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FIRED 30 SHOTS AT SAN MARCOS

NEW HAMPSHIRE'S SHOTS HIT OLD TEXAS AT RANGE OF SEVEN MILES.

ON BOARD UNITED STATES STEAMSHIP VERMONT, OFF TANGIER ISLAND, CHESAPEAKE BAY, March 23.—With her big twelve-inch guns, the battleship New Hampshire, under the observation of officers of the entire Atlantic fleet, fired on the old battleship San Marcos, formerly the Texas, Tuesday in an experimental test of the penetrability of modern shells and the resisting power of the latest type of armor plate.

Scattered about the vicinity of the firing range were practically every battleship of the great Atlantic fleet for whose officers and the ordnance experts of both the navy and the army the experiments are being made. After these single sighting shots, all of which fell short, twenty volleys were fired, which resulted as follows:

First volley (all of which were with twelve and eight-inch rifles) fell 1,000 yards short.

Second volley, a hit.

Third volley, a splendid hit, raising a cloud of dust and debris.

Fourth volley, evidently ripping a hole through the bow.

Fifth volley, fell short. This salvo was fired from a distance of fully seven and one-half miles, far beyond end of battleship column.

Sixth volley, two projectiles fell short and four over.

Seventh volley, two fell short, but close, one on port side near water line, and four over, but close. This salvo was fired at 9 A. M. An inspection followed, which delayed another volley until 11:40 A. M.

Eighth volley went high, shots riccocheting far beyond the San Marcos.

Ninth volley, following closely, was also high.

Tenth volley, also high, but not so much as previous two.

After delay from schooner sailing over course, two sighting shots were fired at 12:20 P. M.

Eleventh volley, both twelves and eights, crashed almost as one gun. This salvo appeared to be 90 per cent. hits. Although blank shells and no explosive projectiles were used, the San Marcos appeared to be resting on bottom, with decided list to port.

Twelfth volley—All shots about 100 yards short.

Thirteenth volley—One short, but remainder apparently tore into deck.

Fourteenth volley—This was the first explosive shell fired. It was of presence of explosive shells. 12-inch projectiles. As it hit upper works a big flash was seen emitting a light greenish smoke, and accompanied by brown smoke from port side. Tore hull. One shot fell short. There was further evidence of the Sixteenth volley—Ripped through hull. These were blind shells. This salvo was at 30 minutes past 4 o'clock. The old Texas was then down by the head, with a 15-degree list to port. Tugs went out and directed streams of water on her. No flames were visible.

Seventeenth volley (fired at 6 o'clock)—Made square hit. The shells were explosive, and enveloped the vessel in a dense greenish cloak.

Eighteenth volley—Explosive shells fell short.

Nineteenth volley—Explosive hit.

Twentieth volley—Partially of explosive projectiles, a hit. Firing then ceased for the day.

TAFT AND JAPANESE MINISTER TO CONFER

WASHINGTON, D. C., Special.—President Taft will confer with Ambassador Uchida this afternoon at the White House. It is believed the conference will have to do with the recent Japanese war scare in Mexico.

New York Man Who Assaulted Booker Washington Remains in Hiding.

NEW YORK, March 23.—Albert A. Ulrich, accuser of Booker T. Washington, was still in hiding today.

Since Tuesday, when Ulrich was held in the West Side Court on Washington's assault charge, he has not been seen by any of the neighbors. They said he did not return today, and all attempts to locate him have been unsuccessful. The woman known as Mrs. Ulrich held a conference with her husband's attorney, but refused to say where Ulrich was.

Washington has apparently recovered from his injuries, and today he left here to lecture at the Staten Island Academy at New Brighton.

BARGE SWEPT FROM MOORINGS

Northwester Sweeps Metropolis and Temperature Drops 33 Degrees in Fourteen Hours—Seamen Were Asleep When Vessel Left Mooring.

NEW YORK, Special.—Heavy damage was done in New York city and its suburbs during the night and early today by a severe northwest gale from the Lake region. At 2:30 o'clock this morning the wind was blowing at a velocity of fifty-seven miles an hour, but at 8 o'clock had decreased to thirty-six miles an hour. During the fourteen hours from 6 o'clock last night until 8 o'clock this morning, the temperature fell thirty-three degrees.

Shortly before daybreak a terrific blast of wind took hold of the big barge Elizabeth Washburne, moored at the foot of Forty-fifth Street, South Brooklyn. Her hawsers were snapped as though they had been twine and then the barge was slammed over on her starboard side.

Asleep in the cabin were Frank Croskey, engineer of the barge, and Joseph Smith, his assistant.

Thrown from their bunks and severely bruised, they came to their senses to find a torrent of water pouring in upon them. The men climbed out through a window and began shouting for help, but their cries were lost in the gale, while the barge was sinking rapidly.

Crosby and Smith are good swimmers, and finally they leaped overboard and struck out for the shore, 200 feet away. When they reached it they were hauled out by some men on the pier. The gale smashed hundreds of windows, while signs were torn from their fastenings, endangering pedestrians and a number of wagons were overturned in the streets.

TRY OFFICER FOR SERIOUS OFFENCE

RICHMOND, VA., Special.—Unless his resignation is sent in this afternoon and accepted by the Board of Police Commissioners, Officer P. V. Richardson, who was suspended yesterday for a serious offense, will be tried by the board tonight.

The officer received official notice of his suspension late yesterday afternoon and turned over his badge and revolver to the captain in charge of the Second Police Station. They were sent to police headquarters this morning and taken in charge by the clerk of the Police Board.

A number of witnesses have been summoned to testify before the board tonight in the case against Richardson. Several of the witnesses are said to have seen the rather exciting affair, which took place in Broad Street, near Twelfth Street, Tuesday, when the officer, it is said, was forced to enter a house in that neighborhood by a woman who was armed.

Investigation of the case resulted in the bringing of grave charges against Richardson, and which may further result, according to police regulations, in the officer's dismissal from the force.

Records of the department show that during the last ten years, while a number of men have been suspended for various charges, only seven have been dismissed, never more than two being discharged by the board in any one year.

ISSUE ORDERS FOR MORE INFANTRY

CHICAGO, ILL., Special.—Although the army of the United States is at present recruited about 7,000 men above the quota for this season of the year, two messages from the War Department, urging all possible speed in getting more recruits, have been received at the Chicago recruiting headquarters. It is the first time in the history of the office that messages so urgent as these have been received in time of peace.

The telegrams are as follows:

"Large number infantry recruits required. Make special efforts accordingly.

"By order Adjutant General.

"ALVORD, Adjutant General."

"Use every effort to procure recruits for infantry without delay. Urgent. If necessary, keep open day and night.

"ALVORD, Adjutant General."

CONSTABLE IS HELD FOR MURDE

LYNCHBURG, VA., Special.—Constable William Hughes, who shot and killed Wesley Fields in Nelson county Saturday night, is now in the county jail at Lovingston on a murder charge. It is learned here today that Fields denied just before his death that he had a knife or that he attacked Hughes, as he claimed. He said he did not resist arrest.

Two shots in his back, his friends claim, show that the accounts given out about the shooting Sunday did not conform to the facts.

Fields' friends claim Hughes was drinking with Fields after the arrest, and that the shooting took place when the men were intoxicated. The fact that the coroner's jury could not arrive at a verdict indicates that there are complications not yet made public.

The Nelson authorities are making a vigorous investigation.

SENATOR TILLMAN SERIOUSLY ILL

WASHINGTON, D. C., Special.—Friends here of Senator Tillman, of South Carolina, are grieved to learn that, perhaps, he may never be seen in his seat again. His condition has grown more feeble since his second stroke of paralysis, and his physician has strictly enjoined him from doing anything that will excite him.

It is probable that Senator Tillman will not be able to attend the special session.

THESE EGGS WERE NOT EXACTLY FRESH

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Special.—Harry Burns, of Hornell, yesterday purchased a dozen eggs in a grocery store. The groceryman said that the eggs were fresh country laid. Burns examined his eggs and found his name and address written on one of them. While he was an employe of a cold storage plant four years ago he had written his name and address on that very egg.

STAUNTON, VA., Special.—The first serious accident in connection with Staunton's big fire occurred at 1:30 today, when W. E. Tribbett was severely and perhaps fatally hurt by falling walls. Tribbett was looking over the site of his establishment, which was burned down, when one of the walls fell and pinned him to the ground. His right leg was crushed so that he may have to lose it, and his head was badly lacerated. He is now in a hospital. Tribbett is captain-quartermaster of First Regiment, Virginia Militia.

Miss Knuckles was also hurt, but not seriously.

Jack Kerr, colored, had a narrow escape.

The fire broke out again during the night, but was soon checked. In many quarters the fire still smoulders, and hose have been on it for forty-eight hours.

"Pudd'nhead" Maxims.

Adam was but human—this explains it all. He did not want the apple for the apple's sake; he wanted it only because it was forbidden. The mistake was in not forbidding the serpent; then he would have eaten the serpent.

The holy passion of Friendship is of so sweet and steady and loyal and enduring a nature that it will last through a whole lifetime if not asked to lend money.

Consider well the proportions of things. It is better to be a young June bug than an old bird of paradise.

There are three infallible ways of pleasing an author, and the three form a rising scale of compliment: (1) to tell him you have read one of his books, (2) to tell him you have read all of his books, (3) to ask him to let you read the manuscript of his forthcoming book. No. 1 admits you to his respect, No. 2 admits you to his admiration, No. 3 carries you clear into his heart.

Even the dearest and most perfect circumstantial evidence is likely to be at fault, after all, and therefore ought to be received with great caution. Take the case of any pencil sharpened by any woman; if you have witnesses you will find she did it with a knife; but if you take simply the aspect of the pencil you will say she did it with her teeth.—Mark Twain.

Coal Mines' Yearly Toll.

HARRISBURG, PA., Special.—It cost the lives of 1,125 men to mine 231,966,070 tons of coal in Pennsylvania last year, according to the annual report of the chief of the State Department of Mines, just issued. The report gives the following statistics.

Bituminous coal produced, 148,696,776 tons; persons employed, [illegible] killed, 527. Anthracite coal produced 83,269,294 tons; persons employed 167,927; killed, 598. The loss of life in the bituminous districts for every 1,000,000 tons produced was 3.54; in the anthracite districts, 7.18.

Old Rocksey—Why did you quarrel with the count, my dear?

Miss Rocksey—He called me his treasure, and it sounded altogether too suggestive.—Smart Set.

"But you have no interesting ruins in your country," declared the Baron.

"What's the matter with our race-track grandstands?"—Kansas City Journal.

Grad (reminiscently)—A fellow before marriage is generally a dude.

Senior (reflectively)—Yes; and after marriage he's sub-dued.—Princeton Tiger.

"Pa, are there any miracles nowaways?"

"Yes. I heard of one last night. A young man who had inherited a million decided not to go to New York to spend it."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Yeast—Wouldn't it be funny to see a woman running for office?

Crimsonback—It certainly would if she had on one of those hobble skirts.—Yonkers Statesman.

Mrs. Jawback—I suppose you consider your judgment far superior to mine.

Mr. Jawback—No, my dear. We proved the contrary when we chose to marry each other.—Toledo Blade.

Two photographs of women voting at the polls at Tarrytown, N. Y. The question at issue was the issuance of $70,000 worth of bonds to be spent on the water system of Tarrytown and to lay new mains for fire protection. When the ballots were counted it was found that the female vote had decided the election in favor of the bond issue.

COLT JUMPS IN FRONT OF TRAIN

SOUTH BOSTON MEN DRAGGED BY ANIMAL ON TO TRACK AND INJURED.

SOUTH BOSTON, VA., Special.—A fearful accident was narrowly averted at Scottsburg, a station on the Southern Railway, a few miles east of South Boston, as a westbound passenger train for Danville arrived at 9:30 A. M. Wednesday morning.

Mr. W. B. Chandler, while driving a young colt, approached too near the crossing at the intersection of the county highway and the railway tracks.

As Chandler drew up to allow the approaching train to pass the colt became frightened and dashed in front of the engine. Mr. S. D. Baptist, a son-in-law of Chandler, who was standing nearby, seeing the danger, grasped the bridle and tried to hold the frightened animal, but, being unsuccessful, was carried, with Mr. Chandler, in front of the engine, which struck the buggy amidship, tearing it to splinters and throwing its occupant high in the air, but, fortunately, to one side of the track. Baptist, however, was struck on the hip by the heavy projecting beam of the engine's cow-catcher, knocked down, the wheels passing over one foot before the horrified spectators could drag him to one side and out of the path of the train. The colt escaped any injury.

Both Baptist and Chandler were placed on the train and hurried to South Boston and the hospital, where they are recovering.

PRISONER WALKS OUT OF COURTROOM

STAUNTON, VA., Spec.—While his trial for breaking into a Norfolk and Western freight car was in progress here today, Samuel Critzer, a prisoner at the bar, deliberately got up and walked out of court while the judge and the sheriff were both in attendance. Critzer walked out while his pal was testifying against him and has not been seen since.

SECRET ALLIANCE IS GALLED OFF

No Diaz-Mikado Agreement, Said Taft, and Japan Yielded At Once.

BALTIMORE, MD., Special.—The Sun prints the following from its Washington correspondence:

Washington.—Whether or not Japan and Mexico have taken any steps to enter into a secret agreement, it appears practically certain from developments of the last two days in Washington, Tokio and Mexico City, that no such agreement has ever been concluded, with the very strong probability that it will not be, at least for some time to come, and all negotiations are off.

The popular impression seems to be that the scheme for an alliance between Mexico and Japan was nipped in the bud by President Taft yesterday, when he called in Baron Uchida, the Japanese Ambassador, and entered into a general discussion of the affairs of the three countries.

The official statement that the conference was purely informal, in which President Taft assured the Japanese Ambassador that the sensational reports concerning the American attitude toward the Japanese in Mexico and elsewhere were not true, was promptly accepted.

Disappointed.

It is being told of a man from Muncey, a little town up in Lycoming county, that he visited a friend in the city the early part of the week, and, among other sights, he saw a play in a Broad Street theater.

When the lights were low the host drew forth a pair of opera glasses and handed them to the man from Muncey.

In a few seconds the visitor was apparently in uncomfortable circumstances, but in the three-quarter darkness his arms in the air were discernible.

"What is the trouble?" asked the other.

"Oh, nothing, only it's empty," said the Munceyite. "Ain't a drop in it," he insisted, as he withdrew the opera glasses from his lips.—Philadelphia News.

Twenty-four Deer Peep in at School.

WINSTED, CONN. Special.—Children attending the Centre School in Barhamsted were astounded, as well as the teacher, today to see deer at the schoolhouse windows. The session was temporarily interrupted to permit the pupils to count the herd, which numbered twenty-four.

CABLE FOUND FROM JAPAN TO GUAM

BALTIMORE, MD., Special.—The Sun prints the following special from Washington:

Students of the American-Japanese situation are commenting that it was an interesting coincidence that President Taft should have sent for Baron Uchida, the Japanese ambassador, for a "peace talk" almost simultaneous with the announcement made at San Francisco of the discovery that Japan had control of a cable from Guam to Yokohama.

This report, which was said to have been made by John Buckley, deck engineer on the army transport Crook, was generally ridiculed in official circles as too silly and preposterous for serious consideration. Today, however, it develops that what Buckley disclosed was absolutely true, and that the facts were supposed to have been known in Washington only by President Taft and Secretary of War Dickinson.

Kept Secret by Taft.

It is stated on the authority of a high Government official that the report of this discovery was made to Secretary Dickinson personally by the captain of the ship which made the discovery while the secretary was in the Philippines. The cable, however, had been laid to the Island of Guam and not to the Philippine Islands, as reported from San Francisco.

Last fall it was found that the Pacific cable was defective, and the cable ship was sent out to investigate. At Guam a loose end of a strange cable was found wrapped around the regular cable. The officials of the repair party were perplexed by the discovery and were astounded when they began efforts at communication they could talk directly into the Japanese War Office.

It was thought that the discovery was known by Japan, so close watch was put over the end at Guam, which has since been maintained, the idea being to seize the cable in case of necessity. So far as can be learned this has not yet been done.

Interesting developments may now be expected between the United States and Japan, since the discovery has become known. It is not conceived how Japan will be able to explain the existence of a cable from Yokohama direct to the shadow of the American flag on the island of Guam.

The discovery of this cable indicates clearly to the army authorities that Japan has no intention of wasting any time of powder with the Philippine Islands in case of war with the United States.

It can be said that it was on this principle that the joint Army and Navy Board two years ago decided to create the main Pacific naval and military base at Pearl Harbor, near Honolulu.

Defense Inadequate.

While the army is building up its fortifications in the Philippines, it is only completing what had already been commenced, and there is now no plan for any further fortifications after those under way are completed. Without a battleship fleet or an army of fewer than 50,000 men in the Philippines, it is realized that the islands could not be successfully defended against a formidable attack.

As neither a battleship fleet nor a big army is possible, it was decided to make the main stand at Honolulu. Realizing that she would have little opposition in the Philippines, Japan, according to the calculations of the army general staff, would steam directly to Guam, pick up the cable there and hold it for communication with the Japanese fleet operating against the Hawaiian Islands.

Might take Honolulu.

Under the present conditions Japan would have only a night's work to take Honolulu, and could hold it against the combined forces now in the Pacific. In case of a war with the United States she would need the nearest possible base, and that would be Hawaii.

That, it was said by officials last night, is the real reason for the "war scare" in the army, which is exerting every possible energy to increase the garrisons in the Hawaiian Islands and to build up a formidable joint army and navy base at the very earliest possible moment.

FOURTH CHARGE PROVES FATAL

RICHMOND, VA., Special.—Because he won't support his wife, Morris Connolly, nineteen years old, whose family lives at 503 Louisiana Street, was sent to jail to loaf twelve months by Justice Crutchfield this morning, and during that time, being denied all chance of making a living, he will, of course, be unable to support his wife or anyone else.

The young man has been before Justice Crutchfield three times within the last few weeks, two charges being for non-support and one for larceny. Two of the charges—one for non-support and the larceny case—were inspired, Connolly declares, by his mother-in-law, Mrs. Nettie Morris.

Mrs. Morris failed to prove the larceny charge, but in a previous non-support case succeeded in having the boy bound over to the probation officer and ordered to pay three dollars a week. In delivering his decision in this case Justice Crutchfield made the much-talked of ruling that when a man marries he weds not only the girl, but her mother, father and all blood relatives.

This morning, however, Justice Crutchfield did what he has never before done. He announced: "I reverse myself. When a man marries, he marries only his wife, and does not marry the rest of her family. But this young man is in arrears nine dollars," he continued, "and won't take care of his wife. So I am going to teach him to support her. I am going to lock him up for twelve months."

The justice was asked if locking a boy up in idleness for a year would teach him to be industrious and make him support his wife, but he did not explain.

LOOK INTO KILLING OF AMERICANS

WASHINTON, D. C., Special.—The State Department today instructed Ambassador Wilson at Mexico City to investigate the reported execution by Mexican troops of four young Americans—Adams, Young, Howard and Shannon—at Agua Prieta after the recent battle at that place.

According to press dispatches from Tucson, Arizona, the Americans, residents of Pirtleville, Arizona, were captured after the insurrectos were routed. They were tried by drumhead court-martial and shot.

The State Department has no official confirmation of the executions, but is investigating the report on the strength of the press dispatches.

It was semi-officially stated at the deparment today that if the Americans were executed, as reported, a strong protest will be made through Ambassador Wilson.

The department does not accept, it was learned this morning, the decree of the Diaz Government that prisoners of war from among the insurrectos can be summarily executed. It was guardedly hinted that if executions of Americans occurred it might result in the recognition of the belligerency of the insurrectos. In this event, if executions continued, the United States would diplomatically be in a position to inform the Mexican Government that such procedure would not be tolerated. This would give, under international law, a proper excuse for speedy American intervention in Mexico, which would meet the approval of other foreign governments.

The department is also investigating dispatches from San Antonio stating that John Hamilton Dignowitty and three other Americans had been shot to death under a Mexican drum-head court-martial, which found them guilty of participation in the insurrectionary movement.

Object to Nude Statues.

BOSTON, Special.—Because of their objections to the nude statues in the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, Bishop William F. Mallalieu, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and a number of other clergymen of Boston and vicinity have sent out a circular in opposition to a bill pending in the Legislature to permit the city of Boston to appropriate $50,000 yearly for maintenance of the museum.

"I hope not a dollar of public money will go to the museum," declares Bishop Mallalieu in the circular, "until there is a decided reform."

Other clergymen refer to the nude statues as "immodest art," "indecent exhibitions" and "abominations."

FIREMEN KILLED BATTLING FLAMES

Laddies Lose Lives Fighting the Flames at Milwaukee—Eight Others Are Missing.

MILWAUKEE, WIS., Special. Six firemen are known to be dead, five others fatally injured and eight are missing in the ruins of the Friend Building, in the heart of Milwaukee's wholesale center, which was destroyed by fire today. The loss is nearly $300,000.

Five bodies have been recovered and the sixth man died in a hospital. It is feared that all the missing men have been killed. Searching parties are working furiously in the red hot ruins in an effort to save a life if possible.

Fireman Morgan, one of the dying, is the last of five brothers who were either killed or burned to death at fires. The five joined the department at the same time a number of years ago.

Sixteen men were seen on the roof just before it collapsed, and six of these, in the sight of thousands of spectators, jumped from the roof, six stories above the ground. Two of them are believed to be fatally injured, while the others, while bruised, will recover. Three bodies have been recovered from the ruins and a detachment of firemen is searching for the other bodies.

Just before the men were caught on the roof twenty girls, who had been trapped on the third floor, crawled along a narrow ledge of cornice and escaped to a fire escape, on which they came down to the ground.

Two of the girls fell, but were caught on the platform of a fire escape on the story below.

Firemen carried them to the ground. They were taken to a hospital. The flames spread rapidly through the building and the firemen had little chance to save the building or its contents.

ORDERS GIVEN FOR 100,000 BLANKETS

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., Special.—The California Woolen Company, of San Francisco, has been given a contract by the War Department for 100,000 army blankets for delivery in El Paso, Tex., and California points. Under the terms of the contract the order must be filled by December 31st.

EMPEROR WILLIAM IN AUSTRIAN CAPITAL

VIENNA, Special.—Emperor William, the Empress, Princess Victoria Louise and Prince Joachim arrived here from Berlin today, en route for Corfu. They were met at the station and escorted to the palace of Emperor Franz Josef, whose guests they are.

ALBANY, N. Y., Special.—Declaring that the revenues of the State were insufficient from the inheritance tax and that the law enacted last year was driving out of the State many citizens and preventing the forming of corporations, Governor Dix sent a special message to the Legislature asking that the inheritance tax, as it was prior to the enactment of last year, which took in the small estates under $10,000, be restored.

"How did the fatal accident in the air omnibus happen to Dr. Jenks?"

"He was used to stepping off the street car before it stopped, and tried it with the air bus."—Fliegende Blaetter.

Husband Didn't Expect Her.

POUGHKEEPSIE, Special.—William Cobb, owner of a hotel in Fishkin Landing, nearly fainted Tuesday when his wife, whom he left in New England twenty-five years ago, called at his hotel and reclaimed him. Cobb didn't take kindly to her advances and she caused his arrest.

Until a few days ago Mrs. Cobb had heard not a word from her husband since the day he disappeared. Six years ago he came to Dutchess county and opened the hotel. Both Cobb and his wife have remained single. In fact, Mrs. Cobb says she does not want her husband back, but she will fight in the courts to compel him to support her.

DENIES HE HELPED TO COMMIT CRIME

Laboring Under Violent Emotion, Accused Camorrist Shouts That He Knows Nothing of the Murder of Cuoccolo and His Wife.

VITERO, ITALY, Special.—Seventy-five additional guards were stationed in the court room to prevent a recurrence of yesterday's riot when the trial of Enrico Alfano, alias "Erricone," and his thirty-eight fellow Camorrists was resumed today.

Ferdinand Di Matteo, who is accused of luring Gennaro Cuoccolo to his death on the lonely roadway leading to Torre del Greco, was placed on the stand and interrogated by President Bianchi, of the Assize Court.

Matteo is charged in the indictment with having lured Cuoccolo by the promise of a fruitful diamond robbery which might be committed in the Cupa Calastro community.

A rich Neapolitan owned a villa there and Cuoccolo was to inspect the grounds and plan the robbery. Accordingly Matteo and Cuoccolo set out to look over the grounds, and, if necessary, rent an adjoining villa in order to further the plans for the great diamond coup. It is charged that, while the two men were walking along the road, Cuoccolo was attacked by Matteo and five associates, who were in hiding, Matteo striking the first blow.

When this was recorded today Matteo grew violently excited.

"I know nothing of that murder, nor of the murder of Maria Cuoccolo, Gennaro's wife," he cried.

Another woman was added to the defendants today, when Anna Siniscalchi, a sister-in-law of Gennaro De Marinis, or "Omandriere," as she was known to the police, was placed on trial with the other Camorrists.

The newest defendant is a handsome woman, and she was stylishly attired as she took the stand. She lifted her white veil and faced the court defiantly. She declared that she could not speak the Italian language to defend herself and asked for an interpreter.

Marinis arose and addressed a long plea to the court. He attacked the Caribineers and the Neapolitan magistrates, charging them with trickery.

"Abatemaggio is a scoundrel, and all the evidence against us false," he shouted.

Marinis is said to have helped Professor Rapi plan the Cuoccolo murder, and has a long police record.

Another Dramatic Incident.

A demonstration was narrowly averted during the interrogation of Matteo, when the prisoner flung himself on his knees and, raising his arms, screamed in a voice that reverberated through the court: "I am a victim of the Caribineers, and they would crucify me as Christ was crucified."

The other defendants cried out, but they were subdued by the additional guards before tumult could be precipitated. This dramatic incident followed a number of passages between the prisoner and the court.

Question of Disguise Figures.

The indictment had charged Matteo with manufacturing a false beard for Corrado Sortino, another of the alleged slayers of Cuoccolo. When this charge was pronounced, Matteo cried: "Signor President, I am inhocent. Why should I make a false beard for Sortino, when he is a wig maker himself and could easily have made one himself."

President Bianchi replied: "Yes, he is a wig-maker, but our evidence shows that he could not make a beard, whereupon you made it."

At this point Sortino arose in the prisoner's cage and interrupted the proceedings.

"Allow me to show you that I can make a beard, and I will demonstrate that I can to this court," he cried.

The president assured Sortino that his interests would be protected by the court and the interrogation proceeded.

BOOK CONTRACTORS WILL HAVE TO EXPLAIN

RICHMOND, VA., Special.—The committee of the State Board of Education, to which was referred the matter of failure of the book contractors to place school books at available points in the State, will meet here April 13th to take up the matter and to determine what course of action shall be followed.

Complaints have been coming in during the winter that the contractors were not giving the children facilities for purchasing books in all parts of the State, and while one company would put in its books, another would not follow this lead and comply with the contract in a manner satisfactory to the department.

The entire matter was referred to a special committee by the State Board of Education at its recent meeting. Among those serving on the committee is the secretary of the board and the Attorney General of Virginia. That the matter will be pressed to a conclusion there is no question, and it is believed that the matter will be taken to the courts for settlement.

The committee having the case in hand will insist that the terms of the contract shall be lived up to in every way, and the books placed at such points as will serve the interests of the pupils. It is now the case that pupils in remote sections of the State are at times compelled to send to some distant point and get school books by mail.

The various firms having contracts are being informed of the time of the meeting of the special committee in this city.

MISS ELKINS IS NOW IN CHICAGO

Fair Heiress, However, Is Guarded as Though She Were a Prisoner.

CHICAGO, ILL., Special.—For twenty-four hours or more Chicago has housed the heroine of a world's romance. Miss Katherine Elkins is here. But she might as well be in Elkins, W. Va., or Washington, or Europe, so far as Chicago is concerned. Miss Elkins was guarded from reporters and other curious individuals by her big brother, Blaine, and his wife. She was guarded by Mgr. Tompkins, at the Blackstone Hotel. And also she was guarded by "Billy" Hitt.

Billy, whose other name is William S., was the most persevering and assiduous guardian of them all, which was pleasing to the curious in view of the reports that Mr. Hitt may supercede, or has superceded, the Duke of Abruzzi in the affections of the fair heiress.

The party will go East tomorrow.