

# WAS CARRIED OUT

## SENATOR TILLMAN WAS REFUSED HIS RIGHTS.

### HEADS NAVAL AFFAIRS

Decides for the Sake of Party Harmony Not to Make Speech Before the Caucus as He Had Planned to Do or Take Matter to the Floor of Senate.

The steering committee of the Senate denied Senator Tillman his right to head the appropriations committee, to which he was entitled under the rules that has governed the Senate for many years. Senator Tillman was made chairman of the committee on naval affairs, which is one of the best in the Senate.

The committee voted Wednesday to award the appropriations chairmanship to Senator Martin, of Virginia, giving Senator Tillman the naval affairs chairmanship. When the South Carolina Senator heard this he "got busy," with the result that the "steering committee" agreed to reopen the matter, but the second decision was a repetition of the first.

Senator Tillman decided, in the interest of harmony, to tone down the bitter speech which he had contemplated making to the caucus.

He requested Senator E. D. Smith to read to the caucus a statement in which he gave restraint utterance to the feeling that he had been treated unjustly in order to advance the interests of others, and expressed his regret on account of his State; but with regard to persons, the Tillman statement merely compared the records of himself and Senator Martin as to progressiveness, quoting an anti-Wilson interview credited to Senator Martin during the Baltimore Convention.

Senator Martin made no reply in the caucus and would not comment after the Senate had ratified the caucus assignments, except to say that he was gratified with the treatment which had been accorded him therein.

Senator Tillman made a motion in the caucus, after his statement had been read, that his own name be substituted for that of Senator Martin as chairman of the committee on appropriations. This motion was overwhelmingly defeated and only four Senators voted in its favor. They were Senators Smith, of South Carolina; Martine, of New Jersey; Shafroth, of Colorado; and Bacon, of Georgia.

In the session of the Senate which followed Senator Tillman made a motion that the caucus action be ratified and made the following explanation indicative of submission, but not of surrender.

"Under the rules of the Senate which have always obtained here, I was entitled to the chairmanship of the committee on appropriations. I asked for that, but my colleagues in their wisdom and I recognize that every man on the steering committee that elected the membership of this committee is, my friends, thought that I had better retire into the still water for a while and leave the battleships to go out into the open. I bow and cheerfully submit to that decision."

To the News and Courier's correspondent, after the Senate adjourned, the senior South Carolina Senator said that he did not feel cowled at all, but wanted an impression of harmony to be made to help the party fight its battles.

"I had intended," said the Senator, "to carry the fight into the Senate itself Monday, in order to put into the Record and let the people know my attitude, but in the interest of party harmony and patriotism, I decided to make the foregoing statement on the floor of the Senate to-day instead."

Besides the chairmanship of naval affairs, Senator Tillman retains the chairmanship of the committee on the five civilized tribes of Indians and is placed on the following other committees: Appropriations, expenditures in the navy department, forest reservation and protection of game, mines and mining and private land claims.

Senator E. D. Smith secures the chairmanship of the committee on immigration; is made ranking member of the important committees on agriculture and forestry, interstate commerce, post offices and post roads, manufactures and conservation of national resources, and is placed on the committee on patents, geological survey and railroads.

### Scared the Mob Away.

The mob that threatened to storm the jail and lynch Frank Sullens, at Salem, Illinois, charged with attacking Dorothy Holt, was not in evidence Sunday. Four companions of the National Guards remained on duty, but there seemed no disposition to start trouble.

### Richard Olney Declines.

In a letter to President Wilson reaching the White House Saturday Richard Olney of Boston, declined the offer of Ambassadorship to Great Britain. He declared himself too old to accept the position.

# WILL FIGHT IT OUT

## SENATOR TILLMAN DEMANDS FAIR TREATMENT.

He Will Make a Vigorous Protest Against Action of Steering Committee in Refusing Him His Rights.

The Washington correspondent of The News and Courier says it is understood Friday night that the Democratic "steering committee" of the Senate has finally agreed to recommend to the caucus that Senator Tillman, of South Carolina, ranking Democratic member of the appropriations committee, be denied his seniority right to the chairmanship of that committee on the ground of his health, and that the chairmanship of this committee, considered the most important in the Senate, be assigned to Senator Martin, of Virginia.

This is the matter that has given the steering committee most trouble in the last few days, it having been practically admitted that Senator Simmons, of North Carolina, would get the chairmanship of the finance committee, although a new committee on banking and currency will be created to take over some of the present functions of the finance committee.

Senator Tillman is very angry and is in characteristic fighting mood. He is expected to make a terrific speech before the Democratic caucus in protest against the denial of his seniority right and denouncing those whom he considers responsible for it. Many of Senator Tillman's friends feel that the steering committee is not disposed to treat him right, but they hope the caucus will.

### BOTH GET GOOD PLACES.

Tillman and Smith Head Important Committees.

Senator Tillman's selection to head the naval affairs committee will no doubt be a distinct pleasure to many cities, where navy yards are located. He has always been a friend of the Charleston station, even though he was not chairman of this committee, and now that he will head it, he is in even a better place still to safeguard its interests.

Immediately after the formal action taken Senator Tillman had his secretary, J. H. Knight, sworn in as clerk, and his assistant secretary, Granville Wyche, as assistant clerk. It is thus seen that he means to lose no time in getting to work. He will probably move his committee room within the next few days. Senator Tillman's other assignments are as follows: Appropriations, expenditures in the navy department, five civilized tribes of Indians, forest reservation and protection of game, mines and mining and private land claims.

Senator E. D. Smith will head immigration and just here he should be of great benefit to the South. He also got agriculture and forestry, conservation of national resources, geological survey, interstate commerce, manufactures, patents, post offices and post roads, and railroads. As chairman of immigration and also a member of agriculture and forestry, there is much good work for him to do. Charles M. Galloway, who has been Senator Smith's secretary since the senator entered congress, will become clerk to the committee on immigration.

### ESCAPES DEATH BY MIRACLE.

Steel Rocket Blown Into Fragments But Man Escaped.

At New York a steel rocket containing Rodman Law, the "human fly," in which he intended to be shot 3,500 feet into the air, descending by a parachute, exploded Friday afternoon when 800 pounds of powder behind it was fired. Law was hurled 25 feet from his seat in the rocket but was unhurt.

Protected by padding and a helmet, Law crawled into the rocket with his parachute and gave the order to fire. The fuse was light and sputtered for 30 seconds. There was a terrific report. Hundreds of spectators saw the rocket burst into fragments. Law was hurled violently to the ground. His hair and eyebrows were burned off. For ten seconds he was unconscious. Then he got up and looked. "Darn that thing," he exclaimed, "I thought I was going up."

Panic spread among the spectators after the explosion. It seemed inconceivable that Law could have escaped being blown to bits and several women became hysterical. His miraculous escape was explained by the fact that the head of the rocket, on which he stood shoulder high in a hollow extension, was made of an extra thickness of steel. The rest of the rocket, six feet in length and two and a half feet in diameter, was blown to atoms. Law walked unassisted to a nearby house to have his burns dressed.

### 'Quake Shocks Recorded.

Violent earthquake shocks, apparently originating within 1,500 miles of Washington, were recorded early Friday on the seismograph at Georgetown University. The vibrations began at 4.04 o'clock and continued until 5.22.

# THIRD GREAT EVENT

## IN HISTORY OF AN AUGUSTA MASONIC LODGE

### TAFT ATTEND MEETING

Third Degree Was Conferred Upon Mr. Forest Eugene Gray by High Officials at Meeting Attended by Three Hundred Masons From All States of the Union.

The Augusta Chronicle says after attending the amplification of third degree upon Mr. Forrest Eugene Gray, of The Chronicle, at a called convocation of the Webb Lodge No. 166, of the Masonic order, Wednesday night, which was addressed by Mr. Taft and which proved to be the greatest and most representative gathering of Masons ever held numbering over 300, left Thursday for their homes in various cities and towns in South Carolina and

For the third time in the history of Augusta Masonry a man great and honored by the nation has been a visitor at a meeting of the local lodges. The first occasion of a similar note was when George Washington was given a degree in Social Lodge, No. 1, 132 years ago. At that time, Social Lodge was in its early history and the number of Masons present in no wise compared with the number present Wednesday night.

About twenty three years after the first president of the United States was given his degree there, Marquis de Lafayette and his son took the Knights Templar degree at Social Circle Masons in talking of the meeting Wednesday night and the history of Augusta Masonry expressed themselves as being proud indeed of the unique distinction enjoyed by the Augusta lodges and spoke of this meeting as being greater than any they ever expect to witness.

Though practically every state in the Union and two foreign countries were represented at the meeting most of the visiting Masons came from cities and towns within a radius of 100 miles of Augusta. Many were compelled to remain in the city overnight, but those living at Lanley Graniteville, Bath and Aiken and other points on the Aiken interurban line were enabled to return during the night those visitors were compelled to leave the lodge hall before the meeting had been concluded.

The early morning train on the Georgia Railway left filled with Masons who had come from stations on that road. It is estimated that twenty-five automobiles came into the city Wednesday afternoon filled with Masons coming to attend the convocation.

Mr. Gray, upon whom the third degree was conferred, said yesterday afternoon that he was indeed proud to have been fortunate enough to take the degree at the time when so many distinguished visitors were present. In telling of his experiences during the meeting he said that he was introduced to Mr. Taft after the degree had been conferred, and also a large number of men high in Masonic circles. Mr. Taft congratulated him upon his desire to be a Mason and remarked that he should feel proud that such an unusually large number should come from parts far and near to witness the application of the degree.

Owing to the crush, Mr. Gray was unable to have Mr. Taft sign and date the apron he wore during the rites which he was very anxious to do, he says, but he hopes to secure Mr. Taft's signature at a later date and preserve the apron as a treasured remembrance of the occasion.

This convocation was not only unique in that it was attended by a record-breaking number of brethren and in the number of the distinguished members present, said a well-known Mason last night, "but also in that one of the oldest, if not the oldest Mason in the union was present."

"This Mason was Mr. Charles Estes, former mayor of Augusta, who, tho' 94 years of age, is still hale, hearty, and energetic," he said. Social Lodge was given its charter in 1781. That same year George Washington visited George Walton, an officer in the Continental army under Washington, at Augusta, and while here the nation's first chief executive took a degree in the young lodge, which was the only one in the state. Among the valuables of the lodge are the quill pen, with which Washington signed his name on the apron which he wore while the degree was being conferred.

### Rain Records Broken.

Reports from all sections of south Alabama and Mississippi indicate that the rainfall of the last four days has broken the record of many years. In mobile the precipitation from Saturday night to 7 o'clock Thursday totaled 6.43 inches, but reports indicate that it was much heavier in the interior.

### Caused by an Explosion.

At Elmira, N. Y., fire from a gasoline explosion in a garage, destroyed property worth \$350,000 Friday night. The entire business section was menaced until the flames were under control.

# MANY PEOPLE DEAD

## TORNADO AND QUAKE HIT A GEORGIA COUNTY HARD

Cyclone Cuts Path Twenty Miles in Length and Victims Are Crushed Beneath Demolished Homes.

A special to the Atlanta Journal from Calhoun says a cyclonic storm which lasted for nearly two hours followed by earthquake shocks, distinctly felt in this place for several minutes spread death and devastation, when it cut a swath from Curryville to Resacca. The loss of life is now estimated at eighteen persons and the damage to property will go into the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

All wire communication is lost and full details are not available. Relief parties, with all available physicians, have been rushed to the storm swept sections. The principle damage dollars and greatest loss of life are reported in the vicinity of Curryville and Rosedale.

At Rosedale fourteen persons are reported to have been killed. Among them is a child of Will Martin, Mrs. Wun Barnett and five children belonging to the Bolt family. Two more Bolt children are reported fatally injured. The family is said to have been practically wiped out.

At Curryville the known dead are Mrs. Jasper Blakely, Jasper Walraven and her son, Robert, are among the seriously injured. Mrs. Charles Herrington, of Calhoun, is also severely injured.

The earthquake shock that accompanied the storm was felt in many places, but the tremors in Calhoun were perhaps the most pronounced. The earthquake occurred a few minutes after eleven o'clock and houses were shaken and windows rattled.

People who have fled indoors from the fury of the storm, were panic-stricken when the seismic shocks were felt. There was little material damage done at Calhoun, although the storm of wind, rain and lightning lasted for nearly two hours.

The meagre reports say that practically every house was demolished in the storm's path. Great damage was done at Armuchee, Oostanaula, Rosedale and Curryville, while Resacca also felt the effects. The course of the cyclone was east from Curryville to Resacca.

### ASKED MERRY FOR MILES.

Verdict of Guilty Returned in Aiken Murder Case.

An Aiken dispatch says Harrison Miles, the negro who shot Bradford Courtney to death last December on the latter's premises, will not pay the death penalty for his crime. The arguments in the case were closed Thursday afternoon and the case was given to the jury at 10 o'clock. They remained out all night. After deliberating for approximately six hours they returned a verdict at 9:30 Friday morning, as soon as Court convened, of guilty with a recommendation to mercy of the court, which carries with it the sentence.

The verdict of the jury was a distinct surprise to many persons, who expected an unequalled verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree, carrying with it death in the electric chair. The verdict has created some dissatisfaction, and the complaint is: "He was either guilty or not guilty. If the latter, his life should have been the forfeit of the former, there should have been a straight acquittal, no compromise verdict."

Mr. Courtney was one of the most prominent and generally esteemed citizens of Aiken county. He was a farmer, and the manner of his death created great indignation and a strong lynching sentiment. Fortunately, the sentiment was suppressed, and the advocates prevailed upon to let the law take its course. But "the course of the law" has brought numerous expressions of disapproval.

### STEAL OR DO WORSE.

Pitiable Story of a Young Woman Arrested in Atlanta.

Declaring that she was forced to steal out of sheer desperation, and that though she was garbed in a silk and velvet dress of the latest fashion, she actually did not have a nickel to buy something to eat with, Edna Johnson, an unusually pretty girl, who says she comes from Kansas City, broke down in the Atlanta Police court Friday afternoon and pleaded guilty to a shoplifting charge. After spending a sleepless night in a cell at police headquarters, she was in a hysterical condition and wept pitifully. She said that she was penniless and starving and that, unable to obtain work, she preferred theft to the only other alternative. Sentence has been suspended in her case, and the police are making an effort to get into communication with her family. The girl shows every evidence of education and refinement.

### Sixteen Killed by Snow.

At Christiansa, Norway, sixteen persons were killed by an avalanche which overwhelmed three arms in the Guddbrands valley in Southern Norway Thursday.

# OBJECT TO NEILL

## SENATORS TILLMAN AND OVERMAN FIGHT HIM.

### SAYS HE ABUSED SOUTH

Steering Committee May Recommend Senator Tillman for Head of Naval Committee Instead of Appropriations Committee, but His Influence in Caucus May Defeat Such Plan.

The Washington correspondent of The State says by far the most important feature of the new administration policy which has yet been developed from a congressional standpoint was the stand taken by Senators Overman and Tillman that they would not allow the nomination of Charles P. Neill as commissioner of labor statistics to be confirmed.

The question of Neill's fitness or unfitness for the position is a minor one when placed beside with the real issue. Neill may have made unfair and unreliable reports concerning labor conditions in the South which displeased the two senators just named, and probably he did, which is the reason assigned for Senators Tillman and Overman for holding him up.

Behind the "holdup," however, the fact stands out that hereafter President Wilson may find himself in embarrassing situations in such cases unless he first confers with Democratic Senate leaders on the names of persons he proposed to send to congress.

That Mr. Neill has given offense to many Southerners by the reports which he made of mill conditions and other forms of labor there is no doubt and that he probably will not be confirmed is equally clear. But the real issue is whether the senate will take cognizance of or confirm nominations even when sent in by a Democratic president unless senators have been consulted beforehand regarding them.

Senatorial dignity must not be underestimated, they say. Though it is a Democratic administration through and through, from the White House to congress and in every department of this great nation of 100,000,000 people, and every branch of the service is pulling together for the country's good, the senate must not be overlooked.

Before President Wilson asks that body to confirm his nomination he should ask senators if such nominations are agreeable. Otherwise there may be embarrassing situations. As yet the administration is in swaddling clothes but the principle of asking senatorial advice has already been clearly established.

Unjust to Tillman.

The Washington correspondent of The News and Courier says it is presently rumored that the Democratic steering committee of the senate, which has been in session almost continuously for two days, has decided to recommend that Senator Tillman, of South Carolina, be denied his preference for the chairmanship of committee on appropriations on account of his health.

In this event Senator Tillman would doubtless be recommended for the chairmanship of naval affairs, and Senator Martin, of Virginia, would possibly be named for the chairmanship of appropriations.

However, Senator Tillman is a tremendous fighter, and if the recommendation of the "steering committee" is against him, he may make a sensational effort in the caucus to have the recommendation overruled. His vitriolic tongue is greatly feared by his colleagues and there is no telling what he will say if driven to the wall.

It seems to be agreed that Senator Simmons, of North Carolina, will be recommended for the chairmanship of the tariff section of the finance committee. The outlook now is that Senator E. D. Smith will be named for the chairmanship of the committee on appropriations instead of that of manufactures. There are indications that the avalanche in the senate is going further than was intended and is giving its own promoters serious trouble and alarming the "harmonizers."

### Many Killed Near Rome.

A dispatch from Rome, Ga., says a midnight cyclone swept eighteen or more people in this section from their beds into eternity Thursday night. The storm cut a wide swath through the communities of Armuchee, Rosedale, Curryville and Oostanaula. The principal loss of life occurred at Rosedale where fourteen are said to be dead. Many houses and barns were wrecked, and much live stock has been killed.

### 'Quakes Felt at Dalton.

Earth tremors were felt at Dalton, Ga., Thursday night, the shocks being more severe than four others experienced in Dalton during the past six years. The quake came at 11 o'clock following a severe rain and wind storm. Houses were rocked from the severity of the disturbance and apprehension created.

# MURDERS A YOUNG LADY

## SHOT TO DEATH BY A MAN WHO KILLS HIMSELF.

Double Tragedy Follows After the Young Lady Refuses to Make Up With Him.

At Macon, Ga., when W. F. Mize, a travelling man of Sylvester, Ga., angered at his sweetheart, snatched the engagement ring from her finger and threw it into the street, Miss Olinne Hall, of Gordon, Ga., told him that he might go his way. That was Thursday.

Mize made his last attempt at a reconciliation Sunday morning when he called the girl from the breakfast table at her boarding house. She turned to leave him in the hall, when he pulled out his revolver and shot her four times. Then, while other boarders were making record time seeking barricades, he sent two bullets through his own heart and another through his left shoulder.

As the girl lay on the floor Mize crawled over to her and kissed her twice, then fell back unconscious. Even then the dying girl made an ineffectual, half-conscious effort to refuse him.

Mize died on the way to the hospital without regaining consciousness. The girl died Sunday afternoon. Geo. Raymond, another travelling man, stated after the shooting that he had been with Mize Saturday night when he burned all the letters he had ever written to the girl; that he was despondent then and never went to bed. Mize went to Georgia two years ago from Springfield, L. I.

### TEXAS LEADS IN CROPS.

South Carolina Ranks Up Well Among the States.

Illinois has again yielded to Texas the honor of being premier crop producing state of the Union, Iowa holding her position as third, while Ohio has lost to Missouri the honor of fourth place, the department of agriculture announced Sunday. During 1912 Texas produced \$407,160,000 in twelve crops reported quantitatively by the Government—corn, wheat, oats, barley, rye, buckwheat, flax seed, rice, potatoes, hay, tobacco and lint cotton.

The enormous cotton crop easily gave Texas a big lead over the second largest crop producing state, Illinois, whose aggregate production was valued at \$289,326,000. Iowa's crop value aggregated \$284,395,000, Missouri's \$196,968,000 and Ohio's \$186,718,000.

In the second five the states ranked Kansas \$184,363,000, Pennsylvania \$176,250,000, Minnesota \$160,615,000, Georgia \$159,762,000, North Dakota \$155,110,000. The total value of these crops produced during 1912 throughout the country was \$4,695,161,000, compared with \$4,592,338,000 in 1911 and \$4,496,647,000 in 1910.

In addition to the ten leading states the following produced more than \$100,000,000 in the principal crops: Indiana, New York, Nebraska, Wisconsin, North Carolina, Alabama, Oklahoma, Michigan, Kentucky, South Carolina, Mississippi, Tennessee and California. South Dakota produced \$89,660,000.

### FACTORIES ARE DEMOLISHED.

Two People Killed and Much Property is Destroyed.

A dispatch from Columbus, Ga., says a cyclone at 3:30 o'clock Thursday morning demolished No. 3 plant of the Eagle and Phoenix Cotton Mills. The Hamburger Cotton Mills and Swift Mills, the Harvey lumber plant of D. Rothschild company, and many smaller business places are reported wrecked and it is reported two persons have been killed.

Half a hundred houses were swept down in Girard, Ala. Much livestock was killed. The plant of the Muscogee Cotton mills was terribly wrecked and machinery worth many thousands flooded and practically ruined. It is announced that there can be no street car service.

The loss from the storm is estimated at \$275,000, partially covered by insurance. The losses follow: Swift mills, \$100,000; Eagle and Phoenix, mills, \$22,000; Harvey Lumber plant, \$40,000; Sol Loeb Grocery company, \$50,000; dry goods block, upper Broad street, \$30,000; Empire Stable company, \$10,000; houses in Girard, \$20,000.

### Killed Man at Station.

G. P. Goddard, of Stone Mountain, Ga., died early Friday morning in an Atlanta hospital from a bullet wound inflicted by Elton T. Darden in the union station Thursday night. Darden emptied his pistol at his victim in the waiting room, causing a panic. After his arrest, Darden accused Goddard of having broken up his home.

### Four Killed in Wreck.

A Union Pacific passenger train, known as the Colorado Special, ran into the rear end of the Atlantic Express early Saturday morning, near Gothenberg, Neb., killing four and injuring thirty or more, according to advices reaching there Saturday morning.