

so deliberate, his language so clean always, that Mitchell's testimony was instantly seen to be false by those who knew N. G. Gonzales intimately.

Now, take the witness Flowers, who claims to have overheard a conversation between N. G. Gonzales and three strange men on a street car of which Flowers was conductor. On the stand Flowers swore he heard Mr. Gonzales say on that occasion that "if he did not succeed in defeating Mr. Tillman in the governor's office that he would never be seated, because he would kill the rascal." After it was brought out on cross examination that Flowers had written the defendant a letter in August, the letter was produced and introduced in evidence on the redirect examination. In that letter Flowers writes: "Gonzales said that if you were elected, you would never be seated; for if there were no other alternative, he would kill the damn—of b—." Now, Flowers' language on the witness stand would not suggest the probability of his using the expression "if there were no other alternative." Yet a million times more improbable it is that N. G. Gonzales should use the expression which Flowers says he employed. None of his intimates ever heard him use that epithet in connection with any one. As a matter of fact, Mr. Gonzales did not permit profanity and obscene expressions to pass his lips. His speech was pure.

It is quite natural that men who put words into a dead man's mouth should put such words as they would themselves employ.

These alleged conversations in which N. G. Gonzales is represented as confiding his thoughts and intentions to the veriest strangers are entirely contradictory to his character and disposition as known by those who were intimately associated with him. He was a reserved man; he never stopped people on the street; he never sought to make new acquaintances. Yet here we have had him portrayed as a garrulous, indiscreet street talker. What absurdity presented in the name of evidence!

#### THE ALLEGED ANIMOSITY.

So much for the alleged threats. Let us now consider the alleged animus of these alleged threats. That N. G. Gonzales could have had no reasonable desire to do J. H. Tillman bodily injury was well brought out in the speeches of the prosecuting attorneys; the editor of The State had seen defeat come to the man whom he had arraigned before the white electorate of South Carolina as unworthy of their confidence and suffrage; the editor could have no reason to pursue a defeated candidate further. That is the view of reason and of logic. Now for the facts. What was N. G. Gonzales' real feeling toward Jim Tillman, what was his motive in the campaign of 1902?

The two men who were closest to Mr. Gonzales have as sworn witnesses in open court testified that they never heard him utter a word of personal animosity towards the man who became his slayer. One of these two now propose to go a little further.

Just before the campaign of 1902 opened, Mr. Gonzales and the writer were discussing the prospect. The question arose, Will Jim Tillman be a candidate for governor? Then came the other question, If he does offer himself as a candidate what shall be the policy of The State? This question only N. G. Gonzales had the right to decide. As usual with him, he decided it as duty dictated. In substance he said: "You know I do not enjoy the bitter controversies and political fights that I have been in so often. People think I enjoy

them, but I don't. I would rather not make a fight on Jim Tillman. I have more to live for now than ever before, there is some one else I must think of. If any other man or newspaper will take the lead in fighting Jim Tillman I will be only too glad; and I think it will be much better, for then they can't charge it to my hostility to Ben Tillman, as they will do if The State takes the lead. But if nobody else will do it, I will. Jim Tillman is unfit to be governor and the people shall know it." No one else would take the lead and The State did. Be it said to the everlasting credit of the South Carolina press that nearly every newspaper in the State backed The State with more or less vigor.

During the progress of the campaign a delegation of Heyward's supporters called upon the editor of The State to say that they thought The State's fight on Jim Tillman was hurting Heyward and suggesting that The State be more mild in its methods, intimating that the editor should subordinate his personal feeling for the sake of electing a clean governor. Mr. Gonzales assured the gentlemen that he had no particular interest in Heyward's candidacy, that The State was not supporting Heyward and that its attitude, in his opinion, could not damage Heyward's chances. But, above all, he assured them that he conceived it his duty to the people of South Carolina to expose Jim Tillman and that he proposed to do so regardless of his personal opinion of him. He did so, and paid for it with his life five months after the election.

#### THE "DEMONSTRATION."

Having considered the absurdity of the alleged threats and the alleged animosity in the light of N. G. Gonzales' true character, let us consider the alleged "demonstration" in the same light.

In sustaining his plea of self-defense, J. H. Tillman has sworn that he shot N. G. Gonzales because Mr. Gonzales met him with his hands in his pockets, that he glared at him, cut across towards him and rammed his hand into his pocket as if to draw a pistol. Why should any one imagine that N. G. Gonzales would carry a pistol? To prove the reasonableness of that supposition the defense produced a court record of 17 years ago, which showed that when his life had been threatened the deceased had armed himself but instead of shooting his assailant had let him off with a clubbing. That was the only evidence that could be found that N. G. Gonzales ever carried a deadly weapon. It was incom-

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petent to produce in court the numerous editorials in The State since that date demanding the observance and the enforcement of the law against carrying concealed weapons and condemning its violators as menaces to the civilization of this Commonwealth. Evidently these editorials, however, were not convincing on that point, for the man who says he expected Mr. Gonzales to shoot must have read them, and the only conclusion is that he did not believe the editor of The State lived up to his own teachings. But he did, his consistency was unimpeachable. He did not have a pistol on his person on the 15th day of last January nor was it his habit to carry one. A pistol which belonged to him—used, I think, during his campaign in Cuba—lay that day in his desk where it had been for months untouched and it lies there today as these words are written, still untouched.

#### COURAGE.

The quality of courage which enables a man to go about unarmed when his life is in danger is above the conception of cowards, but that is the sort of courage which N. G. Gonzales had. As long ago as last summer, during the campaign, the writer told Mr. Gonzales of the conversation between Tillman and Ned Adams to which Adams testified on the stand. Mr. Gonzales did not utter one word in comment. Others warned him and some even urged him to carry a pistol but he refused to consider such a proposition because he could not consistently do so. He would rather lose his life than be inconsistent and untrue to his principles.

The Lexington jury has said that Tillman shot in self-defense. As he lay on the floor of the State office that January day, shot through and through and suffering agonies, N. G. Gonzales turned to the writer and said: "They can't plead self-defense this time!" Shall the world accept the finding of that jury or the declaration of the dying martyr?

#### THE LIBERTY OF THE PRESS.

This article has proceeded upon the supposition that Tillman has been acquitted on his plea of self-defense. That plea was lost sight of by his attorneys in their arguments, it appearing only occasionally. They rather sought to justify the homicide on the ground that the dead man was a political and personal nuisance, a fearless exposé of corruption and the corrupt, an enemy to demagogism and dishonesty in high places. So be it. Was it for this that N. G. Gonzales died? He thought so, and he died happy in the conviction that he gave his life for truth and righteousness for the honor of South Carolina. But no doubt he thought, too, that his sacrifice would be in vain, that the manner of his taking off would arouse his people to a sense of his dangers from the evils which he had fought—the evils of corruption and lawlessness. Today it seems that the sacrifice was indeed in vain.

But has it been? The strongest, the clearest, the most courageous of us all has been silenced, but can his fate cow the press of South Carolina? Ah, they who think so little know the quality of Carolina manhood! Even in this dark day of our Commonwealth's shame—when Justice is by Prejudice—shall we give way to despair? Rather let every man speak—for that is a man's part in life.

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### THREE PRAYERS.

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State	5
County	4
Special (L. & C. R. R.)	3
Sinking Fund (L. & C. R. R.)	1
Constitutional school tax	3
Total	16
SPECIAL LOCAL LEVY (S. C. & G. A. R. R.)	
Cane Creek Township	4 1/2
Gills Creek	5
Pleasant Hill	3
SPECIAL LOCAL LEVY FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES.	
Van Wyck School District	2
Lancaster	4 1/2
Lancaster interest on bonds and sinking fund	1 1/2
Kershaw	4
Heath Springs	3
Oakhurst	4
Jones X Roads	2
TOTAL LEVY BY DISTRICTS.	
Indian Land	16
Van Wyck	18
Waxhaw	18
Van Wyck	16
Cane Creek	20 1/2
Graded	20 1/2
Jones X Roads	22 1/2
Gills Creek	21
Graded	27
Jones X Roads	25
Buford	16
Flat Creek	16
Kershaw	20
Pleasant Hill	19
Kershaw	23
Heath Springs	23
Oakhurst	22
Jones X Roads	21
Cedar Creek	16
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4:00pm Ar Kingsville Ar	12:00pm

Read Down No. 33, Daily	Read Up No. 34, Daily
5:00pm Lv Kingsville Ar	12:50pm
6:15pm Ar Camden Ar	11:20am
8:00pm Ar Catawba Ar	9:40am
8:30pm Ar Rock Hill Ar	9:15am
8:50pm Ar Tazewell Ar	8:54am
9:00pm Ar Yorkville Ar	8:42am
9:20pm Ar Sharon Ar	8:25am
9:35pm Ar Hickory Grove Ar	8:15am
9:50pm Ar Summerville Ar	8:05am
10:15pm Ar Blacksburg Lv	7:45am

Read Down No. 33, Daily	Read Up No. 34, Daily
6:00am Lv Rock Hill Ar	10:20pm
6:15am Ar Tazewell Ar	10:10pm
6:30am Ar Yorkville Ar	10:01pm
6:45am Ar Sharon Ar	9:46pm
7:00am Ar Hickory Grove Ar	9:35pm
7:15am Ar Summerville Ar	9:25pm
7:30am Ar Blacksburg Lv	9:10pm
10:45am Ar Marion Lv	5:00pm

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Lv Beesonville	7:44 a.m. 5:25 p.m.
Lv Kingsburg	7:50 a.m. 5:35 p.m.
Ar Chester	8:15 a.m. 6:00 p.m.
Ar Charlotte—Sou. Ry.	9:00 a.m. 6:40 p.m.
Ar Columbia—Sou. Ry.	1:25 p.m. 1:15 a.m.
Ar Atlanta—S. A. L. Ry.	4:50 p.m.
Ar Lenoir—C. & N. W. Ry.	2:05 p.m. 6:00 a.m.

EASTBOUND	
Lv Lenoir—C. & N. W. Ry.	8:00 p.m. 2:30 p.m.
Lv Atlanta—S. A. L. Ry.	1:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m.
Lv Columbia—Sou. Ry.	6:10 a.m. 4:10 p.m.
Lv Charlotte—Sou. Ry.	9:15 a.m. 6:35 p.m.
Lv Chester	9:15 a.m. 6:35 p.m.
Lv Kingsburg	9:25 a.m. 6:45 p.m.
Lv Beesonville	10:25 a.m. 7:45 p.m.
Lv Port Lawn	10:18 a.m. 7:38 p.m.
Ar Lancaster	10:45 a.m. 8:05 p.m.
Ar Camden—Sou. Ry.	9:00 p.m. 8:40 p.m.
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