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With Bullet Through Brain, A. J. Winn Is Found Dying To-day

Travelling Man From New Orleans Commits Suicide or Accidentally Shoots Himself in Hotel Here.

Came to Charlotte Saturday and Intended Leaving For Richmond This Morning—His Death a Very Peculiar Case.

Following his way entirely through the door from gar to ear, a bullet from a .38-caliber revolver ended the life of A. J. Winn, a traveling man whose home is in New Orleans but who has made Charlotte his headquarters for some time.

Found in a pool of blood directly beneath the dresser in his room of the Grand Hotel, he was found about five minutes after the shot was fired at 10:50 o'clock he died without regaining consciousness.

His wife, whose professional name is Mrs. Louise Stephens, had only a few minutes previous to the shooting left the room, going after some papers, as she stated.

Returning she found a muffled report, but thought nothing at the time on account of the noise according to her statements, she was in an adjoining room a carpet was being put down and tacks were being driven.

Mrs. Winn has been in Charlotte for more than two months and during that time has made her home in the Grand Hotel. Her husband came every week or so, and he was on his way to Richmond, Va., to whom she was going to write or telegraph.

Mrs. Winn was not very clear in mind at these particulars. Her husband's name is apparently about the same as that of the man who committed suicide here. He arrived in Charlotte Saturday afternoon and stayed at the hotel, having room 17 in the adjoining room, No. 17, was Mrs. Winn. So far as any one knew he had been on a business trip and had been on no particular spree.

She left no note or scrap of paper as to why he should end his life. The name was packed and had been packed at Richmond, where he intended to immediately go. In his pocket was a letter from a woman who was named "Louise," in which she had written of theatrical matters and begged him not to again write to a man in New Orleans.

Mrs. Winn, a decided blonde, was naturally excited when seen. In conversation, Mrs. Costello, her friend, who attended the inquest in the morning, speaking to reporters in the presence of Chief of Police Christian H. Hill, admitted she is the woman in question. Her maiden name, she said, was Louise Stephens, and she was in Texas.

Mrs. Costello asked her to give her name and not her professional name, and Mrs. Winn replied that Louise Stephens was her "right name." A traveling man in the city knew her and man intimately. "There was no one else following living than A. J. Winn," she said. "He was considered one of the best salesmen by the firm of Hayes Hills, of New Orleans. I have known him to his firm and his family. He and father are living and are the best people in Louisiana. I have known him for an hour or more in the Grand Hotel here last night and he told me with the remark that he would buy some oysters and take a supper with Louise. I know her also."

She was the manicurist in the hotel in which I stopped in Atlanta a few days ago and we talked about A. J. He was such a good fellow."

Was Suicide or Accident? The suicide—of suicide or accident was in many respects different from the other. With apparently no intention of ending his life, other than to buy some oysters and take a supper with Louise, he shot himself and wanted to go on the way in perfect health, sober and bright. A. J. Winn was found in a pool of blood from the effects of a bullet wound that ploughed its way through his brain.

The ball entered the right ear and came out at the left side. Profusely

CORONER'S INQUEST.

At this hour the coroner's inquest is being held. The evidence is conflicting. No verdict will be rendered under an hour or two.

The man bled in the room were two large mirrors, one from the dresser and the other from the wardrobe. From the appearance of the body when it was found the man was evidently standing between these, and if he intentionally fired the shot, he must have been looking into one of the mirrors. It was an accident no one can account for his having a pistol close to his ear.

The weapon was a new Smith & Wesson of 38 calibre and it lay by the side of the dying man when people rushed into the room. One chamber was empty and the barrel from which had rushed the bullet of death was very warm.

When Dr. Davidson, the first physician to arrive, reached the room it was 10:17 o'clock. Although he did all that medical skill could suggest, it was evident from the moment that death was only a matter of a few moments. At 10:50 o'clock the young man breathed his last.

Every effort was made to return him to consciousness, but only for a few minutes, but this proved futile. Coroner Hovis was shortly on the scene and the body was taken to his undertaking establishment, where an inquest at 2 o'clock is to be held. Chief Christenbury looked in vain for some letter, or note, that would tell why the suicide was intended.

Mysterious Death. And all of this mystery will perhaps forever surround the death. Just how the accident could have happened may never be known, for the reason that no one was near who saw it.

Only a muffled report came from the room the only a minute or so previously been occupied by the man and his wife.

"I'll write a telegram or a letter," he said, according to Mrs. Winn, and she went in search of paper. The door was closed when she left the room and was not locked when she re-entered. With a scream that was piercing, she called for assistance and immediately several people were on the scene. Upon the packed trunk was the carefully packed valise. In this were many self-addressed envelopes, showing the firm name of the dead man, along with linen, etc. Nothing was there to indicate that suicide had been planned when it was packed.

The room was disheveled, not having been cleaned up for the day, the chambermaids waiting until Mr. Winn was to leave before entering.

Commutes Sentence Of John Black

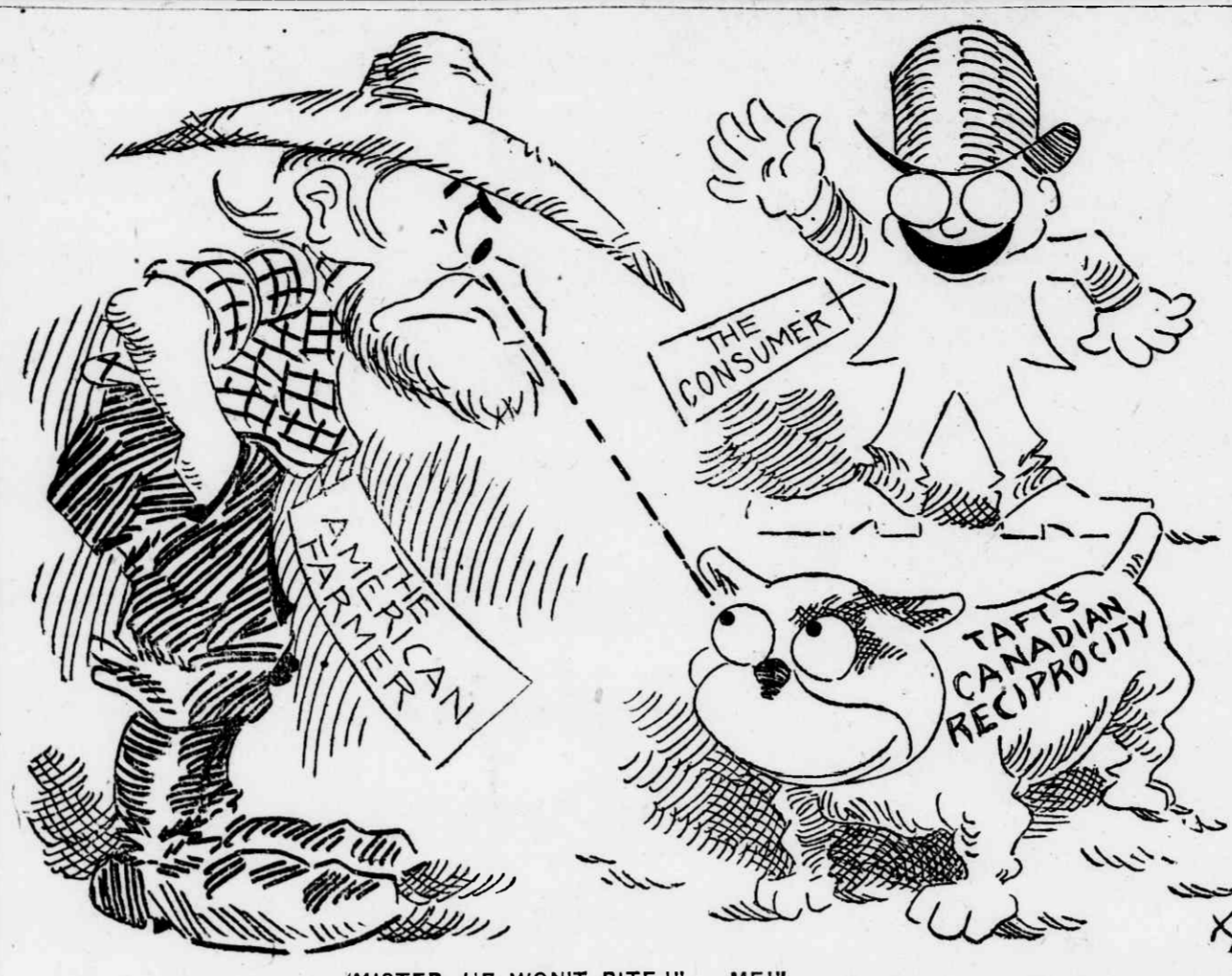
By Associated Press. Columbia, S. C., Feb. 28.—Governor please has committed to a fine of \$2,000 the five-year sentence imposed on John Black, a former member of the board of control of the old State dispensary. Black was convicted at Chester last fall on a charge of conspiracy to defraud the state. The allegation was that he had conspired with Joseph B. Wylie, Jodie M. Rawlinson and H. L. Solomons, to purchase whiskey from firms which paid rebates to the dispensary directors. Black was convicted while Rawlinson and Solomons were acquitted. Pending an appeal Black has been out on bond. The governor, in giving Black the alternative of a fine, did not consult the pardon board.

CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO O. K.

By Associated Press. Washington, Feb. 28.—The constitution of the new state of New Mexico has been unanimously approved by the house committee on territories. After investigating all charges of fraud in connection with the constitutional convention and the ratification of the constitution, the committee finds that the organic act should be approved by congress.

Bite of Woman Fatal.

By Associated Press. Lebanon, Pa., Feb. 28.—Miss Lillie Light, aged 34 years, a nurse, died here today in great agony from blood poisoning. She was bitten on the face and neck by an insane foreign woman whom she was nursing.



Filibuster Continued All Through Weary Night In Senate

Thanks to The Leather Lungs of Dakota Senator And Others No Vote was Possible on Lorimer Case.

Jaded Law-Makers Sought Rest on Couches Between Acts of Answering Roll Call—The Performance Continued.

POPULAR ELECTION IS REJECTED. By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., Feb. 28.—The senate rejects popular election of senators.

By Associated Press. Washington, Feb. 28.—Vice-President Sherman gazed wearily over the senate and toyed idly with his favorite ivory gavel as the electric lights were turned out in the chamber today and the gray daylight was allowed to stream in. Dressed in evening clothes which he wore at midnight when he came from his annual reception to official Washington, Mr. Sherman looked strangely out of place. He had no business in session all night and individually and collectively the members were too tired to create any disorder.

Mr. Sherman left the chair at 7:15 to be succeeded by Senator Brandegee, of Connecticut.

Another filibuster was in progress. Another name had been added to the list of "long distance talkers." The lungs of Senator Crawford, of South Dakota, were the medium through which a vote on the Lorimer case had been prevented during the night in the face of determination on the part of Senator Lorimer's supporters to put the endurance of his opponents to a test.

More members and older members were kept in the senate chamber throughout the night than on any occasion within the recollection of the most experienced legislator present. Again and again there were roll calls to develop whether there was a quorum and not once did the attendance fall below 66, which is 20 more than a majority of the senate membership.

Among those who were there during the greater part of the time were Senators Isaac Stephenson, of Wisconsin, the eldest of all; Gallinger, Perkins, Bulkeley and others of the veterans.

Whenever the bells were sounded for a roll call scenes were depicted not unlike those in city parks at dawn following long sultry summer nights. The bell in the senate chamber was like the rap of a policeman's baton signalling the sleepers that it was time to turn out. Each of the big leather settles was occupied by a sleeper. This condition not only existed in the cloak rooms and in the marble room, but around the walls of the chamber. As the senator's names were called they would pile off the improvised beds and take their places until their names were reached. Then there would be a scramble for places, for there were not couches enough for all.

There were in the chamber men who sought no rest. They were the men who were seeking some outlet from the tangled situation, some agreement by which a vote could be taken on the Lorimer case and other measures, such as the permanent tariff bond bill.

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HOW THEY VOTED ON DIRECT ELECTION ISSUE

By Associated Press. Washington, Feb. 28.—The senate rejected the resolution with the Sutherland amendment, providing for the election of senators by direct vote of the people on the failure of the vote to show a two-thirds majority for the proposition.

Following is the vote on the direct election of senators: Yeas—Bailey, Beveridge, Borah, Brown, Bradley, Briggs, Bristow, Burne, Burkett, Burton, Carter, Chamberlain, Clapp, Clark, of Wyoming, Clark of Arkansas, Culberson, Cullom, Cummins, Curtis, Davis, Dixon, Dupont, Frye, Gable, Gore, Grona, Gugenheim, Jones, LaFollette, McCum-Owen, Paynter, Perkins, Piles, Rayner, Shively, Simmons, Smith of Maryland, Smith, of Michigan, Smith of South Carolina, Stephenson, Stone, Sutherland, Swanson, Taylor, Thornton, Warner, Watson, Young.—54.

Nays—Bacon, Bankhead, Brandegee, Bulkeley, Burnham, Burrows, Crane, Dick, Dillingham, Fletcher, Flint, Foster, Gallinger, Hale, Heyburn, Johnston, Keane, Lodge, Lorimer, Money, Oliver, Page, Penrose, Percy, Richardson, Root, Scott, Smoot, Tallaferrro, Tillman, Warren, Wetmore.—33.

Senator Gallinger at first voted aye, but later said it was inadvertence and asked to be recorded in the negative.

The absentees were Senators Aldrich, Crawford, Frazier and Terrell (Georgia).

It was announced that had they been present, Frazier would have voted aye and Terrell nay. There was no announcement about Senator Aldrich.

Senator Crawford, entering after the roll call, said he would have voted aye.

Miss Bullock Ends Life. By Associated Press. Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 28.—At Paris, Tenn., this morning, Miss Haller Bullock, aged 21, daughter of the late James H. Bullock, former grand master of Tennessee Masons, committed suicide by drowning in Russells Lake. Illness is thought to have been the cause of the deed.

Ack for New Cabinet. By Associated Press. Paris, Feb. 28.—President Fallieres today asked M. Monis, formerly a vice president of the senate, to form a cabinet to succeed the Briand ministry. M. Monis replied that he wished to consult his friends before announcing whether he would accept the responsibility.

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PARCELS POST CONVENTION IN NASHVILLE

By Associated Press. Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 28.—The parcels post convention of Southern merchants opened in Nashville today for a four days session. The object is to oppose the establishment of a parcels post.

The executive committee, composed of fifty merchants selected from all the Southern States met this morning and named as temporary officers of the convention Robert L. Birch, of Nashville, chairman, and Dixon L. Merritt, of Nashville, secretary. Permanent officers will be elected by the convention itself at 3 o'clock this afternoon. It is likely that the temporary organization will be made permanent.

The principal address today will be delivered by F. E. French, of Chicago, secretary of the American League of Associations. This organization is, as its name implies, a sort of federation of commercial bodies. It may practically be said that this organization began the work of organized resistance to the passage of a parcels post law and Mr. French has been practically in charge of the work from the beginning.

Following Mr. French's address, Major A. W. Wills, postmaster of Nashville, and other representatives of the postoffice department whose name has not yet been furnished to the committee, will present arguments in favor of a parcels post.

Delegates to the convention began coming in last night and this morning there are several hundred here, every Southern state being represented.

The ladies and gentlemen of the convention will be entertained with a theatre party this evening.

Tammany Wrong Says Croker

By Associated Press. New York, Feb. 28.—A contribution from Richard Croker, predecessor of Charles F. Murphy as head of Tammany Hall, was added to the controversy over the New York senatorial deadlock in a dispatch to The World today from Palm Beach, Mr. Croker, who has for years been practically silent on politics, is quoted as follows: "The present situation ought to be relieved at once, for its going to be a calamity to New York and the country."

"What does Murphy keep pushing him forward instead of withdrawing him? He knows he can get eighty votes, but what good are they if it won't mean an election?"

"Tammany is in the wrong to expect to wheel all the men into line without discussing the situation thoroughly and I say that the welfare of the party, the state and the nation demands Sheehan's withdrawal, for Murphy's insistence on Sheehan's nomination would surely weaken the New York state democracy."

Deadlocks Unbroken. By Associated Press. Albany, N. Y., Feb. 28.—Despite rumblings of discontent within the organization forces, the thirty-sixth joint ballot for United States Senator today gave no indication of a break in the deadlock. All but one of the thirty insurgents voted, eleven of them for John D. Kernan, of Utica, the other scattering their ballots among nine candidates.

Murdered Mother. By Associated Press. Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 28.—Jeanette Lewis, aged 25, today murdered her mother, Mrs. Sarah Lewis, and her nephew, Edward B. Milden, Jr., aged 9 years, by administering poison. Then she committed suicide by taking a dose of the same drug.

The Legislature Does A Great Amount of Work

SUCCESSOR TO THE PREMIER TO BE NAMED

By Associated Press. Paris, Feb. 28.—President Fallieres this afternoon had a conference with M. Dubost, president of the senate, during which it was expected he would designate a successor to Premier Briand.

The profound interest in the situation following the resignation of the Briand ministry yesterday is shown by the fact that though the chamber of deputies adjourned to March 6, the entire membership remained in Paris discussing probabilities. The deputies found a sly sensation in the resignation of M. Jonhart, governor general of Algeria, who telegraphed M. Briand that his sense of duty to the country would not permit him to remain in office after the abandonment of the policies which, he was convinced, were necessary to the welfare of France.

Your program of conciliation and national security," wired the governor, "expresses the will of republican France and adherence thereto is imperative at a time when parliament is trying to solve the gravest and important financial, economic and social problems."

The organs of the radical party are insisting upon a ministry which shall continue the Briand policies. This would seem to support M. Briand's intimation that the opposition to him was personal and it is not unlikely that he will have the satisfaction of seeing his legislative program survive his political life.

Robbers Loot Virginia Bank

By Associated Press. Danville, Va., Feb. 28.—A band of robbers, supposed to number five men, between the hours of 1 and 2 o'clock yesterday morning, blew open the vault of the Bank of Clover, at Clover, Va., a town of 500 inhabitants, 40 miles east of here, and escaped with all the cash in the building. The robbers secured between \$3,000 and \$4,000.

The robbery was spectacular and was completed only after a fusillade of pistol shots had been fired at citizens who had been aroused by the explosion which awakened nearly the entire town. W. J. Finch, who resides opposite the bank was the first to arrive at the scene after the first explosion and was fired at by two men stationed in front of the building. In a few seconds two other explosions occurred and Dr. R. H. Miller, who was returning home in his buggy after visiting a patient, drove up.

A volley of bullets whizzed by Dr. Fuller's buggy and he put the lash to his horse. Other citizens who ventured near the building were also fired upon, and by this time a posse had been formed, but the robbers had completed the job and were fleeing. The light when the pistols flashed showed three men at work across the vault. It is believed that three of the robbers escaped in a buggy and two walked off.

The loss sustained by the bank is covered by burglary insurance.

Heavy Sn. w Fall. By Associated Press. Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 28.—Missouri, Kansas and Colorado were covered with a blanket of snow during the last 24 hours. At Durango, Colo. the fall was six inches and the Texas Panhandle. There has been only a slight fall in temperature.

Chicago's Primary Election. By Associated Press. Chicago, Feb. 28.—Chicago's primary election for city officers is on today. It marks the end of an exciting campaign in which five men sought the republican nomination for mayor and three battled to head the democratic ticket.

A feature of the campaign was the publication by several candidates of the sources of their campaign funds and their distribution. In answer to the question "Who is putting up?" pronounced by newspapers.

A heavy vote was expected. Extraordinary precautions had been taken against fraud, but during the first part of the day no trouble had been reported.

Dread Plague Mows Down Population At Rate Of Two Thousand Daily

By Associated Press. St. Petersburg, Feb. 26.—The plague is ravaging Pei Chuanlinzato, about 50 miles north of Harbin. Death's there are reported to number 2,000 daily. The disease is raging at Kirin. Hulanchen, opposite Harbin, and at Bodune, 100 miles southwest of Manchurian capital.

Bread riots have occurred throughout the stricken district. The foreign consuls are preparing to leave. Troops have refused to march into the plague places. Martial law has been established.

Special to The News.

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 28.—Mr. McGill introduced in the house today and secured immediate passage of a resolution for a legislative commission report to the next assembly on the number of dependent widows of Confederate soldiers in the state.

General Carr, of Durham, introduced bills to amend the state banking laws.

The committee on appropriations made a favorable report for bills to erect an additional building at Soldiers' homes; to increase the salary of the adjutant general; to increase the salary of the commissioner of labor and his assistant; to increase the clerical force of the governor's office; to increase the salary of the state librarian; to increase the appropriation to the state militia.

Among other bills favorably reported were from committees to provide for inspection of liquors shipped into North Carolina; to prohibit dynamiting of fish in any North Carolina streams. Notable unfavorable reports were from the appropriations committee of the house were to provide free antitoxin; to promote higher education of the blind; to transfer Pickford Sundry to the state; to erect a monument to the women of the Confederacy; to establish legislative reference library.

In the senate today bills were introduced by Senator Boydton to provide an engineer for the assistance by the state to any county in the construction of public roads; by Martin of Zumbombe, to make the appointment of senate members; by Pharr, providing for the auditing of books of corporations.

There were fatal unfavorable reports on the Thomas bill to encourage the use of goods manufactured by independent concerns; Senator Lemmonds' bill to prevent monopoly or oppression by gas, electric light and power companies; the Wall house bill for a 60-hour labor law was reported without prejudice by the committee on manufacturing.

The senate bill to provide \$25,000 for a plant and \$10,000 annually for maintenance of the Western Carolina Training School. The senate argued at length the Hobgood bill for a state primary law.

THE FUNERAL OF RIGHT REV. THOS. HESLIN

By Associated Press. Natchez, Miss., Feb. 28.—Funeral services were held here today over the body of the Right Rev. Thomas Heslin, Catholic Bishop of the diocese of Natchez.

The Right Rev. John B. Morris, bishop of Little Rock, was the celebrant of the mass and was assisted by sixteen priests of the diocese. The mass was sung by six priests and the eulogy delivered by Archbishop James Blunt, of New Orleans. The funeral exercises services, was formed by the five bishops who were present. The interment took place at the city cemetery. The ceremonies at the grave were in keeping with the high office held by the dead prelate.

The cortege which followed the body to the cemetery was a large one, consisting of visiting clergy, members of Catholic societies, school children, including those from several colored Catholic institutions and a large number of laymen from all portions of the diocese.

Father Hayden, vicar general of the diocese, will be in charge of the diocese pending the appointment of a bishop to fill the vacancy.

Escaped Prisoners Recaptured. By Associated Press. St. Augustine, Fla., Feb. 28.—Dad Williams, alleged murderer and three other prisoners who escaped from the jail here last Friday after overpowering the warden, were captured last night in the country near here. They were nearly starved and were suffering from long exposure.

Dr. Lowe Shot. By Associated Press. Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 28.—At Diana, Giles county, this state, this morning, Dr. George Lowe was shot in the head and killed by Squire Will W. Collins, who was himself shot in the left arm by the doctor. An old grudge is given as the cause of the tragedy.

Many Lives Lost In Fishing Disaster In The Gulf of Finland

By Associated Press. Petersburg, Feb. 28.—According to an official report of the fishing disaster in the gulf of Finland, five hundred persons were engaged several miles off the shore of Lavensari Island when on February 23 the ice broke from the shore and drifted away, carrying the fishermen with their families, horses and outfits to sea. Their cries for help were not heard at the time but late in the evening the shore watchman observed the ice floes and ice breakers were sent in pursuit.

A three days' search proved futile. In the meantime the ice broke into several parts, each bearing forty of fifty persons. In the break up many fell into the water and perished. Two parties totalling 120 persons were subsequently driven ashore. No news of the remainder has been received.