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A. C. Hutchison, Sr. Takes His Life Today In Alta Vista, Va.

Put Pistol to His Head And Fired Fatal Shot While Setting at His Desk in His Office at Alta Vista.

Shocking Tidings Reached Here at 11:45 O'clock—Financial Worry Over Mill Caused Nervous Breakdown.

Special to The News.

Alta Vista, Va., April 12.—Mr. A. C. Hutchison shot himself today at 11 o'clock in the office of the Alta Vista Mill in the Price building. The jury empanelled by the coroner found it a case of suicide.

He was found by Attorney Ernest Jones and Mr. H. E. Price soon after the shot was fired.

He was sitting in his office chair, his head forward on his breast and blood running from the wound just back of the temple, forming a pool on the carpet in which a new 32 calibre revolver lay.

The bullet had passed entirely through his head, striking a wall about nine feet above the floor.

The last thing he did was to address a letter to Hums and Burk, of New York, brokers, who had the placing of the Alta Vista Cotton Mill stock.

He had previously written a letter to his wife now in Charlotte.

In a waste basket was found a scrap of the letter he had attempted and destroyed. It was addressed "My Dear Sweet Wife, I did not write you yesterday and trust—" The cause is a complete mystery as it was known that he had placed all common stock of the cotton mill and the building would be resumed in a short time.

It might perhaps have been information received from New York brokers that caused the deed.

Mr. Hutchison on one occasion is said to have confessed to Attorney Jones that at times he got so blue that he could hardly contain himself.

Mr. Andrew C. Hutchison, sr., one of the leading business men of the city and a man universally popular, committed suicide this morning at Alta Vista, Va.

The shocking news came to The News office at 15 minutes to 12 o'clock by a long distance call for Mr. A. C. Hutchison, jr., cartoonist for The News. Mr. Hutchison answered the phone and received the distressing news. He learned only the fact that his father had taken his life. No particulars were given. The supposition is that he shot himself.

The sad news was told the public from The News' bulletin and groups of people stood here and there expressing their sorrow at the loss of so good a citizen and their heartfelt sympathy for the stricken family.

The news was broken to the family of Mr. A. C. Hutchison, jr., who went direct from The News office to the home. Relatives and friends gathered there to render any assistance possible. Mr. John Hutchison, the second son, arrived on No. 38, the North bound train, which was standing in the Southern yard and will reach Alta Vista this afternoon.

Miss Annie Louise Hutchison, who is in Holly today visiting at her father, Mr. Robert Hutchison's, was seen. Telegrams were sent Mr. Egbert Hutchison, who is in Greenville, S. C., and his brothers, Mr. Egbert and Mr. John Hutchison, the former of Mt. Holly, the latter of Norfolk.

At this writing no particulars have been received. It is expected that the remains will reach Charlotte tomorrow morning.

Mr. Hutchison had been threatened with a nervous breakdown for a year. His family and intimate friends had felt alarmed about him. A year ago he organized a large cotton mill now under construction at Alta Vista, becoming president and general manager. The magnitude of the undertaking necessitating a large outlay of money overtaxed Mr. Hutchison's financial and physical ability. His health became impaired. He was threatened with nervous prostration, and had to go to the Charlotte Sanatorium and later to Hot Springs. He could not sleep, and this intensified his nervous condition. It is thought that this combination of circumstances is responsible for the distressing, appalling act of today.

Andrew Carpenter Hutchison was born Nov. 1, 1858, at Mt. Holly, N. C. His father was C. L. Hutchison, one of the best men of Gaston county. When quite a young man he came to Charlotte and secured a position in the office of the late Mr. John W. Wadsworth.

His aptness for business was quickly noted by Mr. Wadsworth, and Mr. Hutchison soon became one of his favorite clerks. He was with Mr. Wadsworth for years, being one of the most trusted and best business men in the office.

When the Victor mill was organized Mr. Hutchison was made secretary and treasurer.

In 1900 he and Mr. T. W. Dixon organized the Southern Hardware Company, Mr. Hutchison being secretary and treasurer. After several years he sold his stock, and became special agent for James E. Mitchell, a big cotton firm of Philadelphia.

About a year ago Mr. Hutchison organized a company for the erection of a large cotton mill at Alta Vista, Va.—between Lynchburg and Danville. This mill is now in construction. A number of local business men were associated with Mr. Hutchison. The undertaking was a big one, requiring much outlay of money and physical energy. Mr. Hutchison spent the greater part of his time at Alta Vista. For several months his family and intimate friends realized that Mr. Hutchison was giving way under the strain, and they felt apprehensive about him.

That the break down would result in such a tragedy was not to be thought of.

Mr. Hutchison was prominently known in mill affairs through the South.

Mr. Hutchison was universally esteemed in Charlotte. He was a man of recognized integrity, of high ideals and of earnest purpose to attain unto them.

He was honest and upright, devoting his life to his wife and children, making every sacrifice for their pleasure and advancement in life. He gave himself unreservedly to them, and their's indeed was a happy home.

He was a member of the Second Presbyterian church and was for years secretary of the Sunday school. He was held in affectionate esteem by the congregation of the Second church.

Mr. Hutchison was married October 9th, 1883 to Miss Annie Fisher, niece of the late Mr. John W. Wadsworth. Mrs. Hutchison and four children—Mr. A. C., jr., Mr. John, Miss Annie Louise and Mr. James Hutchison—survive. Beside these Mr. Hutchison is survived by his aged mother, Mrs. M. A. Hutchison, who lives in Greenville, S. C., one sister, Mrs. Chas. Ellis, of Greenville, and two brothers, Mr. Egbert Hutchison, of Mt. Holly, and Mr. John Hutchison, of Norfolk.

Mr. Egbert Hutchison, and Mr. T. W. Dixon, a devoted friend of Mr. Hutchison, will go to Alta Vista this evening.

John Winthrow Doomed.

By Associated Press.

Atlanta, Ga., April 12.—John Withrow, the young Fannin county wife murderer, must hang unless the governor intercedes in his behalf. The supreme court this morning affirmed the decision of the superior court of Fannin county, where he was convicted and given the death sentence. Withrow was one of five prisoners who some time ago escaped from the jail here and was caught in DeKalb county.

ONE KILLED IN WRECK OF FRIGHT TRAIN.

By Associated Press.

Waycross, Ga., April 12.—One man was killed and another seriously hurt about 3 o'clock this morning when a freight train on the Atlantic Coast Line crashed into the rear of another, which was on a siding near here. Conductor Charles W. Hendrick, of Brunswick, Ga., was killed and Fireman Jim Brown, colored was injured.

Kendrick was in the caboose of his train, which was from Brunswick, when the other, from Savannah, plowed its way through. Flagman S. H. Edenfield who was with him, was not hurt. Engineer A. R. Dodge, of the Savannah train, jumped and was not injured. His fireman, Brown, remained in the cab. The engine was derailed and badly damaged. Six cars of the Brunswick freight were demolished.

Balloon Sighted.

By Associated Press.

Hot Springs, April 12.—A balloon believed to have been the one manned by H. E. Honeywell and J. W. Toiland, which started from San Antonio Monday night, in an effort to break the world's record for long distance flight, passed over this city at 9:45 o'clock yesterday traveling in a northerly direction.

The balloon was moving at a rapid rate. Only one man was seen in the basket.

Bad Fire in Alabama.

By Associated Press.

Birmingham, Ala., April 12.—Fire this morning destroyed almost the entire business section of Leeds, Ala., a cement manufacturing town, eight miles east of Birmingham. Whitmire & Sons, general merchandise dealers, were the heaviest losers. The total damage amounts to $27,500 with less than $10,000 insurance.

TAR HEELS NOT BOUND BY CAUCUS ON RECIPROCITY

News Bureau,
Congress Hall.
(BY H. E. C. BRYANT.)

Washington, April 12.—Three North Carolinian, Webb, Gudger and Doughton, will not be bound by the caucus action on reciprociay.

Last night Webb introduced this resolution which was lost:

"Resolved, That is is the sense of this caucus that a new section to be No. 2 should be added to the Canadian reciprocity treaty, placing on the free list the following articles, viz: All agricultural implements, including plows, harrows, harvesters, reapers and mowers; also boots, shoes, saddles, saddlery, wire fencing, barbed wire, hay baling wire, bagging for cotton, ties for cotton, sacks, burlap, flour, dressed meats of all kinds and salt."

J. W. BRYAN AND GOV. HARMAN

Snapshot, taken in Washington of William J. Bryan and Governor Harmon of Ohio. The first session of the new democratic congress has brought thousands of prominent democrats to the capitol from all over the country. One of the main topics of conversation that can be heard discussed by the parties of jubilant democrats is who will be the democratic presidential nominee for 1912; and Gov. Harmon appears to be one of the most probable candidates.

R. M. Miller Jr. One Of Speakers At Big Boston Meeting

National Association of Cotton Manufacturers Holds Annual Convention in Boston--Many Mill Men in Attendance—Charlotte Man Speaks.

"Misery Loves Company" Says President Hobbs And Proceeds to Show How Mills in England Share in General Depression.

By Associated Press.

Boston, April 12.—"Misery likes company," said President Franklin W. Hobbs, in his address to the National Association of Cotton Manufacturers in this city today, in referring to the fact that the Lancashire cotton mills had been having "hard sledding" as well as those in the United States. The convention in Huntington Hall, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, will also be in session tomorrow. The delegates were welcomed by Governor Foss, R. M. Miller, jr., of Charlotte, N. C., replying.

The association medal for 1910 was awarded to Charles T. Main, of Boston, in recognition of his contributions to textile publications.

In his annual address President Hobbs said:

"Last September I remarked that the cotton manufacturing industry had been in troublous times since we met in April last and I regret to be compelled to state that the troublous times have been continued. The cotton crop has been a disappointment, curtailment has continued and a most unsatisfactory condition has resulted. Buying is on a hand-to-mouth basis. Added to perplexing business condition has been the upset political situation and the uncertainty due to expected decisions of the supreme court which will have far reaching effects. With these two factors removed, we shall know where we stand and be prepared to go forward.

"Misery likes company, and it may interest you to know that for the year ending November 30, 1910, seventy-three concerns in Lancashire with a total paid up capital stock of $12,800,000 and an added loan capital of $5,400,000, showed a loss of $1,315,000 after paying interest on loans and allowing for depreciation. These figures are the worst for 25 years.

"It is undougtedly true that the consumption of cotton is steadily increasing each year and it seems equally true that this increase in consumption will continue.

"With increases of machinery which have been made, it is evident that the consumption of the mills of the world on full time would be not less than twenty million bales.

"Then querry thus arises: Where will the additional amount of cotton needed for the world and its increasing population come from?

"I think I am too optimistic to believe that from the present acreage, the American production could be doubled if proper methods were used, and it is along such lines that our friends in the South must work to secure the best results for themselves and the spinners."

Following President Hobbs' address, Richard C. McLaurin, of the Institute of Technology, and Theodore H. Price, of New York, spoke to the delegates, who were much interested in a demonstration of cotton picking by machinery, given by a New York man.

NO SENTENCE ON MILLER TO-DAY

By Associated Press.

Aberdeen, Miss., April 12.—Judge Niles, of the United States district court, has not yet pronounced sentence on J. H. Miller, T. C. Steele and C. H. Clide, members of the bankrupt cotton firm of Steele, Miller & Co., who yesterday accepted instructed jury verdicts of guilty on charges of conspiracy to defraud through the misuse of the mails.

The court will reconvene late today and it is expected that sentence will then be passed.

It is possible Judge Niles may defer sentences until the adjournment of the district court the latter part of the week.

IOWA SOLONS ADJOURN TO-DAY

By Associated Press.

Des Moines, Iowa, April 12.—The Iowa legislature will adjourn sine die at 2 o'clock this afternoon, probably without having elected a successor to the late United States Senator Dolliver. The usual ballot will be taken but it is expected that opponents of Judge Kenyon, leading republican candidate for the toga will fight a motion to continue ballotting. The house concurred in the senate adjournment resolution this morning.

Conductor Bell Shot by Hoboes

By Associated Press.

Greensboro, N. C., April 12.—R. C. Bell, a Southern Railway freight conductor, was shot four times last night by one of two hoboes, who Bell attempted to put off his train. The shooting occurred between this place and High Point about midnight and as soon as the news was received posses left from this city and High Point for the scene.

Bell was carried to High Point and there given medical attention. He has two bullets in his abdomen and one in each leg, though it is not believed his wounds will prove fatal.

MANY ARTICLES TO BE PLACED ON THE FREE LIST

By Associated Press.

Washington, April 12.—Two of the tariff measures which the democratic house expects to pass in advance of any general legislation were introduced today by Chairman Underwood of the committee on ways and means.

They are Canadian reciprocity, following the identical lines of the McCall bill passed last session, except for a clause authorizing the President to continue negotiations for reciprocity with Canadian articles not covered by the pending agreement, and a bill to put on the free list about 100 articles now dutiable under the general tariff. Both acts will receive early consideration. The free list bill is designated to placate farmers for agricultural losses which they will sustain under the Canadian agreement, but it contains also some foodstuffs and boots and shoes. The list is as follows:

Plows, harrows, headers, harvesters, reapers, agricultural drills and planters, mowers, horse rakes, cultivators, threshing machines, cotton gins, farm wagons, farm carts, and all other agricultural implements, including repair parts.

Bagging for cotton, gunny cloth and fabrics suitable for baling cotton; burlaps and bags for sacking agricultural products; hooper band iron or steel for bailing cotton, wire for bailing hay, straw and other agricultural products.

Grain leather, buff, split, rough or sole leather, bend or belting leather, boots and shoes, harness, saddles, and saddlery, and leather for manufactured articles.

Barbed fence wire, wire rods, wire strands or wire rope, wire woven or manufactured for wire fencing.

Beef, veal, mutton, lamb, pork, and meats of all kinds, fresh, salted, pickled, dried, smoked, dressed or undressed, prepared or preserved in any manner; bacon, hams, shoulders, lard, lard compounds and lard substitutes and sausage.

Buckwheat flour, corn meal, wheat and rye flour, bran, middlings and other offals of grain, oat meal and rolled oats, and all prepared cereal foods, biscuits, bread, wafers and similar articles not sweetened.

Timbers, hemn, sided or squared, round timber used for spars or in building wharves, shingles, laths, fencing posts, sawed boards, planks, deals, and other lumber, rough or dressed, except ebony, mahogany, rosewood and all other cabinet woods.

Sewing machines and salt completes the free list.

"We expect to call up the reciprocity Friday," said Chairman Underwood, "and will seek to pass it as soon as possible. Then will come the free list bill and following that the bill providing for statehood for New Mexico and Arizona. Reappointment will come later."

What Will the Senate Do?

Washington, D. C., April 12.—Uncertainty exists as to what course will be pursued in the senate with reference to the Canadian reciprocity bill when it reaches the upper house, possibly next week.

Senator Penrose, who will become the new chairman of the committee on finance is friendly to the bill and will urge favorable action.

Senator Bailey will make an effort to have it amended. Senator Cummins, who probably will have one of the places to be assigned the insurgents on the committee also will seek to have the measure amended, but he will approach the subject from a firendly point of view.

With the bill once before the senate a fairly long contest is expected. It is believed that in the end it will pass.

Wanted To Sell Their Blood

By Associated Press.

New York, April 12.—Two hundred men called at Mount Moriah hospital here yesterday in answer to an advertisement offering $25 for a quart of human blood. Most of them were penniless and all declared that the monetary reward was their sole consideration in applying.

G. J. Allen, a strapping sailor was selected and for half an hour last night blood flowed from his arteries into the veins of Mrs. Rosie Reisler. Allen wanted to depart when the operations was concluded, but surgeons detained him until he recovers his strength. Mrs. Reisier, who had lost blood through an internal hemorrhage, is on the road to recovery.

Wants Play Ground Over His Grave

By Associated Press.

Cleveland, O., April 12.—"When I die, I hope the people will make a playground over my body. I would rather have the children romping over my grave than a hundred monuments."

This was the statement made by former Mayor Tom L. Johnson, who died Monday night, to his friends when men in public life died and monuments to their memory were being planned.

A mass meeting will be held today or tomorrow to raise funds for a monument to Mr. Johnson.

The body of the former mayor will be sent to New York this afternoon to be buried in Greenwood cemetery, the pall bearers named for the funeral in Brooklyn which will be held probably Thursday afternoon are William J. Bryan, C. M. Bates, Ben T. Cable, Lincoln Steffens, A. J. Maxham, Henry George, August Lewis and Phillip A. Brennen.

Testimony Against Ed. C. Caton Is Being Offered Now

Attorney Shannonhouse Represents Sharon Township People Who Petitioned For Revocation of Conditional Pardon.

Mr. W. M. Smith Appointed by Governor Kitchin to Hold Investigation, to Submit Stenographic Report of Evidence.

Ed. Caton, placed on the stand by his attorney, became confused when pressed by questions from Mr. Shannonhouse and so palpably told incorrectly of things that happened at his home on the Sabbath of the chicken fight, that cross examination ceased in a little while.

At 2:30 o'clock the investigation was ended and witnesses who had testified were told to come back Friday and sign their statements, stenographically taken by Mr. C. O. McMillan. Mr. Smith, acting as he does as commissioner or referee, will forward the report of the testimony to the governor, and Attorney Shannonhouse will give a resume of it in his own way, as will also Mr. Adams, who represents Caton.

The most important feature of the investigation came after two o'clock in the afternoon when C. A. Niven and Ed Caton went on the stand. The former has only recently been employed by Caton and was in former years convicted in the recorder's court upon a charge of selling whiskey. Mr. Shannonhouse was the recorder. On the stand the witness said he only sold "Hop Ale," and that the conviction should not have been.

"God being your helper, can you give the name of one man who will say Caton's reputation is good?" asked Mr. Shannonhouse of Niven.

"I heard a man say some of the people who wanted his pardon revoked were almost as mean as he was," was the evasive answer.

Caton's answers were a denial of the more serious charges, but a substantiation of the charge that he knew of the chicken fighting on the Sabbath.

Ed. C. Caton, a Sharon township man, against whom allegations of immorality were made by his neighbors, who prayed a revocation of a conditional pardon granted him by the governor, is on trial today before Mr. W. M. Smith, who was especially appointed by Governor Kitchen to take testimony in the special investigation.

Attorney Frank M. Shannonhouse is conducting the prosecution of the people's petition, while Mr. Theo. Adams is representing the defendant. The hearing is being held in the office of Mr. Adams and a crowd of more than 50 has been assembled all the forenoon.

A stenographic report of the testimony will be forwarded to Governor Kitchin along with such recommendations as Mr. Smith, who virtually is the court of inquiry, may see fit to made. Upon this testimony rests the freedom or liberty of Caton for the next 14 or 15 months, he having only served a short time of the 18 months' sentence imposed upon him when the conditional pardon was granted.

Witnesses this morning looked across the table at Ed. Caton, who sat behind his lawyer and declared unequivocally that his reputation in the community in which he lived was bad. They graphically described the great chicken fight that took place on the man's land on a Sabbath and which was in reality the straw that broke the camel's back, to use a figure of speech.

Insinuations were made that offenses much worse than cock fighting had been committed by Caton. By clever questioning of witnesses Mr. Shannonhouse developed testimony that Ella Brewer, the woman in the case when Caton was sentenced to the roads, had remained at Caton's home since his conditional pardon by the governor. Until recently she was there alone, but within the last month other people who claim to be her relatives, are there.

As stoical as an Indian sat Caton through the taking of testimony. The neighbors who testified against him knew him personally and one or two spoke to him as they took the witness stand. And yet these neighbors said his reputation was bad and by their evidence asked a revocation of the conditional pardon. Attorney Adams contested everp oint. He objected to any question as to the reputation of the man and when his objections were overruled he noted an exception in each instance.

Commissioner Smith allowed a little freedom to the witnesses and they told of the circumstances leading up to the chicken fight on the Sabbath. Caton was caught with a bag in his hand and in the bag were two dead game cocks. One's head had been pulled off and the other showed the signs of the gaffs in his neck.

Deputy Sheriff Porter picturesquely told of going to Caton's home and finding the chicken fighters in session. In company with Mr. N. W. Wallace, jr., he went to the place Sunday some weeks ago between 12 and 1 o'clock in the day. Many vehicles were found in front of the home and no man was around. After waiting a little while, so said the witness, Caton was seen coming across a field with a bag in his hand.

Mr. Porter asked "What does this mean, Caton?" whereupon Caton handed over the bag with the two dead chickens and remarked, "See for yourself." Deputizing Mr. Wallace to remain with Caton and the vehicles, Deputy Porter followed a freshly made path to the woods not far distant from Caton's home and there found 40 or 50 people huddled around a pit. Upon either side of the pit men were fixing gaffs on the legs of the fighting chickens.

Commanding all to consider themselves under arrest the deputy sheriff proceeded to gather up the paraphernalia. While he was getting this paraphernalia all save three of the great throng ran. He took about a dozen chickens and the gaffs to the house with him and waited until each man came to get his vehicle. As they arrived he would summon them to court. They were tried—31 of them—before 'Squire Cobb the next day and were fined $5. Caton was one of the number, and a record of this conviction is a part of the testimony against him the governor will consider in reaching a conclusion as to the final disposition of the man.

Testimony that Caton had sold liquor is not strong against him, but the circumstances connecting him with immoral relations with Ella Brewer are very incriminating. Mr. T. B. Brown, who lives less than a mile from Caton's home testified that he was disturbed early in the morning of the March Sabbath by vehicles passing his place en route to Caton's home. He learned there was a big chicken

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BANKRUPTS TO EXTENT OF 13 MILLION DOLLARS

By Associated Press.

New York, April 12.—Three involuntary petitions in bankruptcy aggregating $13,500,000 were filed here today against three officers of the failed Carnegie Trust Company, now in the hands of the states uperintendent of banks.

The respondents are William J. Cummins, president of the trust company; Charles Arthur Moore, Jr., and Martin J. Condon, directors. Their financial status is given in the petition as:

Cummins, liabilities $5,000,000 and assets $400,000.

Moore, liabilities of $2,000,000, and assets of $100,000.

Condon, liabilities $6,500,000, and assets $500,000.

Payson Merrill was named receiver for all three under bonds of $100,000. Only three petitioning creditors are named, which is all the law requires, but their lawyers said that many more are associated with them.

The creditors who appear are: Hermann C. Brewster, $30,000; Herbert Hatfield $9,644, and James S. Watson $80,000, all for money lent. They allege against Cummins in their petition that preferential payments have been made since he became insolvent and that there has been transfer and concealment of considerable property with intent to hinder and defraud creditors.

The actions were not brought agaist the respondents as directors in the Carnegie Trust Company, but as individuals.

The Carnegie Trust Company, long on the edge of failure, was thrust over the precipice by the failure and indictment of Joseph G. Robin, president of the Washington Savings Bank.

Noted Counterfeiter Taken.

By Associated Press.

Washington, D. C., 12.—After a search of two years secret service men arersted Harry Porter in Denver last night and charged rim with making the best counterfeit silver dollars ever circulated in this country.

KENYON ELECTED SENATOR FROM IOWA TO-DAY

By Associated Press.

Des Moines, Iowa, April 12.—Judge William S. Kenyon, republican, was elected United States senator to succeed the late Senator Jonathan P. Dolliver, on the sixty-seventh ballot in the Iowa legislature this afternoon. The victory came with the second ballot of today's session and following a stormy session. He received 78 votes, just enough to elect, against 26 for supreme court justice, Horace E. Deemer, his republican opponent.