

ATTEMPT FORCE A YOUNG GIRL INTO MARRIAGE

Arrest Was Dramatic South Norfolk Romance Had a Stormy Time When One Suitor Appeared as Protector Against Another's Threats.

ROMANCE IN THE CASE

Norfolk, Dec. 15.—James Mason, a sawyer residing in South Norfolk, was arrested last night by Police Detective Stevenson and is being held at Central police station for the Norfolk county authorities upon the charge of swearing falsely to obtain a marriage license.

Detective Stevenson was informed last night that the warrant of arrest would be taken out this morning and that a constable from South Norfolk would immediately come over after the man now being held. J. E. Wallace, of Seaboard avenue, South Norfolk, is the complainant, and he has sought the services of Attorney Geo. Martijn, of Berkeley, to prosecute young Mason.

Arrest Was Dramatic

The arrest of Mason in Norfolk bordered on the dramatic. Early last night Detective Stevenson was summoned to the store of the Arco Clothing Company, on Main street, and he there found Mason, Thomas Haskett, aged 17 years, of South Norfolk, and Miss Emma Wallace. Mr. Haskett explained to the officer that he was the friend and protector of Miss Wallace, and he requested that Mason be taken in charge saying that Mason had secured a marriage license for himself and Miss Wallace, telling the clerk of the Norfolk county court that she was 22 years of age, when in fact she is not yet 15 years old.

Romance in the Case

There is a lot of romance in the way young Haskett came to be mixed up in the case. He has been a suitor of Miss Wallace's hand, but on account of the girl's youth her parents had frowned upon any matrimonial advances and had forbidden the young man to come to the house. Mason boarded at the house of Percy Giles, Park avenue, South Norfolk, and yesterday he confided to Mrs. Giles that he had secured a license and was going to marry Miss Wallace. Mrs. Giles lost no time in conveying the news to Mrs. Wallace, the girl's mother, and Mrs. Wallace began to put a stop to any such marriage occurring. Her husband was at work at Money Point, and she could not reach him, so she thought of young Haskett and his love for her daughter.

Hackett Determined

It did not take her long to get in touch with him at the drug store of G. A. Thompson, where he is employed, and he was soon on his way to Norfolk determined to keep Mason from winning the girl. He at once went to Woolworth's 5 and 10 Cent Store, where Miss Wallace is employed and found her there at work. He stayed on the scene until the store closed, and as he walked out on the street with Miss Wallace, Mason appeared and demanded that the girl come with him, displaying the marriage license and expressing his determination of having the ceremony performed at once.

She Gets License While Rivals Fight

Hackett interposed some strong objection to any such procedure, and in less time than it takes to tell of it, the two men had come to blows. In the scuffling Mason dropped the marriage license, and Miss Wallace, who had been a terrified spectator, grabbed it from the street. The fight lasted but a few seconds and then a very heated argument began, the three walking together down Main street. When they reached the Arco Hackett persuaded Miss Wallace to enter that store to get away from the curious crowd, and then he telephoned for the police. Mason's arrest followed, and when the policemen took the saw filer to headquarters Miss Wallace was hurried to the home of a friend in Norfolk by Haskett, where she spent the night, being afraid to go home and face her parents after the excitement she had been through.

Miss Wallace Denies Consent

Miss Wallace declares that she has never given her promise to marry Mason, although he has been persistent in his suit and has made threats against her.

Her father last night swore out a warrant against Mason, which will be brought to Norfolk by the South Norfolk police this morning.

The records in the clerk's office in Portsmouth show that Mason secured the license to wed Miss Wallace yesterday, the statement being made at the time that the wedding would take place in Berkeley last night.

WILL SUCCEED SEC'Y WILSON IN CABINET

Thompson Successor Ambition of Present Secretary to Round Out Cabinet Term Longer Than Any American Has Been Achieved

HE IS ANXIOUS TO RETIRE

Washington, D. C., Dec. 14.—According to present plans, Secretary James Wilson, of the Department of Agriculture, is to retire about January 1, and is to be succeeded by William O. Thompson, president of the Ohio State University.

Secretary Wilson's ambition to round out a cabinet term longer than of any other American was achieved on November 20 last, when he placed the record of Albert Gallatin, Secretary of the Treasury in the two Jefferson and two Madison administrations. Gallatin's term ran from May 14, 1801, to February 9, 1814, making twelve years, eight months and 26 days. Secretary Wilson was appointed by President McKinley March 4, 1897, and on January 1 next, he will have served twelve years, nine months and 27 days.

President Roosevelt told some of his friends, just before March 4 last, that he had made only one request of President-elect Taft. That was that he should reappoint Secretary Wilson and retain him until he could round out the longest cabinet term in American history.

Request Granted Readily. This request met with the cordial approval of President-elect Taft, and if Secretary Wilson were willing to remain, longer it would be entirely agreeable to the President. It is understood, however, that Mr. Wilson is now not only ready but anxious to retire.

William O. Thompson, his successor, is a native of Ohio, born at Cambridge, November 5, 1855, the son of David Glenn and Oley Thompson. He was graduated from Muskingum College in 1878, and from the Western Theological Seminary, at Allegheny City, Pa., in 1882, when he was ordained to the Presbyterian ministry. He preached in Iowa, became president of Longmont College, Colorado, and served as president of Miami University, at Oxford, Ohio, from 1891 to 1899. He was made president of the Ohio University at Columbus, in 1899. Mr. Thompson received the degree of LL. D. from the University of Pennsylvania in 1897.

WORSTED MAN FRIDAY NIGHT

Given by Local Talent for Benefit of M. E. Church Organ Fund.

Next Friday evening, at the public school auditorium, "The Worsted Man" will be presented by local talent for the benefit of the Methodist church organ fund. The price of admission will be: Reserved seats, 50 cents; general admission, 25 cents; children, 10 cents. Some of Washington's best local talent compose the cast, and all who attend will be given a first-class performance in every detail. No town in the State has more histrionic talent than Washington. It will be seen Friday night. Hear the sweet solos, the laughable dialogues, etc. It will pay all to attend and, then, it is for a cause most worthy, deserving of a generous patronage. See advertisement on Second page.

PENSION WARRANTS RECEIVED.

The Clerk of the Superior court, Mr. George Paul, has received from the State officials in Raleigh, the pension warrants for the ex-Confederate soldiers. Those entitled to receive them can do so now from the clerk.

MEETS THURSDAY.

The Woman's Betterment Association will meet in the public school auditorium tomorrow (Thursday) afternoon, at 4 o'clock. All the members are urged to be present as business is to be transacted.

Station Mason begged Detective Stevenson to let him go free, pleading that "he would not give those folks any more trouble."

ANOTHER ATTEMPT UPON YOUNG LADY

Other Girls Attacked Burglar Discovered in Room of Young Lady—Another Attempt Made on Miss Eunice Loring, of Charlotte.

HAS REMARKABLE NERVE

Charlotte, Dec. 13.—Following the attack made Saturday night upon Miss Rosa Lee Diskin on South Church street, another attempt of the same character was made yesterday on the same young lady. Owing to the fact that these occurrences have been in the same vicinity and that the descriptions invariably given by those attacked are so nearly identical, the police are inclined to believe that the same negro made both of the brutal attempts.

Miss Eunice Lawing, who lives on South Church street two or three blocks from Trade, was attacked last night about 6 o'clock by an unknown negro just as she reached Third street intersection. The negro laid his hands upon her just as she emerged under the electric lamp, but her screams frightened him and he darted across the vacant lot on the left of the thoroughfare. The cries of the young girl attracted attention and the street at that moment was well filled with pedestrians, but every search failed to reveal any fact as to the identity of the assailant or as to his whereabouts.

With the exception of being severely frightened, Miss Lawing was not harmed in any way. She became exceedingly nervous after the dastardly occurrence, but soon became quieted and was all right a little while afterward.

Miss Lawing discovered the negro walking behind her nearly all the way from Trade street after she turned down Church. She thought little of his conduct, however, until she made an effort to pass him when she reached Third street. He then laid hands on her.

In the semi-darkness of yesterday morning early one of the young ladies who is employed at the local telephone exchange was given a considerable scare by a negro who followed her several blocks as she made her way to the telephone building on East Third street. The negro followed her several blocks, but kept on the opposite side of the street from her until she nearly reached the building when he crossed over and approached the door, just as she did. When the young lady made an effort to enter the door, the negro grabbed her hands. It so happened that a young man also employed at the building was coming down the stairs just at that time and the negro was frightened away.

Whether the fiend who is making these assaults is after money or has another purpose in view is a question which the police have not been able to solve. It is believed, however, that the man is insane from the use of some drug, cocaine, perhaps, to which such a large proportion of negroes is becoming addicted, and that in the irrational moments following a strong whiff of this drug, he has been induced to commit some crime. It is generally believed that it is the same negro who is responsible for all these alarms and from the descriptions given, it is expected that he will be caught unless he leaves the city.

Experience With Burglar.

Miss Rosa Meyers, who lives with her father, Mr. J. H. Meyers, on East Oak street, had a thrilling experience at an early hour Sunday morning when she awoke and found a burglar in her room. She was awakened by feeling a cold draught of air coming in the window which she had closed and when she opened her eyes, she plainly saw the form of a man crouching over her bed. The burglar commanded her not to speak but, displaying a rare courage and presence of mind, she leaped from her bed and seized a lamp on the table, flinging it violently at the intruder. The lamp was completely shattered over his head just as he was endeavoring to escape.

The young girl then awakened her father who was in another part of the house at the time. The burglar was discovered that the burglar had taken a watch, and a purse containing \$3. Miss Meyers was informed later in the afternoon by telephone from her home that the purse had been returned by an old negro who claimed to find it in a trash barrel near a warehouse.

SHE CHARGED HER HUSBAND WITH MURDER

She Dies of Wounds Officers Have a Theory That Two or Possibly Three Were Engaged in Commission of the Crime and Hunter One of Them.

EVIDENCE AGAINST HIM

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 14.—Developments tonight in the aftermath of the triple murder of last Friday afternoon gave birth to the startling theory that not a single murderer but two or possibly three were engaged in the commission of the terrible crimes. County officers tonight declare that of these J. C. Hunter, husband of Mrs. Maggie Hunter, whose death today added a third to the number of murdered women, is certainly one.

They declare that the chain of evidence is complete, asserting that some clothing, badly stained, apparently spattered with blood which was found late today and belongs to Hunter is the final link. This clothing if it is declared, was worn by Hunter on the day of the crimes, and a walking cane found in the house of murders is declared to have been carried by Hunter on the same day.

It was declared tonight by a physician at the Savannah hospital that the statements made during a moment of consciousness by Mrs. Hunter early today charged the crimes to her husband, and that she was being held by a negro man when the blows were struck that caused her death.

Rev. J. S. Wilder, pastor of a Baptist church, stated that Mrs. Hunter after recognizing him, declared a white man had struck the blows. Today and tonight the police officers continue their questioning of Hunter, who has been in prison since Saturday. He stoutly denies any guilt.

Mayor Tiedman tonight asked that no extra editions of the newspapers be issued carrying the developments in the case and though one paper was almost on the press, the edition was suppressed.

HAS FEVER.

The many friends of Mr. R. B. Weston will regret to learn of his illness. The ailment is that his disease is typhoid fever.

BOY RUN OVER.

Yesterday afternoon about half-past 5 o'clock on West Main street a rather serious accident happened to George, the 6-year-old boy of Mr. Ben Taylor. Miss Anna Keys, driving her pony, attempted to pass the buggy of young Sam Fowle, and the ponies began to race. Little George ran across the street just in front of Mr. Sam Fowle's residence, and the pony driven by Miss Keys knocked him down, breaking his collar bone. The child was badly shaken and frightened and refused to be taken up by Miss Keys and her companions, but let Miss Reba Dumay, who was passing in her surra, take him home, where medical aid was summoned.

It is a serious fact that fast driving is indulged in on the streets of this town by both the young and older folk, and that more accidents have not happened is rather to be wondered at. The city police should see to it that the speed limits are not exceeded, they seem to be absolutely blind to fast driving and have no regard for their duty.

THIEVES ENTER DRUG STORE.

Last night the drugstore of Dr. J. M. Lloyd and jewelry store of Robt. Mitchell, both well-known, located on Gladden street, was entered. Entrance was made by breaking a pane of glass to the front window. A box of finger rings and hat pins, several boxes of soap, bottles of cologne and hair oil, were taken. The presumption is that it was the work of boys.

THE HARBOR LINES.

Meeting Held in the Chamber of Commerce Rooms This Morning. There was a meeting held in the Chamber of Commerce rooms this morning for the purpose of considering the extension of the harbor lines of the city. Capt. Earl I. Brown, of the United States Army, was the speaker.

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THREE TRAINS NEW YORK CENTRAL IN WRECK

Three Killed Outright Two Trains, Freight and Passenger, Run Together on Siding—Accident Happened on Lake Shore Division.

PASSENGERS ARE TERRIFIED

Erie, Pa., Dec. 14.—Three persons were killed and 18 injured today on the Lakeshore division of the New York Central Railroad at Northeast, Pa., in the wreck of three trains, they—the second section of the Twentieth Limited, the New York, Chicago & Boston special and a freight. The Twentieth Century dashed into two cars of the Boston special after the latter had crashed into the freight train.

The wreck occurred just beyond the siding at Northeast. The Boston Special was being side-tracked to give the right-of-way to the limited train, but through a misunderstanding of orders, the freight train was already on the siding. The Special's last two cars did not take the siding, but were still on the main track when the Twentieth Century, speeding at the rate of 22 miles an hour, tore into them.

All those killed and injured were in the two cars of the Boston Special. By what railroad officials consider the most remarkable of chances, no one in the Twentieth Century suffered any injury worse than trifling bruises. The passengers were asleep in their berths on the Twentieth Century and were violently shaken up, but so far as could be learned none of them was hurt enough to need the services of a physician.

The passengers in the Twentieth Century suffered more from shock through fright, than through injury. There was a panic on the train until it was realized that no one was in any danger. Men and women rushed through the cars, scantily clad and many of them left their cars altogether to investigate.

Most of the injured were almost suffocated to death in the last car of the Boston Special because of the smashing of the gas tanks when the engine of the Twentieth Century rammed it. The gas filled the car and it was only through the quick and heroic work of the rescuers that many were not asphyxiated.

INSTITUTE TO GIVE SHOW

Will be Given Friday Evening at 7.30 O'Clock.

Next Friday evening, December 17, Carolina Institute, Old Ford, the following interesting and entertaining program will be rendered. The performance begins promptly at 7.30 and there will be an admission of 15 and 25 cents.

- Program. 1. Flower Girl Drill. 2. Recitation, "Sandy's Romance," Esther Hodges. 3. Piano solo, Selected, Jessie Hodges. 4. Recitation, "We Must All Search," Little boys. 5. Western quartet. 6. Piano duet, "Mitsel Katzen," Miss Burch, Edna Russ, Pearl Swanner and Jessie Hodges. 7. Song, "Rings on My Fingers," Esther Hodges, Atha Walker, Gladys Woolard and Essie Ricks. 8. Vocal duet, "Say No Mignon," Koma Holden and Pearl Swanner. 9. Piano duet, "Jingle Bells," Atha Walker and Esther Hodges. 10. Fantomime, "Rock of Ages." 11. Piano trio, "Valen," Esther, Marie and Jessie Hodges. 12. Recitation, "Bingen on the Rhine," Maude Hardison. 13. Song, "Sun Bird," Esther Hodges and Guy Swanner. 14. Song, "Take Me Up." 15. Recitation, "Wish't I Wuz a Gurl," Marie Hodges. 16. Song, "Hark to the Mandolin," Maude Hardison, Jessie Hodges, Koma Holden and Pearl Swanner. 17. Recitation, "Kris Kringle's Surprise," Llarger boys. 18. Piano duo, Miss Buch and...

19. Piano trio, "May Day," Burch, Jessie Hodges and Koma Holden. 20. Skit. 21. "Jungle Town." 22. Piano duet, "Queen of the Enchir," Jessie Hodges and Marie Burch.

SENATOR RAYNER BRANDS ZELAYA A CRIMINAL

Should Be Avenged The Senator Declares Nicaragua President is a Highwayman, Tyrant, Usurper, Assassin and is Most Despicable.

SPEAKS FOR RESOLUTION

Washington, Dec. 14.—Vigorously denouncing President Zelaya for having "murdered" Cannon and Groce, officers of the revolutionary army, Senator Rayner of Maryland today advocated the passage of his resolution authorizing the President of the United States to apprehend and try the President of Nicaragua for his crime against these two American citizens.

The private life of Zelaya, almost unspoken in its enormity, said Mr. Rayner, should be made public by the State Department in order that the people of the United States might know the kind of man Zelaya was. Mr. Rayner insisted that there was ample authority in international law for the course he advocated to bring Zelaya to the bar of justice.

In moving that the resolution be referred to the committee on foreign relations, Senator Lodge said he was glad to know that the Senator from Maryland so thoroughly approved the course taken by the administration, as he himself heartily approved it.

Senator Cullom, chairman of the committee on foreign relations, added that he would have something to say about the resolution when it was reported by his committee back to the Senate, a remark which was interpreted as meaning that he expected it to be favorably reported.

Stirring Speech.

Speaking in his resolution offered in the Senate last Friday authorizing the President of the United States to take all necessary steps to apprehend President Zelaya of Nicaragua and bring him to trial on a charge of the murder of Groce and Cannon, the two American citizens, recently executed in Nicaragua, Senator Rayner of Maryland today addressed the Senate at length. Senator Rayner's speech, stirring and denunciatory in tone and characterized by dramatic fervor, was an unsparring arraignment of President Zelaya whom he designated as one of the criminals of the age.

"What I am concerned in now," said Senator Rayner, "is not the question of the belligerent rights of the revolutionists, or in case of their success their recognition either as the de facto or the de jure government, but in the speedy apprehension and punishment of Zelaya. This demand is everything that the Secretary of State says about him, and a great deal more. If the country knew what is known in official circles in reference to his general depravity, it would regard the Secretary's communication as exceeding temperate, as it shows upon its face the restraint under which he was laboring in dealing with such a character.

Unsparring Arraignment.

"I have watched for years the revolutionary history of Central America, and am familiar with the career of a great many of the impostors and usurpers and the grotesque and motley leaders that have sprung from their chaotic institutions, but Zelaya is probably the most despicable figure that has ever risen in their midst. If he were simply a highwayman, we might identify him; if he was simply a tyrant who oppressed the people for the purpose of robbing them, we might particularize him; if he was a usurper who was only holding on to power as long as they was any money in the treasury to steal, or any further territory that he could sack for private plunder, we could assign him a proper place in the ranks of some of his predecessors, and if he was purely an assassin who rewarded murder as a legitimate profession, through which he could despoil his victims of their possessions until the time came for him to flee from the hands of retributive justice, it would be an easy task also for anyone acquainted with the political history of Nicaragua to classify him. (Things combined.)"

MR. ROSS THE WINNER

Theater Last Night. Mr. D. Clinton Ross held the winning coupon in the Gem drawing contest last night. The prize was a half-dozen Japanese cups and saucers. There will be another drawing tonight at 7.30.

TAFT NAMES A TENNESSEAN ASSOCIATE JUSTICE

Judge Hears News Judge H. Lurton, of the Sixth Circuit Court, Elevated—Was Appointed to Present Position by Cleveland.

MAN OF REPUTATION

Washington, Dec. 14.—The nomination of Judge H. Lurton, of Tennessee, to be associate justice of the Supreme court of the United States in succession of the late Justice Peckham, was sent to the Senate today by President Taft.

Judge Lurton is a Tennessee man and was appointed judge of the Sixth circuit by President Cleveland March 27, 1893. He was a Democrat in politics at that time.

President Taft was himself a judge of the Sixth circuit at the same time he was appointed governor of the Philippines, in 1898, and it was his association with Judge Lurton that gave him such a high opinion of the legal qualifications of the Tennessee jurist.

Cincinnati, Dec. 13.—Judge Lurton and his associates were in the midst of the hearing of a half million dollar will case today when a reporter entered the court with the news of the judge's appointment to the United States Supreme bench. The reporter quietly whispered the news to the court clerk, who wrote it on a slip of paper and sent it to the judge.

The judge casually glanced at the note as if it were the most ordinary of communications, instead of an announcement of his selection to the highest legal body in America. He folded the slip and stuck it in his pocket without even communicating the news to the two judges who sat beside him on the bench. Meanwhile the case proceeded uninterrupted.

PRAYER MEETING.

There will be prayer meeting services in all the different churches of the city this evening at 7.30 o'clock to which all strangers in the city are cordially invited.

Spinach and Kale Crops Are Safe

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 14.—A heavy rainfall today put an end to the most extended drought known in this section. The precipitation was 1.45 inches. Not since June, when the fall was abnormal, has there been a rain of any consequence in southeastern Virginia.

The spinach and kale crop in this section, valued at upward of \$1,000,000, was saved by the rain of today. Its growth, as well as fall and winter grain, had been retarded and destruction threatened. Pumps and wells went dry and there was but little water to be found in water courses and swamps, and some of them were as dry as the hills. The Diemal Swamp has but little water in it. Railroads have had to haul water to fire their locomotives. It will take several inches of rain to thoroughly moisten the soil. There was not enough of it to replenish the swamps and creeks.

Hydraulic power and electric lighting plants which had been compelled to shut down part of the day for weeks past, owing to lack of water, for the first time today began again to run full force.

Dr. J. T. Nicholson, of Bath, is in the city.

New Advertisements in Today's News

- J. K. Hoyt—Fren Pictures. Wright's Tailoring Parlor. J. F. Buckman & Son—Stocks. Ings. Wm. B. Harding—Books. Jas. E. Clark Co.—Interwoven Sox. H. G. Sparrow—Toys. Gem Theater. Galey Theater. Vick's Remedies. Capidine. Gowen's Preparation. Chesapeake Steamship Co. Laxative Bromo Quinine. Hotel Koran, Baltimore. Hyman. Parisian Sage. Paso Ointment.