REPRIEVED BY TAFT

Ninety-Day Stay Granted Mrs. Mattie Lomax.

CLEMENCY TO BE ASKED

President Will Consider Application to Be Made Later.

WOMAN OVERJOYED AT NEWS

Executive Visits Sewanee, Tenn., Where He Is to Address Students at University.

SEWANEE, Tenn., November 10.—President Taft today granted a ninety-day reprieve to Mrs. Mattie E. Lomax, a colored woman of Washington, sentenced to suffer the death penalty for murder of her husband. If the sentence had been carried out she would have been the first woman to suffer capital punishment in the District of Columbia since the execution of Mrs. Surratt for complicity in Lincoln's assassination.

The President's action today gives the woman a stay until next February, and in the interim consideration will be given to a prospective application for executive clemency. This is the second reprieve the woman has had.

President Taft came to Sewanee today on invitations extended by his former Secretary of War, Jacob M. Dickinson, and his military aid, Archibald Butt, both of whom acquired some of their early education here. The President will talk to students of the institution.

Woman Is Thankful.

First news of the temporary stay of the execution of Mattie Lomax was conveyed by The Star to the jail, and Supt. Zinkhan immediately carried the message to Mrs. Lomax in her cell in the woman's wing of the big prison. For a moment the condemned woman did not seem to realize the import of the dispatch, but when the fact was borne home to her that the short ten days of life which still remained to her under the sentence of the court had been extended a full three months, she first smiled her thankfulness and then voiced her appreciation of the President's act.

It is understood President Taft granted the reprieve so that he may have opportunity on his return to Washington to consider the formal appeal for a commutation of the sentence to life imprisonment, an appeal which already has the support of some thousands of signers of petitions.

Hold Mass Meeting.

A mass meeting in the interest of Mattie Lomax was held last night in the Cosmopolitan Baptist Church, N street between 9th and 10th streets northwest. Rev. Simon S. P. Drew, pastor of the church and spiritual adviser of the condemned woman, presided and gave a brief review of the crime for which the woman stands convicted, and urged as the principal reasons why the President would be asked to exercise clemency that the infliction of capital punishment upon a woman would be a stigma upon the National Capital; that the death of Mrs. Lomax upon the gallows would be the first time such punishment was meted out to a woman in the District of Columbia since Mrs. Surratt was hanged nearly fifty years ago. He also said Mrs. Lomax was in an advanced stage of tuberculosis and could not live very long.

Other speakers at the meeting were Rev. I. N. Ross, pastor of the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church; Judge E. N. Hewlett, former justice of the District Municipal Court, and Mrs. Rosetta Lawson.

COL. CASEY TO RETIRE.

After Thirty-Six Years' Service He Will Be Relieved of Duty.

By direction of the President, Col. Thomas L. Casey, Corps of Engineers, will be placed on the retired list March 1 next on his own application, after more than thirty-six years' service. He is now in charge of river and harbor works at Baltimore and vicinity. He will be relieved of that duty December 21 next and granted leave of absence until the date of his retirement.

Col. Casey is a son of the late Gen. Casey, chief of engineers, who completed the Washington Monument, the Congressional Library and the State, War and Navy Department building. He was born in New York and was graduated near the head of his class at the Military Academy in June, 1873. In addition to his regular military duties he served with the expedition to observe the transit of Venus in 1882-3. He has been a member of many important engineering boards in various parts of the country, and has been stationed in this city, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York, San Francisco and elsewhere. During the Spanish war he was in charge of the submarine defenses of Hampton roads. For several months he was a member and engineer secretary of the lighthouse board, with station in this city.

TOMATO CATSUP, NOT BLOOD.

Trunk Mystery at Rochester, N. Y., Has Farcical Ending.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., November 10.—Visions of a Black Hand murder mystery confronted John Reed, a railroad employe, at Albion last night, when he noticed a crimson line marking the passage of a trunk he was dragging to a baggage truck.

The trunk was consigned to an Italian in Buffalo. In expectation of disclosing a dismembered corpse, Reed and the station policeman opened the trunk and found an overturned pail of homemade tomato catsup.

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FIRST PICTURES IN WASHINGTON OF THE SHOOTING OF ARABS BY THE ITALIAN ARMY OF OCCUPATION IN TRIPOLI

No. 1—ARAB PRISONERS ON THE WAY TO EXECUTION.
No. 2—PRISONERS ON THE WAY TO EXECUTION. AMONG THEM ARE MANY WOMEN.
No. 3—LEADING PRISONERS OUT TO BE SHOT.
No. 4—TWO ARABS ABOUT TO BE SHOT.
No. 5—GERMAN CONSUL'S SERVANT WAS SEATED ON BLACK ROCK IN FRONT OF SOLDIERS. BODY IN WHITE HAS FALLEN TO LEFT OF STONE. TAKEN IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE "FIRE."

MARKHAM MAY GO

New Job for Assistant Engineer Commissioner Likely.

NO ANNOUNCEMENT MADE

Army Officer Already Has Been Assigned to District More Than Four Years.

Capt. E. M. Markham, detailed from the Corps of Army Engineers as assistant to the Engineer Commissioner of the District, may be transferred to a new post at an early date. This is the belief of a number of local officials.

Designated to take an examination for the rank of major, which is to be held in New York the 29th of this month, Capt. Markham, his friends believe, is slated for a new berth, which will be assigned by the chief of engineers of the army. Already he has been connected with the District government more than four years, which is longer than the average assignment.

Inquiries at the War Department today elicited the information that inasmuch as Capt. Markham has been detailed on his present work longer than the average army engineer is his transfer should not occasion surprise. No statement could be obtained concerning the time of the probable transfer or the successor who will be chosen.

Not Advised of Plans.

Capt. Markham himself is in ignorance of the plans being made for him. He said that the only knowledge of the matter he has is that he has been designated to take the examination for the rank of major.

The reason the War Department has not ordered Capt. Markham's transfer earlier, it is understood, is because of the fact that important local projects were under way which required his attention. Prior to his being assigned to the District the assistant engineer commissioner was for two years stationed at the Washington barracks.

Since becoming connected with the Distric government Capt. Markham has made a reputation for engineering ability which has attracted attention outside. Numerous efforts have been made by municipalities and private concerns to obtain his services as consulting engineer. Only recently he consented to act in the capacity of consulting engineer to the city of Jacksonville, Fla., which is preparing to spend millions of dollars in civic improvements of all kinds.

Other Vacancies Likely.

Still other vacancies, it was learned today, are apt to occur in the force of the engineering department of the District as the result of efforts being made by the Jacksonville authorities to secure the services of local officials.

Already four officials have resigned to accept positions offered them by the southern city, and it is learned, upon reliable authority, that two others, who have been made similar offers, will, in all probability, accept them. One of the two is said to be connected with the surveyor's office, while the other is an assistant engineer.

Successors to the four officials who already have resigned have been decided upon, but no announcement has been made as to who will fill the vacancies. It is said that the vacancies will be filled by promotions.

MAY LIMIT TRIPS OF SCHOOLBOY TEAMS

Matter Will Be Brought Up at Meeting of High School Principals.

School officials contemplate taking steps to limit, both in number and extent, or to stop entirely, out-of-town trips of base ball and foot ball teams of the local public high schools. Some of the high school principals are especially opposed to trips that take the high school boys out of town over night, and the movement which is being quietly inaugurated today is aimed specially at trips of that extent.

Allan Davis, principal of the Business High School, admitted today that he intended bringing the matter up at a meeting of the high school principals to be held in the near future, and that he would recommend then, as he has done before, that the school teams be prohibited from leaving the city for games.

Have Demoralizing Effect.

Those who have indicated that they will support this movement say that the overnight trips of the teams have a demoralizing influence on the boys. Though only a few flagrant cases of disorder had come to the attention of the officials who are backing the move, several of them maintain that in numerous instances the boys in their enthusiasm and without restraint always felt at home, are wont to be more or less disorderly in street cars and cause disturbances in other ways. In at least one instance, a principal who will not allow his name to be used declares, two high school boys became intoxicated on an out-of-town trip following a game in which the high school team had participated.

Asst. Supt. Ernest L. Thurston declared that he was opposed to high school athletic teams leaving the city except on rare occasions and then not for overnight. It was pointed out that while in some cases the person in charge of the boys on these trips might be the right kind of man and strong enough to control the boys in a proper manner, the school authorities could not always be sure of this.

"I think," said Mr. Thurston, "that sufficient opportunity is allowed the boys right in this city for athletic events. Of course, I am not strongly opposed to the teams going to some near place like Alexandria on special occasions, provided they are properly supervised by a competent man."

Principal Davis has decided opinions regarding the influences of these trips. He has long advocated the abolition of out-of-town trips.

"Also I should limit the position of coach to a member of the faculty or of the alumni," he declared.

TAFT HONORARY PRESIDENT.

Japanese Branch of International Peace Forum Formed.

TOKIO, November 10.—Dr. John Wesley Hill, pastor of the Metropolitan Temple, New York city, today organized a Japanese branch of the International Peace Forum, of which President Taft is honorary president.

The meeting was attended by more than fifty representative persons, including Viscount Kaneke, former minister of justice; Baron Sakatani, ex-minister of finance, and Baron Kanda, who was a member of the Japanese commercial commission which visited the United States in 1909.

The purpose of the forum was enthusiastically indorsed.

TRIES TO END HER LIFE IN POLICE COURT CELL

Emeline Collis, Colored, Turns on Gas While Awaiting Hearing on Theft Charge.

Emeline Collis, colored, who was arrested last night at 9th and F streets after a chase of several blocks, and charged with snatching a pocketbook, tried to end her life while she was awaiting a hearing in the Police Court this morning.

When the woman was brought to the Police Court prison she was locked in the female ward. Fifteen or twenty minutes later attendants noticed the odor of gas coming through the cracks of the door, and upon investigating found that one of the gas jets had been turned on. There was not sufficient gas in the room, however, to affect her, except to create a slight nausea.

They found her stretched out on a bench on the flat of her back with her hands behind her head. When asked how the gas happened to be turned on, she announced that she proposed to end her life: "I did wrong and I intend to kill myself rather than face the penalty," she told the attendants.

A watch was kept on her during the remainder of her stay at the court.

Held for Grand Jury.

On the charge of snatching the pocketbook of Mrs. Mary Rainey of 729 9th street, she had a preliminary hearing before Judge Pugh and was committed to jail in default of a fifteen-hundred-dollar bond to await action by the grand jury. The defendant entered a plea of not guilty.

Mrs. Rainey told the court that the accused walked abruptly up to her on 9th street near H street about 7 o'clock and jerked her pocketbook out of her hand. The instant the woman gained possession of it, Mrs. Rainey said, she started running down 9th street.

"I shouted 'Stop thief, stop thief!' as loudly as I could," she added. "A crowd gathered and chased her. They caught her down about F street." The pocketbook contained between three and four dollars in change and a number of private papers.

Walter Scott testified he saw the accused toss something over the rail of a basement entrance to one of the business houses near where she was captured. He recovered it, he said, and handed it to Mrs. Rainey, who identified it as her pocketbook.

TREASURER RIGLER THE HOST.

Election by Directors of the German Orphan Asylum.

The board of directors of the German Orphan Asylum met last night at Reuter's Hotel and elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: Frederick Imhof, honorary president; John F. Schneider, president; Col. Martin Wiegand, first vice president; Adolph Gude, second vice president; William F. Meyers, secretary, and Chares G. Rigler, treasurer.

In celebration of his fiftieth birthday anniversary Treasurer Rigler invited the members of the Ladies' Aid and Sewing societies to be his guests at a banquet, and it was served after the business meeting. Mr. Imhof was toastmaster. Toasts were responded to by William F. Meyers, Charles Graffe, Adolph Levy, Mrs. Loeffler, on behalf of the Sewing Society; Mrs. Barthel, president of the Ladies' Aid; Col. Martin Wiegand, G. Plitt, John F. Schneider and E. R. Welcker.

"Love and Galoshes," by Ralph Henry Barbour, entered in our prize story competition. See our next Sunday Magazine.

BAY STATE MEN WAIT; FOSS FAILS TO COME

Governor Changes Plans at Last Moment and May Not Stop Here.

Gov. Eugene N. Foss of Massachusetts was expected in Washington this afternoon on his way to Petersburg, Va., to take part in the exercises attendant upon the dedication there next Monday of the monument erected by the Old Bay state in honor of its soldiery of the civil war. But the governor disappointed quite a crowd of his admirers who were on hand at the Union station when the New York train pulled in at 1:33 o'clock. There were several score distinguished men from Massachusetts, but no Gov. Foss. He will not leave Boston until this evening, having changed his plans at the last moment, and will probably not stop over in Washington at all.

The Massachusetts party, which includes members of the senate and house military committees of the Massachusetts legislature, members of Gov. Foss' staff and others, has arranged to take the evening boat for Norfolk and go thence by rail to Petersburg. This afternoon they spent sight-seeing around the National Capital.

Governor Names Escort.

Gov. Mann of Virginia has designated Col. Edmund Berkeley, Capt. Westwood Hutchison and Lieut. George C. Round to meet the Massachusetts men on their entrance into Virginia and escort them to Petersburg. The governor and his staff will march in the parade which will precede the dedication ceremonies.

In addition to Gov. Foss and his staff, the ceremonies will be attended by the military committees of the Massachusetts legislature, the Valley Forge commission and the commission in charge of the erection of the Petersburg monument, which is made up of Col. Charles H. Porter of Quincy, Maj. E. T. Raymond of Worcester and Capt. James Anderson of Springfield. Col. Alfred S. Roe, past commander of the Massachusetts G. A. R., and formerly a member of the state senate, will deliver the principal address.

After the ceremonies the Massachusetts men will visit Richmond, Washington, Gettysburg and Valley Forge on their way home.

CASE AGAINST MRS. QUINN.

Police Expect to Show Motive for Killing Third Husband.

CHICAGO, November 10.—Prepared to present additional evidence against Mrs. Jane Taylor Quinn, held on the charge of being responsible for the death of her third husband, John Quinn, the police arranged for the appearance of several additional witnesses when the inquest over the body of Quinn is resumed this afternoon.

John W. Taylor and other boarders in the Quinn home, it is expected, will be called to give their version of the shooting of the engineer. It is also expected that insurance papers will be introduced for the purpose of showing that Mrs. Quinn might have had a motive in killing her husband. Mrs. Quinn spent the night in the matron's quarters at the Hyde Park station.

Attorney Elmer Kirby of Jackson, Mich., who defended Mrs. Quinn when she was Mrs. Thorpe and was suspected of the murder of her second husband, Warren Thorpe, at Jackson, Mich., has arrived in Chicago, and will take charge of the defense of the accused woman.

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS ON WALKING TRIP

Those From Western on Cross-Country Jaunt This Afternoon.

A large number of girls from the Western High School, under the direction of the director of physical culture, Mrs. Ellen Thomas, took a long cross-country jaunt this afternoon. This is the first walk of the kind to be taken by the Western girls, the school's officials say, but not the last.

At Normal School No. 1, at other high schools and in the grade schools walking plays no small part in teaching the students, it was announced today. The walks in the graded schools are, of course, not so long or strenuous as those taken by older pupils.

Miss Susan B. Sipe, a botany teacher in Normal No. 1, has already taken the students in her classes on several trips, and she is enthusiastic about the benefits to be derived from such trips.

"Our first trip," she explained, "was along the Quarry road to the entrance to the Zoo. There are more different kinds of trees in this locality, perhaps, than any other place nearabouts. We had a test on this trip of naming fifty different kinds of trees. On our second trip, along Grant road to Broad Branch road, back to Albemarle street, we studied the dissemination of trees and the fall coloring of tree foliage. The last walk we took was along the towpath of the canal, going from the District line up to Sycamore Island. On that trip we studied birds."

Value of Brisk Walking.

Miss Sipe explained that not only was nature studied in these trips, but the girls also learned the value of brisk walking for starting the blood in circulation.

When they took their luncheons along, she said, they were always careful to leave the woods in a "presentable condition for the next travelers coming that way."

"We gather up all the paper, boxes and other trash and burn it. I always teach the girls to be careful to put out every bit of the fire before leaving, though."

Though it is not considered likely the school girls will organize a scout troop, Miss Sipe intends to study some of the "ways and means" of the scout in the woods, as she believes many good, practicable ideas may be gotten from the scout teachings. On a recent trip the girls learned, through a Boy Scout, how to make a sanitary drinking cup from a square piece of paper.

MRS. VERMILYA IS ILL; MAY NEVER BE TRIED

Jail Physician Says Accused Woman Is Suffering From Valvular Heart Trouble.

CHICAGO, November 10.—Mrs. Louise Vermilya, who yesterday suffered a collapse in the county jail, where she is held on the charge of having caused the death of Arthur Bissonette by administering poison, was reported to be better today. The woman suffered several violent attacks of nausea.

Jail Physician Montgomery says that Mrs. Vermilya, is suffering with valvular heart trouble, which may prove fatal before she can be brought to trial on a murder charge.

Her condition is particularly critical owing to the quantity of arsenic she swallowed Saturday and the weakness which followed the energetic measures to remove the poison. In addition to a nurse, one of the jail physicians is now detailed to watch her bedside constantly.

Chemists were still at work today on the viscera of the exhumed body of Richard T. Smith, and a report as to whether arsenic was found is expected soon by Coroner Hoffman.

MONEY AND JEWELS STOLEN.

Home of Wealthy Collector of Antiques Looted by Burglars.

HARTFORD, Conn., November 10.—The home of Dr. E. Terry Smith, a wealthy collector of antiques, was entered by burglars before daylight today and $10,000 in money and jewelry taken. Entrance was made by forcing a dining room window. Several thousand dollars' worth of silverware in the dining room was passed by, but the second floor was ransacked.

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VERDICT AWARDS $7,000 FOR PERSONAL INJURIES

John D. Wilson Wins in Suit Against Thompson-Starrett Company.

A jury in Circuit Court No. 1, Justice Stafford presiding, today rendered a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for $7,000 in connection with the suit for the recovery of $30,000 damages by John D. Wilson, a carpenter, against the Thompson-Starrett Company, on account of injuries received by the plaintiff while working on the construction of a building in this city in February, 1910.

Plaintiff's Allegation.

The plaintiff claimed that while working upon the third floor of the building he had occasion to descend a ladder, and that by reason of the alleged defective fastening of the ladder to the floor at that point he was precipitated to the basement and was thereby rendered a physical wreck, unable to do any work for the remainder of his life at his employment of carpentering.

Contention of Defense.

The defendant contended that the defective condition complained of was such as the plaintiff ought to have noted in the exercise of reasonable care, and that the dangers of such employment were assumed when he entered upon the work.

The plaintiff was represented by Attorneys Tucker, Kenyon & Macfarland, and the defendant by Attorneys Wilton J. Lambert and Sleman & Lerch.

FAIL TO FIND SOLUTION.

Representatives of Department of Justice and Harvester Co. Confer.

Representatives of the Department of Justice and the International Harvester Company, known as the Harvester Trust, continued their conferences today over the question of the disintegration of the corporation. Assistant to the Attorney General Fowler and Edgar A. Bancroft, general counsel, and John P. Wilson of the Harvester company discussed the question for several hours without coming to a definite conclusion.

When the negotiations looking to the dissolution of the company began several weeks ago Attorney General Wickersham suggested a plan of disintegration embodying conditions which the government likely would insist should be complied with. The board of directors of the company met October 21 and it is generally believed that representatives of the Harvester company are now presenting the views of the board of directors on the Attorney General's stipulations.

MAY DEVELOP TRAGEDY.

Country-Wide Search Being Made for Missing Boy.

NEW YORK, November 10.—A country-wide search for fourteen-year-old Ogden Milton Spencer Loveaire has been undertaken by the police at the request of the missing boy's mother, from whose home in East Orange, N. J., Ogden disappeared February 21 last.

The intervening months have brought no tidings of his whereabouts, and what was at first regarded as a runaway may yet assume the proportion of a tragedy, the police fear. Mrs. Loveaire was inclined at first to believe that her son had run away to Cuba, as he often talked of going there, but inquiries of the authorities there have yielded no results.

RACE ENTRIES.

MARLBORO.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

MARLBORO RACE TRACK, Md., November 10.—Entries for tomorrow, November 11:

First race, 4½ furlongs—Golliwogg, 107; Irene Gummell, 107; Inwood, 110; Judge Howell, 107; Travel Light, 107; Sarg. Kirk, 110; Cashin, 107; Boray, 107; Henock, 107; Steltless, 110.

Second race, 4½ furlongs—Teddy Bear, 113; *Smirk, 104; *Starboard, 108; Good Acres, 109; Althorpe, 112; Kironi, 109; How About You, 113; Royal Onxy, 113; *Elizabeth O., 108.

Third race, for officers of the army and navy, one mile and five-eighths—Evangeline, 160; Miss Hynes, 160; Phoenix Stag, 160; Matabon, 160; O. K., 160; Kyrat, 165.

Fourth race, 5 furlongs—Eos, 107; Lesbos, 107; *Naughty Rose, 102; Aplaster, 114; Barrette, 107; Golden Cluster, 111; Mollie Kearney, 107.

Fifth race, 5½ furlongs—Jessup Burne, 108; Chippewayan, 108; Lucile R., 108; Oakley, 105; Western Belle, 105; Grandissimo, 111; Blue Crest, 108.

Sixth race, 7 furlongs—Sandiver, 110; Kilderken, 112; Lord Wells, 110; *Dolly Bultman, 107; Sir Edwards, 115; Muff, 102.

*Apprentice allowance claimed.

JAMESTOWN.

NORFOLK, Va., November 10.—Jamestown entries for Saturday, November 11:

First race, selling; two-year-olds; five furlongs—Coming Coon, Cloak, Be, 106; James Dockery, 107; Eton Blue, 110; *Camellia, 108; Wild Weed, 100.

Second race, selling; two-year-olds; seven furlongs—Duke Daffy, Onrico, 103; Dorothy T., 97; *Miss Joe, *Rey, 102; Mad River, 106; Red Jacket, Stairs, 100; *Gift, 92.

Third race, selling; three-year-olds and up; one mile; Woodlander, Golconda, *St. Joseph, Edwin L., 106; *Tutella, 96; *Kaufman, Feather Duster, 100; Idle Michael, 101; Fair Miss, 103.

Fourth race, Merchants' selling stake; all ages; six and a half furlongs—*Montcalm, 108; Flamma, *All Red, 98; Lochiel, 112; Ben Loyal, 110; Ragman, 107; *Ivabel, 97.

Fifth race; selling; three-year olds and up; five and a half furlongs—Pepper Cotton, Jennie Wells, 103; *Rose Queen, 112; *Ethel Lebrume; *Inferno Queen, 98; Penny Royal, Chilton Queen, 101; Eagle Bird, 109.

Sixth race; selling; three-year olds and up; one mile—Cu Bon, *Helene, 98; *Maromara, 100; *The Golden Buttterfly, 103; Agnar, 101; Servicence, 108.

*Apprentice allowance of five pounds claimed.

Weather clear.

Track sloppy.

TAFT IGNORES WOMEN.

Fails to Respond to Request to Say a Word for Them in His Speech.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., November 10.—A plea that President Taft "say a word for the women" while he was asking support of the people for his peace treaties was without result here last night, for Mr. Taft ignored the letter passed into his hands until after he had completed his formal address. The suffrage movement recently invaded Nashville, and a great crowd that heard the President's talk about peace also wanted to get his idea of the votes for women campaign.

The President left early today for Sewanee, Tenn., site of the University of the South, where Maj. Butt spent part of his youth.

Mr. Taft's reception here was enthusiastic. He was met at the station by Senator Luke Lee, Gov. Hooper and J. M. Dickinson, former Secretary of War, and his escort consisted of state militia, Confederate veterans and Boy Scouts.

James D. Richardson, sovereign grand commander of the Southern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite Masons, presented to President Taft a gold plate souvenir of the laying of the corner stone of the Masonic Temple in Washington, D. C.