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### GEORGIA LYNCHING

Rome, Ga., April 2.—Walter Allen, a negro charged with attempting to criminally assault Miss Blossom Adamson, a 15-year-old girl in this city yesterday, was taken from the jail last night by 4,000 people, who battered down the prison doors and hanged him to an electric light pole in the principal portion of the city. A volley was fired afterward, and fully 1,000 bullets entered the negro's body. Miss Adamson was on her way to a dressmaker's late in the afternoon, when she was met by Allen, who told her that a dressmaker at a designated residence was waiting to see her. The residence was the house mentioned, and the negro followed her into the house, which was vacant. All the men who took part in the hanging were masked. Miss Adamson belongs to one of the most prominent families in Rome.

### MANITOBA GOES ANTI-PROHIB.

Temperance Measure Appears to Have Sustained a Serious Defeat.

3,568 Majority Against in Winnipeg—Antis Agreeably Surprised.

Winnipeg, Man., April 2.—The referendum on the Manitoba Liquor Act was most decisively defeated to-day. The majority against in the city is 3,568 out of a total of 8,418 votes cast.

The figures for the province received up to midnight, exclusive of the city, were 7,341 for and 10,463 against. There are still several outside polls to hear from, which, it is thought, will slightly decrease the majority of the anti-prohibitionists.

The vote was an agreeable surprise to the anti-prohibitionists, who hardly expected to poll such a large majority. There is little doubt but that the act will be defeated with a majority of over 5,000.

In many places where the liquor men had not used any influence whatever, they got good majorities. "Taken all in all, the country places were fairly divided on the question, in some places being a tie. As regards the city, no other result was expected. This is the first time the liquor men have been thoroughly organized, and they did so to perfection. A great deal of interest was evinced at all points throughout the province. Crowds stood around the bulletin stations in the city all evening.

The total vote will not be known for some time, owing to the condition of the country roads. Official returns as yet, as some of the deputies in the outlying polls have not yet filed their declarations as returning officers.

Another despatch says:—Many country points declare in favor of prohibition, but the towns and thickly populated districts are declaring strongly against prohibition. The French settlements also go against the act.

### SENSATION STORY

Alleged Shooting of Boers in Cold Blood by Australian Officers, Since Shot.

London, April 3.—The Morning Leader publishes the alleged story of the crimes which led to the court-martial and execution of two Australian officers in South Africa, which is just now exciting keen indignation in Australia. The Morning Leader asserts that several officers of this particular irregular corps shot natives like rabbits, and that they were even suspected of murdering men of their own command against whom they had grudges.

The incident which led to their court-martial was the cold-blooded "execution" by these officers of ten Boers who were journeying to Pietersburg with the object of surrendering. It was supposed that these Boers had £20,000 with them. Accused by cupid-ity, the Australians stopped the Boers, tried them by mock court-martial, and ordered them all to be shot. This was done by a squadron of the soldiers, after some of the non-commissioned officers had refused to carry out the death sentence. The officers then ransacked the Boer wagons, and were disgusted upon finding the £20,000 was in Transvaal paper money. The Morning Leader says further that a German missionary, a few miles from the scene of execution, heard of the affair. Lieut. Hancock, one of the Australians, concerned, fearing he would divulge his information, he eventually led to a complaint by the German consul to Lord Kitchener, who proceeded to court-martial the Australians.

House keepers will please remember that Quinn & Patterson keep carpet whips, furniture polish, furniture varnish, stove pipe varnish, gold, silver and aluminum paints and bronzes, and ready mixed paints and oils, and a hundred other things that will be required when house cleaning.

### CHATHAM'S PUBLIC LIBRARY WILL GO TO QUEEN STREET

Board Changes Their Decision and Abandons Martin Property—Capt. Smith Threatens Mr. Sheldrick—The Mayor's Strong Words on Anonymous Letters—Mr. Scullard's Report.

"This matter has already gone altogether too far. The people on this Board, who have been advocating the Aberdeen property, have done too much talking and have gone so far as to spread the report that I was bribed by the owners of the Martin property and have abused me and the ones who supported the Martin site in many other ways. If Mr. Sheldrick had made the insinuations about me on the street that he made behind my back, I would have licked him there and then!"

These words, uttered in a loud and excited voice, were spoken by S. M. Smith at a full meeting of the Library Board last night as he leaned forward in his seat and brought his closed fist heavily down on the table.

Mr. Sheldrick and Mr. Twohey quietly denied the insinuation, but Mr. Smith could not be pacified, and was called to order by the chairman.

The cause of this extraordinary display of anger on the part of Mr. Smith was caused by the re-opening of the consideration of the Library site.

The reason for this action was the receiving of two other tenders giving sites at a far reduced figure. They were:

One from Drs. T. K. Holmes and W. R. Hall, offering the site on the corner of King and Third streets. The land abutting the corner is 62-1-2 feet by 65 feet in depth, covering an area of 4,000 square feet. This was given free of charge. For \$1,800 they would sell the whole lot of land, 75 feet by 200 feet, on which are two buildings. A six months' option was given. They also asked acceptance at once, as the offer might not be repeated.

Another was a subscription on the site on the corner of Queen and Cross streets. The following were the names of the people who subscribed:

A. McDonald	\$525.00
J. T. O'Keefe	50.00
W. M. Drader	50.00
James Taffit	50.00
J. Glenn, Jr.	25.00
J. A. Wilson	25.00
R. Potter	25.00
W. M. Stone	25.00
T. Drew	25.00
Total	\$800.00

The tender for this property was \$1,700, but the subscription reduced the price to \$900.

Mr. Davis—If we hold off for a little longer we will probably get a bonus. We are already getting free sites.

—Laughter.

The question then arose as to whether it was within the power of the Board to reconsider these offers, as the matter had apparently been decided upon.

Dr. Charteris—This discussion is out of order. The matter has already been settled.

Mr. Sheldrick—I think the matter is still open.

Mr. Humphrey—We decided to await the arrival of the delegates from Toronto.

Mr. Sulman—That is not in your minutes.

Mr. Smith—In view of the unfortunate condition of affairs, I think we might reconsider the matter.

Mr. Humphrey—I think we have not got enough money to put up a good building on the triangular lot.

Mr. Davis—Something ought to be done with these two offers.

Dr. Charteris—I think it would be very unfair to the other tenders.

Mr. Twohey—We have one lot for nothing against another of the same size for \$2,800.

Mr. Sheldrick—We are here to expend public money, and the public will hold us responsible if we turn down these two offers. The Mayor will see the force of that.

Mr. Sulman—I would not take an undesirable lot as a gift. I do not consider the Aberdeen site a desirable one. I have yet to find anyone in favor of that lot who is not interested in its purchase.

Mr. Smith—Hear, hear.

Mr. Sulman—I think we would be very near-sighted if we accepted it. It is an insult to the intelligence of the members of the Board. We can't extend our Library on it and the difference between the two lots more than offsets.

Mr. Twohey—Are the advocates of the Aberdeen property more interested than those of the Martin property?

Mr. Sulman—Everyone not interested in the Aberdeen property is in favor of the Martin site.

Mr. Twohey—Your experience is different from mine.

Mr. Scullard—I think we must use our own judgment in the matter.

was necessary to reconsider the matter as nothing authoritative has been done and it is still an open question. We have not yet bound ourselves and can entertain other offers.

He asked the ruling of the chairman on the question and it was decided that one man who had voted for the Martin property should make a motion to have the matter reconsidered.

Mr. Davis made the motion and Mr. Humphrey seconded it, that the matter be reconsidered.

Mr. Thibodeau—Now the matter is open for all the sides to be considered.

Mr. Sulman—Yes, and for the people to have another laugh on the Library Board.

Dr. Charteris—It is very poor policy for men who are fairly and squarely beaten to kick about it afterwards. The anonymous letters in the papers were behind the whole matter.

Mr. Sulman—Those letters were all in The Planet, which is proof to me that they were written in The Planet office. I pay no attention to a letter which is unsigned. I would class a man who writes such letters with an assassin, a murderer and a sneak.

Dr. Charteris—I have not canvassed one man to support the Martin property. It is immaterial to me where the Library site goes. If you drop the Aberdeen property I'll drop the Martin site.

Mr. Sheldrick—The building should be put up where it will show to the best advantage.

The five sites, Martin property, King and 3rd streets property, Cross and Queen streets property, Knight property and Westman's property were then all reconsidered.

The King street property and the Martin property were then voted upon, the Martin property winning by a vote of five to four. The vote was:

For Martin's—Messrs. Charteris, Sulman, Thibodeau, Davis and Smith.

For Aberdeen—Messrs. Scullard, Humphrey, Twohey and Sheldrick.

The next two were the Knight and Westman properties. Knight's dropped out.

For Knight's—Messrs. Humphrey, and Sulman.

For Westman's—Messrs. Sheldrick, Davis, Smith, Thibodeau, Charteris, Sulman and Twohey.

The next two were Westman's and the Queen and Cross streets property. In this vote Westman's dropped out. Only Messrs. Charteris and Humphrey voting for it.

The only two then left were the Cross street property and the Martin property. In this the Martin property lost, only the Mayor and Dr. Charteris voting for it.

The choice was then made unanimously, Messrs. Charteris and Sulman making the motion.

After the matter was settled Mr. Charteris said humorously:

"I always thought I lived in a respectable neighborhood until I read the papers. It is too bad that this matter didn't come up before I purchased so that I could have bought some other property."

The secretary was instructed to notify the council the recommendation of the Board to purchase the property on the corner of Cross and Queen streets, at \$900.

Mr. Scullard presented a verbal report of the committee who went to Toronto.

"Mr. Thibodeau and myself," he said "arrived in Toronto on Monday morning, and met Mr. Bain, of the Toronto Public Library, and were courteously shown through the building. One thing which struck me was the simple way of registering books. It is done by cards, and is so complete that one girl can take in 3,000 books in 12 hours. We discussed with Mr. Bain library buildings, and got a lot of useful hints; also the keeping of the files of the local papers. We also met Mr. Eastman, inspector of State Libraries for the State of New York. He promised to send us some blue sketches of suitable library buildings."

We attended the meeting of the Library Association and heard some very interesting and instructive papers. H. H. Langton, Librarian for the Toronto University was also present and we submitted the plan of the Martin property to him and got his opinion on it. In the evening Mr. Eastman gave an illustrated lecture on libraries, and threw on the screen 60 different views of library buildings."

Mr. Scullard presented a sketch of building, which, according to the lecturer, contained all the fundamental conditions. It included a stack room in the rear, a librarians room and a reading room on one side, and a reference library, open library, and a children's room on the other side. The librarian's desk is in the centre of the building, which is only one story high, including a basement, and all of the partitions are made of glass.

"The lecturer," Mr. Scullard continued, "also spoke of shape. He said that there were only two libraries in the United States, that he knew of, built on triangular lots. A great amount of money is needed for decorating such a building so as to give it a good appearance."

"Another difficulty in building so close to the street is that it is almost

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### LYING IN STATE

Cape Town, April 2.—A private service for his family and friends was held over the remains of Cecil Rhodes at Grootte Schuur last evening. The body was brought here at midnight last night, and deposited in the vestibule of the building of parliament. The coffin is draped with a tattered Union Jack, which belonged to Mr. Rhodes, and which he regarded with peculiar veneration, and with a tattered flag of the British Chartered South Africa Company, which went through the fight at Mafeking. On these two flags rest the cap and gown which the deceased wore when he took his degree at Oxford. Cape policemen are grouped in the corners of the chamber as a guard over the remains. A beautiful wreath of flowers from Queen Alexandra has been placed at the head of the bier. Roydard Kipling will take part in the funeral procession.

### BOERS BEATEN IN FIERCE FIGHT

Rear Guard Action in Which the Burgheers Lost Heavily.

Attack Small Force of Dragoons—Fought Hard to Reach Main Column.

London, April 3.—Lord Kitchener, in a despatch from Pretoria, made public this evening announced that the Second Dragoon Guard fought a sharp rear-guard action, near Boschman's Kop, during the evening of March 31. Four officers are known to have been wounded. No further details of the casualties have been received.

The column Commander, Col. Lawley detached the dragoons with the object of surprising a Boer laager, reported to have been located 10 miles east of Boschman's Kop. The Dragoons found the Boers strongly posted, and the burgheers were subsequently largely reinforced, with the result that the Dragoons had to fight a hard rear-guard action, in order to regain the main column. The heavy firing called up Colonel Lawley and his troops, who drove off the Boers. The latter's loss is reported to have been heavy.

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