

NEWS OF THE OLD DOMINION.

WOMAN WITH THE SLIT SKIRT.

Blossom Browning Assessed \$25— Crowd Attends Trial.

Richmond, July 17.—Before a crowd made up mostly of young men, Blossom Browning, a decidedly good-looking young brunette, who was arrested for wearing a slit skirt, appeared yesterday in Justice Crutchfield's court with counsel and fought the charge against her vigorously. She failed to convince the court she had not deliberately chosen to wear an immodest costume, and was fined \$25.

The young woman declined to tell here she lived.

The accused went to court in a childish, if somewhat severely tailored, gown and expressed her opinion very not once, but several times during the trial.

The gown that caused all the trouble was in court, marked "Exhibit A." It was a one piece garment of shimmering blue silk, tastily trimmed, and modeled after the clinging pattern. It looked proper enough until the skirt was examined. Then! Oh, horrors! There was a two-foot slit down the right side.

Justice Crutchfield's face crimsoned when the dainty gown was handed up to him by Gilbert K. Pollock, counsel for the defense, with the suggestion that the defendant be allowed to put on for his benefit.

"You would be better to judge if this is an immodest garment if the accused was wearing it," said Mr. Pollock.

"The very idea! It was bad enough to have a number of people to see this young woman on the street. I am horrified at the suggestion."

It was observed the judge overcame his shyness long enough to look carefully at the slit.

Mayor George Ainslie and Chief of Police Werner, who were the only witnesses for the prosecution, told of the excitement created in Broad street by the young woman's appearance.

The Mayor, it seemed, had taken a severe scrutiny of the gown and its wearer. He was certain she had made an indecorous exposition of herself. The defendant listened with apparent agitation to the Mayor and chief. She bit her lips and appeared to have a hard time choking back a perfect torrent of words. When her counsel told her to take the stand, she did so eagerly. I never had the slightest intention of appearing on the street in a gown that was not perfectly proper," she said. "I bought this dress a few days ago at a Broad street store and examined it carefully before paying for it."

What happened is this: The slit was held together by basting threads. I thought it was sewed together. So when I started walking the basting threads came out, allowing the slit to open. I had no idea there was anything wrong until the chief of police came to me about it."

The judge asked several questions and the defendant answered promptly and spiritedly. The more she talked the more incensed she became. Toward the close of the proceedings she was plainly angry.

As soon as the fine was imposed she stepped to the sergeant's desk and paid it without comment.

Probably the largest crowd that gathered in the courtroom was seen at the young woman's trial. The doors leading to the courtroom were blocked with spectators. Outside on a stairway that overlooks the courtroom the overflow of the courtroom was assembled.

FATAL STABS FATHER.

Roanoke, Va., July 17.—Joseph Meton, a Franklin county farmer, died at the point of death, with every possibility, as a result of the wounds inflicted by his son, Charles Pendleton, who was later arrested and lodged in the Rocky Mount jail.

Charles Pendleton and his brother were engaged in a fight when the father interfered. Charles drew a knife and cut his father across the face and after which he stabbed in the side and inflicted other serious wounds.

Surprising Cure of Stomach Trouble. If you have trouble with your stomach or chronic constipation, don't think that your case is beyond help because your doctor fails to give relief. Mrs. G. Stencio, Plainville, N. J., writes: "For over a year past I have been troubled with my stomach. Everything I ate went to it terribly. One of Chamberlain's advertising booklets came to me. After reading a few of the letters from people who had been cured of Chamberlain's Tablets, I decided to try them. I have taken nearly four-fifths of a package of them and can now eat almost anything I want. For sale by all dealers."

BOY MAY BE DROWNED.

White Dillard, of the Marine Corps, Last Seen Near the Swimming Pool.

Lynchburg, Va., July 17.—Grave apprehension regarding the fate of White Dillard, formerly of this city, but for the past year in the United States Marine service, was caused today in the receipt of a communication from the Navy Department by his father, Dr. John W. Dillard, one of the best known surgeons of this city.

This communication states that young Dillard has been missing since July 7th, and asked to know whether any of his relatives here had any knowledge of his whereabouts.

It is understood that the last that was seen of Mr. Dillard was at a swimming pool on the Delaware river at or near the Philadelphia Navy Yard, and that his clothes were found on the banks of the river.

Dr. Dillard today stated that he has heard nothing from his son since the date mentioned in the communication, and while nothing positive is known, it is feared that Mr. Dillard was drowned while swimming in the pool.

WOMAN MISSING.

"Aunt Sukey" Jackson, 100 Years Old, Lost Near Herndon.

Herndon, Va., July 17.—In an effort to find "Aunt Sukey" Jackson, an old colored woman over 100 years old, who mysteriously disappeared from her home last Monday, the neighboring woods here are being scoured. She is known to every one in this city.

While her daughter was away from home a short time Monday, "Aunt Sukey" left her home for a walk in the woods owned by Dr. Hugh Hutchinson.

NORFOLK GIRL ARRESTED.

Miss L. M. Hodges Held in Washington at Request of Parents.

Miss Lilla M. Hodges, a pretty 16-year-old Norfolk, (Va.) girl went to Washington yesterday in search of employment, but at the request of her parents was arrested and will be sent back home today.

She was found at 311 C. St., N. W. where she had engaged rooms.

Chief Kizer of Norfolk, wired for the girl to be sent home on the steamer Southland, but when Detective Burlingame took her to the wharf he was informed by the boat's purser here was no ticket for her return, so she was sent to the House of Detention for the night until a ticket for her arrives today.

A Good Investment.

W. D. Magli, a well known merchant of Whittemound, Wis., bought a stock of Chamberlain's medicines so as to be able to supply them to his customers. After receiving them he was himself taken sick and says that one small bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy was worth more to him than the cost of his entire stock. For sale by all dealers.

Citizens National Bank of Alexandria, Virginia.

Alexandria, Va., June 25, 1913.

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RICHARD M. GREEN, Cashier.

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NOTICE.

Alexandria, Va., July 1, 1913. Owing to the death of John A. Marshall, the affairs of the firm of John A. Marshall & Bro., are being liquidated. It is imperative that all outstanding accounts due the firm are settled at once and the prompt assistance of our friends in this connection will be gratefully appreciated.

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DEATH OF REV. J. B. O'REILLY.

Was Rector of Sacred Heart Cathedral in Richmond.

Richmond, Va., July 17.—Telegrams from Wytheville, Va., yesterday conveyed to thousands of friends and admirers in Richmond the news of the sudden death of Rev. J. B. O'Reilly, pastor of the Sacred Heart Cathedral in this city since the date of its dedication to the present time. Rev. Father O'Reilly was 60 years of age. He was a native of County Cavan, Ireland, and came to this country in 1871, since which time he had made his home in Virginia. In 1891 he came to Richmond from Winchester, Va., and entered upon the pastorate of the Sacred Heart Cathedral and was the first and only pastor of that church.

Rev. Father O'Reilly left this city for Wytheville Sunday night, apparently in the best of health, and in a very cheerful frame of mind. His trip was to look after some private business and enjoy the mountain air of a few days.

The body was shipped from Wytheville yesterday morning and arrived in Richmond last night. Burial will take place in Mount Calvary cemetery on Friday. The body was conveyed to the cathedral where it will lie in state until Friday morning.

Rev. Father O'Reilly was a man of simple habits. He endeared himself to the members of his congregation, as well as to numerous friends in the city, and he was active in all works of charity.

GIRL SHOTS HERSELF.

Is Found By Brother With Wound in Her Breast.

Richmond, Va., July 17.—Lying across her bed with a bullet in her breast, Miss Daisy Walshe, 21 years old, was found in her father's home near Granite Tuesday night by her brother, Oliver Walshe, in a half-dying condition and without assistance near to reach her. Medical aid was summoned by the brother as soon as possible, and the latest report said that the young woman was still living, though in a precarious condition.

Miss Walshe, who was employed by the Religious Herald, had been living with her brother, N. Walshe, a police officer of the second district, at 406 West Marshall street. Though she did not want to go, she was persuaded on Monday to go to her father's farm, near Granite, which he had but recently purchased.

Nicholas Walshe had been living with his daughter, Mrs. Fritz, at Eilmund, had recently purchased a farm near Granite. Not caring to go there alone, he persuaded his daughter, Daisy, to go with him, and though she is said to have threatened a week ago to commit suicide, if she had to go, she finally consented to go. She is the only single child. Her mother is dead.

September Morn Barred.

Richmond, Va., July 17.—Because of the large negro population in Richmond, the authorities have refused the requests of art store managers for the privilege of exhibiting Paul Chabas' September Morn in the display windows.

NOTICE.

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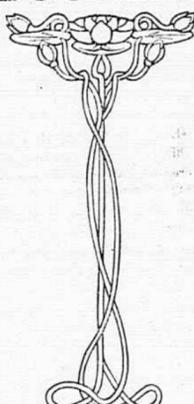
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