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LEAVE THIS WOMAN IS THE VAIN PRAYER

Passionate Appeal By Friend of Harding's Father.

DRAGGED FROM HER SIDE

"Don't Leave Me Ernest," Wails a Siren Voice.

AND HE YIELDS, CHOOSING DISHONOR

The Appeal of the Hysterical Companion of His Flight Proves Stronger Than the Prayer of Harding's Grief-Stricken Father.

New York, July 26.—There was an exciting and pathetic scene on the pier of the Old Dominion line this afternoon when the steamer Old Dominion was warped into her dock with Mrs. Ida Stafford, wife of a prominent citizen of Greensboro, North Carolina, who had eloped with J. E. Harding, book-keeper of the Revolution Cotton Mills, and one of the best known men in the same city.

New York acquaintances of the two families concerned had been notified by wire of the elopement and were waiting on the pier as the gang plank was lowered. J. E. Cone, a former resident of Greensboro, but now a business man in this city, rushed up the plank as the man and woman came down arm in arm. He seized Harding and dragged him off to one side of the dock by the piles of baggage, while Mrs. Stafford followed, trying to detain him and weeping hysterically.

"Leave this woman," Cone said excitedly. "I am a friend of your father's. He is sane with grief and has wired me to prevent you from ruining a prominent career. Go back to North Carolina."

"Don't leave me, Ernest," Mrs. Stafford wailed. "Don't leave me here among strangers, they are only trying to get you away from me."

She clutched Harding's arm frantically and put her arms about his neck, kissing him repeatedly, while a large crowd of onlookers watched the scene curiously.

Harding at first seemed inclined to follow Cone's advice. But the pleadings of the grief stricken woman finally swayed him. He returned her caresses, saying: "Don't fear, Ida, I'll stick by you. We'll go to England and be married. We'll be happy yet."

Then the pair got into a cab and were driven to the Broadway Central Hotel.

An attorney was also at the dock and said that Stafford would sue for a divorce.

FLED TO RUIN AND DISHONOR.

Two Women and Their Male Companions in Jail at Greensboro.

(Special to News and Observer.) Greensboro, N. C., July 26.—Nick Carter and Mrs. Nannie Jones, of Danville, Va.; Harris, of Greensboro, N. C.; and Minnie Shaw, of Danville, were brought here under commitment of a magistrate at Gibsonville this evening and placed in jail in default of bond for their appearance at court.

Yesterday H. T. Jones, of Danville, whose wife had eloped with Carter during his absence in South Carolina as chief lineman for the Bell Telephone Company, came here in search of her, saying he only wanted to persuade her to go back to her heart-broken aunt in Danville. The couple had left. Today he found them in Gibsonville living at the hotel as man and wife. He also found another Danville girl, Minnie Shaw, registered there as the wife of Tony Harris, of Greensboro, North Carolina.

All efforts by Jones to persuade his wife to go back to her aunt proving useless, he had the quartet up before a magistrate with the above result.

Harris and Carter are patent medicine venders, and tonight wired friends in Danville and Greensboro to come and stand their bonds for them.

When the officers arrived here with the four, the unusual spectacle of two nattily dressed men tied with ropes, and two good looking young women in the clutches of a constable attracted a large crowd, and before the jail was reached the procession looked like a circus. The girls were weeping and the men looked like they had taken too much of their own medicine.

When seen at the jail, the Shaw woman said she ran away two weeks ago. Her father was Edward Shaw, a silversmith, of Danville. Here eyes were filled with tears when she was asked the names of her father and mother. Both women are young, no trace of depravity or boldness appearing in their demeanor.

After giving the name of her father, the Shaw girl begged that he be not told of her situation, saying that she hoped to get out of jail tomorrow. Jones wished he will get a divorce. He only wished to get his wife back to her aunt, and if possible reform her.

have something reasonable to curse about. An examination is being made of the revenue books to ascertain if the men have medicine license. If they give bond for present, they will be rearrested for not having license.

MODERN HOTEL FOR CHARLOTTE.

D. E. Scoville Negotiating for the Purchase of a Block For This Purpose. (Special to News and Observer.) Charlotte, N. C., July 26.—From a reliable source it is learned that Charlotte is to have a modern hotel and further that an Atlanta Hotel man will own and run it. Mr. Dabney H. Scoville, proprietor of the Marion house in Atlanta, is the gentleman whose name is connected with the new enterprise. Mr. Scoville recently purchased a one store room of the Mansion House block. While here this week looking after improvements to this property, the block caught his attention, and it is learned that he is negotiating with the Springs estate with a view to purchasing the block and build a handsome, modern hotel. The site is an excellent one. Mr. Scoville is a former resident of this city, and was for some time connected with the management of the Central Hotel here.

Because he believed that night watchman L. J. Dellinger had insulted his wife, Paul Watt, an employe of the Shaw Harness Company, armed himself with a Winchester rifle and went in search of Dellinger. The watchman denied the accusation, but as soon as Watt's back was turned he reached for his gun. Watt was too quick, however, and when Dellinger turned he gazed into the barrel of Watt's gun. The sudden appearance of Dellinger's wife or the scene averted a possible tragedy. Watt's wife claimed that while passing the Ada Mills, where Dellinger is employed, he turned the hose on her purposely. Watt is a native of LaGrange, Ga.

A jury in the Superior court today returned a verdict awarding B. F. Smith damages in the sum of \$1,200 against the city. The suit brought by Smith is an unique case. The city recently completed a sewer in the Southern section, which empties into Irwin's Creek, this creek borders Smith's farm and in his suit he sets forth the contention that the sewerage not only decreased materially the value of his land, but that it also seriously endangered the health of his family. The jury gave him the full amount asked. An appeal was taken by the defendant corporation.

On the Diamond.

(Special to News and Observer.) Winston, N. C., July 26.—Kinston lost to Wilson in a hotly contested game of ball of twelve innings Friday. Score: Wilson, 7; Kinston, 6.

Batteries: Wilson—Traeser and Reed; Kinston—Krause and Hicks. Kinston won from Wilson in the game today. Score: Kinston, 5; Wilson, 4. Batteries: Kinston—Wooten and Hicks; Wilson—Sullivan and Cassidy.

Bath Defeats Aurora.

(Special to News and Observer.) Bath, N. C., July 26.—One of the prettiest games of ball ever witnessed on the local diamond was played here yesterday—Bath vs. Aurora. At the end of the third inning it looked as if Aurora would win, the score being 4 to 4. Getting, New Bern's wonderful pitcher, was in the box again. At first Bath failed to find him, but it didn't last long.

Score: R H E Bath 4 0 0 1 0 2 0-0 Aurora 0 2 2 0 0 0 0-4 Batteries: Bath—Windley and Smith; Aurora—Sparrow, Getting and Edwards. Umpire, Capt. James Harris.

National League.

(By the Associated Press.) At Chicago— R H E Chicago . . . 0 0 1 0 0 1 0 0-2 6 3 Cincinnati . . . 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 1-3 10 3 At Brooklyn— R H E Brooklyn 3 0 0 0 1 1 5-10 10 New York 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0-1 6 2 At St. Louis— R H E St. Louis 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0-1 1 2 Pittsburgh 0 0 2 0 0 0 0 3-5 11 0 At Boston— R H E Boston 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0-0 2 0 Phila. 0 0 4 0 0 0 0 0-4 7 2

American League.

(By the Associated Press.) At Washington— R H E Washington 2 0 4 0 0 0 0 3 0-14 14 Chicago 0 0 1 1 1 0 0 6 0 1-10 13 1 At Boston— R H E Boston 0 2 0 2 0 0 0 0-4 5 0 Detroit 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0-1 7 5 At Philadelphia— R H E St. Louis 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1-1 5 0 Phila. 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 3 0-3 9 0 At Baltimore— R H E Baltimore 0 0 2 0 3 0 2 1 1-9 17 1 Cleveland 1 0 0 2 2 0 3 0 0 0-8 18 3

Water Works Extended.

(Special to News and Observer.) Greensboro, N. C., July 26.—In order to enable the Board of Aldermen to extend the water works system up Park Avenue from Daisy street to the Park, Mr. Sol. Weil has offered to lend the city the money. This extension will not only give water to a large number of citizens and the Park, but will also reach the Odd Fellows Orphans' Home.

There is nothing like getting up early in the morning to teach one the beauty of sleeping late.

LINKING SEABOARD WITH COAL FIELDS

The S. A. L. Buys the South and Western.

A SHORT LINE TO THE SEA

Road to Be Two Hundred and Seventy-five Miles Long.

O, R, AND C. PART OF PROPOSED ROUTE

It Will Extend From the Coal Fields of Southwest Virginia to Lincoln. A Northern Extension May Reach Ironton, Ohio.

(By the Associated Press.) Baltimore, July 26.—It is announced here that the Seaboard Air Line Railroad Company has bought the South and Western Railway. The latter is a new company under which two or more roads will be consolidated. It owns the Ohio River and Charleston Railway, which it is proposed to extend from the coal fields of Southwest Virginia to Lincoln, North Carolina, where, according to the plans, connection is to be made with the Seaboard Air Line. The scheme for this development was financed by the Union Trust Company of this city.

The promoters of the scheme announce that the route planned will be the shortest line from the Virginia coal fields to the Atlantic coast and the South. The proposed road will be about 275 miles in length, but it is thought that the mileage will be increased by its extension in a northerly direction. Connection may be made with the Detroit Southern at Ironton, Ohio. The Detroit Southern operates from Detroit to Wellston, Ohio, via Lima, 343 miles, with branches 80 miles, a total of 423 miles.

Knoxville, Tenn., July 26.—The Ohio River and Charleston Railroad extends from Johnson City, Tenn., to Hurdale, North Carolina, a distance of 34 miles. It was originally the Tennessee section of the Charleston, Cincinnati and Chicago project. The Carolina portion of this road was built from Camden, South Carolina to Marion, North Carolina, 171 miles, and is known as the South Carolina and Georgia extension, and is controlled by the Southern Railway. The Ohio River and Charleston was recently sold by Samuel Hunt and Company, to the South and Western, of which George L. Carter, of Bristol, Tenn., who organized the Virginia Iron, Coal and Coke Company, and the Virginia and Southwestern Railway Company, is president.

HAS A. C. L. BOUGHT L AND N. N.

Rumor of a Deal for the Absorption of the Latter by the Former.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.) Baltimore, Md., July 26.—Men in financial and railroad circles here who are interested in railroad properties in the South, today said that a deal was on for the absorption of the Louisville and Nashville by the Atlantic Coast Line Company. The advance to 169, a jump of 16 points, in the common stock of the Atlantic Coast Line this week, has been accompanied by intimations that there was something back of it. This stock only pays four per cent. on the hundred, although earnings are about eight per cent. more.

An interested party says the Atlantic Coast Line is not a competitor of the L. & N. and the latter is geographically a natural extension of the coast line. Its absorption by the Coast Line, therefore, would not arouse the same antagonism in the South as would be produced by a deal with the Southern Railway. The owners of the Coast Line and J. P. Morgan & Co., have been working in accord, and are sufficiently in harmony to make such an arrangement practicable. It will take \$90,000,000 to buy out the L. & N.

A Better Educational Day for Dabney.

(Special to the News and Observer.) Dabney, N. C., July 26.—Yesterday was a great day for Dabney. For some time we have been considering voting a local tax, uniting two or three small schools and building a good school house. Dr. Charles D. Melver came and made an address for us today. His speech was great and the interest awakened was the greatest ever seen here. Before leaving the house many more names than the number required to secure the election for a vote on local tax was secured to a petition to go before the County Commissioners asking for the election. I fully believe we shall get the tax, in which case aid from abroad has been promised us. This meeting today will be the beginning of better things in this county in general education. Our ambition is to unite the small schools, vote local tax and put a library in every rural school in the county.

Will Move to Durham.

Dr. A. T. Cotton, of Morrisville, Wake county, has sold his property in that place and will shortly move to Durham, which place he will make his future residence. Dr. Cotton is a well equipped and successful physician. He is one of the best men in the world and Wake county regrets to lose him.

DID THE FIGHTERS FOOL THE PUBLIC?

Charges of Fraud Made to the Mayor.

HE IS MUCH STIRRED UP

A Note Stated That Jeffries Would Win in Eighth.

THIS WAS RECEIVED BEFORE THE FIGHT

Jeffries and Fitzsimmons—Greatly Worried Over the Charges, Which Indeed Are Not Generally Believed, Jeffries' Nose is Broken.

(By the Associated Press.) San Francisco, July 26.—There is a wide difference of opinion in this city as to the character of last night's fight between Jeffries and Fitzsimmons. The charge that the fight was a fake and that it had been pre-arranged for Fitzsimmons to go out in the eighth round, does not meet with general belief, although there is no doubt that Mayor Schmitz was warned that the fight was fixed to end in the eighth round. A communication sent to Mayor Schmitz before the fight, to be opened after it was ended, stated that the writer had been informed that Jeffries was to win in the eighth round, which he did.

When at his office today Mayor Schmitz was emphatic in his assertion that, should he be convinced after a thorough investigation that last night's contest between Fitzsimmons and Jeffries was a pre-arranged affair, he would do all in his power to prohibit future prize fights in this city. Mayor Schmitz has been very much disgusted with many of the recent fights that have taken place in this city, it being evident that they were pre-arranged and that the best man did not always win. It is expected that the fighting game in this city will be forever killed, should conclusive evidence be adduced to prove the assertion of certain persons, who are supposed to be well informed on the matter, that the fight between Fitzsimmons and Jeffries was a fake.

Mayor Schmitz has given out the following statement for publication: "From the information I have received I am forced to believe that this exhibition is no better than the previous ones we have had, namely, the Jeffries-Ruhlin and Gans-McFadden and others, and it will do much towards discouraging the sport in this city. In fact, unless some indubitable evidence is produced to disprove the information furnished me by the examiner, I shall hereafter have to prohibit all such professional 'fight' exhibitions." (Signed) "E. E. SCHMITZ," "Mayor of San Francisco."

Even those who charge fraud admit that it was a magnificent fight while it lasted. Fitzsimmons was hitting Jeffries almost at will, but while his blows cut and stung, they did not seriously injure the big champion.

Fitzsimmons when seen this morning was apparently much distressed at the charge of fake. He said that he had fought his best, but that he could not stand Jeffries' terrific body blows.

Jeffries also denied that the fight was fixed. He said that Fitzsimmons had given him the hardest fight he ever had, and that they were good honest punches that Fitzsimmons put out. Jeffries' face was sore and cut today, but otherwise he was feeling well.

The trainers of the two men also resent any charge of crookedness, but the fact remains that information was given to Mr. Naughton, of the Examiner, the day before the fight, that it was to end in the eighth round. Naughton's information came from some one who was with Jeffries at Harbin Springs, and the tip was given to be that Jeffries was in the eighth. Notwithstanding this there is no evidence of heavy betting, many of the wagers made here being small.

James Jeffries will receive 60 per cent and Robert Fitzsimmons 40 per cent of \$23,910, which is 75 per cent of the gross receipts of the fight, \$31,880 having been received through the sale of seats. Jeffries will receive \$14,346 and Fitzsimmons will add \$9,564 to his bank account.

The share of the San Francisco Athletic Club is \$7,970. Out of this it must pay the expenses of the fight, including \$500 for the referee.

Jeffries' manager, Delaney, referring to the champion's future plans, said: "We will consider the challenge of Corbett and determine whether or not it is reasonable. I do not know what his proposition is. If he means business, we will meet him and will take care of him. Jeffries is young and strong and has no intention of quitting the ring." Upon an examination of Jeffries by a surgeon after his fight with Fitzsimmons last night it was found that Jeffries' nose was broken. The champion was not aware of the injury until the excitement of the battle had worn off.

WAKE'S PRIMARY VOTE UNSETTLED

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The contest for the position of Register of Deeds was a hard fought one, and the calculations made last night shows that Capt. J. J. Bernard wins out over Mr. C. P. Rand. Out of the 227 votes in the convention the official and unofficial figures from every precinct except Robinson's store, in New Light township, give him a fraction over 127 votes, 114 being necessary to elect.

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WAKE FOREST TOWNSHIP.

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Senate—H. E. Norris, unanimous. House—John C. Drewry, unanimous; F. A. Whitaker 23, R. E. Sentelle 57, A. B. Hunter 62, Needham Mangum 2. For Sheriff—M. W. Page 65, A. M. Sorrell 7.

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HOLLY SPRINGS.

In Holly Springs township the result was: Senate—Norris 51. House—Whitaker 45, Drewry 49, Sentelle 32, Hunter 14, Batcheller 5, B. S. Franklin 1. Sheriff—Page 45, Sorrell 6. Clerk—Russ 51. Register of Deeds—Bernard 39, Rand 14.

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