

AN AUTOPSY IS HELD

Body of Young Wentz Found to Be Perforated By Pistol Ball

MANY THINK HE SHOT HIMSELF

An Empty 32-Calibre Pistol was Found Near the Remains, While a Ball of the Same Calibre Was Found in the Body.

Bristol, Va., Special.—The shrunken and decayed body of Edward L. Wentz was literally taken to pieces Tuesday afternoon by physicians and detectives, in the course of the coroner's inquest, which was begun at four o'clock in the dark cavern of Black Mountain, and was closed without a verdict by the coming of night.

At 7:30 the jury was adjourned until 9:30 Wednesday morning, when the session will likely be held at Stonega, and many witnesses were heard. The startling feature of the inquest was the discovery of a 32-calibre pistol ball in the body, which might have been discharged from an empty pistol of the same calibre found eighteen feet from the remains. The ball had passed through the fifth rib, entering in front, had penetrated the heart, a back rib and lodged in the muscles of the back, one and a half inches from the spine. Several holes were found in the clothing other than where the bullets entered, but beneath them the body was found intact. The right hand was found missing and was probably borne away by wild beasts. A white pearl button, which could not have belonged to the murdered man, was found near. There is little doubt but that the ball penetrated the heart, as the physicians found evidence of hemorrhage in that portion of the body, and an immense amount of blood congested back of the lungs. Detectives on the scene made careful examination of the pistol, finding it to be a Smith & Wesson, No. 85-050. Two cartridges were on either side of the hammer, but the chamber under the hammer contained an empty shell, as well as the two lower chambers. A loaded cartridge of 32 calibre was found several feet from the body. Many articles in his pockets were found intact.

Honors Simonton.

Richmond, Va., Special.—Chief Justice Fuller of the United States Supreme Court, sat with the other judges in the special session of the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals held here Tuesday in memory of the late Judge Simonton. The judges, other than the Chief Justice, sitting during the memorial meeting were Judge Funnell, of North Carolina; Judge Brawley, of South Carolina; Judge Morris of Maryland; Judge Goff, of West Virginia, and Judge Waddill, of the District Court of Virginia. Resolutions from the various districts in this circuit and from various bar associations, city and State, were presented, with appropriate remarks, the chief justice being among those who paid tribute to the departed jurist. The flag on the Federal building was at half mast during the memorial exercises.

Arrested for Fraud.

Berlin, Special.—Die Post publishes a news agency dispatch from St. Petersburg which says that General Schwedoff lost over half million dollars through speculation in stocks and took the money from the Red Cross treasury. In order to avoid a scandal the Empress Dowager, who is the protectress of the Red Cross Society, and a friend of Gen. Schwedoff, reimbursed the sums. The dispatch further says the Prince Galitzin and Count Lansky also have been guilty of irregularities in connection with the Red Cross management.

May Give City to Chinese.

New Chang, by Cable.—Of the five Russian regiments which were in garrison here, four have left and the other received orders to go today, but this order was cancelled an hour later. The Russians are strongly entrenched at An Ping, where the guns from the New Chang forts have been sent. Colonel Muenche, the military adviser of Viceroy Yuan Shi Kai, commander-in-chief of the Chinese forces, arrived here this afternoon. It is believed he came to New Chang to confer with the Russians regarding the proposal to turn New Chang over to the Chinese. The Russians are known to be communicating with the Chinese brigands and to be stirring up a state of terror among the natives.

Removed From Office.

Macon Ga., Special.—United States Marshal J. M. Barnes was removed from office on telegraphic instructions from President Roosevelt. The cause of the removal is thought to be a difficulty which took place a short time ago at Valdosta, Ga., between Judge Emory Spear and the marshal. Judge Spear left here for Washington last Sunday.

Henry M. Stanley Dead.

London, Special.—Sir Henry M. Stanley, the African explorer, whose death was announced in these dispatches early Tuesday passed away peacefully shortly after 6 o'clock. He was quite conscious to the last and able to recognize his wife. Before he died Sir Henry expressed a wish to be buried at his country seat, Furze Hill, Pirbright, Surrey. The question, however, is being discussed of burying him beside Livingstone, in Westminster Abbey.

NEWS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY

Paragraphs of Minor Importance Gathered From Many Sources.

Through the South.

After various attempts to hold together the Italian settlement at New Palermo, 35 miles north of Mobile, Ala., it has gone to pieces. The leader, Salvatore Comiglio Pompanelli, is said to have left. The colonists are from New York and other Eastern cities and are in need of assistance.

The battleship Missouri steamed into Hampton Roads Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock and half an hour later dropped anchor there. Last night Captain Cowles came ashore and met his wife and child. The Missouri will be docked at the shipyards to receive whatever repairs are needed.

It is reported from Mexico City that last week over a million silver dollars were shipped from here to Japan via San Francisco. Japan paying a small premium over the London quotation for dollars.

Washington Happenings.

Secretary of the Navy Moody arrived at Havana.

Formal steps are being taken at Washington to recognize the Morales Government in Santo Domingo.

The trial of James N. Tyner and Harrison J. Barrett in connection with the postoffice investigation was resumed.

The Court of Claims upheld the collection of duty on goods sent from this country to the Philippines during the military administration, thus saving the Government about \$7,000,000.

Secretary Shaw held a conference with J. P. Morgan's partners to arrange the final details of the Panama canal payments.

In the North.

A tornado swept portions of Iowa, Kansas and Missouri.

Plans were discussed at a meeting in New York for establishing a great Jewish university.

The Republican National Committee will decide contests among delegates at Chicago on June 15.

Mrs. Mary A. Powell, at Dover, told in court of the killing of Estelle Albin and declared it was in self-defense.

An immense, missionary exhibit was opened at the Methodist General Conference at Los Angeles.

Three whites were hanged at Winchester, Tenn., and one white and one negro at Pittsburg, all for murder.

James F. Hale and T. H. Leary, brokers, were expelled from the New York Consolidated Exchange.

Directors of the New York Central Railroad completed arrangements for issuing \$30,000,000 four per cent. bonds.

Queen Lilioukalani, deposed ruler of Hawaii, and her son, Prince Cupid, arrived in St. Louis to see the World's Fair.

Circuit Attorney J. W. Folk carried 10 out of the 11 counties in Missouri that held primaries Saturday, and his nomination for Governor by the Democrats seems practically certain.

Trustees of the McKinley Memorial Association fund decided upon a limited paid competition for an architect at a meeting in New York and passed resolutions eulogizing the late Senator Hanna.

Rev. J. M. King, of Philadelphia, introduced a resolution attacking the Catholic position as to public schools in the Northern Methodist Episcopal General Conference in Los Angeles, but after Chief Justice Lore, of Delaware, had defended the Catholics, the resolution was referred to a committee.

Foreign Affairs.

The birth of an heir to the Italian throne is expected in September.

The Japanese were busy landing troops to the northeast of Port Arthur and on the west side of the Loao Tung peninsula.

There were a number of unconfirmed rumors of a great land battle in Manchuria, in which the Japanese were defeated, and of a sea fight off the Korean coast.

Miscellaneous Doings.

It is denied that there is danger of a rising in Haiti.

American financiers agreed to take one-half the Japanese loan of \$50,000,000, the British taking the other half.

Maurus Jokai, the Hungarian novelist, died at Budapest.

General Kashtalinsky reported officially that his losses in the battle of Sunday last were over 2,000.

The Venezuelan Congress conferred dictatorial powers on President Castro for one year.

The Davis bakery, at Norfolk, was operated under guard.

The Railway Auditors' Association is in session at Old Point.

Peru agreed to evacuate the disputed territory in Acre pending a settlement with Brazil.

The late Solomon Loch left about \$100,000 to charitable and educational institutions, mostly Hebrew.

It was stated railway earnings had decreased \$10,000,000 since April 1, as compared with last year, and the roads are cutting expenses.

A motorman was killed and five passengers hurt in a rear-end collision on the Third avenue "L" in New York.

There is a movement in Manchester in favor of annexation to Richmond.

The body of John Prouditt, son of the late Rev. Alexander Prouditt, of Baltimore, and who was drowned November 3 last, was found floating in the river near New Castle, Del.

The annual meeting of the Meat Cutters and Butchers' Union of the United States and Canada began in Cincinnati.

James Shay, engineer of Blue Ridge Colliery, near Peckville, Pa., standing in a blazing engine house, hoisted 15 miners to safety, himself being badly burned.

SOUTH CAROLINA CROP BULLETIN

Conditions Reported by Department for Past Week.

The week ending 8 a. m. May 9th, had a mean temperature of 69 degrees which is slightly less than one degree below normal, due to cool weather during the first, and warm during the last of the week. There was more than the normal amount of cloudiness, and the deficiency in sunshine was harmful to rice and cotton.

The rainfall was below normal, and ranged from a mere trace to over an inch and a half. The western, and the second tier, from the coast, of eastern counties had the largest amounts, the north central ones the smallest. The showers were local in character, and largely insufficient, but it is safe to assume that in one-third of the State the drought has been relieved, or nearly so, although more rain would prove beneficial in all sections. Hail occurred at a few places, doing no damage.

The week was favorable for the rapid progress of farm work, and staple crops have been planted with the exception of bottom lands and late rice. As a rule cultivation has kept pace with the growth of crops and fields are free from grass and weeds. Cut worms, bud worms and birds continue to damage stands of corn on bottoms, and Colorado beetles have appeared on white potatoes.

There is a general improvement noted in corn where showers occurred, in stands, growth and color, but where the rainfall was light, or where none fell, it remains small and yellow. Most of it has received its first cultivation and some its second. Considerable replanting is being done.

Cotton is coming up better, and stands have improved materially during the last week, and generally the plants have a healthier look, but on red, and clay lands germination and growth continue slow and unsatisfactory. Early cotton is being replanted in many sections, while later plantings are coming up to good stands on sandy lands. Some have received its first cultivation and has been chopped in the southern counties. Sea Island cotton was greatly benefited by the showers and humid, warmer weather.

Tobacco transplanting is finished, but growth has been slow. The acreage is only from one-fifth to one-half that of last year. Oats are poor, and are heading low in all sections, except on moist bottoms. Wheat is more promising, and although low, is heading well, and is in bloom. White potatoes are poor in the coast districts, and promising in the interior. Shipments have begun from the former sections, also of beans.

Truck is late, except strawberries, that are bearing exceptionally well. Excessive dropping of peaches is noted in all save the "ridge" sections, where from three-fourths to a full crop is indicated. Early peaches and plums are ripening along the coast. Apples and cherries are promising in the western counties. Sweet potato sprouts are scarce. Minor crops are in normal condition. J. W. Bauer, Section Director.

THE FUN-FLOWER CARNIVAL.

Columbia People and Visitors Will Have a Great Entertainment.

Columbia is preparing for a spring carnival which will exceed in attractiveness anything before attempted at at this time of year by the capital city. The Chamber of Commerce is back of the undertaking, and has received assurance from a number of towns in the State which indicate that the attendance will be as large as the crowds which gather in Columbia fair week. The day of attractions on the streets will be one of the best carnival shows that could be obtained, and the great night attractions will be the fireworks—the fall of Pompeii—by the Pain Company, presenting a ballet of 300 people.

But the great feature of the week will be the floral parade Thursday afternoon, May 26.—There will be two miles of vehicles gaily decorated, the procession being led by the king and queen in State. The coronation will take place at the State capitol just before the gorgeous caravan proceeds up Main street. This feature alone will attract many people to Columbia, for the most beautiful feature of a reunion week last year was the floral parade. Thursday night there will be a grand ball, which will equal in pomp and circumstance the State balls of fair weeks. Indeed it is proposed to make the Fun-Flower carnival an annual fête, and the ball will be as much of a feature as the State ball is fair week.

The chamber of commerce has secured reduced rates on railroads, and has procured two of the best bands in the State. There will be a grand tournament Wednesday, and knights from all over the State will participate for the prizes in gold, aggregating \$150, and for the silver cup for horsemanship.

Another feature which will draw many people to Columbia is the gathering of the Elks. There will be a meeting of all the lodges in the State, and a number of other secret orders are preparing for a like celebration.

Columbia is prettiest just at this time of year, and the people of that city think that a spring floral carnival is just the proper thing to give pleasure to the people of the State at a big spring jollification.

To Build Oil Mill.

Walhalla, Special.—Capt. W. A. Strother, of Walhalla, and Mr. James Phinney, of West Union, are preparing to build a 20-ton cotton seed oil mill at West Union. They have purchased all their machinery and expect to be ready for this year's seed crop. Mr. Robert H. Jackson, of Anderson, is here making the brick for the oil mill. Strother & Phinney's store room at West Union is their enterprises.

PALMETTO POINTS GIVEN IN BRIEF

State's New Enterprises.

The Chaitanoga River Development company of Georgia files papers of incorporation with the secretary of state. The company has a capital of \$10,000 and the principal place of business is Clayton, in Rabun county, Georgia. The legal representative in South Carolina is Jos. F. Neville of West Union, in Oconee county, just across the State line.

The Anderson Telephone company, which manufactures instruments, has increased its capital stock. This company was organized in 1895 with \$1,000 capital. In 1900 an increase was made to \$16,000 and the present increase is to \$30,000. The directors are: G. W. Evans, W. R. Osborne, E. S. Moore and R. L. Hill.

The Builders' Supply company of Gaffney received its charter. The capital stock is \$5,000 and the officers are Kenneth Baker, president; L. Baker, vice president and general manager, and Walter Baker, secretary and treasurer.

The Reliable Jobbing company of Charleston, mercantile in character, is capitalized at \$12,000. It received a commission yesterday. The incorporators are: M. J. Hornik and B. C. Bellinger of Charleston and S. Harris of Mayesville.

Another Charleston concern is the Ashley Improvement company of Charleston. The capital is \$3,500 and the incorporators are W. H. Richardson of Summerville and B. C. Bellinger and M. J. Hornik of Charleston.

The Carolina Construction company is an Anderson concern. It received a charter yesterday. The capital is \$60,000 and the officers are: Geo. L. Coughlin, president; R. L. Ligon, vice president, and J. A. Brock, secretary and treasurer. This company will build an interurban electric railway, which means to the Piedmont an era of increasing prosperity. The road will run from Greenville to Anderson and on its line will be Piedmont, Pelzer and many other of the manufacturing towns of the northwestern part of the State.

Grand Lodge Elects Officers.

Anderson, Special.—The Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows last week elected officers to serve for the ensuing year. These officers were installed after which the grand lodge adjourned sine die. The body meets in Greenville next year. The following are the new officers: Grand master, J. J. McSwain, Greenville; deputy grand master, L. M. C. Oliveros, Aiken; grand warden, C. R. D. Burns, Walhalla; grand secretary, S. F. Killingsworth, Abbeville; grand treasurer, H. Endel, Greenville; grand chaplain, H. A. Hemrick, New Brookland. The retiring grand master, Cole L. Blease was elected representative to the sovereign lodge which meets in San Francisco in September.

Homicide Near Seneca.

Seneca, Special.—Walter Mills was shot and killed near Seneca Thursday. The coroner held an inquest and the verdict of the jury was that Mills came to his death by a gun-shot wound at the hands of Earle Rochester. Mills was shot in the head with a shot-gun loaded with No. 3 shot. There were 60 shot in his head, face and neck, crushing his skull and penetrating his brain. All the parties were young white men and farmers. The trouble is supposed to have arisen over a cow. Mills claiming that Rochester had shot his cow. Rochester immediately went to Walhalla after the shooting and gave himself up to Sheriff Moss and is in jail. Both are married and have families. Mills leaves a wife and two small children.

Boy Drowned Near Columbia.

Columbia, Special.—Raymond Brown, the 14-year-old son of Mr. D. F. Brown, the keeper of Elmwood Cemetery, was drowned Thursday afternoon in the canal near the C. N. & L. railroad trestle. At the place where the water runs swiftly, and though there were earnest efforts made to recover the body it is probable that it has floated far down towards the Gervais street end of the power stream.

Out on Bond.

Wash Kinsler, of Columbia, charged with attempting to pass counterfeit money, is out on bond. The United States commissioner, on the recommendation of the district attorney, reduced the amount of his bond from \$1,000 to \$500. This Kinsler was able to get.

Trolley Line to be Built.

Union, Special.—It has been semi-officially announced that W. J. Oliver has signed the contract for constructing the electric line from Neals Shoals on the Seaboard, to this place, and that between this and June 1 work will begin on it. Santuc, which has a knitting mill, is trying to get the line to come by that town and two of its best business men are securing right-of-ways through the county. The town also offers other liberal inducements. The promoters of this line say it will run both electric and steam cars, the latter probably for freight, it being a broad gauge road.

Constable Released on Bail.

Constable M. S. Davenport, who shot and killed Will Williams, a negro, at Greenwood on Saturday night, was granted bail Thursday in the sum of \$2,000. Mr. F. Barron Grier of Greenwood, representing the constable, and Assistant Attorney General W. H. Townsend, representing the State, appeared before Chief Justice Pope at chambers. Davenport will be tried for murder at the August term of court for Greenwood county.

PLACE WILL BE HARD TO FILL

Although the Trustees of South Carolina College Have 39 Applications for the Chair of History.

Columbia Special.—The trustees of the South Carolina college met Saturday and—as one of the members expressed it—had a "talk-feast." The object of the meeting was to discuss filling the chair of history made vacant by the death of the lamented Prof. R. Means Davis. This is a much harder undertaking than the unformed public might suspect. The teacher of history and political economy must have many qualifications.

The members of the board will require a man who knows general history and the history of the State; who not only knows his own history and acquaintance with the characters in it, but who not only can tell of these characters in a pleasant style of narrative, but can impart that knowledge and can get the classes to do all the work required of them in a manner which shows that they are interested in the course. It will take no small man to fill the place left by Means Davis.

There are 39 applications before the board yesterday and other names were suggested informally, all of which shows that there is good material from which to select. The members of the board present were: Gov. Heyward, Supt. Martin, Mr. August Kohn, Mr. Jno. J. McMahon, Mr. Robert MacFarlane of Darlington; Mr. C. E. Spencer of Yorkville, Senator G. W. Brown of Darlington, Dr. W. T. C. Bates of St. Matthews, Mr. R. P. Hamer, Jr., of Marion, and Mr. James Q. Davis of Winnsboro.

There can be no election of a professor except at a stated meeting of the board and the members had met just to talk over the situation and to eliminate from the list those names which could not be considered. While some of the members of the board have about decided upon a plan of action, there was no formal motion made and no ballots taken. It is probable that there will be other changes at the college as there are rumors that big universities are trying to get some of the teachers.

The board also discussed the matter of electing an assistant to the head of the department of English. There were 14 applicants for this position which was created by the legislature at its last session. The board did not take any definite action on this matter. As stated, this was not a meeting to elect, but just to discuss the situation in general terms and to talk of the outlook of the college. The members of the board are very much gratified at the prospects, and hope to have the vacancies filled at the regular meeting on the 7th of June.

Thirty-Nine Physicians Licensed.

All but three of the candidates who stood the examinations for licenses to practice medicine in this State were successful. The examinations, it is said, were more difficult this year than in several years and the percentage of successful men is larger also. The names of the new doctors are as follows: E. C. L. Adams, Columbia; Wm. J. Beasley, Ashland; M. P. Burnham, Gaffney; F. L. Carpenter, Latta; J. T. Carter, Mars Bluff; F. L. Clark, Florence; H. C. Dozier, Columbia; A. G. Eaddy, Timmonsville; W. K. Fishburne, Walterboro; F. B. Johnson, Columbia; T. C. Johnson, Mars Bluff; T. G. Kershaw, Youngs Island; J. H. Miller, Laurens; C. H. Pate (Stokes) Bridge; J. L. Powe, Dovesville; T. W. Reynolds, Charleston; L. B. Salters, Salters; D. H. Smith, Rock Hill; L. J. Smith, Ridge Springs; B. B. Steedley, Gaffney; L. C. Stukes, Manning; H. R. Tison, Augusta, Ga.; G. A. Taylor, McCormick; A. P. Traywick, Lake City; W. P. Turner, Jr., Carroll; G. H. Walters, Charleston; S. P. Wells, Wells; T. S. Westmoreland, Woodruff; W. B. Young, Charleston, and J. G. Edwards, Abbeville.

Convention Closes.

Buffalo, Special.—Two mass meetings, one for women and the other for men, services in several churches and an evening meeting at City Convention Hall Sunday ended the thirty-fifth international convention of the Y. M. C. A. of North America. At the meeting for women Miss Helen M. Gould read the lesson of the day.

Stockholders Held Meeting.

Anderson, Special.—The stockholders of the Orr Cotton Mills held their annual meeting Friday and re-elected all the old directors and officers. The report of the president, Col. Jas. L. Orr, showed that the affairs of the mill are in splendid shape and the company is making money. The mills are doing good work and turning out a beautiful product. The help is first-class in quality and sufficient in quantity.

The officers and directors are as follows: Officers—Col. Jas. L. Orr, president; and treasurer; Dr. S. M. Orr, vice president; Calhoun Harris, secretary and assistant treasurer.

Five Men Eaten by Cannibals.

Vancouver, Special.—Mail advices from the Australian steamer are that five men were killed and eaten by cannibals of the Admiralty Islands, South Sea. The British warship Condor was sent to the scene and set fire to the village where the cannibals lived. The Condor's officers threatened to annihilate the village if it did not surrender the cannibals. This was done and the cannibals were shot.

OUR BUDGET OF HUMOR.

The Wife No One Wants. There was a young lady at Bingham, Who knew many songs, and could sing 'em. But she couldn't mend hose, And she wouldn't wash clothes, Or help her old mother to wring 'em.

Wise Man. Guest (in cheap restaurant)—"Here, waiter! This food is vile, and I don't propose to pay for it. Where's the proprietor?" Waiter—"He's gone home to lunch, sir."—Philadelphia Ledger.

An Exceptional Case. Smith—"You wouldn't take Rocky for a self-made man, would you?" Rogers—"I should say not! Why, he uses good English and doesn't weigh more than one hundred and eighty pounds!"—Town Topics.

Taking Chances. "That land," said the city nephew, "is valued at \$800 a front foot." "That's a lie!" exclaimed the old farmer, hastily moving back on to the sidewalk. "An' I stood on it most five minutes! Do you reckon they'll charge me rent?"—Chicago Post.

Lucky. "I dislike to keep you in after school," said the teacher. "Aren't you sorry you were naughty and have to stay?" "No'm," replied Johnny. "Pie-face is waitin' out there to lick me!"—Indianapolis Sun.

Turn About. Aunt Mary—"Nora, you're a cruel child. Let that cat go at once." Nora (banging the cat)—"But she's been naughty, Aunt, an' I'm punishin' her. I told her it was for her own good, an' it hurt me more'n it hurt her!"—Brooklyn Life.

Judge's Regret. "Your Honor," said the young lawyer. "I demand justice for my client." "I'd be only too glad to accommodate you," answered the Judge, "but as the law won't allow me to give him more than six months I am practically helpless."—Chicago News.

Proper Reverence. Mamma—"Now, Willie Jones likes to go to Sunday school, I'm sure." Tommy—"I guess he does, the way he talks about it." Mamma—"Why, what does he say?" Tommy—"He calls it 'Sabbath-school.'"—Philadelphia Press.



She Knew Him. "You say you don't know Mr. Rocks very well." "Only slightly. Let me see. I believe we were engaged once."—New York American.

Man's Modesty. "Do you believe," she asked, "that a genius can possibly be a good husband?" "Well," he modestly replied, "I would prefer not to answer that question. But my wife ought to be able to tell you."—Chicago Record-Herald.

The Next Best Thing. "I thought she was determined never to marry any man whose ancestors had not come over in the Mayflower." "Yes, but she changed her mind when she met this fellow whose ancestors went to California in a prairie schooner."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Parental Wisdom. "I shouldn't think the Smiths would name their new baby 'John'—there are so many John Smiths." "That's a good thing one way. If his name ever gets in the 'police reports' folks won't know whether it's he or some other John Smith."—Puck.

The Girls That Buy 'Em. American Girl—"We haven't been over long, you know. I suppose your people always lived here?" Augustus—"We came to England with the Normans, don't you know?" American Girl—"Oh, indeed, the Normans! I'm afraid I don't know them."—Tit-Bits.

Use of Synonyms. A teacher in one of the Brooklyn schools, wishing to enlarge the vocabulary of her class in English composition, asked each member of it to write a sentence containing synonyms of the word "ran" and "told." One little fellow having laboriously looked up the definitions in his small dictionary, submitted the following highly descriptive result: "A dog trickled down the street with a tin can tied to his narrative."—Brooklyn Eagle.