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TAFT FALLS DOWN AT FEET OF TEDDY

President Presents a Humiliating Spectacle

A WINDY EXPLANATION

After Refusing to Admit the Propriety of Necessity of Replying to Newspaper Statements Containing Hot Shot From Oyster Bay, to Appear the Anger of Roosevelt Taft Gets Down on His Knees.

(By the Associated Press.)
New York, Aug. 22.—The following letter from President Taft to Lloyd C. Griscom, (president of the New York Republican county committee), was given out here today by Mr. Griscom:

"Beverly, Mass., Aug. 20, 1910.
"My Dear Mr. Griscom: As you know from your telephone conversation with my office, I have steadily refused to admit the propriety or necessity of the President's replying to newspaper statements which are not based on any act or authorized word of his and have no sponsor. I am entirely willing, however, to reply categorically to your telegram of August 19th, which has just arrived and which is as follows:

"I am informed and believe that several members of the New York Republican State committee who voted for Vice-President Sherman over ex-President Roosevelt as nominee for temporary chairman of State convention, were influenced by statements that the Vice-President's name was presented to defeat Col. Roosevelt in accordance with your wish. A member of the State committee declared to me before the meeting that Mr. Sherman's candidacy had been arranged with you by telephone the previous day. Efforts have been made to create an impression that you favor a particular candidate for election as State chairman. I want you to know that the inclusion of the name of a high member of your administration into a factional conflict has produced a most complicated situation, and the absence of any authoritative information as to your attitude is seriously misleading Republicans and impairing a movement for progressive party leadership and clean government in this State. I know you desire us to have a fair field, and hope that this may be made clear to the public. I have ever expressed a wish to see Mr. Roosevelt for the temporary chairmanship of the convention or have ever taken the slightest step to do so in wholly untrue. I never heard Mr. Sherman's name suggested as temporary chairman of the State Convention until I saw in the newspapers of August 16th that he had been selected at the meeting of the committee. When you called at my house Saturday evening, August 14th, you told me that Mr. Roosevelt intended to go to the convention as a delegate, and you suggested incidentally his being made temporary chairman—a suggestion in which I acquiesced. It did not occur to me that any one would be present at the following telegram and sent it to Mr. Sherman:

Telegram to Sherman.
"Beverly, Mass., Aug. 14, 1910.
"Hon. James S. Sherman,
"Vice-President, Utica, N. Y.
"Please say to Wood and Woodruff that I have had a long conference with Griscom. He confirms my judgment already expressed to you, that the whole situation in New York may be saved without humiliation to any one and with victory for the party by a full conference with Mr. Roosevelt and reasonable concessions with reference to platform and candidates.
"The thing of all others that ought to be avoided is a controversy with the convention. I am told by Mr. Griscom that such a conference with Mr. Roosevelt might conveniently be had and would be welcomed by him before the State committee meets on Tuesday. Hope you will be able to report satisfactory solution when you come on Wednesday.
"William H. Taft.

"On the afternoon of Monday, August 15, Mr. Sherman telephoned me from New York, and for the first time apprised me of the fact that there was a proposal to oppose Mr. Roosevelt for the temporary chairmanship, and that with Mr. Root's name. Other names than Mr. Root's were mentioned. I protested against the idea of a contest on such a matter, peremptorily declined to be drawn into a fight against Mr. Roosevelt, and again renewed my urgent advice that there be prompt and full personal conference with Mr. Roosevelt before the committee meeting, with a view to securing harmony and victory for the party.
"Mr. Sherman called upon me here on the 17th instant to meet an engagement of a week's schooling made with him and Mr. Lousdenlager to discuss the congressional campaign next week. Mr. Lousdenlager was present. During the conference with Mr. Sherman, I told him that I deplored the result of the meeting of the New York State committee because under the break was required, in many districts between Mr. Roosevelt and other prominent Republicans, a compromise. Mr. Sherman agreed to go into conference with Mr. Roosevelt provided he was invited to do so with a view to adjusting the situation in possible,

FRATRICIDE IN ANSON COUNTY

Jesse Edwards Kills Peter Edwards

THE MURDERER IS JAILED

Parties Involved Are Well To Do People—Victim Slain in the Presence of His Mother—An Effort to Have Jesse Declared Insane Seems to Have Been the Cause of the Tragedy.

(Special to News and Observer.)
Wadesboro, Aug. 22.—Anson county was the scene of another murder yesterday, the third in the month. This occurred in Burnville township, and is the second murder in that township within the same period. From telephonic reports, it appears that Jesse Edwards shot and instantly killed his brother, Peter Edwards. Both are prominent young white men of means. Peter had been to church and was sitting on the porch at his home talking to his mother when Jesse came out of the house and asked his brother if he (Jesse) was angry. Peter replied that he was not a doctor. Jesse went in the house and returned with his pistol and fired three shots, killing Peter instantly. The bullets pierced the heart. Some time ago an effort was made to have Jesse declared insane and he brooded over this and held his brother responsible for it. Other reports are to the effect that the young men for some time Jesse was brought to jail here this morning and acknowledged the shooting.

HOSIERY MILL TO RESUME

New Machinery Will Be Added and Capacity Increased—Splendid Order at Reunion.

(Special to News and Observer.)
Newton, Aug. 22.—The announcement that the big hosiery mill here will resume operations the 12th of September is received with pleasure by the people of the town, for the industry in the past has been of great benefit to Newton, employing 400 skilled operatives, and bringing into the local business channels many thousands of dollars. The hosiery plant and its box factory were recently sold under mortgage for something like \$24,000, and the plant taken into one of the best hosiery mills in the South. Mr. S. T. Gaddy, of Albemarle, has been employed as superintendent. Mr. R. P. Fresse will be secretary and treasurer. Mr. Ausley, president, and Mr. Morrison, vice-president. The gathering will inevitably meet with ultimate success. As many of the former operatives will be employed as possible. In addition to the boxes the box factory will make for the mill, it will also manufacture boxes for the trade.

SENTENCE IMPOSED FOR KILLING REESE HUCKS IN HUNTERSVILLE STREET RIOT ONE YEAR AGO—AN APPEAL TAKEN.

(Special to News and Observer.)
Charlotte, Aug. 22.—Following a verdict of guilty of manslaughter, recommendation to mercy, in the case of Ed Cox, for the killing of Reese Hucks, in the Huntersville street riot of one year ago, Judge B. F. Long this afternoon sentenced Cox to a term of five years in the State penitentiary. This ends the most important case of the present two weeks' term of the criminal court for Mecklenburg, the case having been started last Wednesday. The defendant will appeal from the court sentence to the State Supreme Court.

COLORED TEACHERS

Close Successful Institute at Nashville—Give An Entertainment.

(Special to News and Observer.)
Nashville, Aug. 22.—The colored teachers' institute, which has been in session here for the past week, came to a close yesterday. John W. Byrnes of Rocky Mount, has been in charge. Forty-two colored teachers have attended the institute all the week. A number of addresses have been delivered by men who are interested in the progress of the negro race, and all have emphasized the necessity of industrial education for the negro. Friday night the teachers gave a concert in the court house, and many of the white people attended. The program consisted of songs, readings, etc., and was thoroughly enjoyed by all those present. The negro teachers in Nash are in earnest about their work. During the institute the County Superintendent told the teachers about Amanda Battle, one of the colored teachers, who, during the past two years, has raised \$25 for improving the school house and grounds. The teachers say they are determined to equal and surpass, if possible, Amanda's record.

MAN TAKES HIS OWN LIFE

CHARLES EDWARDS FOUND DEAD WITH A ROPE AROUND HIS NECK, DEATH RESULTING FROM STRANGULATION.

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Newton, Aug. 22.—News came this morning of the suicide of Charles Edwards in Mountain Creek township. He was found dead yesterday, with a rope around his neck, but in a leaning posture, the circumstances indicating that his weight simply caused strangulation without his feet leaving the ground. It is supposed in the absence of particulars that he was insane. Sheriff Leonard and acting coroner R. P. Caldwell were summoned, and they are now at the scene of the tragedy which is quite a distance from town.

FOUND DEAD IN BED

The Sudden Death of Ex-Jailer John W. Stockton.

(Special to News and Observer.)
Wilson, Aug. 22.—E. B. Capps, coroner, and F. H. Bunn, secretary, of the Republican executive committee of Wilson, in their call for a county convention here all in coming, were over a new lead, got right and stay right.

REVOLUTIONISTS WHEN NICARAGUA

Insurgents Enter Capital Without Opposition

MADRIZ GIVES UP REIGN

Resigns the Presidency to Jose Estrada, Who in Turn Will Turn Over Office to General Juan Estrada, His Brother—Madriz Takes Flight to Corinto—Prisoners in Penitentiary Escape.

(By the Associated Press.)
New Orleans, La., Aug. 22.—Confirmation of the reported fall of Managua without resistance following the entry of the insurgent forces today, was contained in a cablegram received here tonight by the acting consul of Madrid at New Orleans. The town was surrendered without any conflict, it was said.

SEE NO CHANCE FOR BLAIR'S ELECTION

Durham's Republicans Are Very Lukewarm

THERE IS MUCH DISSENTION

(Special to News and Observer.)
Durham, Aug. 22.—Not a few Republicans of Durham look into the campaign this fall with trembling. They are not opposed to Mr. Blair, though this county was for Benbow as second choice to Mr. Morehead. The old Blair-Griscom fight, which wasn't a really big fight, Dr. Gisson taking no part in it, nevertheless will cause many a man to be unconqueringly lukewarm in the coming campaign. It is known here for a fact that a majority of the Republicans, informed thoroughly as to the cause of Mr. Morehead's election two years ago, do not expect a repetition this fall. They regard the fight as well nigh hopeless. The disaffection that they see this year is in their own party and they no more expect Mr. Blair's election than they did Mr. Morehead's. But one Republican in all the county two years ago, openly prophesied the defeat of Brooks, and that one was John C. Angier, the official kicker of the party. He foretold it all before Morehead was nominated, and could have been nominated, and he was content to pull for it. The colonel's attitude towards Mr. Blair this fall will be interesting.

DEMOCRATS OF CALDWELL

NAME STRONGEST COUNTY TICKET IN ITS HISTORY—HARMONY PREVAILS AND A WINNING FIGHT WILL BE MADE.

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Lenoir, N. C., Aug. 22.—The Democrats of Caldwell county held their county convention here today at 10:30 o'clock in the Henkel opera house. Hon. W. C. Newland was elected chairman, and Messrs. A. N. Todd, J. L. Harris, W. M. Moore and W. H. Cloyd, secretaries.

AN AGED LADY FEELS EFFECT OF BOLT WHICH STRUCK HOUSE—TERRIFIC HAIL AND ELECTRIC STORM DOES GREAT DAMAGE.

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Newton, Aug. 22.—A terrific rain and hail storm accompanied by severe electrical disturbances swept over this section Sunday afternoon and did considerable damage. Corp. east of the town, was riddled by hail varying in size up to stones as large as partridge eggs, and the stakes were laid flat on the ground. Lightning struck the home of Mr. James F. Deal and nearly killed his mother-in-law, Mrs. Elmira Deal, an aged lady. For a time she was thought to be dead, but medical assistance was summoned and she was revived. Lightning also struck a tree at the home of Mr. Nish McGehee and knocked Mrs. McGee, knocking a vessel out of her hands, but not seriously injuring her. The rain was ex-

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