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GRANT MIGHT HAVE FOUGHT FOR SOUTH

Said to Have Applied to President Davis for Commission.

CHALARON DENIES THAT HE SAID SO

Declares He Did Not Tell Captain Derosset That Any Such Letters Were in Papers Left by Mr. Davis—Judge Ould Original Authority.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., November 10.—"I never told Major Derosset that in the Memorial Hall here there were letters in the correspondence of Jefferson Davis from Grant, Farragut and Thomas offering their services to the Confederacy," said Colonel J. A. Chalaron, custodian of Memorial Hall, to-day.

"The letters of Jefferson Davis have never been examined. They were placed in the Memorial Hall by Mrs. Davis herself, and are in a sealed package. No one knows what is in them. Mrs. Davis requested that the correspondence be not opened until two years after her death. It remains with Mrs. Hayes, the daughter of President Davis, as to whether her father's letters shall be opened before the stipulated time."

APPLIED TO MR. DAVIS

Captain Derosset Gives Judge Ould as His Original Authority.

BALTIMORE, November 10.—An article in the Confederate Veteran, the official organ of the Confederate Veterans, in which the writer says that General Grant, Admiral Farragut and General George H. Thomas applied to President Jefferson Davis for commissions in the Confederate service, is attracting wide interest and has been exhaustively discussed at the meetings of the camp.

The author of the article is Captain A. L. Derosset, of Wilmington, N. C. He quoted as his original authority Judge Robert Ould, of Richmond, Va., who was the commissioner of exchange of prisoners on the part of the Confederate States.

Letters in State Museum.

Captain Derosset says that Colonel Chalaron, who is the custodian of the Louisiana Historical Association and has charge of the State Museum, has in his possession the letters which he said General Grant, Admiral Farragut and General Thomas wrote to Mr. Davis. After the reference to the effort to exchange prisoners, which General Grant refused, Captain Derosset continues:

"General Grant at that period of the war was not as well known as afterward, and I was asked by Judge Ould if I had ever heard of the life history of General Grant. Replying that I had not, the judge, who was apparently in a reminiscent mood, said that during the Mexican War, General Grant was promoted for gallantry during action and became a captain of artillery."

Mr. Pierce was elected President of the United States in 1852, and appointed Jefferson Davis his Secretary of War. Later, at the suggestion of Mr. Davis, the then Captain Grant resigned from the United States Army and lived afterward in Illinois.

Upon the secession of the Southern States, in January, 1861, Captain Grant applied to the Governor of Illinois for a commission to raise a regiment to serve in the United States Army, war then being the talk.

His request for a commission was ignored at that time, and later, Mr. Jefferson Davis, having been inaugurated Provisional President of the Confederate States, at Montgomery, Ala., on January 18, 1861, he wrote asking for a commission in the Confederate army.

Story Finds Supoprt.

"While in New Orleans some time ago," the article continues, "I mentioned the incident to Colonel Chalaron. He told me my information was correct, and that he had in his possession the original letter from Captain Grant, late of the United States Army, to Mr. Davis, making the request, but that, in accordance with the terms of Mr. Davis's will, the correspondence could not be published until two years after the death of Mrs. Davis.

"Further, the colonel told me that he had also letters to Mr. Davis from Admiral Farragut and from General George H. Thomas, each applying for commissions in the Confederate service. I have been told that the wife of each dissauded him from his purpose of resigning from the Federal service."

CARMEN STABBED ON STAGE

Mme. Bressler-Gianoli Severely Hurt by Mr. Dalmore's Dagger.

NEW YORK, November 10.—There was stage realism with a vengeance at the "Carmen" matinee in the Manhattan Opera House yesterday when Mme. Bressler-Gianoli's right arm was badly gashed by Mr. Dalmore's dagger a few second before the fall of the final curtain.

Don Jose, jilted by a cigarette girl and mad with rage, made a lunge at Carmen. It was a fine piece of acting. Mme. Bressler-Gianoli turned to flee, but Mr. Dalmore was too close and his dagger caught her right arm above the wrist and made a long and deep cut in the flesh.

Mme. Bressler-Gianoli fell to the stage in a swoon and the tenor rushed to her assistance. Many in the audience also saw that the singer had been injured, and Mrs. Ben Ali Haggin, a friend of the prima donna, who occupied one of the proscenium boxes, made her way to the stage and assisted in restoring her to consciousness.

It will be several days before she will sing again.

LIGHT HORSE HARRY LEE'S GRANDNIECE PASSES AWAY

MINDEN, LA., November 10.—Mrs. M. F. Tompkins, seventy years old, grandniece of "Light Horse" Harry Lee, of Virginia, and mother of Lieutenant-Commander John P. Tompkins, of the battleship West Virginia, died to-day. She was closely related to the Pinckneys, of South Carolina.

Lieutenant Tompkins, who recently returned from the Philippines and visited his mother, is now at San Francisco.

Snow in the Northwest.

MARQUETTE, MICH., November 10.—Six inches of snow fell to-day, and it is still snowing to-night. A heavy gale is blowing on the lake.

SWALLOWED TEETH IN FRIGHT

Slavin Slipped as Blast Went off and Down They Went.

NEW YORK, November 10.—John Slavin, thirty-seven years old, is in St. John's Hospital recovering from a surgical operation performed to remove false teeth he had accidentally swallowed. Slavin is employed in the Pennsylvania Railroad tunnel, and while at work last Thursday he stumbled just as a blast was fired.

The double shock dislodged from his lower jaw a plate to which three double teeth were attached, and it slipped down Slavin's throat in a twinkling. Slavin could not dislodge the plate, although he tried to force it down with water and crusts of bread. It obstructed his throat so that he could not take solid food and had to live on milk punches and beef tea.

It was found that the incision in the throat would have to be made so close to the juglar vein that the greatest care was necessary. It took only an instant after that to remove the plate, as it was not a very large one. It was said at the hospital last night that in a day or two Slavin would be able to enjoy a juicy steak.

SPECIAL RIGHTS FOR CREOLES

Plea Set Up for them, But Court Refuses to Recognize the Distinction.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., November 10.—An attempt to have Louisiana creoles placed in a class so distinct from other American citizens that they would have different jury rights failed yesterday in the Supreme Court. The record of the case was made public to-day.

T. M. Laborde, whose counsel said he was a creole, in appealing a forgery charge, maintained that the jury should have been composed either entirely or largely of creoles. His counsel asserted that although Laborde lived in a parish where 95 per cent. of the population was creole, nearly all the jurors were Americans. Creoles were defined as descendants of French and Spanish ancestry, particularly French. They were said to hold more tenaciously to the racial characteristic and traditions of their ancestors than persons of other descent in this country.

The court did not recognize this distinction.

FALLS TO HIS DEATH

Asheville Painter Tumbles Over Embankment and Is Killed.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

ASHEVILLE, N. C., November 10.—While in an intoxicated condition, John Blair, a painter, last night fell over a fourteen-foot embankment in the rear of Sawyer's garage, fracturing his skull. Death resulted almost instantly.

Blair, with two companions, all more or less under the influence of liquor, left a bowling alley last night and wandered down an alley between Lexington Avenue and Church. Finding the alley obstructed they turned off to the rear of the garage, where in the darkness Blair plunged over into an excavation some six feet wide and about fourteen feet deep, which had been dug preparatory to building a stone wall. His companions being unable to ascertain the extent of Blair's injuries, hastened for assistance, and a police officer was quickly on the scene, but upon examination life was found to be extinct, the man having fallen on his head with sufficient force to crush in the front of his skull.

ANNA GOULD NOT MARRIED

Report That She Has Wedded Prince de Sagan Not Credited.

PARIS, November 10.—There is every reason to believe that the report to the effect that Mme. Anna Gould, who was recently divorced from Count Boni Castellane, has been married to Prince de Sagan is untrue. A representative of the Associated Press went to-day to St. Cheron, where the Chateau du Marais, Mme. Gould's country home, is situated. He was told that she was ill and could see no one.

Mme. Gould has been entertaining at the chateau for some weeks past, and on last Friday she gave a hunt to a large party. The Prince de Sagan has been a constant visitor at the chateau, usually calling there about every ten days.

FRANCE YIELDS ON TARIFF

Duty on American Imports Will Not Be Increased Yet.

WASHINGTON, D. C., November 10.—France has consented to extend the present tariff rate period, pending negotiations, and it is presumed by those in authority here that similar action will be taken with respect to cotton seed oil and other classes of merchandise as to which efforts have been made to increase the duty.

It is agreed here by those in touch with the situation that France will accord the most liberal treatment to the United States, particularly in view of the very generous attitude taken by the German government in the negotiation of its agreement.

FATAL STAB GIVEN THE BOOM FOR TAFT

Consolidation of Revenue Districts in Tennessee Blow at Candidacy.

DONE TO PLEASE TAFT OPPONENTS

Action of President Construed to Mean That He Will Either Take the Nomination Himself, or Wants It for Cortelyou.

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Washington, D. C., Nov. 10.

President Roosevelt has all the politicians guessing again as to his intentions towards a nomination for a third term. His action yesterday in consolidating the two revenue collection districts of Tennessee, and appointing a strong anti-Taft man to the collectorship, displacing two ardent supporters of Secretary Taft for the nomination, and at the same time turning down the indorsement of Representative Brownlow, of Tennessee, who has openly declared for Taft, is regarded as practically conclusive that:

1. The President wants the nomination himself, or

2. That he was not sincere when he protested to Secretary Taft that he would do all he could to help him gain the nomination.

Either is inconceivable without revising the high opinion so many people of this country who opposed the election have come to hold of him, yet one or the other must be correct.

A Blow at Taft.

The proposition to consolidate the two districts was put forward by Representative Hale, one of the two Republican members of Congress from Tennessee. Mr. Hale is opposed to the nomination of Secretary Taft, and wants Mr. Roosevelt for a third term. Newell Sanders, the Republican State chairman of Tennessee, has been here for some time urging that the consolidation be made. Mr. Sanders is violently opposed to the nomination of anybody but President Roosevelt.

Representative Brownlow, the other Republican member of the House from Tennessee, and former Republican boss of the State, has also been here, but has been opposing the consolidation with all his might.

On Saturday morning at 11 o'clock Mr. Brownlow was assured that he could rest easy, that the consolidation would not be made. This statement was made to him by Commissioner Capers on the authority of Secretary Cortelyou.

At 2 o'clock the order consolidating the two districts was issued, and R. S. Sharpe, one of the leading anti-Taft men in Tennessee, was appointed to the collectorship.

Kills the Taft Boom.

The underhand method employed in making the change, and the evident insincerity of the administration in professing to favor the nomination of Mr. Taft, indicate a degree of duplicity and double-dealing such as shocks the newspaper men well used to all phases of the game as played here in Washington. It is well-night inconceivable that public men, occupying positions as high as that of the presidency and the head of the financial department of a great government could stoop to politics of this order. Secretary Cortelyou said himself he told the President there was too much politics in the proposition for him to have a hand in it.

The action of the President uncovers him completely. Either he wants the nomination, or he wants to nominate Cortelyou. He does not want to nominate Secretary Taft. It has leaked out that Secretary Taft went to the Philippines only under protest. The President assured him his interests would be well taken care of in his absence. The manner in which those interests have been protected is apparent. The Taft boom has been breathing with difficulty for a month. It was killed absolutely by the action of the President yesterday. Taft was sent abroad in order that the act might be performed with as little embarrassment as possible.

PAINT MORE IN DEMAND

Such a Signal by Sir Percy Scott May Force Him to Resign.

LONDON, November 10.—An extraordinary incident has come to light in connection with the visit of Emperor William. It is related that at the conclusion of the recent maneuvres the channel fleet and the first cruiser squadron were ordered by the admiralty to repaint, etc., in honor of the German Emperor. Upon receipt of this order Sir Percy Scott, commander of the cruiser squadron, gave the following signal to two of his vessels:

"Paint work appears to be more in demand than gunnery, so you had better come in in time to look pretty by the 8th instant."

Admiral Lord Charles Beresford, in a general order to the fleet repeating the instructions to repain, refers to the signal sent out by Sir Percy Scott as "contemptuous in tone and insurbordinate in character," and orders Sir Percy to have it stricken from the signal logs.

Sir Percy Scott and the members of his staff were summoned aboard Admiral Beresford's flagship last Friday and the admiral's reprimand was read to them.

The affair has created consternation in the fleet, and there is a probability that it will lead to the resignation of Sir Percy.

IMPERIAL YACHT DELAYED BY VERY HEAVY FOG

LONDON, November 10.—The German imperial yacht Hohenzollern, which is bringing Emperor William and his party to visit England and which was expected to enter Sandown Bay, Isle of Wight, to-night, has been greatly delayed by a heavy fog, and has been obliged to anchor, with the cruisers escorting her, off Selsey Bill for the night.

KILLS MAN WHO WAKES HIM

Prominent Accomac Man Slain by Bohemian Whom He Arouses.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

ONANCOCK, VA., November 10.—Mr. Charles T. Chase, proprietor of the large canning factory at Rue's Wharf, near Bell Haven, was killed by P. Gehardt, a Bohemian in his employ.

The case is a very sad one. Mr. Chase found the man lying on the ground in his yard about 8:30 at night, and attempted to arouse him. Getting up Gehardt rushed on Mr. Chase with his knife open, and struck him under the knee, severing the main artery, from which Mr. Chase bled to death before medical aid could be had. Mr. Chase was greatly respected, and was one of the most useful men in the community. Gehardt has been arrested, and is in the county jail. He claims to know nothing of the murder. On his person and in his quarters currency and bank deposits for about $1,000 were found.

The body of Mr. Chase was taken to Baltimore for interment.

WON'T DEFEND LIQUOR MEN

Members of Accomac Bar Not Willing to Appear for Them.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

ONANCOCK, VA., November 10.—The regular term of Accomac court adjourned last night, after transacting a large amount of business. During the week fines amounting to $1,700 were imposed for alleged violations of the local option law. None of the parties charged was represented by counsel, and it is said that no member of the Accomac bar can be now employed to defend one against whom this charge is made. Twenty-five years ago the hotels, restaurants and every merchant in the county, with possibly five exceptions, sold liquor. The contrast between now and then would certainly seem to represent a marked change in public sentiment.

PROMINENT MAN MURDERED

Mutilated Body Found and Evidences of a Desperate Struggle.

JOHNSTOWN, PA., November 10. Badly mutilated and bearing marks showing that he had been shot repeatedly and terribly beaten, the body of William Cline, a prominent citizen of Bolivar, Pa., near here, was found today in a field a short distance from that town. The earth was torn up over a space of a quarter of an acre around the body, indicating that Cline had made a hard struggle for his life.

The motive for the crime is thought to have been robbery, as Cline had on his person a large sum of money. This money was missing when the body was found.

PANIC MONEY CAUSES RIOT

Italian Raise Rough House When Barkeeper Turns Down Script.

STEUBENVILLE, O., November 10.—As the result of the alleged refusal of a saloon-keeper to cash clearing house certificates presented by foreigners employed at the Carnegie Steel Company's plant at Mingo Junction, near here, yesterday, the foreigners started a riot in which George Vishini, the bartender, in self-defense, is said to have shot and fatally wounded two of the men. The saloon was wrecked by the riot.

TWO THOUSAND HOMELESS

Chilean Port Visited By Great Fire and Much Suffering Results.

IQUIQUE, CHILE, November 10.—This port has been visited by a fire, the biggest since 1882, which has entailed losses amounting to over $1,000,000. It broke out yesterday and seven and a half blocks were burned over before it was under control. The property destroyed was mostly dwellings of the poor, and no less than 2,000 people are homeless. The fire was about one mile distant from the commercial quarter of the city. The nitrate stores are safe.

SHOOTS THE NEGRO DOWN

Laborer Advances on Clerk; He Seizes Gun and Kills Him.

REIDSVILLE, GA., November 10.—William M. Newbern, bookkeeper for a naval stores company, yesterday shot and killed Ed. Fisher, a negro laborer. A dispute over an account arose, and Fisher advanced on Newbern with an open knife. Newbern seized a shotgun and fired at Fisher. Fisher attempted to reach his own gun when Newbern fired a second time, killing the negro instantly.

REV. FATHER TIERNEY NAMED TO SUCCEED FATHER BRADY

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

NORFOLK, VA., November 10.—Rev. A. M. Tierney, now stationed at Falls Church, near Alexandria, Va., has been appointed by Bishop Van De Vyver rector of St. Paul's Catholic Church, Portsmouth, succeeding Rev. Thomas J. Brady, whose death occurred last week.

Father Tierney has had charge of several mission churches in Virginia and was for some time stationed at the cathedral in Richmond. The male members of St. Paul's decided to-day to erect a handsome monument to the memory of Father Brady.

GRIEVING FOR WIFE, PLUNGES TO DEATH

Former Officer in Italian Army Commits Suicide in the Tombs.

BROTHER THOUGHT HE WAS INSANE

Complaining of Misfortune and of Friends, the Man, Confined in Prison, Jumps from Guard-Rail as Prisoners Go for Exercise and Ends Life.

NEW YORK, November 10.—Giovani de Chicasi, who says he was compelled to choose between love and duty, and who was a lieutenant in the Italian army, committed suicide in the Tombs to-day.

His imprisonment had been brought about by his brother, Lugui, a banker of this city. The latter believed Giovani insane. According to the police records he fell in love in Italy, and unable as an army officer to support his wife as he wished, deserted and sought his fortune as a cowboy in the American West. The venture was not a success, and finally leaving his wife in their new home, he came to New York to get a fresh start. Again unsuccessful and penniless he asked financial aid of his brother. The meeting of the brothers was not amicable, and at a second interview Giovani was alleged to have peremptorily demanded first $1,000, and then $2,000 from the banker. He exhibited a revolver, and it was charged, threatened his brother's life.

The banker wished to have Giovani detained as insane, but the court would not entertain this charge, and the former soldier was held for trial on a charge of carrying concealed weapons. In the Tombs Giovani became despondent, complained bitterly of former friends and constantly grieved for his girl wife he left alone in the West.

When the doors were opened to permit the prisoners to go to the yard for their daily exercise to-day Giovani, who occupied a cell on the third tier, stepped quickly out upon the balcony and then sprang upon the guard rail. He plunged headforemost to the stone flagging twenty-five feet below. Several hundred prison companions witnessed his death.

MUSIC TEACHER ENDS LIFE

'Phones to Friend, Puts Key in Letter-Box and Inhales Gas.

NEW YORK, November 10.—Mrs. Julia Wyman, aged fifty years, a music teacher, who came here last week from Philadelphia, committed suicide by inhaling illuminating gas at the home of her daughter, Miss Carrie Wyman, here last night.

Miss Wyman was out of town at the time. The body was found by Mr. Dean, a friend of the family, who last evening was called to the telephone and told by Mrs. Wyman that she was about to kill herself. The key to her apartments, she added, would be found in her letter-box.

Mrs. Wyman is said to have formerly been a member of an opera company. Her husband is understood to be a wealthy coal dealer of Chicago.

SHOOTS BOY; KILLS SELF

Butler Seriously Wounds Son of Employer and Ends His Own Life.

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., November 10.—John Bjorlin, butler at the Hillair farm, the country home of Paul G. Thebaud, the New York commission merchant, killed himself to-day after he had shot and dangerously wounded his employer's eldest son, Paul G., Jr. The latter, who alone, can explain the shooting, was unconscious to-night.

The family was aroused at daybreak by two revolver shots. Young Thebaud was found senseless in bed. A bullet struck his skull, and though deflected, had fractured and depressed the bone. The butler stretched upon the floor was dead with a bullet in his brain. It is believed that Thebaud will recover. Bjorlin was thirty-five years old, and had been in the family several years.

Earthquake Near Barcelona.

BARCELONA, November 10.—An earthquake to-day caused a serious landslide close to the village of Valcombre, the population of which fled.

LUCK AND PLUCK SAVE

Members of Canoe Club Saved After Thrilling Experience.

PATERSON, N. J., November 10.—Some luck and a lot of pluck saved the lives of two members of the Passaic Valley Canoe Club, who were caught just above the dreaded "little falls" in the Passaic River early today.

George Wright and James Ranken were paddling up stream when their canoe was upset. They clung to the craft for a time, but were unable to right it, and were carried rapidly down stream. Two hundred yards above the falls is Laurel Island. As the current bore them near this patch of land they released their hold on the canoe and Wright seized an overhanging twig. Ranken grabbed hold of the other's leg. Thus they clung when in answer to their cries a boat shot out from the shore, approached within a few yards and was caught in the current. Its occupants gave up the rescue and struggled back to shore. A second boat made a similar attempt and failed. Then George Curtis and Walter Livingston put out in a strong boat, and, after a desperate fight, reached the helpless men and managed to pull them aboard.

POPE SHOWS SOLICITUDE

First Inquiry After Minister of King Since Church's Fall From Power.

ROME, November 10.—Emanuele Gianturco, the Italian Minister of Public Works, died here to-day from cancer. He was born in 1857. The Pope inquired daily concerning the condition of Signor Gianturco during his illness, and yesterday the Holy Father sent the dying man his benediction.

These inquiries were the first example of solicitude from the papacy toward a minister of the King since the fall of the church from temporal power.

THREE ARE BADLY BURNED

Invalid and His Wife Found in Burning Building in Serious Condition.

COLUMBUS, O., November 10.—Three persons were badly burned, one probably fatally, and a number of others had narrow escapes from the upper floors of a building in East Main Street, which was damaged by fire early to-day.

Edward Brown, an invalid and his wife were found unconscious in their room on the third floor, both severely burned. The latter is not expected to recover. Miss Annette Braudt was seriously burned. The property loss is about $10,000.

SERIOUS FLOODS IN ITALY

Railroads Washed Up, Houses Destroyed, and Human Lives Lost.

ROME, November 10.—The rainstorms and floods throughout Italy continue. Railroad tracks are being carried away in several places, and reports are being received of the destruction of houses and the drowning of cattle. Several human lives also have been lost.

SCARLET FEVER IN LONDON

Disease Epidemic and Hospitals Have Great Number of Patients.

LONDON, November 10.—There is considerable of an epidemic of scarlet fever in London now, and the fever hospitals have more [illegible] this disease than they have had for thirty years. There are thirteen fever hospitals in London now, and in these there are more than 6,000 patients. In fact, the epidemic is throwing a considerable strain on the resources and on the staff of the Metropolitan Asylums Board.

MIKE MORA ARRESTED

Confessed to Stealing $150 From His Uncle, Restaurant Keeper.

Mike Mora, nephew of R. Francione, has been arrested, charged with stealing $150 from the cash registers in the saloon and the desk drawers in the office of the restaurant conducted by Mr. Francione at No. 114 East Broad Street. Mora was arrested by Officer Wiley, to whom he confessed stealing the money. Some of the money was recovered, but most of it had been spent or hidden.

ACCIDENTS IN GERMANY

They Have Been Many Since Publication of Statistics.

BERLIN, November 10.—Since the publication of the last statistics of the railway accidents in Germany, which show that four persons were killed in the United States to one in Germany, there has not been a week without some serious accident in the empire section.

DELEGATES TO CONVENTION FILL PULPITS IN NASHVILLE.

NASHVILLE, TENN., November 10.—Nashville pulpits to-day were generally filled by delegates to the National Women's Christian Temperance Union Convention. The convention sermon was preached at the Ryman Auditorium this afternoon by Miss Elizabeth W. Greenwood, of New York, national evangelistic superintendent.

General A. S. Daggett, United States Army, to-night spoke at the Auditorium against restoration of the army canteen.

SEARCH IN VAIN FOR GIRL'S ASSAILANT

Hundreds of People Scour Church Hill, but Discover No Clue.

POLICE WROUGHT UP OVER AFFAIR

Chief Will Likely Ask Governor and Mayor to Offer Reward, in Hope of Discovering Some Trace of the Miscreant.

In the eastern part of the city yesterday feeling ran high over the fiendish assault committed early Saturday night on Miss Mamie Conners, of No. 519 North Thirty-first Street, and people generally were incensed and indignant that women may not go in safety even a few blocks from their homes. Two assaults within a week of each other have been committed, without reference to those attempted in other parts of the city, and in each instance the assailant has made good his escape, although the police have exerted and are exerting every effort to run the culprits to earth.

Three Arrests Made.

Three arrests were made in the Conners case yesterday by Officers Wiley and Folkes. Two of the negroes were examined thoroughly, and when it was found that not the slightest suspicion could be attached to them they were liberated.

The third, William Davis, who has served a term of ten years in the penitentiary for attempted criminal assault on a girl named Gebhardt, was locked up in the First Police Station, and is being held pending further investigation.

When arrested he said: "Did I steal anything last night?" On receiving a negative reply, he said: "Well, I didn't kill anybody, did I?"

"Were you drunk last night?" asked one of the officers.

The prisoner answered that he had been drunk Saturday night.

Terrible Experience.

Miss Conners is said by her physician, Dr. Taliaferro, to be recovering from the effects of her terrible experience as rapidly as possible under the circumstances. She is still in a very nervous state, and shudders at the very mention of the assault.

It seems remarkable that the assault should have been committed in the rear of one house and near the side of another, both occupied, and that no one should have heeded the sounds of her struggle.

The attack was made in the alley which connects Thirty-First and Thirty-Second Streets between Marshall and Clay, running on the south side of the residence of Wyatt C. McGehee. Mrs. McGehee heard a faint noise outside, but thought it was her husband coming in by the rear gate. Just as Miss Conners lost consciousness she raised her eyes to the window in the rear of the house on the corner and saw a man fold his arms and come to look out of the window. She tried to scream, but her assailant throttled her. She grasped hold of the man's sleeve, still struggling, and after he had struck her, managed to get to her feet again.

Walked to Her Home.

Crying for pity, she was felled a second time, and when she recovered consciousness she was alone in the dark. Then she walked the distance to her home, nearly two squares, without being seen by any one.

She went into the house, leaving blood marks all over the gate and on the doorsteps, and said: "Some one dragged me into an alley and tried to kill me!" She was still dazed, but she has not lost consciousness since. The young woman is unable to give any description of her assailant, and here is where the police are the most seriously hampered in their operations. She thinks that the man wore an overall jacket, for this idea came into her mind when she grasped him by the sleeve. More than this she cannot say, as her recollections of what happened even during her moments of consciousness are still hazy and undefined.

No one was allowed to see Miss Conners yesterday, and even the police forbore to intrude upon her. The wound over her right eyebrow, inflicted by the four-foot piece of steam-pipe, was sewed up, but her right eye is closed and the left side of her face in abrased. Otherwise she is not seriously injured, though the shock to her nervous system will last for some time.

Neighborhood Excited.

All day yesterday crowds visited the spot, and could the brute have been captured then his end would have been but the matter of a moment. Citizens are endeavoring in every way to aid the police, and as for the latter they have been simply camping on Church Hill. Early in the day Major Werner began an investigation, and he and Captain Tomlinson, with numerous privates and detectives, have searched for the minutest clue and examined every man, woman and child who could possibly be thought to know anything of the affair. Inspection of the premises of the Pitts store, on the corner of Thirty-second and Marshall Streets, has been made, and it is thought that the assailant got the piece of steam-pipe from the yard in the rear of the store.

Many negroes were in the store at the time Miss Conners visited the place to purchase oil and some candy for the children at home, and it is believed that she was followed out of the store by one of them. Working on this theory, it is probable that the man went up Thirty-second Street, and, running through the alley, waylaid the young lady as she passed its mouth on the Thirty-first Street side. The man was evidently large and of heavy build, for everything points to the fact that he lifted the young woman in his arms and carried her bodily further into the alley.

Police Wrought Up.

Major Werner stated last night that no stone would be left unturned to discover the assailant. The police department is wrought up to the highest

ASKS FOR FIVE MILLION FOR COAST ARTILLERY SERVICE

Extensive Improvements to Be Made at Thirty of the Principal Forts, Including Monroe, Va., and Caswell, N. C.; Others to Have Caretakers.

WASHINGTON, D. C., November 10.—The annual report of Secretary Taft to be submitted to Congress at its convening in December will contain estimates aggregating $5,525,920 for construction and other work in the coast artillery service during the fiscal year 1909. This construction work is to provide in part for shelter for the coast artillery troops authorized by the act of January last, when the service received an increase of forty-four companies, with a corresponding number of officers.

In accordance with the decision of Secretary Taft last November a concentration scheme is being worked out in the coast artillery service by which some of the seventy-eight separate forts where modern coast defenses are installed or in process of installation are to be completely manned and the remainder placed in the hands of caretakers. Thirty-two of the principal forts were selected as main posts, having as nearly as practicable garrisons of 100 pieces of a full manning detail, the remaining forts to be left to such caretaking detachments as are necessary for the proper care and preservation of the defenses. First, it is proposed in furtherance of the concentration scheme to construct at the main posts the necessary barracks and quarters for accommodating the increment to the coast artillery, and to follow this with the construction at these main posts of the barracks and quarters necessary for the accommodation of the troops now at the subposts. The posts at which work is to be done, and for which appropriations will be asked, include the following, the amounts asked for being in round numbers: Caswell, N. C., $109,000; Dade, Fla., $106,000; Monroe, Va., $211,000; Morgan, Ala., $181,000; Screven, Ga., $113,000; Taylor, Fla., $306,000.

JUSTICE M'COMAS IS DEAD

Associate Justice of District Court of Appeals Passes Away.

WASHINGTON, D. C., November 10.—Louis Emory McComas, associate justice of the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia, former United States Senator and for four terms Congressman from Maryland, died at his home in this city to-day. His death was due to heart failure. He was born in Washington county, Md., in 1846, and the funeral will take place at Hagerstown, his former home, on Tuesday, November 19th.

STRIKE ON COLOR

White Women Refuse to Work in a Factory With Negro Women.

INDIANAPOLIS, November 10.—Sixteen white women and girls employed by an overall manufacturer went on strike yesterday because the firm employed colored women. The white women notified the manager that they would not work in the same room with colored women. The manager refused to discharge the negroes and the white women left.

BAILEY AND WREN COOLING HEELS AT SCOTLAND YARD

Court Examining Extradition Papers, But Will Probably Pass on Case To-Morrow---Concern Felt Here Dissipated by London Dispatch.

LONDON, November 10.—William Arthur Newman, alias Robert Lewis, alias Charles Miller, who was arrested here in September at the request of the Virginia authorities, who are seeking his extradition on the charge of grand larceny and felonious assault, has been remanded from week to week pending the arrival of papers from the United States.

A detective arrived here from Richmond last week and appeared in the Bow Street Police Court on Friday and presented the request of the State Department for Lewis's extradition. The case was further remanded until November 12th, in order to give the judge time to go over the papers. These the clerk of the court said did not quite fulfil the requirements, as Lewis has declared his willingness to return to America.

It is expected, however, that the extradition will be ordered on the 12th. Under the English law Lewis must remain here for a fortnight after the order is signed, in order to give him time to apply for a writ of habeas corpus should he desire to do so.

Lewis was arrested in New York last February on a charge of robbing the Pennsylvania Railroad Company of thousands of dollars' worth of baggage. While at police headquarters in New York he attacked a doorman and succeeded in escaping from the building. He got as far as London, where he was arrested on information cabled from this side.

Some concern was felt in Richmond at the silence maintained by Detectives Wren and Bailey since their departure for London nearly two weeks ago. Miller being known to be a man of resource, it was feared by some that he might have managed, after all, to elude his captors or to have effected his release from Scotland Yard before the arrival of the Richmond officers. It was stated in police circles that no apprehension was felt as to their welfare or their success, but some anxiety was expressed in other quarters, where Miller's arrival in Virginia is just as sincerely desired as by the police.

No word, either by cable or by letter, has been received from either of the officers, and the Associated Press dispatch received in response to an inquiry from The Times-Dispatch is the first news of the officers since their departure for "dear ol' Lunnon."

FATAL DUEL OVER BET

William Hopkins Instantly Killed and Frank Foley Fatally Wounded.

FERNALDA, KY., November 10.—As the result of a quarrel over an election bet, William Hopkins, son of Rev. Thomas Hopkins, and Frank Foley fought a duel to-day. Hopkins was instantly killed and Foley is fatally wounded.