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WAS A BOMB
SENT TO TAFTStory That Infernal Machine
Reached the White House
Late Yesterday

IS VIGOROUSLY DENIED

Story That Bomb Was Opened By
Assistant Secretary Allen, That It
Was Sputtering and That He Ex-
tinguished the Fire With His
Hands—Both White House Police
Officials and Allen Deny Story—
It is the Policy of the Officials
However to Refuse Publicity to Any
Incident Savoring of An Attempt
at Violence On the President.

Washington, July 18.—A circum-
stantial story of an attempt on
President Taft's life is being denied
by white house officials and Chief
Wilkie of the secret service. It was
said a bomb wrapped in a package
was received late yesterday at the
executive offices and placed upon the
desk of Sherman Allen, one of the
assistant secretaries. The package
was intended for the president but
packages and letters never reach the
president without first passing
through one of the secretaries' hands.
The report was that Allen un-
wrapped the package and discovered
an infernal machine, with a fuse
sputtering. He quickly extinguished
the fuse with his hands. All the
white house officials deny the story.
It has always been the policy of the
white house and secret service of-
ficers to deny publicity to any in-
cident savoring of an attempt at vi-
olence upon the president.

When Secretary Allen reached the
executive offices he denounced as ab-
solutely untrue the published state-
ment that he had opened an infernal
machine intended for the president.
"The thing is a complete hoax," he
said. "There isn't a truth in it. The
whole thing is such an absurd
hoax I do not intend to issue a state-
ment denying it." Other officials
backed up Allen's statement.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

Charles M. Riddell Elected to Fill
Vacancy Caused by Death of Jack-
son.

Washington, July 18.—The demo-
cratic caucus of the house last night
formally elected Charles M. Riddell
of Indiana sergeant-at-arms of the
house to fill the vacancy caused by
the death of the late U. Stokes
Jackson. Former Representative
William H. Ryan of Buffalo, N. Y.,
withdrew his candidacy for the place
at the last moment on Mr. Riddell's
announcement that he would not
seek re-election. Mr. Riddell has
been acting sergeant-at-arms several
months.

Immigration Station at Hampton
Roads.

Washington, July 18.—The senate
passed the Swanson bill to establish
an immigration station at Hampton
Roads, Va. The bill carries two
hundred and fifty thousand dollars
appropriation for erecting a public
building, to temporarily care for the
immigrants arriving there.

ROBERT W. ARCHBALD
of Scranton, Pa., justice of the
United States Commerce Court, im-
peachment proceedings against whom
are now being considered by the
House of Representatives.NICHOLS IS
A WITNESSGoes Before the Committee
Investigating Charges of
Political Corruption

Columbia, July 18.—The South
Carolina legislature's committee in-
vestigating the charges of political
corruption which recently, at Au-
gusta, heard sensational testimony
about Governor Blease's pardon re-
cord, met here today. Samuel J.
Nichols, a Spartanburg lawyer, was
the principal witness.

Nichols, according to Detective
Reed, was Blease's agent in pur-
chasing a pardon for a prisoner. C.
P. Sims, a attorney, represented as
being associated with Nichols in his
efforts to secure a pardon, also will
testify.

Announcement was made that
neither Reed nor Thomas B. Felder,
the Atlanta lawyer, will appear be-
fore the committee in this state.
They say they are afraid of the gov-
ernor. They consented to appear
before the investigators in any city
in a nearby state.

PROGRESSIVE WAR.

Two Factions of Roosevelt Follow-
ers Fight Negro Representation.

Atlanta, Ga., July 18.—Indications
now are that there will be two de-
legations from Georgia to the "Third
party" national convention in Chi-
cago in August. The question in-
volved apparently is whether the
delegation shall be "Lily White" or
Black and White.

A call was issued from the na-
tional progressive headquarters by
Roger DeWitt, for a convention to
be held in Atlanta July 25. Yester-
day a rival call was issued by the
Georgia Roosevelt white league for
a meeting of its members and
friends on next Friday.

In the latter call, the purpose of
the meeting is stated as follows:
"Action toward having Georgia
properly represented at the conven-
tion in Chicago August 5, will be
taken by the league."

St. Julien Yates, president of
the league, in a statement referred
to DeWitt as "would-be boss" and
declared that the "black plague"
would be kept out of the Roosevelt
party.

"We are not asking the negro to
stay away," asserted Mr. Yates, "we
say he shall stay away and we have
no mental reservation that we are
going to treat with him on the basis
of political equality afterward."

DEMOCRATIC LEADERS
MEET WILSON TODAY

Sea Girt, July 18.—Governor Wil-
son said he would present only a
tentative slate of the personnel of
the campaign committee to the de-
mocratic national chairman and nine
other leaders who met this after-
noon. Wilson said the discussion
will be exclusively on the organiza-
tion. They will first name a cam-
paign committee. The leaders will
go into the details of the campaign
management.

Wilson said: "The gentlemen I
have invited are veteran campaign-
ers and know what is required. I
want to get their views and will be
guided by them."

Joseph Daniels, of North Caro-
lina, is one of the leaders here.

WILL NOT MEET PROXY

Governor Kitchin Writes Walter E.
Brook—Will Meet Simmons But
Not Subordinate.

Governor Kitchin late yesterday
afternoon made public a letter he has
written Walter E. Brook of Wades-
boro, secretary of the state demo-
cratic executive committee, declining
to divide time at Wadesboro July
25, with some other democrats in his
discussion of the record of Senator
Simmons, but expressing willingness
to meet Senator Simmons in person
there, or anywhere else, in the state.
After regretting that Mr. Brook
failed to specify whether he asked
the division of time as secretary of
the state committee or in behalf of
some other candidate, the governor
continues:

"If you write for him, Senator
Simmons, your letter is a recognition
that a discussion of the senator's re-
cord is both proper and beneficial to
the public. When I have a joint
discussion of his record I want it
with him. I think I will have little
trouble in designating some one to
meet the chief, no one should ex-
pect me to engage his subordinate
from place to place. I note that he
is advertised to speak at Albemarle,
in an adjoining county, on one of the
days you suggest for me to speak at
night in Wadesboro. If you will have
him to come to Wadesboro that night
I will arrange to meet him that
night, the 25th of the month. In
every speech I have made I have ex-
pressed my readiness to meet him
and make good every charge. I hope
you will urge him to name times
and places for joint discussion."



"THE WAY OF THE TRANSGRESSOR IS HARD."

POLICE ARE
RESPONSIBLEUnfolding of the Plot Indi-
cates That They Caused
Rosenthal's Death

New York, July 18.—Clues that
are being unearthed slowly show the
unfolding of a plot leading to the
assassination of Herman Rosenthal,
the gambler, killed Tuesday, a few
hours before he was to make further
revelations regarding his charges of
gambling graft among the police.

Louis Libby and Wm. Shapire,
owners of the automobile which took
the murderers to the scene, possess
information which, it is said, they
will reveal to the district attorney,
indicating that the police were re-
sponsible for the plot to make away
with Rosenthal. Libby and Shapire
say the car was hired by telephone
by Jack Rose, a gambler, who with
two other men boarded the automo-
bile shortly before midnight. Sha-
pire's story of what happened there-
after is reserved by the prosecutor.

Jack Rose, at police headquarters,
admitted, according to Police Com-
missioner Dougherty, that he was
one of the passengers in the auto-
mobile in which Rosenthal's murder-
ers drove to the Hotel Metropole,
but said he left before the shooting
occurred.

CONTRACTS FOR ELECTRIC LINE

W. S. Lee Lets Contract for 12 Miles
of Interurban.

(Special to The Times.)
Charlotte, N. C., July 18.—Vice-
President W. S. Lee of the Piedmont
and Northern Lines this morning
awarded the contract for grading 12
miles of the Greenville, Spartanburg
and Anderson Railroad from Spar-
tanburg to a point near Lenoir, to
J. Thomas Bennett of Danville, and
Charlotte, the contract price being
\$150,000. The contracts for the re-
maining 21 miles of road have
not been let but will be in a day or
so. Bennett's section covers some
500,000 cubic yards of excavation,
the heaviest section on the line and
the contract calls for completion by
July 15, 1913.

Robber Killed in Fight With Posse.

Montgomery, Ala., July 18.—In a
battle at Alexander City today be-
tween a posse and gang of men who,
it is believed, robbed Auburn post-
office, one robber was killed. It is
believed the men were involved in
robbing the Queen and Crescent
train in Mississippi, recently.

Nine Persons Drowned.

Jacob's Creek, Pa., July 18.—
Nine persons were drowned during a
storm at Barren Run. A wall of
water swept over them as they were
attempting to cross a ravine.

Last of Rebel Leaders Captured.

Havana, July 18.—General Penro
Ivonne, the last of the negro upris-
ing leaders, was captured by gov-
ernment troops near Santiago today.

THE WEATHER

Raleigh, July 18.—Forecast: For
Raleigh and vicinity: Local showers
tonight or Friday. For North Caro-
lina: Local showers tonight or Fri-
day; light to moderate south and
southwest winds.

Weather Conditions: The weather
is still cloudy and unsettled over a
large part of the country. Showers
have occurred from the Missouri
valley to the Gulf and Atlantic
states, the rainfall being heavy lo-
cally in portions of Ohio, Nebraska,
Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and
western Florida. Pressure has in-
creased in the central-north, and the
weather continues cool from the
northern Rocky Mountain region to
the Great Lakes. Temperature is
slightly above normal in the eastern
and southern states.

DEMOCRATIC FUND
WAS ONE MILLION

Washington, July 18.—The demo-
cratic campaign fund contained one
million dollars when Parker ran for
president in 1904, according to W.
P. Shelham, of New York, testifying
today before the senate commit-
tee investigating campaign funds.
Shelham was then the national execu-
tive committee chairman. The
money was sent to Maine, Colorado
and Nebraska, particularly he testi-
fied. Shelham testified that Thomas
Fortune Ryan was a contributor
that year.

RIVERS AND HARBORS
BILL PASSED TODAY

Washington, July 18.—The rivers
and harbors appropriation bill car-
rying thirty-three million dollars,
including six millions for Mississip-
pi river improvements, finally passed
the senate today, when the con-
ference report was adopted.

When the senate took up the Pan-
ama canal bill, Senator Brandegee
estimated that foreign ships would
pay approximately ten million dol-
lars annually in tolls, under the
provisions against which Great Britain
protested. Senator Stone estimated
that if the Hague decides against
the United States five years after the
free toll law has been enacted forty
millions would have to be repaid to
foreign vessel owners.

BUY MONTICELLO

Senate Adopts Resolution of House
to Purchase Thomas Jefferson
Home.

Washington, July 18.—Stripped of
the preamble, which some senators
thought committed congress to the
democratic views of Thomas Jeff-
erson, the resolution looking to the
government purchase of Monticello
was adopted by the senate.

The measure authorizes an in-
quiry by a joint congressional com-
mittee into the desirability of the
purchase and directs an estimate of
the cost. It has not been acted on
by the house.

Scandal flies on wings; truth
crawls on its knees.

FIRE RATES
IN DURHAMRepresentatives of the Tariff
Association in the City—
Meeting of Laymen

(Special to The Times.)

Durham, July 18.—Another chap-
ter was added to the famous Bur-
roughs divorce case yesterday, when,
after the usual motion to set aside
the verdict, the attorney for Mrs.
Burroughs gave notice of appeal to
the supreme court. This action on
the part of Mrs. Burroughs had been
talked of ever since the jury grant-
ed Mr. Burroughs the divorce last
week, but there were many who
thought that it would be in the su-
perior court. But the action of yester-
day shows that there is lots of
fight left in the case and that it is
not settled by any means.

A meeting of about sixty laymen
representing all of the city churches
was held at the First Presbyterian
church Tuesday night to formulate
plans for the coming of the great
laymen's meeting that will be held
here October 31-November 1. The
Durham churches are determined to
make this the greatest laymen's
meeting ever held in this state, and
from now until the time for the con-
vention the various committees will
constantly be at work. The sum of
\$600 was pledged to defray the nec-
essary expenses to secure the conven-
tion.

Two new members were added to
the board of deacons of the First
Baptist church Tuesday night, the
ordination services being of unusual
interest. Dr. T. W. O'Kelly, of the
First Baptist church of Raleigh, de-
livered a most excellent address on
the subject of "Office and Duty of
a Deacon." The new deacons
ordained were N. E. Green and W.
T. Pollard, who were elected re-
cently in order to increase the
board's membership.

Three representatives of the
Southern Tariff Association ar-
rived in the city yesterday and at
once began a re-adjustment of the
fire insurance rates, and when they
have completed their duties the city
will be given a first class rating, re-
ducing the present rates in the busi-
ness centers by twenty-five cents on
the hundred. This action on the
part of the Tariff Association was
brought about by the recent addi-
tions to the local fire department,
bringing Durham well within the re-
quirements of the association.

Mooney Declines Office.

Washington, July 18.—Granville
W. Mooney, former speaker of the
Ohio assembly, has declined the post
of assistant secretary to the presi-
dent, to succeed Sherman Allen, ap-
pointed assistant secretary of the
treasury.

Dr. Blum Hurt in Fall.

New York, July 18.—Dr. Hans
Blum, the economist, lies at the
Bellevue hospital with his skull frac-
tured. He fell in an effort to catch
a trolley car. He was on the way
to catch an outgoing steamship when
the accident occurred.

ROOF ON NEW
STATE HOUSEWork Progressing Rapidly
and Contractor Expected to
Finish Building On T

The contractors for the erection
of the state fireproof building are
being erected at a cost of \$250,000
under the direction of the state
building commission by Hon. Je-
frey Horne, as chairman, have so
far advanced with their work that
they are today placing the reinforced
concrete roof. Several months ago
the commission extended the time
for the completion of the building
three months from January 1 next,
but such good progress has been
made lately that the contractors,
Jno. T. Wilson Co., of Richmond,
state that they will not need the ad-
ditional time. Supt. E. C. Holliday,
who has in hand the direction of the
work, says the construction has been
done with remarkably few and very
slight accidents and that the most
serious physical injury any one has
received was the loss of two fingers
involved, too, the most complicated
lifting machinery and raising to the
very top of the building stones that
weighed over \$10,000 pounds each.
The same company has under way
the construction of a new ten story
office building for the Commercial
National Bank.

MACO MURDER MYSTERY.

Young Man Found Dead—Girl Adds
to Mystery by Saying She Had Mar-
ried Man.

Waco, Texas, July 18.—After the
coroner determined that Edgar H.
McGehee, of Tampa, Fla., was a
murder victim and not a suicide,
Miss Mayme Cobb, age nineteen, an-
nounced that she married McGehee
a month ago, in an automobile, sev-
eral miles from Waco. McGehee's
body was found yesterday with a
bullet wound in the heart. The
police believed he suicided. The
girl's statement, coupled with the
coroner's verdict, furnishes a puzzle
for the police and gives no promise
of early solution.

Verdict Expected in Morrow Trial.

Chicago, July 18.—A verdict is
expected this evening in the case of
Mrs. Renee Morrow, the club woman
on trial charged with shooting and
killing her husband on the porch of
the Morrow home, in December. The
closing arguments were made today.
Women crowded the court room.

SENATE SIDETRACKS
WOOL TARIFF BILL

Washington, July 18.—The senate
democrats were defeated, 37 to 27,
in an effort to have the wool bill
taken up at the opening of today's
session. The democrats resumed
their filibuster against the hundred
and fifty million dollar sundry civil
appropriation bill.

The democratic leaders say they
will continue the filibuster until they
get a vote on the tariff bill. The
sundry civil bill carried many im-
portant appropriations.

SWARTZ INHALED GAS

Body Was Found in Room of a
Tenement House.

New York, July 18.—The body of
Nathan Swartz, whose father told
the police his son was the slayer of
14-year-old Julia Conners, was found
on the fourth floor of a Christie
street tenement house today. The
body was identified by Detective
Brennan. Swartz committed suicide
by inhaling gas.

Swartz hired the room eight days
ago, under the name of Max Hirsch
owitz. Swartz was found in bed,
the gas tube tied to his mouth. Writ-
ten in pencil on his collar were the
words, "I am guilty and insane,
caused by the beautiful make-up of
the women, which made me passion-
ate."

Several pieces of newspaper were
lying around. On one of these was
written: "I was sorry the minute
after I did it. So don't cry for me."
The letter was addressed to Swartz's
mother, confessing his guilt and tel-
ling her not to cry her eyes out.
The police thought yesterday that
a body found in the Hudson river
was that of Swartz, but later dis-
covered their mistake.

Featherweight Championship.

New York, July 18.—The Nation-
al Sporting Club, London, is trying
to match Jim Driscoll, Great Bri-
tain's featherweight champion, with
Johnny Kilbane, for the world's
title. The club is preparing to hang
up a big purse.

Military Aviator Killed.

Leipzig, Germany, July 18.—Lieut-
enant Preusser, military aviator,
was killed today while making a
landing after a flight. The airman
was brushed beneath the engine.

INSTITUTES
FOR TEACHERSGreat Work Being Done This
Summer In the Way of
Teacher Training

THE SUMMER SCHOOLS

The Summer Schools Have Been
Crowded, More Than 1200 Teach-
ers Attending This Summer—In
the Country Institutes Several
Thousand Teachers Are Learning
Better Ideas of Their Professional
Duties—Good Work Being Done
All Over the State.

An unusual scene of activity is
being presented throughout the state
this summer in the very important
matter of teacher training. In the
first place the summer schools are
crowded as never before. At the
State University, the Normal College,
the East Carolina Training School
more than 1200 teachers are learn-
ing not only what to teach but how
to teach. And then in the county
teachers' institutes between four and
five hundred thousand teachers are
learning better ideas of their pro-
fessional duties. The time has al-
ready come in our educational ad-
vancement when a teacher who has
not had some preparation in the art
of teaching can not hope to secure
a position, even in the rural schools.

For the guidance of the con-
ductors of the institutes a pamphlet
containing a programme for each
day of the two week's course has
been issued from the state depart-
ment. Another bulletin contains
suggestions for opening exercises
and still another contains an ad-
mirable selection of patriotic and
other songs. Before going into the
work for the summer the conductors
were required to meet with Supt.
J. Y. Joyner and J. A. Blivins, super-
visor of teacher training, in a con-
ference of four days for the purpose
of discussing plans of work. This
insures something of uniformity in
the institutes. When the present
plan was set in operation, it was
contemplated to make the work pro-
gressive in character. That is, no
series of institutes shall repeat the
work of a previous series, but shall
emphasize some new phase. Two
years ago primary methods were
placed in the forefront. This year
intermediate methods receive much
attention, with especial reference to
the new text-books on geography,
history and language.

The institutes have a morning
and an afternoon session. In the mor-
ning session all of the teachers meet
in one body for the consideration
of subjects of general interest; such
as, preparation for the first day of
school and what to do on the first
day, keeping the register, gradu-
ation and classification and promo-
tion of pupils, the rural library and
how to use it, various phases of
school and class management, draw-
ing and spelling. Each forenoon to the practical con-
sideration of McMurphy's How to
Study. The guiding principle, as
may be stated, at all this work is
not how much the conductor may tell
the teachers but how he may direct
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WILL DIRECT TAFT CAMPAIGN.

Charles Dewey Hilles was born in
Belmont county, Ohio, in 1867,
receiving his early education there.
He became interested in industrial
schools early in life. From 1902 to
1909 he was financial head of the
New York Juvenile Asylum at
Dobbs Ferry. He became assistant
secretary of the treasury in 1909
and was appointed secretary to the
president in April, 1911. He is said
to be a tireless worker and to possess
the faculty of getting along with
all kinds of people.