

RIDICULES CHARGE OF POISONING BABY

Admiral Eaton Replies to Wife's Sensational Story.

SHE OFTEN ACCUSED HIM

Naval Officer Declares Her Action Not New.

Says She Claimed He Tried to Kill Her Many Times, and that Her Contentions Became a Joke with Him and Younger Step-child—Now He Says It's a Tragedy—Woman Threatens Insanity Proceedings.

Boston, Aug. 25.—At his farm in Assinippi, Rear Admiral Joseph Giles Eaton, U. S. N., retired, gave an interview to the reporters to-day. At his cottage in Schuette, where Mrs. Eaton and June are located, Mrs. Eaton said this afternoon that she would at once begin steps to have the admiral examined as to his sanity.

She said that soon after her marriage to Admiral Eaton she discovered he was not clear in his mind, but she made the statement stronger than this. Mrs. Eaton said she persuaded the admiral to don overalls and work out of doors as much as possible and that the simple life brought him back to a fair state physically, although his mental condition did not improve.

Admiral Becomes Tragedy, He Says. The admiral said: "My wife and the girl, June, have accused me of attempting to poison them so many times that the accusation after a while lost its weight and became merely a joke—and then the joke became a tragedy.

"Her latest accusations are cruel, but they have lost their power to hurt. As for June, the little girl believes she has reasons. I think she has believed that reasons existed for all the charges she has made against me during the last three years. So many times has she charged me with attempting her life, that, after a time, little Dorothy began to joke with me about it.

"Look, she would cry, running up to me and croaking her little finger, when June would meet with some trifling mishap, 'June has been poisoned.' Dorothy is the admiral's twelve-year-old stepdaughter, another daughter of the woman who has made the latest charges. She has stuck by the old sailor to the end, ridiculing her mother's accusations and reiterating her belief in her stepfather.

"From now on, it will have to be little Dorothy and myself, if she stands by me. Otherwise it will be me alone, for, after what has come to pass, there will have to be a change," the admiral said.

Another Horrible Thought. "The little boy is dead. But if my baby has been poisoned, there is a thought that came to me—so horrible that I dare not speak it, but in connection with any of my household—but if I thought such people lived—"

And there he stopped. "My wife says that a calf was poisoned. The calf wandered into a potato patch and browsed on vines steeped with poison.

"My wife declares that she one time found poison tablets in her tea. I remember that incident well. She had been complaining of a sore throat and I gave her several chloride of potash tablets. A little later she accused me of having tried to poison her. I insisted on calling in a physician. When he came I told him of the circumstances and asked Mrs. Eaton to show him the tablets.

Contented Tablets Were Poison. "She would not do so, but continued to insist that as effort had been made to poison her—that she knew the tablets were poison. Then the physician interrupted.

"Mrs. Eaton," he said, "that is ridiculous. You do not know what the tablets contain. Let me examine them and I will tell you." But she refused.

"Why, she must have believed that I carried in my pockets a perfect arsenal."

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MOB FIRES INTO HOUSE. Wife of Mine Superintendent Shot in Neck at Carlisle, Ind.

Sullivan, Ind., Aug. 25.—American miners last night shot into the home of Gustave Stevenart, superintendent of the Carlisle Coal and Clay Company at Carlisle, and one bullet struck his wife in the back of the neck. Her wound is not serious. The crowd fled and no arrests were made.

WEATHER FORECAST.

For the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia—Generally fair to-day and to-morrow; continued warm; light to moderate south and southwest winds.

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THOMPSON BUYS ROAD

Ambassador Pays \$10,000,000 for Pan-American.

WILL QUIT DIPLOMATIC POST

Transfer Is Entirely in His Own Name, but It Is Said a Crowd of St. Louis Capitalists Are Associated with Him, with Plan to Turn the System Over to Harriman.

Mexico City, Aug. 25.—David E. Thompson, United States Ambassador to Mexico, has bought, for approximately \$10,000,000, the Pan-American Railroad, and as owner of the only line running from the north to the Central American border, will remain in this republic permanently. He has announced his intention to resign his diplomatic post.

The Pan-American, including a number of short branches is 478 kilometers, or about 299 miles long. The main line extends from Gamboa, in the state of Oaxaca, across the Tehuantepec Isthmus country to Mariscal, on the Guatemala border, opposite which terminus, across the Suchiate River, is the flourishing Central American city of Ayutla. This main line is 457 kilometers, or 284 miles in length.

The transfer is entirely in his own name, but it is understood among inner circles that a coterie of St. Louis capitalists are associated with the diplomat in the transaction, and that the ultimate plan is a turning over of the entire system to Harriman as a part of the chain to extend continuously from British Columbia to Central America.

Extensive plans of improvement and extension have already been mapped out by the new owners. Great additions to the equipment will at once be made. There has been prepared a list of many new cars and locomotives to be ordered at once from St. Louis.

SHOCKS AT SIENA.

Southern Europe Is Shaken Again by Earthquake.

Sienna, Aug. 25.—Three sharp shocks of earthquake were felt here at 1:29 this morning, but no serious damage was done. The quake was felt also at Buonvento, Monterotondo, and San Lorenzo, where many buildings were damaged. In San Lorenzo every building collapsed, and many persons were injured.

Sienna, the largest city in the province of the same name, has a population of about 20,000. It is situated about 1,000 feet above sea level. The other villages which suffered from the earthquake range in population from 1,000 to 5,000.

Florence, Aug. 25.—The earthquake at Sienna and other places shook Florence sharply and awakened the bulk of the population. Many of the people ran into the streets and spent the night there. There was no damage here by the earthquake.

SLAYS CUBAN EDITOR.

Gen. Jeffries Beats William Nichols Chandler to Death with Pistol.

Panama, Aug. 25.—Gen. Herbert C. Jeffries, who figured prominently in the Panama revolution, killed William Nichols Chandler, editor of the Panama Press, to-day by beating him on the head with the butt of a revolver and kicking him savagely in the abdomen.

The cause of the fracas that resulted in Chandler's death was an article supposed to reflect on Mrs. Claude E. Guyant, wife of the United States deputy consul general here, with whom he eloped in June, and a sister-in-law of Jeffries.

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REFUSED PERMIT TO EXHUME BODY

Mother of Lieut. Sutton Assailed by Revocation.

ACT IS UNEXPLAINED

Family About to Start for the Grave When Halted.

Friends of Mrs. Sutton Regard War Department's Order as the Most Extraordinary Incident Yet Linked with Case—Quartermaster General Says that Too Much Notoriety Had Been Given the Event.

After having obtained permission from the War Department to exhume the body of Lieut. James N. Sutton, interred in Arlington Cemetery, Mrs. Sutton, mother of the dead marine, was notified yesterday from the quartermaster's office of the War Department that the privilege had been withdrawn.

Mrs. Sutton had arranged to go to Arlington Cemetery to witness the exhumation. With her were to go Mrs. Rose Sutton Parker, a sister of Lieut. Sutton, and Dr. George Tully Vaughn, of Georgetown University, who is to represent Mrs. Sutton in an official capacity as physician and surgeon. A Catholic priest was to be one of the party for the purpose of consecrating the ground where Lieut. Sutton is interred.

The party had been made up, carriages had been ordered and floral tributes provided for the sad mission to the cemetery. The body was to have been exhumed at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, it having been arranged that Mrs. Sutton and her party were to start an hour before that time.

Order Suddenly Revoked. The order of revocation was received from the quartermaster general's office just as the procession was about to start. Friends of Mrs. Sutton regard the act as the most extraordinary and unexplainable yet linked with the case.

Pressed by Mrs. Sutton to explain the action of the War Department, the only satisfaction that she could get over the telephone was that the matter had been given too much publicity and would likely attract a crowd of curiosity-seekers and make a scene in the cemetery. No further explanation would be given and Mrs. Sutton was at a loss to understand this change of the policy of the War Department after having granted her the privilege of taking up the body.

Mrs. Sutton has four letters from the War Department granting her permission to have her son's body exhumed, and even specifying the time as 2 o'clock yesterday, indicating what arrangements the department had made for the autopsy, which had included the selection of Col. Louis La Sarte, of the Army Medical Corps, to be present for the army, and Surg. Raymond Spear to act for the Navy Department. Surg. Spear's assignment followed, it is said, a communication read at the Navy Department from the quartermaster general's office, indicating that the exhumation had been definitely decided upon and was to have taken place yesterday.

The body was to have been taken from the Arlington Cemetery to the Naval Hospital, where the army and navy surgeons were to examine the body, assisted by Dr. George Tully Vaughn, representing Mrs. Sutton.

Permission Granted Friday. The permission from the quartermaster general's office to exhume Lieut. Sutton's body was granted following a visit on Friday of Mrs. Sutton and Mrs. Parker, who took the matter up with Capt. Evan H. Humphrey. Mrs. Sutton was informed, her friends say, that there would be no difficulty, but that it would be necessary for her to put her request in writing. Accordingly, Henry E. Davis, counsel for Mrs. Sutton, sent a formal request to the War Department and on Sunday, about noon, a reply was received by Mrs. Sutton stating that her request had been agreed to.

Further correspondence then followed between Mrs. Sutton and the department, wherein details of the exhumation, selection of medical authorities, etc., were arranged. It was planned that the body would be taken from the grave at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, Mrs. Sutton having obtained permission from Cardinal Gibbons to have it reburied in consecrated ground.

Before dawn yesterday morning, Mrs. Sutton had arranged for some magnificent floral offerings for the grave; had ordered her carriage, and obtained the services of Dr. George Tully Vaughn for the afternoon. Some few friends, in whom she had confided, sent floral wreaths. There was to be no one at the autopsy except those officiating and

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KNIGHTS JOUSTED AT MARSHALL HALL

Seven Thousand Persons Attend Annual Tournament.

L. D. LOVE WON FIRST PRIZE

'Twas Like Circus Day at the Scene of Twenty-five Knightly Combats, and Love and Beauty Were Much in Evidence—Miss Mary Love Is Crowned by the Victor.

More than anything else, it resembled the day when the circus comes to town. As a matter of fact, it was the twenty-fifth grand tournament and dress ball, which is given annually at Marshall Hall by the management.

From all parts of Maryland, Virginia, and the District came young fellows with their best girls to aid by their presence and support the glad day of festivity. Without exception, the jousting yesterday marks one of the greatest events ever seen at historic Marshall Hall. From Leonardtown, which is fifty-six miles away, from Bryantown, from Accokeek, came the wandering knights to their gallant tournament, clad in raiment rivaling the famous coat of Joseph, Bug sashes, red sashes, white trousers, and brown trousers were scattered over the field, mingling pleasantly with the bright dresses of the winsome girls, who, after all, were responsible for the whole affair. The officials estimate that 7,000 persons attended.

Arrived Monday Night. Early Monday night the first teams, from the rural districts of Maryland and Virginia, began to arrive at the resort, and by night the grounds suggested an encampment of the National Guard. All day yesterday the arrivals continued, with the result that when the excursion boat arrived, the resort was crowded to its capacity, and the grounds where the jousting was to be held were packed with a rim of spectators six deep. In back of the field were packed some of the strangest looking teams ever beheld by mortal man. Some of the wagons suggested the archaic days of our young republic, and were hauled by various combinations of horse, mule, cow, and ox.

Thirty riders were entered in the general tournament. The riders represented all of the districts nearby and were the proud representatives of crowds of rooters.

At 12 o'clock the bugles announcing the beginning of the tournament were blown, and De Salles Langley, the first rider, galloped down the course, aiming his long lance at the small white rings. Eight times the "Annhauser-Busch" as he styled himself, speared one of the rings. On the ninth shot he missed by a narrow margin.

Knight of Maryland. Lucien D. Love, "Knight of Maryland," won the first prize. He speared nine rings on his first ride around, three smaller rings on his second trip, and three still smaller rings on his final ride. G. B. Blanford, riding under the name, "Knight of Accokeek," rode second.

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SEARCH ENDS AT GRAVE.

Burial of Soldier Stopped When Telegram Announces Identity.

San Francisco, Aug. 25.—When the body of Private John Paul O'Brien was about to be lowered in a soldier's grave at the national cemetery in the presidio yesterday, a telegram was received by Col. Lundeen, notifying him that the boy who had enlisted in Troop G, of the Fourteenth Cavalry and died at Camp Sequoia, August 21, was the son of City Solicitor Charles A. O'Brien, of Pittsburg, in the search for whom a fortune had been spent in the last three years by his parents.

The simple arrangements for the burial were hastily interrupted, and, following the request of the father, the body will be sent to Pittsburg.

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EL ARBO CAPTURED.

Gen. Aguilari Occupies the Town Without Opposition.

Madrid, Aug. 25.—It is officially announced that Gen. Aguilari, with 1,800 men, has occupied El Arbo without opposition. This place is seven kilometers distant from Restinga, from which place a portion of Gen. Marina's force was recently reported to have gone against the Riffs. The position is an excellent one, and there is an abundant supply of water. This is understood to be preliminary to a general advance. Other movements are already in progress.

It is stated that the Spaniards have abandoned dredging the channel to Marchica, as they have discovered that it would take four months to finish the work. The army will accordingly operate independently of the anticipated naval help from Marchica.

TRIES SUICIDE FIVE TIMES

Young Woman Outwitted in Each Attempt to End Life.

Three Leaps Before Street Cars, and Effort to Hang and Choke Self Her Plans.

Yonkers, N. Y., Aug. 25.—Annie Sherman is believed to hold the record for the number of unsuccessful attempts she has made to commit suicide.

Miss Sherman, who is twenty years of age, made three efforts to kill herself by leaping in front of trolley cars in South Broadway. Each time she was rescued. After the third attempt she was arrested. This was to-day.

At police headquarters she tore her skirt into shreds and fastening the pieces together, tied them about her neck and tried to swing herself. The police matron cut the rope when Annie was half conscious.

Annie was disrobed and put in a padded cell, but an hour later she took a handkerchief, which she had concealed in her hair, tore it up and tying the pieces together, tried to choke herself.

The matron again intervened in time to prevent the girl from killing herself. The Sheriffman lives in New York. During an interval, in which her mind appeared normal, she was asked why she always comes to Yonkers when possessed of a suicidal mania. "Because Yonkers is a good place to die in," she replied.

MAY CONTINUE PROHIBITION.

Stockholm Citizens Ask King to Prolong Strike Rule.

Stockholm, Aug. 25.—The results of the prohibition of the sale of alcohol during the present general strike have been so markedly successful that a temperance delegation visited the King to-day and urged that the restriction be kept in force as long as possible.

The King promised to do his utmost to secure a continuance of the prohibition for some time after the end of the strike. He returned to Springar thickly bearded and sunburned. The expedition made a valuable scientific collection of maps and photographs.

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PRESIDENT HEARS OF CHINA'S STRIDE

Consul General Wilder Visitor at Beverly.

ASSERTS OUTLOOK IS BRIGHT

Senator Aldrich and Secretary MacVeagh Will Call for a Conference To-day on the Administrative Features of New Tariff Bill—Will Discuss Monetary Commission Report.

Beverly, Aug. 25.—China came into the foreground of Mr. Taft's line of vision again to-day with the arrival of Amos P. Wilder, consul general at Shanghai, who formerly held the same post at Hongkong.

He has been spending the summer in Maine and the call was one of courtesy, but Mr. Wilder found that the President was anxious to hear about far Eastern things. The President was pleased with what the consul general had to tell him, as the ideas of cordial relationship voiced by Mr. Wilder coincided with his own views and hopes embodied in his final instructions to Minister Crane last week.

Mr. Taft feels that the consular situation in China is very bright. He believes that the work of strengthening it begun by Mr. Root, and continued by Secretary Knox, has made for the strongest possible combination of officials in China. He is convinced that Judge Wilfley did great work in improving the conditions surrounding the American court in China and that his achievements will not fall away under the hands of his successor, Judge Thayer.

MEETS ALDRICH TO-DAY.

When Senator Aldrich arrives to-morrow with Secretary MacVeagh, the President is going to ask his advice regarding the administrative side of the new tariff law. The institution of certain changes in the Treasury Department to allow for the operation of the customs court, the foreign tariff board, and other innovations will be necessary.

As the author of the bill, Mr. Aldrich's opinions will be of value to his chief. Another thing the President wants to know from Mr. Aldrich is how soon the monetary commission will have its report ready. Mr. Aldrich is going to be the guest of H. C. Frick at Prides Crossing.

The President has not changed his mind in the matter of savings banks. He is hoping for legislation on this question this winter. Mr. Taft still thinks that to many people the idea of a government banking business would appeal so strongly that they would take advantage of it where an ordinary bank would not attract them. He believes that this is particularly true of this country's newly-acquired citizens from the other side.

PLANS FOR TAFT.

President Will See Cubs and Giants Play on Visit to Chicago.

Chicago, Aug. 25.—Details of President Taft's entertainment Thursday, September 16, have been completed by the Hamilton Club.

In the afternoon, the President, escorted by the entire membership of the club, 1,800 strong, will visit the West Side ball park to see the game between the Cubs and the New York Giants. The game will be held under the auspices of the Hamilton Club, as the afternoon's entertainment for the President.

NEW STRIKE OFFER.

Believed Settlement of Chicago Car Troubles Is in Sight.

Chicago, Aug. 25.—A new proposition, covering wages, working conditions, classification of labor, contract period, and practically every element in the dispute between street railway companies and employees, was made to-day by Walter T. Fisher, city traction attorney, at a joint conference of traction and union officials.

It is expected that the offer will be the foundation of a peaceful settlement.

FLIES 82 MILES ON RHEIMS TRACK

Paulham Sets New Aeroplane Record for Endurance.

PETROL IS EXHAUSTED

Remains in the Air 2 Hours, 43 Minutes, 24 3-5 Seconds.

Replenishes His Machine and Makes Second Flight Before a Cheering Crowd to Show that He Came Down Only Because Motive Power Was Weakening—Fouquier Falls Again, but Is Not Injured.

Rheims, Aug. 25.—Paulham, who was already the hero of the aviation meeting, won fresh laurels this afternoon by breaking the world's record for time of flight and distance covered.

Rising at 3:31 o'clock, he circled the track thirteen times, descending after having been in the air 2 hours, 43 minutes and 24 3-5 seconds.

He came down because his supply of petrol, some seventy liters, had been exhausted. He had sailed a distance of about 131 kilometers, or about eighty-two miles.

Paulham demonstrated that it was only the want of more petrol that caused his descent, for on receiving a fresh supply by automobile he reascended, flew around and came down in front of the grand stand, where he received an ovation from his countrymen who realized that he had brought to them the highest honors in a sport which they consider peculiarly their own.

Time of Each Round. Paulham's steady flight in a wind varying from fifteen to twenty miles an hour is shown by the time made in each round, in seconds, omitting fractions:

Table with 3 columns: Round, Minutes, Seconds. Rows 1-13.

Wind Increases Speed. The increased time of the tenth round was caused by the wind driving Paulham past one corner post on the inside instead of the outside, whereupon he turned, went back and passed it on the outside. He kept at a steady height of about forty-five feet, rising somewhat to turn each post. He took a dangerous looking plunge downward in the seventh round as he passed the stands, which looked for a time as if it would end his flight, but possibly he was only amusing himself and the spectators, for he went right on sailing.

The machine which Paulham piloted is a Voisin biplane of the cellular or box-kite type. The motor is a seven-cylinder gnomé, the engine of which with the propellers affixed on it revolves around a fixed axle, thus effecting its own cooling.

A short rainstorm came up during the flight. This was followed by a rain-bow, and later on as if in honor of the achievement, a double rainbow appeared.

Made Toy Aeroplane. Louis Paulham, who made this great showing to-day, is twenty-six years of age. When still a mechanic in the work shop where the dirigible Ville de Paris was constructed, two years ago, he won a prize at M. Lepine's toy exhibition for a toy aeroplane. The prize was an aeroplane offered by Voisin, and it was in this machine that Paulham made his great flight to-day.

When he won the prize, Paulham exhibited it to his friends, but as it had no engine and he was not rich enough to buy one, it was of no use to him at that time. A few friends, however, formed a little company, bought a motor, and sent Paulham out to give exhibition flights. His experience, accordingly, dates from the beginning of July of this year, when, after a very few practice flights, he exhibited his machine at Douai, where he cracked the record height of 453 feet. He also flew for one hour and thirty-two minutes. Later on he exhibited the aeroplane at Dunkirk, where he won some \$5,000 in prizes.

Paulham thought when he went up to-day that he had enough petrol to last him three hours.

After his flight Paulham said that the wind had sometimes been as high as twenty-two miles an hour. His only trouble was that the high wind made it very trying on his eyes.

As soon as Paulham descended he was accompanied by his wife to the place where the man who made the machine was sitting and kissed him, even before Mrs. Paulham, who had the same thing in view, was able to do so.

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Popular Excursion, Sunday, August 29, Baltimore & Ohio R. R. Clear town, Summit Point, Stephens, and Winchester. Special train leaves Union Station 5 a. m., returning same day.

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