

SENSATION AT GAFFNEY

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born-headed, a cropped gray moustache, his many-wrinkled face readily expressive, his eyes light blue, his hair, according to his fervor, and his magnificent voice to use a baseball term—under "perfect control."

He explained to the jury that he was sick and had been so during the whole trial, but he didn't waste much time on preliminaries. For the sake of argument he admitted that the doing of the night before had a bearing on the case and that his client had done improper things. But the women had had nine hours' cooling time, and had no legal right to themselves to assault Hasty. The brother, father of the girl, would have had no right, much less the other party to an "engagement" with them—a condition which is not recognized by the law. He drew a wide distinction between "protection" and "vengeance" and applied the distinction with force.

This put him off upon his cross-examination of Miss Sheridan and his denunciation thereof by Mr. Otis. "Who is Miss Sheridan? An angel descended from heaven? A creature whom, when a man's life is at stake, we must stand in worship of and not dare question?"

He recited the charge that Mr. Otis had made against him, and confessed that he had at first mistaken it for good-natured badinage, and that his statement of the evidence of the argument. "But that statement still stands," said he.

He stood tip-toe, raised his voice to its sonorous height, and shouted, "And it is absolutely, unqualifiedly false! There's my answer, sir," glaring at Otis, "stern and high!"

He strode up and down the space before the jury box, denouncing Otis and bending his body as he shook his fist at him and quoted:

"But if you must that I'm not peer of any lord of Scotland here, Highland or lowland, far and near, Lord Angus, then just lie!"

Mr. Otis, leaning far back in his chair, did not move or change the smile on his lips. Every eye in the house was on Mr. Otis, while Col. Johnston stood a quarter of a minute, brilliant as him.

"Well," said the colonel, relaxing, "we will now turn to something else, gentlemen."

The overflow of passion and its consequent ebbs so exhausted the colonel, who has been sick all the week, that he was compelled to sit during most of his speech. The ladies sitting with the show girls opposite the jury seemed to wish to divert the force of his argument by saying, in a tone of incredulous and disparaging smiles and other feminine refinements. But he had the jury with him, absolutely. Ofttimes, as his mind quickened, it drew him to his feet. But he was sick; the names of witnesses came hard to his mind and his associates often prompted him. He slipped repeatedly from a glass of medicine.

He had his line of argument, however, by the horns; the unwomanly conduct of Miss Sheridan, in allowing Bennett to sleep with her instead of sending for or going to her friend, Miss Bishop, the numerous and serious contradictions between the evidence of the show girls at the coroner's inquest and here—and in this respect disclosing that he had done more with Miss Sheridan under cross-examination than at the time he seemed to do—the chemistry of powder burns, and so on. His admirers said that he was far below his ability, but, considering his illness and labor against public sentiment he was a wonder.

"Gentlemen, I speak for George Hasty," he concluded. "He is young, he has much that is still in life for him. How many, how many of us would change with him—to shift upon his shoulders the burden of life and for it take his youth and hope. Life is sweet to him. His family loves him, and they have sat about him here and give him the support of their love and sympathy. There sits his aged father, here in your midst. Who is he? I know not. But from his age I judge that he is not the sort of a man who would stand by Lee at Appomattox. Rise to your manhood, gentlemen, and acquit him."

When the colonel stood down it seemed that he would faint. He recovered as the soldier began the closing argument in the case.

THE CLOSING SPEECH

The bearing of Solicitor Sease at all times has compared with his opening statement. How many of us would regard himself as a quiet, judicious officer; that he had no feeling against the defendant, as employed counsel must be expected to have. He has been at all times dignified, alert, fair, and courteous.

He spoke with tremendous effect, backed by the almost unanimous sympathy of the people, perhaps a fourth of whom were ladies. These ladies listened to him with shining eyes, and there were many tears when he championed Miss Sheridan for requesting Bennett to sleep on her bed. "If 1,000 miles from home and friends," said he, "your attorney should come to you under such circumstances as these were, and tell you that she had been annoyed and was in danger, would you not, when your sweetheart requested it, consented to the removal of her bed, and freeze it, if need be, to the place, feeling your husband swell within your breast and every fibre of honor in you thrill to her confidence in you? And he, the attorney, would tell her the wrong, which it has been his duty here to do? Miss Sheridan, by her lover, you would let your right hand be cut off. He dwelt for some time on this strain, delicately and eloquently.

To follow his speech in detail would be almost a résumé of the testimony. He said himself that he regarded the case of so much importance that he had made all points warranted by the evidence. It was a powerful analysis, giving significance to the most detail. And what he said drew home by the exclamation, touching the show girls, "So help me God, I believe they told the truth!"

After the judge's learned charge and the adjournment of court, the ladies got out—innocent souls—but a great many men lingered expectantly. A common undertone inquiry was, "Do you think there'll be trouble?" Mr. Otis moved about the bar nervously. Many of his friends button-holing him, went out of the room once and came back. Col. Johnston stood still, but, whenever he talked to, his eyes followed Otis. Gaffney lost a fine chance to augment her fame; for nothing developed.

To an impartial heart, the one-sided feeling in this case has been a study. It is no buncombe, but a fact, that the very best women of the city have turned out day after day with these show girls, sitting with them, holding their hands, nothering and sistering them, all at the risk—after repeated warning from court and counsel—of hearing ugly things, unfit for the ears of decent women. It was a wonderful phenomenon of generous and unreasoning sympathy, which the sensitive Miss Bishop may falter and be duly thankful for, but which the shallow hearted Miss Sheridan, with her ready tears, will be likely to take as a matter of course. Many have been back upon one week of their lives when they quessed it, when they might have what they asked for, when all got arms went round them and

INSPECTING POWER PLANTS

Messrs. J. B. and E. N. Duke, Dr. W. Gill Wylie and Others Looking Over Power Sites.

Messrs. J. B. Duke, of New York and E. N. Duke and J. E. Stagg, of Durham, arrived in the city yesterday morning in Mr. J. B. Duke's private car which was attached to No. 35, on the Southern. Dr. W. Gill Wylie and Mr. W. S. Lee, Jr., joined the party here and they left immediately for Rock Hill, S. C. Yesterday was spent in looking over the Catawba power plant near Fort Mill. Last night the trip was made to Great Falls, S. C., and to-day is to be spent in examining the big developments which are in progress there. To-morrow the party will likely return to Charlotte and a conference will be held in this city.

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NEGRO HELP EMPLOYED

Wadesboro Silk Mill Succeeding in Its Experiment of Using Colored Help.

The Observer, some time ago, mentioned that the Wadesboro Silk Mill had built and equipped a second plant for the spinning of silk yarns. It was stated that negro help would be used exclusively in the new mill. Some of the interesting facts have manifested in the experiment.

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THE TERRAPIN VS. THE RABBIT

Col. C. E. A. Byers Quotes the Fable as Typifying the Present Senatorial Race.

Col. C. E. A. Byers, next in Durbin last Friday night. His next appointment is in Belmont. The date has not yet been fixed but will be either the last of this week or the first of next.

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THE WEATHER

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Wall Street Grins While We Groan. Wall Street, rattening on the sweat of our brow, has been the programme in the past, but recent startling revelations of the inner workings of three big life insurance companies has shaken the country, and the South sits and takes notice. She votes to keep her hard earned dollars at home hereafter—she will invest her life insurance money in home companies. We represent the Southern Life of Greensboro, N. C.—a strong, safe and liberal company. Every dollar collected by us in premiums will be loaned by us to Charlotte enterprises. Not a dollar will leave Charlotte. Why hold the bag for Wall Street? Let us help those who help us. Ring 228 and have our Insurance Man come to see you.

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