

WOMAN IS KILLED THROUGH WINDOWS

Brother of Chicago's Mayor Was Demonstrating Use of Revolver.

ENTIRELY ACCIDENTAL AND NO ARRESTS MADE

Dead Woman, Daughter of General Girard, U. S. A., Retired, Was in Another Apartment Dressing, When Bullet Crashed Through Windows.

CHICAGO, ILL., January 31.—George Busse, brother of Mayor Fred A. Busse, of Chicago, to-night accidentally shot and killed Mrs. L. C. Tuckerman, thirty-two years old, wife of a fruit dealer of New York City. The bullet struck Mrs. Tuckerman in the heart and she died almost instantly.

The shooting occurred in the Walton apartment building, Mrs. Tuckerman was visiting her father, Brigadier-General A. C. Girard, retired, who lives in the Walton. Shortly before 7 o'clock George Busse in his apartment across an alleyway from General Girard's apartment, was demonstrating the use of a revolver to Miss Bertha Lambke, his housemaid, so that she could employ the weapon in case burglars came. The revolver was accidentally discharged, and the bullet went through two windows, crossed the alleyway into the Girard apartment and pierced Mrs. Tuckerman's heart.

Mayor Busse was present at the shooting, and as soon as he learned of the fatal consequences informed the police.

Mrs. Tuckerman was in a bedroom dressing. When struck by the bullet, which crashed in the area window at her side, she staggered into the hallway. General Girard and Mrs. Tuckerman, five-year-old son, Alfred, rushed from an adjoining sitting-room as the woman cried: "Oh, I've been shot and I'm dying."

A minute afterward Mayor Busse and his brother, George, entered the apartment to see whether the bullet had done any damage. They were horrified to find that Mrs. Tuckerman was dying of a bullet wound. Mayor Busse's wife and mother tried to assist the wounded woman while the physician summoned. But the woman died before the physician arrived.

No arrests were made. General Girard expressed himself as satisfied that the shooting was accidental. According to the statements made to the police, George Busse was about to leave for Cincinnati on a business trip. He did not care to leave his mother and the maid home alone without means of protection. He, therefore, purchased a revolver and was instructing the maid how to use it when the tragedy was pulled accidentally.

ROOSEVELT IN CIRCUS

Syndicate Makes Offer for "Roosevelt's Congress of Rough Riders." (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) BRIDGEPORT, Conn., January 31.—An offer of \$10,000 weekly for an engagement of thirty weeks with an organization to be known as "Roosevelt's Congress of Rough Riders" has been formally made to Roosevelt by the Atlas former circus man, acting for himself and syndicate who have made a fortune in the circus. The President received the offer by mail two weeks ago, but has not replied to it, and Atlas is of the firm impression that he is seriously considering the proposition.

"It is not our desire to make a circus out of the President, Roosevelt, or in any way to lessen the dignity of his position," said Atlas to-night. "We have mapped out every detail of the show, which would be in three spectacular scenes. First would be scenes of Western life, with cowboys, Indians, camp, buffalo hunts and all that sort of thing. Second would be a reproduction of the battle of San Juan Hill, with the President leading the charge as Colonel Roosevelt. In this scene the would gather around him as many of the original Rough Riders of his regiment as possible.

For the final scene we plan a re-enactment of the battle of Gettysburg, true to life, and thus give the common people of the country a chance to see what such a ceremony is like. Atlas is proprietor of a local hotel. His enthusiasm is boundless, and his confidence great.

LOOK TO KENTUCKY

Department of Agriculture Says She Shows Must Crush Tobacco. WASHINGTON, D. C., January 31.—Tobacco consumers over a great part of the world will continue to look, as they have for some time past, to Kentucky and the bordering States, for their supply of the fragrant weed, according to a bulletin issued by the Department of Agriculture on the cultivation of tobacco in Kentucky and Tennessee.

ACTION IS TAKEN IN BEHALF OF ROOT

Letter From District Attorney Stimson So Informs Mr. Jerome.

LATTER CAN ACT FOR DOUGLAS ROBINSON

Federal Authorities Will Defend the Reputation of "a Gentleman Who Occupied the Position of Head of the War Department" in World Case.

NEW YORK, January 31.—Henry L. Stimson, United States district attorney for the southern district of New York, to-night made public a letter in answer to one written by District Attorney Jerome on the subject of beginning an action for criminal libel in the State courts against the publishers of the New York World because of published charges regarding the Panama Canal purchase. Mr. Stimson tells Mr. Jerome to go ahead, assuring him that such action will not be regarded as interference.

Mr. Jerome had asked if action in the State courts on behalf of Douglas Robinson, the President's brother-in-law, who was mentioned in the article, would be an unwarranted interference with the actions begun under Federal jurisdiction.

Mr. Stimson answers this negatively, but does not state that the Federal inquiries or prosecutions will cease if Mr. Jerome begins action.

It is apparent from the letter that while the Federal authorities concede to Mr. Jerome the right to appear as the protector of Douglas Robinson's good name, they reserve to themselves the privilege of acting in defense of the President's reputation.

Mr. Stimson's letter, in part, is as follows: "In answer to your query as to whether a prosecution on your part upon the alleged libel of October 3, 1908, would be regarded as an unwarranted interference with the jurisdiction, and in which action has already been taken by the Federal authorities, I beg to assure you that such action on your part will not be regarded as an interference with the jurisdiction, but on the contrary, regard it as our duty to co-operate with you in all proper and lawful ways. In all of these several jurisdictions, the present case constitutes a complete defense to the prosecution. Should such a defense be attempted, it is in the interest of the utmost importance that this question as to the truth or falsity of the publications should be presented to the court in the light of the fullest possible evidence, and be settled for all time beyond the possibility of a doubt."

To Make Shaw Testify. WASHINGTON, D. C., January 31.—An important step in the Panama Canal proceedings before the grand jury of the District of Columbia will be taken to-morrow when District Attorney Baker will summon Ashley M. Gould, residing in Criminal Court, No. 1, to compel J. Angus Shaw, secretary-treasurer of the Press Publishing Company, publishers of the New York World, to answer certain questions pertinent to the libel of Mr. Stimson having declined to answer such questions, except a few of a formal character, on the ground that it was his constitutional prerogative not to respond upon matters which might incriminate himself.

Dumont Clarke, president of the American Exchange Bank, of New York, and trustee of the Press Publishing Company, and three or four other witnesses from New York, will appear as witnesses before the grand jury to-morrow.

MANY WITNESSES

Summoned to Testify in the Jones Trial, Sensational Case. UNION, S. C., January 31.—The trial of W. T. Jones, a wealthy planter of this county, who is charged with the murder of his wife last July, is set to begin here to-morrow. Jones is accused of administering poison to his wife.

Because of the prominent and influential connections of the parties concerned in the evidence brought to light in the inquest and in the hearings on that trial for ball, indications are that the trial will be one of the most sensational kind. Over 250 witnesses will be summoned, and many of them will come from a distance.

This case was called for trial last September, but was postponed, pending an appeal to the State Supreme Court from the order of the Circuit Court refusing bail for Jones, who has been in jail here since his arrest last July.

In all the years of both sides are among the most able criminal lawyers in this State.

Root is Resting

Increases Strength.

SHIP'S IDENTITY STILL A MYSTERY

Sea Gives Up Nothing to Indicate What She Was.

THE THEODORE WEEMS IS SAFE IN THE BAY

All Fears for Her Safety Dispelled by Her Arrival—Wireless Operator on City of Savannah Says Sunken Vessel Had One Funnel.

NORFOLK, VA., January 31.—Hidden beneath the turbulent waves that roll wildly over Diamond Shoals, fourteen miles off Cape Hatteras, N. C., the secret of the identity of the mysterious steamer which went down there early yesterday, probably with all hands on board, remains untold.

The light of another day gave no evidence, furnished no clue, to corroborate the testimony of those few aboard the Diamond Shoals lightship who witnessed the helplessness of the latest tragedy of the well-named "graveyard of the Atlantic." When darkness fell upon the scene to-night not a single piece of wreckage had been detected, either on shore or on the ocean's bottom, and it may be several days before anything is discovered. Neither the government weather station nor the local commercial wireless station received any additional news relative to the ill-fated vessel to-day. No definite news has come to the Norfolk navy yard from the revenue cutter Onondago, which is at the scene of the reported disaster.

The Savannah Line steamer City of Savannah, which arrived at Savannah to-day from New York, brought no news that might aid in clearing up the mystery, although her wireless operator caught the message from the lightship, and was positive that the ship was described as a single-funnel vessel.

Message From Station. A message to-night to the Associated Press from Keeper Styron, of the Durant life-saving station at Hatteras, N. C., reads as follows: "No details known in this locality of steamer reported foundered near Diamond Shoals lightship. No wreckage has drifted up here, and none has been seen from the shore."

The government weather officials of the Norfolk and Cape Henry station, who are in direct communication with practically every point along the Virginia and North Carolina coast, have had no word from any station that indicates the whereabouts of the vessel covered, and in spite of the fact that those aboard the lightship report that they saw the steamer sink, they are inclined to doubt that a self-propelled vessel with human lives aboard really foundered.

Local shipping officials declare that the steamer was probably some abandoned derelict.

The wind, which blew off shore at a velocity of forty-five miles an hour yesterday, diminished somewhat to-day. To-night a moderate northwest wind is blowing off Hatteras. As long as the wind remains in that quarter any wreckage or floats from the ship probably will be driven far out to sea.

The reporting of the steamer, Theodore Weems, which passed in Cape Henry bound from Georgetown and Charleston for Baltimore to-day, removes that vessel from consideration as possibly being the ill-fated freighter.

The Weems Is Safe. BALTIMORE, Md., January 31.—All fear that the steamer reported from Elizabeth City, N. C., yesterday, as having foundered off Diamond Shoals, might be the Theodore Weems, of the Baltimore and Carolina Steamship Company, bound from Georgetown, S. C., to this port, was dispelled to-day when the Weems was reported passing in at Cape Henry, Va.

President Williams, of the steamship company, stated to-night that he did not expect the Weems to be the vessel which was reported to have foundered yesterday morning, as having no passengers, the trip up the bay will not be hurried. He added that, as she passed Diamond Shoals at night, he did not expect her to bring any news of the reported foundering.

No Details Known. HATTERAS, N. C., January 31.—No details are known in this locality to-day, in establishing the identity of the steamer reported to have foundered yesterday near Diamond Shoals lightship. No wreckage has drifted up here, and none has been seen from the shore.

Had One Funnel. SAVANNAH, GA., January 31.—The wireless operator on the City of Savannah, which reached her dock to-day, states that the message from the Cape Lookout lightship yesterday, telling of the sudden sinking of an unknown steamer, described her as having only one funnel instead of two, as was reported. The City of Savannah had evidently passed to the south of the lightship before the steamer sank, but the steamer saw no vessel there answering the description of the wreck, and saw no wreckage.

HOME MISSIONS

National Campaign of Cities Closes in Pittsburg, Pa., January 31.—The national campaign in behalf of home missions closed to-day in Pittsburg, where nine large meetings in various parts of the city were addressed by the workers of the national note, and where several large meetings will be addressed to-morrow, before the round-up by denominations to-morrow night.

The speakers came here from Cleveland, where the campaign was conducted last week, and go to Baltimore, where meetings will be held Monday and Tuesday, the series in Eastern cities closing at Philadelphia, February 11 and 12.

SOME OLD FACES WILL BE MISSING

Many Changes in Personnel of Congress Are to Take Place.

PASSING OF FORAKER, PLATT AND TELLER

Knox Will Also Be Missed in the Senate, While the House Will Lose Williams and Coker, Burton and Hepburn—All Able Men.

Times-Dispatch Bureau, Washington, January 31. SOON there is to be a change in the personnel of Congress. The passing of Senators Platt, Foraker, Knox and Teller from the Senate, and the loss of Williams and Coker, Burton and Hepburn from the House, will make quite a difference.

The name of Thomas Collier Platt, of New York, is familiar to every careful reader of American newspapers. Fifteen years ago it was more in public mind than it has been of recent years. There is no more interesting man in Congress than Mr. Platt as he appears to-day, broken in health, feeble, but high-spirited, defiant and resolute. Every morning, just before the Rev. Edward Everett Hale, chaplain of the Senate, enters the chamber to open the august body with prayer, the aged New York Senator, supported by two men, goes to his seat. It is a pathetic sight to see the once aggressive, cunning, and shrewd man, now with fear written in his weakened face, drag himself along. His eyes, once able to see through men, are fixed upon the floor lest he fall over something that might perchance be in his way. The first time I saw the old fellow coming I fancied he was afraid. "What," said I, to a Capitol employe, "makes him look so nervous?"

"Why, he fell there last year, and he cannot get over it," was the reply. Mr. Platt was born in New York State more than fifty years ago. He attended Yale college, but gave up his work there before graduating on account of ill health. He was banker, lumberman and politician. For many years he was the Republican boss of New York State, and was able that he should have held the reins over his party so long. Although his body has given way his mind is still sound. He will be succeeded by Elihu Root.

Joseph Benson Foraker, of Ohio, will give way to Theodore E. Burton. Fire Alarm Foraker has made his name a household word in the nation by his fight for the Brownsville negroes.

Foraker Retires. Senator Foraker is a very popular man in the Senate. His colleagues like him. In appearance the senior Senator of the Buckeye State is attractive; his face is strong and sunny, his eyes keen, clear and full of fire, and his hair and mustache making him strong with the people. He is full of fight. In running debate he is forceful, and those who enter against him soon learn that he knows the ways of a true warrior. He is sixty-three years old, and as game as ever. One who did not like his attitude toward the South can't help but admire his bravery and mentality. It is said of him by those who know him most intimately that he never strikes below the belt in settling a score with a foe.

Senator Philander Chase Knox, of Pennsylvania, is a man of great mental force, and is considered one of the greatest lawyers of the country. He is the Taft Congress's chief counsel, and is generally believed to have been getting him. Mr. Knox is a peculiar looking man. His face is fat and round, and does not indicate the brain behind it. There is nothing much to say about his career, for it has not been spectacular, but signally successful. Only great victory after another has been his. If one were to meet him on the streets of a Southern city he might take him for a well groomed Catholic priest. He is a plain man, with transcendent ability.

Senator Henry Moore Teller, of Colorado, if he lives, will be seventy-nine on May 2. He is a most remarkable citizen. All who visit the Senate ask who he is. His name (Continued on Page Two, Column 7)

CONSIDER BUDGET

Lynchburg Council Will Have Large Amount to Appropriates. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) LYNCHBURG, VA., January 31.—The Finance Committee of the City Council will report the annual budget to the Common Council at its meeting next Thursday evening, this being the regular monthly meeting of the Council. The budget will be presented, and under the law it will have to lie over for a day before it can be adopted. This will mean an adjourned meeting on the following day.

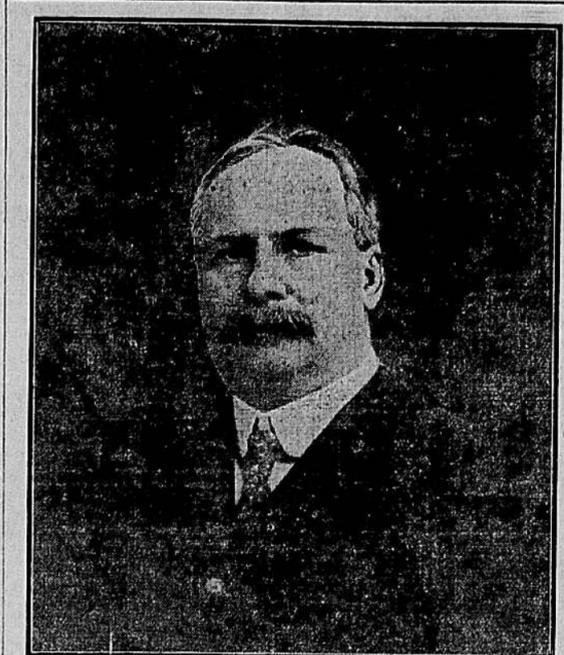
It is generally expected that the appropriations will be considerably larger than they were last year, for it is known that the estimated revenues of the city this year will be nearly \$1,000,000 larger than in 1908. It is expected that the Water Department and the School Board will get liberal appropriations, though the latter may get what it will need this year for new school buildings out of a bond issue to be provided for later.

RECEIVER NAMED

American Insurance Company, of Arkansas, Failed to Pay Liabilities. LITTLE ROCK, ARK., January 31.—Failure to pay of their liabilities within the past week, as ordered by the Chancery Court.

Landing Into Port. NEW YORK, January 31.—The steamship St. Louis, of the American Line, which is nearing port with her rudder broken, will anchor off Sandy Hook early in the morning. She is proceeding at reduced speed.

HENRY C. STUART WITHDRAWS



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Carter Glass May Enter Race

The withdrawal of Henry C. Stuart as a candidate for Governor reached The Times-Dispatch office at 1 o'clock this morning, and immediately Hon. Carter Glass was called up over the long distance telephone in Lynchburg, and asked whether or not, in view of Mr. Stuart's retirement, he would enter the race against Judge Mann and Mr. Tucker.

Mr. Glass replied: "I am astonished to hear of Mr. Stuart's decision, and regret exceedingly the cause of it. "Regarding your inquiry as to whether or not I will be a candidate for Governor, I can only say that I had some weeks ago about determined not to be, but had withheld such a declaration at the very earnest solicitation of some of my friends.

"Now that Mr. Stuart has determined not to make the race for the reasons assigned, the matter takes on a new phase, and it is by no means certain that I may not reconsider my purpose and announce myself as a candidate for Governor. Whatever I shall determine will be made known in a few days.

"As I have said, I am so completely taken by surprise by Mr. Stuart's decision that I do not know what to say to-night, and will not know until I can confer with some friends this week."

Mr. Tucker Regrets Cause. Harry St. George Tucker was called over the long distance telephone at Old Point and told of Mr. Stuart's withdrawal from the race for Governor. He said: "I greatly regret the cause of Mr. Stuart's withdrawal. No one honors him more than I do. I feel, of course, more confident of my election than I have ever done before. That is all I can say to-night."

Judge Mann could not be found at his winter home in Petersburg this morning. It was said that he was at his farm in Nottoway county, with which there is no night communication.

ROBBERS KILL MAN, BUT GET NO MONEY. SOUTH IS VISITED BY MANY FIRES

Plucky Woman Runs With It in Kettle as They Shoot at Her. LANCASTER, PA., January 31.—At 8 o'clock to-night, while Alfred Haulman, aged farmer of Paquetown, this county, was sitting at the bedside of his sick wife in company with Mr. Kreider and Mrs. Cramer, two neighbors, two masked men entered the room and demanded money. The sick woman called to Mrs. Cramer to give them what was in a kettle in the room.

Mrs. Cramer picked up the kettle and fled, the man shot at her and then turned and shot Mr. Haulman in the neck, killing him. They then shot Mr. Kreider twice, dangerously injuring him. The robbers fled and have not been captured. The Haulmans some years ago lost money in a bank failure and have since kept their cash in their home in a kettle. It is supposed that the robbers knew this and were after it.

RACING AND JAPANESE

Definite Action Will Be Taken by the California Legislature. SACRAMENTO, CAL., January 31.—Definite action will be taken during the present week, it is expected, on race-track gambling and restriction of Japanese. In the Senate the law against turf gambling, modeled after the law in New York, which has already passed the Assembly, will be made a special order of business for Tuesday. Senator George S. Walker, one of the sponsors for the measure, asserts that not more than five Senators will vote against the bill, and cautions that it will be passed.

Another Florida Fire. PENSACOLA, FLA., January 31.—In a fire at Carrabelle, Fla., last night a hotel, three stores and a large quantity of lumber in the yards of the Franklin Lumber Company were destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$10,000.

SACRED DUTY TAKES STUART OUT OF RACE

Denies That He Retired in Interest of Any Candidate.

MRS. STUART'S ILLNESS CAUSE OF WITHDRAWAL

Just Ready to Begin Vigorous Campaign, He Is Forced to Sail for Europe on Account of Serious Condition of Wife's Health.

HON. HENRY C. STUART last night dictated the following statement for publication to-day in The Times-Dispatch: "There could not possibly have been any foundation in fact for the rumor printed in The Times-Dispatch this morning coming from Norfolk by way of Washington, that I would withdraw my candidacy for Governor of Virginia in the interest of Hon. Carter Glass. Until after my return to Richmond, last Wednesday, I had not the faintest thought of withdrawing, and only a few of my most intimate personal friends, in the last three days, have known that I was considering such a possibility. The publication, however, forced me to make a statement immediately a conclusion which I have just reached with the deepest reluctance and regret.

"It is proper to say, as preliminary, that I never have had, and have not now, the slightest thought of withdrawing in favor of Representative Glass or any other man.

"Neither I, nor any friend of mine, to my knowledge, made such a proposition or indicated such a purpose to Mr. Glass or anybody; nor have I or any of my friends, so far as I know and believe, heard of any such proposition from any source. The rumor referred to is as unjust to Mr. Glass as to me.

GOES ABOARD THIS WEEK. "On my return to Richmond from my home in Russell county on Wednesday, I found information from Paris, where Mrs. Stuart is now ill, as to her physical condition, which has determined me, after consultation with a few intimate friends, to go immediately to her. I realize that a second trip abroad on this account at this juncture, with the probability of an indefinite absence, must necessarily mean my withdrawal from the contest. I feel that the duty which calls me is above any personal ambition I may have, or any desire to serve my State.

"I am deeply sensible of the honor which has been done me by so many of my fellow-citizens in the steadfast support which they have so generously extended to me, and which has greatly exceeded my expectations. For these evidences of confidence and esteem, coming from all parts of the State, I am ever most gratefully and profoundly thankful, and as I am leaving for Paris in some haste, I wish every friend, wherever situated, to feel himself embraced and remembered in this general statement of all circumstances allow me the opportunity of more personal and specific expression of my thanks and appreciation. I wish to add that my conclusion has been reached without consultation, direct or indirect, with any candidate for the governorship, or other office, or with any friend or friends of any of them, and is without reference to the cause of any other man.

JUST READY TO FIGHT. "I had returned to Richmond for the purpose of beginning actively the work of pushing my campaign. My reason for withdrawal is purely personal, and such as every man must understand and respect, and is in no way caused by any political consideration."

NEW YORK TO-DAY, and will take the first steamer from that city for Paris.

WILL CAUSE REGRET. Announcement of Mr. Stuart's withdrawal from the race for gubernatorial honors will be received with profound regret by his friends and supporters all over the State, in view of the confidence he has been placed in, and the high place he has been marked by distinguished ability, and has been featured by brilliant achievements. In no office has ever held has he failed to bring upon himself the admiration and respect of those whose affiliation he has won.

As a member of the Constitutional Convention, which position he held early in his public career, he was recognized as a leader, and it was following its sessions, that he was appointed to the State Corporation Commission, where he served a six-year term, and won a name for himself as a man of sound judgment, with a thorough understanding of the many legal questions which were brought before that body for solution.

Mr. Stuart is one of the wealthiest citizens of Southwest Virginia, and his sound Democracy has served his party well in the many battles for supremacy which have taken place in that section—the battleground of the party in the State. He is a large land owner, and his home in Russell county is surrounded by one of the handsomest and most fertile farms in a country noted for the richness of its soil and the thrift of its people.

He has recently withdrawn from the presidency of the Virginia State Fair Association, the success of this enterprise being a monument to his business sagacity. He is a nephew of the late General J. E. B. Stuart, of Civil War fame. He married Miss Carter of Russell.

COURTESY OF LESSEES DEAD. PARIS, January 31.—The Countess de Lesseps, the widow of Count Ferdinand de Lesseps, the promoter of the Suez Canal, died to-day.

Two More in Georgia. DUBLIN, GA., January 31.—There were destructive fires in different sections of the city last night entailing a total loss of \$75,000. The venerable plant of the Southland Lumber Company was destroyed in the first fire, and in the second Jackson's stores were consumed and adjoining property slightly damaged.

Fire in Louisiana. DELHI, LA., January 31.—Fire which broke out in the business portion of the town late last night destroyed nine buildings, causing a loss of about \$50,000. Very little insurance was carried on the buildings.

Business Houses Destroyed. LEBANON, TENN., January 31.—Fire on the south side of the public square at an early hour this morning destroyed a number of business houses and caused losses aggregating \$100,000, with insurance of \$75,000.