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# MACHEN IS ARRESTED WHILE SECRETARY OF COLUMBIAN STUDENTS WILL FIGHT TO ENFORCE HIS GIRL VICTIM DEAD; HE READS DIME NOVELS

## Six Graduates in Diplomacy Still Bitterly Opposed to Woman Classmate—Faculty Equally Determined.

## Ground of Opposition Not the Graduate's Sex, But an Alleged Mental Incompetency and Lack of Dignity.

"Only those candidates for the degree of doctor of civil law who present themselves upon the stage for their degrees will receive them," says President Needham, of Columbian University. "We are firmly resolved not to go upon the stage to receive our degrees if one is also to be conferred upon Mrs. Bailey," said a prominent member of the advanced class in jurisprudence and diplomacy.

### Opposing Contentions Upheld.

President Needham says that Mrs. Emma Reba Bailey has completed the required course of work, and has submitted a thesis which has been favorably passed upon by the faculty.

He maintains that she is therefore a suitable candidate for the degree of doctor of civil law.

Mrs. Bailey's fellow-students, however, protest strongly that she is not well grounded in law, or of sufficient general learning to deserve the degree; that she has shown her thesis to different members of the class, and that it is a jumble of assertions without logical connection.

### Compliments Secretary Hitchcock.

The subject chosen by Mrs. Bailey is "Shall the power of the President be extended or restricted?" In this they claim she has devoted the most important part of a page to eulogy of the Secretary of the Interior. The students also say that it is not because she is a woman that they object to her taking the degree, but rather her alleged lack of legal knowledge.

### A Statement From the Students.

The opposition has been fanned into a fever heat, because of an impression that it had been based on the grounds of sex only. Two members of the graduating class have accordingly prepared a statement for The Times, which they offer as incorporating the opinion of the entire student body in this particular case.

It is set forth that members of the student body of the Columbian Law School, as well as of the School of Comparative Jurisprudence and Diplomacy, are highly indignant because of the light in which they have been placed by an article in a local morning paper. Instead of basing their objection to Mrs. Bailey on the fact that she is a woman, as set forth in said article, they are unanimous in declaring that such is far from being the truth. They represent that they have at no time made any statement of their beliefs on the subject of co-education. They ground their protest wholly on what they believe to be the incompetency of the particular candidate to receive the degree, and state that they would make the same objection should any man of like mental attainments seek the same degree.

### Not Opposed to Co-Education.

That this is their true position they think is shown by the fact that upon Mrs. Bailey's first entrance to the school they made no objection. At that time they were unaware of her mental qualities, but they believe her mental incapacity to have been made so glaringly apparent.

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## WEATHER REPORT.

There has been no rain of consequence in the East, except in southern Virginia, western New York, and northwestern Pennsylvania. Local rains and thunderstorms continue in the Mississippi Valley, north of Cairo, also in the upper lake region, and there have been showers and thunderstorms in the extreme Northwest.

Table with weather data: TEMPERATURE (9 a. m., 12 noon, 1 p. m.), THE SUN (Sun sets today, Sun rises tomorrow), TIDE TABLE (High tide today, High tide tomorrow, Low tide tomorrow).

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### New Jersey Boy Murderer Boasts of Escapes.

## CONCEALED HER INJURIES

### Shot by Companion as a "Deserter," Child Endeavored to Shield Him.

PLAINFIELD, N. J., May 27.—Terence Watson, the eight-year-old child who was shot in the abdomen by ten-year-old Willie James last Saturday, died at midnight in the Muhlenburg Hospital. Her youthful slayer is in the county jail at North Plainfield, spending his time reading yellow-back novels and boasting of his escapades to anyone who will listen.

The James boy took his younger brother, a sister, and the Watson girl on a tramp Saturday and he also took along a fobert rifle. After walking for hours the little girl became tired and wanted to go back home. Willie called her a deserter and shot her twice, once in the hand and then in the abdomen, the latter wound proving fatal.

The child concealed her wounds until Sunday night, although suffering great pain. Finally, when she told her brother it was found that gangrene had already set in, and all efforts to relieve her proved futile.

Mrs. James, mother of the boy prisoner, is poor and has a large family of children, the youngest being an infant in arms. She is now being looked after by the overseer of the poor of North Plainfield township. She admits that her son Willie has been incorrigible for several years, and refuses to go to school, preferring to spend his time reading dime novels.

## NEGROES OF ALABAMA ARE HELD IN SLAVERY

### Ten Indictments Returned to Federal Court—Peonage System in Vogue for Many Years.

Dispatches were received today at the office of the United States Secret Service giving information of the indictment yesterday in the Federal court at Birmingham, Ala., of ten persons on charges of kidnaping and peonage.

Chief Wilkie, of the Secret Service Bureau, has given much personal attention to repeated complaints which have come from Alabama to the effect that a system of slavery has been extensively practiced in the vicinity of Birmingham for a number of years. The Department of Justice was supplied with information of such a character that the entire case was turned over to the Secret Service officers.

The ten indictments returned yesterday make a total of eleven obtained through the efforts of the Government officials. The men under indictment are lumbermen, stone quarrymen, and of similar occupations which require hard manual labor.

The practice seems to have been general in the Birmingham community, and not confined to men engaged in any one business. For this reason the Secret Service agents obtained with comparative ease evidence which is alleged to be of a convicting character.

The system has been practiced

## REPORTER HUNT'S LETTER NOT YET RECEIVED HERE

### War Department Unlikely to Reopen Baldwin Interview Case.

Secretary Root has not yet received the open letter from Walker Hunt, reported sent from Denver, in which the writer demands an investigation into the matter of his interview with Gen. F. D. Baldwin, in which the latter was made to make derogatory remarks concerning colored and Filipino soldiers.

Hunt maintains that he accurately reported General Baldwin, and insists that the officer be made to state his denial of the interview under oath, as he (Hunt) has made affidavit as to the truthfulness of the interview. Hunt declares that if his affidavit is false he should be prosecuted for perjury.

## Nothing More to Be Said.

### Senator Foraker will return to Washington in about a month.

### Speculations on Their Origin.

### Like Caucasians.

### Treasurer, Too, Robbed.

### Wildwood Poolroom Put Out of Business.

### Merry Click of Telegraph Instrument No Longer Heard.

### Cholera's Ravages in the Philippines.

### Treasury Chiefs Back at Their Desks.

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