

NEGROES LYNCHED BY FLORIDA MOB

Mob Secures Six Victims
From Jail by Showing a
Fake Order to Jailer.

Lake City, Fla., May 22.—Six negroes suspected of complicity in the murder of a prominent citizen, were taken from jail here early Sunday morning, carried to the suburbs of the city, tied to trees and riddled with bullets.

The negroes were got out of jail by ten men, who claimed to be officers and presented to the seventeen-year-old son of the Sheriff a release telegram, which ordered him to release the negroes.

The boy had been left in charge of the jail by his father and thinking the

telegram was straight, at once allowed the 10 men to take the six negroes whose names were mentioned.

The 10 men had autos, in which they placed the negroes and then sped to the outskirts of the city, where other members of the mob were waiting.

The negroes were bound to trees and at a given signal the members of the mob, some 30 in all, opened fire with rifles and pistols. Volley after volley was fired until the negroes were literally cut to pieces.

Little Left to Identify.

When citizens went to the scene at 7 o'clock they found it almost impossible to identify the negroes, as all semblance of humanity had been shot away.

The victims of the mob were Man Norris, Jerry Holmes, Sam Phillips, Henry Jones, Zeke Chandler and Tom Billups.

The negroes had been brought here from Tallahassee to foil a mob which had threatened to lynch them. They were accused of killing Robert B. Smith, of Leon county, a wealthy

lumberman, and of wounding two other white men.

It is said that the men who lynched the negroes came from Tallahassee, more than 100 miles away, and it is claimed that they made the trip Saturday night in autos to avoid suspicion. They evidently knew that the sheriff of this county was away and that only his seventeen-year-old son was in charge of the jail.

The message which the leader of the mob showed to the boy purported to be from the Sheriff of Leon county and ordered the delivery of the negroes to the bearers.

The boy, just aroused from sleep, complied at once and delivered the negroes to the men, who had travelled all night to kill them.

The first the people of Lake City knew of trouble was when volley after volley of shots was heard about sun-up. The firing continued for a long time, and when investigation was made the lynching was disclosed.

The men who went to the jail were not disguised and the boy thinks he could identify some of them.

MEXICO NO PLACE FOR AN IRISHMAN

Mexican Method of Fighting
Too Coarse for a Gallant
Irish Soldier.

(American News Service)

Houston, Tex., May 22.—R. H. Sarsfield, soldier of fortune and descendant of the fightin' Sarsfields of Limerick, also son of Commander J. F. Sarsfield of the British navy, likes an Irish fight, but not the ambushing, guerilla, stab-in-the-back style now going on along the Mexican border. So Sarsfield renounced the cause of the insurrectos in Mexico, swam the Rio Grande to the United States and came to Houston looking for a wife and money from home.

Sarsfield since hobnobbing with the

Mexican rebels has become a man of peace. He wants to get home to Ireland now, but he wants to take an American wife with him. He has had enough of the continental adventurers he says, but they would be complete, he believes, without first annexing a beautiful American girl for a wife, so he gave notice through Houston papers of his determination.

"Just advertise in your paper for a wife for me tomorrow," he confided to reporter. "I've got money at home and a fine place to live, I'll make her happy. She must be pretty and good. Just slip over a little story about me wanting to take back an American bride."

Sarsfield had heard of the revolution and he wanted to join. So crossing the border he ran into an insurrecto cap the first thing.

"I met some of the rebels," he said. "I couldn't talk to 'em, but I motioned I wanted a gun. They gave me a big one, and we all went out and popped

at some federals. I got some of 'em, too."

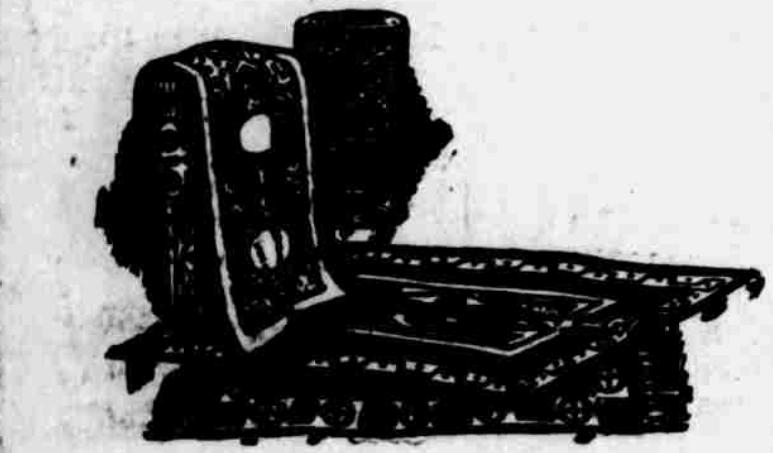
"How did you do when you left the army?" he was asked. "Did you resign?"

"Laid down my gun, watched for a chance and beat it," he remarked; then apologized for his seeming desertion by saying: "You see, there is no regular enlistment. You just fight when you feel like it. You don't feel like it long when any minute you can see a greaser step out from behind a tree and begin to carve his monogram on your back before you've got a chance to load up."

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