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LEADS ALL NORTH CAROLINA DAILIES IN NEWS AND CIRCULATION.

A DAY OF BLOOD AT WILMINGTON

Negroes Precipitate Conflict by Firing on the Whites—Manly, the Defamer of White Womanhood, Escapes—Building of His Slanderous Paper Gutted and Burned.

ELEVEN NEGROES WERE KILLED

Three Whites Wounded--Board of Alderman Changed Legally, Mayor and Chief of Police Resign, and City Under Control of New and Conservative Democratic Government--Mayor Waddell puts Guards Around Jail to Protect Negro Prisoners--No Further General Violence Feared.

Wilmington, N. C., Nov. 10.—(Special.)—Wilmington has been all excitement to-day, though comparative quiet reigns to-night. Yesterday, a large mass meeting of business men was held, and it was demanded of the negroes to leave the plant and editor of the Daily Record, the negro paper which recently printed the vile slander on the white women of the State, removed from the town by 7 o'clock this morning. The demand was not acceded to by the negroes, and at 8:30 o'clock 600 armed white citizens went to the office and proceeded to destroy the printing material. While this was in progress, in some unaccountable way, the building took fire and was burned to the ground. The fire company turned out and narrowly averted the burning of a large negro church and a negro dwelling adjoining the office.

was to swear in 250 special policemen, chosen from the ranks of reputable white citizens. They are vested with all the authority of the law and will take charge of the city. The citizens will remain on guard however, throughout the town to prevent possible attempts at incendiarism. The new government will devote its attention to restraining recklessness among the whites as well as keeping down lawlessness among the negroes. Further trouble of a general or serious nature is not expected.

THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

Soon after the meeting Mr. George Roundtree received a telegram from Governor Russell saying that he would use all his efforts to influence the Mayor and City Council to resign if that would restore peace.

Mr. Roundtree sent the following reply: "Mayor and Aldermen have resigned. Two hundred and fifty special policemen sworn in. Law will be maintained and peace restored."

Mr. Roundtree is a prominent attorney here and a member of the Democratic Campaign Committee.

STORY OF THE CONFLICT.

Precipitated by Negroes Firing on Whites—Destruction of Record Office.

Wilmington, N. C., November 10.—The trouble in Wilmington to-day commenced at 8:30 this morning, when an armed body of citizens, numbering about 400, and led by Ex-Congressman Waddell, chairman of a committee of twenty-five appointed for the purpose, proceeded to the publishing house of a negro newspaper, the Record, to wreck it.

The editor of this paper had published an article defamatory of white women, and a mass-meeting of citizens yesterday ordered his expulsion from the city within twenty-four hours and the removal of his press. Fifteen leading negroes were called in by the committee of twenty-five last night and directed to notify the chairman by 7:30 this morning whether they would agree to the removal of the press. They were informed that if no answer were returned, the press would be demolished.

No answer was received by the chairman this morning and after waiting an hour, the citizens proceeded in a body and demolished the fixtures of the printing office. The building was also fired and gutted. The leaders say that this action was the work of irresponsible persons, and as soon as the fire was discovered the fire department was called to extinguish it.

FIRE ON THE WHITES.

The burning of the printing office created a great commotion among the negroes of the town. The rumor spread that the whites were going to burn and murder in the negro quarters. This rumor reached the negro employees of a cotton compress, numbering 300 or 400 who quit work and hung about the streets in manifest terror. Other parties congregated in the negro section, and it was in one of these that the first tragedy was enacted. The men were standing on a corner and were ordered to disperse. They declined and, it is claimed, fired into the whites.

A fusillade was immediately opened upon them by the whites and three negroes killed. Two whites were wounded slightly. One negro ran down the street, and, passing a residence, fired a



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rifle at William Mayo, while, standing on the veranda, shooting him through the left lung. This negro was recognized, pursued and captured while hiding under a bed. It is said he confessed to the shooting. He was riddled with shot by his captors and killed.

MILITARY ORDERED OUT.

In the meantime the town was in a state of excitement. The whites rushed to the scene from every direction, the local military company was ordered out and a battalion of United States naval reserves proceeded to the scene of the trouble with a rapid-fire gun.

About one o'clock some negroes in a house fired upon a passing party of white men. The house was surrounded and four negroes captured and taken to the jail. One negro broke away and ran, but was shot down and killed before he had proceeded half a block.

During the afternoon there were other affairs of this kind and eight negroes were killed at various points in the disturbed section. Their names are at this time unknown.

OFFERED TROOPS DECLINED.

As the news of the rioting spread throughout the State neighboring cities offered to send help. All such offers were declined, except in the case of Fayetteville, from which town came about 150 men. As night fell, the town was completely patrolled and guarded. Very few negroes were on the streets and they were not allowed to congregate anywhere.

The action of the citizens in organizing a new municipal government is expected to bring peace and order and no rioting is expected to-night.

It developed later in the day that the negro committee summoned last night had agreed to use their offices to have the press removed, although the editor had disappeared and they had no authority on the premises. This letter instead of being delivered to the chairman of the committee of twenty-five in person, was put in the mail and did not reach him until three hours after the expiration of the time limit which had been fixed for the receipt of an answer.

GUARD NEGROES FROM LYNCHERS.

A crowd was formed to-night to take from the jail and lynch two negroes, Thos. Miller and Ira Bryant, who were arrested to-day charged with making threats and were regarded as dangerous characters.

The Mayor, Colonel Waddell, promptly prohibited the assembling of the crowd at the jail and he himself headed a guard of twenty-five men with Winchesters to guard the prisoners.

Eleven negroes were killed, three white men wounded, one seriously. Several of the leaders are in jail. If

ment has taken place, in that the Republican Mayor and Board of Aldermen have resigned and given place to successors who are staunch white supremacy advocates and Democrats who have already established a thorough system of police protection. And it is believed that there will be no further clash at arms between the races.

Now that the "smoke has cleared away" and conditions are somewhat more settled it appears that ten negroes were killed outright, and at least twenty-five are more or less seriously wounded and eleven others whose conduct has been offensive and calculated to aggravate the strained attitude of the races are locked in jail. Not a single white man has been killed and only one, William Mayo, seriously wounded.

There is no doubt that the negroes are responsible for the precipitation of the race war as the following affidavit will attest:

"Wilmington, N. C., Nov. 10.

I, William McAllister, being duly sworn, make the following affidavit:

1. That I am yard master for the Atlantic Coast Line. My duty is to make up trains on the yard of the said company in the city of Wilmington.

2. That at about 11 o'clock this morning I started to go to bed, and my wife called me to the window. I live on North Fourth street, next to St. Mark's Lutheran church. My wife said: 'Billy, there is going to be trouble.' I jumped up and went to the window and saw a white man remonstrating with a negro with gesticulations. I heard the white man say, 'Go on, go on.' The negro went about ten paces, and then I saw the negro shoot. He pointed a pistol towards the white man and then fired. Immediately I saw blood flow from the said white man's right arm. Then there was another shot fired from the negro assemblage, and then there was firing from the white assemblage, with the result that three negroes fell. The negroes then dispersed. Then the white men proceeded towards Moore's drugstore to telephone for assistance.

"Sworn to before me, this 10th day of November A. D. 1898.

"WILLIAM McALLISTER,

"This is a true copy of the original.

"J. H. BOATWRIGHT,

"Notary Public."

The city is thoroughly quiet at a late hour tonight. The companies of the Governor's Guard from Kinston, Maxton and Clinton are expected here to-night and hundreds of men have flocked here on special trains during the evening. However, it is not believed that they will be called into service.

ANOTHER NEGRO KILLED.

Refused to Halt When Commanded by the Guard.

Wilmington, N. C., Nov. 10.—Another negro was killed tonight at Tenth and Mulberry streets. He was hailed by a guard, but refused to halt, and continuing to advance, was shot by the guard.

Three companies of the State militia will arrive during the night from neighboring cities and aid in maintaining order.

WADDELL'S PROCLAMATION.

Wilmington, N. C., November 10.—At midnight to-night the newly elected Mayor issued the following proclamation:

"The undersigned, upon whom has been placed the great responsibility by the action of his fellow citizens, takes this method of assuring the good people of this city that all the power with which he is invested, will be exerted to preserve order and peace in this community, and that power is amply sufficient for the purpose. All well-disposed persons are earnestly requested to cooperate with the municipal authorities in every way possible to secure the permanent establishment of good government. The law will be rigidly enforced and impartially administered to white and black people alike."

(Signed) "A. M. WADDELL,

"Mayor."

LIST OF THE WOUNDED.

Wilmington, N. C., November 10.—As a result of to-day's fight the following wounded are at City Hospital: John Dorr, George Miller, George H. Davis, J. R. Davis, David Wright.

White men wounded: William Mayo, D. W. Piner.

The negro Wright was shot thirteen times.

CRAIG FOR SPEAKER.

Buncombe and The West Will Present Him.

Asheville, N. C., November 10.—(Special.)—Buncombe and The West will urge the election of Craig for speaker of the House, and ask the support of all Democratic members of that body.

Character—Something that writes its autograph on a man's face in indelible ink.

SEVEN DEMOCRATS

That is the Size of Our Next Congress Delegation.

THE SECOND AND EIGHTH

ALONE WILL RETURN REPUBLICANS THIS TIME.

LINNEY AND WHITE ESCAPE

Crawford's Majority Small but Comfortable While Klutz and Bellamy have Votes to Burn.

The delegation in Congress from North Carolina will stand as follows:

- First District—John H. Small, Democrat.
- Second District—Geo. H. White, Republican.
- Third District—Chas. R. Thomas, Democrat.
- Fourth District—John W. Atwater, Populist-Democrat.
- Fifth District—W. W. Kitchin, Democrat.
- Sixth District—John D. Bellamy, Democrat.
- Seventh District—Theo. F. Klutz, Democrat.
- Eighth District—R. Z. Linney, Republican.
- Ninth District—W. T. Crawford, Democrat.

The following tables approximate the majorities:

FIRST DISTRICT.

	Small.	Skinner.
	Dem. Maj. Vote.	Rep. Maj. Vote.
Beaufort	430	
Camden		
Carteret	1,297	1,050
Chowan		172
Currituck	471	
Dare	35	
Gates	305	
Hertford	1,176	1,468
Hyde		
Martin	174	
Pamlico		18
Perquimans	161	1
Pitt	3,220	2,785
Tyrrell	523	481
Washington		422
Small's majority	1,402	

SECOND DISTRICT.

	Fountain.	White.
	Dem. Maj. Vote.	Rep. Maj. Vote.
Bertie	1,151	1,871
Edgecombe	250	
Greene	95	
Halifax	1,162	2,626
Lenoir	1,675	1,462
Northampton		327
Warren		1,204
Wilson	377	
Wayne	383	
White's majority	1,505	

THIRD DISTRICT.

	Thomas.	Fowler.
	Dem. Maj. Vote.	Rep. Maj. Vote.
Bladen	1,674	1,467
Cumberland	154	
Craven	2,079	2,866
Harnett	1,625	1,348
Duplin	254	
Jones		6
Moore	2,145	1,900
Onslow	1,441	892
Sampson		522
Thomas' majority	326	

FOURTH DISTRICT.

	Atwater.	Jenkins.
	Dem. Maj. Vote.	Rep. Maj. Vote.
Johnston	3,481	2,055
Randolph	2,418	2,742
Chatham	1,738	2,161
Franklin	2,523	2,408
Nash	300	
Vance	1,200	1,855
Wake	390	
Atwater's majority	829	

FIFTH DISTRICT.

	Kitchin.	Adams.
	Dem. Maj. Vote.	Rep. Maj. Vote.
Alamance	408	
Caswell	1,434	1,646
Durham	2,535	1,896
Granville		28
Guilford	937	
Orange	287	
Person	185	
Rockingham	301	
Stokes		207
Kitchin's majority	2,310	

SIXTH DISTRICT.

	Bellamy.	Dockery.
	Dem. Maj. Vote.	Rep. Maj. Vote.
Anson	1,882	1,589
Brunswick	1,194	1,205
Columbus	2,146	1,517
Mecklenburg	5,144	1,680
New Hanover	2,842	2,553
Pender	1,300	1,244
Richmond	2,712	1,672
Robeson	3,523	2,823
Union	1,090	
Bellamy's majority	6,705	

SEVENTH DISTRICT.

	Klutz.	Caldwell.
	Dem. Maj. Vote.	Rep. Maj. Vote.
Cabarrus	1,966	1,316
Catawba	1,966	1,525
Davidson	2,419	2,084
Iredell	2,780	2,971
Lincoln	1,316	1,124
Rowan	1,462	
Montgomery	193	
Bellamy's majority	6,705	

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EVERYBODY INVITED.

Great Celebration and Torchlight Procession Next Tuesday Night.

A Democratic jollification will be held in the city of Raleigh next Tuesday night, October 15th. Democrats from every town and section of the State are invited to participate. A grand torchlight procession and general rejoicing. We earnestly request every town and county in the State to send a delegation. A position in the procession will be assigned to them. Please communicate with Mr. John Stronach, who has been selected as chief marshal of the occasion.