

"NO ONE WAS SPANKED."

After an All-Day Conference With Hitchcock and Vorys, Mr. Taft Remarks That Everything Has Settled and No One Was Laid Across His Knee and Spanked—The Situation in Every State Goes Overboard—Special Attention Given to Maine and Vermont.

Hot Springs, Va., Aug. 12.—"Everything was as harmonious as possible, and no one was laid across my knee and spanked." This was Judge Taft's general remark to-night in concluding a detailed account of his all-day conference with Frank H. Hitchcock, Republican national chairman, and Arthur I. Vorys, his chief of staff.

Chairman Hitchcock announced after the first conference, which continued for three hours, that it could be stated in a formal and official manner that Mr. Taft would make no speeches outside the city of Cincinnati during the campaign.

It was also officially announced that Mr. Taft would continue the policy he had already adopted of not mixing in local political contentions in any State, or of taking any part whatever in behalf of any candidate for nomination for a State office.

This announcement is intended as an answer to the demand that Mr. Taft decide the merits of the contestants in the West Virginia split and second, that he express a preference for or against Governor Hughes in the New York State gubernatorial election.

Taking up the narrative of the day's work Mr. Taft said:

"We went over the situation in every State where it is recognized that a vigorous campaign must be made. Particular attention was given to Maine and Vermont, the situation in those States, but because the election there is held earlier than in other States."

Between the two conferences which he held with Mr. Taft, Mr. Hitchcock, who arrived here this morning, was closeted with Senators Elkins, Scott and Mr. Sawyer, nominee for Governor, all of West Virginia. Mr. Hitchcock listened to the situation as presented, but said he gave no indication of any action on his part except to promise that should the matter of the split ticket in that State be presented in a paper way to the national committee that body, following long established precedents, naturally would be required to determine which of the two factions was the regular Republican ticket and State organization.

Senator Elkins, after the conference, announced that a letter would be addressed to the national committee couched in proper language to bring squarely before that body the question upon which a ruling was desired.

SUPERIOR COURT CLERKS.
Annual Meeting of North Carolina Association of Clerks Tomorrow To-Day.

—Mr. A. L. Brooks to Open His Campaign Next Tuesday—A Variety of Gate City News.

Observer Bureau,
The Devil Building,
Greenboro, Aug. 12.—

The annual meeting of the North Carolina Association of Superior Court Clerks will be held in this city to-morrow, and a large number of these officials from all over the State is expected to be present, several having arrived to-day. A number of subjects of interest in connection with the work of the Superior Court clerk's office will be discussed. Preliminary to the session to-morrow, a meeting of the executive committee was held in the parlor of the McAdoo Hotel this afternoon. Mr. D. A. Houston, clerk of the Superior Court of Union county, is president, and Mr. T. L. Covington, of Richmond county, secretary of the association.

News of the death of Mr. E. M. Armfield, of High Point, was received here with many expressions of regret. Mr. Armfield was indubitably with several important business enterprises in this city and was highly esteemed by the people of this section. A number of business associates and personal friends from this city will attend the funeral, a special meeting of the Guilford County University Alumni Association was held to-day and the secretary was instructed to send a beautiful floral design as a tribute to Mr. Armfield, an honored member of the association.

Mr. W. L. Pook, who has been conducting a jewelry store in Thomasville, has moved to Greensboro and engaged in the jewelry business on South Elm street.

Mr. A. L. Brooks, the Democratic candidate for Congress in the fifth district, will open his campaign with a speech in Roxboro next Tuesday.

The board of governors of the centennial celebration has decided that it will not be expedient for the Y. W. C. A. and the Y. M. C. A. to have a "tax day" in Greensboro during the centennial week.

Mr. H. M. Patterson, who has represented the Aulman-Taylor Machinery Company in North Carolina for the past six years, was recently identified in and will become interested with the Petty Tool Company, a Greensboro firm doing an extensive business in farm implements and machinery.

PRINTERS ABJOURN TO-DAY.
Union Picked With Work Being Done by Newly Formed Printers' League—No Decision as to Next Place of Meeting.

TAMMANY HALL IN LINE.

Leads Its "Whole-Hearted and Unwavering Support" to the Democratic Campaign—Signs of Harmony and Unity in Evidence Throughout the Country.

New York, Aug. 12.—Tammany Hall to-night, through its executive committee, took action looking to the active prosecution of the political campaign in behalf of the Democratic party in this city and gave the organization's formal endorsement to the Democratic national ticket. The resolutions passed by the executive committee were:

"We congratulate the Democrats of the nation upon the strong, clear and progressive platform adopted by the national convention at Denver, which should draw to its support all those who believe that this is a government of laws and not of men, and is broad enough for all citizens of Democratic tendencies and beliefs to stand upon."

"We heartily endorse and ratify the action of the convention in choosing as our candidates for President and Vice-President, William J. Bryan and John W. Kern, respectively, and we enthusiastically pledge to them our whole-hearted and unwavering support throughout the campaign which is to be waged against organized greed and legal plunder. We believe that they fitly represent the best types of American manhood—those who demand equality for all citizens before the law, and who believe that special privileges given by the government to one citizen are necessarily taken from some other."

"We see, with pleasure, the many signs of Democratic harmony and unity which are in evidence throughout the country, and which mark the intention of the great mass of the plain people to put an end to the instability, the uncertainty and the dread which the present Republican administration has created, and to bring back under Bryan and Kern, the respect for law, the orderly process of public affairs, and the equality of all men before the law, which have made this country the leader of all nations in peace and progress."

"We believe that the interests of the citizens at large can be best attained by the enforcement of Democratic principles, we again pledge our united, untiring and loyal efforts to bring about the election of William J. Bryan and John W. Kern to the presidency and vice presidency of these United States."

"HOLY ROLLER" JUMPS JUDGE.
Member of Brooklyn's Strange Religious Sect, Asks For a Private Talk With the Magistrate and When He is Refused Strikes the Judge a Stinging Blow—The Magistrate Retaliates and an Exciting Scuffle Follows—High Priestess' Refusal to Talk and is Held in \$500 Bail.

New York, Aug. 12.—There was an exciting scene in the corridor of the New Bedford avenue police court in Brooklyn to-day, when Edward Dunwiddie, a disciple of the "Holy Rollers," a strange religious sect, attacked Magistrate Higginbotham, before whom twenty-five men and seven women members of the order had been arrested, charged with disorderly conduct.

Dunwiddie demanded a private talk with the magistrate and when the latter refused to oblige him, Dunwiddie, according to many witnesses, struck the magistrate on the neck. Magistrate Higginbotham retaliated by striking Dunwiddie on the jaw. The "Holy Roller" fell in a heap. He rose and tried to flee, but was captured by a policeman and dragged into the court room. Magistrate Higginbotham held the prisoner in \$1,500 bail.

When the "Holy Rollers" were arraigned, Miss Elizabeth Robinson, high priestess of the order, was accused by the magistrate of having circulated a report in the court room that he attempted to hug and kiss her while she was holding a private audience with him in his chambers. Two reporters, who were in the room at the time, testified to the contrary, and Magistrate Higginbotham demanded that the prisoner explain her statement. On advice of her lawyer, Miss Robinson refused to comply, so the magistrate held her in \$500 bail on a charge of contempt of court and \$1,500 bail on a charge of conducting a disorderly house.

It was at Miss Robinson's residence in Brooklyn that the "Holy Rollers" conducted their weird meetings.

Young Sears Dies From Injuries Received in Auto Accident.
Providence, R. I., Aug. 12.—J. Montgomery Sears, the young Boston millionaire, who was hurt in an automobile accident shortly after midnight last night between Apolonia and Norwood, died at the Rhode Island Hospital to-day. He did not recover consciousness from the time of the accident until death came. The body was taken in charge by a local undertaker pending advice from the young man's relatives, who are abroad, but who have been notified of his death. Mr. Sears, who was a son of the late J. Montgomery Sears, was 23 years old. He was a lawyer and a member of the Massachusetts State Democratic committee.

Catholic Societies Convention Finishes Its Work.
Boston, Aug. 12.—The American Federation of Catholic Societies finished its seventh annual convention to-day by re-electing Edward Feeney, of Brooklyn, president, selecting Pittsburgh for next year's meeting and completing its platform. The planks adopted to-day commended the encyclical of the Pope against false religion, urged religious teaching in the schools, deplored the disregard of the observance of Sunday, reject the main teachings of Socialism and endorse the plan for an association for Catholic young men.

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Non-Union Miner's House Fired Into.
Birmingham, Ala., Aug. 12.—The only act of violence reported to-day in connection with the strike of the miners was the shooting into a non-union miner's house last night at Margaret mines, in St. Clair county. The miner's wife was fatally injured and another woman in the house sustained slight injuries. Bloodhounds were put on the trail of the shooters last according to the latest reports no arrests have been made. The military is still being augmented, as the guard is being extended to various outlying mines.

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