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FIGHTING THE SOUTHERN OUTLAWS.

ENCOUNTER WITH MORGAN'S BAND IN TENNESSEE—THREE MOONSHINERS KILLED AND SEVERAL REVENUE OFFICERS WOUNDED—MORE FIGHTING EXPECTED—THE SOUTH CAROLINA PROSECUTIONS.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

NASHVILLE, Aug. 26. - William M. Woodcock, Internal Revenue Collector of this district, to-day received information that a fight in Overton County between the revenue raiders and the illicit distillers resulted in three distillers being killed and several raiders dangerously wounded. L. L. Ayers, accompanied by 10 men, left Lebanon yesterday for the scene of the conflict, and was to arrive there at midnight last night. As it was reported, on good authority, that the people were rising to attack the revenue force, Woodcock telegraphed this morning to Commissioner Raum the state of affairs. Gen. Raum dispatched a reply instructing Collector Woodcock to organize parties of sufficient strength to deter resistance, and arrest every illicit distiller in the district. The Collector was authorized to employ 40 men, if necessary, for 30 days or a longer period. Collector Woodcock accordingly ordered B. F. Ragsdale, Deputy Collector at Deckerd [sic], Franklin County, to assist in quelling the disturbance. The revenue party attacked is headed by Capt. Davis, who has killed several distillers, and is, therefore, hated by them. It is feared the entire force under Davis will fall victims to the distillers' fury. A number of men were dispatched to the scene of the encounter to-night.

A Lebanon special to the Banner, to-night, says that a stage driver from Cookeville arrived there at 7 P. M., and reports that Morgan's men are well organized. They had the revenue officials surrounded three days, shut off from food and water. Morgan has over 100 men. The fight continued all day Saturday. The citizens persuaded Morgan to withdraw. Capt. Davis and his party are now at Cookeville. Reinforcements reached Cookeville to-day. Capt. Davis swears he will kill five of Morgan's men if Phillips (one of the revenue force) dies. Private letters from Cookeville says that Davis' party are acting worse than the outlaws. Morgan swears that Davis shall not come on his territory. More fighting is anticipated to-morrow.

GREENVILLE, S. C., Aug. 26. - William H. Earle, counsel for Redmond's outlaws, moved to set the verdict returned by the jury on Saturday aside, on technical grounds. Judge Bryan reminded him that his efforts were in behalf of the controversion of justice and

civilization, but he granted the hearing of the argument after the jurors are discharged, to prevent additional expect to the Government.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26 - A dispatch has been received here from L. C. Northrop, United States Attorney at Greenville, S.C., dated Aug. 24, and addressed to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, saying: "After four days' trial, jury selected by defense rendered verdict of guilty against Redmond gang. Earle fought every inch, and may move an arrest of judgment. Court is with me. Moral effect complete. Redmond refuses to surrender."

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