

## COLUMBIA LAWYER TAKES HIS LIFE

**Charles H. Barron Dies From Bullet Wound**  
IN FINANCIAL TROUBLE  
Deceased Leaves Notes Saying "I Have Done My Best"

Columbia, Nov. 14.—Leaving a note beside him saying that "my life insurance is the only way I can pay those I owe," and that "I have done my best," Charles H. Barron, Columbia lawyer, and financier, about 1 o'clock this afternoon sent a bullet crashing through his brain which snuffed out a life brilliant with achievements during its short forty-two years.

The deceased selected as his death couch a pine carpeted thicket fringing the placid waters of a sylvan pond owned by him four miles north of the city where he and his friends were wont to be sport themselves with fishing, bathing and dancing in the days that are gone.

J. H. Lee, caretaker of the pond and surrounding preserve, saw Mr. Barron in his death throes immediately following the crack of the revolver that sped its deadly missile.

**Drives to the Pond**  
Shortly before noon, according to the time estimate of Mr. Lee, Mr. Barron passed the Lee residence alone in his automobile, and waved his hand to J. W. Lee, son of the caretaker, and went down toward the pond. Mr. Lee said that, when he came to his house for dinner, his children told him that Mr. Barron had gone to the pond. When he finished eating and resting about an hour, he thinks, after Mr. Barron appeared, Mr. Lee went to the pond to have a talk with him.

He said that as he approached the club house he saw Mr. Barron to the right, just beyond the small green outhouse-sitting in his shirt-sleeves beneath a small pine tree. He did not know if Mr. Barron saw him. Just as the green outhouse obscured the range of his vision, he said, he heard the sharp report of a revolver. He hurried around the house, and saw Mr. Barron "jerking, his arms quivering, and the blood gushing from his ear." He immediately hurried for help.

When viewed shortly afterwards, the body was lying on the back, with the legs stretched out and the arms thrown to the side. To the left of the body, midway between the hip and the knee and near the left hand, was a 32 calibre revolver, loaded with new cartridges and one empty shell. The bullet which caused death entered the left ear. Mr. Barron, say his friends, was ambidextrous.

**Notes Found in Hat**  
About three feet from the body was the coat of the deceased with his hat resting on it. In the hat was the note and over the hat was spread a handkerchief. This note, in reality three separate notes, was written on the back of a used letter-sheet and the handwriting and signature have been identified by associates as that of Mr. Barron.

The note read as follows:  
"11-14-22. My life insurance is the only way I have to pay those I owe, I have done my best."  
(Signed) "Chas. H. Barron."  
Be sure and get return premiums on policies less than a year old.  
(Signed) "C. H. B."  
"Please ask my good friend J. E. Belser to have my loyal friend and partner, J. Nelson Frierson, appointed administrator. My estate is solely liable for the firm debts, as all others were on a salary basis and know nothing of my trouble of the condition of finances."  
(Signed) "Chas. H. Barron."  
"11-14-22."

**About 150,000 in Insurance**  
According to the best available information to be obtained tonight, Mr. Barron has approximately \$150,000 in life insurance. Judging from the note left by him some of the policies are of recent date and contain the anti-suicide clause stopping payment. No estimate could be made of Mr. Barron's indebtedness.

The honeymoon draws toward a close when the young people come back to the neighborhood where their relatives live.

No matter who prevented the war in the Near East, we have an uneasy feeling that "postponed" would be a better word.

## Our Annual Paul Revere



### RENTZ-HUSBAND NUPTIALS

Quiet but beautiful in every detail was the marriage of Miss Hazel Husband and Mr. James Tanner Rentz, which took place at five thirty o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the country home of the bride's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Phillips Gable of Gable, South Carolina, the Rev. L. B. McCord of Manning Presbyterian Church officiating.

The reception rooms of the Gable home were prettily decorated throughout with great clusters of large white chrysanthemums and lighted tapers. The altar where the ceremony took place was banked with palms, ferns and white chrysanthemums.

The bridal party entered to the strains of Lohengrens wedding march played by Mrs. Hagood Wood. Previous to their entrance Thomas Grey's "Think Love of Me" was sung by Mrs. Cornelius C. Christal. The bride had as her attendant Miss Catherine Furman of Sumter, South Carolina, as maid of honor and her two little cousins Eve and Lottie Belle Gable as ribbon bearers. Mr. Ralph Husband, brother of the bride, was best man to the bridegroom.

The bride was strikingly pretty in a dark blue gown of broad crepe meteor duvetyne trimmed in the striped tips of corresponding shade, carrying a shower bouquet of brides roses and lilies of the valley. She was given away by her uncle, Mr. C. P. Gable. The maid of honor wore a gown of Salmon Taffeta with a picture hat to match and carried pink carnations. The little ribbon bearers were dainty in white frocks.

At the informal reception following, Mrs. Gable was assisted in receiving by Mrs. Homer Lee Oliver of Apalachicola, Fla., sister of the groom, Mrs. Wallace T. Darden and Mrs. Louis J. Berniard.

Mr. Rentz and his bride will spend their honeymoon in North Carolina. They will be at home after November fifteenth at Gable.

**BRIDAL RECEPTION**  
One of the most enjoyable social events of the season was a miscellaneous shower given by Mesdames Jeff Davis and Blaney Coskrey at the home of Mrs. Davis, on Wednesday afternoon in honor of the recent bride, Mrs. J. E. James. The guests were met at the door by Mrs. Coskrey and ushered into the spacious living room which was beautifully decorated in handsome yellow chrysanthemums and pot plants. Each guest was presented with a card and asked to advise the bride "How to Manage Her Husband," next cup towels were given each couple, and they hemmed them with dainty stitches for the bride.

The guests were then invited to go to the well—when they reached the back of the hall, there stood a quaint old moss covered well, with an oaken bucket, swinging from a chain. Mrs. James was asked to draw the water and much to her surprise when the bucket came up, it was laden with the most beautiful gifts. Next they were invited into the dining room, which was a bower of white chrysanthemums and shaded candles gave an air of loveliness. There were covers laid for sixteen, dainty hand painted place cards marked the guests places. The centerpiece was a miniature bride dressed in white satin with a train and her veil caught back with orange blossoms, she held a shower bouquet. The cards of advice were drawn from the center of the table and much merriment was found in reading them, after which a most delightful five-course luncheon was served by Mrs. Stuekey and Mrs. Wash Davis.

### U. D. C. TO MEET

The U. D. C. will hold the regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. J. W. Rigby, Monday afternoon, Nov. 27th, at 4 o'clock, with Mrs. Rigby Mrs. T. M. Wells and Mrs. Charlie Rigby as hostesses. The program is as follows:  
Roll call answered with items of local history.  
"My Country's Part in the War Between the States," Mrs. E. S. Ervin.  
Paper—Local History, Mrs. G. L. Dickson.  
Reading—Article by a local author, Miss Irma Weinberg.  
Music.  
The following are the committees for 1922-23:  
Publicity: Miss Irma Weinberg, chairman; Miss Rose Ervin, Miss Janie Wilson.  
Membership:—Mrs. T. M. Mouson, chairman; Mrs. S. S. Richardson, Miss May Lesesne.  
Finance:—Mrs. J. H. Orvin, chairman, Mrs. A. C. Bradham, Mrs. J. H. Rigby.  
Historical and Scrap Book:—Mrs. S. J. Clark, chairman, Mrs. J. T. Stukes, Mrs. Ida Cole.  
Credential:—Mrs. E. S. Ervin, chairman, Mrs. F. O. Richardson, Mrs. J. W. Rigby.  
Program:—Mrs. J. D. Gerald, chairman, Mrs. G. L. Dickson, Mrs. A. T. Helms.  
Visiting:—Mrs. Chas. Rigby, chairman, Mrs. T. E. Plowden, Mrs. W. T. Lesesne, Jr.

### DEATH LAID TO DRUG

Sumter, Nov. 14.—English Williamson, who died after being found in an unconscious condition in a local boarding house Sunday afternoon, came to his death from the effects of a drug, according to the verdict of the coroner's jury, which was returned tonight. The verdict was reached following testimony by Stigling "Dick" Merrimon, in whose room Williamson was found, that both had taken some of the drug.

Merrimon was arrested, as were Ernest Keen, and Charles "Red" Heriot, both negroes on charges of "having, selling and giving away drugs not registered and in violation of law." Merrimon stated he bought the drug from Keen, who, in turn, declared he had obtained it from Heriot. The trio were held in bonds of \$2,500 each.

Greenville, S. C., Nov. 14.—Leroy Sweetzer, commissioner of labor and industry of Massachusetts, and commander of the Twentieth division during part of its stay at Camp Sevier in the latter part of 1918, arrived here this afternoon from Spartanburg for the purpose of inspecting cotton mills in this city and section.

### AMERICANS READY FOR PEACE PARLEY

Washington, Nov. 14.—Ambassador Child, at Rome, and Minister Grewart Berne, will be the American observers at the Near Eastern conference at Lausanne, the State Department announced today. Rear Admiral Bristol, high commissioner at Constantinople, will be named associate commissioner as his other duties will not permit him to be in continuous attendance. In instructions under which the American group will act in presenting the viewpoint of the Washington government, but without taking any part in the negotiations already are en route to Mr. Child.

Department officials would not comment on the nature of the instructions. The scope of American participation in the proceedings at Lausanne, however was quite clearly defined by Secretary Hughes in advance of receipt of the actual invitation. In his communication to the Allied governments of October 30, Mr. Hughes said:

**American Attitude**  
"To safeguard such (American) interests and to facilitate the exchange of views, the government of the United States is prepared to send observers to the proposed conference if this action is agreeable to the powers concerned. Without without participating in the negotiations of the treaty of peace, these observers would be able to indicate this government's position in greater detail than is possible in this aidemoirs and they could also inform the American government of the attitude of the other powers in matters where are mutual interests."

The points enumerated by Secretary Hughes lay stress upon "the maintenance of capitulations which may be essential to the appropriate safeguarding of non-moslem interest" since that presentation is first followed by "the protection, under proper guarantees of philanthropic, educational and religious institutions."

American interest in maintaining equality of commercial opportunity in Turkish territory while emphasized at several points in Mr. Hughes' communication is left to third place in this tabulated outline of particular points of American concern. The commercial aspect of the settlement in the American view, thus apparently being subordinated to considerations involving the personal status of Americans in Turkey and to the necessity of securing protection for religious minorities and philanthropic enterprises in Turkey. Involved in the capitulations and their maintenance is the whole question of existing Turkish law and the fact that in all questions of personal status, such as marriage and divorce and many other matters that touch most closely the lives of individuals, Moslem religious authority is supreme in Turkish courts. The capitulations were set up in their present form to meet that situation largely and to protect nationals of Christian nations by making them subject to trial before mixed courts, with their own countrymen participating or before consular courts. The demand of the Turkish Nationalists for complete judicial independence and suppression of the capitulations would wipe out this protection and it is certain that the American observers at Lausanne will have clear-cut views on this question to present.

### HELD ON FRAUD CHARGE

New York, Nov. 14.—Mrs. Myra Cleveland Harriet Sims, who claims relationship with the late President Cleveland and Rear Admiral Sims, U. S. N., retired, today was held in \$7,500 bail for examination November 20 on a charge of fraud.

She was arrested upon the complaint of Mrs. Emily Thompson, who said she and her sister gave the woman \$4,000 for the purchase of stocks in a radio corporation.

### SHOOTS BROTHER-IN-LAW IN RIGHT BREAST

On Monday afternoon W. K. Hill shot his brother-in-law Howard Broadway in the right breast, seriously wounding him. The altercation took place at the home of Hill near Paxville, about one o'clock Monday afternoon. Broadway was rushed to the Tuomey Hospital in Sumter and Hill came to Manning and gave himself up to Sheriff Gamble.

### GALLS MEETING TO RAP BOLL WEEVIL

**Governor Harvey Wants Conference in Columbia**

**FARMERS ARE INVITED**  
Agriculture Scientists to Join in Working Out Effective Plan

Columbia, Nov. 14.—A conference, to be participated in by a score or more of scientific farmers and agricultural scientists, to prescribe a formula for combating the inroads and propagation of the cotton boll weevil, was called this afternoon by Governor Harvey to meet here in the State Library at noon, Saturday, November 18th.

"The degree of prosperity in South Carolina," said the letter of the Governor to those invited, "is dependent, in the near future at least, on the degree of success attained in the control of the boll weevil; and the degree of such control seems dependent upon the degree of unanimity, with which cotton growers adopt approved protective measures."

**Systematic Work Needed**  
"To reach the ear and fix the attention of the multitude of small farmers in this State, will require much systematic work and sustained effort, and the employment of every possible agency for publicity and influence. Reasonable success would be a notable achievement."

"While it is true that every known method of attacking the weevil has been publicly urged many times, it has been represented to me that the position of the press and other agencies, willing and anxious to make a systematic campaign to bring into line all cotton growers in the State, would be greatly strengthened and their work made much more effective should they be furnished one fixed point around which to concentrate such as would be presented in a pronouncement as official is practicable to be made, by a body of scientists and successful scientific farmers, as to the proper methods of combating the inroads of the boll weevil."

"That this material may be furnished, I write you as I am writing a score of other gentlemen to meet in the State Library at Columbia, at 12 o'clock noon, Saturday, November 18. I sincerely trust you will make every effort to attend this meeting. Your recommendations will be urged upon the attention of farmers in every township in which cotton is grown in South Carolina."

"It is, in general, desired that the recommendations, presented be as simple and sufficiently as practicable, shall include the approved plan for procedure for the farmer from the present time to next August, with such suggestions as to time of planting, quality of land, etc., as you consider pertinent."

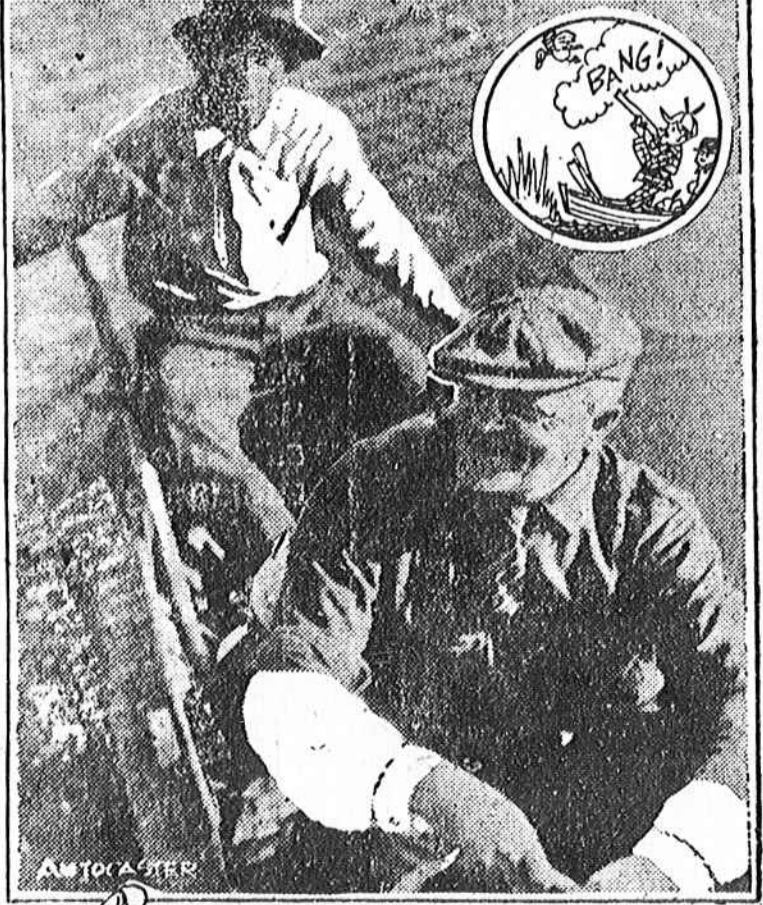
Those invited to the conference are: David R. Coker, Hartsville; W. W. Long, director extension department, Clemson College; A. F. Conrad, Clemson College; H. G. Kammer, Columbia; R. C. Hamer, Eastover; B. Harris, State Department of Agriculture, Columbia; Skottowe Wannamaker, president American Cotton Association, St. Matthews; Dr. J. B. Johnson, Rock Hill; R. M. Cooper, Jr., Wisacky; L. I. Guion, Lugoff; W. M. Riggs, Clemson College; Wade Drake, Anderson; L. D. Jennings, Sumter; Thomas G. McLeod, Bishopville; A. R. Johnston, St. George; Dr. W. C. Brown, Newberry; Neils Christensen, Beaufort; A. F. Lever, Columbia; C. F. Rizer, Olar; Richard I. Manning, Columbia; J. P. Poole, Greenville; J. W. Gaston, Spartanburg; Edgar L. Culler, Jr., Orangeburg.

### COAL MEN HOLD MEETING

Chicago, Nov. 14.—Representatives of the operators and union miners from all organized districts attended a meeting here today to frame recommendations to the joint conferences to be held January 3, in Cleveland or Chicago, in connection with the new agreement to succeed the present one, which ends March 31.

Both sides withheld comment concerning the session.

### General Pershing Goes And Gets 'em



Gen. John J. Pershing would have been quite a boy in the front line trenches with a rifle—had he not been busy bossing our A. E. F. in France. Last week on the lower Mississippi he went duck hunting with Gov. Parker and Bernard Baruch, using a 10-gauge gun, dropping his first eight birds without a miss. Then he posed for this exclusive photo.