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EDITORIAL ON L. C. PERRYMAN

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Late news just received from Okmulgee, the capital of the Creek Nation, states that Principal Chief L. C. Perryman and Sam Grayson, Treasurer, were seized by a mob while in a room in their hotel at Okmulgee and carried by force to the Council House and held to account for some money which they were accused of paying out without authority. It seems that at the last session of the Council C. W. Turner was appointed financial agent by the Muskogee Indians to secure \$600,000 from the United States Government, a part of the proceeds for the sale of Oklahoma. For his trouble Mr. Turner was to receive 3 per cent of the whole amount or \$18,000. It is alleged that Mr. Turner procured only \$200,000 and drew on the Treasurer

for \$6,000, which was paid.

The Council was not pleased with this, as they said that Mr. Turner was to get \$600,000 not 200,000, and therefore was nothing due him until he had fulfilled his contract. The election comes off shortly. This Council, which was convened especially to revise the rolls, has been brimful of politics, and is supposed that those who have been cut off the rolls, with those who oppose the present chief, have taken the advantage of this \$6,000 being paid out and hope, by charging the Chief with usurping authority, to decapitate him politically, as the convention to nominate the Principal Chief meets the latter part of this month.

It is feared that much trouble will arise, as it is reported that armed men from various parts of the country are gathering at the capital. It is further reported that the Chief, a man of unblemished political character, is very much hurt to think that those he has served for eight years would treat him thus. Twenty Marshals were telegraphed for from Muskogee, and several went from Tulsa to arrest the insurgents.

While there is some dissatisfaction exists

between the Chief and the Council and the Treasurer,
the above dispatch shows how little some of the
correspondents for the metropolitan paper care for
the truth, or how little they know about this country
when they say that marshals were telegraphed for when
it is known by every body living in this country that
there is no communication to Okmulgee except a hack
line.