

## MAD WITH TAFT

Republicans Think Chief Justice Should Be Kept in the Party.

## CRITICISED BITTERLY

Some of the More Disgruntled and Disappointed Members of the President's Party Say Among Themselves That He Was Bullied by the Opposition.

According to the Washington correspondent of The Norfolk Ledger-Dispatch, nothing that President Taft has done in the twenty months that he has held down the job has so alienated the Republicans as his appointments yesterday to the Supreme bench of the United States and to the Commerce court.

He is being bitterly criticised on all hands although the Senators and Congressmen are reluctant to state their views publicly or to give a hard fight to secure confirmation of the new appointments. It is an even chance that they may be defeated.

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## KILLED HIMSELF

BECAUSE HIS WIFE WHIPPED THEIR BABY A LITTLE.

## CHARLES GATES SHOT HIMSELF ON LAST FRIDAY AND AFTER LINGERING UNTIL SUNDAY PASSES AWAY.

The State says Charles Gates of Jacobs, who shot himself with a pistol early Friday morning, as he sat beside the bedside of his sleeping wife and child, died late Saturday afternoon without regaining consciousness.

He shot himself because he whipped the baby after he had told her not to do so," said young Mrs. Gates at the inquest, which was held yesterday at Jacobs by R. D. Walker, coroner of Highland county. She testified that she was from her bed, to see her husband confined since her husband shot himself Friday morning.

After hearing a number of witnesses, most of them relatives of the deceased and his young wife, the coroner's jury returned the following verdict: "Charles Gates came to his death by a gunshot wound to his own hand."

Mrs. Gates is a handsome 17-year-old girl with light hair, blue eyes and a very fair complexion. Before her marriage three years ago to Charles Gates, she was Miss Margaret Grady.

Mrs. Gates told the coroner's jury that she and her husband had had a disagreement on Thursday night. She whipped their 2-year-old child. Her husband had forbidden her to do so, but she did so very angrily. They argued for the night, but got up in the early hours of the morning and went to bed. She was unable to get to sleep. When the child was in bed, Mrs. Gates said that she went to the bathroom.

Her husband walked out of the bathroom and she saw him. She saw that he was holding a pistol. She asked him what he was doing with it. He told her that he was going to shoot himself. She said that she was afraid and that she went to the door. She saw that he was still there. She said that she was afraid and that she went to the door. She saw that he was still there.

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## COTTON GINNED

AS REPORTED BY THE CENSUS BUREAU ON TUESDAY.

## NUMBER OF BALES GINNED IS A LITTLE MORE THAN THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND OVER LAST YEAR.

The census bureau's report on cotton ginned issued this morning shows that 10,698,132 bales, counting round bales as half bales, were ginned from the growth of 1910 to December 13, compared with 9,358,985 for 1909; 11,904,269 for 1908 and 9,284,970 for 1907.

The percentage of the last three crops ginned to December 13, was 92.9 for 1909, 91.0 for 1908 and 84.0 for 1907.

Round bales included were 10,698,132 compared with 140,024 for 1909; 2,155,959 for 1908 and 167,191 for 1907.

Sea Island cotton for 1910 is 75,170, compared with 45,177 for 1909; 80,216 for 1908 and 63,268 for 1907.

The States the number of bales ginned to December 13 was:

Total 10,698,132

Alabama 1,129,274

Arkansas 676,154

Florida 50,455

Georgia 1,767,310

Illinois 214,468

Mississippi 1,055,945

North Carolina 634,434

Ohio 858,628

South Carolina 1,108,967

Tennessee 259,677

Texas 2,849,911

All other States 62,944

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## RUIN AND DEATH

An Electric Spark Sets off Gas in Power House Causing a Most TERRIFIC EXPLOSION

## A MOTOR CAR BREAKS THE GAS PIPE, POWER HOUSE FILLED, FALLING HAMMER MAKES SPARK, AVOIDS EXPLOSION, SHAKES MANHATTAN ISLE FROM CENTRE TO CIRCUMFERENCE.

The terrific explosion of illuminating gas in the auxiliary power house in the Grand Central Station in New York which tore at the heart of the backbone of Manhattan Monday morning, caused death of 10 persons, two of them women, the injury of 125 others and property damage estimated tonight at from \$1,000,000 to \$3,000,000. A fire broke out in the shattered ruins of the power house again late tonight, but with a great crowd of police, searchers and firemen on the scene, the blaze made little headway. It was a weird scene and about the station as the night wore on. No additional bodies were found, but in a hospital further down town, an electrician succumbed to terrible injuries, bringing the death toll up to ten.

Four workmen who were riding are believed to have perished, and of the 125 injured 98 were removed to hospitals. Of these eight may die. An investigation by the police, the district attorney's office and the coroner's office is under way. Traffic on the New York Central Railroad ceased entirely for some time and was discontinued for the remainder of the day, but the new station itself is now in process of construction and was not damaged.

A passing surface car, carrying seven passengers, was lifted from its tracks and hurled into an automobile running alongside. Four of the seven passengers were killed outright, but the chauffeur of the motor car was only cut and bruised.

For some hours it was believed that dynamite alone could have wrought such instantaneous and complete havoc, but late in the afternoon Fire Chief Croker said he was convinced that the whole explosion was due to a mixture of gas and lightning as used in lighting railroad cars, touched off by an electric spark.

The gas has accumulated in the auxiliary power house from a broken pipe snapped off by a runaway passenger car.

The force of the explosion ran north and south from the main building along the island, and east and west laterally for a mile. The windows were broken, walls shaken out of plumb, windows were blown in by the thousands, and people were hurled down on the heads of those below and the passengers were injured with a crashing fall of pulverized glass that coated the shoes.

The fall amount of the property damage is unavailing, but may exceed the cost and conservative estimate of \$500,000. The loss to the New York Central Railroad Company includes the physical damage done to the power house, which was utterly wrecked, the delay to transportation work and the damage done to the cars standing near the power house. The loss to other passengers and property owners in the vicinity will spread over a wide range of items. Christmas displays were blown by a street into the shops, sucked into the street or cut to ribbons by flying glass. Whole fronts of buildings were left without a window, like sightless masks.

As nearly as can be determined this is how the accident occurred:

A train load of empty passenger coaches, hauled by an electric motor in charge of Albert Seagrave, got out of control of the brakes, crashed into a steel and concrete buffer post, snapped the post off, rammed a pile of lumber behind the post into a two and one-half inch cast-iron connecting with the taps, from which the tanks of the passenger cars are charged at 250 pounds pressure. By the testimony of the motorman and that of John J. Quinn, a bricklayer, working on the main power house, adjoining the auxiliary house, the time of the break in the pipe is approximated at a few minutes after 8 o'clock. Two clocks stopped by the jar, fixed the time of the explosion itself at 8:22. In the interval the broken main had ample time to pour high pressure gas into the lower levels of the auxiliary power house.

When workmen set to clearing away the strewed lumber, it is assumed that one of them dropped a steel tool across the third rail, there was a flash of electricity and the great reservoir of accumulated gas exploded.

What happened then will never be adequately told.

The roof of the fire house, No. 2, directly across the street from the power house, lifted like a magic carpet. A shower of glass, brick, mortar and shattered, splintered timbers began to rain on the pavements, and in an instant streets were filled with prostrate men and women blown flat by the shock of the detonation and the rush of air. They sat dazed where they fell, picking shivers from their flesh.

A moment more and crowds be-

## WENT IN DEATH TRAP

MEXICAN GOVERNMENT TROOPS BADLY BEATEN IN BATTLE.

## Forty-two Wounded Brought in Among Whom is Col. Guzman, Commander of Expedition.

A dispatch from Chihuahua, Mexico, says forty-two wounded government soldiers were brought in Tuesday, thus confirming reports that the troop train which left there Saturday was shot to pieces in the mountain trap known as Mal Paso, a few miles east of Patermaria and about 120 miles west of Chihuahua. The official report states that the federalists lost 21 killed, 10 missing and 42 wounded. The latter includes Col. Guzman, who was in command of the expedition. The insurgents' loss is not known.

The train left Chihuahua Saturday, traveling in two sections, carrying three field pieces on a coal car and 500 soldiers. Rancho Villa, the bandit who, while operating independently, still regards the government as his enemy, fired on the second section as it was passing through Alamania canyon, but did no damage.

The mountains of Mal Paso, however, swarmed with revolutionists. They halted the first and second sections. Col. Guzman disembarked a troop and for five hours deflected himself from the desperate charge. He was in a trap, however.

His enemy was on the heights, sheltered by the boulders and other projection north to the mountains and poured a deadly fire. He was unable to use his big guns effectively because of the nature of the ground. Col. Guzman's precarious position and the number of the insurgents he held his ground for five hours. He was shot through the head while the third officer in command was also injured.

Worn out with the one-sided battle Col. Guzman led his last and a group of his force on to the troops and ran back to Bustillos. There the uninjured disembarked and buried their dead.

A fresh train sent out from Chihuahua today to load cattle at Bustillos, was so intimidated and the wounded transferred to it. This train arrived early and the injured were taken to the hospital El Coronado.

At the drug stores begging for aid and for medicines, and the gathering gangs of ambulances began to clamor between the tall buildings. The telegrams to the east of Lavin ton avenue poured thousands into the streets. Whole households were in a twinkling. The red-headed men of the neighborhood were armed with the jaws of half dressed pistols, shaken from their sleep by the sound of broken windows.

Black-robed priests from St. Peter's Cathedral nearby, and white-robed ambulance assistants passed each other on kindred errands of consolation and comfort.

On a technical charge of homicide the police late today took into custody Albert Seagrave, motorman of a train which bumped into and broke one of the gas pipes near the station. Seagrave said he tried to stop the train with his brakes and reverse levers, but could not do so.

The worst form of death was the shot at which the trolley car and the engine were hurled together. The seven passengers were hurled to the under side of the car in a tangle of iron work, sharp fragments of glass and broken bricks.

Miss Mary Pope was caught by the head between a station and the overturned automobile beneath and crushed to death. Three other passengers all men, were overwhelmed with wreckage and died before help could reach them.

Twenty feet away Miss Edith O'Brien, aged 28, a stenographer on her way to work, was speared through the back by a flying bolt. Policeman Tomney had just signalled the trolley to stop, and was leading two little girls across the street. One was torn from his hand by the first blast of the air and the other by the rebound. The second girl, Mary Gilman, aged 12, had her right leg torn off by a flying fragment of iron railing.

In the Babies' Hospital, at Fifty-ninth street and Lexington avenue, the infants were being given their morning bath. Nurses were thrown to the floor with babies in their arms. Other babies were tipped out of their cribs and in two instances, babies were popped upward out of their tubs as if they had been drawn out by a powerful suction or as if some one hit the floor a powerful whack.

One woman in the wrecked trolley car had her hair caught and held in a firm grip between jammed portions of the engine. She had fainted and could not be lifted until the firemen cut her hair. She was found to be only slightly hurt. A long coil of this woman's hair is at the fire house awaiting its owner.

**Pastor Missing.**  
Rev. D. J. Miller, pastor of Bethel Methodist church of Asheville, has been missing from his home since last Friday afternoon and, despite the diligent search made by his family and friends, he has so far kept his whereabouts a secret. He left his wife.

## MILLIONS INVESTED

LARGE INCREASE IN NEW CAPITAL IN THIS STATE.

## Total Amount for This Year is Over \$11,000,000 According to Figures Prepared by Secretary of State.

One million dollars represents the approximate increase in the amount of capital invested in new enterprises in this State for this year over 1909. Of the total amount invested in companies according to data prepared by R. M. McCown, the secretary, the sum of \$11,441,850 has been invested up to December 1. This has been invested in banks, mercantile plants, building and loan associations.

The figures do not include railroads and increase of capital stock. The total amount invested last year was \$10,824,000. The increase for last year was \$7,000,000. This amount will be far exceeded during the present year. There was invested in railroads last year the sum of \$1,350,000. A much larger amount has been put into new roads this year.

The present year has been one of the most prosperous in the history of the State and has been marked by the inauguration of many small industries. There has been especially activity in the fertilizer mill construction. A number of new banks have been chartered in the smaller towns of the State.

The great amount invested in new enterprises was in Orangeburg county with \$1,650,000. The amount invested in Charleston was \$1,089,100. There was not a new company chartered in Kershaw county. Richland had \$982,000 with more to come. Dillon, a new county, has an encouraging amount.

The following amounts have been invested in the various counties of the State:

Abbeville	\$3,000
Alcon	253,000
Anderson	162,800
Bamberg	33,000
Barnwell	49,000
Beaufort	43,000
Berkeley	15,000
Calhoun	7,500
Charleston	1,089,100
Cherokee	65,000
Chester	25,000
Chesterfield	62,500
Clarendon	22,500
Colleton	25,000
Darlington	225,200
Dillon	105,000
Florence	82,500
Georgetown	23,000
Greenwood	23,200
Hampton	117,150
Horry	340,000
Kershaw	774,700
Lancaster	645,000
Laurens	212,500
Lee	608,000
Lexington	143,000
Marion	505,500
Marlboro	49,000
Newberry	47,000
Orangeburg	1,650,000
Pickens	432,000
Richland	982,000
Saluda	15,000
Spartanburg	718,500
Sumter	212,500
Union	608,000
Williamsburg	143,000
York	505,500

**Fell and Died.**  
As he was turning to climb down from a freight car to pick up his hat which had been brushed off by the "tail-end" at the McDaniel street bridge at Atlanta, Albert A. Burden yard conductor for the Southern railway, lost his balance Sunday morning, as the train rocked round a curve, and fell. He was killed instantly.

**Lady Teacher in Luck.**  
Miss Alma Stanley, an orphan and a teacher in the public schools of Atlanta became the possessor of a fortune of \$100,000 by the terms of the will of Mrs. Josephine Abbott, her great aunt. Mrs. Abbott, who was regarded as one of the wealthiest women in the State, left an estate worth \$750,000.

**Caught in Ginnery.**  
Chesty D. Hunter, one of the most prominent farmers of lower Newberry county, is probably dying as the result of having been caught in the main belt of his cotton gin Monday morning. His arm was badly crushed, his upper teeth knocked out, and he suffered internal injuries. He is still unconscious.

**Inherits a Fortune.**  
By the terms of the will of the late Robert Buiet, the wealthy seedman of Philadelphia, Robert B. DeJannet, his grandchild, who disappeared from that city with a hotel waiter last December and was found in Chicago, is given in trust the bulk of his estate, which is valued at about \$500,000.

**Wants Big Damages.**  
Fright, caused by the sudden appearance of a man in the rooms of a dressmaker, where a dress was being fitted on her, so injured the modesty of Mrs. Minnie Floor, of Clarendon, O., that she has brought suit for damages in the sum of \$1,700.

## AWFUL CRIME

Whole Family Murdered by a Fiendish Negro, Who Burns House.

## THE FIEND IS CAUGHT

Before Setting the House on Fire, the Fiendish Scoundrel Assaulted a Young Girl, Then Murdered Her, and Attempted to Conceal His Crime by Fire.

A dispatch from Charlotte, N. C., says a series of the blackest crimes ever committed in the State were unearthed Tuesday morning at the home of J. L. Saunders, in Granville county. Triple murder, supposed criminal assault on a young girl and the destruction of the home by fire at midnight Monday night are the crimes charged against Nathan Montague, a negro.

After a long cross-country race by the sheriff and posse the negro was finally captured and lodged in the jail in Durham, N. C. Intense excitement prevails throughout the county where the crime was committed, as well as in Durham, and it is expected that trouble may develop at any moment.

When neighbors, attracted by the burning house, rushed to the home of Saunders Monday night a gruesome picture met their gaze. On the ground were seen the signs of a struggle, parts of a girl's clothing and pools of blood. A bucket brim-full was formed and when the fire had been partially quenched, in the embers were found the charred bodies of Miss Mary Saunders, her father, J. L. Saunders, and his two-year-old granddaughter.

With the bodies was found a bloody knife and it was from this that the fire clue to the perpetrator of the dastardly crime was found. A neighbor immediately recognized the knife as the property of Montague—a knife he had used only Monday while employed in the neighborhood killing hog.

The sheriff immediately set out after the man and finally caught him. He was trembling and bloody and human hair was found on his clothes. The sheriff, fearing that violence would be offered his prisoner, if he was seen, kept the presence of the negro a secret in Granville county and rushed him to the Durham jail.

A special dispatch from Wilson, N. C., says: "W. B. Saunders of Wilson this morning received a telegram from Granville county, stating that his father, mother, sister and two nephews were murdered and burned at their home near Stem last night. Mr. Saunders left at once for Stem. No details are at present obtainable.

**THREAT OF HIS FIANCEE.**  
To Drink Carboic Acid Causes a Man to Drink It.

A queer suicide occurred in Philadelphia Monday, when snatching a goblet of carboic acid from the hands of his fiancée as she stood threatening suicide as the result of a quarrel Charles Morbach, aged 20, drank the contents himself and died a few minutes later, according to the police, who investigated his death.

Mrs. A. Kalk, the fiancée, the only witness of the happening says she did not see the man drink the acid and doubted that he did. Miss Kalk, suffering with acid burns on face, hands and arms refuses to believe that the man she was to have married is dead. She sobbily insisted that he was engaged in a grim make-believe in answer to what was her mock threat of suicide. Miss Kalk says she had no intention of swallowing the acid when she made her threat of suicide. "I thought it would give him a shock that would stop the continual quarrel that has made our engagement unhappy," she said.

**Peculiar Damage Suit.**  
The Ohio Supreme Court awarded John R. Thomas, of Lima, \$1,655 damages for an electric shock received while sitting on a fence. According to the decision the West Ohio Railroad Company must pay Mr. Thomas the above sum. The current was declared to have accidentally charged the fence through the trolley wire owned by the railroad.

**Body Found at Last.**  
A fishing cutter has found in the North sea, the body of Lieut. Lange, pilot of the balloon Saar. The Saar and eight other balloons started in a race from Essen on the Ruhr, Rheinland Prussia, November 13. Seven of the balloons made safe landings. The Saar was never heard of again. There were three persons on the Saar.

**Killed Two Brothers.**  
Two men are dead and one is dying as the result of a fight between Emmett and Lafayette Easterburg, two brothers, and Urbna Nash, a Tacoma, Va. Sunday afternoon. The fight being shot below the East of Lafayette Easterburg, Nash, the fire and killed the two brothers.