

"DO THOU LIBERTY GREAT. INSPIRE OUR SOULS AND MAKE OUR LIVES IN THY POSSESSION HAPPY, OR OUR DEATHS GLORIOUS IN THY CAUSE."

BENNETTSVILLE, S. C., FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 1903.

SHOCKING TRAGEDY.

Editor Gonzales, Unarmed, Shot Down on the Street by

LIEUT.-GOV. JAS. H. TILLMAN.

The Two Men Meet, and as Gonzales

Was About to Pass, Tillman

Falls a Pistol and

Shoots Him.

Mr. N. G. Gonzales, Editor of The State, was shot down on Main Street in Columbia, at a half-past one o'clock Thursday, by Mr. James H. Tillman, Lieutenant-Governor of South Carolina. Mr. Gonzales was unarmed, and, as he had passed Mr. Tillman several times on the street since the Legislature met, was not expecting trouble.

The shooting occurred on Main Street, just at the intersection of Gervais Street, in full view of the State Capitol. It was an awful tragedy in broad daylight and upon the most frequented street and corner in Columbia. The bullet which pierced through one of the most distinguished editors of the entire South may end that brilliant life but if the best of surgery, the best of care and the most ardent of prayers and wishes avail for aught, that life ought to be saved.

It was just a few moments before 2 o'clock when the cry was passed along the streets that "Jim Tillman had shot N. G. Gonzales." It was a shocking and startling announcement. It went like a thrill through all Columbia and there was a rush towards the scene of the tragedy to learn the facts and the condition of the distinguished editor. The office of The State is on the same block as the scene of the shooting and it took but a few moments for a great throng to assemble in front of the newspaper office.

The excitement and indignation on the streets was intense. Policemen Roland immediately after the shooting arrested Lieut. Gov. Tillman and took him to police headquarters where he was released on two pistols—one of which was shot down by the man, and a second large revolver of 38 calibre. From the police station he was taken to the county jail where he is tonight in full protection of the officers. There was no conflict and the only attributed cause for the shooting was the recent publication of Editor Gonzales' report on the shooting of Tillman in his race for governor and in that editorial opposition Editor Gonzales had been severe in his opposition.

During the progress of that campaign Editor Gonzales in his fight to defeat Mr. Tillman had editorially called him a debauchee, a blackguard and in fact everything that was not a "criminal candidate" and a "bar." It was this and other such editorial expressions it is supposed that galled Mr. Tillman to the desperate deed of Thursday. This was in August last and since the first primary, August 26, 1902, Editor Gonzales had had nothing to say about Mr. Tillman, except a comment on the result of the primary.

Editor Gonzales and Lieut. Gov. Tillman have passed each other in full view since the opening of the present session of the general assembly on Tuesday but there had been no recognition of any kind on Thursday.

It came like a thunderclap out of a peaceful sky when the shot was fired. It was absolutely unexpected and all thought that whatever soreness there was as a result of the primary of last August had passed away, but it seems otherwise.

THE STORY.

As to the shooting that is a simple story. Lieut. Gov. Tillman met Mr. Gonzales on the street, drew his pistol and fired into him. There was no fuss or feathers but when all close range Mr. Tillman opened fire, wiped his pistol on his coat-sleeve, took aim as if to fire a second time changed his mind and let his pistol fall to his side. Lieut. Gov. Tillman was perfectly cool and collected, sober and unexcited to all appearances. Mr. Gonzales was unarmed. The shock from the machine pistol paralyzed him and as Mr. Gonzales saw the deadly weapon aimed at him, perhaps for a fatal bullet, he cried out "Shoot again, you coward." Mr. Gonzales was in no way armed and had no pistol. If his life be spared, perhaps that expression which may have spared the second bullet was the magic of the occasion. Mr. Gonzales is a man of robust health, strong physique, and active, all of which are in his favor.

As he fell against the nearby transfer station to steady himself Mr. James Sims and Mr. Ganewell Jambore came rushing up and gave Mr. Gonzales support, and helped him to the business office of the newspaper which Mr. Gonzales had labored so hard and so faithfully to establish and make a leading factor in the affairs of his State. There with his head resting on a bundle of newspapers he requested that his wife be sent for and to stricken friends, most of whom were in tears, he told the story of the tragedy. Dr. L. W. Taylor, Dr. F. D. Goodall, Dr. Philpot and Dr. J. W. Sabzeck were soon at his side and a few moments there were half a dozen or more physicians doing all they could to save life. It was promptly decided that the only hope was to perform an operation and get the true course of the bullet and try to repair the serious but then unknown damage.

THE MEETING.

There appears to be no conflict of testimony as to the essential features of the tragedy. Mr. N. G. Gonzales was going home alone from his office to his lunch. To go home he had to go down Main street to Gervais and then turn east and go down that street. Mr. Gonzales was as usual walking. Lieut. Gov. Tillman left the State house just after adjourning. He had presided at the senate's session and remained around the senate chamber for a while. As he came out of the State house he was accompanied by Senator Tablrid of Beaufort, and Senator Brown of Darlington, and he was joined on his way up town by Congressman-elect Wyatt Aiken and former Representative Dominick.

There is apparently no desire on the part of the eye witnesses to talk of the tragedy for publication. Senator Geo. W. Brown of Darlington, who was walking on the inside of the three and nearest to Mr. Gonzales said, strange as it may appear, he did not see the shooting and knew of little. He has since then been turned to the side to speak to a lady friend who was passing and then while turned he heard the pistol fire. His friend ran and he tried to stop and assist her. He heard no words and went off to calm his friend who was much excited. He heard nothing pass between the men but did not see the affair. He and of course Senator Brown is absolutely candid in his statement.

Senator Tablrid, who was one of the party walking along, does not care to talk for publication and says he heard Mr. Tillman say, "I got you, you scoundrel." He said the shot was fired after he used the expression. Both Senator Brown and Senator Tablrid said they were so much surprised and amazed that they hardly realized what had happened but there was no quarrel or fight.

Congressman-elect D. Wyatt Aiken with Mr. Dominick did not bear any words and thinks he was near enough to have heard, while Mr. Dominick thinks they were a bit too far. Mr. Dominick thinks he and Mr. Aiken were as far as the Murray Drug company, about half a block away. Arledge Lyles, who attends to the fruit stand in the transfer station, was standing in front of the stand at the time the shooting occurred. He saw what happened but says he heard nothing. He seemed to be impressed with the long blue steel pistol. He does not think there was anything at all said, prior to the shooting.

Mr. Sims, who was first to reach Mr. Gonzales, first heard the pistol shot.

OF GREAT INTEREST.

The intense interest taken in every phase of the tragedy is probably unparalleled in the history of the State, not being surpassed perhaps even by that which caused the death of Capt. W. D. Swain, editor of The News and Courier. The prominence of Tillman, as an individual as well as because he was a son of the late Congressman George D. Tillman and a nephew of Senator Tillman, and the prominence of a different character of Mr. Gonzales, editor of one of the State's influential daily papers in the east and west asking for the full particulars. The fact was recalled that George D. Tillman, father of Lieut. Gov. Tillman, was a friend of Mr. Gonzales and encouraged and supported him in his efforts to put the State upon a firm financial basis and make it a paper of prominence and influence in the affairs of the State.

Tillman's Plea.

The following statement was furnished the press by Col. H. D. Tillman, in response to an offer from a New York paper that his columns were open to him. "I thank you for your courteous and kind telegram in view of the facts that the dispatches sent out from Columbia emanated from the office of The State newspaper, of which Mr. Gonzales was editor. I do not deem it necessary to deny anything that has been sent from that quarter. I can only say that when the truth of the unfortunate affair is known my friends as well as the people of the country will see how thoroughly I was justified in acting as I did. The statements already published in the papers are untrue and at the proper time I will be prepared to show. Beyond this I do not care to make any further statement. James H. Tillman.

In commenting on the above the Columbia correspondent of The News and Courier says the understanding is that Col. Tillman's line of defense will be that he thought Mr. Gonzales was armed and that he had a weapon in his coat pocket and that he had his hands in his coat pocket. He is said to contend that he had every reason to believe that Mr. Gonzales was armed and that he ought to have been, even if he was not. The correspondent further says Mr. Gonzales was not armed. Mr. Gonzales, it is understood, contended that he had not met Mr. Gonzales before. This is also denied, and it is said that Tillman and Gonzales were in the Senate chamber and State capitol together. The correspondent closes his comment by saying that it is admitted that Mr. Gonzales sent no message through the newspaper to his dinner; that he was unarmed; that he said nothing to provoke hostilities and that Lieut. Gov. Tillman met Mr. Gonzales and promptly fired into him is equally clear. What there was in the mind of the assailant is another question.

TAKEN TO HOSPITAL.

Dr. B. W. Taylor, the eminent physician, was placed in charge and it was promptly decided that an operation would have to be performed. Arrangements were made to take Mr. Gonzales to the Columbia hospital. He stood the trip elegantly and after being taken into the building his pulse registered 72, and at no time had it gone below 60.

THE OPERATION.

It was exactly two hours after the shooting that Mr. Gonzales was placed on the operating table. The operation lasted about two hours. The patient bore the operation well and after being put in bed had a pulse of 115-120 and respirations of 31. The operation was done by Dr. LeGrand Querry, assisted by Dr. G. A. Peters and Dr. J. H. McIntosh. Dr. D. S. Pope gave the anaesthetic. Dr. B. W. Taylor was chief consultant, with Dr. C. W. Barron and half a dozen other Columbia physicians were present, among them Dr. J. W. Habcock, Dr. Gibbes, Dr. Philpot, Dr. Watson, Dr. Griffith and Dr. Fishburne. Before the operation Mr. Gonzales spoke to the physicians about himself and made some suggestions.

A STATEMENT.

In a statement Mr. Gonzales made it plain that he sought no difficulty, that to avoid a collision with Mr. Tillman who was walking with two senators he cut across the pavement and passed by without touching or speaking, and that Mr. Tillman pulled his pistol or had it in his hand and fired. Mr. Gonzales spoke to Tillman and told him "Shoot again, you coward." Mr. Gonzales said he saw Mr. Tillman two days before and Mr. Tillman said him. As to sending any message to Mr. Tillman he said he had not done so and that he was positive that Mr. Tillman fired before he said a word.

The most serious wound is the cutting of the transverse colon for about an inch and a half, almost severing the intestine. This and the three other wounds of the intestine were carefully sewed. After the operation the physician reported that the patient stood the ordeal beautifully and that the operation was as successful as it could be. All during the afternoon messages came from all parts of the State inquiring into the condition of Mr. Gonzales and what hope could be offered was dispatched.

FROM EYE WITNESSES.

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The members-elect presented themselves before the speaker's desk and were sworn in. The roll of counties was called and the members-elect presented themselves by counties and laying their hands upon the house bible took the oath of office. They then subscribed to the roll of the house and were duly qualified representatives of the State of South Carolina. Nominations for speaker being in order, Mr. B. A. Morgan of Greenville, secured the floor and nominated Hon. M. L. Smith of Kershaw county. This was seconded by Mr. W. H. Whyte of Charleston, Mr. Eldred of Lexington, Mr. Lancaster of Spartanburg, Mr. Richards of Kershaw and others.

Mr. Gaston of Chester, put in nomination the name of Hon. T. Yancey Williams of Lancaster. This was seconded by Mr. Halle of York, Dorroh of Greenville, Mr. Moses of Orangeburg and several others. There were 118 yeas cast, of which Mr. Smith received 97 and Mr. Williams 21.

The following voted for Mr. Smith: Messrs. Aull, Bailey, Baker, Banks, Bass, Bates, Black, Blacklock, Bomar, Brooks, Brown, Bunch, Callison, Carey, Caville, Clifton, Coggeshall, Cooper, Culler, Davis, DeKruhl, Dennis, DeVore, Doar, Donald, Dowling, Doyle, Edwards, Ebrif, Fox, Frasier, Gause, Glover, Gourdin, Hall, Harrellson, Haskell, Hendrix, Herbert, J. E., Herbert, D. O., Hill, Hinton, Holman, Humphrey, Irby, James, Jarnegan, Johnson, Kelley, Kibler, King, Kirby, Lancaster, Leatham, Leavenworth, Leslie, Lide, Little, Logan, Lyles, McColl, Mac, Magill, Mahaffey, Middleton, Mims, Morgan, Moses, Nichols, Parnell, Paterson, Pearman, Quick, Rainford, Rankin, Rawlinson, Ready, Richmond, Richardson, Russell, Scarborough, Smith, J., Smith, W. C., Staack, Stovall, Taylor, Tatum, Thomas, Toole, Towell, Traylor, Tribble, Wade, Walker, Wall, Webb, Whyte, Wingard, Wingo.

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SPEAKER SMITH'S REMARKS.

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives: I would be ungrateful, indeed, if the promptings of a truly thankful heart should I fail to make my first utterance in the position to which you have so kindly elevated me an expression of my sincere appreciation of the high and most highly distinguished honor.

Human life and conduct have always been, and will ever continue to be, influenced and controlled by many motives and ambitions. It is an attempt to serve one's State and people, an obligation from which the humblest citizen cannot escape, however rude, but it is not an ambition, more fundamentally right, or more productive of legitimate rights than that of the individual in his respect for his own and his neighbor's rights, which, in a broad spirit of appreciation, and the unswerving devotion and unselfishness which it begets, seeks, by all honorable means, to retain them.

If I am justified in entertaining the belief that the kindness of your partiality which has so signally honored me, is not a mere gratification, but a desire of the former, then before I shall attempt to discharge the important duties which it imposes, the hope must be indulged and will be continually cherished, that I may be permitted to carry with me through life the consciousness of having enjoyed the latter.

Yes, gentlemen of the house of representatives to preside over the deliberations of this body—the chosen, trusted, and commissioned representatives of the people of South Carolina—the character, great in achievement, great in tradition, and far greater yet in history—is no mean honor to seek and to attain. It is a noble and a distinguished privilege that I desire to again thank you for your distinguished consideration.

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AND WAS SWORN IN. THIS IS HIS SECOND TERM.

Mr. John S. Withers, of Chester, has been appointed to the position of reading clerk, a place which he has filled with great acceptability for two years. Mr. Withers is a very useful member of the speaker's staff.

The house adopted a resolution presented by Mr. John P. Thomas, Jr., granting the use of the hall to the State Bar association for its annual meeting Thursday night, Friday afternoon and Friday night.

On motion of Mr. Morgan a committee of three waited on the governor to inform him that the house was organized and ready for business. A similar message was sent to the senate. The governor submitted 14 messages, his annual message, 12 messages submitting reports of State officers, etc., and one announcing the death of Hon. Henry McIver, chief justice.

The house concurred in the senate resolution to appoint a committee to prepare a memorial to the governor. The speaker appointed Messrs. T. Y. Williams of Lancaster; John P. Thomas, Jr., of Richland; J. O. Patterson, of Jarnwell; Wm. L. Mauldin, of Greenville and R. S. Whaley, of Charleston. Mr. Williams was excused on account of physical disability and Mr. Altamont Moses substituted.

The house, on motion of Mr. John P. Thomas, Jr., then adjourned until Wednesday at noon in honor of the deceased chief justice.

When the House met Wednesday it had to go through the tedious of changing seats, after which it proceeded to business. Rev. R. N. Pratt was elected chaplain.

After the introduction of several bills a message was read from Gov. McSwenney, vetoing the bill passed last session abolishing the office of phosphate inspector.

On Thursday the speaker announced the appointment of several bills were introduced.

Mr. E. H. Aull introduced a real bill of great importance, and a child labor bill. This is the first child labor bill in the house this session.

FRIDAY'S HOUSE PROCEEDINGS. In the hall of the House of Representatives, there was a joint session Friday afternoon, the result of the recent general election was published by the speaker of the House. It was declared that D. O. Heyward had received 31,817 votes for governor, and John T. S. Sloan had received 31,814 votes for lieutenant governor. They were accordingly declared duly elected. This is the formality required by the constitution.

Governor McSwenney Friday sent a message to the House announcing that he had vetoed the act of 1902 abolishing the office of phosphate inspector. The following clerical appointments were made: Auditor—J. Wilson Gibbs; Columbia, reappointed assistant clerk; W. Eugene Cook, Florence, reappointed journal clerk; W. Hoyd Evans, Columbia, bill clerk; J. M. Sharpe, Lexington, mail clerk; W. R. McKinney and W. Sanders, doorknockers; S. M. Richards, Roy Smith, James Strom Williams and A. P. Nichols, printers.

There were several new bills introduced, among them being Mr. Toole's bill to fix the time of work in cotton mills at 10 hours a day; Mr. Holman's bill to provide for election of county boards of control, and Mr. Wade's bill to create the office of State agricultural commissioner. Mr. Sinker brought in a bill to cede certain State property to St. John's Island to the federal government for military purposes. There were also several bills to correct errors in the new code.

GOV. MCSWENEY'S TRIBUTE.

His Official Announcement of the Death of Chief Justice McIver.

Gov. McSwenney announced Judge McIver's death to the general assembly on Tuesday in the following message: Gentlemen of the General Assembly: It is my sad duty to announce to you the death of Chief Justice Henry McIver, which occurred at his home in Charleston on Thursday night.

Judge McIver was one of South Carolina's truest patriots and purest citizens. For more than a quarter of a century he was on the supreme bench of this State, eleven years of which time he served as chief justice. During these long years of service, ever conscientious, ever true to the ends in his repose, he displayed most distinguished ability, and at the time of his death and for years previous, was justly recognized as South Carolina's most eminent jurist.

The record of his life, including as it does brave deeds in times of war, and deeds equally as hence in times of peace—a record made in the service of his State—is bright and stainless, and is now one of South Carolina's priceless heritages. The distinguished service which he rendered began with his early manhood years, and ended only with his life. In his death the State loses one who was the highest type of her citizenship, and one whose memory she will hold dear as long as she keeps alive her appreciation of ability that is distinguished, of character that is selfless, of motive that is pure and lofty, and of deeds that are bright and glorious.

You will take such action as may seem, to you proper upon the death of the chief of a co-ordinate branch of government.

Respectfully submitted,

M. H. McSwenney, Governor.

Five Boys Killed.

At South Bethlehem, Pa., five boys whose ages range from 13 to 15 years, while crossing Thursday night westward by a train on the Philadelphia and Reading railway and instantly killed, and another was fatally hurt. The boys were coasting on a bob sled where the railway crosses the street at the bottom of the hill, and the sled and express train reached the crossing simultaneously. The engineer was not aware of the party until he reached the station, a mile distant, from the scene of the accident, when the blood and bones on the pilot of the engine gave him the first intimation of the occurrence.

THE STATE SENATE.

All the Former Officers of the Body Re-elected Without Opposition.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

The Governor's Message Read. A

Tribute to the Late Chief Jus-

tice. Proceedings of the

First Week.

Promptly at noon on Tuesday, January 13, Lieutenant-Governor Tillman called the State Senate to order. Every Senator was present except Hon. Edward McIver, of Chesterfield. With this exception all the new members were sworn in and assigned to their respective seats. The roll of counties was called. After prayer by the chaplain, the election of officers was immediately entered into and resulted as follows: President Pro Tem—Senator John C. Sheppard.

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There were four nominations for chaplain: Revs. Dr. O. A. Darby, Walter L. Herbert, M. Kinard and A. J. Harrison, of Hampton, and Rev. A. J. Harrison of Hampton. Rev. A. J. Harrison was taken and resulted as follows: Rev. Dr. Darby 27; Rev. Herbert 4; Rev. M. Kinard 7; Rev. A. J. Harrison 1. Dr. Darby was elected.

Senator Sheppard arose and returned his sincere thanks for the renewed mark of confidence and esteem and for the honor conferred upon him by his selection as president pro tem.

NEW APPOINTMENTS. The following appointments made by Lieut. Gov.-elect Sloan were then announced: Assistant Clerk—R. M. McDown. Journal Clerk—Elliott Hamch. Bill Clerk—Henry D. Butler. Doorknockers—J. R. Boulware, Jasper E. Watson, J. F. Gouling.

Keepers of Committee Rooms—Jas. P. McGorty and J. A. White. Keeper of President's Room—E. B. Jenkins.

Pages—G. Duncan Bellinger, Jr., and Henry Anderson Felner. Porter—Robt. Adams. Servants—Jack Pressley and Albert Nance. Mail Carrier—N. O. Pyles.

THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS. After the new members and officers had been sworn in Lieut.-Gov. Tillman called the president pro tem. to the chair and left the senate chamber.

Before leaving he announced to the Senate the sad information of the death of Chief Justice McIver, and paid a glowing tribute to the departed chief of the State's judiciary. He congratulated the State of South Carolina on the great progress that she had made in recent years and spoke of the benefits we were now reaping from the recent Charleston exposition. He referred to Capt. F. W. Wagoner of Charleston, as "the one who had done more than any one else to advance the commercial interests of the State. He thought the \$50,000 appropriation to the exposition the wisest investment the State had made in recent years.

He congratulated the Senators that none of their number had been called into the "great unknown realm" since the last session and accounted for the absent faces as due to the hard fate of politics.

On motion of Senator Sharpe a committee of three, consisting of Messrs. Sharpe, Sheppard and Brown was appointed to notify the governor that the Senate was in session and ready for business.

THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

A special messenger conveyed to the Senate the governor's annual message, which was read, many Senators following the reading clerk from the printed message which had previously been distributed on their desks. A number of special messages were also received and referred to different committees.

Another special message was received and read announcing the death of Chief Justice Henry McIver, a copy of which was also read in the house.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The president then announced the appointment of the following committees: Agriculture—J. T. Douglas, chairman; A. H. Williams, R. I. Manning, T. W. Stantland, James Stackhouse, O. P. Goodwin, J. M. Gaines, C. S. McLeod, J. M. Hardin, C. H. Carpenter, T. G. Marshall, E. F. Warren.

Education—G. W. Brown, chairman; J. Q. Marshall, T. M. Rysor, W. E. Johnston, W. H. Sharpe, D. E. Hyatt, W. C. Hough, S. M. Forrest, J. W. Ragsdale.

Claims and Grievances—R. I. Manning, chairman; J. S. Brice, W. H. Sharpe, D. E. Hyatt, J. R. Blake, J. H. Herndon, E. F. Peurifoy, C. S. McCall, T. B. Butler.

Enrolled Bills—W. E. Johnston, chairman; E. J. Dennis, J. A. McDermott, E. F. Warren, J. K. Hood, T. G. McLeod, W. C. Hough, S. M. Forrest, J. W. Ragsdale.

Contingent Accounts—W. H. Sharpe, chairman; O. P. Goodwin, C. M. Davis, T. B. Butler, C. H. Carpenter, G. F. Von Kolnitz, Jr., J. M. Forrest.

Finance—G. W. Brown, chairman; A. H. Williams, J. Q. Sheppard, J. Q. Marshall, R. I. Manning, J. A. McDermott, J. S. Brice, W. H. Sharpe, C. S. McLeod, J. M. Gaines, T. R. Blake.

Dispensary—T. W. Stantland, chairman; Robert Aldrich, W. H. Sharpe, A. H. Dean, E. L. Herndon, James Stackhouse, E. L. Herndon, O. P. Goodwin, P. L. Hardin.

Engrossed Bills—P. L. Hardin, chairman; W. C. Hough, J. M. Gaines, C. M. Davis, P. L. Hardin, J. E. Peurifoy, J. K. Hood.

Federal Relations—E. J. Dennis, chairman; J. S. Brice, W. H. Sharpe, Thomas Tablrid, J. M. Carpenter, G. F. Von Kolnitz, Jr., T. G. McLeod.

Immigration—O. S. McCall, chairman; E. J. Dennis, J. T. Dennis, James Stackhouse, Thomas Tablrid.

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