

HER TESTIMONY IS DISQUALIFIED

Mrs. Edwards' Confession Convicts Her of Perjury.

SHE MAY NOT SAVE GREASON

Possible That Her Daughter Mary Will Have to Stand Trial on Murder Charge.

READING, Pa., Feb. 17.—A question raised here today is whether Mrs. Kate Edwards would be permitted to testify in Samuel Gresson's behalf, even should he be granted a new trial. It is pointed out that a person guilty of perjury is not qualified to testify in any subsequent court proceedings. Mrs. Edwards was one of the witnesses who convicted Gresson. Her confession exonerating him makes her a confessed perjurer.

District Attorney Kutz was asked about this. He stated that this and many other features would be taken into consideration. Mr. Kutz said there is a possibility that Gresson is innocent of any complicity in the murder. As to Mrs. Edwards, he stated that he will oppose any change of sentence from the death penalty.

Appeal for Gresson. The next step that will be taken in the case will be made by Gresson's counsel, John H. Rothermel, who will appeal to the supreme court to be allowed to argue on his petition for a rehearing. Should the supreme court grant Mr. Rothermel's request, a writ will be sent to the Berks county court here to reopen the case, for the purpose of hearing new testimony. The Berks county court can either grant or refuse a new trial.

If a new trial is granted, the writ will be returned to the supreme court, and Gresson will be again placed before a jury to stand trial for his life. In the event of a reopening of the case being refused, the attorneys will be driven to their last resort, the board of pardons, to whom they will appeal on March 25.

There is every probability that a new trial will result in the absolute acquittal of the man. The only available witness is Mrs. Edwards, and she has made a sworn statement that he is innocent.

As for Mrs. Edwards, there is only one thing that can be done for her, and that is an action on the part of the board of pardons.

Mrs. Edwards Restless. Mrs. Edwards passed another restless night. She is constantly worrying about her child. She said that she did not care what became of herself, it was only for the baby that she cared. She is in an extremely nervous condition, and at nearly every attempt at lengthy conversation breaks down and sobs. It is with great difficulty that she concentrates her mind on anything but Alma, who has been taken away from her forever.

"Now that Mrs. Kate Edwards has confessed to the murder of her husband and implicated her daughter, Mary, will Mary be brought back to Reading to be tried?"

This question is not frequently asked, and it is believed she will be brought to Reading to answer. She expressed this fear to Attorney Rothermel when he went to St. Louis several weeks ago to get her statement. At the time she wrote a letter exonerating Gresson. Mary recently wrote here that she was praying daily that her mother would not be hanged. The girl is now known as Katie M. E. Roberts, and she lives at 226 Fifth street, St. Louis. The "M. E." in her name stands for Mary Edwards.

SONS OF OLD NASSAU MAKE WELKIN RING

District of Columbia Alumni Meet at Festal Board to Review Memories of University Days.

There is many a graduate of Princeton in Washington this morning who feels like the giants of old Nassau's gridiron the day after a battle. They are more or less bunged up, and some have that dark brown taste and the fur that won't go down in their mouths. The reason was the thirty-fourth annual banquet of the Princeton Alumni Association of the District of Columbia, which was held at Raucher's last night.

The occasion was made merry with an excellent menu, various wines, witty speeches and college songs. Henry E. Davis acted as toastmaster. There were no set addresses, the toastmaster calling upon the diners at random, and the result was a spontaneity that could not be obtained by means of cold preparation. The fun of the evening was begun by McCready Sykes, of New York, who recited several of his poems, including "Poe's Run," "Dewitt's Kick," and similar gems.

Some of the Speakers. Henry E. Davis followed, eulogizing the university. The Rev. Charles Alvin Smith, Wallace W. Hite, of Yale, Duane E. Fox, Henry B. Munn, C. K. Berryman, Andrew Y. Bradley, John F. Wilkins, R. D. Johnson, Wallace A. Jeff, James M. Johnson and Wallace Donald McLean also spoke.

Prior to the beginning of the banquet there was a business session, and the following were elected officers for the year: President, Wallace Neff, vice president, A. B. Johnson, Wallace A. Jeff, Joseph K. McCammon, Henry E. Davis, Henry B. Munn, and H. Bradley Davidson; Henry V. Fulloch, executive committee, A. E. Kelly, chairman; Edward A. Balloch, Walter J. Pilling, Charles H. Bradley, James L. Norris, Jr., Oliver S. Metzger, and Edwin C. Heald.

POLICE SUSPECT POISONING CASE

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Feb. 17.—Charles Heller, aged fifty, his wife, Josephine, aged forty-eight, his daughter, Mrs. Mary Nolan, aged twenty, and the latter's husband, George Nolan, aged twenty-five, a railroad, were found dead in a little home on Central avenue here this morning. It is supposed they were asphyxiated by natural gas, although the police suspect poisoning and are investigating. Heller's body was found on a couch and his wife's body was in a rocking chair. The bodies of the Nolans were found in bed.

PRESIDES OVER G. A. R.



JAMES H. WOLFF. Negro Elected Department Commander of Massachusetts Division, Who Occupied Chair as Senior Vice Commander at Boston Meeting.

NEGRO IN THE CHAIR AT G. A. R. MEETING

James H. Wolff Elected Department Commander of Division of Massachusetts—Will Lead Line of March at Annual Encampment.

The Massachusetts division of the Grand Army of the Republic has elected as its department commander James H. Wolff, a negro, who was the senior vice department commander. As Massachusetts is the oldest G. A. R. encampment, it will lead the line of march at the next grand national encampment at Denver, and, thus, the leader of the whole line will be James H. Wolff, a negro. The general rule of the G. A. R. has been to promote to the highest office the senior vice department commander, and the fact that he was in this case a negro did not prevent his receiving the highest honor in the gift of the comrades of Massachusetts. This is the first time in the history of the G. A. R. that one of its conventions has had a negro as a presiding officer.

SONS OF REVOLUTION WILL HOLD TRIENNIAL

Trips to Annapolis and Mt. Vernon and Banquet to Form Special Features of Occasion.

Arrangements for the regular triennial meeting of the general society, Sons of the Revolution, to be held in Washington on Wednesday and Thursday, April 19 and 20, have progressed far enough for an announcement of the main features of the meeting. The headquarters of the officers of the general society will be at the New Willard, where delegates from the various State societies will register on arrival. On April 19, a historic day in Revolutionary history, the delegates will take a special train for Annapolis, where the meeting of the general society and delegates will be held in the senate chamber of the State capitol, where George Washington resigned his commission as commander-in-chief of the Continental army, after independence had been won in the revolution.

Governor and Mrs. Warfield will receive the visitors officially at the executive mansion, and luncheon will be served at historic Carvel Hall. Later on a special drill and dress parade of the naval cadets will be given in honor of the society's visit, by courtesy of Commandant Brownson of the Academy. The special train will then bring the society back to Washington, leaving the evening free for individual plans in the city. On Thursday, April 20, the members and guests of the general society will journey to Mt. Vernon by special steamer, spend several hours there, with appropriate exercises, and return to Washington early in the afternoon. At 7:30 in the evening the triennial banquet will be held at the New Willard, when a number of the distinguished members of the general society will make addresses.

The arrangements are in the hands of James Mortimer Montgomery, of New York, the general secretary of the society.

BANKER HUNT'S BAIL

CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—W. H. Hunt, president of the defunct Pan-American Banking Company, is held in \$4,500 bail. Hunt said he had assured his friends he would come to his assistance and would furnish the necessary surety.

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Divorced Virginia Woman Tries to End Her Life

Mrs. Nance Pollard Shoots Herself While in a Railroad Station at Philadelphia—Corset Steel Saves Her Life.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 17.—During the busiest hour in the Reading Terminal, a well-dressed young woman shot herself yesterday afternoon. There was a panic and the woman was nearly crushed by the curious crowd before the police could get to her. She was taken to a hospital, where she gave her name as Laura Young and said the shooting was an accident.

May Have Intended Murder. The police ascertained that the woman's real name is Mrs. Nance Pollard, that she is of a good Virginia family and assert that she went into the terminal loaded for other game. Failing to find it she shot herself.

Mrs. Pollard has lived in Philadelphia for several months. Her marriage was secret, and so was her divorce not long ago. There are only a few friends who ever know of either. She has been living with her sister, who has a residence on suburban Woodland avenue. The pistol made a slight wound only, and after treatment and questioning by detectives, she was allowed to go. She is about twenty-five years old, and is evidently cultured.

Letters From Clubman. A few days ago, according to Mrs. Pollard's sister, she returned a bundle of letters to a man who had visited her frequently. This man is a clubman and has good social standing. When she left home in the morning she told her sister she wished she was dead. A little while afterward she bought the revolver with which she was shot. It is an expensive one, pearl mounted and .22 caliber. Then she went to the terminal. Miss Nellie Ball, of Foxchase, who was near her, told the police the following story: "I was sitting close to the young woman, and my attention was attracted by her nervousness. She appeared to be waiting for some one who had failed to appear. I saw her take a small revolver from her wrist bag and stick the muzzle under her waist. Then she saw me watching, drew the revolver out, replaced it in the bag, and walked away."

Again Displayed Weapon. "A few minutes later she came back to the same seat, and again brought out the revolver. There were many people about and she saw I was still watching her closely, so she put the weapon away again and began to walk the floor. I had just made up my mind she was gone for good, when she came back and took the same seat. "This time her face was very set. She pulled the pistol out of the bag, put the muzzle under her jacket and there was a report. She fell across the seat and was so pale I thought her dead."

The train caller got to her side quickly. He found her waist on fire and put it out. Then the crowd closed in and the station police had their hands full. The bullet had struck a corset steel and inflicted only a slight wound. To the detectives Mrs. Pollard said: "I didn't wish to shoot myself. I had the revolver and didn't even know it was loaded. I was looking at it when a woman near me dropped a box of candy. The noise made me jump and the pistol went off. I bought the weapon to send to my brother."

BOSTON OFFICIAL DIES; WAS FIRE COMMISSIONER

BOSTON, Feb. 17.—Henry S. Russell, head of the board of fire commissioners of Boston, died today from a complication of diseases. Mr. Russell was born in 1833 and was graduated from Harvard in 1859. For meritorious service before Petersburg he was brevetted brigadier-general.

IRREFUTABLE

The statistics of the IMPORTATIONS OF CHAMPAGNES INTO THE UNITED STATES for the year 1904, placing Moët & Chandon at the top of the list and in the lead with 127,783 cases, are absolutely

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NEGRO STUDENT ACQUITTED.

SAVANNAH, Feb. 17.—Sam Bowen, a seventeen-year-old negro student of the Georgia State College for Colored Youth, was acquitted of the charge of murder in killing Prof. Cotton on February 2. The professor ejected Bowen from a classroom and threatened him with a stick, when Bowen hurled a brick, striking Cotton on the head.

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