

A SHOOTING AT DURHAM

Negro Shot Mysteriously—Claims to Have Shot Himself

(Special to The Times.)
 Durham, Aug. 19.—The mystery surrounding the shooting in the Fitzgerald building Saturday morning in which Dick Stroud, colored, received a pistol ball, has been officially temporarily solved, that is, the suspect has been released and the police are accepting the story that Stroud shot himself, but that is not saying that they believe it. Ellis Hargrove, a negro barber who has had some experience as a gun man, says that about five o'clock Saturday morning Stroud came to his room and saying that the police were after him proceeded to shoot himself. After inflicting the wound in his leg, he fell to the floor. Hargrove says that he went out to look for Stroud's brother to inform him of the affair, but forgot to notify the police. Nearly three hours later an unknown person called up the police station and reported that a negro had been shot in the Fitzgerald building. When two officers arrived they found Stroud in the hall in front of Hargrove's room, but Hargrove was gone. He was sent for and came in later, relating the account of the shooting given above. His statement had several conflicting points, particularly as to how Stroud got out of the room, and he was locked up pending an investigation. Stroud at first said that "a man in the room" did the shooting and promised to tell all about it when he recovered from the operation which was necessary to extract the bullet. When he began to recover from the effects of the anesthetic, he refused to say anything whatever, but Saturday night he said that he was half crazy from the use of "dope" and had shot himself. Sunday morning he repeated the same story. While the police thought that there is a whole lot connected with the affair that has not been brought out, still they did not consider that the evidence was sufficient to hold Hargrove longer, and he was released Sunday. The injured negro is not in a serious condition, and should be able to get out in a short while.
 The little 3-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Lanier who was seriously shot by accident Friday, is getting along as well as could be expected, with a probability of re-

covering. The little girl and a six-year-old boy, a relative of the Laniers, were playing in a room of the Lanier home, when the boy saw a pistol hanging on the wall. In an effort to get the pistol down he let it fall. The weapon was discharged and the ball plowed its way through the cheek and neck of the little girl, finding lodgment in the lung.

The Durham Bull Moose will issue a call for a county convention this week for the purpose of putting out a full ticket. The indications are that there will be only two tickets in Durham this year, democrat and progressive, as the republicans will hardly put out a ticket. In fact, it said that there are not enough republicans in the county to put out a full ticket.

Today's recorder's court was heavy as usual on Monday, there being a score of cases on the docket, though none of them are of a serious nature, being the usual run of crap-shooters, blind tigers, drunks, petit larceny, etc. Two good raids were made Sunday, one in the morning and the other in the afternoon, on gamblers, resulting in the arrest of quite a number of the woovers of Damp Fortune.

PITTSBORO NEWS

Historic Mallet Presented to Maj. London—Other News.

(Special to The Times.)
 Pittsboro, Aug. 19.—Through Maj. H. A. London, the North Carolina state confederate veteran association has received from Congressman John M. Faison a very historic mallet. The handle of the mallet was made from a piece of pine taken from the flooring of the home of Gen. Robert E. Lee, of Arlington, Va. This flooring of this old mansion was laid in 1802. The mallet is made of cedar. It was received too late to be used in the sessions of the association which were held recently at Winston.

Great preparations are being made for the big dinner to be given to the old soldiers here next Friday. Hon. J. Bryan Grimes is to deliver an address on the occasion. The Raleigh drum corps will also be here.

Mr. Charles Horne and others, of Clayton, who recently bought the oil mill plant here, have several men at work in the mill remodeling and tearing up things in general. A big fertilizer plant is to be added to the oil mill. It was reported that the new mill company was to do some wonderful things here in connection with the plant; a new office was to be built, a grocery store was to be put up and a new bank was to be also started to handle their business, besides other foolish reports. It makes a Pittsboro merchant have cold streaks run up and down his back when he hears of a new store being started here. One of them actually said they ought not be allowed to put up a store, that there was not enough

trade for the five stores already here. Such talk as this is what is killing Pittsboro by degrees. If a man wants to go in business here he is so badly discouraged by the talk of the people, (the appearance of the town proper is) that he leaves for other pastures.

GOSSIP OF THE CAMPAIN

Stories Told About Democratic Headquarters—Moose Firm For Wilson and Marshall



(Secretary of War Henry Stimson.)

IN CLASH OVER MAJOR RAY CASE.

War department scandals in connection with the shielding of Major Beech B. Ray, of the postmaster's department, who has twice faced serious charges were again aired when Secretary of War Stimson went before a house investigating committee to give evidence. Mr. Buckley wanted to know what action, if any, Mr. Stimson had taken against Major Ray. "I am waiting for your recommendations, gentlemen," said the secretary of war. "Do you want our committee to give you instructions on how to keep your fields and run your department?" asked Chairman Helm.

Mr. Stimson said he had taken no action. He said that he had been told by Major Ray that he was going to resign. He said that he had been told by Major Ray that he was going to resign. He said that he had been told by Major Ray that he was going to resign.

NEW BUILDINGS

Of George Peabody College For Teachers.

Nashville, Aug. 19.—A few days ago excavation was begun for the Manual Training Building, the first structure to be erected on the beautiful new, fifty-acre site of George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville, Tenn. It is proposed to have four new buildings ready by September, 1913, and, at that time, with an especially able faculty, to open for students.

New York, Aug. 19.—There is a cloud of songs hovering over the American people; not the old, old home songs, but the campaign song that comes into being every four years.

The crop that has been reaching democratic national headquarters is larger than usual, this year.

Josephus Daniels, chairman of the publicity committee, does not claim to be a musician, but he has been giving due attention to each author, until he has acquired the habit of humming various tunes. It became a case of either humming while talking to his callers and answering his avalanche of letters or turning the songs over to one of the employees of the publicity bureau.

A winsome young stenographer was found who said she could play the piano just as well as she could use the typewriter. For two days she played tunes after office hours, but today it was found she was writing her letters in B sharp or F flat and now Mr. Daniels is wondering if he should not employ a regular musical editor to select the songs for the campaign.

If a congressional committee ever cares to investigate the democratic national committee campaign fund for 1912, they will find one entry on the cash books of Treasurer Kolla Wells that he will be unable to give them any information about.

In his morning mail, Treasurer Wells found a dollar bill, in a highly scented piece of letter paper and was signed "Only a Suffragette."

This was duly entered on the books. A political headquarters during a national campaign is about the last place a man would expect to spend a vacation but that is what William Rufus Hollister, private secretary to Senator Stone, of Missouri, is doing.

Mr. Hollister is in Chairman McCone's private office and to him falls the duty of answering many of the letters that reach headquarters. Mr. Hollister was selected for the important post because he has a reputation in Washington of being able to keep a half a dozen stenographers busy writing letters.

"But I am having a vacation," explained Mr. Hollister from behind a yard-high of letters. "Senator Stone every four years, declares it is wrong for any one to eat or sleep."

"A political battle is like war to him. He goes on the theory that a man who is engaged in a real war, when the shot and shells are doing business, has no time to stop to eat and sleep. A political fight is like war to Senator Stone, so he refuses to eat or sleep until the victory is won."

"That's why I am sort of glad to get into the busy headquarters. I will at least, get some sleep and I can eat now and then."

But there is another reason why Mr. Hollister is glad to come to New York. Mr. Hollister's own family and Senator Stone are about the only people who know his middle name is Rufus. He is not happy over that middle name—Rufus—as Mr. Hollister comes from Jefferson City, Missouri.

When Senator Stone is about to buckle on his sword and get real busy in a national campaign, he forgets his private secretary's dislike for his middle name, and starts calling him "Rufus."

"When Hollister hears 'Rufus,'" said Col. Thomas Jones Pence, "he knows the famous Missouri senator is starting to forget his dislike for Rufus and also to forget to eat or sleep."

The Ladies World, one of the McClure publications, just completed a political contest in their magazine.

In a letter to Chairman W. F. McCombs, Frederick L. Collins, president of the McClure Publications, Inc., writes:

"The 750,000 readers of this magazine were invited to express political preference for president and their reasons therefor. The response was overwhelming—large and the result shows that of the replies, 68 per cent were for Woodrow Wilson, the other 32 per cent being scattered between the republicans, progressives, prohibitionists and socialists."

Sergeant-at-Arms John I. Martin was doubly engaged in directing the man moving a heavy desk in the democratic national headquarters today, when former Gov. David H. Francis, of Missouri, tapped Colonel Martin on the shoulder, and said:

"John, we can beat those fellows moving a desk." "No doubt about it, governor," replied Colonel Martin, and giving the proper "hitch" known to all expert handlers of heavy boxes or packages, the venerable sergeant-at-arms, and former millionaire governor of Missouri, carried the desk across the room.

"I first met John I. Martin in 1869," explained Mr. Francis. "John was a shipping clerk in the store adjoining that of my uncle, C. P. Rowland, of St. Louis. I had just graduated from school and my uncle gave me a position in his store. I was made the shipping clerk and we used to help load the drays, and John here, showed me how to lift a big box by giving it the proper balance. And, speaking of proper balancing," went on Mr. Francis, "let me tell my friends that the American public is not going to be off its balance this fall. Roosevelt is doing all he can to keep the business

and laboring world balancing around on one foot, but I cannot see nor can I find, the slightest indication but what the great masses are standing firm for Wilson and Marshall."

"There is nothing abnormal in the appearance of Elmer W. Hurst, of Rock Island, Ill. He is a tall, broad-shouldered, dignified appearing man, waving gray hair, gray mustache and a twinkling blue eye, but Mr. Hurst is somewhat of an oddity in the legal and political world, not only in Illinois, but the west."

He was the Illinois delegation choice for vice-president at Baltimore, but he did not want the position. He was the choice of the majority of the democrats of Illinois for democratic governor, but he declined with thanks, and he has been offered political honors for the past score of years, and never accepted but one, and that was when he went to the Illinois legislature at the request of Congressman Ben B. Cable, who incidentally, Mr. Hurst discovered and fathered.

Mr. Hurst has the reputation of not alone being the intimate friend of the leading democrats of the country, but has the unique distinction of persuading many of the prominent men in political life, today, to take office.

Mr. Hurst was a member of the notification committee from Illinois, at Seagirt.

"I believe it is the duty of every one to take part in political events, but I belong to the class that does not care to hold office today."

"We expect Roosevelt to get a large republican vote in the cities of Illinois, but he is not due to vote any of the republican farmers' vote."

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