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PATHETIC LETTER FROM CRIPPEN

London, Nov. 28.—Ethel Clara Le Neve was found today in the little country town where she is hiding under an assumed name, and both as a tribute to Dr. Crippen's memory and as a revelation of the affection that existed between herself and the executed man she consented to the publication of the doctor's last love letter to her.

It was written on the eve of Crippen's execution, and her chief reason for giving publicity is that it shows the faithfulness of the alleged confession.

"That confession," said Miss Le Neve, "was a cruel falsehood. Dr. Crippen all along declared his innocence to me and I have been terribly shocked to read the lying statement. It is utterly and completely false."

It was with unaccounted tears that Miss Le Neve produced Dr. Crippen's farewell letter and allowed the correspondent to read and copy it. It runs as follows:

"How can I find the strength of heart to struggle through this last letter. God indeed must hear our cry to him for divine help in this last farewell. How to control myself to write I hardly know, but I pray God to help us, be brave to face the end now so near.

"Thoughts rush to my mind quicker than I can put them down. The time is too short now, and there is much I would say. There are less than two days left to us.

"When I wrote you Saturday I had not heard any news of a petition and, although I never at any time dared to hope, yet deep down in my heart was just a glimmer of trust that God might give us yet a chance to put the right before the world and let me have the passionate longing of my soul.

"Oh how glad I am that I had the photograph. It was some consolation although in spite of all my greatest efforts it was impossible to keep down a great sob and my heart's agonized cry.

"How am I to endure to take my last look at your dear face? What agony must I go through at last when you disappear forever from my eyes? God help us to be brave then.

"When I received your letter on Sunday eve I say that you did not know the bad news and I prayed God to help you in the morning when you did learn of it. I know what your agony will be, for I know your heart like mine, will be broken. I am comforted at least in thinking that throughout all the years of our friendship never have I passed one unkind word or given one reproachful look to her whom I have loved best in life, to whom I have given myself heart and soul, wholly and entirely forever. . . . I want my dear one to keep for her own use all that can be realized by the sale of my estate. We can safely leave to the hand of a just God the production later on of evidence proving innocences.

"My worries and troubles here will soon be ended, as I shall be tomorrow in God's hand. I have perfect faith in his help. Let my spirit be with you always, and after this earthly separation is finished we will join our souls forever."

After the transcription of the letter Miss Le Neve drew attention to Crippen's last words concerning her.

Mr. Lowder says, Roy J. M. Lowder of Kenansville, N. C., was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Phillips on West Second street last night and this morning.

Mr. Lowder was several years ago pastor of the Bath and Aurora Churches. He has many friends in Beaufort county.

ADVERTISE IN THE NEWS.

BLACKMAILED THE PASTOR

Trenton, N. J., Nov. 28.—The murder of the Rev. Amos L. Armstrong and his wife, Annie Rose Armstrong at their home near Dutch Neck Wednesday night was shown today to have been the result of an unsuccessful attempt at blackmail.

John Sears, the mulatto, who is a prisoner in the Mercer County jail here, charged with the double crime has admitted everything concerning his part in the tragedy except his purpose in attacking the old clergyman and in turning upon Mrs. Armstrong when she discovered what he had done.

This purpose however, became known this afternoon when Prosecutor William J. Crossley and his staff went to Dutch Neck to attend the preliminary inquest upon the bodies of the dead.

Sears' father was a white man, as everybody in the neighborhood knew. Most of the neighbors believed that his father was a farmer who lived about a mile from the scene of Wednesday's tragedy, and for whom Rachel Sears, mother of the man charged with the crime, had worked at one time shortly before her son's birth.

Sears, however did not believe this man his father. BLACKMAILED THE CLERGYMAN.

He always insisted he was the son of a member of the family from which Mrs. Armstrong came. For years he has been demanding and receiving money from Mr. Armstrong on the strength of threats to disclose that he was a half-cousin, if not a half brother of Mrs. Armstrong, with whom he grew up, the authorities have not been able to discover.

Sears was not taken back to Dutch Neck today for the first viewing of the bodies by the coroner. He remained in his cell at the jail here, sleeping most of the time, and insisting during the rest of it that he was too tired to talk to anybody about any phase of the crime to the commission of which he has confessed.

"I want to sleep," he said this afternoon to the correspondent of the Associated Press. "I haven't had a real sleep for night, and I have just simply got to get a few winks now."

With that Sears turned over upon his side and began to breathe heavily. He has not betrayed any concern over his plight, and his keepers said that from 10 o'clock in the afternoon when he was aroused to talk with County Detective James S. Kirkham, he had not only seemed indifferent to his whereabouts but had had nothing to say about Mr. Armstrong or his wife. He had not said anything about his mother even.

LITTLE IS LEARNED FROM HER. It was to examine Mrs. Sears further that Prosecutor Crossley went again to Dutch Neck this afternoon. Since early yesterday morning she has been under the surveillance at the home of George W. Denison, who was the nearest neighbor to the Armstrongs. Following her examination yesterday afternoon the old colored woman was brought to Trenton and locked up as a material witness.

Her incarceration is likely to be long, for no grand jury will sit until January, and it is possible that the Armstrong case will not be before it until February or March. Already there is a movement afoot to have the woman released on bail. This is being backed by the Rao family for whom she worked so long.

In the statement made by Sears to Prosecutor Crossley he insisted that Mr. Armstrong had threatened him. He stood to this this afternoon again, and despite of evidence to the contrary in the possession of the prosecutor would not change his story.

"I went to the old man in the afternoon about 1 o'clock," Sears said "and told him I had to have a dollar. All of a sudden he got angry and jumped up out of his chair. The next thing I knew he was coming to me with his cane in his hand, and before I could get out of the way he had struck me over the head with it."

"He struck me so hard that it hurt, too, and I was still mad at him even if he did say he did not have anything but a two-dollar bill and that if I would go to New Brunswick and get some fruit I could keep the change, I went there, as I have told you, and I bought some grapes. Then I went and got shaved, bought a cigar and smoked it, and then caught my car back home."

It is a fact that Sears bought grapes in New Brunswick. The man who sold them has borne testimony to that effect, and this afternoon the grapes were found in an out of the way place in the kitchen. This, however, is the one point of Sears' explanation of his crime, for which confirmation has been found.

Former Pastor Here

Rev. L. L. Nash, D. D. of Greensboro, former pastor of the M. E. church here, was a visitor to the city this morning between trains. The doctor is on his way to Elizabeth City to attend the annual conference. Dr. Nash has just written another book "The Early Scenes of the Bible" which is being highly complimented all over the state.

During the pastorate of Dr. Nash the Methodist church was dedicated and completed in this city. His many old parishioners were delighted to see him again.

Nearing Completion. The new Methodist parsonage is nearing completion. It will be one of the handsomest residences in the city when finished.

Cotton Market. Seed cotton 5.50. Lint cotton, 14.25. Cotton seed per ton, 29.00.

Rebecca Lodge

Assistant General Secretary Berry of the Odd Fellows in North Carolina organized a Rebecca lodge auxiliary in this city last week. All the members of the order as well as their wives and daughters are eligible to membership.

Quite a number joined the organization.

Election of Officers. There will be an annual election of officers of St. Peter's Chapter Brotherhood of St. Andrew, Wednesday Nov. 30, at Wm. Bragraw's office at 8 p. m. sharp. All members are urged to be present.

Corn to Exposition. Mr. B. H. Thompson, of Aurora, one of Beaufort county's most energetic and up-to-date farmers has shipped to the Columbia Exposition at Columbia, S. C., samples of his corn to be exhibited there. The Daily News feels confident his exhibit will not be surpassed.

Fine Music. Many compliments are being paid to the Washington Concert Band for the excellent music they are making at the different social functions of the city.

This organization is a credit to Washington and should receive the encouragement of all.

Prof. Will E. Smith, their instructor, is one of the most efficient and competent band leaders in the country.

Their playing shows the result of his good training.

SHOPPING AT HOME!

The most clever and progressive women have learned the immense advantage of carefully reading the advertisements.

Those who are more dull of apprehension prefer to wander around in different stores hunting for the special bargains and usually attractive articles.

The up-to-date woman of today sits down and takes her paper and reads the advertisements carefully before she goes "shopping"

She has learned by experience that the merchant who is up-to-date in his methods and has the most desirable offerings, is the one which makes his influence felt through his advertising.

If he did not do this he would not be an up-to-date merchant. The back number merchant does not advertise.

Shopping at home, looking through the ads before you start out, saves time and annoyance and is sure to result in both economy and satisfaction.

I pay to read the advertisements.

Will Entertain

Miss Adeline Mayo will entertain at her home corner of Second and Pearce streets tomorrow afternoon from 3 to 5, in honor of Miss Julia Moore, who is to be married at the Episcopal church next week to Wolfe.

She will entertain at bridge and a pink shower. Quite a number will attend this social function.

Getting on Nicely. The many friends of Miss Cordon, daughter of Mrs. C. T. Cordon, who has been confined in the Fowle Memorial hospital with fever will be pleased to learn that her condition is much better and the physicians entertain strong hopes for her ultimate recovery.

IT MIGHT BE WORSE. Misfortunes are thick in this valley of tears, the moans of the sorrowful come to our ears; the law of hard luck seems the governing law, and a package of grief is the prize that we draw. But if we would cut out the weeping and sighs, and quit pumping brine from our water-logged eyes, we'd soon find our sorrows and troubles disperse; for there's nothing so bad that it couldn't be worse. It's well to reflect when you're burdened with care and trouble, comess down with his feet in the air, that others have suffered as deeply as you and raised just as much as a hallelaloo, and others have found that a bundle of woe is easy to lose if you only think so.

From the day you are born 'till you ride in a hearse, there's nothing so bad that it couldn't be worse. One day I was ranting around, pretty glum, for a felon was holding the fort of my thumb; the surgeon came in with his saw, and avowed that I was a baby for yelling as loud: "I sawed off the leg of your neighbor," he said, "and never a whimper came out of his head." O! It's true as you live; that—excepting this verse—there's nothing so bad that it couldn't be worse.

WALT MASON. Roosevelt was probably trying the spiral trick in politics.

TO DISSOLVE SUGAR TRUST

New York, Nov. 28.—A bill in equity to dissolve the American Sugar Refining Company, known as the sugar trust, because it is a monopoly conducted in restraint of trade, was filed today in the United States circuit court for the southern district of New York by United States District Attorney Wise.

A perpetual injunction is asked, restraining the company from paying dividends and the stockholders from exercising any privileges as stockholders.

Full of Delegates. The Norfolk Southern train from Raleigh to Norfolk was crowded with preachers and delegates enroute to Elizabeth City to attend the annual session of the North Carolina conference. The conference will open in that town tomorrow morning.

Bishop Eugene Hendrix D. D. L. L. D., of Kansas City, Mo., will preside.

He was a passenger on the train from Raleigh where he was the guest of Mr. Joseph Brown, president of the Citizens Bank of that city yesterday.

Bishop Hendrix is one of the great men in Southern Methodism. Football is not much of a game for a dry town.

J. K. HOYT, WASHINGTON'S GREATEST STORE

Toys of every description now on display second floor.

Fancy goods and Handkerchiefs for Xmas gifts.

Never before has our store been so brim full of useful and ornamental goods for Xmas Gifts, for every member of the family from the tiny infant to great grandfather.

Christmas is only a few weeks off. Why wait for the Rush. Come now and make your selections.

J. K. HOYT, Santa Cl.

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IS DISSOLVED BY THE KING

London, Nov. 28.—Parliament was dissolved by King George today after a speech before the assembled members of the house of commons and house peers.

The session which was brought to a close was convened about a fortnight ago but it was known before hand that all legislature upon the veto and other important questions affecting the upper house was deadlocked.

The campaign has already started for the general election. Premier Asquith's cabinet was in executive session when parliament was dissolved, discussing the date of the elections, which, as yet, has not been officially announced.

Lost His Bearings. It was an English skipper of the olden time, who, having knowledge beyond the seeming needs, as he could read and use the charts, was dispatched to Rotterdam. The skipper had never been to Rotterdam before, so after getting over the bar and well away to the east he produced his charts and made a learned inspection, but the charts had been a long time in the locker and circumstances combined to alarm him extremely. He went up on deck and called to his mate. "Put her about; the rats have eaten Holland!"

Butter in Slices. From time immemorial in Cambridge, England, the dairy-people sell the butter so as to form a long stick weighing a pound, which they sell in slices, as if it were sausage. In the market the butter merchants do not care to use either weights or scales. A simple glance is sufficient for these people accustomed to the time honored practice of dividing the yard into halves, quarters or eighths very exactly, and it appears that the customer is never given short measure.

The Milky Way. The Milky way is an irregularly luminous belt that encircles the celestial sphere and has the general shape of a great circle, inclined at an angle of sixty-three degrees to the equinoctial. Its luminosity is due to the myriads of stars or suns composing it, many of which have been revealed to us by means of the telescope. It varies in width from four to twenty degrees and at one point of its course splits up into two nearly parallel branches of unequal brightness, which do not reunite for a distance of 150 degrees.

A Small Detective. The man was nearly through taking down the awnings when the bell rang for luncheon. Little Mrs. Day looked at all her trinkets and lingered about the room on one pretense and another until her small boy, looking up with that unceasing insight so disconcerting to his elders, observed in his piercing treble: "You go right along, mamma, I'll watch him."—Woman's Home Companion.

Unfair. The Customer—Married or single? The Tailor—Then let me recommend my patent safety deposit pocket. It contains a most ingenious little contrivance that feels exactly like a live mouse.—Chicago News.

Liked the Turf. "I understand, Mr. Reuben," said the visitor "that your son is devoted to the turf." "Ya-as, I reckon he is," said the old man. "Jabez kin lay down on the grass for bull hours 'thout makin' no complaint."—Harper's Weekly.

Decided Improvement. The improvements being made to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Moss corner of Van Norden and Second Streets has been much complimented.

Attractive Church. The Free Will Baptists will have one of the most attractive churches in the city when same is completed. The plans have already been drawn and those who have seen same pronounce them attractive and convenient.

Christmas Goods. All the stores are now busy receiving their Christmas goods and within the next few weeks Washington shoppers will be offered great opportunity to see and purchase novelties for the holiday season.

Watch the Daily News advertising columns for bargains.

How He Avoided It. "Have you ever been hissed off the stage?" asked the girl who was thrilled at having met a real actor. "Oh, no," he replied. "When I'm off the stage I always try to be among friends as much as possible."—Chicago Press.

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SHOE TALK.

We are offering Children's Shoes, sizes 5-12 to 8 either button or lace, vicl kid or patent leather for \$1.15.

Misses sizes 8-12 to 11 at \$1.35.

James E. Clark Co.

4 Per Cent Compound Interest

On Savings Accounts

Savings & Trust Co.

Capital \$50,000

Surplus and

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Special Prices On Furs.

We have an immense stock of FURS of every kind. In sets or separate pieces. Special prices for next few days.

Bowers-Lewis Co.

Watch Tomorrow's Ad.

THE GEM THEATRE

You'll get the full value of your money here—most enjoyment!

An up to date show run to suit you.

ROSELEAVES (Vitagraph)

THE TWISTED TRAIL (Biograph)

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