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MURDER MYSTERY

Body of Man Found in Trunk at Lynn, Mass.

BULLET WOUND OVER HEART

Pool of Blood Under Trunk Led to Ghastly Discovery—Body Was Identified as That of an Armenian.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)
Lynn, Mass., July 22.—A body believed to be that of a murdered Armenian, was found packed in a trunk in a lodging house here today. The head was mutilated and there was a bullet wound over the heart. The body was fully clothed and in a pocket a bankbook was found bearing the name of Minas K. Morjian.

The body was discovered by Mrs. Bessie Rollins, the lodging house keeper, and her husband, who had found a stream of blood trickling from the bottom of the trunk. The police were notified and search begun for Frank Jones, a shoe factory worker, who rented the room recently.

On May 30 a new trunk was brought to the house for Jones, it was said. Mrs. Rollins declared today that there never had been any disturbance in the room and that nothing ever had been noticed there to arouse suspicion. The trunk had stood in one place for days, she said, but today when she entered the room she saw a pool of blood under it. Then the police were notified.

In the bank book was a note which said: "If anything happens to me notify L. B. Adams, 388 Center Street, Jamaica Plain."

Medical Examiner Pinkham gave it as his opinion that death was caused several days ago by the bullet wound over the heart.

The identity of the murdered man as Morjian was positively established by Milton Tooten, of this city. Tooten said today that Morjian was unpopular among Armenians, who regarded him as eccentric.

New York, July 22.—L. B. Adams, to whom reference is made in a note found in the pockets of the victim of the Lynn trunk murder, is a newspaper photographer in this city. Morjian's sister was the wife of one of Adams' relatives. The couple quarreled, it is said, and finally separated.

STAUNTON VOTES "DRY"

Another Virginia City in Prohibition Column—Majority 20 Votes.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)
Staunton, Va., July 22.—Church bells ringing and immense cheering crowds on the streets and speaking from the corners announced that the city had gone dry today's election the majority being 20 votes.

It was the most orderly and good natured election conducted in Staunton in recent years. There was no bitterness in the campaign and none shown in the contests of voters before the election judges. The total vote polled was 1,305, against 1,359 in the local option election two years ago. The first ward today went wet by five votes, and the second ward by 25 votes.

The impression throughout the campaign and throughout today was that the town would go wet by 50 votes so that when the announcement came to night of an opposite result, the pen up feelings of the "drys" burst forth in the most uproarious applause. Women joined men in the great crowds on the streets and their joy knew no bounds.

OUTLINES.

Death, ruin and destruction followed in the wake of the great storm on the Texas gulf coast on Wednesday, and it is believed to have been a worse hurricane than that which destroyed Galveston some years ago; news arriving in Houston over patched wires, tells of the loss of more than a dozen lives, while whole towns were devastated and hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of property destroyed.—The dead body of an American named Minas K. Morjian, was found in the trunk of a lodging house at Lynn, Mass., yesterday; he was shot over the heart and his head battered.—President Eliot, of Harvard college, predicts the advent of a new religion.—President Taft and Senate and House conferees on the tariff have nearly reached the place where a compromise will be made, but there will be no free raw material and the President refuses to limit the corporation tax to two years.—At Greenville, S. C., yesterday Ex-Judge Joshua H. Hudson, one of the most prominent jurists of South Carolina, passed away.—New York markets: Money on call easy 1 7-8 to 2 per cent., ruling rate 1 7-8, offered at 2; spot cotton 19 points lower, closing quiet at 12.20; flour barely steady; wheat barely steady, No. 2 red old 1.42 nominal in elevator and f. o. b. afloat; corn firm, No. 2 old 79 1/2 elevator and 79 1/2 f. o. b. afloat; oats quiet, 56 nominal; turpentine steady, rosin quiet.

Tonight at Lumina the twenty-three dance—everybody going.

SUTTON'S DEATH PUZZLING

Naval Officers Tell Conflicting Stories at the Annapolis Inquiry—Important Evidence and Much Progress Yesterday.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)
Annapolis, Md., July 22.—The remarkable variance in the testimony of some of the naval officers, who are witnesses before the court of inquiry which is investigating the circumstances surrounding the death of Lieut. James N. Sutton, at the Naval Academy two years ago, was emphasized at today's hearing by contradictory evidence as to the location of the bullet wound which caused the young Oregonian's death.

This question has assumed importance in the face of other evidence given, as it would appear that it would have been a much more difficult matter for Sutton to have shot himself, lying prone on the ground with three men on top of him if the bullet entered the top of his skull, as Surgeon George Pickrell, in charge of the Marine Hospital at that time, who examined Sutton's body, testified it did.

Col. Charles A. Doyen, commandant of Marines at that time, and who holds the same post now, testified that he examined Sutton's body immediately after the shooting, felt the wound in his head, and that it was located on the right side, a little behind and on a line with the top of the ear.

Dr. Pickrell thought Sutton might have inflicted the wound upon himself, as he described it, but he made an unconvincing and awkward demonstration in court with the revolver, and a free right arm, to get the weapon in a position which would have sent the bullet into his head at the point where he testified it entered Sutton's head.

Considerable progress was made at the hearing today and three more witnesses were disposed of. Besides Surgeon Pickrell and Colonel Doyen's testimony, Mr. Davis, counsel for Sutton's mother and sister, finished the examination of Lieut. Willing, who was also on the stand yesterday.

Willing made an obstinate and unsatisfactory witness. The few discrepancies which Mr. Davis drew from him by reading the record of his description of the scene of the shooting at the former inquiry were readily conceded by Lieut. Willing with the remark that he testified from the best of his recollection on both occasions.

Mr. Davis tried to find out from all the witnesses what became of Sutton's two revolvers following the shooting.

Col. Doyen testified that he saw them and ordered Lieut. Willing to take charge of them, but he did not know what became of them until they finally got into his hands at the inquest. It was apparent no one of the officers wanted to assume the responsibility of having the weapons about him immediately after the shooting.

Sergeant James de Hart, of the machine corps, the last witness at today's session, testified that some officer at the scene of the shooting handed him a revolver with the curt command to "take this." He admitted that on the night in question he was "slightly under the influence of liquor." He was positive, however, that he was not one of the men sitting on Lieut. Sutton and trying to hold him down.

Lieut. Bevan previously testified he was making his way to camp by "a back entrance" when he met Sutton prior to the shooting. De Hart said that Sutton carried two revolvers and that he, de Hart, did not stop to talk with him long. The witness did not know about the trouble Sutton had had in camp but thought something was up when he saw the two guns. Soon afterward de Hart heard the shots and ran back to the scene of the shooting.

Mr. Davis had not finished cross-examining de Hart when at 4 o'clock court adjourned for the day.

CUMMINS URGES REDUCTION.

In Duties Upon Manufactures as Well as Raw Material—Tariff Fight.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)
Washington, July 22.—Emphasizing the importance of insisting upon reductions in the duties upon manufactures as well as upon raw material, Senator Cummins, of Iowa, late today made public a statement which is accepted as representing the views of at least a majority of the "progressive" Republican Senators relative to the present situation with regard to the tariff bill.

Previously Mr. Cummins had been in consultation for two hours with the President and an exchange of views had passed between Mr. Cummins and others of the ten who voted against the tariff bill in the Senate.

STORM DEVASTATION

Death and Ruin in Texas Along The Gulf Coast.

HUMAN VICTIMS WERE MANY

Whole Towns Wrecked and Destruction of Property Exceeds a Million—Wires Down and Traffic Badly Hampered.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)
New Orleans, July 22.—Eighteen persons dead and 16 seriously hurt and property damage exceeding a million dollars, as far as can be ascertained at a late hour tonight, is the grim record resulting from the destructive sweep of yesterday's hurricane along the Louisiana and Texas coasts.

The number of dead as reported from various towns and cities is as follows: Texas—Bay City 3; Galveston 4; Palacios 4; Eagle Lake 1; Wharton 1; Kenedon 1; Ramsey 1; El Campo 1; Louisiana—Mud Pass 2.

The number seriously injured is reported as follows from Texas points: Eagle Lake 1; Bay City 15.

Meagre reports from the following Texas points, with many other towns in the devastated district not heard from give but a faint idea of the immensity of the storm in property damage: Bay City, loss \$150,000; Galveston, loss \$175,000; Bay Shore, considerable property damage; Velasco, only three stores left standing and many homes blown down, town in four feet of water and people escaping in boats from Colorado river, a mile away; Iago, syrup mills wrecked; Austin, many buildings unroofed, telephone and telegraph wires levelled, damage about \$100,000; Brazoria, many buildings destroyed and loss of life feared; Pledger, heavy property damage, syrup mills wrecked; Allenhurst, many structures wrecked, rumors of loss of life as yet without confirmation; Richmond, fifty residences and stores partially demolished; Palacios, a number of houses blown down; Angleton, every house in town badly damaged; Blessing, several lives reported lost and considerable property damage; El Campo, electric light plant wrecked and every church in town wrecked; Eagle Lake, many houses unroofed and two large sugar and rice plants partially wrecked.

Reports from the special train in which General Manager W. G. VanVleck, of the Southern Pacific Railroad, left Houston this morning, indicate that the lower coast country suffered greatly. In some districts reports state that the storm was worse than the disaster of 1900, which devastated Galveston.

At Glendon a round house is entirely demolished and a well derrick scattered over the town. At Willinger part of the railroad station and office was unroofed as was the Allenton depot and East Bernard station.

Along the Brownsville road from Kingsville, in parts, the desolation was pretty complete. Corn fields were swept to the ground and harvesting will have to be done by a hay rake. The cotton, however, withstood the storm well.

In the oil field around Markham, derricks were blown and well stripped of their machinery. The iron warehouse of the Markham Mercantile Company, the Brown Grain Company warehouse, and the Enterprise restaurant were entirely demolished. The new building of the Coast Telephone Company was lifted from its foundations and probably will be a total wreck.

At Bay City about 50 per cent. of the business section was damaged, including the opera house, one bank, the court house, the new high school building and the city jail. In the jail the cages were left standing and the prisoners were exposed to view but were safe. Six prisoners escaped from the jail at Richmond when the windows had been blown in and while the guards were repairing the damage.

At Galveston Bay the situation is not as bad as at first reported. No part of the railroad bridge which spans the arm of the bay between the island and Virginia Point was washed away, but some 50 feet of the structure was thrown bodily out of alignment by a huge barge and other small craft washed from their moorings. Reports received in Houston tonight from General Manager J. B. Hill, of the Galveston, Houston & Henderson Railroad, indicated that the bridge was opened for service at 4 o'clock this afternoon. All Galveston trains left Houston on time today and the local trains on the Southern Pacific and Galveston, Houston & Henderson, including the International & Great Northern fast mail, left for Virginia Point to take advantage of the first opportunity that presented itself for getting into Galveston.

River Victims Rescued.
Galveston, July 22.—As if from the bottom of the sea, five of the storm wrecked victims from the Tarpon fishing pier were picked up alive today off Red Fish Reef in the upper Galveston bay by the launch Maud.

With the report of the rescue of these men hope for the safety of the other five persons is much stronger.

Everybody Going to the twenty-three dance at Lumina tonight.

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TARIFF PROSPECTS

Situation Brighter For Agreement Between House and Senate.

PRESIDENT TAFT IS FIRM

He Gets Credit for Straightening Tangle—Will Not Yield on Corporation Tax—Insurgent Republicans Increasing.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)
Washington, July 22.—With the effect of magic, President Taft has brought about a tangible situation with regard to the tariff where uncertainty existed before.

Today was one of conferences and concluded with a consultation at the White House tonight participated in by the President, Senator Aldrich and Representative Payne, at which the Chief Executive was assured that a harmonious settlement of the differences existing between the two branches of Congress is practicable.

The Senators opposed to the "free raw material" programme were consulted today by Senator Aldrich and a committee representing the same position on the House side, held a conference with Chairman Payne. In addition the House conferees met this afternoon to have the experts of the Senate finance committee explain the Senate changes in the cotton schedule.

Senator Aldrich today met a large number of Senators who are opposed to free hides, coal and iron ore and no encouragement was offered for the placing of any of these articles on the free list. In fact were it possible to get those Senators to yield, the situation in the House would have to be dealt with.

The "tariff insurgents" in the House who are opposed to free raw materials, met again today and adopted resolutions protesting against the plan.

Representative Dwight, of New York, Republican whip of the House, conferred with Senator Aldrich late this afternoon and informed him that the anti-free raw material sentiment in the House was a matter which he required serious consideration. He said that its strength had grown to 45 members.

The advocates of dutiable hides in both Houses declare that a compromise is possible but that they cannot consider the placing of these articles on the free list.

With regard to the free reciprocity provision on coal in the House bill, there also was a firm stand. The members interested in coal declared that such a provision would make the situation with regard to coal untenable for the operatives and that a reduction in the Senate rate without a clause for reciprocal free trade was more acceptable.

That a nominal duty on iron ore will be agreed to by the conferees, was the indication tonight. No determination as to the rate has been suggested. It is understood that Representative Payne is insisting on absolutely free ore.

Owing to the diversified opinions expressed with regard to oil, it is more than likely that the conference report will place petroleum on the free list without a countervailing duty proposition.

It was decided today that the headquarters of the Customs Court of Appeals shall be located in Washington.

General Sharretts and Marion de Vries, of the Board of General Appraisers, and W. H. Parkhill, an examiner in the New York Custom House, explained to the House conferees the purpose of the Senate changes in the cotton schedule and the probable effects of these changes. They pointed out that the specific rates would not exceed the rates which it had been the intention of the Dingley law to collect, but that in operation several of the Senate rates will be lower than those of the House. The entire time of the House conferees was taken up in the discussion of the cotton schedule.

President Taft called attention today to the fact that he has been inadvertently misrepresented as to raw materials all along the line. The President's position, as a matter also outlined in his statement of Friday last, was that he favored an inquiry to find out what degree of protection, if any, was necessary in the matter of ore, hides, coal, etc.

The President has not committed himself irrevocably to free hides, free coal, free oil and free iron ore, and the fact that he called attention to this fact today leads to the impression at the White House that some sort of working basis is about to be reached. Mr. Taft is hopeful that a conference report will be possible by Saturday or Monday.

THE METHODIST CONFERENCE

Good Work and Rapid Progress at the Session Yesterday—Annual Conference Reports Submitted.

(Special Star Correspondence.)
Magnolia, N. C., July 22.—The morning session of the Wilmington District Conference, M. E. Church, South, convened at 9 o'clock with devotional exercises conducted by Rev. G. D. Langston, of the Southport M. E. church.

The minutes of yesterday were read, corrected and approved. Rev. W. C. Merritt, of Clinton circuit, reported progress in spiritual life, Sunday school and finances. Rev. G. D. Langston, of Southport, reported good condition in Epworth Leagues and Sunday schools. The reports from Rev. T. H. Bain, Town Creek circuit, and Rev. J. T. Browning, New River circuit, were submitted by letter, these brethren being sick at their respective homes.

The committee on examination reported favorably of Mr. J. L. King, of Trinity church, Wilmington, and the conference unanimously licensed him to preach. Rev. W. E. Hocutt reported for Bladen Street church, Wilmington, very encouraging news along several lines.

Mr. L. G. Hemmlingway, of Chadbourne, reported for Chadbourne and Bolton, in the absence of Rev. C. E. Vale, who is in Seattle, Wash. Dr. D. B. Zollicoffer, conference leader of Laymen's Missionary Movement, Rev. Euclid McWhorter, financial agent for the Maxton Female College, and Prof. J. C. Wooten, of the department of Biblical Literature of Trinity College, were at this juncture introduced to the conference. Prof. Wooten then presented the claims of Trinity College upon the parents and young life of Southern Methodism.

Rev. D. C. Geddie, of the Whiteville and Vineland circuit reported a Woman's Foreign Missionary and a Ladies' Auxiliary, doing good work. His report was very encouraging along all lines. Rev. L. E. Sawyer, of Mt. Tabor, reported very encouragingly of his charge.

Dr. W. B. North, secretary of the Conference Sunday School Board, spoke for a short time on the claims of the Sunday Schools upon the entire church membership. He revealed the fact that only 21 per cent. of our population are members of our Sunday Schools. Mr. W. B. Cooper, of Wilmington, chairman of the Conference Sunday School Board, read correspondence in behalf of the chair for Sunday School work in Vanderbilt University, to be endowed by revenue from Children Day's collections.

Rev. W. L. Rexford reported very favorably of the work by Trinity church, Wilmington.

A recess was given here until 11 o'clock, when Rev. Euclid McWhorter, financial agent of the Maxton Female College, delivered a strong discourse on "Man's Worship of God."

The afternoon session convened at 3 o'clock. Religious services were conducted by Rev. W. L. Rexford, of Trinity church, Wilmington. Minutes of the morning session were read and approved. The committee on Quarterly Conference Records reported the conditions of the records of all charges.

Columbus circuit was called but failed to report. Rev. T. C. Ellers reported the condition of the work on Shallotte circuit. The committee on examinations reported favorably on Rev. T. C. Ellers and he was unanimously recommended to the annual conference for admission on trial. Rev. T. A. Smoot reported from Grace church, Wilmington, very great things which they are doing.

Tonight Rev. J. C. Wooten, of the chair of Biblical Literature at Trinity College, preached a very forcible sermon.

Tomorrow is Laymen's Day, and Dr. D. B. Zollicoffer, of Tarboro, N. C., lay leader of the North Carolina Conference, is in evidence. We look for a great day.

EX-JUDGE HUDSON DEAD

Prominent Jurist and Civil War Veteran Dies at Greenville, S. C.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)
Greenville, S. C., July 22.—Joshua Hilary Hudson, of Bennettsville, for 16 years circuit judge of South Carolina, and to the day of his death one of the leading legal men of the State, died today at the age of 77, at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. W. A. Williams, of this city. He served with distinction throughout the Civil War, attaining the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the Confederate Army.

After his retirement from the circuit bench in 1894, Judge Hudson devoted himself with conspicuous ability to his legal practice. In 1906 he served in the State Senate for one session.

FATAL DUEL IN GEORGIA
One Man Killed and One Injured in Bloody Battle at Irwinton.
(By Wire to The Morning Star.)
Irwinton, Ga., July 22.—George F. Hatfield is dead and J. J. McConnell lies seriously wounded as the result of a street duel here last night.

FIRST FROM RALEIGH

Levy Very Effective in Box For Locals Yesterday Afternoon.

SCORE WAS FIVE TO NAUGHT

Fayetteville Took First From Goldsboro Champions and Railroaders Took the Vanity Out of Wilson Again.

Results Yesterday.
Wilmington 5, Raleigh 1.
Fayetteville 6, Goldsboro 1.
Wilson 0, Rocky Mount 5.

Standing of the Clubs.

Club	W.	L.	Pct.
Goldsboro	30	24	.556
Wilson	28	24	.538
Raleigh	28	25	.528
Wilmington	29	27	.518
Fayetteville	24	27	.471
Rocky Mount	20	32	.385

Inability to connect effectively with Levy except in the first inning when he yielded two of the only three hits allowed during the entire game, was responsible for the downfall of Raleigh in the first game of the Wilmington series yesterday afternoon, the score being five to one.

Levy received the perfect support of his team mates, Hayes pulling down a long fly from Crozier's bat in the eighth that easily cut off a run. Yerkes, the rife man for the visitors, was pounded for a total of 12 hits and that his men played an errorless game behind him explains why the Sailors did not run up a larger tally column. Levy's first two hits in the first inning came after Crozier was out third to first, Hart having clouted one to right for an extra cushion that might have been cut off by sensational fielding, scoring on Haas single to centre, the latter, however, being caught at second on the throw-in. Hoffman then went out pitcher to first and Wilmington returned the tally in its half of the first. Nichols drew a pass, was sacrificed by Guerrant and after Smith had popped out to catcher, he came home on a Texas Leaguer dropped by Brodie just over second base. Levy was out, pitcher to first.

In the second Hoover flew to Brodie, Brumfeld was out short to first and Wright on hunt to Levy unassisted. Sharp started Wilmington's second with a single over second and was sacrificed by Hayes, but Kite flew to centre and Hyames was out third to first.

The third was a fly to right for Irwin, fan for Yerkes and a pop to Kite for Crozier, while for Wilmington Nichols flew to centre, Guerrant and Smith to left.

The fourth was out for Hart and Hoffman third to first and Haas pitcher to first, while for Wilmington Brodie drew a pass, Levy singled to right, but Hart bunted to pitcher and was out at first while Brodie was caught at third expecting the fly to be caught; Hayes up and Levy went to third on wild pitch but Hayes flew to second.

Raleigh's fifth was a fly to second by Hoover, Brumfeld to Brodie and Wright to first. Wilmington added two after Kite flew to left when Hyames bunted safely and stole second, scoring when Capt. Dick piloted one. Nichols was out at second but Guerrant singled to left and stole second, scoring when Capt. Dick piloted one to right for two bases; Brodie up and Smith stole third, Brodie being given another pass, but Levy was out pitcher to first.

In the sixth Irwin popped out to Kite, Yerkes fanned, Crozier was hit by a pitched ball, but Hart flew out to Levy. For Wilmington Sharp was out short to first, Hayes second to first and Kite flew to third.

In the seventh Haas and Hoffman were out short to first and Hoover second to first. For Wilmington Hyames beat out another beautiful bunt down third base line; Nichols sacrificed; Guerrant was out for attempting to bunt third strike; Smith walked and Brodie hit safely through short while Hyames was caught at the plate.

In the eighth Brumfeld fouled out to first; Wright was out second to first; Irwin was given a pass; Yerkes was hit by a pitched ball but Crozier flew out to Hayes on sensational catch. Levy started the eighth for Wilmington with a clout to right for two bases and was sacrificed by Sharp scoring on Hayes' hit over short. Kite then beat out a bunt to first, advancing Hayes, who later got another on a passed ball, Hayes scoring. Hyames flew to centre and Nichols was out second to first.

Raleigh alone figured in the ninth. Hart singling passed first, but Haas, Hoffman and Hoover flew to third, left and second in succession.

The Tabulated Score.

Club	AB	R	H	O	E
Crozier, cf	3	0	0	3	0
Hart, 2b	4	1	2	3	0
Haas, 1b	4	0	1	9	0
Hoffman, if	4	0	0	3	0
Hoover, 3b	4	0	0	2	0
Brumfeld, ss	3	0	0	1	0
Wright, rf	3	0	0	0	0
Irwin, c	2	0	0	2	1
Yerkes, p	2	0	0	6	0

Totals .. 29 1 8 23 14 0
*Guerrant out attempt to bunt 3-1 strike.

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23 dance at Lumina tonight.

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