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## Mississippi's Great Senator

by "Savoyard" in Charleston News and Courier.

It appears that the sovereign people of the sovereign state of Mississippi have voted John Sharp Williams the most illustrious living citizen of that great commonwealth. So say we all. John Sharp Williams is a remarkable man, the first senator in the American congress, the ablest and most accomplished statesman in the American legislature. He traveled no royal road to this distinction. He worked his passage to the front in both houses, in each of which he showed himself to possess the qualities that make the great parliamentary debater.

The house and senate of our congress are not perfect, but in one respect each is infallible—each knows the capacity of its each and every member, and weighs him with perfect exactitude. Neither house will tolerate a dunce, or a sham. To gain first place in our congress a man must have the goods and show them. When a member rises in either house, a new face, a strange voice, he is listened to with respect, and ere he has spoken fifteen minutes his measure is taken and it is always and ever the absolutely correct measure. It was never known to be at fault. Physical presence and voice, of course, go a great ways and are material aids; but congress will not be bored, and Adonis and Arpheus combined in one would speak to empty benches in senate or house unless he fetched some brains with him.

Now, John Sharp is no dude. He has not the presence of Apollo, and his is not a tuneful tongue. I am always reminded of an anecdote taken from French history when John rises to make a speech. At the siege of Toulon, Dugonier, the commander of the French forces, was holding a conference with his generals and Bonaparte, then a subordinate, left the council. A general spoke up and asked "who that little insignificant officer was." To which the commander replied, "That little insignificant officer is a greater man than any of us."

When John Sharp Williams takes the floor in the United States senate the camber and the galleries give ear. He never rises unless he has something to say, and before he has been speaking five minutes he is certain to say something that will give the senate food for thought. That is what makes John Sharp Williams the biggest man in the United States senate. As a debater the senate has not known his match since Allen G. Thurman and Ben Hill, and in a rough and tumble I don't believe the senate has known John Sharp Williams' match since Stephen A. Douglas.

Francis Jeffrey, the famous essayist of the Edinburgh Review, opined that had Benjamin Franklin been a graduate of Harvard the world would never have heard of him, and it is doubtless true that many considerable men have been spoiled by classical education; but there are numerous cases where college training has been of great assistance. James A. Garfield is one example, so is John Sharp Williams; Cabot Lodge is

another. John Sharp is, perhaps, the best educated man in congress. Not only is he a graduate of the University of Virginia, but he studied at famous schools in Germany and France.

All a college is for is to fit a man to be a student. This country is full of college graduates who have no taste for books and are hopeless ignoramuses. But Williams is a man of vast acquired knowledge. There are many others of whom the same may be said; but all Williams' knowledge is accurate, and that can be said of very few men. Hence in debates he "leaves no gaps down" and that is what makes him so formidable.

Horace Greely held Stephen A. Douglas to be the greatest debater our senate ever knew, and Greely was no mean judge of such matters; but compared with Williams, Douglas was an ignoramus. Douglas knew American political history from the inauguration of General Jackson to the inauguration of Lincoln thoroughly, and in the senate he rarely addressed himself to anything else. Greely disagreed with Seward or Chase, Douglas was lame at the beginning, but in a little he gained knowledge from his adversary which he used with terrific effect to overwhelm him. But there were men in the senate as good judges as Greely who did not think Douglas a match for Robert Toombs. If one will take the trouble to read the speech of Douglas in the senate closing debate on the Kansas-Nebraska bill in 1854, the will discover what a big giant the "Little Giant" was.

I never knew John G. Carl to engage in a "running debate" but once. He was matchless in a "set speech," but on one occasion he tackled Aldrich on a tariff question, the McKim bill. The matter of his remarks was technical—the cotton schedule—he discovered more knowledge of a cotton mill than the Rhode Islander, who had spent most of his life in sight of one and had a great deal of money invested in the business. Aldrich spoke from a printed paper and dealt with the number of "threads fine" of a piece of cotton cloth and the specific and valorem duties as applied. Now, when it came to mathematics, Carlisle was a wonder. Euclid was as simple to him as the multiplication table to the average man, and he made calculations in his mind faster than Aldrich could read them off of the paper. I am persuaded that had Carlisle had a taste for "running debate" he would have been master of them all.

My friend Tom Sission is no fool. He was picked to take John Sharp's place in the senate. Tidings come from Mississippi that the Hon. Tom is a candidate for re-election to the house. It would be a crime against the Democratic party and an outrage upon the American union to defeat John Sharp Williams for re-election to the senate. He is senator from Mississippi, and he is more than that—he is senator for all the states of our blessed union.

## Veterans at the Re-union.

Editor of THE BEACON—

I attended the re-union at Biloxi last week, in company with Tom Wilkins, and we had a splendid time. Tom is a fine fellow to be with—is so quiet, has little to say—unless he is with the ladies, and then he is strictly in the limelight.

Tom was assigned to the home of the Episcopal minister. Why, I do not know, but I hope it did him good. He says the first day for dinner he had a whole quarter of mutton, etc., so suppose they notified the good as to his capacity, and his love of mutton. Tom's love for mutton reminds me of Capt. Daracott, an old true-blue Virginian, who lived in the southern part of the county and who used to say that a turkey was a most inconvenient fowl—was most too much for one and hardly enough for two.

Mr. George Wade met us at the depot with his car and took us to his and Mr. Dodd's winter home, where we were elegantly entertained by George and the lovely little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dodd. Mrs. Dodd was absent in Kentucky at the time, but was unfortunate enough to arrive in Biloxi the night of the storm. They have one of the loveliest homes on the coast and it is beautifully furnished. One of George's Tennessee friends tell it on him that he drove "Old Frank" to a one-horse wagon to Biloxi, and when he got there he drove out in the bay to water his horse and when old Frank refused to drink the salt water George gave him a good beating.

George took Tom Wilkins and me for a drive on the beach in his car, and Tom wanted to know how far this creek extended and if he just had it in his county; the cattle never would suffer for water.

A great honor was done Gen. E. D. Cavett who was elected Brigadier General of the 2nd Brigade without opposition and unanimously, and he was not at the reunion. Had he been there it is likely that he would have been made General-in-Chief, and will be next time at Columbus, Miss., where we will have the next state reunion. The old boys all over the state wanted to honor him, and were surprised and disappointed when they heard he was not re-elected to the legislature.

We were sorry the storm came, but as it had to come, we were glad (after it was over) it came while we were there, for we will never see anything like it again. To see one and read about it is two different things. You simply cannot conceive or describe a storm of that kind. I went out about 12 o'clock at night with a sea captain (we were all marooned at the hotel) to feel the effect of a 75 mile wind. The water was nearly up to the hotel, and I tell you a very few steps satisfied me—almost took me off of my feet. I said, "Cap, lets go back and see about the ladies, I am uneasy about them." "Why," he said, "this is nothing." "O, you land-lubber," he replies. I had enough! Some of the ladies tried it on the gallery and the wind made a perfect baloon of their dresses, and probably they would have been carried off but we got a good toe hold and held on to them.

Coming back to Mobile, I spent part of the day with dear old Mat Clark. He belonged to my company, and we had a great deal to talk about. I know of only four of my company living. Alex is the oldest and I am the youngest out of the 500 that were at Biloxi—how many will be at Birmingham next spring. God alone knows—God bless them. UNCLE NED. McLeod, Miss., Oct. 5, 1915.

## Attention Confederate Veterans.

Having been elected Brigadier General, commanding the 1st Division Mississippi U. C. V's, it will necessitate your electing a commander to succeed myself. While I appreciate very much the honor the old Confederates have conferred on me by being elected to command the 1st Mississippi Division, as was done at their meeting at Biloxi, and the more so as I was not present, still I appreciate the fact that my camp of old Veterans and friends who have known me all my life, have elected me their commander for life so much that I almost feel like I would rather have this position than to be a Brigadier General.

Comrades Ed Hibbler and Tom Wilkins were present as delegates from this camp, and aided very much in conferring this honor upon me, for which I am deeply grateful.

The Camp will meet at the court house in Macon at 10 o'clock on Saturday, October 16th, and I hope we will have a full attendance, and I urge upon all old Confederates in the county who are not commanders of our camp to come and join us at this time.

Respectfully,  
E. D. CAVETT.

FOR RENT AT ONCE—Residence known as the H. B. Brock's, Sr., home place. Write to Mrs. Lee B. Smith, 817-29th Ave., Meridian, Miss., or see D. C. Jordan, Macon, Miss.

## Fall 1915

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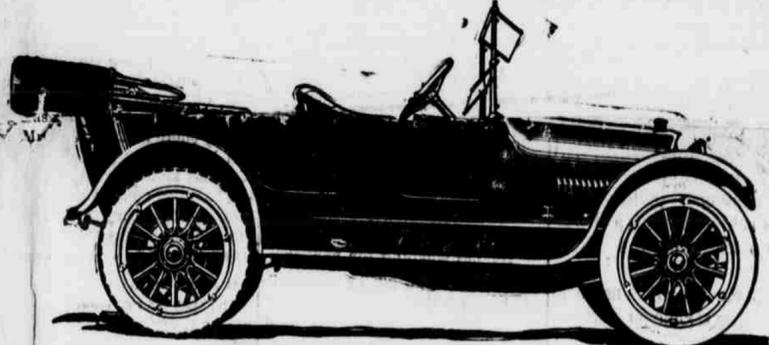
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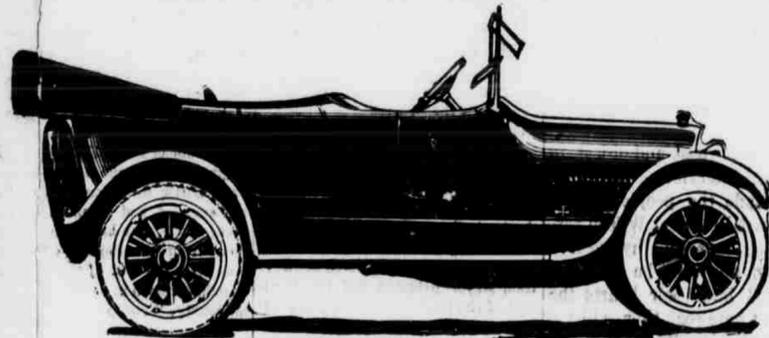
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W. W. SHANNON, Macon, Miss.

## Bulgaria as Russia's Cuba.

Foreign Affairs Minister Sazonoff says the "whole Russian nation is aroused by the unthinkable treachery of King Ferdinand of Bulgaria and his Government."

We can appreciate Russia's feeling by imagining that at a time when the United States were in a death struggle Cuba should deliberately take the side of our enemies. Bulgaria owes its national existence to Russia in as pronounced a sense as Cuba does to the United States. In addition, Bulgaria is joined to Russia by racial and religious ties that have no counterpart in the forces merging the interests of Cuba and the United States.

If King Ferdinand and the plotters at Sofia who are trying to change the entire direction of the events that gave Bulgaria its place on the map have painfully short memories, they will doubtless find that the former friends whom they are making their enemies have long memories.—Post Dispatch.

## Timothy Anderson.

After being in declining health for some time Mr. Timothy Anderson, better known as "T" died at his home in Fearn Springs, Miss., Tuesday night. His remains were laid to rest Wednesday afternoon with Masonic honors, in the Good Hope cemetery. Rev. J. D. Fulton conducted the funeral services and paid a beautiful tribute to the life of the deceased.

Mr. Anderson had reached a ripe old age, and the 4th of December next would have been his seventy-ninth birthday. Shortly after the close of the civil war he was married to Miss Mary Holmes, daughter of Capt. J. C. Holmes, and to this union were born nine children, two daughters and seven sons. Three of the latter have preceded him to the grave. All of his children with the exception of Mrs. Will Nethery, were present at the time of his death. His son Emmett of Houston, Texas, was called home last week to be at the bedside of his father. Besides his widow and children Mr. Anderson leaves a host of relatives to mourn his loss.

Mr. Louis Anderson and wife of Shuqalak attended his uncle's funeral, and quite a number of friends from Louisville were present. The bereaved have the sympathy of a host of friends. D. Gholson, Miss., Oct. 5.

## Biggest Show Coming!

The Rot L. Russell Tabloid Dramatic and vaudeville company, under canvas, open their doors Monday night, Oct. 8, on lot north of court house. In the report from other cities, this a first-class attraction. This shows the reputation of putting on a clean-to-date performance, and owing to enormous seating capacity of the largest, are able to present the show a very small admission fee, 10 and 5 cents. It has been a long time since a tent show of this description made a stay in Macon.

TRESSPASSES—All parties, hunters, fishermen, etc., are warned under penalty of the law that we will not allow any hunting or trespassing on any of our lands. All violators will most certainly be prosecuted. W. L. SHERROD.

## NOTICE GROCERYMEN.

The State Board of Health will not permit screens to be removed! All grocery stores, meat markets, hotels, restaurants and soda fountains must keep them in the entire year. J. M. STANLEY, Chief County Health Officer.

FOR RENT—Five-room house, lights and water, good barn and servant's house. L. E. ZEPFENICK.

ROOMS FOR RENT—Apply to Miss Edna Bush, phone 97, P. O. Box 112.

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HOLLAND TURKEYS—large Holland Turkeys for sale—Trio \$6.00. G. S. WILLIAMS, Route 2, Macon, Miss.

LOST—A silver mesh bag between Mrs. McMillins and Mrs. Dinmore's on Tuesday morning. Purse has initials L. M. R. engraved on it and besides \$6.00 in money and some visiting cards, contained a gold tie clasp with R. L. R. on it, and a small cameo brooch. Finder will receive a reward if returned to Mrs. Rhymes.

LOST, STRAYED OR STOLEN—From depot pasture one light Jersey yearling, weight about four hundred fifty pounds. Information leading to recovery will be rewarded. E. T. GEORGE.

STRAYED OR STOLEN—From the Pine wood, one mile west of Macon, one dark Jersey colored heifer, black tail, blind in right eye, short horns. Will pay reward for recovery. WILLIE McLEOD.

BOARDS FOR SALE—\$6.00 White and Red oak boards. THOS. McHEMERY, Macon, Miss.