

CONGRESSMAN ADAMS IN DEBT KILLS HIMSELF

Pennsylvanian Explains Tragic Act in Letter to Speaker Cannon.

WASHINGTON, June 1.—Congressman Robert Adams, of Pennsylvania, shot himself in the Metropolitan Club, in this city, early today, and died some hours later in Emergency Hospital.

His suicide, which was a mystery and amazed everybody in official life, was later explained in the following letter written by him to Speaker Cannon, and read by the latter to Congress shortly after the House convened today.

WASHINGTON, May 31, 1906.

Hon. J. G. Cannon:

"My Dear Mr. Speaker: The fact that my personal obligations exceed my resources is my only excuse for abandoning the responsible position I occupy in the House. I am willing to be buried at my expense, but I ask that no committee be appointed or memorial services held, as I have never been in sympathy with the latter custom.

"With assurances of my high regard,

"Sincerely yours,

ROBERT ADAMS."

The tragic end of the Congressman was most dramatic in many ways. For two weeks he had apparently been planning his death, yet he was one of the busiest men on the floor of Congress, passing through legislation with which he was charged.

Only yesterday when a bill in which he was deeply interested seemed in danger of being sidetracked he pleaded with Speaker Cannon to get it through, declaring he had "an important engagement" for today.

When he succeeded his spirits rose and he gave himself over to joking and banter.

The fatal shot was fired in the club chambers of the Metropolitan Club, where Mr. Adams had resided for several years, some time between 6 and 7 o'clock this morning. It was not until 5 o'clock, however, that he was found by Horace Clark, one of the negro bell men, whose habit it was, each morning at that hour, to carry hot water to the room.

Upon opening the door Clark found Mr. Adams entirely nude, sitting upright in an arm chair. He immediately summoned the attaches of the house, and a doctor was at once sent for. Mr. Adams was then unconscious, and the physician who was summoned pronounced the wound necessarily fatal.

The Congressman was soon afterward removed to the hospital in a private wagon, where the bullet and some

fragments of bone were removed from his brain.

Mr. Adams died in the hospital at 11:30 A. M.

A ghastly feature of his act was the fact that after shooting himself Mr. Adams proceeded out into the hall and to the bathroom to wash himself and then returned to his room. The walls and bathroom were spattered with blood. In his room an unsigned note was found addressed to James Clark, another bell-man reading as follows:

"Notify H. G. Clement, No. 1320 L street, Telephone Main 1563, and also Francis P. Adams, No. 1317 Wallace street. Let money for breakfast bill.

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It was only yesterday that he, as acting chairman of the House committee on Foreign Affairs, managed the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill to the passage of the House. As this bill has been before the House for the past week, Mr. Adams has been the principal figure in the House.

Cancer Worled Him.

In addition to his financial troubles Mr. Adams was fearful that a cancer which had been removed from his lip was returning. This had given him much concern and he believed that no operation could save him.

He worried over this at all times, but could not find time to consult a physician. Only yesterday, when Speaker Cannon contemplated temporarily withdrawing from the House to make way for the Post-office bill conference report, Mr. Adams made an appeal to first allow the passage of the bill in his chamber. He told the Speaker he had a most urgent and important engagement to keep today.

When the bill was passed he laughed and joked with the members of the House, expressing his satisfaction that it had gone through.

Long in Public Life.

Mr. Adams had always been a consistent Republican of the strict type. He was born in Philadelphia Feb. 22, 1849, and was graduated at the University of Pennsylvania twenty years later. He practiced law for five years and spent some time in scientific exploration as a member of the United States Geological Survey. In 1883 he began his political career as a member of the State Senate of Pennsylvania, where he served four years, and in 1889 entered the diplomatic service as American Minister to Brazil.

He filled his post for a little over a year, an often came back to this country to re-visit politics, being elected a member of the Fifty-third Congress, in which body he had served continuously ever since.

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"Perhaps so," replied Mr. Sulzer, "as long as you are not all dead."

"Well," commented Mr. Adams, "there may be more of us dead before to-morrow morning."

CONGRESS ACTS ON DEATH OF ADAMS.

WASHINGTON, June 1.—A black-draped desk in the hall of the House of Representatives, covered with June flowers, amylax and ferns, brought a shock to almost every member when the House convened today. It told, with a pathos all its own the story of the passing of Robert Adams, Jr., late a Congressman from the Second Pennsylvania district, from the scenes of a busy, active life.

Not in years has there come to the membership of the House such sudden gloom as came with the going out of Mr. Adams. But yesterday, having charge of the diplomatic and consular bill, he showed energy and activity, getting the bill through the House with less friction than usual, but few amendments being made to the measure.

Members Affected.

The seat which is today covered with black, was selected by Mr. Adams for his late colleague, George A. Carter, of the Third Pennsylvania District, who dying before he could occupy it, Mr. Adams selected the seat for himself, one of those unexplainable coincidences that come without warning.

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