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THE RACE RIOT IN 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, this morning was a serious encounter in consequence with the election. Gleis O. Etheridge was killed instantly, and Jesse P. Tolbert, Jr. was badly wounded and several negroes killed. There is great feeling about Phoenix and throughout the county, and the probabilities are strongly favorable to one or more lynchings.

About 9 o'clock this morning Gilee O. Etheridge and B. D. Chambers, citizens of the Phoenix section, went to the store of J. W. Watson, where the State and federal election was being held, and at the instance of several citizens, requested Mr. Etheridge for the unusual proceedings he was evidently dissatisfied. The parties place in front of the store Tolbert had an altercation and he said he was drowing all the Republicans who had no registration certificates to drop a certificate marked "Black D." 37 ending as follows:

Black No 3
State of South Carolina
——County.

This certifies that we challenged, being over the age of 21, male resident of the voting precinct

of Ward and legally qualified to register and vote therein, and, on the, the 8th day of November, 1898, we present himself at the said voting precinct to vote for S. R. Tolbert, the Republican candidate for congress in the Third district of said State. Tolbert being and intending to vote for the S. R. Tolbert, and, upon his attempting to do vote, was denied the right to so vote, and he was then offered to do the proper affirmative and

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 he further states that if he had been permitted to register and to vote as aforesaid, he would have voted for S. R. Tolbert, the Republican candidate for congress in said district.

Personally appeared

and made oath that the above is correct.

Nancy Pulley.
S. C.

Nov. 8th, 1898.

Etheridge demanded of Tolbert his right to carry on such a side election, being duly appointed by the Governor and several prying men. Tolbert struck Etheridge in the face, and he fell to the sidewalk, and was dead in a horrible blow with an iron rod. Almost at the same instant a pistol was fired, and Etheridge fell dead with a bullet hole in the middle of his forehead. Then there was excitement and fury amount to almost to distraction, and hasty and seemingly indiscriminate firing commenced. To the best of my knowledge, there were about 50 shots at the negroes gathered in front of the store. Tolbert and all the negroes present ran, and the firing were mainly young men, and the aim was bad. Tolbert was the only man, it seems, who was seriously hurt. Several negroes were hit, but the wounds were not sufficient to stop the flight of a negro.

Twenty two men had been refused the privilege of voting when the Etheridge row, then being white Democrats. Eighteen negroes had deposited in Tolbert's box, the certificates being signed

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 200 strong, they had several negro pris. oners. They went to the Tolbert place and found the house apparently deserted.

Two men entered and found John Tolbert and his mother. Tolbert was in a pitiable condition and carried his

The company scoured the swamps for hands of negroes reported guilty, but found none.

They returned via Rehoboth church where a crowd of over or three hundred had eight negroes

The crowd was not dispersed Excitement is at the highest

One negro was wounded running and was shot twice.

More and the worst trouble is expected to sight

FOUR NEGROES KILLED

Phoenix, S. C., via Greenwood, Nov. 9—Four negroes killed near Rehoboth church about 5 o'clock this afternoon by a posse of white men. Several other negroes escaped. Indications are that more will be killed. There has been a large crowd at Phoenix ever since the trouble first

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

The number of white men at Phoenix is small, but reinforcements are expected

Fight is looked for. Since of the negroes are armed with guns and pistols.

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

Tonny Miller, who was shot from ambush last night, is at Sosaiman and may die.

This message is phoned to Greenwood from Phoenix. I will say, be-to-night and send more later if wire not cut

H.

Greenwood, Nov. 9.—The excitement in the town of Phoenix has been intense since yesterday's riot. The negroes have been hiding in the state of expectancy and the worst has been feared. The whites have been expecting there will be a lynching before sundown. The people are waiting for the report of the sad and best on desperate measures. All the negroes have been searched for, searching for the negroes who participated in the riot, and the whole country around the Tolbert family who are the recognized leaders of the negroes. The parties have not committed themselves, but there is a general feeling that it is a mark that the guilty ones will never be taken to jail

ALL QUIET AND THE TROUBLE

There is a story concerning the affair not yet made public. Many events have occurred, and have led up to the culmination at the Tolbert place. Tolbert is a negro family, of whom John R. Tolbert is the head. Some years ago he was the Phoenix community for the past ten years. The negroes have always hoped for the best. The Tolberts have lived among the negroes and have a large number of negro tenants on their farm. They have always had the negroes in their intimate and as a result the negroes have been quiet.

Some time ago a few white men, prominent citizens, discovered the negroes were being worked up and the interested themselves in the affair and made no less than three efforts to get the negroes together and discuss on a charge of assault and battery. The charge was in each instance proved futile, but after a third attempt the negroes were brought together and hearing and bound over to court and were released from jail at the expiration of the court of general sessions

The negroes concentrated this an victory and it only made them the more insolent. Matters were again quiet and nothing transpired until a few nights ago when a meeting was called by the Tolberts and Etheridge negroes at Rehoboth church Tolbert presided and the negroes present the negroes were urged to attend the polls. This evidence was given from a number of negroes who were captured and questioned this morning According to the evidence given at the Tolberts advised the negroes to turn out en masse and vote The right was theirs and they should demand it. If they were any who objected the negroes were ordered to disregard it. They were told to come armed prepared for any emergency They were also advised to resort to desperate measures in order to accomplish their end—to win a victory.

The negroes also stated that they were assured by the Tolberts that the white world assistance any course pursued No trouble should be feared and if assistance was needed to call on them (the Tolberts.)

The testimony obtained at the formal trial this afternoon shows that the negroes were urged to the desperate action which characterized yesterday's election. It is also shown that they not had the positive assurance of sanction of their course and protection in the event of trouble matters would have assumed a serious aspect. Tolbert, it was, they relied on the advice of their Republican bosses and are now reaping the penalty for their misdemeanor.

Nothing transpired after the meeting at Rehoboth until the riot of yesterday. Since then quiet has reigned. Excitement has been at fever heat among the whites, and the avenging the death of Mr. Etheridge.

Last night there was a large number of men armed with Springfield rifles who kept themselves in the greatest vicinity of Phoenix. No effort was made to molest the negroes assembled in the riot until to day. The general feeling among the citizens and inhabitants from any danger. Early this morning reinforcements began to arrive from all parts of the county began to arrive and by the middle of the afternoon there were about 400 armed men, estimated from 600 to 1,000. All cause arrived armed with Springfield rifles or firearms to be seen. Some carried no rifles but carried shotguns, and had the latest Springfield rifle. Every man was armed and equipped in order to supply the crowd with ammunition a large quantity was ordered from Greenwood. Every man in on the early morning train

At every town in the county there have been squads holding themselves in readiness to move at a moment's call. There was a large representation from Ninety Six and from all the towns and have been rendering much assistance.

This large force of several hundred men are being fed by the citizens around Phoenix and will say, how stock and food for the men have been furnished free of charge. The idea is as it is necessary for the crowd to be fed

The first thing began this morning was the search for negroes. Every house was visited and in almost every instance the door was unlocked and the inmates away. It was so extremely difficult matter to locate the negroes. Every precaution was to approached the party or parties who killed Mr. Etheridge. There was intention of punishing the innocent and guilty alike. Nothing but trials gives the negroes Whenever one is charged with a crime, he is entitled questioned on all matters pertaining to the trial. Every one of the negroes in his innocence he was free from any injury. In fact, the members of the party found no arms of any character that the innocent should and would be protected. Not a single negro suffer. The whites assert that they have information that the negroes desire to protect their own race. If a negro have anything to do with killing of the Tolberts, offer any resistance or make any threats the people will be protected in taking the life of the guilty. This is the deliberate yesterday afternoon and yesterday afternoon leading men of the county.

The Tolberts say that Joe Gleis is the negro who killed Mr Etheridge and efforts were made to capture him. He was found and surrounded by a posse of 30 mounted men with Springfields and Winchesters. He was shot down the fences and undergoneth Gleis was found in possession of a knife. He gave no resistance to the county and was brought to the county jail. Gleis is a mulatto belonging to the county and has been in trouble before. He is about 30 years old. No quarters will be given to the negro Gleis. It is not only thing that will appease the crowd of whites and the death of Etheridge.

At one time this afternoon the crowd was so excited that it was stated that Will White and Joe Gleis Gleis is the slayer of Mr. Etheridge Joe Gleis, it is claimed, participated in shooting, but White fired the fatal shot. Last night White escaped and the negroes say, started for Charleston.

Tonny Miller, a nephew of Jesse Tolbert and the indicisnce now are that he will not recover from his wounds.

Mr. John Tolbert is seriously wound in the head and shoulder. Mr. Jesse Thomas Tolbert and the young man who was also shot are not seriously wounded. The young man is at his home near Phoenix. The others have fled. Last night they were in Verdery and this morning they started towards Abbeville, presumably to the residence of Mr. Tolbert. The crowd is best on on capturing them and is not expected to escape the vigilance of the crowd and would bring them back to Rehoboth church to be dealt with. The negroes are regarded as the instigators of the trouble and are being hunted up by the lynching is their just desert. It is the general opinion that the killing of the entire family will be approved by the citizens of the county.

It was ascertained late this afternoon that the telephone wires were cut last night by the negroes at the home of the Tolberts. The wire was cut in two places and the ends were twisted across the road just high enough to prevent a wagon. This was done with the view of giving the Messrs Tolbert time to escape.

Mr John R. Tolbert was shot while he was in his sulkey on his way home from Phoenix in a buggy. The top of the buggy was filled with bullet holes. It is generally believed the occupant escaped with their lives. The buggy is now in the city and attracts much attention

Tonny Simon Miller lying critically ill at Sieckman's. His wounds are of a dangerous nature and attending physicians entertain no hope of his recovery. Miller is shot in the side and everything is being done to save the young man's life. It is thought that he will, though is most probable, will further exasperate the crowd that Mr. Moses Tolbert will be lynched if captured

Jesse Thomas Tolbert, Jesse Fleming and Tonager are painful, but not serious. They are wounded and will be able to get up in a few days.

Mr George Tolbert, brother of R. R. Tolbert, who resides near Sesom, has returned to his home. He was wounded in the head by a pistol mission. While here he was interviewed by a representative of the policy of his brother, Robert Tolbert, concerning the trouble. The latter was assured of being very indifferent toward the cause of Republicanism. It is reported that sharp words ensued between the brothers. Mr George Tolbert said he would not be a party to a moment's difficulty. He knew of what was to be done and came home to do what he could.

The last report from the focus of trouble at Phoenix this afternoon is a posse of 25 or 30 men are in pursuit of a negro and are firing at him. Excitement is intense and in very likely that the negroes who did the shooting will be lynched. Gleis is probably Thomas, Elias, Joe and "Bill" R. Tolbert will be lynched.

There is no clue as to the whereabouts of R. R. Tolbert, who is one of the prime movers of the trouble He has escaped and perhaps is now on 2 the State. Bloodhounds have been put on his trail and if he is found he will undoubtedly be disposed of in the same way as the others.

The Tolberts Have Escaped, and the Excitement Has Subsided.

Special to The State.

Greenwood, Nov. 10—Two more negroes were killed in Greenwood today. This morning the crowd which scattered the negroes near Rehoboth church, the scene of yesterday's lynching, Bear Harrison, a young man who was in Tuesday night when Mr. Etheridge was killed. Harrison was found in the woods near out. He was shot to on the pile of brushes and fell dead. Two of the church who were lynched yesterday, Tonny Miller and Will Tolbert, shot and frequent showers are falling in a prostrate condition. They were seen down to hold the request to-day. He met a crowd, who did not molest him, but ordered him to Rehoboth and parleying, with some difficulty he succeeded in the crowd dispersed. All the customary unknown parties as usual, Tolbert has says the Tolberts will be buried to morrow.

It is generally understood that two other negroes shot yesterday are lying wounded in the woods. No injures was held over these

Later in the day a party found Ben Cotton and other negro in the Tuesday fight when Etheridge was killed. Cotton was shot to death. He was a worth, Dr., and was promptly killed by the crowd.

Mr. J. S. Watson at Phoenix telephone that the crowd at Phoenix. A sufficient number of men is there and no negroes around

All is quiet at Kirkwy's despite rumors, and all other places based on the

Rhett R. Tolbert took the Greenville train this afternoon and is located Indefinitely a crowd looking for him. Tolbert is reported to be at the Mansion House in Greenville He probably go to Charleston.

Thomas Tolbert has been moved to Abbeville He will likely die from his wounds. Jesse Tolbert is at Des West. Jim Tolbert, when wife is prominent in Methodist circles left on demand of religion.

There are some rash old men are to sight, but no danger unless that judgment prevails The negroes need not be shaky They are completely cowed. Stuart Miller's condition is critical.

10 45 p. m.—The largest crowd Etheridge will be interred at Phoenix is having been buried yesterday. The train is being filled up by the men who have been in the fight when Etheridge was killed. Ben Collins emptied his pistol at the negro who was lynched The white men have lots of all negroes hypothetical. By a second train caught a telephone message to night from Kinsley's to Phoenix saying that would have Kirkseys' for Phoenix to-day. Two negroes were reported shot killed.

Party of men is in Watson's store at Phoenix. I understand indefinitely. Rumors of negroes hiding in swamps near wiser counsel prevails. But I cook for secrecy of the interpreter Tolbert. Hey, we recognized negroes are on another lie very late. H. Plan Greenwood, Nov. 10. Phoenix. J. H.

Tolberts in the Penitentiary

COMMITTED TO PROTECT THEM FROM THE TRUE SUERS.

Columbia, Nov. 10.—John R. Tolbert, Collector of the port of Charleston, and his son Joseph Tolbert, arrived at Columbia at 10 o'clock, and went at once to Wright's Hotel and were placed in the state penitentiary. During the afternoon, Joseph Tolbert was arraigned before the court and was recognized by members of the First Regiment Volunteers Greenwood and Abbeville counties. It was based on charges of the murder of Gleis and Tolberts, and a warrant was accordingly issued for their arrest and they were committed yesterday to the State Penitentiary for safe keeping. The prisoners are 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 killed in a race riot near Phoenix, S. C., was at the department today to day to see and investigation of the riot by the Department of Justice. He was accompanied by some of the Republican politicians of the city. Tolbert is now in the State penitentiary for safety from popular

Mr. Tolbert says that the trouble was precipitated by two men given The facts are, he said, as follows:

"I was nominated for congress by the Republicans of my district, and for the purpose of making a contest before the House of Representatives, Mr. Tolbert, agreed to be present at the polling place at Phoenix for the purpose of witnessing the voting of colored men who were rejected in registration, and who claimed to comply with the requirements of the registration law.

"My brother took no part in the transaction, but was the person which was in the hands of the Democrats. He simply sat on the place and was called upon to make the affidavits given him, depositing the ballots in the boxes of the future.

"Mr Etheridge, the white man who was killed, was an election manager for a prominent Democrat. He was a big man, well armed, and with his own precinct and with a party of more Democrats. He had walked up with his party to where my brother was standing, and deliberately kicked over the table and box in which the ballots were placed. He then struck my brother.

"In a short while the Democratic voters who were in the same house rushed out and commenced firing into the crowd. The negroes fled. Some of the negroes fired back. I now told me that Etheridge was killed and my brother was shot. My brother did not have a weapon on his person.

"My brother said he was at Abbeville, 25 miles away from the shooting. He left Abbeville, went at Verdery, another precinct. When the elder Tolbert learned of the fuss he started for the scene in his buggy, accompanied by a ten-year old nephew Before he reached the scene he was met by a mob which stopped him, shot his horse, and wounded him and the little boy a number of times.

It is said the boy was killed by the mob.

T. P. Tolbert, who was first shot by the mob, was aided to his home some distance away and was pursued by the mob. While lying in bed in a dying condition the mob attempted to make him give the name of the person who had killed Etheridge He said he could not recognize the person.

On finding his father so badly wounded, R. R. Tolbert procured a doctor, who attended to the wounds of the sufferer. While the doctor was his family in a safe place, Mr. Tolbert went to the city of

Mr. Tolbert states that his brother said that so far as he could see no negroes were killed by the negroes at Phoenix.

They had fed 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 today lasted over two hours. While a large amount of routine business 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 Philippines are the first and most aware Federal interference. The situation in these two States will, however, be kept under close surveillance with a view to action if it is deemed necessary.

The president will confer with Attorney General Griggs concerning the matter of the prosecution of the latter's return to the city. Beyond the newspaper reports no information from the Southern States or Greenwood has reached the administration from any source, but there is little doubt that the whole matter will be looked into by the officers of the department of justice. The action was decided upon as to-day's meeting, and unless the situation resumed it is probable that nothing will be done regarding the return of Attorney General Griggs.

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PANA TROUBLES AGAIN.

The Race Riots in Illinois. Recklessness of the Negroes

Pana, Ills., Nov. 11.—The imported negro non-union miners here are behaving recklessly and the white miners are growing restive. Troop B, of the cavalry stationed here, has been just almost nightly in the "Flat Ball" district, where negroes have practice shooting at any white man that passes. This negroes have been hired to take the place of the miners. Last night the president of the mine operators was shot into by Winchesters in the hands of the colored men. A white without provocation, was shot down by ballots, several charges being fired at him. Last night the ballots say they cannot apprehend the origin. Yesterday, in consequence, a representatively unity under orders of the Governor, and acting under the instructions of Governor Tanner, given Sheriff Gaston Cary, Butler, when asked to discuss the negroes, said it was useless, for the sheriff would arm three hundred men, if required to arrest the nonregnes of outside union white miners will come arrive in Pana. The consignment of 100 rifles was received by the Sheriff yesterday, and this morning protecting their property and families, planning on protection is given by the sheriff or troops.

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