

SLAYS SON AND DAUGHTER

FATHER THEN TAKES SUICIDE

Californian, Driven Insane by Religious Mania, Uses an Axe to End Lives of His Children and Cuts His Own Throat With a Razor—Killed Son While He Lay Asleep and Then Rushed Through the Streets to His Daughter's House and Brought Bloody Axe Down on Her Head, Crushing Her Skull—Furiously Los in Cemetery and Carries Coffin Before Committing Horrible Crime.

Los Angeles, Cal., Aug. 13.—Driven insane by religious mania, H. J. Duffy, 50 years of age, to-day attacked and killed his son and daughter with an axe, and then cut his own throat with a razor, inflicting possibly fatal injuries. The tragedy occurred in the extreme northwestern part of the city.

When he arose this morning he was suddenly seized with a desire to kill. Securing a sharp-bladed axe he stealthily entered the bed room of his son while the latter lay asleep, and creeping close to the side of the bed and raising the axe aloft brought it down with terrific force across the neck of the son. The blow was delivered with such tremendous force that the head of the axe was severed completely from the body.

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PURSUES HIS WIFE WITH AXE. Mrs. Duffy fled through a rear door, closely pursued by the maniac striking at her with the axe.

The woman succeeding in eluding him but not before she had received a severe gash on the elbow from the axe swung by Duffy as he chased her.

Mrs. Duffy's cries finally attracted the attention of neighbors who came to her aid.

Duffy then walked to the street where he drew a razor from his pocket and slashed his own throat, inflicting frightful injuries, which may cause his death.

Several weeks ago Duffy went to the Evergreen cemetery and purchased a lot, explaining that he wanted it for himself, son and daughter.

Three days ago he purchased a coffin for himself.

Fred Duffy, the son, was 24 years of age and unmarried. He was an automobile mechanic.

The daughter lived with her husband, Ferdinand Lacom, a painter, and their 6-year-old daughter, Mrs. Duffy and she had been divorced and she had gone to the home of her daughter to nurse her through approaching confinement.

Before entering the Lacom home Duffy concealed his axe in a sack which he carried. The man sat nervously fingering the sack while the women proceeded to prepare breakfast. Suddenly he got up, drew the axe from the sack and attacked them.

Duffy not only purchased a lot in the cemetery for the burial of his victims, but had headstones erected for three graves. Three plain tombstones were set in place on the lot at his order, bearing the names "Henry J. Duffy," "Fred A. Duffy" and "Zeldah Lacom."

The gravestones for his children were placed on each side of the lot erected for himself. Duffy paid \$60 for the headstones and told the salesman that he was in no great hurry to have them erected.

Boesch Compromises With the Southern For \$4,500. Special to The Observer.

Lexington, Aug. 13.—A compromise has been reached in the case of Matthew Boesch vs. the Southern Railway, although the amount agreed upon has not yet been placed on the voucher in the hands of the clerk of the Superior Court of Davidson.

This case was tried at the February, 1908, term of Davidson Superior Court and Boesch was given a verdict for \$3,000. This the presiding judge regarded as excessive and it was set aside and a new trial ordered.

The defendant at the time refusing \$4,000, which the court thought excessive. A judgment will be signed immediately after court convenes next week, when the amount above named will be paid defendant.

Reidsville Furnishes Two Marksmen to Go to Camp Perry. Special to The Observer.

Reidsville, Aug. 13.—The Reidsville organizations of the North Carolina militia have returned home from Morehead City, where they engaged in target practice eight days. Of the six marksmen selected from the entire regiment two from Reidsville, Captain Gladstone and Private Gus Smith, made the team and will be sent to Camp Perry, O., next week to participate in the national shoot.

Smith scored the third best record and considering the fact that this was his first experience in target practice his fellow soldiers feel quite proud of him. It is expected that the town will have several thousand visitors. These good people will find a cordial welcome awaiting them. Mayor Montgomery, after having made a canvass among the business people, arranged to provide plenty of ice water at different points about the city for the convenience of the visitors. Hundreds of homes have asked the committee to send them guests. During the sessions of the association there will be services in the Presbyterian, Methodist and Missionary Baptist churches by visiting ministers.

BISHOP CAPERS' RELICT DEAD.

After Protracted Illness Mrs. Charlotte Capers Passed Away Yesterday—Captain Capers Absent in Europe—Deceased a Most Lovable Woman.

Observer Bureau. 900 Skyway Building, Columbus, S. C., Aug. 13.

Mrs. Charlotte Capers, widow of the late Bishop William Capers, died this afternoon at 5 o'clock at her residence in this city. Mrs. Capers had been in ill health for some years but her condition in the last few months had been improved and it was not generally known that she was ill. Her daughter, Mrs. W. H. Johnson, of Charleston, and her son, Rev. W. T. Capers, dean of the Cathedral at Lexington, Ky., were here at the time of her death.

Mrs. Satterlee, who makes her home in Columbia, was at Waynesville, N. C., for the summer, but is expected here to-night.

Rev. Walter B. Capers, of Columbia, Tenn.; Mr. Ellison Capers, Jr., of Summerville, and Mr. Frank F. Capers, of Greenville, S. C., will arrive this evening, having been summoned when their father was taken ill. The only son, Capt. John G. Capers, of Washington, D. C., commissioner of Internal Revenue, is in Europe for the summer.

The funeral of Mrs. Capers will be held some time Saturday, the exact hour not yet having been determined. The service will be held at the home of Mrs. Capers, 900 Skyway Building.

Nearly a Hundred Cases to Be Disposed in Davidson Court, Mostly For Retailing.

Special to The Observer. Lexington, Aug. 13.—A two weeks' term of Superior Court convenes here next week with Judge James L. Webb presiding. There are already about ninety cases on the criminal docket and by the time all of the magistrates send in their cases with what are to be tried between now and court the number will be swelled to about one hundred, which is very large for this county. The majority of the cases is for retailing. That is, there are more retailing cases than for any other one thing. Out of the ninety odd cases one is a defendant in charge with a really serious crime—a negro from the southern part of the county who faces the charge of burglary, assault with intent to kill and criminal assault upon the colored woman whose home he entered. He shot the woman's husband. His defense will probably be that he is insane.

On the civil docket are no cases of special interest and the docket is not as congested as usual. As a usual thing damages suits against the Southern Railway play an important part of the civil calendar in this county but there is none of importance for trial at this term.

Two Runaway Girls Halted at Winston-Salem.

Special to The Observer. Winston-Salem, Aug. 13.—Ella Poe and Lulu Harrell, white girls thirteen years old each, of Revolution, a cotton mill settlement near Greensboro, were taken into custody here by the police to-day, after being reported by the girls' relatives as having run away from home. They have been here since Tuesday at a boarding house and, when discovered they were penniless. The girls were not very much abashed or in the least contrite at their capture, but seemed to be regretful over the fact that they would be sent home to-night. The Harrell girl is rather good looking. When asked why they had run away, one of the girls replied that they had been ordered to leave their home and just got restless to get away.

Land Condemned For Street Extension.

Special to The Observer. Winston-Salem, Aug. 13.—In order to provide for adequate extension of the street fronted by Pindar Park, but is about completed, the board of aldermen have condemned a portion of property adjacent to the street and set forth the plans for the extension of the street fifty feet wide. All citizens owning property along the line of the improvement favored the extension and the work of construction is already well under way and it will result in great benefit to the northern part of the city.

Youthful Road Worker Set Free.

Special to The Observer. Winston-Salem, Aug. 13.—In order that he might be by the bedside of his mother, who is expected to die, Paul Livengood, a 15-year-old white boy, was to-day released from the county roads where he was serving a sentence of 30 days. The boy was first accused of stealing money from a woman, but the charge was changed to trespass, under which he was convicted on June 27th last. The boy's release to-day was upon his payment of a fine of \$1 and the costs.

Horse Killed and Buggy Damaged.

Special to The Observer. Concord, Aug. 13.—A horse and northbound passenger train struck a horse and buggy at Mount Olivett crossing, three miles above this city, at 5 o'clock this afternoon, killing the horse instantly and demolishing the buggy. Paul Walker, owner and occupant of the vehicle, was thrown some distance but escaped uninjured. Walker was going south from the church and did not see the train until the horse was on the track. The animal was valued at \$75.

Derailed Truck Delays Train Several Hours.

Special to The Observer. Lincolnton, Aug. 13.—C. N. W. train No. 9, southbound, was delayed several hours here this afternoon on account of one of the coaches being derailed. The train was not yet out of the yard limits when the front truck of the second coach jumped the track. The only damage was done to the truck and to the track. No one was hurt.

Big Fire in Montana Town.

Special to The Observer. Spokane, Wash., Aug. 13.—Fire at Taft, Mont., to-day destroyed the Ahnapee-Busch Hotel and twelve saloons, causing a loss of \$10,000. The property was insured for \$10,000. The result was a broken front of the hotel from an overturned lamp.

MR. WRIGHT HAS A MISHAP

HIS BIG AEROPLANE DAMAGED.

In Attempting a New Stunt in the Descension Line at Lemans, France, the Left Wing of the Machine Comes in Violent Contact With the Ground and the Famous "Big Bird" is Torn—The Aviator is Uninjured and Expects to Have His Machine Repaired in a Few Days—Was Experimenting With a Method of "Flying Downward" Without the Aid of the Motor When a Miscalculation Caused the Accident—Miss Morgan Views the Performance.

Lemans, France, Aug. 13.—The Wright aeroplane suffered an accident this morning which will require several days and possibly a week to repair.

After two superb flights Wilbur Wright essayed a new and daring method of descent. He stopped the motor at a height of 75 feet and tried to come to earth on a gradual descending glide. The calculations were not absolutely correct and the left wing of the aeroplane came in contact with the ground. This tore the frame of the machine. Mr. Wright was not injured.

Mr. Wright's second flight, which lasted two minutes, was a novel one. The aeroplane coasted and descended at will, exhibiting bewildering turns. Suddenly, as viewed from the grandstand, the machine lost its speed and began curving slowly toward the earth. All appeared well until the motor was tilted to leeward, and the delicate framework struck the ground, with the result that it was deranged and torn.

Mr. Wright calmly stepped out and examined the damage. He was quickly surrounded by anxious friends, to whom he explained that there had been no accident in the air, but that he had merely decided to try a new descent. It is expected that the height of 75 feet and endeavor to float downward. The real cause of the accident was the attempt to land exactly on the spot of his departure. In the absence of the wind moment in order to continue the gliding progress he pulled the left plane too sharply.

The damage can be repaired easily, although because of the absence of the necessary material the work will require several days.

Among the spectators to-day were Miss Morgan, daughter of J. Pierpont Morgan, M. Kapferer, the manager of the "Theater" at the Grand Hotel de Paris, and other French enthusiasts.

Captain Baldwin Again Postpones His Speed Trial.

Washington, Aug. 13.—Owing to a 10-mile wind from the south, Captain Baldwin postponed his speed trial. The official speed trial of his airship until to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock. Mr. Curtis has repaired the parts of the motor which gave him trouble yesterday, and expects to make the required speed of twenty miles an hour. The airship will be rejected unless less than sixteen miles an hour are made.

In the event the speed trial to-morrow morning proves successful it is likely that Captain Baldwin will make the endurance trial in the evening. In this latter test he will be required to make the circuit of the speed shown in the speed trial. The machine must remain aloft for two hours, traveling continually without overheating the motor.

Captain Baldwin will be accompanied by a congratulatory message from the Aero Club of America to-night, expressing the pleasure of that organization over the success of the first airship built for the government which has proved to be practicable.

HELD FOR HOUSEBREAKING.

Spencer Hobson, Believed to Be Ring-leader of a Gang, in Custody at Durham. Special to The Observer.

Durham, Aug. 13.—Spencer Hobson, a young white man, is under arrest here on complaint made by a Wake county citizen, C. Y. Merritt, who charges that last Friday week Hobson broke into his home and stole a number of articles of value, including \$5 in money, a pistol, coat, pair of pants and other things. In order to hold him until the Wake authorities can be notified, a warrant charging vagrancy was issued against him. This warrant will be dismissed as soon as the proper warrant comes from Wake county, in which the house-breaking charge will be made. Here of late there has been a great deal of housebreaking and thievery going on in this county and in the edge of Wake, and the officers here believe that the ringleader, or one of the leaders, has been captured in the person of Hobson.

The breaking into of Merritt's house a portion of the stolen goods have been found, being in the hands of people who bought the articles from Hobson. It is expected that a warrant from Wake county will come to-morrow, and the young man will be taken back to the township in which the robbery was done for trial.

Escaped Craven County Convict Captured at Washington.

Special to The Observer. Washington, N. C., Aug. 13.—Gordon Daniels, white, was captured in this city a few days ago by Policemen Clark, Morgan and Deputy Sheriff J. F. Lucas. Daniels, an escaped convict, sentenced to eighteen months on the county roads of Craven county, from where he recently escaped, coming to this city. Daniels was convicted some time ago for retreating without license and was formerly engaged in a nefarious trade in this city, being closely connected with some of the most corrupt establishments in the city. He was turned over to the proper authorities and taken back to Newbern to finish out his unexpired term.

Charlotte Autoists Run Into Embankment.

Special to The Observer. Mooresville, Aug. 13.—Two gentlemen in an automobile driving from Charlotte to Mooresville ran amuck an embankment at the intersection of the Concord and Salisbury road about three miles from here yesterday morning.

It seems from the report that upon reaching the forks of the road the two gentlemen were undecided as to which one to take, the driver hesitating for one moment while the other gentleman grabbed the steering wheel and attempted to turn in the wrong direction, with the result that the machine went into the bank, taking neither road. The result was a broken front wheel. None of the occupants was hurt.

TO FETE OLYMPIC VICTORS

NEW YORK PLANS RECEPTION.

President Roosevelt Writes the Committee That He Cannot Go to Gosham to Greet the Athletes, But If the Team Will Make a Little Journey to Oyster Bay He Will Congratulate Them in Person and Be Glad to Do It—Arrangements Will Probably Be Made to That End—Governor Hughes Will Have the National Guard to Parade and the Committee in Charge of Festivities Will Invite All the Roosevelt's, Big and Little, to the Jubilee.

New York, Aug. 13.—That President Roosevelt will meet and congratulate the American athletes who took part in the Olympic games in London is likely, although the President cannot be in this city to participate in the celebration being arranged in their honor. A letter from the President to that effect was received by Secretary McLaughlin, of the Olympic athletes reception committee. The President's letter said:

"My dear sir: I have been very glad to have been named as the President of the American Olympic Reception, but it will not be possible for me to go to the City of New York to attend the reception. If the members of the team can come out to Oyster Bay, I shall be sincerely glad to see them here at my house, and greet them in person.

"THEODORE ROOSEVELT." Arrangements probably will be made by the athletes to visit the President.

NATIONAL GUARD TO PARADE.

The committee in charge of the reception also received a letter from Governor Hughes, in which he expressed his willingness to be glad to arrange for the participation of the National Guard in the parade that will take place on the day the team arrives.

Twelve American athletes, including John C. Carpenter, of Cornell University, who was disqualified after finishing first in the 400 metre race, returned to New York to-day on the steamer Majestic. In relating his version of the much-discussed incident of the race, Carpenter said:

"I have no recollection of having touched the water, but I do remember that I felt keenly the injustice of having been disqualified for alleged unfair tactics. I did nothing to warrant my disqualification."

Carpenter asserted that he had witnessed of the race who would substantiate everything he had said about the matter.

Among the other athletes on board the Majestic were Forrest Smithson, who won the 110-metre hurdle race, breaking the world's record; J. A. Rector, who finished second in the 100 metres; Harry Hillman, who finished third in the 100 metres; E. T. Cook, who tied with Gilbert in the pole vault; W. G. Burroughs, of Chicago, and M. A. H. Griffin, of Indiana.

TO INVITE ALL ROOSEVELTS.

At a meeting to-night the committee in charge of the reception of the athletes, decided to invite Mrs. Roosevelt and the Roosevelt children to view the ceremonies on August 29th from a stand to be erected in the city hall. Acting Mayor McGowan will send the invitation in behalf of the city to Sagamore Hill to-morrow.

At to-night's meeting it was suggested that Governor Hughes be asked to bestow the gold medals upon the eighty odd Olympic athletes and to make a speech of presentation. Arrangements have been concluded by the committee to have 1,500 singers at the city hall. "My country 'Tis of Thee" will be sung to the accompaniment of ten massed bands.

LAWN TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP.

East and South Meet in Doubles at Bay Ridge—Wright and Little Defeat Whitehead and Winston.

New York, Aug. 13.—East and South met to-day on the lawn tennis courts of the Crescent Athletic Club at Bay Ridge, Heals C. Wright, of Boston, and Raymond D. Little, of New York, the Eastern champions, defeated all.

Wright and Little defeated Whitehead and Winston 6-3, 6-2.

To-morrow afternoon Wright and Little will play the Western champions, Max Knudsen, of Cincinnati, and L. H. Waldner, of Chicago. The winners of this match will thus qualify to meet Hackett and Alexander, the national champions, at Newport next week.

Mr. Varner Off to Attend National Meeting of Editors.

Special to The Observer. Lexington, Aug. 13.—Editor H. B. Varner, of the Lexington Dispatch, left this morning for St. Paul, where he goes to attend the annual meeting of the National Editorial Association, of which association he is president. In response to a telegram received several days ago he will stop over in Chicago, where he will hold a conference with Chairman Norman E. Mack, of the Democratic national committee, and Mr. Joseph Daniels, who is helping an important part in the present national campaign. Mr. Varner will be out of the State for several weeks.

Farmers Institute at Davidson Yesterday.

Special to The Observer. Davidson, Aug. 13.—The farmers' institute held here to-day was largely attended and most successful. It was held under the direction of Mr. J. F. Caldwell. Professor Brown spoke first in the morning on fertilizers and was followed by Professor Stevens on glass diseases. In the afternoon Professor Brown continued his talk and demonstrations were given in the cars accompanying the party.

Edward Bids Farewell to Austrian Emperor.

Inch, Aug. 13.—With a farewell demonstration that almost equaled in the warmth the picturesqueness of their welcoming greeting, King Edward took leave of Emperor Francis Joseph at the railway station to-day and started for Innsbruck, where he goes to take the baths.

BRYAN GIVEN A BIG GOULD

DAY'S CHIEF EVENT AT LINCOLN

Farmers From Otco County, Nebraska, Present the Democratic Candidate With a Monster Gift on Which is Palated "Billy's Big Stick"—He Makes a Speech of Acceptance and Takes Occasion to Thank the Farmers for Their Contributions and Offers of Invitation Pouring in on Him, But He is Making no Definite Engagements—Chairman Clayton Delighted With the Big Crowd—No Notification Day and Also Ticked With the Dinner Mr. Bryan Tendered the Crowd.

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 13.—Invitations to visit the various parts of the country and deliver speeches to-day came thick and fast on William J. Bryan, California's request for a visit again was pressed upon him by Charles Edmondson, of San Francisco, with the result that the Democratic candidate in giving the matter serious consideration.

Readville, Mass., wants him there on August 25th to witness the trotting derby, the first event of the kind, it is said, ever to occur in the United States. It is expected that he will be in Indianapolis he was compelled to decline.

Through Henry D. Clayton and R. H. Walker, Montgomery, Ala., expressed his desire for his presence on August 19th. Mr. Bryan expressed a desire to go South. He said that he always has been cordially received there, and was greatly indebted to the Southern people for their uniform support and kindness, but that the campaign was too young at this time for him to make any definite engagements. He hoped that after a conference with the national committee he might be able to go to Montgomery and possibly some other points in the Southern States in response to numerous invitations.

MR. BRYAN OPTIMISTIC.

"I am glad to say," Mr. Bryan remarked, "that all these invitations assure me that I will receive the electoral vote of not only Alabama, but of all other Southern States."

An incident of the day was the presentation to Mr. Bryan by several hundred farmers from Otco county, Nebraska, of a big stick of gold, grown in the State. It is about five feet in length and easily might be taken for the original, if there ever was one, which has been so generally caricatured. It bore the inscription "Billy's Big Stick" and was presented by Mr. Bryan, although expressing his thanks for the gift, declared that if elected to the presidency the "big stick" would not be wielded, rather relying on his ability to lead people through their love than to control them through their fear.

ACCEPTS THE GOULD.

"The gold which you present certainly looks very much like the 'big stick' as we have seen it caricatured," said Mr. Bryan, "and I think that the gold is a fitting emblem to represent Republican politics, for the 'big stick' which has been so loudly praised, has accomplished a great deal in the way of actual legislation. The Republican leaders have so steadfastly opposed reform that the 'big stick' has been quite empty—as empty as this gold—in actual results. Then, too, the gold may fitly symbolize the Democratic party's promises and the fact that Republican policies have nothing in them of good to the farmer. I shall be glad to accept the 'big stick' gold although if the Democratic party wins the 'big stick' will be in no coercion by force but a justice that will appeal to the heart of men for it is easier to lead people through their love than control them through their fears."

THANKS THE FARMERS.

"I have been informed that on the way to Lincoln a collection was taken up on the train and that 50 farmers gave \$1 apiece for our campaign fund; I want to thank them for this manifestation of their interest in our cause. In 1898 the free excursion was one of the features of the Republican campaign. It is significant that you have again taken up a collection for the campaign fund, and in addition make this contribution to the campaign fund. One of the chief reasons for the delay of reform has been that a few great corporations have been applying the Republican party with its campaign fund and the controlling influence after election. Our campaign fund is coming from the people and the people will control the administration in case of Democratic victory. It marks the beginning of a new era in politics, in which the government will really belong to the people and be administered by the people for their own protection and for the advancement of the public welfare."

FINDS TIME TO WORK.

Notwithstanding that a great number of hold-over visitors to the notification came out to Fairview, Mr. Bryan found time to dispose of considerable correspondence and make good progress with the speeches he intends to deliver at Indianapolis and elsewhere.

Mr. Isaac Reese, of Tennessee, recently appointed a member of the finance committee by Chairman Mack, who had been in attendance on the notification meeting, talked with Mr. Bryan this morning. He left later for Chicago to confer with the national committee regarding the collection of campaign contributions in the Southern Mississippi valley. Mr. Reese wears a button bearing a picture of Mr. Bryan. Above the picture are the words "I gave my dollar" and below it "Did you?"

Before leaving he declared that the South was with the West in the support of the Democratic platform. "Unless we can have a return to the rule of the people," he declared, "we must suffer from the rule of mammon."

Mr. Reese said he was very much interested in the matter of campaign contributions and would spend all his time until election day in getting small contributions from as large a number of people as possible. "I want Mr. Bryan to go into the White House with no obligations except to the masses," he said.

MR. CLAYTON DELIGHTED.

Chairman Clayton upon leaving the Bryan home to-day expressed himself in a statement given out for publication as having been delighted with the large and enthusiastic attendance of the people on the notification of yesterday. "I have attended notifications," he said, "and the ceremonies

of yesterday were the most orderly and enthusiastic I ever have witnessed. The people of Lincoln, irrespective of party affiliation, did everything possible to contribute to the attendance, the orderly procedure and the enthusiasm of the occasion. The notification committee is indebted to Governor Shepley, Postmaster Snod and every city officer from Mayor Brown down for courtesy and kindness. The hospitality of all the people of Lincoln could not have been surpassed. The cordial greeting to the visitors and the best of good things manifested by Mr. Bryan will make every Democrat in the Union love Lincoln and her people. The press, without regard to politics, was generous and fair."

The statement referred to the simplicity of the home life of Mr. Bryan and speaking of the dinner to the notification committee Mr. Clayton said:

"We had a real good American home-cooked dinner. There was no pretense of a menu, but I am glad to say, and glad of plenty of good home victuals and mighty good water."

TAFT WILL NOT COMMENT.

Republican Candidate Has Nothing to Say on Subject Regarding the Democratic Candidate's Speech of Acceptance.

Hot Springs, Va., Aug. 13.—No comment for publication in the newspapers on the acceptance speech of William J. Bryan is to be made by Mr. Taft. He said that he had announced by the Republican candidate to-day even before he had opportunity to read the Bryan speech. This reading, he said, he wished to do with great deliberation and should it be possible to make a speech of his own, it will be made the subject of a speech or included in a speech Mr. Taft may make at some future time. His next speech will be delivered in a week from next Friday, to a gathering of Virginia Republicans who are coming to the mountains for a general rally.

Through an erroneous newspaper item from the South, to the effect that Mr. Taft had bought a horse, it was learned here to-day that while riding with General Corbin last week, when a 16 mile ride was accomplished, the big saddle horse which Mr. Taft has ridden for some time in Washington and which he brought here, suddenly developed ankle-weakness and Mr. Taft was thrown. He sustained no injury and made no mention of the occurrence. But to-day he admitted that he believed he would be able to ride a horse of sturdier build. General Clarence R. Edwards, chief of the Insular bureau of the War Department, is on the lookout for such a horse, with intent to make a purchase when found.

There was a sudden relaxation to the tension of yesterday, when political conferences were held every minute. Mr. Taft devoted the morning to a conference with the members of his staff. The West Virginia politicians, who still remain, have telegraphed to A. C. Scherer, the independent Republican, upon whose arrival to-morrow it is expected an understanding will be reached as to what order of resolutions will be placed before the Republican national committee for solution in the desire to eliminate one of the two State tickets or ascertain which of the two will be recognized by the national committee.

TROUBLES TOO MUCH FOR HIM.

Drunk Drives a High Point Citizen to the Hospital. Minister of Methodist Protestant Church and a Reputed Follower of Ingersoll.

High Point, Aug. 13.—At 5 o'clock this afternoon J. L. Culbreath set a bullet through his heart and his lifeless form was found a few minutes later by his wife. Two little children also stood in the presence of death, the little ones tugging at the mother's apron while the parent head screamed hysterically and four little uneasy eyes shifted and seemed to understand it all.

This afternoon young Culbreath was under the influence of liquor but not drunk, as circumstances show. He went to his home on the north side of his household were away. Going into the sitting room of the house he pulled off his top shirt and sat across the bed with a revolver in his hand. He took deliberate aim at his heart and pulled the trigger. Neighbors heard the report of the gun and told the wife who was in a nearby street. She ran to the house and searched every room where she could likely find her husband, but going into the sitting room there lay her husband with an ugly wound just above the left nipple on a direct line with his heart, and beside the man lay the pistol which had ushered a soul into eternity. The instrument of death had been held close to the breast, as the powder burns showed, and a note was pinned to the shirt that would show a motive for the rash act but nothing was found.

Culbreath was 37 years of age, a son of the late Rev. Mr. Culbreath, of the Methodist Protestant Church, and had a mother living in the same town where he had been of steady employment due to the panic and later had been conducting a refreshment stand. Evidently he was not satisfied with the way things were going lately because his wife said he frequently spoke of killing himself, especially when he was drinking, saying he had killed no one knew of. Evidently he had a hard time to keep the wolf from the door, as his wife in answer to a question about her financial condition said, "We have not anything except a little house and a kitchen and furniture." Judging from appearance the wife and children have felt the effects of a drinking and downcast husband.

Whiskey, coupled with the remorse of conscience in not being able to furnish the necessities of life for his family, no doubt is responsible for the deed. Culbreath was rather an intelligent looking fellow. It is learned on the streets to-night that he is a follower of Ingersoll's teachings.

This suicide with a street fight this afternoon between two citizens traced quite a sensation here.

Phythias Meet Next at Milwaukee.

Boston, Aug. 13.—The Supreme Lodge, Knights of Phythias, voted to-day that the next convention be held in Milwaukee, which has already been selected by the Supreme Assembly of the uniform rank of the order. The formal vote to-day stood: Milwaukee 31; Richmond, Va., 26; Colorado Springs 12, and Macana Island 6.

A DAY'S SALISBURY NEWS

NEW CAPTAIN FOR RIFLES

Second Lieutenant Chosen Last Evening to Fill the Vacancy Left by the Appointment of Captain Barker to Major's Position in New Coast Artillery—Fayetteville Citizens Personally Insure Streets of Rowan's Capital—Missionary Society of Lutheran Synod to Hold Annual Meeting in Chink Grove Later Part of This Month—Automobile Race From Salisbury to the Gate City is at Last Arranged to Be Run Next Week—Brief News Items of Interest.

Observer Bureau. 421 N. Main Street, Salisbury, Aug. 13.

A party of Fayetteville officials, composed of Mayor Bullard, Aldermen McNeill, Armfild and Buckingham, spent the day here inspecting Salisbury's streets and watching the putting down of the bitulithic streets. They had an opportunity also of seeing the macadam and vitrified brick thoroughfares.

Mr. C. S. Morris, manager of the Salisbury Cotton Mill, left to-day on a ten days' business trip to New York. Mr. Dave Orestreicher, who has been spending the summer in Europe, the greater part at his old home in Germany, is expected home the latter part of this month—Mr. Henderson M. Brown, one of the leading business men of the Evening Post, together with his family, left to-day for a stay at Morehead City.

AUTO RACE ARRANGED.</