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BRIGHT GIRL'S LIFE WRECKED BY INHUMAN TREATMENT OF CRUEL FATHER.

A press dispatch from Easton, Md., tells the following revolting story of a father's inhuman treatment of his daughter:

One of the most brutal and inhuman cases of treatment of a child by a parent that ever has taken place in Talbot county or in Maryland was unearthed by Miss Emma Davies, local agent in Easton for the Children's Aid Society of Maryland, near St. Michaels. The facts in the case, so far as can be ascertained, are as follows:

It is said that nearly 12 years ago Grace Marshall, daughter of Frank Marshall, who lives on a farm near St. Michaels, then 16 years of age, was going with a young man to whom her father and stepmother objected, and, to keep her from meeting him, they locked her up in a room in their house about 8 by 10 feet. One day she escaped from the room and jumped from a second-story porch to the ground, breaking a leg. She was picked up and carried in the house and the limb reset, but not properly, one leg being left about four inches shorter than the other.

After she recovered she never was allowed to leave the room. Her stepmother, it is said, carried the key to it in her pocket, and no one was allowed to see her. Marshall had other children, but on the death of his first wife they were distributed around among her relatives.

One of these little girls was placed in the home of her aunt on Kent Island and about seven or eight years ago, it is said, this child died and was brought from Kent Island in a motorboat to Marshall's home, whence the funeral and burial took place. It is said that the rumor was circulated and never was contradicted by the Marshalls that the child that died and was buried was Grace, the reported invalid daughter, who lived at home with her father and stepmother.

This state of affairs is said to have been going on for the past 11 years, and all of the girl's relatives and friends believed her dead until several weeks ago, when her uncle, John Hancock, of Wilmington, came down to Marshall's on a visit. When he was ushered up to bed that night by chance he was assigned to a room adjoining the one in which his niece was imprisoned.

During the night he heard such unearthly moans and groans coming from the room adjoining that he could not sleep. It kept up all night, and when light came he arose and sauntered out on the second story of the porch. Still hearing the groans he started an investigation. The shutters to Grace's room were fastened, but, peering through the cracks, he saw the girl wearing only her underclothing, crawling around the floor, apparently picking up crumbs and eating them.

He returned to the house and said nothing of the affair to his brother-in-law, but came to Easton that day and reported the case to Miss Davis, who began an investigation of the case. She went down to Marshall's residence to see what was the matter and if she could in her official capacity be of any assistance. She asked to see the girl, but was frankly told that no one was allowed to see her.

She then came back to Easton and through the assistance of Attorney J. Fletcher Clark obtained a writ of habeas corpus from the Circuit court for Talbot county, which is now in session here with Judges Adkins and Hopper on the bench, and, armed with this and accompanied by Deputy Sheriff James A. Gannon, they procured Orland Horsey's automobile and late yesterday afternoon they went down to Marshall's and brought the girl back here with them.

Before removing her from the house Miss Davis was compelled to get her a dress, shoes and stockings, in fact, everything except underclothing, as she had nothing to wear. Miss Davis said when she and the Deputy sheriff entered the room she never in all her life and experience as agent of the society she represented had seen such a pitiful sight. She said that in the room was an old-fashioned bedstead with a straw mattress on it, covered with a sheet and two old comforts to cover the girl.

The room was small, with only one window in it, and the shutters to that closed, and the ventilation and stench something terrible. In this condition, with little clothing, the girl, it is said, had been compelled to spend the last 11 years of her life, during the winters without a fire and the summers without much air. Miss Davis was also told that she was given two very scanty meals a day, which her condition plainly show was not sufficient for her.

After arriving in Easton she was taken to the court house. The regular session of court for the day having adjourned, she, her parents and

witnesses in the case were taken in the court room and the bailiff locked the doors, no one being allowed inside, and an investigation started.

Dr. Charles F. Davidson, who made an examination of the girl, said that she did not have two ounces of solid fat on her body, and that she had barely enough blood left to keep her alive, and that of the poorest kind. In fact, her condition was deplorable, she being nothing but skin and bones.

Marshall, when placed on the stand, could give no reason for his treatment of his child in such a manner, except to say that he was not able to send her to a hospital, but neighbors said today that he is a man of considerable means and a good bank account.

The girl has been taken to the home of her aunt, Mrs. M. H. James, where she is receiving medical treatment from Dr. Davidson. When weighed today she weighed only 57 pounds. She frequently is given nourishment, which she seizes and devours by the handful, as if she never had a meal, and was starving.

From what can be learned, there is a law against the beating of children by their parents unmercifully, but there does not appear, so far as the court or state's attorney can find, any law on the statute books of Maryland that covers such a case as this one—the inhuman treatment of a child by its parents.

Today both Miss Davis and Miss Mary Barlette Dixon, who is one of Easton's most philanthropic and kind hearted women, went before the grand jury and, it is said, laid the case before the jurors, but, from the absence of any law that could be found, the jury were unable to bring any indictment. This action has not dampened the ardor of these two women, who say they intend to appeal to the governor and attorney general and, if necessary, to bring the matter to the attention of a federal grand jury.

Miss Marshall's former school chums say that at the time she is said to have been imprisoned she was one of the prettiest, finest-built and smartest girls in the school which they attended.

Father Placed in Jail.

Easton, Md., Nov. 23.—Frank Marshall, who is alleged to have kept his daughter, Grace Marshall, a prisoner in his home for several years, was arrested today on a warrant charging assault with intent to kill. Marshall was brought to Easton and placed in jail here. He is being held without bail.

CARRANZA MAKES APPEAL TO MEXICAN PEOPLE.

In a direct appeal to the people of Mexico for co-operation in reconstructing Mexico, General Venustiano Carranza urged them in an address to have patience, as the period of reconstruction would be long and difficult. "You must all have patience and faith," he said, "and work with the Carranza party in its arduous task of reconstruction and of overcoming the mistakes of former regimes."

Asked about conditions on the west coast of Mexico, General Carranza said foreigners now were in no danger, but that should danger threaten them, prompt action would be taken to afford relief. In regard to property in Mexico which had been seized by the forces of the de facto government, General Carranza indicated that property taken from those guilty of offenses against the government might be confiscated, but that property belonging to those who had not participated in political affairs would be returned to them.

It was made plain that to settle the question of confiscation or return of their property refugees who fled across the border, including in their number many former supporters of General Huerta, must present themselves to the Mexican authorities for trial in order to establish whether or not they have been guilty of offenses against the de facto government. The innocent need have no fear, General Carranza said, but the guilty would be punished according to the extent of their transgressions.

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"I am willing to give all the money I've got and to go anywhere if my doing so will aid this movement," said Mr. Ford as he came from the White House. "President Wilson has kept the United States out of the war and I have learned that his course is being approved by people generally throughout the country."

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This sale is made subject to a mortgage given by S. T. Price and wife, Florence Price, to R. H. Smith for \$150, with interest from the 30th day of January, 1915, said mortgage being recorded in book 271, at page 130, of the records of Guilford county.

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