

HE REMAINS FIRM.

Henderson Holds On to His Original Purpose

HOLDS OUT AGAINST ALL ODDS

The Speaker Says That There is Absolutely No Probability of His Re-considering.

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MILL SUPERINTENDENT SHOT

Atrocious Murder by Father of Unruly Employes

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ALABAMA POLITICS.

The Ticket Nominated by the State Republican Convention

SON OF EX-GOV. SMITH READS IT

The Platform Adopted Expresses Confidence in President Roosevelt—Some Discord.

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LIVE ITEMS OF NEWS.

Many Matters of General Interest in Short Paragraphs.

The Sunny South.

The burning oil gusher at Reamont, Texas, ceased flowing of its own accord and the fire in the oil field was extinguished.

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SOUTHERN INDUSTRIAL

A \$100,000 Cotton Mill.

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MANY WERE KILLED

Frightful Panic at Close of Negro Convention.

78 WERE KILLED; MANY INJURED.

Stampede Begun When a Lawyer Started a Fight With the Leader of the Choir.

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In the choir or in the pulpit were injured in the least. For a few minutes they attempted to restore order, but finding their efforts were futile, they waited until the struggling crowd had advanced far enough for them to pick their way out. A remarkable feature of the calamity is that no blood was seen. The victims were crushed, or died from suffocation.

All Died in or About the Entrance.—The Rev. Dr. T. W. Walker, pastor of Shiloh church, said: "Shiloh church is a modern brick structure and has been completed at a cost of \$75,000. There are four entrances to the building and the main one is 16 feet wide. The deaths were caused by everybody trying to rush out of the main entrance at the same time. Inside the church not a bench was overturned and all of those who were killed died in or about the entrance. The people up near the front of the church were not injured." Mayor Drennen said: "Most of those who were killed were strangers but their bodies will be cared for until identified and claimed by relatives."

Booker Washington's Account of It.—Booker T. Washington, when seen after the accident at the residence of U. G. Mason, said: "I had just finished delivering my lecture on 'Industry' and the singing had commenced when some woman back of me was heard to scream. A member of the choir yelled 'quiet!' which the gallery understood to be 'fire!' This was repeated and started the stampede. I found on investigation that a Birmingham man had stepped on the toes of a delegate from Baltimore named Ballou. Ballou resented it and made a motion as if to draw a gun. This caused the woman to scream. There was little excitement in the center and front of the church. The rear of the church was congested and some men tried to walk out on the heads of the crowd. At the time there was probably 3,000 people in the church and fully eight hundred without. The crowd on the sidewalk surged in and that, in a measure, accounted for the large loss of life. The majority of those killed were smothered to death, very few having bones broken. When I saw that a stampede was imminent I started the choir singing and part of the audience joined them. I remained until the excitement had subsided for fully 30 minutes. One good sister, whose name I could not learn, caught me firmly by the waist and held me throughout the excitement saying, 'Keep still!' I am unable to say positively, but there is a probability that the convention will adjourn out of respect to the dead."

THE NATIONAL GAME.—Doc Reising, of Hartford, is a clever all around player. Second Baseman 'Kid' Gleason has resigned with Detroit. Fultz, Hartsell and Mertes lead the Americans in base running. Twice this year Dave Fultz has stolen four bases in a game. Townsend, the crack Syracuse first baseman, is being negotiated for by Brooklyn.

'Win' Mercer says the American League will surely locate in Pittsburg next year. Pitcher Malarky and Catcher Klitt-ridge have resigned with the Boston League Club. The Boston Club has purchased Abbatichio, Nashville's crack second baseman, paying \$1500.

New York is playing more losing games at home now than before the Baltimore players were added. Pittinger has blanked Pittsburg three and Menefee, Donovan, Jack Taylor and Newton once each. After the season Fred Chargo will take his championship Pittsburg players down to Texas for an exhibition series. Pitcher Harper has deserted the St. Louis American Club, and signed with Cincinnati, accepting \$1000 advance money. Hickman is pressing Lajoie for the lead in batting for Cleveland. That team, by the way, has seven men with a batting percentage of .300 or over.

Manager Selee has moved Tinker over to third. The position is not new to the clever Chicago infielder. Ever's, the new man, has been installed at short.

Idleness is the incubator of a great many small sins.

CAUSE. For that Millionaire Feeling. wear garments made-to-order by Strauss Bros. Chicago. "America's Leading Tailors." Good clothes contribute much to happiness. You gain the point in Strauss Bros. made-garments. They are made scientifically to your exact measure by highly skilled tailors in clean, sanitary shops. Every detail from first to last given the minutest attention, the result being garments distinctly above the ordinary and absolutely satisfactory. You will wonder how it can be done at the low prices quoted. Call and see our line of 500 samples of choicest new wools.