

SPARK OF LIFE CEASES TO GLOW.

The City, the State,
the South Sustain
a Loss.

A MARTYR TO PRINCIPLE

Heroic Treatment at the Last
Could Not Counteract the
Deadly Peritonitis.

ENTIRE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA IN MOURNING

Editor N. G. Gonzales' Gallant Fight to
Aid Science Failed of the Result
Prayed for in South Caro-
lina Homes and
Churches.

By W. W. Ball.

N. G. Gonzales is dead!

The shadow of a great sorrow droops
over South Carolina

Wherever a noble heart beats when-
ever a champion in the cause of truth
battles, wherever a lover of human-
kind with barefist fights for his fel-
lows, grief finds a dwelling place

Out of the ranks of those whose wai-
fare in a good cause never halts to
salute a white flag a leader has fallen

South Carolina mourns The whole
south and the highminded men who
make the nation feel the blow

From every part of the State and the
nation come messages of sympathy
that would comfort those who most
suffer from the sacrifice that he has
made for his people Dearly, fondly as
he loved his family and his associates
it was for the people of his own Caro-
lina that he so cheerfully, so uncom-
plainingly offered up his generous life
A little later, as the weeks and months
go and come with none to take up the
pen that so unceasingly and unfalter-
ingly has stung their enemies to the
hiding places of ignoble oblation the
sense of loss that now in the hour of
crushing sorrow comes vaguely must
grow into fuller and larger realization

For the people have lost their friend

STORY OF THE FINAL FIGHT

The end came at 1 o'clock yester-
day afternoon, after everything that
skill and science could do to save his
life It was not unexpected Long
before daylight all hope had been
abandoned Septic peritonitis caused
from the terrible wound had set in
almost before the physicians and sur-
geons had detected it, and insidiously
it began to affect the system, finally
showing unmistakably The faith-
ful surgeons saw it and knew that the
end was in sight and that probably
nothing that human skill could devise
could save the life so valuable to city
and State

Dr Wylie came and at 1:30 o'clock
there was a consultation and exami-
nation It was promptly announced
that there was no hope whatever
though dissolution was not immedi-
ately imminent

All the physicians and surgeons had
read of the reported wonderful discov-
ery of Dr Barrows in New York last
week, by which it was held that peri-
tonitis, heretofore always regarded as
absolutely without a remedy could be
arrested None of the surgeons knew
exactly the effects of the injection of
formalin or formaldehyde into the
veins, but after a discussion with
members of the family it was deter-
mined to make the experiment as a
last resort when the patient
was known beyond all question to
be in extremis The surgeons said
that it could be but an experiment
The only two reported cases had been
peritonitis in women, where the seat
of infection was easy of access and
were of course unlike this case where
the seat of infection was so remote
that it was not likely that the power-
ful fluid set coursing in the veins
could reach it But it was a last
chance when absolutely no other hope
remained and death was certain to
ensue In these circumstances Dr
Wylie in consultation with Drs Guerry
Taylor and Barron, decided to make
the experiment Quickly an experi-
enced druggist was set to work pre-
paring the necessary fluid in the early
morning hours and it reached the hos-
pital about 6 o'clock In the mean-
time all the members of the family
of the stricken editor were brought to
the hospital, for Mr Gonzales was
then, at 7:20 o'clock, conscious and
the physicians could not know whether
he would be after the injection or not
Then came the preparations for the
injection of the powerful fluid The
large vein in one of his arms was
opened and the injection was made
about 9 o'clock, after every precau-
tion had been taken It became mani-
fest very soon after the operation that

the fluid which should have had speedy
results, if any at all was not produc-
ing a change After waiting an hour
the physicians sought for some signs
of results, but there were none what-
ever

As the minutes passed his respiration
became quicker and the evidences of
dissolution steadily increased It be-
came a matter of only a short time
before the end Just before the end
the surgeons by request determined
to make one more supreme effort to
save his life Again the administra-
tion of the formalin was undertaken
the pulse having become somewhat
better and the symptoms being ap-
parently better But it was too late
even if it could have been of service
scientifically Mr Gonzales died al-
most immediately

The announcement of his death has
thrown a pall over the entire city
The people mourn deeply and sincere-
ly Heavy crepe on the doors of the
office proclaim the deep sorrow that
is felt by the entire force of The State

AN UNNATURAL QUIET

A casual stranger dropping into the
city yesterday instantly noted the
strange unnatural quiet At this ses-
sion, with the general assembly in ses-
sion, important elections pending and
the inauguration of a new administra-
tion imminent Columbia ordinarily
presents an animated picture Yester-
day men spoke in hushed voices even
in hotel lobbies and corridors an air of
solemnity seemed to pervade and the
evidences of human emotion found
their expression not in noisy or angry
demonstration but in the sorrow that
strong men's faces wore

THE AUTOPSY

At 4:30 o'clock County Physician A.
B. Knowlton held an autopsy on the
body of Mr Gonzales at the hospital
By his courtesy Drs Guerry and Mc-
Intosh who attended Mr Gonzales as-
sisted The following other Columbia
physicians were present: Drs B. W.
Taylor, L. A. Griffith, A. Coward, Jr.,
J. W. Babcock, Strother, Pope, L. K.
Phillips, R. W. Gibbs, S. B. Fishburne
and S. J. D. Lancaster

It is understood that the findings of
the autopsy will be reported in a spe-
cial way as follows

Septic due to a sloughing of the
large bowel at and about the site of
injury to that organ The point of
entrance of the bullet was on the right
side of the abdomen, six inches below
the right nipple and two and a half
inches to the right of the middle line
The point of exit was on the left side
of the abdomen eight and a half inches
below the left nipple and nine inches
to the left of the middle line There
was a slight injury to the front wall
of the stomach Every vital organ in-
cluding heart, kidneys, lungs, spleen,
appendix, liver, bladder, etc., were ex-
amined and all found typically normal

Physicians say that the autopsy
showed that death was due to gan-
grenous septic infection from the gan-
grenous condition of the tissue conse-
quent upon the bullet wounds

THE JURY

At 5 o'clock Coroner W. S. Green of
Richland county empanelled the fol-
lowing jury of inquest: Allen Jones,
foreman, Thomas Agnew, G. W.
Floyd, Joseph H. Epstein, J. W. Rob-
inson, P. H. Lachlotte, W. J. Keenan,
J. W. Gibbs, J. M. Daniels, D. B.
Stawls, W. B. Love, J. L. Shull, L. T.
Levin and C. B. Clark

NO TESTIMONY

The jury viewed the body at the hos-
pital and the inquest was adjourned
until Thursday at 8 p. m. when testi-
mony will be heard in the county court
house C. L. Blenue, who is said to be
one of Ed. Tillman's counsel, was
present but took no active part in the
proceedings

The body was then taken to the resi-
dence on Henderson street

FUNERAL SERVICES TODAY

The funeral services will be held
from Trinity Episcopal church at 4
o'clock this afternoon, the rites to be
conducted by Right Rev. Bishop Ell-
ison Capers of the diocese of South Car-
olina

The pall bearers who will meet at
the residence at 3:30 p. m. will be as
follows:

Honorary—Judge A. C. Haskell, Dr.
B. W. Taylor, Dr. J. W. Babcock, Mr.
John A. Crawford, Mr. Charles Ellis,
Prof. R. Means Davis, W. H. Lykes,
J. Q. Marshall, John P. Thomas, Jr.,
C. Fitzsimons, W. H. Gibbs, Jr., I. H.
Walker

Active—Jas. A. Hoyt, Jr., Robert La-
than, E. J. Watson, William Banks,
P. C. Withers, M. C. Wallace, J. J.
Corrick, R. L. Cureton, E. A. Holler,
A. P. Browne

The active pall bearers are those
members of the editorial staff of The
State who were longest associated with
Mr. Gonzales and the representatives
of departments in The State office

A FLOOD OF SYMPATHY

Throughout yesterday and late into
the night telegrams of sympathy came
to the family of Mr. Gonzales from all
parts of South Carolina and the United
States They speak for themselves

When the news of Gonzales' death
was published in Charleston by The
News and Courier and telephoned to
The Evening Post the flags of those
papers were placed at half mast