

A FIRESIDE TRAGEDY.

FOUR-YEAR-OLD MARGARET CHAPMAN BURNED TO DEATH IN MANCHESTER.

MOTHER AT BIJOU THEATRE.

Left Child in Care of Nurse, Who Deserted Little One.

LIT OIL IN TINY COOK STOVE.

Brave Policeman Smith Went to the Rescue, and Was Badly Blistered in Attempting to Save the Infant—Telegrams Fail to Reach the Father, Who is in Boston—Accident to Other Babies.

Enveloped in flames and crying for her mother, who was then witnessing the performance at the Bijou in Richmond, Margaret Chapman, the 4-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chapman, of 20 East Eighth street, Manchester, was so badly burned yesterday afternoon, that she died last night shortly before 7 o'clock.

Little Margaret had been left in the house with the colored servant. The servant went across the street after Mrs. Chapman had gone to Richmond, and left Margaret playing with a little negro girl. During the absence of the mother and servant the little girl got hold of a tin can, in which she placed a lot of kerosene oil. She tried to start a fire in her little cook stove at the head of the steps of her home. She poured a large quantity of oil into the stove and struck a match. As soon as the match was applied there was a sudden blaze and little Margaret caught fire. The negro nurse had deserted her in her peril.

POLICEMAN ALSO BURNED. Hearing the cries of the little girl, Policeman R. P. Smith, who happened to be passing the house at the time, entered and tried to save the little girl's life. He succeeded in extinguishing the flames, but not until his own hands had been terribly blistered. In fact the brave officer came near losing his own life to save that of the little girl's.

While passing the house about 3 o'clock, when he heard a little child crying as if in great distress, said Policeman Smith last night to a reporter, "I went inside of the house and saw a little girl standing at the head of the steps completely enveloped in flames. I ran up there and fought the flames with my hands. While I was trying to save the little girl I sent a negro for some water, which was used. Meanwhile, I remembered to get the mother, I ran up there and found her in the front of the Bank building in Hull street. I sent for her. He was only a few minutes in getting to the scene. He did all he could for the little girl, but she died in spite of all our efforts to save her. She was not much further from the burns at her home."

FATHER FAR AWAY. Mrs. W. H. Kelley, of 409 Clay street, who is the grandmother of the little girl, said last night that the father was in Boston, and could not be reached by several telegrams sent to him. Mrs. Kelley, who was formerly a travelling salesman for M. S. Block, Son & Co., of this city, Mr. Chapman left for Boston about two weeks ago. He had not been heard from up to a date last night.

Dr. Mathews said that the little girl was burned to death, and that her tongue was burned so as to render her speechless. Her hair and eyebrows were completely burned away. She was also burned badly about the breast and back.

ACCIDENT TO TWO INFANTS. An unknown child, about 12 months of age, was seriously injured yesterday afternoon shortly before 5 o'clock by falling down the basement of the old St. Clair Hotel, on the corner of Ninth and Grace streets.

The child was in a go-cart with another infant, and the nurse left them unattended while she went into the confectionery store kept by Mrs. E. V. Wade, on the corner of an alley, just in the rear of the hotel. The child fell from the go-cart, and the nurse returned to find the child lying on the street and into the basement. The younger child was thrown out and painfully hurt by the flames, and his tongue was burned so as to render her speechless. Her hair and eyebrows were completely burned away. She was also burned badly about the breast and back.

Epithalamium. (By Pope Leo XIII. 1897). Two hearts were joined in flame, A single love it bore; You ask me whence it came?

Kindred in heart and soul— Love salient on their stole And gazed complete control. Sweeter its victory, When virtue's laws decree Involuntary loyalty!

At Mary's shrine they bow, A mutual truth to show, Heaven's choicest gifts to pray On this, their wedding day.

"On the nuptials of Alphonsus Sterbini and Giulia Pizzirani.

Catarrh Invites Consumption. It weakens the delicate lung tissues, deranges the digestive organs, and breaks down the general health.

Hood's Sarsaparilla. Radically and permanently cures catarrh of the nose, throat, stomach, bowels, and more delicate organs.

Powerful New Work by a Master of Sensation, Complete in Fifteen Weekly Parts, Beginning in Next Sunday's Dispatch. THE SEVEN SECRETS. By WILLIAM LE QUEUX, Author of "Purple and Fine Linen," "Whoso Findeth a Wife," "The Court of Honor," "If Sinners Entice Thee." First instalment in the next issue of The Sunday Dispatch.

CITY OF PETERSBURG. NEARLY ALL NEGROES STAYED AWAY FROM THE POLLS. WHY THEY ARE DISGRUNTLED. Quarterly Conference of Old Blandford Church—The Telephone Consolidation—Office of Superintendent of Street Cleaning Created.

PETERSBURG, VA., November 4.—(Special).—The negroes of this city generally abstained from going to the polls to-day, comparatively few of them voting. The reason for this action is said to be the failure of the Republicans to put a candidate in the field, their indisposition to vote for an independent candidate, and more than all their unfriendly relations with the "Lily White party," which is disposed to ignore them.

A WOMAN REPEATER. One Was Arrested in Denver—Voted Three Times. DENVER, COLO., November 4.—For the first time in the history of Colorado politics a woman was arrested to-day on the charge of repeating. When booked at the city jail she gave the name of Sanderson, but she was subsequently identified as Mrs. Harriet Hibbard, a widow, 50 years of age. She was neatly dressed, and had the appearance of refinement. It was alleged that she was in the act of casting her third ballot when arrested. She admitted her guilt, and said she could give no reason for her acts, except a desire to make extra money. She told the police she was a Republican.

TO MILTON.—BLIND. (By Stephen Phillips). He who said suddenly, "Let there be light!" To thee the dark deliberately gave, That those full eyes might undistracted gaze By this beguiling show of sky and field. This brilliance that so lures us from the Truth. He gave thee back original night, His own Tremendous canvas, large and blank and free.

TRAFFIC IN VOTES. Plenty of Them Were for Sale in Kansas City. KANSAS CITY, MO., November 4.—Several fist fights occurred at voting places here last night. Two men were arrested for intimidating voters, and quite a number of negroes openly sold their votes. John Pryor, a Democrat, knocked down Charles Rich, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, a Republican challenger, because he interfered with a voter. Both were arrested, but were released on bond. The votes of several negroes were purchased at \$2 and \$3 each. Some of these votes were unexpected denunciations of the Democratic party. At one booth a Democrat offered a negro two dollars, and was about to vote him, when a Republican raised the price to three dollars. The Republican was sent sprawling with a fist blow.

"THE SEVEN SECRETS." By William Le Queux—A Story of Unusual and Absorbing Interest, in Fifteen Weekly Instalments of About 3,500 Words Each—Publication in the Sunday Dispatch Begins November 9th.

William Le Queux offers in his new serial, "The Seven Secrets," a story that will appeal to women as well as men. He does not deal in "scenics" and "shop-talk" alone, but with great human motives, and he proves that even in this distinctly mercenary age there are men who still wear a rose above their heads, and dare all things for the sake of a woman in the world. The hero of "The Seven Secrets," a young doctor named Ralph Boyd, receives an indisputable proof that his sweetheart is a murderer, and he takes up his life work, the task of proving her innocent. How he accomplishes this with the aid of a warm personal friend, who is also an amateur detective of the Sherlock Holmes school, forms the plot of the story. The serial will be attractively illustrated, and the first will appear in next Sunday's Dispatch.

ALL HE COULD DO. President Roosevelt Casts His Ballot and Goes Driving. ROOSTER BAY, Va., Nov. 4.—President Roosevelt cast his vote in the Fifth

RICHMOND RATS WON. CAPITOL CITY FIGHTMEN AT V. P. I. BEAT LYNCHBURG. SOME SCIENTIFIC PLAYING. It Was a Bantam Fight, But It Was a Game One, and the Boys on Both Sides Put Up a Great Game.

BLACKSBURG, VA., November 4.—(Special).—Although the "Varsity team" played no game Saturday, except the usual practice game, the corps was treated to a great exhibition of foot-ball. The "all-Richmond" team, composed entirely of "rats" who had from the capital city, engaged in a fiercely contested match with the Lynchburg team, made up mainly of new students from the Hill City. Both teams were bantam-weight but they played swift and hard foot-ball, and the game was full of surprises. The "old boys" were many of them, betting on one team or the other, and the rooting was a feature of the occasion. Instead of the usual shouts of "Go, go, go," which might be heard from such advice as "You Richmond rats had better win this game or I'll light on you to-night," and other discouraging, but harmless bits of encouragement.

DAVID DUNLOP'S WILL. IT WAS ADMITTED TO PROBATE IN PETERSBURG MONDAY. FULL TEXT OF INSTRUMENT. Decedent's Son, David Dunlop, Jr., the Chief Beneficiary—Disposition of the Realty—Concerning the Great Tobacco Business.

PETERSBURG, VA., November 4.—(Special).—The will of the late David Dunlop was probated in the Corporation Court last yesterday afternoon. The will is as follows: Petersburg, Va., U. S. A., March 2, 1901. I, David Dunlop, of the city of Petersburg, Va., do make this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all other wills and codicils by me heretofore made.

"MY PARTNER" POORLY REVIVED LAST NIGHT. Small Audience Saw an Incompetent Company in Play Made Famous by Louis Aldrich.

Every critic in Richmond has agreed that "A Stranger in a Strange Land," as presented at the Bijou this week is one of the best and most attractive plays which that popular organization has ever given in Richmond. This unanimity among the critics is as startling as it is powerful to show the real worth of the last vigorous offering from the theatre, which always makes you laugh. In specialties, too, this production is striking, the foot ball chorus being one of the most attractive bits ever seen on the stage in Richmond.

DEATH OF MRS. JNO. B. CARY. Died Suddenly at Her Residence on East Franklin Street.

Mrs. Columbia H. Cary, widow of Colonel John B. Cary, and one of the best known and most respected ladies of Petersburg, died suddenly yesterday morning at her residence, No. 720 east Franklin street.

FROM BUSY CISMONT. Resume of What is Going On in the Virginia Town. CISMONT, VA., Nov. 2.—(Special).—The Rev. E. Valentine Jones and family are visiting relatives in Charles City.

DEATHS. COTTELL—Died, Monday, November 5, 1922, at 4:30 P. M., KATE, the daughter of the late W. R. and Annie Cottrell, in the 31st year of her age.

CHURCH—Died, at the home of his father, 115 south Belvidere street, Tuesday, November 15th, at 2:30 P. M., GEORGE FRANCIS, son of G. B. and Annie C. Church, aged 2 years and 3 months.

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