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## HUGH LONG SHOT A MAN.

Disaster Comes to Young Union County Man As Result of Political Tension—Mr. Long in a Fight Shoots His Antagonist, Is Then Attacked by a Mob and Finally Gets Away to Aiken Jail.

Mr. Hugh Long, son of County Commissioner W. C. Long, in a street fight last Saturday night, shot, and perhaps killed his antagonist at Wagener, in Aiken county, S. C., and as a result was attacked by a mob, but was finally got to safety in the jail at Aiken. Mr. Long is mayor of the town of Wagener, and has just been nominated as a candidate for Aiken county to the legislature.

Squire Long received a telegram Sunday saying that his son had gotten into trouble, and he and Mrs. Long left on Sunday for Aiken. No accurate details of the affair can be had, but the friends here of Mr. Long hope that it will be found true that he is not to blame in the distressing affair. He has just passed through a very hot campaign, and the wonder is that there has not been more bloodshed in that State. Mr. Long has been practicing law and editing a newspaper at Wagener for some time. He is a man of determination, and though he does not seek a difficulty, he will not run from one. The following are extracts from the Columbia State's special:

Wagener, Sept. 28.—To-night the little town of Wagener, Aiken county, lies within the throes of a disorderly and turbulent condition never before experienced in its entire history. The condition arises from the fact that in a personal encounter this afternoon about 6 o'clock, on the business square of the town, Hugh Long, representative elect of Aiken county, shot and probably mortally wounded Picketts Gunter, president of the Bank of Wagener and one of the county's oldest and most prominent citizens.

The wounded man is a first cousin to R. L. Gunter, who is prosecuting attorney of this, the Second, judicial district.

No clear connected story of the difficulty can be obtained at this time. All reports are conflicting and no two reported details coincide with each other.

Eye witnesses to the tragedy are silent and suspicious and refuse to discuss the matter. But this much is clear. About 6 o'clock this afternoon, the two combatants, who were bitter political enemies, met in front of the local branch of Western Carolina and bitter exchanges were hurriedly exchanged and before anyone could realize what was transpiring the two men had clashed.

A relative of the wounded man, Ray Gunter, a political friend of Long, rushed in and apparently endeavored to separate the combatants. And it was at this time that Picketts Gunter was shot. Some claim that Long shot while Picketts Gunter was on top of him while others state that it was not Long who fell to the ground in the clinch but the two Gunters and that Long stood off and fired twice at the wounded man. However, all witnesses agree that two shots were fired. The first missed; the second found its mark, penetrating at the left and lower portion of the abdomen and making its exit through the back, having passed clearly through the body. The instrument used was a .38 calibre revolver. Long then hastened from the scene, not going to his own house, but to that of a neighbor, where he remains barricaded at this time. Of the twelve or more persons interviewed on the matter all agree in venturing the opinion that the difference between the two men arose from a peculiar and strained political situation which has been existing in this county and particularly in this section for some time.

Briefly two men from Wagner, Hugh Long and J. C. Lester Bushbee, were in the race for house of representatives. The lines were closely drawn in the immediate vicinity. The factionalism was bitter and personalities were indulged in indiscriminately. The election of Long in the second primary fanned the hatred to an unbelievable degree and Long was sent numerous messages wherein his life was threatened in the event that he should return to Wagener, his home. But upon the election in the third primary of last Tuesday of Mr. Bushbee, Long feeling himself safe ventured to return home. All this afternoon the trouble was precipitated.

## THE RACE THROUGH THE NIGHT.

Aiken, Sept. 29.—After eluding a mob of determined men bent upon wreaking vengeance upon him after he had shot Picketts N. Gunter, president of the Bank of Wagener, on the streets of that town yesterday afternoon, and after suffering manifold hardships and traveling under serious difficulties more than 25 miles through the rain last night, Hugh Long, mayor of Wagener and representative elect, was brought to Aiken this morning by two rural policemen and placed in jail. Muscoe Samuels and S. E. Holley, the officers who accomplished one of the cleverest ruses ever worked in this county to protect a prisoner from violence, arrived in Aiken, haggard and worn out with the hardships of a wild night, at 7 o'clock.

When Sheriff Rabon and his deputies reached Wagener last night they found an angry mob surrounding the house in which Long had barricaded himself. Long, who was

apparently very glad to see the officers of the law, was stationed on the second floor of the house, at the head of a narrow stairway, armed with two loaded revolvers and a shot gun, and holding his ground with a determination that convinced the officers beyond doubt that if he had been attacked by the mob he would have sold his life dear.

PREPARED FOR BATTLE. According to the sheriff, Long had taken up a position which he could have held against the onslaught of the crowd until his ammunition was exhausted, and before he could have been killed, it was apparent that he could have shot down at least a dozen of the attacking party.

Upon his arrival Sheriff Rabon addressed the crowd, but his words of advice were unavailing. In a gin house a few yards away were gathered a large number of men. These Long could see through a window from his station at the head of the stairs. Their dark forms were moving about continuously, and occasionally the glow of their cigars and cigarettes resembled the display of so many fireflies.

Other men formed a cordon around the house in which Long had taken refuge, and the mob kept their eyes upon the big black automobile in which the sheriff and his men came from Aiken, thinking that the officers would attempt to carry him away in the machine when they would have a better opportunity to make an attack.

The sheriff, however, had no such intention. Realizing that to attempt to carry Long away in the face of the mob would mean, at the very least, the death of the prisoner, he asked the leader of the mob what they demanded. They answered that they would be satisfied if Long were kept in Wagener until daylight—presumably to await word from the bedside of Mr. Gunter, the desperately wounded man.

When the sheriff informed these men that he had no intention of trying to carry Long away in the automobile, many of those composing the mob were satisfied and left the scene, but enough remained to keep a pretty close watch out. Once when the driver of the automobile ran the machine across the road, a volley of shots was fired over his head. Long was anxious to get away to a place of more security.

At last, about midnight, one of the deputies found that the guard at the rear of the house had relaxed its vigilance, he reported the matter to the sheriff, and the sheriff realizing that this was his opportunity, told Long to go with the two deputies.

## A CLEVER RUSE.

Long kissed his wife goodbye, and in the custody of the officers, who themselves were heavily armed, slipped out of the back door and into the woods. For 12 miles the three men walked through the rain and the darkness, keeping away from the public roads and following by-paths through the woods. They lost their way, and were near Salley when one of the officers realized their location. Thirteen miles from Aiken they secured a buggy, and wet to the skin, worn and fatigued, they drove the remainder of the way.

At Wagener, however, the sheriff and his other deputies maintained their guard of the house in which the mob supposed Long to still be held. This guard was kept up all night, and this morning when those of the mob who had been watching the big, black automobile all night asked concerning Long, they were told that he was probably in Aiken by that time. As it developed, the mob had guarded doubly against the officers of the law taking Long away by automobile. On every road leading out of town barricades were placed to stop or hinder the progress of any conveyance. Telephone poles were felled across the road in several places, and in others logs were piled up as barriers. Late last night before the main body of the mob dispersed an attack was made upon the office of the Wagener Edisto News, a weekly newspaper, which Long established about a year ago and which has been edited and published by him during his residence in Wagener.

With brickbats, sticks and stones the windows and doors of the shop were battered in, and the front of the office completely wrecked.

## TWO OTHER ARRESTS.

The sheriff this morning arrested Dr. O. B. Portwood and Hays Gunter of Wagener and brought them with him to Aiken, placing them in jail with Long. These men are charged in the warrant on which the arrests were made with being accessories to the crime with which Long is charged, it being alleged that Dr. Portwood, who is a prominent citizen of Wagener and who operates a drug store there, gave Long the pistol with which he shot Picketts Gunter. Hays Gunter, it is alleged, had hold of Picketts Gunter when he was shot by Long. With his stocking feet against a smoldering fire in a waiting room at the Aiken county jail this morning, Hugh Long whose stormy career since he took up his residence in Aiken county a little more than a year ago, led to the sensational events of last night, this morning greeted two newspaper men who called upon him. He was smoking a corn cob pipe when his visitors entered.

What he had passed through during the previous twelve hours told plainly upon him—he was haggard and worn, still a little nervous; but he smiled pleasantly and introduced

his fellow prisoners, Dr. Portwood and Hays Gunter, to the newspaper men. Long said that he had no statement to make at this time. When told that the mob had practically wrecked his newspaper shop, he remarked, "I am not surprised."

Hardly had the sheriff reached Aiken this morning when he received a telephone message from Wagener stating that the situation in that troubled town is still bad and growing worse. The sheriff was requested to return to Wagener at once and bring with him the entire rural constabulary to preserve order. Two deputies were sent at once to the scene and in another automobile went Robert L. Gunter, solicitor of this circuit—a cousin of Picketts Gunter—and Mayor Herbert Gyles of Aiken. No definite word has been received here today from Wagener as to the condition of Picketts Gunter, who, however, is so desperately wounded, being shot through and through, that the physicians entertain not the least hope for his recovery.

The fight between Long and Gunter occurred about 6 o'clock Saturday afternoon on the main business square of Wagener.

## Expect Bureau Report This Week.

New Orleans, Sept. 29.—The chief events in the cotton market this week will be the bureau reports on condition and ginning. Both reports will carry the crop down to September 25. They will be issued Wednesday.

At the close of last week opinion concerning the reports was very conflicting and it may be that the trade will be unable to get together on a common ground of expectation, especially concerning the condition figures. Many traders look for a percentage of from 68 to 70, but probably no one would be surprised to see figures over 70 or under 68. Probably the conservative element in the market looks for decided deterioration. A month ago the condition of the crop was put at 74.8.

What the trade has heard of ginning leads to the belief that the figures will be between 2,750,000 and 3,000,000 bales. According to reports coming in, ginning has been very heavy in Texas in excess of last year, but has not been as heavy as last year in other sections of the belt. A year ago, up to September 25 there were ginned 3,675,594 bales. After the reports are out of the way the trade will pay more attention to weather conditions. The date of the first killing frosts is being awaited with great interest as it is generally figured that they will have an important bearing on the total output of the crop. Signs of tropical storms and frost warnings will, of course, have an immediate bullish effect on prices. The spot markets continue very quiet and featureless and give no indications of developments that will strongly affect the future markets.

## Col. Roosevelt Visits Home of His Mother.

Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 29.—Colonel Roosevelt made a pilgrimage today to a quaint old house in Roswell, 20 miles out of Atlanta. It was to the building in which his mother, Martha Bulloch, was born and spent the early years of her life.

He left Atlanta early that he might attend the church that his mother was a member of. When he reached the church he found that no service was to be held there today. He returned to Atlanta for a few hours rest, then left for Chattanooga, Tenn., where he speaks tomorrow morning. On his way to the station he stopped to see the cradle in which his mother was rocked to sleep.

Colonel Roosevelt said that he enjoyed his experience of last night at the Auditorium, where part of the crowd made an unsuccessful attempt to break up the meeting. He had one of the hardest nights of the campaign to obtain a hearing, but he said he had come to Atlanta with the determination that he would speak out his mind.

## Bride of a Day Shot Dead.

Lacrosse, Wis., Sept. 27.—Yesterday Ella Thompson, belle of Desota, Wis., became Mrs. Sever Yttri through a wedding ceremony considered one of the most notable in the village. Today she was shot dead in the Burlington Railroad passenger station at Lacrosse, and John Peterson, a disappointed suitor, who later inflicted a slight wound on his head, was arrested on a charge of murder.

The shooting occurred in a crowded waiting room. Mr. and Mrs. Yttri were to take a train home when Peterson approached and, according to witnesses, began to fire. The bride was shot through the back and fell dying to the walk.

Peterson then turned the revolver upon himself.

Dr. Bryant Harrison, a Wake county farmer who some months ago assaulted with a knife C. R. Sorrell, a ministerial student of Wake Forest College, charging that Sorrell had aided in the elopement and marriage of his daughter, was fined \$500 and sentenced to 60 days in jail when he pleaded guilty in Wake Superior court.

C. T. Croom, a former deputy sheriff of New Hanover county, charged with the murder of Magistrate Sykes of Wilmington, whose death is alleged to be the result of a blow on the head inflicted by Croom, has surrendered.

## Young Man Kills Himself.

Concord, Sept. 28.—Mr. Fred H. Fowler, proprietor of the Fowler Market of this city, took his own life this morning at 9:45 o'clock by means of two shots with a .38-caliber pistol, both balls taking effect in his brain.

A small colored boy employed by him returned from a trip just in time to find him barely alive; but before a doctor could be summoned from across the street, he was dead.

Coroner Isenhour and Sheriff Honeycutt entered the room where his body lay, but it did not require empaneling a jury to determine that the act was suicide, for the hand of the dead man lay the pistol with the empty chambers.

Stuck in between the door of the safe and the safe itself were a postcard and a letter. On the postcard was written:

"L. P. McKenzie, Charlotte, N. C. Destroy everything. I am in a hurry."

The letter was opened by Coroner Isenhour and read as follows:

"J. H. McKenzie, Charlotte, N. C.

"Dear Mack:—

"I would like for you to come over and look after my business. Any mail coming to me take charge of it, for when I am gone I don't want anything made public. You can make this a statement.

"I have missed in this life what I wanted most.

"I would like to be buried by the side of my brother. Tell father and mother to forgive and forget. See that all my debts are paid out of what I have here.

"Mr. Mack, this is a cowardly act, isn't it? But I must do it. Good-bye to all.

"Respectfully,  
"FRED HIAT FOWLER."

Mr. Fowler moved to Concord from Charlotte last year and opened a market. He conducted the business here for about six months, when the building he was located in caught fire and damaged his stock to such an extent that he closed out his business during the summer and only opened again about ten days ago. So far as is known his business was in good condition and it is understood that his patronage was increasing. He made a number of friends during his residence here and his tragic end was a shock to the town.

The body was taken to the Bell & Harris undertaking establishment and prepared for burial. The parents of the young man, Mr. and Mrs. Cleora Fowler, live in No. 10 township, having moved there from Mecklenburg county about a year ago.

(Mr. Fowler is a native of this county, his father having moved from here some years ago.—The Journal.)

## Unionville Items.

Correspondence of The Journal.

Miss Bertha Price returned last week from Charlotte where she has completed a business course in King's Business College.

Mrs. L. A. Williford, who spent several days with her parents in Bostie has returned home.

Mrs. Lillie Price and daughter have gone to Marshville to live. They will be missed in Unionville.

Mrs. A. A. Secret, who has been right sick for several days, is improving.

Mr. W. A. Love spent Wednesday in Laurinburg on business.

Mr. Alvin Baucum left last week for Hamlet, where he has bought an interest in Mr. N. C. Price's market.

Mrs. Hargett has bought Mrs. Price's residence and will move to her village at an early date.

Mr. Alfred Helms leaves in a few days for Gastonia, where he has accepted a position with the Southern Power Company.

Mrs. Alsie Presson, who is in a hospital in Charlotte, where she had an operation on her eyes, is getting on nicely, and is expected home soon.

Messrs. Smith Bros. have purchased a new planing machine for the Unionville Manufacturing Company and they are now doing business for the public again.

A layman's conference will be held in the Methodist church the second Sunday in October. A number of able speakers will be present and a large crowd is expected.

Speaking in Cincinnati the other day Governor Johnson, the Progressive candidate for Vice President, said Taft is entirely eliminated from the fight; that he had visited 18 States and had found no sentiment for the President. Asserting that the fight was entirely between Wilson and Roosevelt, the Governor said: "Wilson may be a very fine gentleman, but he is untried. Everybody knows what Theodore Roosevelt has done. He has won every fight he has entered."

## A Leg on the Track.

of the fast express means serious trouble ahead if not removed, so does loss of appetite. It means lack of vitality, loss of strength and nerve weakness. If appetite fails, take electric bitters quickly to overcome the cause by toning up the stomach and curing the indigestion. Michael Hesselmer of Lincoln, Neb. had been sick over three years, but six bottles of Electric Bitters put him right on his feet again. They have helped thousands. They give pure blood, strong nerves, good digestion. Only 50c. at English Drug Company's.

## Man Shot to Death Saturday Night.

John Suther, an operative of the Icemorlee Mill, was shot Saturday night at the home of J. M. Gray, a mile above town, and died Sunday morning. The shooting occurred about eleven o'clock. Gray is in jail charged with the deed, and does not deny it. John West, another operative, who went to the house with Suther, is held in jail as a material witness. Gray's home does not bear a good reputation. It seems that some half dozen men met at the house about the same time, Suther and West going together and others going in pairs. Gray says that Suther demanded admittance and was refused and then swore that he would go in any way, and claims that he was actually trying to force an entrance into the window when he put his gun through the door crack and fired upon him. As to how it was is not really known. The load of shot went into the side of the man and passed through the body, carrying the gun wad and a button with them, and all rolling up in a ball just under the skin after passing entirely through the body. Some of the men who were about carried him home and some notified the officers.

Constable Fowler and Deputy Sheriff Griffith quickly went to the scene and arrested Gray, after a considerable struggle in the house with the man's wife and two daughters who sought to prevent the arrest. At one time they locked the door on the officers and had them prisoners. Gray and West were placed in jail as mentioned above.

The dead man has a wife, who is away in Concord, and several children, who are at Icemorlee with his mother. His wife, when notified, phoned Chief Laney that she would not come here.

## Two Days for County Fair.

The county meeting of the Farmers' Union last Saturday decided to follow its success of last year in holding a county fair with one this fall embracing two whole days, Friday and Saturday, November 15 and 16th, are the days set. The general lines set last fall will be followed, only it is intended to make this year's fair much more elaborate and more successful in every way. Among the big attractions will be speeches by Mr. Clarence H. Poe, editor of the Progressive Farmer, and Dr. D. H. Hill, president of the A. & M. College, if they can be secured. It was also decided to ask the agricultural department of the United States to allow Messrs. Schaub and Hudson, who are conducting the demonstration work, to be present and act as judges of the exhibits, also that a lady be sent from the department to be judge of the exhibits made by women.

Mr. T. J. W. Broom was appointed to solicit funds, and the following committee of arrangements appointed: T. F. James, H. M. Green, J. W. Snider, W. E. L. Williams, J. P. Boyd, J. C. Griffin, W. A. Eubanks, R. B. Cuthbertson and J. R. Eason.

The Union is going in for a big and useful occasion and The Journal desires to say that they should have the hearty co-operation of the business men and all other citizens. An additional feature of this year will be that Saturday will be educational day and the co-operation of the school people is desired.

## Death of Mr. J. Massey Terrell.

Mr. J. Massey Terrell, one of the oldest citizens of the county, died at the home of his son, Mr. W. H. Terrell, last Friday morning, Sept. 27th, 1912. He was seventy-seven years of age. He was a native of Lanes Creek township, but lived in Monroe for many years.

The remains were buried at Philadelphia Baptist church in Lanes Creek township on Saturday, Rev. Braxton Craig conducting services. He is survived by four children, three daughters and one son. The daughters are Mesdames E. J. Horton of Monroe, Mrs. Duffy of Johnson City, Tenn., and Mrs. A. C. Landon of North Dakota.

Mr. Terrell was a Confederate soldier, and was a magistrate for many years. He also served several times as mayor of Monroe. He was a member of the Baptist church and a good man. He had been in bad health for some time but was confined to his bed for only one week.

B. F. Vann, charged with killing Oliver Layden, a youth, in Perquimans county last summer, was convicted of second degree murder at Elizabeth City and sentenced to 25 years in the State prison. The boy's body was found in the woods weeks after he had been killed and feeling was strong against Vann. He claimed self defense.

After a chase through northern Sonora by Mexican Federal troops, following his raid on mining camps and the lines of the Southern Pacific railroad, General Emilio P. Campa, the rebel Mexican leader, and his staff crossed the American line south of Tucson, Arizona, and are now prisoners of the United States.

## Saved Leg of Boy.

"It seemed that my 14-year old boy would have to lose his leg, on account of an ugly ulcer, caused by a bad bruise," wrote D. F. Howard, Aquone, N. C. "All remedies and doctors treatment failed till we tried Bucklen's Arnica Salve, and cured him with one box." Cures burns, sores, skin eruptions, piles, etc. 25c. at English Drug Company's.

## MR. GUNTER DEAD.

The Man Shot by Mr. Hugh Long Died Last Night—More About the Tragedy.

Wagener, Sept. 29.—Picketts N. Gunter, president of the Bank of Wagener and an extensive planter, died tonight at 7:45 o'clock from the effects of a gunshot wound inflicted last Saturday afternoon just before 6 o'clock by Hugh C. Long, lieutenant at Wagener and representative-elect from Aiken county. Long, in company with two constables, escaped a violent mob and is now in the jail at Aiken with Dr. O. B. Portwood and Hays Gunter of Wagener, who were later arrested on warrants charging them with being accessories to the shooting which has resulted fatally.

The death of Picketts Gunter has been hourly expected since he was shot. The local physicians and also three surgeons from Columbia who attended him, held out absolutely no hope of his recovery. "How is Picketts Gunter?" was the question on the lips of every citizen of Wagener today. The late Mr. Gunter was a man of considerable means who lent himself to every movement for the welfare of Wagener. He established the Bank of Wagener, was associated in other local commercial enterprises, and owned two large farms. His fellow citizens held him in the highest esteem. He was 42 years of age and had lived in Wagener all his life. Mr. Gunter leaves a wife and three children, two daughters and one son. Three brothers, Dr. William Gunter of Gaffney, Dr. N. O. Gunter of Wagener and Dr. Samuel Gunter of Alabama, survive him. The funeral services over the remains will be held tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock.

In Wagener today it was difficult to imagine that a vengeful mob could have inaugurated a reign of terror there last Saturday night, defying Sheriff Rabon of Aiken and forcing him to resort to a ruse to get Hugh C. Long, the lieutenant of the town who wounded the late Picketts Gunter, to jail. The little town was busily quiet today. It is true that groups of men on the public square were still discussing the shooting, the eye witnesses and the near eye witnesses found ready audiences; for the affair stirred the surrounding country to its depths. The only visible signs left by the mob were the broken show windows in the office of the Edisto News, of which Hugh C. Long was editor.

It was openly stated in Wagener today that the sole reason for the escape of Long Saturday night was the fact that he took refuge in the house of his neighbor, Henry Gardner. Consideration for Mrs. Gardner, an invalid, is said to have prevented the mob from storming the house and dragging Long out at any cost. The house in which Long lived since coming to Wagener is about a hundred yards down the same street from the home of Mr. Gardner, in which he took refuge after hurriedly leaving the scene of the shooting. Mr. Gardner's residence is in a cotton field on the outskirts of Wagener. Long and the two constables who accompanied him must have spent some tense moments in the open field after they left the house, guarded by the mob Saturday night, before they reached the comparative shelter of the woods about a quarter of a mile distant and started on their long walk for the jail in Aiken.

The existing conditions in Wagener last Saturday night were epitomized by a down-lipped stripling of the town when he said today, "Everybody had 'em a gun."

## CAUSES OBSCURE.

The causes which led to the difficulty between Hugh C. Long and Picketts N. Gunter are buried in a muddle of local politics and were not all related to the question at issue last summer in the State primary. Mr. Long came to Wagener in September, 1911, started the Edisto News to boost primarily the movement for a new county for its court house town. He moved to Wagener from Bennettsville but is a native of North Carolina. He is an attorney, a man of some parts and a forceful speaker. Mr. Long was elected lieutenant of Wagener and ran for the legislature last summer. It was during the latter campaign that the situation in Wagener became acute. Long was warned not to return to the town, after he was elected to the House in the second primary, but did so last Wednesday when his opponent from Wagener for the House, J. C. Lester Bushbee, had been declared elected in the third primary.

Accounts of the affair between Mr. Gunter and Mr. Long last Saturday afternoon differ in several particulars. Hays Gunter, distant relative to the late Picketts N. Gunter, was arrested on a warrant charging him with having a share in it. Dr. O. B. Portwood was arrested on a similar charge. The facts in the case will not be known until after the coroner's inquest tomorrow.

## LIKED IN BENNETTSVILLE.

A telegram received by the State last night from Bennettsville said that the many friends of Hugh Long in Marlboro county regretted the affair in Wagener and that several hundred prominent citizens of the county where he formerly made his home would gladly certify to his high character.

A good excuse is a bad reason.

If the morning after came first there wouldn't be any night before.