

# STORY OF SALE OF CHURCH STIRS

## Reported Transfer to Colored Congregation Rouses Neighborhood.

### MAY APPEAL TO WILSON

#### Rev. James H. Taylor, Pastor of Central Presbyterian Church, Declines to Enter into Discussion of Matter.

The exclusive announcement in The Washington Herald yesterday that the Central Presbyterian Church, which President Wilson attends, may be transferred to a colored congregation, has acted as a boomerang in the neighborhood of Third and I streets, where the building is located. The neighbors are up in arms, and some of them desire to lay the case before President Wilson.

It is understood that the banking house that was going to advance \$15,000 on a first mortgage has not been apprised of the fact that the property was to change hands.

The Mount Carmel Church (colored) made a small deposit with the representatives of the church on a basis of \$2,000 as the sale price. It was agreed that a \$10,000 mortgage was to be placed on the property by the present owners, and, in addition to this, the colored congregation was to assume a second trust of \$5,000.

**Loan Is Refused.**  
The original deposit made by the Mount Carmel Church would be the only actual investment made by the new owners. When the agents in charge of the negotiations applied to a local financial institution for a loan of \$15,000 the matter was taken under consideration.

The agent neglected to advise the bankers that the property was about to be transferred, and when this fact came to the attention of the board of directors the loan was refused.

The Rev. James H. Taylor, pastor of the church, would not discuss the matter yesterday nor would John Trimble, chairman of the building board. Mr. Taylor said the negotiations might fall through if he talked about the matter. Mr. Trimble refused to talk to residents of the block who called upon him to

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# DROWNING CAUSE OF GIRL'S DEATH

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much water, indicating that the cells had been so filled during life and in the course of respiration.

"No external marks of violence have been found, and apparently no struggle of any kind preceded death. Neither was there any cerebral hemorrhage, nor proof of any physical condition which might constitute a motive for suicide."

**FEDERAL ARMOR PLATE FACTORY IS FAVORED**

### Secretary Daniels, in Report to Senate, Believes Saving Could Be Effected.

#### EXPERIENCE OF OTHER NATIONS

The initiative of Secretary of the Navy Daniels has brought the United States navy within striking distance of having its own armor plate factory. He sent a report to the Senate yesterday containing his own views on the subject and recommending an investigation by Congress on the facts and figures contained in his report.

After dealing with various conventional arguments against the construction of an armor plate mill, among them the stock saying that "the government can never do anything as cheaply as the private contractor can," Mr. Daniels says that the cost of a plant capable of turning out 15,000 tons of armor a year, which is about half the armor needed on a two-battle-ship program, is estimated by the chief of the Bureau of Ordnance at \$4,000,000, and the cost of the armor at \$214 a ton.

The Secretary says that the cost of a plant has been estimated to be much cheaper than this by others. But even at this estimated cost of the plant, and \$214 a ton for the armor, there would be effected a saving of \$10 a ton over the price of \$124 per ton, now being paid for 10,000 tons, therefore, the government would save \$1,000,000 per year. Deducting 4 per cent as the interest on the money used in building the plant, there still remains a net saving to the government of \$1,040,000. In the case of the 20,000-ton plant, which it is estimated can produce armor at \$208 a ton, the net saving is \$2,048,000.

Secretary Daniels believes the entire country would be converted to the practicality of constructing a government armor plant by a study of these figures and by a realization of the present tactics of the armor plate manufacturer in charging "what they think the government will stand for," and not on the basis of a reasonable profit. He says the last vestige of competition between the Carnegie, Midvale, and Bethlehem steel companies has ceased since the Navy Department established its policy of dividing the armor business equally among the three bidders, and that the only salvation from the present situation is to construct a government plant. He cites the experience of Russia, England, and Japan as confirmation of his belief.

## DEATH RECORD.

**WHITE.**  
Arthur W. Porter, 61 years, the Toronto Apt., Elida P. street, 71, 14 11 st. av.  
Edward T. Walker, 38, Promoter Hospital.  
Alfred P. Triggs, 81, 508 24 st. av.  
Madona A. Channing, 59, 207 7th st. av.  
Joseph A. McNulty, 63, 613 6th st. av.  
Rubeva Eden, 63, 122 Mass. ave. av.  
James M. Reuten, 58, Providence Hospital.  
John A. Galloway, 48, Washington Annum Hospital.  
Nels P. Vorstrom, 61, Government Hosp. Insane.  
May C. Moss, 63, 262 L. st. av.  
Louis P. Wedge, 22, 1109 N. 2. ave. av.  
May H. Kirby, 6 months, 102 Aron Place.  
Melvin M. Allen, 4 months, 1122 C st. av.  
Isabelle K. Smith, 2 months, Children's Hospital.  
Infant of Harris and Anna Shyers, 2 minutes, 1011 Lamont st. av.  
George Haver, 21, 61st, 311 O st. av.

**COLORED.**  
Wallace Carter, 6 years, 128 1st. Ave. av.  
William Burnett, 32, 229 Sheridan Ave., Anacostia.  
Frank Ross, 42, Washington Annum Hospital.  
Abner Parce, 36, 413 21 st. av.  
Rita Stanton, 31, 41 L st. av.  
Louis P. Wedge, 22, 1109 N. 2. Ave. av.  
Infant of William and Mary Robinson, 2 minutes, 1011 7th st. av.

## WEATHER CONDITIONS.

U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, Weather Bureau, Washington, Monday, July 14, 1913.  
There will be thunderstorms Tuesday in the central valleys, the Lake region, the east Gulf, the south and middle Atlantic states, probably extending Tuesday night or Wednesday into New England, and continuing elsewhere in the East and south and also in the Upper Ohio Valley and Lower Lake regions. There will also be showers Tuesday in the Central and Southern Rocky Mountain regions, followed by fair weather Wednesday, and showers Tuesday night or Wednesday in the Northwest. In the southwest and the extreme West the weather will be generally fair Tuesday and Wednesday.  
It will be somewhat cooler in the Central West with the approach of the showers and moderate temperatures will continue over the interior districts, while in the South and Southwest temperatures will be high.

## Local Temperatures.

Midnight, 70; 2 a. m., 74; 4 a. m., 80; 6 a. m., 77; 8 a. m., 78; 10 a. m., 82; 12 noon, 85; 2 p. m., 89; 4 p. m., 86; 6 p. m., 82; 8 p. m., 81; 10 p. m., 78.  
Highest, 91; lowest, 73.  
Relative humidity—8 a. m., 82; 2 p. m., 31; 8 p. m., 52. Barfall (8 p. m. to 8 p. m.), T. Hours of sunshine, 11.61; per cent possible, 68.8. Temperature same date last year—Highest, 91; lowest, 61.

## Temperatures in Other Cities.

City	Max.	Min.	Rel. Hum.
Albany, N. C.	86	62	79
Albany, N. Y.	86	62	79
Albany, N. J.	86	62	79
Bismarck, N. Dak.	82	60	78
Butte, Mont.	82	60	78
Chicago, Ill.	82	60	78
Cincinnati, O.	82	60	78
Cleveland, Wyo.	82	60	78
Davenport, Iowa	81	59	78
Denver, Colo.	81	59	78
Des Moines, Iowa	81	59	78
Dayton, Ohio	81	59	78
El Paso, Tex.	81	59	78
Galveston, Tex.	81	59	78
Havana, Cuba	81	59	78
Indianapolis, Ind.	81	59	78
Jacksonville, Fla.	81	59	78
Kansas City, Mo.	81	59	78
Little Rock, Ark.	81	59	78
Los Angeles, Cal.	81	59	78
Marquette, Mich.	81	59	78
Memphis, Tenn.	81	59	78
New Orleans, La.	81	59	78
New York, N. Y.	81	59	78
North Platte, Neb.	81	59	78
Omaha, Neb.	81	59	78
Philadelphia, Pa.	81	59	78
Pittsburgh, Pa.	81	59	78
Portland, Me.	81	59	78
Portland, Ore.	81	59	78
Salt Lake City, Utah	81	59	78
San Antonio, Tex.	81	59	78
St. Louis, Mo.	81	59	78
St. Paul, Minn.	81	59	78
San Francisco, Cal.	81	59	78
Springfield, Ill.	81	59	78
Tampa, Fla.	81	59	78
Texas, Tex.	81	59	78
Yakima, Wash.	81	59	78
Yonkers, N. Y.	81	59	78

# ROCKEFELLER'S "SON" UNDER ARREST

## Claiming he was a son of John D. Rockefeller, and heir to the oil king's great fortune, a negro man giving his name as Miles Clifton, of Spartanburg, S. C., was arrested by the police yesterday in a store in Fourteenth Street Northwest where he had ordered a great bill of athletic goods. He later was sent to the Washington Annum Hospital for observation.

### No Quorum Postpones Contract.

Owing to the lack of a quorum at the meeting of the building committee of the Commercial Club, award of the contracts for the proposed new clubhouse in Farragut Square was postponed. W. C. Johnson, chairman of the building committee, will call another meeting later in the week.

### Victim of Night Life.

"My daughter is dead, a victim of the life that lures young girls from the path that God marked for those who would follow the teachings of His Son. She was a beautiful and intelligent girl, but a willful one. She had a taste of the life of the cafes; just a taste, and a desire for more was born.

"Alice had never been in a city larger than Wilkesbarre. To her New York was a dream, and I noticed the change in the girl after she remarked one night last spring that she would love to see Broadway and the cafes in New York. She already had visited the cafes of Wilkesbarre. She had, thereby, tasted of the tree of knowledge. It opened to her eyes a world far apart from that in which she was born and raised. I, her father, have seen New York but once. But she was of the newer generation and the call of the white lights had reached her.

"I was always a man of few words and of little religion. Like all farmers, I sent my children to the meeting on Sunday. Home Bible services and prayer meetings were far from my thoughts, however, but last spring there came to me a great light.

"I saw my girl Alice coming home late at night. Now and then she did not come home at all. I saw her in the company of young men whom I distrusted. I began to think of her future. "Billy Sunday came to Wilkesbarre and I went to hear him. I began to see that there was but one salvation to my perplexity, and that I lay in the Gospel taught by Jesus Christ.

"The power and the comforting philosophy of the message brought me by Billy Sunday showed me a path in life. In the word of God I saw a solution to my problems. I inaugurated services in my home and prayed Alice would be shown the folly of her way and forsake it. I spoke to Alice and she listened, but did not heed. My conversion was complete. I saw in cafes, theaters, cards, dancing, and liquor nothing but the face and hand of mammon.

"One night after she had been away from home for a day and a night, I went to her. The spirit was within my heart in all its intensity. I struggled with myself, I tried to tell her of my folly, but she showed little interest. I took my gun from the shelf above the fireplace and pointed it at her.

**Did Not Plan Murder.**  
"It would be better that the bullet in this gun should pierce your heart than that you should sell your soul to the devil," I told her. "I did not threaten to shoot her. Murder was not in my heart. The gun was not loaded, and I knew it. I was merely trying to impress the relative value of her life and soul upon her. That is all. "I have prayed for the soul of my girl ever since her body was found. I know that she was not a bad girl. God will not judge her for the few sins that she had committed. She was a good girl, uneducated, untrained, untaught, in her way the longing for the gaiter life that leads to darkness, but in her heart was a great space for the word of God. I would have come to her once she saw the emptiness of the life for which she craved. But now she has gone, and I believe that God has taken her to his side, where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest."

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## PRISONER FOUND INSANE

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When the next batch of prisoners from the District are sent to Annewater, Minn., where many criminals are kept by the United States, Milano will go to spend the rest of his life.

President Wilson, after reading thoroughly over the report of Dr. Benjamin R. Logie, the District's alienist, into the sanity of the Italian, was convinced that Milano is of unsound mind. Attorney General McKeen's recommendation to the White House that Milano's sentence be commuted, July 23 was the date which had been set for the execution.

On the afternoon of September 11, 1911, little Harry Elton Smith ran into Milano's shoe shop in H Street Northwest, between Fourth and Fifth Streets, to ask for change for a quarter. While in there Milano hit him with a hammer. The body was hidden under a sofa in a rear room, and early the next morning Milano set fire to his shop in an effort to hide his crime. Firemen discovered the charred body of the boy.

Milano was tried, convicted, and condemned to be hanged.

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