

" BOOTLEGGERS AMBUSH 3 PEACE OFFICERS "

W. A. Adkins Killed, Charles Pratt Wounded, and Negro Trusty Escapes - Parties unknown - Shots fired from ambush attributed to Bootleggers, one of whom officers had gone to arrest - Sheriff's office withholds "dope".

BULLETIN

Owing to the illness of Sheriff F. F. Kitchens, Mr. Sebastian Straub has been appointed Acting Sheriff and is directing the hunt for the men who ambushed Helena officers at Hoop Spur last night, killing W. A. Adkins, Special Agent of the Missouri Pacific Railway Co. and wounding Deputy Sheriff Charles Pratt.

Clinton Lee, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Lee, 509 Franklin Street, killed this morning when his gun accidentally discharged.

W. A. Adkins, Special Agent for the Missouri Pacific Railway Company, killed from ambush last night.

Jas. A. Tappan shot in head and shoulder this morning in battle with alleged bootleggers near Elaine.

Ira Proctor shot in battle with alleged bootleggers this morning. Nature of wounds not known.

Charles Pratt, Deputy Sheriff, shot from ambush last night, wounded in knee.

Urgent messages were received by the Sheriff's office at noon today from Chief Deputy Sheriff J. D. Dalzell, who asks for reinforcements immediately. He said a pitched battle was in progress in the streets of Elaine and that the Sheriff's posse was outnumbered. The men opposing the posse are believed to be negroes affiliated with a bootlegger gang in the Elaine-Lambrook Section.

The Sheriff's office is giving out no information, but it is understood that one message from Elaine stated that two of the posse had been shot, one of them fatally. No names were mentioned, the reports say, Deputy Dalzell declining to reply to questions regarding the identity of the wounded men.

It is said that one citizen of Helena received a message over the telegraph from Elaine and that the operator in the Elaine telephone office was screaming. She said fighting was going on all over the town.

Efforts to get messages through to Elaine by other than officials has so far proved unavailing. There has been difficulty even to get messages through to Little Rock and Memphis, from which point queries were received early in the forenoon regarding the disorders in the southern part of the county.

The list of dead and wounded has not yet been fully reported, and conflicting rumors are to be heard on every side. However, the body of W. A. Adkins is now in the undertaking establishment of the Keeshan-

Lambert Company and the body of Clinton Lee, killed accidentally this morning, is on its way to Helena.

James A. Tappan, shot in the head and shoulder, is in the local hospital in a critical condition, and the whereabouts of Ira Proctor, said to have been wounded when his party was surrounded and fired on by alleged bootleggers this morning, are unknown. One report has it that he is still surrounded by the outlaws and that the posse of citizens has not been able to reach him. Another report is that he has been brought to Helena and is now under care of surgeons.

Charles Pratt, Deputy Sheriff, wounded last night, when he and his party were fired upon from ambush, is in the hospital suffering from a shattered knee. His condition is reported as not serious.

Late rumors from the scene of the fighting were to the effect that the posses had driven the negroes from Elaine toward Wabash and that fighting was still going on along the highway. A request for troops was sent to Little Rock this afternoon and soldiers are expected to arrive here tonight or early tomorrow. Major Henry F. Fredeman, Assistant Adjutant General, stated to the World over the long distance telephone this afternoon that he would do his best to comply with Sheriff Kitchens's request.

Another rumor was to the effect that posses were opposed by between 1000 and 1500 negroes who are affiliated with the bootleggers and moonshiners who are said to conduct whiskey traffic in the vicinity of Elaine and Lambrock.

It was reported late this afternoon that nurses had been sent from Helena to Elaine to care for the wounded, but this report was not confirmed at the hospital.

Sheriff Kitchens and Mayor Knight have requested that certain churches, picture shows and theaters be kept closed tonight and that citizens remain in their homes after 6 o'clock this evening.

A meeting of white and colored ministers of the gospel was held this afternoon and the emergency was discussed with the utmost freedom. Perfect harmony prevailed, and the ministers of both races joined in the request that they be allowed to assume charge of the situation, assisted with the greatest confidence, that they would guarantee that no trouble came to Helena.

County Judge H. D. Moore stated late this afternoon that he was expecting 175 prisoners to arrive from the scene of the trouble at any moment. Among the number is one white man who is charged with inciting the negroes to lawlessness.

W. A. Adams, Special Agent for the Missouri Pacific Railway Co. is dead. Charles Pratt, Deputy Sheriff under Sheriff F. F. Kitchens, of this City, is missing, and hastily organized posses of citizens, most of which are members of Richard L. Kitchens Post, American Legion, are scouring the lower part of the County in search of unknown persons, who fired upon the officers near Hoop Spur last night.

News of the tragedy was telephoned to Sheriff Kitchens office here

last night from Wabash by a negro trusty who accompanied the officers and escaped by crawling on his stomach until out of the danger zone. The disappearance of Deputy Pratt is unexplained at this hour, although some believe that he was desperately wounded from the volley from the side of the road and that he escaped into the thick brush nearby.

According to statements of local officers the special agent and deputies were sent to Elaine at the request of citizens there to arrest a man named Clem. Clem is said to have been engaged in the bootlegging business in that section and to have a very unsavory reputation.

Yesterday, it is said, he "went on a rampage" and stated his intentions to kill his wife. Citizens of Elaine notified Sheriff Kitcher who has been ill for several days, and confined to his bed, and he ordered deputies to go to Elaine and arrest Clem. The party left Helena in an automobile, taking the negro trusty with them. Near Hoop Spur, several miles north of Elaine, the party stopped on the road for a few moments, and were fired on from the roadside. Adkins was killed outright, Pratt disappeared, and the negro trusty fell on his stomach, emptied his weapon in the direction of the flashes from the roadside and then crawled through the woods to Wabash, where he telephoned the facts to the authorities here. The fact that the ambush occurred several miles north of Elaine is taken to mean that Clem heard that officers were coming to arrest him and ambushed them on the way. Whether he had help or acted alone had not been learned at 10 o'clock this morning. There is also a question as to whether Clem or some other persons fired the shots which killed Adkins and may have killed Pratt. For several months past car robbers have been frequent and reports of bootlegging have been investigated by the authorities. Adkins and Pratt were instrumental in arresting a number of alleged car thieves recently, and have been investigating other robberies around the M. H. L., Ark. Midland, & other Missouri Pacific lines, being out of Helena. It is believed in some quarters that car thieves and not Clem were responsible for last night's tragedy, while others believe that an organized gang of bootleggers committed the crime.

W. K. Monroe, of the civil engineering firm of Monroe & Parmalee of this city, who had a car near the scene of last Night's tragedy, was wounded with small shot in the face and arms shortly after the killing of Adkins and the disappearance of Pratt. Mr. Monroe telephoned his partner, Mr. I. E. Parmalee, last night that he had been shot, but did not state the circumstances. It was reported here, however, that Monroe was shot while passing the scene of the former shooting, not knowing that a tragedy had occurred. It is believed that the persons who killed Adkins and probably fatally wounded Pratt also fired upon Monroe.

Reports reaching the city today from the Elaine and Lambrook sections say that Clem and a number of other white men have been operating a still in that locality for some time, and that the shooting last night must have been done by the gang operating the still. The country about Elaine and Lambrook, especially the latter, is very dense, the cane growing thick and tall. It would be easy to secrete a moonshine outfit in any of the deeper recesses of the wilderness and operate in secrecy indefinitely.

It was said this morning that a former deputy sheriff who knows the country around Lemrock advised Charles Pratt last night to wait until daylight before going to arrest Clem, but that Pratt declined to heed that advice.

It was announced at noon today that Mr. Sebastian Straub had been made Acting Sheriff owing to the illness of Sheriff Kitchens. Mr. Kitchens was at his office this morning, but his condition was such that friends insisted upon his returning home and doing to bed. He has been ill for several days.

NOTICE:

In view of the emergency all churches, picture shows, theaters and other public buildings are hereby requested to close tonight, and all citizens are requested to remain in their homes after 6 o'clock this evening.

F. F. Kitchens, Sheriff
J. G. Knight, Mayor.

At a meeting of white and colored ministers of the city this afternoon it was declared that ministers of both races were in utmost harmony and if given the opportunity they would see that no further trouble occurred. There has been none in Helena and all good citizens of whatever race or color join in the hope that there will be none.

"O. R. LILLY MURDERED BY NEGRO RIOTERS AT ELAINE"

5 more negroes were added to the casualty list today. Three negroes were killed in a skirmish between an Elaine posse and a band of heavily armed negroes on the outskirts of Elaine early today. Three white men and 12 or more negroes have been killed and many negroes wounded.

Two negroes, unidentified, were killed on the streets of Mellwood near Elaine last night.

The two negroes, both armed, paraded the streets, making remarks about what they expected to do to the residents of Elaine. Officers and residents who had organized shot them to death. The two had been in the negro section of the town endeavoring to organize the negroes. After the double killing the negroes of the town returned to their homes and there has been no more trouble.

500 regular army troops from Camp Pike, most of them overseas veterans, accompanied by Gov. C. H. Brough and newspaper men from Lit Rock, arrived here at 8 o'clock today and immediately threw a cordon around a densely wooded area in which 150 armed negroes were hiding. The troops had been ordered to kill any negro who refuses to surrender immediately.

One negro who surrendered at Elaine this morning said that negro organized at a meeting last Sunday to "battle for our race." He said some of the leaders, most of them ex-soldiers, would fight to the last. Others, he said, would surrender if given an opportunity. The troops are commanded by Col. Isaac Jenks.

BULLETIN: Governor Brough, who was on his way to Elaine in a motor car was fired on by negroes. He was not injured, but had to walk several miles in order to reach this place. He will leave for Helena via automobile within a short time.

BULLETIN: A detachment of U. S. Troops have been ordered to proceed to Helena to assist in preserving order.

Col. Isaac Jenks, hearing that the situation at Helena was growing tense today, ordered Capt. J. L. Lewis and 100 troops near Elaine to go to Helena for patrol work. A special train will take them from Elaine this evening. A squad of troops also had been ordered to Mellwood where two negroes were killed last night.

Gov. C. H. Brough and Col. Isaac Jenks, commanding the troops he was fired upon, but neither were hit. O. R. Lilly, a white real estate dealer in Helena, was shot three times and probably fatally wounded. Dr. D. A. E. Johnson, negro drug dealer in Helena, and his 3 brothers were killed. Corp. Luther Earles, Co. H., 4th Infantry, had his lower jaw shot off and probably will die, and Corp. Berl B. Gay, Headquarters Company, 4th Infantry, was shot in the chest in the race trouble here shortly before noon.

Gov. Brough, accompanied by Col. Jenks, were on the road near Elaine when they flushed four negroes. The negroes fired at them and then ran. Neither was struck.

A few minutes later a posse headed by Mr. Lilly caught another band of negroes led by the Helena drug store proprietor and dentist. They started to take the four negroes, all brothers, to Helena. They had gone but a short distance when Johnson jerked a revolver out of Mr. Lilly's pocket, and shot the Helena real estate man through the body 3 times. Others in the posse turned their guns on Johnson and his 3 brothers and killed them all. Mr. Lilly was then rushed to Helena for medical attention.

Corp. Luther (Earles), while working the roundup of the negroes in the woods near here, jumped from a fallen log. A negro lying behind the log sprang up, fired a shotgun at the soldier, and tore off the greater part of the lower jaw.

The foregoing dispatch was received from the A. P. correspondent at Elaine shortly after noon. The correspondent told the World over long distance telephone that Mr. Lilly was killed while helping to bring 4 negro prisoners to Helena. Dr. D. A. E. Johnson, negro drug dealer & dentist of Helena, is said to have been the man who killed Mr. Lilly. Johnson and his 3 brothers were shot to death by Mr. Amos Jarman, and an unnamed man who was with Mr. Lilly. The wounded men are being brought to Helena.

BULLETIN: The building on Walnut Street owned by Dr. D. A. E. Johnson, negro dentist killed by County Treasurer Amos Jarman today, after Johnson had shot and killed Alderman C. R. Lilly, was surrounded and searched this afternoon. More than a dozen high-power rifles and several cases of ammunition were found.

IMPORTANT CORRECTION: In the excitement and uncertainty created by the events of yesterday, it was stated that Clinton Lee was shot and killed accidentally. The statement was made in absolute good faith, but in the investigation it develops that young Lee was killed by a negro with a high-power rifle. Other Helena boys who were with him bear witness to this fact.

"QUIET REIGNS AFTER DAY OF WIDE UNREST"

The situation at Elaine and Hoop Spur now in hands of troops. 20 arrested. Alleged white agitator held in jail on charge of murder and inciting to riot - The situation at 7:30 A. M.

After a day of turbulence in the lower part of the County and a night of tension in Helena this morning dawned with all indications pointing to an early return to normal conditions following the race war in which several battles were fought at Hoop Spur, 2 miles north of Elaine yesterday. The casualties to date, so far as known, are 3 white men dead and 2 others wounded and an unknown number of negroes dead and wounded.

After an all-night vigil the cheering news came this morning

that the United States troops, accompanied by Gov. Brough, would arrive at Elaine at 7:15 A. M. The troops, 500 strong, are equipped with rifles and machine-guns and the effect on the turbulent negroes of the southern part of the County is expected to be pacific.

Messages from Elaine, where the posses and armed citizens are maintaining headquarters, this morning were reassuring. There had been no fighting through the night and pickets and patrols reported all quiet in every direction.

Ira Proctor, wounded in yesterday's fighting, was reported somewhat improved this morning. James A. Tappan, wounded early yesterday, died late yesterday afternoon.

It has been established since yesterday that none of the men killed and wounded were victims of accidents, as was believed yesterday. Clinton Lee was shot in the back by some person at a distance, the bullet coming from a high-power rifle. The missile penetrated the rear of the automobile in which Lee and other young men from Helena were seated before striking him, and was removed from his body last night. Tappan was shot from a "treacher" while crossing a field in company with two other young fellows from Helena. Proctor, now in the hospital here, was also shot by a high-power rifle, by some person concealed in the woods.

The funeral arrangements for the dead boys and W. A. Adkins, the latter being shot from ambush at Hoop Spur on Tuesday night, have not been announced.

The number of negroes dead and wounded from yesterday's fighting have not been ascertained, but according to one member of the posses from Helena who came in from the scene of the fighting late yesterday "there are plenty of them." It is stated on authority of Herbert Thompson, late Captain in the World War, the negro who shot James A. Tappan was killed within a few minutes after he fired the fatal shot. A brass slug was taken from a wound in young Tappan's face yesterday afternoon, indicating the kind of bullets used by the negro forces in the fighting.

O. S. Bratton, white, held on a charge of murder in connection with the killing of Special Officer Adkins Tuesday night, who is said by the authorities to have been one of the instigators of the trouble at Elaine and Hoop Spur, was brought to Helena in chains last night. He is said to be a cousin of U. S. Bratton, attorney of Little Rock, and former postmaster of that city, and also a member of the law firm of Casey and Bratton, with offices in Helena. Feeling against him is bitter, but there have been no indications of summary action. Bratton and 19 negroes, some of them women, arrested in connection with the race war, are held under strong guard in the county jail, and it is understood that they will be tried at the next term of the Phillips Circuit Court which convenes two weeks hence.

A special train bearing women and children from Elaine and other points in the trouble zone arrived in Helena last night, and were given accommodations of the people here. One train bearing refugees concealed in a steel gondola was fired upon by negroes who had climbed

trees beside the railroad tracks where it runs through dense cane-brakes. None of the refugees were hit.

Parties of armed men who came to Helena from Clarendon, Marianna, Marvell, and other points near Helena, on the Arkansas side, and other parties from Lula, Tunica, Friars Point and Clarksdale, Mississippi, aided in patrolling the streets of Helena last night, and assisted in preserving order in the troubled zone. Some of these visitors left for their homes this morning.

Helena was closed tight last night. Even the drug stores being closed. And women and children kept within doors. From 3 to 5 armed citizens patrolled each block in the downtown and residential sections of the city, and a small army waited at the Phillips County Courthouse to respond to emergency calls. Rifles and shotguns, with ample supplies of ammunition, were received from Memphis and other cities. Judge H. D. Moore, in charge of matters in the absence of Sheriff F. F. Kitchens, who has been seriously ill, sat at a desk with a telephone at his elbow and kept in constant communication with posse-leaders at Elaine. At one time he received an urgent message from one leader at Elaine to have a 100 men in readiness to dispatch on a special train. The message said that negroes were assembling in force and that another battle appeared to be imminent. Judge Moore immediately arranged with Assistant Superintendent J. D. Moore of the Missouri Pacific Railway here to send a special train to Elaine at a moment's notice. An hour later another message from Elaine said that the situation was unchanged and all was quiet except for an occasional shot or challenge by a sentry, and this condition continued throughout the night.

No uneasiness is felt about conditions in Helena. So far as known no negro here has any connections with the troubles at Hop Spur and in the vicinity of Elaine. At a meeting of white and negro ministers yesterday perfect harmony prevailed and mutual confidence was exchanged. The negro ministers were headed by Rev. E. J. Morris, for more than 30 years pastor of Centennial Baptist Church here, and for more than 25 years president of the American Baptist Association, largest association of negroes in the world. Dr. Morris holds the confidence of the white citizens of Helena and wields a powerful influence among members of his own race. He gave assurance at a meeting yesterday that there would be no occasion for worry with respect to the negro population of Helena, and developments through the night vindicated his statements. There were no negroes on the streets and the whole city was absolutely quiet. With the arrest of the leaders among the belligerent negroes in the trouble zone it is now felt that there will be no further cause for trouble.

BULLETIN: Ira Proctor, wounded in yesterday's fighting, was asleep when the World called up the hospital at 3:15 this afternoon. Hospital officials say he is still in a critical condition, and some improvement is noted. Corporal Luther Earles, shot by negroes today, was on the operating table, and his condition was reported extremely critical.

ELAINE INSURRECTION IS OVER - COMMITTEE OF 7 IN CHARGE

Committee of 7 Now Chief Authority

✓ A committee of 7 leading citizens, whose names are withheld for obvious reasons, has been organized and delegated with full authority to conduct activities in connection with the uprising of negroes in the southern part of the County and all other matters connected with it. The committee is acting in full cooperation with Governor Brough, the local authorities, and the military, and all reports and rumors of disorder and untoward incidents will be thoroughly sifted by the members sitting as a council. If action should be necessary, it will be taken promptly. If the report or rumor has no foundation it will be immediately suppressed. Order and safety are the watchwords for the committee, and it has the unqualified support of people of both races.

Quiet Reigns and Conditions Almost Normal in County.

✓ Quiet having been restored at Hoop Spur, it is expected that normal conditions will be resumed after today. Most of the negroes in the Elaine territory have already returned to work. Naturally many rumors and reports of the fighting have been terribly exaggerated.

Negroes at Hoop Spur have been under the influence of a few rascally white men and designing leaders of their own race who have been exploiting them for personal gain. People of Phillips County have never stood for mob violence and will permit none to occur under any circumstances.

There has been no trouble whatever in Helena.

Signed by: F. F. Kitchens, Sheriff; J. J. Knight, Mayor of Helena; Business Men's League by E. M. Allen, President; Board of Trade by Jos. L. Solomon, President.

BULLETIN: Ed Hicks, known to have been a leader in the negro uprising in the lower part of the County, and a participant in the insurrection is now in custody.

It was stated on indisputable authority at the courthouse this afternoon that the leader of the negro insurrection in the lower part of the county had been captured and was then in safe custody. The name of the man arrested was not given, but it was stated that he is a negro.

Reports reaching Helena this afternoon stated that three more negroes had been killed in the vicinity of Elaine. Another report said these killings occurred at Mellwood, south of Elaine, but the location of the incident could not be definitely fixed. The fact of the killings, however, is confirmed by additional reports.

The situation in the southern part of the County today is almost normal. Activities on many plantations have been resumed and the authorities report a general feeling of confidence among the people generally that the tension of the past three days has been relieved. The presence of troops, with their businesslike equipment, and appearance of absolute reliability, has operated in no small degree to restore

tranquility, and it is generally believed that conditions will be practically normal by tomorrow.

There have been no disorders in Helena. A few houses and offices have been searched for firearms and ammunition, but there have been no demonstrations. 27 high-power rifles were taken from the headquarters of the 4 Johnson negroes who murdered Alderman Lilly south of here yesterday, and were themselves shot to death by members of the Lilly party. Several cases of ammunition were also found in the Johnson building.

In the vicinity of Elaine last night 4 negroes discovered making their way towards the river were commanded to stop. They declined to halt and were fired upon with machineguns. Two of them were killed, a third wounded, and a fourth taken prisoner. One of the men killed by the fusillade was Dan Dixon, known to have been a leading personage in the uprising in the southern part of the County.

A. R. Dupree and J. W. Jennings, both Helena negroes, are in jail charged with dispensing vicious propaganda among the negroes of the Elaine and Hoop Spur sections. Dupree is connected with the cleaning and pressing establishment and also operates a jitney line in Helena. Jennings owns a drug store and is manager of a local negro baseball organization. The evidence against them is said to be strong.

Messages from Elaine state that over a 100 negro men and women are held in the basement in the school building there, some arrested by officers, soldiers and posse members, and some surrendering voluntarily and asking for protection.

The Elaine dispatches say that quantities of rifles, shotguns, pistols, and ammunition have been taken from negroes in the vicinity and stored in a safe place by the authorities. Some of the weapons are of the latest model and very expensive. Some soft-nosed bullets have been taken, and one report says at least one negro carried a rifle loaded with explosive bullets. These two last reports could not be verified.

A negro named Willie Robinson, wounded near Elaine yesterday, and brought to Helena, died last night. This fatality, with two others from machinegun fire/last night, brings the total known deaths up to 14, four of them being white men. (by soldiers)

Dr. H. H. Rightor, head of the local Red Cross chapter, went to Elaine this morning to establish an emergency hospital. Mrs. Elizabeth Kellar, an American Red Cross nurse, of this city, will be in charge and Miss Christine Sanders, recently returned from overseas, will assist her.

A canteen has also been established at Elaine with Miss Florence Cazort in charge.

The situation in Helena is greatly improved and tension of yesterday has almost entirely disappeared. The city was carefully patrolled by citizens and soldiers throughout the night and a cordon of soldiers was

thrown about the courthouse and jail. No person without a pass from those in authority were allowed to cross the line of sentries and the scene was thoroughly businesslike. There were no untoward incidents and aside from the inevitable false rumors, causing hurried excursions to one part of the city or another, by soldiers and posse members there was nothing whatever of an alarming nature.

Sometime during the night a negro named Henry Sloan was arrested in West Helena and brought to the jail here. Sloan is said to have been engaged in making dangerous speeches in the negro section of West Helena and he is probably held for inciting to riot.

Reports from Oneida, 10 miles south of Helena, this afternoon stated that the negroes were gathering at a church there. The reason for the gathering was not stated, although it is presumed here that the motive was pacific and not belligerent. A detachment of soldiers, accompanied by Hon. R. B. Campbell, left for Oneida on a special train to investigate conditions at Oneida. Mr. Campbell will address the negroes, if they have assembled, and advise them to remain at home and not assemble for any purpose until conditions have become normal.

HOW O. R. LILLY WAS MURDERED

BRIEF RECITAL OF QUINTUPLE TRAGEDY BY COUNTY TREASURER AMOS JARMAN
"THEY'VE GOT ME" - TREACHERY OF NEGRO ARRESTED IN CONNECTION
WITH UPRISING AT HOOP SPUR - LILLY FUNERAL TO OCCUR TOMORROW -
THE PALLBEARERS

The vicious murder of Alderman O. R. Lilly by one of the Johnson negroes and the killing of the Johnson brothers by members of the Lilly party just below the Key place yesterday was described late Thursday by County Treasurer Amos Jarman, who was present. Mr. Jarman said:

"We had no handcuffs so we chained the Johnsons' feet together and placed them in the rear seat of Mr. Lilly's automobile. Besides the four prisoners there were in the car Alderman Lilly, Deputy U. S. Marshal W. H. Molitor, Jim, the Lilly chauffeur, and myself. Just south of the Key place we met a car coming from Helena. It contained some boys from Helena and Elaine and it looked to me like their car was in trouble. It ran to the side of the road and stopped. I told Jim to stop our car, and he did so after we had run several yards farther. I stepped out of the car and asked the boys in the other if they needed any help. They said no. At that moment I heard a commotion behind me, and, looking around, saw the larger of the Johnson brothers reach over and snatch Lilly's pistol from its scabbard and begin shooting. Molitor, who saw the movement also, wheeled around in his seat to bring his pistol into action, and we both began firing about the same time. Johnson had emptied Lilly's pistol into Lilly's body before we could stop him. The shots brought the men from the other car on the run and the Johnsons were riddled where they sat. Mr. Lilly fell out of the car door onto the ground and the chauffeur Jim, who had been in Mr. Lilly's employ for a long time, knelt beside

him, sobbing. Lilly said feebly, "They've got me, boys" and died almost immediately. We dumped the bodies of the Johnsons out on the ground and sent word ahead that Mr. Lilly had been killed."

The tonneau of the Lilly car was perforated with bullets.

(here follow notice of funeral arrangements and pallbearers)

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D.A. Keeshan, undertaker, says *bullets from*
Joe Meyer's gun killed Lilly - *JMK*

ONE INCIDENT DISTURBS THE NIGHT'S QUIET

YOUNG MAN PLACED IN JAIL AFTER CREATING ALARM BY FIRING OFF HIS PISTOL - GUARD IS REDUCED - SOLDIERS READY FOR EMERGENCY CALLS THROUGHOUT NIGHT, BUT PATROLS WITHDRAWN FROM STREETS - NEGROES APPEAR AFTER DARK FOR FIRST TIME

Quiet in Helena was broken only by an insignificant incident last night when a young man, member of a prominent family, fired his revolver several times in the residence section and alarmed the neighborhood. Detachments of soldiers, guided by civilians, were hurried to the vicinity in response to frantic appeals from frightened women, who heard the shots and thought a battle was in progress. Search of the neighborhood resulted in the discovery of the young man, who was immediately placed in jail. It is believed that he was intoxicated. He said he was merely firing his pistol to test it. The hour was one o'clock in the morning.

Otherwise, the city was quiet and the night passed without incident. The guard at the courthouse was reduced to half a dozen soldiers, with rifles, although squads of boys in khaki were ready to respond immediately to any emergency call. Patrols were entirely absent from the streets of Helena but a squad of soldiers in automobiles made trips at intervals of 30 minutes between this city and West Helena.

Negroes appeared on the streets last night for the first time since the uprising burst forth prematurely in the lower part of the County. They had kept to their homes on previous nights principally on their own initiative and upon the counsel of their leaders here. At no time throughout the tension following the deaths of officers and civilians beginning with the ambush on Tuesday night have the negro citizens of Helena given the slightest trouble or shown any disposition whatever to resent the precautionary measures taken by the authorities. The Johnson brothers, killed below the Key plantation on Thursday after one of them had shot Alderman Lilly to death, were the only Helena negroes connected with the uprising, and they were never considered as members of the better element by members of either race.

Reports from Elaine received here at 10 o'clock this morning stated that the rumored killing of 5 negroes by soldiers at Lambrook last night had no foundation in fact. Quiet prevailed throughout that section and it is believed that the situation is rapidly returning to normal. No report has been received on the rumored assembling of negroes at Old Town last night, and a dispatch of soldiers to that place, and no confirmation could be had of the report that 25 negroes headed by the secretary of the "Protective Farmers' & Household Union of America" were seen passing the Key plantation near Wabash and going in the direction of the Mississippi River.


A number of negro prisoners were brought in from Postelle late yesterday afternoon for interrogation by the Committee of 7. Statements made by some of them (one a negro preacher-farmer) showed that they were members of an organization probably identical with the "Protective Farmers & Household Union of America", that the object

was to protect negro "Property and food", and that the organizers were white men. Enquiry into the last named feature disclosed that the white men were known to the negroes as "Mr. Fuler" and "Mr. Craig", and that these persons lived across the line in Monroe County. It is also reported that a negro preacher of the Baptist faith was killed near Postelle today, or sometime Thursday night.

Telephone messages received from Wynne Friday night asked for immediate dispatch of all available guns and ammunition and it was reported this morning that a request had been forwarded from the Cross County capital to the military authorities at Elaine, asking for soldiers. Later reports from Wynne stated that there had been no trouble there and that the messages were probably occasioned by shots fired by irresponsible persons, the identity of whom had not been learned. At 2 o'clock last night Wynne was enjoying its usual quiet.

CONFIDENCE EVERYWHERE RESTORED

ARRIVAL OF TROOPS CAUSES RETURN OF USUAL COURSE - QUIET EVERYWHERE - MILITIA CONTROLS - 225 NEGROES HELD IN CUSTODY, MANY OF THEM FOR INVESTIGATION - BUSINESS IN HELENA AGAIN NORMAL - PATROLS WITHDRAWN

 With the restoration of comparative quiet in the lower part of the County and the military in full control of the situation conditions in Helena were practically normal yesterday and last night. Almost the usual number of negro shoppers were on the streets, and the vacant lots were jammed with wagons from outlying farms. The streets in the downtown district were filled with citizens, white and black, and all were either making the round of the stores, transacting business as if there had never been any eruption of the peacefulness which had obtained since the early '70s and the Reconstruction period.

Patrols were withdrawn from the streets and only the presence of soldiers here and there and the men in khaki sprawled upon the courthouse lawn or moving about the building in groups indicated that the situation of readiness for emergencies still exists. 30 minute patrols between Helena and West Helena were maintained throughout the night, but there were no other outward signs that the community was emerging from the most serious trouble it has come upon it since the Civil War.

The negro uprising is now considered to be history, and it is expected that normal conditions will be resumed with Monday's rising sun. It was announced last night from military headquarters at Elaine, the storm center, and hotbed of disorder, that the 500 troops on duty in the County probably would be returned to Camp Pike Monday. The announcement added that quiet prevailed in the southern part of the County.

Aside from an unconfirmed report from the militia early yesterday, later denied by the civil authorities, confirmed accounts showed no death or wounding to have occurred since Thursday night.

Approximately 225 negroes, several of whom are women, were being held at Elaine yesterday, according to Army officers in charge. It was explained that a large number of them probably would be released before tonight, since the majority were in custody merely for the purposes of questioning and investigation of character.

As rapidly as leaders, agitators, and possible informants are discovered they are forwarded to the jail here, including men taken locally for investigation. It was estimated that about 60 were held in Helena. One white man, O. S. Bratton, of a Little Rock law firm, was still in custody pending investigation.

Authorities declare there has been a noticeable diminution in disturbances since the apprehension during the past 4 days of men considered ringleaders in the uprising. The latest of these to be reported was V. E. Powell, reported late yesterday to have been captured at Arkansas City. Powell was designated in literature taken from the negroes captured during the disorders in the vicinity of Hoop Spur and Elaine as "employed in the United States' service". This literature played an important part in the organization of the "Progressive Farmers & Household Union", believed by officials and citizens who examined into the insurrection to have been largely responsible for the trouble precipitated by the killing of W. A. Adkins and the wounding of Charley Pratt last Tuesday night at Hoop Spur. But for this incident, it is believed, that preparations were palpably being made by the disaffected and largely misled negroes would have continued until the arrival of a fixed date, when the uprising would have been simultaneously in various sections of the county, and the better element of both races would have faced a situation far more serious than that which developed from the shooting of the officers at Hoop Spur.

Other alleged leaders of the insurrection movement are Ed Hicks, said to be the slayer of Clinton Lee, Ed Baker, Frank Micks, and Frank Moore. Hicks was declared by himself and others to have been the local president of the so-called union, and Baker is said to have been the secretary.

Robert L. Hill of Winchester, Drew County, whom literature and confessions show to be the "councilor" of the organization still was at large late last night, and a detailed description of him have been widely distributed in the effort to effect his apprehension.

Will Hicks, another alleged leader, also had not been found according to the authorities.

White casualties as a result of the disorder total 5 dead, including one soldier, and 5 wounded, 1 of them a soldier. All of the latter were reported recovering. Soldiers that suffered injuries were one from an accidental pistol shot in the foot and the other through a fall from a truck.

Of the negroes, the known dead was 14, and the wounded 8, although prisoners declared that more than 25 had been killed and many wounded. Since two have come in from hiding in the past two days because of wounds received earlier in the week, it was considered probable that the

total might be slightly increased in later reports. Business was suspended throughout the city for one hour Saturday morning while the funeral of Clinton Lee was in progress and for one hour during the afternoon in honor of Alderman O. R. Lilly, whose funeral was held at 2:30 o'clock.

Patrols continued to scour the woods and canebrakes in the vicinity of Elaine and Old Town. Army officers said that many negroes held in custody were being released upon ascertaining that they were men of women of good character. All such negroes are being supplied with passes so that they may resume their daily work. Many negroes, it was stated, were presenting themselves at military headquarters for these passes.

The interesting assortment of literature which has come into possession of the authorities as a result of the uprising may prove vitally important in ferreting out the nature of the organization considered as peculiarly adaptable to insurrection purposes. The organization under investigation is the union, of which certain leaders in the uprising were said to be the heads.

Some of the prisoners, officers said, when questioned as to the reason for being armed said it had been planned to "take over this section (the southern part of the county) and work the land." One negro said this was to be done "not legitimately", the interrogating officer said.

Cooperating with the military and civil authorities and acting with the sanction of Governor Brough the "Committee of 7" composed of prominent Helena businessmen is carefully sifting the accumulating evidence in a determined effort to get at the bottom of the insurrection movement and place the blame where it belongs. It is the opinion of numerous citizens that the organization under investigation is more than a local affair and that it actually embraces several states, if not the entire south. The investigations are known to include these opinions in their scope as well as the underlying cause of the disorder. Many negroes, authorities say, have intimated that matters of property and cotton returns are involved.

At midnight last night there were no important developments and the situation was undoubtedly greatly improved.

GUY BRATTON VISITS HELENA

BROTHER OF O. S. BRATTON IS GIVEN SAFE CONDUCT TO RAILROAD STATION -

Guy Bratton, brother of O. S. Bratton, who is held in the County jail, was escorted to the station last night by soldiers and advised to leave the City. He evidently took the advice of officials. He was given an opportunity to talk with his brother, but issued no statements in this City. He was escorted to the station to prevent any trouble.

Mrs. O. S. Bratton, of Little Rock, wife of the man in jail,

notified Sheriff Kitchens this morning that she would arrive here tonight. She will have a talk with her husband, but it is thought that she will not remain long in the City. She will be accorded every courtesy.

Officials are certain that they can make the charge of inciting to riot against Bratton, with enough proof for conviction. The charge has thus been changed.

POWELL AND HILL WANTED

"Government Agent" and "Councilor" of "union" sought by authorities

BULLETIN: Powell was captured at Arkansas City Saturday according to message received by Sheriff Kitchens.

An earnest effort is being put forth by the authorities to secure the apprehension of V. E. Powell, "agent of the Government" and Robert L. Hill "councillor" of the "Progressive Farmers & Household Union of America", The high-sounding title of the organization believed to be responsible for the uprising in Phillips County. Hill's home is supposed to be in Winchester, Drew County. Powell's home address has not been divulged. The following descriptions of these two men were given out by the Committee of 7 Saturday and sent out in every direction.

V. E. POWELL

Height: 6 feet: Color: Black; Weight: 160 pounds; Thin nose
Age: 31 to 32 years. Small mustache, nicely dressed. Talks through nose.

ROBERT L. HILL

Height: 5 ft. to 5 ft. 6 inches; Weight: 140 to 145 pounds;
Color: Light brown, or medium black; Age: 31 to 32 years.
White "pearly" teeth. Shoulders hump when standing. Wears long coat.

BULLETIN: Chaplain Slines, with the military forces operating out of Elaine, in a telephone conversation Saturday afternoon, stated that he had just returned from the vicinity of Old Town, Modoc, and other points on the river, where soldiers had been sent to investigate a report that the negroes were assembling there. The Chaplain said there was no disorder. About 20 negroes were taken into custody by the soldiers and brought to Elaine. The detachment returned via Wabash and Lakeview and found quiet prevailing at both places.

INSURRECTION PLANNED TO BE BEGUN TODAY ✓

PROMINENT CITIZENS OF LOWER PHILLIPS WERE TO BE THE FIRST MEN MURDERED - COURIER SYSTEM - "PAUL REVERES" WERE TO RIDE THROUGH OUTLYING SECTIONS SUMMONING NEGROES TO ARMS - "WE'VE JUST BEGUN"- MORE PRISONERS.

October 6th (today) was the date set by the "Progressive Farmers & Household Union of America, headquarters, Washington, D. C.," for beginning the slaughter of white people in the lower part of Phillips County. The fact is stated explicitly and repeatedly in testimony secured from prisoners held in the County Jail here and others still in the hands of the military at Elaine.

Numbers of negroes have stated today "the first bale" was to have been presented to supply merchants and plantation owners and managers, who were to have been asked for "a settlement." Without awaiting a reply the whites were to have been shot down and the general uprising thus launched. All white people were to have been slain and the negroes were to have "taken over the land."

An elaborate system of communication by courier had been perfected and "Paul Reveres" were to ride rapidly throughout the outlying districts calling negroes to arms. As a matter of fact, according to evidence, in possession of the authorities, couriers rode throughout the night following the tragedy at Hoop Spur, summoning members of the union from field and sawmill and logging camp to assemble at the Spur and assist in the fighting against the whites.

Frank Hicks, charged with the murder of Clinton Lee, was thus summoned. He was unloading some cotton at a gin when the courier arrived and called him to battle. He stopped work, it is said, went to his home, armed himself with a high-power rifle, and joined the union forces at the Hoop Spur church. According to the testimony Hicks saw an automobile in the road and fired at it twice. One of the bullets from his rifle, it is charged, killed young Lee.

There were negro women in the Church as well as men, and there is ample testimony to show that they too were armed. Some of them carried automatic pistols concealed in their stockings and soldiers later took weapons from the stockings of negro women brought into Elaine.

The password of the union was "We've just begun," and members of the organization were admonished by their leaders to "Keep their racks full." No prisoner so far questioned has explained the meaning of the phrase last quoted, and none of them have admitted that "racks" meant gunracks, but the phrase needs no interpretation, in the opinion of those investigating conditions.

The search for Ed Ware, a prominent leader and implicated in the tragedies at Hoop Spur, continues and soldiers are now in the vicinity of Modoc, where he and about 20 of his followers are supposed to be in hiding.

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13 prisoners were brought in from Elaine this morning. They are said to be leaders against whom sufficient evidence to convict them

has been secured. A white man named Fuller, said to have been connected with a union lodge at Postelle, is also held in jail here.

The long list of white citizens who were to have been slain when asked for "a settlement" contains the names of John Crow, of Elaine, J. M. Countiss, of Countiss, W. F. Craggs, of Oneida and Elaine, J. W. Keesee of Lakeview. Other men of equal prominence were included in the list.

There were no developments of consequence in the situation in this county early last night. Aside from the batch of prisoners brought in from Elaine early in the afternoon there was nothing to indicate that searchers were still bending every effort in the lower part of the County to round up the ringleaders of the insurrection in the Elaine and Hoop Spur sections. Particular efforts have been set forth to effect the capture of Robert L. Hill, of Manchester, Ark., President of the Progressive Farmers & Household Union and "United States and foreign detective". Officers and citizens in many directions have been requested to be on the watch for Hill and to arrest him wherever found.

Reports from the Elaine territory this morning were reassuring. Last night passed without incident. Some firing was heard in the vicinity of Elaine yesterday morning, but it is said that the incident had no significance.

 GREAT DRIVE FOR INSURGENTS NOW UNDER WAY

RECEDON OF SOLDIERS THROWN AROUND 35 SQUARE MILES OF TERRITORY AT DAYBREAK - GUIDES LEAD WAY - SAM WILSON IS CAPTURED - KILLING AT WEST HELENA - USELESS ARMS CONFISCATED - THE SEARCH FOR HILL - NEGROES ARE RETURNING TO WORK.

In an effort to capture Ed Ware, alleged ringleader, and a band of 20 other insurgent negroes believed to be still at large following last week's disorders, 300 soldiers at daybreak today were thrown out in a cordon encircling an area of approximately 35 square miles in the southern Phillips County.

The troops are headed by native guide and will comb thoroughly the lowland canebrakes bordering the Mississippi in the neighborhood west of Wabash, Lakeview and Oneida according to a telephonic message this morning from Snow Lake military headquarters at Elaine 18 miles south of this city.

Sam Wilson, a negro suspected of the killing last Thursday of Capt. Luther Earles, Co. H, 4th Infantry, was captured at Snow Lake, 15 miles north Sunday afternoon and brought to Elaine last night, the message added. And one prisoner was shot when attempting to escape.

The local Sheriff's office reported the killing of a negro in West Helena last night when he resisted arrest as a prospective witness following a gambling raid. The officials declared it had not been established that the negro was connected with the uprising, but

cotton-picking tickets found in his pockets are to be investigated. The tickets showed they were issued at Trenton, 15 miles west of Helena. The victim was said to have come from Elaine Friday and to have been armed when shot.

A detachment of troops went to Ferguson yesterday afternoon, the military stated, and brought back a large number of shotguns and other small arms considered useless which were found in negro houses. Ferguson is said to be a town without a white inhabitant. Most of the arms taken being worn-out weapons, the returning soldiers were of the impression that the blacks had hidden high-powered rifles and pistols previously reported as in their possession.

Members of the "Committee of 7", the civilian investigators, today expressed high hopes for the combing process started in the south country at daybreak. It has reported that many armed blacks have filtered through the woods from Elaine, and Committee members believe among these may be Robert Hill "government agent" of the negro union and two other alleged leaders, Ed Ware and Jim Miller.

E. M. Allen, President of the Business Men's League of Helena, and a member of the "Committee of 7", announced today that the Committee is "very anxious to reassure negroes in the quiet sections of the County so there may be no danger of an exodus." Negroes are returning to work in and around Elaine every day, Mr. Allen said.

Following the disclosure yesterday of an exploded plot by the blacks to launch a general slaughter of the white population in the County today, that the men listed as first to be ~~shot~~ shot down in the uprising were prominent plantation owners along the Memphis, Helena & Louisiana Railroad, the Committee men today expressed amazement at the definiteness with which the coup had been planned and organized with prospective victims names set down in writing and a certain date selected for the slaughter. Although seven prominent men had been named for the initial onslaught, the entire list showed a total of 21 names including merchants and other business men from whom a "settlement" was to be demanded.

Couriers called "Paul Revere" had been selected according to the confessions and these were to spread a general summons to arms when the men presenting demands shot down the 7 whites whom they approached on the pretense of negotiations.

HONEST WORK THE REMEDY ✓

(not abstracted)

INSURRECTION RALLYING SONG ✓

(gives song of union, taken from literature, to be sung to tune of Maryland, My Maryland, Signed by: Robert L. Hill, U. S. & Foreign Detective, Box 31, Winchester, Ark.)

GOVERNOR BROUGH IS INTERVIEWED

THE PROMPT ARRIVAL OF TROUPS PREVENTED MORE SERIOUS
TRUBLE -

Parks-Harner Service -

Little Rock. Oct. 4th - Governor Brough returned Friday afternoon from the firing line ~~in~~ in Phillips County, where race war has been in progress for several days. ~~M~~

He brought back with him several cartridges, the type of those seized from some of the negroes and that were fired at him when he was on the ground with the troops.

He also has a supply of the contraband literature which propagandists had industriously circulated among the negroes, causing the uprising. This literature includes the membership card of the "incorporated union" of "The Progressive Farmers Household Union of America", the headquarters of which are given as Washington, D. C.

On some of the literature appears the following:

"O, God, grant the light of thy Word may shine upon us and hasten the day when there may be equality of rights."

Governor Brough reported that there had been 20 negroes killed, and white men, besides a large number of wounded. He says the situation is well in hand by the federal troops. About 280 negroes had been arrested. He says that no one who has not been on the scene can realize the seriousness of the situation when the troops of the 1st Division arrived at Elaine Thursday morning under command of Col. James. He says the outbreak was evidently premature and that it was generally believed to have been planned for Oct. 14th. The attempt of a Deputy Sheriff to arrest a bootlegger was the outbreak of the trouble.

The Governor deeply deplored the death of Corp. Earle, with whom he had talked only a few minutes before he was shot, and the death of Tipton, Lee, Adkins, Alderman Lilly, and the expected death of Proctor, who were among the most prominent and promising citizens of Phillips County.
