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CONGRESSMAN ADAMS COMMITTED SUICIDE BY SHOOTING TODAY

Placed Muzzle of Revolver
in His Mouth Early This
Morning

DONE IN CHAMBER AT METROPOLITAN CLUB

Found At 8 O'clock This Morning By
a Negro Bell Man.—Was Sitting
Upright In Arm Chair.—Had Gone
To Bath Room and Washed Him-
self After Shooting.—Died At
Emergency Hospital a Little
Later—Wrote Speaker Cannon of
His Plan and Asked That Memo-
rial Exercises Be Omitted.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, June 1.—Representative Robert Adams of the second congressional district of Pennsylvania is dead at Emergency Hospital in this city as the result of a pistol shot fired through his mouth into his head with suicidal intent.

The act was committed at the club chamber of the Metropolitan Club, where Mr. Adams had resided for several years, some time between 6 and 7 o'clock this morning. It was not until 8 o'clock, however, that he was found by Horace Clark, one of the negro bell men, whose habit it was each morning at that hour to carry hot water to the room. Upon opening the door, Clark found Mr. Adams, entirely nude, sitting upright in an arm-chair. He immediately summoned the attaches of the house, and a doctor at once was sent for. Mr. Adams then was unconscious, and the physician who was summoned pronounced the wound necessarily fatal. Mr. Adams was soon afterward removed to the hospital in a patrol wagon, where the bullet and some fragments of bone were removed from his brain.

He died at 11:30.

A ghastly feature of his act was the fact that after shooting himself Mr. Adams proceeded out into the hall and to the bath-room, where he washed himself and then returned to his room. The walls and bath-room were spattered with blood.

In his room an unsigned note was found addressed to James Clark, another bell man, reading as follows:

"Notify H. G. Clement, 1236 L street, Telephone Main 1863, and also Frank P. Adams, 1817 Wharf street. Left money for breakfast bill. You can divide the things in the closet."

At the Metropolitan club chambers it was recalled today that yesterday morning Mr. Adams did not act naturally and appeared to be under some mental strain. Before leaving for the capitol he demanded his board bill, which he paid, remarking at the same time that the bell men could divide up the change among themselves. He seemed himself again last night, and there was nothing in his actions which indicated that he contemplated taking his life.

The Scene In the House.

A black-draped desk in the hall of the house of representatives, covered with June flowers, smilax and ferns, brought a shock to almost every member when the house convened today. It told, with a pathos all its own, the story of the passing of Robert Adams, Jr., late a congressman from the second Pennsylvania district, from the scenes of a busy, active life.

Not in years has there come to the membership of the house such sudden gloom as came with the going out of Mr. Adams. But yesterday having charge of the diplomatic and consular bill, he showed energy and activity, getting the bill through the house with less friction than usual, but few amendments being made to the measure.

When the house convened there was an especially large membership present, and when the chaplain referred to the death of the late congressman members were visibly affected.

Immediately after the approval of the journal Mr. Morrell (Penn.) rose, and amid a profound hush said: "Mr. Speaker, it is with the deepest feelings of pain and sorrow that I have to announce to the house the sudden death this morning of an old friend, the death of one of our members, one of my colleagues from Philadelphia, a gentleman whose personality was with us yesterday and whose conduct of good natured chaffing during the debate on the bill. The fact that he was a bachelor and was trying to secure the passage of a bill to punish wife beaters by whipping the men found guilty,

"Mr. Speaker, it is my sad duty to announce to the house the sudden

death in the early hours of the morning of Robert Adams, Jr., a representative from the state of Pennsylvania."

Then came a scene that has never had its parallel in the historic chamber of the nation's law-making body. The speaker rose and asked that the house indulge him while he read a letter from the dead, a letter received while the life of Robert Adams was passing away. A silence fell on the house but yesterday was surcharged with animation. The letter was as follows:

"Washington, May 31, 1906.

"Hon. J. G. Cannon,

"My Dear Mr. Speaker:

"The fact that my personal obligations exceed my resources is my only excuse for abandoning the responsible position I occupy in the house. I am willing to be buried at its expense, but I ask that no committee be appointed or memorial services held, as I have never been in sympathy with the latter custom.

"With assurances of my high regard,
"Sincerely yours,
"ROBERT ADAMS."

Funeral Arrangements.

Following the reading of the letter Mr. Morrell presented a resolution directing the sergeant-at-arms to make the necessary arrangements for the funeral, the expenses to be paid out of the contingent fund of the house, and then as a further mark of respect the house adjourned.

A general arbitration treaty for the acceptance of all nations.

A plan for the restriction of armaments, and if possible, for their reduction by concurrent international action.

Dr. Daniel C. Gilman reported for the special committee appointed last year to awaken interest in colleges and universities.

The conference voted to continue the college special committee for another year.

A platform presented to the conference by Dr. Gilman, seconded by Justice Brewer of the supreme court, and St. Clair McKelway was unanimously adopted. It follows:

The members of this conference with great satisfaction call attention to the steady opening which the world is making in the promotion of international arbitration.

They place on record their appreciation of the character and services of John Hay, the late secretary of state and acknowledge that to him lasting gratitude is due for the foresight, firmness and wisdom with which in his high official station he upheld the principles which this conference has advocated.

They have heard with gratification that in many of the leading colleges and universities of this country the undergraduate students have been led to the study of methods by which justice may be secured among nations without resort to war.

This conference has welcomed to its proceedings the reports of fifty chambers of commerce, boards of trade and other commercial organizations and it urges upon them and other like institutions not now represented here to consider and act upon the measures which are from time to time proposed for the promotion of peace.

This conference regards the approaching assembling of a pan-American congress in Rio Janeiro as likely to promote mutual understanding and consequent good will among the states of North, Central and South America.

At the present time it is important that public attention should be centered upon the second Hague conference and that the beneficial results of the former conference will be equalled and perhaps surpassed by further deliberation in the land of Grotius upon the principles of international law and the best methods for the pacific securing of international difficulties.

Especially we hope that the second Hague conference will elaborate and propose a plan by which conferences may be held at stated periods, and in the intervals appropriate offices may be maintained at the Hague so that these conferences may become permanent and recognized advisory congresses of the nations.

A general arbitration treaty to be formulated by the Hague conference is most desirable and will doubtless be accepted by all or nearly all the countries represented in the conference.

Among other subjects of immediate importance the many unsettled questions arising out of maritime warfare including the exemption of private property from seizure at sea and the neutralization of ocean routes are specifically recommended to the consideration of the Hague conference.

As the general restriction or armaments can be secured by concurrent international action as unanimously recommended by the British house of commons we earnestly hope that this subject will receive a favorable consideration.

While we shall welcome any action

taken by the coming Hague conference in the way of clearly defining the rights and obligations of belligerents as to each other and as to neutrals, of lessening the horrors of war, and of giving increased stability and protection to red cross movements, it is our hope that the conference will remember that it is consecrated to the great work of ending as well as softening war and of subjecting the relations of

the parties to the Hague conference.

Queen Christina, the Prince and Princess of Wales and the Archduke and Archduchess Francis Ferdinand of Austria had already reached the palace, and were waiting for the king and queen with the infants.

When some time elapsed without the royal coach appearing, the Prince of

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Mr. Adams became prominent at the beginning of the session of congress by introducing and championing the "whipping post bill," which had been recommended by the president. Mr. Adams had to stand a great deal of good natured chaffing during the debate on the bill. The fact that he was a bachelor and was trying to secure the passage of a bill to punish wife beaters by whipping the men found guilty,

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THE PLATFORM ON ARBITRATION

Would Make Hague Confer-
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ARBITRATION TREATY

THROWER

ARRESTED

KING ALFONSO HAD CLOSE CALL

Fragment of Bomb Struck
Order on Breast

POSSE

SEARCHED

CARALEIGH

SECTION FOR HER

FOUND IN THE SWAMPS

MRS. H. S. KEITH

DISAPPEARED

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