proud to have Dt. Robinson of Evergreen Temple meet with them last Tuesday night.

Dt. Cordeelia Clay is in the city visiting her mother who is ill at her home on Williams avenue. Dt. Clay anticipates remaining until her mother is up again.

Dt. Ruby White is confined to her home with a sprained ankle which she received in a fall at her home last week.

Dt. Lorraine Shafer is in Seattle visiting her mother, who is ill.

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LOCAL and FOREIGN NEWS BRIEFS

Miss Moore to Graduate

Friends in Portland are in receipt of invitations to the commencement exercises of Hanford Union High School Friday evening, June 5th, in the High School Auditorium. Invitations are through the courtesy of Miss Muriel Jeannette Moore, who is a member of the graduating class. Miss Moore is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. I. Albert Moore, formerly of this city.

Mrs. M. A. Hedgemon, Grand Matron of Missouri and Jurisdiction O. E. S., will visit Wanauma Chapter, O. E. S., in this city during the early part of June, according to information from the Worthy Matron, Mrs. Edith Williams.

Mrs. A. Anderson, of 429 Tillamook street, will open a Barbecue Kitchenette at 22nd and Powell Valley Road, Wednesday, May 27th.

A Cablegram from Roland Hayes, distinguished tenor, was received by the Associate Editor of The Advocate Saturday, May 16th. It was sent from the Hotel Carmona, Granada, Spain. Mr. Hayes is touring the continent for several months.

Mrs. Louise Thomas, 329 San Rafael street, suffered a fractured ankle when the automobile in which she was riding with her husband and mother-in-law, Sunday, left the road and turned over. It is said the weight of the machine fell upon her ankle. Mr. Thomas, who was driving, received slight injuries to his hand and his mother was also badly shaken up. Mrs. Thomas is being treated for her injuries at the Portland Sanatorium.

Mother, brother and sister-in-law of John James, who resides at 91 E. 74th street N., left Sunday for Pasadena, Cal., the home of his mother.

Georgia Odd Fellows in Trouble—The Odd Fellows Lodge of Georgia is up in arms over the fact that hundreds of death claims held by beneficiaries of deceased members of the order have not been paid. The blame is saddled upon Grand Secretary Benjamin J. Davis. The affairs of the order have been placed in the hands of a receiver.

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I. L. DAVISON.

George T. Starks, a proprietor of the Pioneer Billiard Parlors, 108 N. Sixth street, died in the city Tuesday the 19th, and was buried Friday from Finley's Mortuary. Commitment at Mt. Scott cemetery. Mr. Starks leaves to mourn their loss, a wife, Mrs. Celeste Starks, 458 Williams avenue, this city and several brothers and sisters.

Mrs. and Mrs. Charles Jamison, 1190 Holgate street, had as their guest of honor last Sunday, Mrs. L. K. Weeks. Covers were laid for eleven and the hostess served a delicious dinner.

Good-Will Day Observed

"Don't forget the war and don't forget the lessons of the war," urged B. F. Irvine, editor of the Journal, at a Good Will Day banquet held in the Women's building on Good Will Day, the 18th. "Remember the millions of soldiers slain; the homes destroyed and the millions of orphans created and plan to do everything in your power to prevent such a thing happening again."

Prof. George B. Noble, of Reed College, urged the developing of an international conscience in place of a narrow, selfish nationalism, falsely called patriotism. "We must learn to think in world terms," he said.

Rev. C. S. Tator of Anabelle Presbyterian Church, speaking from his experience as soldier in two wars, reechoed the words of the other speakers, urging that war is not necessary, that it does not settle the problems which it professes to settle, and leaves the world infinitely worse off.

The meeting, which was under the auspices of several peace organizations, closed with a play written by Mrs. N. Harris, showing the horrors of war and how, out of the suffering of war may come a determined effort for peace.

Mrs. Irvin Flowers was hostess to the Rosebud Study Club Wednesday afternoon, May 13th at her home on East First Street. A very delightful meeting was had.

ROBERT BAGNALL TO VISIT

Robert W. Bagnall, Branch Director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, New York, will be in Portland early in June for several days in the interest of the Association. A big mass meeting will be a feature of his visit here and several engagements have been made for his appearance before civic organizations and colleges. He will be the guest of the local branch of the Association of which J. A. Ewing is president. Mr. Bagnall is a noted speaker and pulpiter and wherever he has appeared large crowds have greeted him. Portland feels honored to have him come here. A complete program of his visit will appear from time to time in these columns.

Mrs. Genevieve Mullen, 318 E. 41st street, left Tuesday night for a pleasure trip East and South. She plans to be gone several months.

Mrs. A. B. Allen, 260 Page street, plans to take a trip within a few days.

The Pullman Porters' Benefit Association of America held its eighth annual memorial service at Zion M. E. Church last Sunday afternoon in the presence of a packed house. The splendid program was carried out in the same manner and expressions of praise to the P. L. J. W. Botts, are being heard on all sides.

J. W. Curry is in receipt of an interesting letter from his daughter, Miss Clotilde Curry, who is attending the University of Southern California. Among other things, Miss Curry told of how the students, including herself, had campaigned for the passage of a \$700,000 bond issue for a new school, the present one not being large enough to accommodate the more than 5000 students. Beverly Hills has been chosen as the site.

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Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Flowers are reported to have made a trip to Seaside last week, looking for a cottage for the summer.

The chicken dinner given by the Brown Strutters Band at Zion Church Thursday was a decided success.

Mississippi Whites Assault Negro Doctor and Fiancee in Automobile

Jealousy of Man's prosperity Assigned as Cause of Brutal Attack

New York, N. Y., May 15.—The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 69 Fifth Avenue, New York, has received a report of a brutal assault committed by four Mississippi whites, near Meridian, upon Dr. Charles Smith, a local colored physician, and Miss Myrtle Wilson, his fiancee. The whites stopped the automobile in which the colored doctor and his fiancee were riding, dragged them from their seats, administered a severe beating to both and fired shots which wounded the colored doctor in the head and may cost Miss Wilson her eyesight. The automobile was riddled with gunshot and pistol bullets.

A local informant of the N. A. A. C. P. states, "Dr. Smith is Miss Wilson's fiancee and is quite a promising and successful physician at Meridian. He has just recently bought a new car and is building a home. I know Miss Wilson personally; she is highly respected and regarded as a young woman of excellent ability and character. She taught night school at Tangaloo College while taking a college course there until called home recently by illness in her family. She was to be married in June. At the time of writing this letter, it is feared that Miss Wilson will not regain her eyesight."

No cause for the assault upon the colored doctor and the young woman is given except jealousy among the local whites of the doctor's new car and new home.

The Grade School Reserves enjoyed Saturday afternoon at Peninsula Park. Their regular meeting will be held May 23rd at the Y. W. C. A.

It is time to renew your "Y" membership. The banquet will be held at the Stag Club on the 29th of May. The public is invited.

The Blue Triangle Club will hold its regular meeting on Friday evening, May 22nd. After the meeting the cast of the Musical Comedy, "Over the River, Charley," will be the guests for the evening.

An appreciative audience greeted the Blue Triangle Club for the production of "Over the River, Charley" on Thursday evening at the Holy Rosary School hall. Music was furnished through the courtesy of Brock's Harmony Spillers. Wilbur Mercier coached and directed the work. The club appreciates the efforts of each and every one who contributed to the success of this, its initial production.

RACE BOYS' DECLAMATION WINS STATE MEDAL

Millington, Md., May 13.—Paul Jackson, 11-year-old colored pupil of the city public school, won the State Gold Medal for the best declamation delivered by the pupils of the public schools of Maryland. The contest was held at Ellicott City. Jackson's essay was entitled "Usefulness."

The Advocate acknowledges receipt of an invitation to attend the Forty-fourth commencement exercises of Tuskegee Institute, May 17th.

Wiley Man Wins Prize

George D. Lipscomb, head of the department of English and Expression, Wiley College, Marshall, Tex., was winner of the first prize in the literary contest recently conducted by "opportunity" magazine, published in New York under the auspices of the Urban League.

Get Acquainted Club Notes

(By Genevieve Mullen)
The Get-Acquainted Club met Tuesday evening last, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Ivey. The social hour was spent briefly discussing various subjects. Parliamentary usages, History of our National Anthem and How to Stimulate Interest in Clubs, etc.
Delicious refreshments were dispensed by the hostess, Mrs. D. Williams Gunn.
The next meeting will be held with Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Crosswhite, 1037 Division street. Take Richmond car to 35th street. Tabor 4182. The subject for discussion will be: "The Negro in World Affairs." Visitors are always welcome.

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"Arrow Tips"

(By Kits Reid)

Oh, dear, do we have to go through all that Defense Day agony again! Are the militarists foolish enough to think that if they camouflage their program by putting it on Armistice Day, that we pacifists will swallow it?

Just think of the stupidity and crassness of such a procedure! Desecrating the Day of all days—the day that said the world was tired of slaughter—by tying into its sacred significance a program that means preparation for another barbaric cataclysm. (I don't know whether those two words are properly used or not, but I cannot think of anything except barbaric as the other extreme of civilized, or cataclysm as the antithesis of order, so I guess I'll keep them.)

And here we are told that the plans are all complete and only await the proclamation of the President. It is said that he has already expressed approval of them. I am inclined to doubt that. I do give him credit for having a small portion of his native supply of New England common sense still left, although one must admit that some of his recent actions seem to indicate that it (said N. E. common sense) is deeply buried under the accumulation of political junk that he has absorbed in the last fifteen years—is it that long since he was governor of Massachusetts? Well, to get back to our plans:

Statement 1—We are expected to take more kindly to the word "muster" than we did to "mobilization."

Question 1—Will we? Watch us.
Statement 2—Such a change of expression "is necessary, inasmuch as there is a recognized inherent fear and suspicion in this country concerning any government policy that is not generally explained and understood, especially if it involves military activity in times of peace." (Quoted from the Plan.)

Question 2—Does the general staff think that changing the word "mobilization" to "muster" and holding the "Defense Test Day" program on Armistice Day is any "explanation" of the purpose of the action?

Statement 3—Selection of Armistice Day for the "purpose of taking periodic stock of our national defense" has been appraised as the ideal time by the powers that be.

Question 4—For whose information is this "period test"? Do these blood-thirsty specialists in legal slaughtering of humans dare to believe that we do not know that they (said specialists) do know down to the last dollar the money that is available for war purposes at this very moment? The man power and, unfortunately, woman power, too, that is subject to the call of the war lord? Down to the last nail, the last bullet, the last gas bomb of equipment that is available at this very moment?

And right here let me ask another question for which I can find no statement in their plans:

Of what use will it be to have parades of people who are forced into the parade lines? Of what possible value will be the marching of trained soldiers on the streets, the blattling of war-like music by musicians whose only interest in the whole insane performance is the per diem he gets out of it?

The answer, of course, is that it is a very valuable bit of psychology. Funny, though, how little respect we are having for psychology these days, which is such flimsy buncombe. No one is fooled, Mr. Military-Man. Your only purpose is to keep alive the spirit of insane War and incidentally to wave the banner of invitation in the face of watching and wondering nations.

Rev. H. Leo Johnston of First A. M. E. Zion church, has been engaged to fill the pulpit at the Men's Resort Sunday afternoon.

Furnished Music Gratis at Benefit Ball

Lloyd Smith's Jazz Orchestra furnished the music for the Benefit Ball given at the Stag Club recently by Billy Webb. The promoters of the affair cannot say too much in praise of the splendid services of these musicians who played until 1 o'clock without accepting a single penny for their services. The music they furnished was excellent and those who attended the ball are as one in praise of it.

TOM LEA RESCUES THIRTY WHOSE LIVES WERE IN DANGER WHEN EXCURSION BOAT ON WHICH THEY WERE RIDING CAPSIZED IN MISSISSIPPI RIVER

Black Hero Mentioned for Carnegie Medal—Several Thousands of Dollars Being Raised For Him by Business Men of City.

Memphis, Tenn.—Tom Lea, a black boatman, operating a motor boat on the Mississippi river at Coahoma Landing, sixteen miles below Memphis, is being acclaimed as a hero, following his saving of thirty men and women from drowning when the government steambot, the M. E. Norman, capsized and sunk on Friday, May 8, with more than twenty persons losing their lives.

Passengers on the boat were delegates to the Mid-South Association of Engineers, who had been on an outing to Cow Island, and were returning to Memphis. The boat took a sudden list just opposite Coahoma Landing, and the captain, Howard T. Fenton attempted to take the boat to the landing, but the current at that point is extremely swift, and after rocking two or three times, the boat finally rolled over, going immediately to the bottom.

Tom Lea was in his motor boat, and it is reported that he was methodical and cool as he went about the work of rescuing the passengers. Many of them had been thrown into the turbulent waters as the boat capsized, and Lea calmly proceeded to load as many of them into his boat as the vessel would carry, and carried them to shore. This operation he repeated until thirty souls had been taken to land, and there were no more left to be saved. The others had been made victims by the cruel waters.

Among those saved by Lea was Captain Fenton, who had been navigating the Mississippi for thirty-four years.

The list of those who lost their lives as well as those who were saved, includes the names of many of the most noted members of the engineering profession in the South, who had been attending the first annual convention of the Mid-South Association of Engineers. The body was newly formed.

Survivors Praise Lea

The survivors of the tragedy praised the heroism and coolness of the old boatman. Capt. Howard T. Fenton, who was among those rescued by Lea, declared:

"Many more would have perished but for the fact that Tom Lea, a Negro, came along in a boat." W. W. De Bernard, a Chicago engineer and editor, tells of the providential appearance of Lea and his motor boat, and of how it cruised back and forth among the floating survivors, carrying them ashore.

"To Tom Lea," he says, "probably 90 per cent of the survivors owe their lives."

Seek Rewards

Major Rowlette Paine of Memphis, is behind a movement to obtain a Carnegie hero medal for Lea. When the 40-year-old boatman was called in by the Major, he appeared dressed in overalls. "I guess I didn't do any more than anybody else would have done," he told the Major.

It is also said several thousand dollars was raised by business men of the city.

George Edward Cannady, eldest son of Editor and Mrs. Cannady, was soloist for the Fernwood Boys' Chorus at the Parent-Teacher meeting last Tuesday at 2:30 in the new gymnasium at the Fernwood school.

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