

barn quickly took refuge from the flying bullets by rushing inside the barn."

The sound of the guns also attracted people from the post office and Crescent Theater, and they gathered in front of Alexander's house. Meanwhile, he was being attended by Drs. R.C. Rogers and J.E. Luzzader, who gave him an injection to ease his pain before he was transported to the hospital.

After he was examined by four doctors, it was determined that Alexander had been extremely lucky. As the *Courier* put it, "the bullet had passed through the muscles only, and the abdominal cavity had not been pierced."

The Gatlins, half drunk and surly, were rounded up by the police, their guns and whiskey bottles confiscated and locked up in jail. The two Kentucky natives said they had come to Bloomington to work for "the American Express Company and the Monon."

Local law enforcement officers had other plans for at least one of the Gatlins. He was escorted to Philadelphia and turned over to U.S. Navy authorities, who had him listed as absent without leave.