

## **CHAS. E. BOUGHER, A NOTED TEXAS CHARACTER, DIES INSANE**

Worry over financial matters caused Charles E. Bougher, one of the old timers of the southwest to lose his mind a couple of months ago. He was confined to the county jail, but, becoming worse, was taken to the county hospital on Sunday and died there that night. It was his fond illusion that the late king Edward VII, of England, had left him \$25,000,000 and that king George was sending a battleship to Galveston to take him back to England to get the money. It was Bougher's plan to use this money in a movement for universal peace.

Charles E. Bougher was born in County Wexford, Ireland, about 63 years ago. He was taken to London when a boy and received the best schooling that great city could give him. As a young man he came to America and about 25 years ago he came to Texas. He made his headquarters in San Antonio most of the time and was very popular. He had some means, but lost most of his money a year or two ago.

His hobby was chicken fighting and he raised some of the finest birds ever seen in the state. Even until a short time before his death he retained his proficiency in boxing and, in his rational moments, often donned the gloves with the prisoners at the county jail and they testify to his ability.

When he first came to this state, on many occasions he assisted the rangers in rounding up dangerous characters. He was handy with a gun. He leaves a brother in South Africa and a sister in London.