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ELIJAH B. LEWIS PROMINENT STATE BANKER, SUICIDES
BLAME TEMPORARY INSANITY

Former Congressman and Widely Known Throughout South
LEAVES NOTES TO FAMILY
Was One of the Wealthiest Men in South Georgia

MONTEZUMA, Ga., Dec 10 - Former Congressman E.B. Lewis, president of the First National Bank and also president of the Lewis Banking Company of this city, and considered one of the wealthiest men in South Georgia, shot and killed himself late this afternoon.

Mr. Lewis was 65 years of age and was widely known throughout Georgia and other Southern States. He served as a Senator from the Thirteenth District, serving six terms. He was a director of the Atlanta, Birmingham & Atlantic Railway and was heavily interested in the Georgia & Florida Railroad.

He is a member of a family of bankers. His father J. F. Lewis was at the head of the Lewis-Leonard & Co., which controlled several banking institutions in this State. His brother, John F. Lewis, is a prominent banker at Valdosta. Another brother, M. W. Lewis is connected with the banks at Montezuma. Throughout the long and solid financial history of the family there never was a failure.

A wife, two daughters, Mrs. W. H. McKenzie of Montezuma and Mrs. E. P. Willingham of Macon, two sisters, Mrs. W. A. Dodson of Americus, and Mrs. John P. Holmes of Macon survive him, besides his two brothers.