

AFFINITY EARLE VERY NERVOUS

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THE SENTIMENT BITTER

Spent Night in Jail and Had to be Closely Watched to Prevent Him Killing Himself—When First Arrested For Beating His "Soul Mate" He Appeared Indifferent But Later Became Very Nervous—Penalty for Crime Five Years' Imprisonment or \$1,000 Fine—Wife Goes Home.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Goshen, N. Y., Aug. 26.—Ferdinand Pinney Earle, the eccentric and wealthy artist, who is in jail here, charged with beating his wife and "soul mate," formerly Julia Kuttner, was closely watched by extra guards all through the night for fear he would attempt to end his life.

Earle is completely unnerved and it is expected that he will provide the \$500 bail required before many more hours. During the early part of the night he appeared to be absolutely indifferent and languid, but when lights were put out, he became nervous. He began pacing his cell, and pulled at his long hair and rubbed his chin. The very fact that he had pleaded guilty to the charge of beating his young "affinity" wife seemed to weigh heavily on him.

The penalty for this crime is five years' imprisonment or \$1,000 fine, at the discretion of the court. The feeling against Earle all through Monroe and Central Valley is bitter. Since he cast off his first wife and little son to marry Julia Kuttner, whom he called his affinity, he has been shunned by his neighbors.

Mrs. Earle, with her baby, born on August 4, in her arms and accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Kuttner, and her aunt, Mrs. Inez Barry, left Monroe last night after Earle had been thrust in prison. They represented that they were going to the Kuttner home in New York.

An examination to determine Earle's sanity will be made today. The general opinion is that he is crazy.

The Earles, it is said, have not lived happily for weeks. It is declared that before the baby, a boy, was born, Earle was given to violent fits of temper and that he abused Mrs. Earle fearfully.

After the birth of the baby the artist became even more bitter against his "soul mate."

Great Damage to the South.

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66, northbound, ran into an undermined trestle on the southside of Congaree river bridge, derailing the engine and two coaches. The colored fireman was slightly injured, being caught between the engine and tender. The passengers were transferred and continued their journey. The tracks will be blocked probably for 12 hours, as the trestle is in

grave danger of being completely washed away.

DAMAGE IN SPARTANBURG.

City in Darkness Last Night, the Power and Gas Plants Being Flooded.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Spartanburg, S. C., Aug. 26.—The creeks and rivers in this county continued to rise last night as a result of the heavy rains. Already great damage has been done, and if rain continues to fall through today, havoc will be wrought throughout the entire Piedmont section. Spartanburg was in darkness all of last night, power and gas plants having been put out of business. The big power plant of the Electric Power Company at Gaston Shoals, which was only recently installed, is flooded with water and the steam power plant in the city also is submerged. There are washouts on all railroads leading out of the city and train service has been abandoned.

There was a report late last night that Lockhart cotton mill was seriously damaged by the flood, but early this morning the report had not been confirmed. It is known, however, that Pacolet river, on which the mill is located, is very high. Great fears are entertained for other mills along the river.

The newspapers are badly crippled on account of being without power and gas and had to resort to hand composition.

All bridges in the county have been either damaged or washed away. If the flood increases by tonight it is feared not a bridge will be left standing. Fields of cotton and corn have been ruined.

SAVANNAH FLOODED.

River at Thirty-five Feet and Rising Ten Inches An Hour. City May Be Flooded.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Augusta, Ga., Aug. 26.—At 9 o'clock this morning the water in the Savannah river registered at the lower bridge thirty-five feet, six inches and is rising ten inches an hour. The rate has been accelerated since midnight. Already the middle portion of the city adjacent to the river is under water and about Twelfth street the yellow rivulets are appearing on Broad street. The gates at the locks where the city's canal begins have been locked since last night, but the swollen stream is four feet above the dam, and the canal banks are being patrolled by city workmen. As the canal is much above the city level a break would mean an instant flooding of the greater portion of the city. All cotton mills are shut down and the water covers their lower floors as well as the wheel pit floor of the power house. Damage on the farms below the city is great, as much of the corn crop had not been gathered. The crest of the rise is not expected until tonight. All communication with Charleston and Columbia have been cut off and news from the Carolina districts is not obtainable at this time.

LOSS OVER A MILLION.

Mill Owners, Railroads, and Farmers Chief Sufferers—Steel Bridge Expected to Go.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Columbia, S. C., Aug. 26.—The steel railroad bridge over the Wateree river on the Seaboard Air Line, near Camden is expected to collapse at any moment. Traffic over this route has been abandoned. The water in this district is the highest in several years. The weather today continues rainy and all streams are rising rapidly. It is feared that railroad transportation will be cut off from Columbia unless there is considerable let up in the downpour.

The telephone and telegraph wires in all directions are down and communication is difficult with outlying sections.

The flood so far has entailed a loss in this state that will exceed a million dollars, cotton mill owners, railroads, and farmers being the chief sufferers. Owing to the difficulty of communication the receipts of returns from yesterday's primary are coming in very slowly, and it will be probably many hours before anything official can be obtained.

ENTIRE CITY FLOODED.

Augusta Under Water—All Street Cars Tied Up—Damage Heavy.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Augusta, Ga., Aug. 26.—At 10:00 o'clock this morning the water has spread over the central part of the city and everything is being flooded. There is now no doubt that the entire city will be under water by tonight. The latest figures from the country where the Savannah draws its supply, are that over seven inches of rain has fallen in 24 hours. This is so heavy that ordinary calculations are upset. The city engineer estimates the maximum at 37 feet, five inches, to be reached early tonight. The weather observer coincides in this guess. The damage will be very heavy, it being impossible for the merchants to move all their stock in time to escape damage.

The overflowing waters are added to by the constant downpour. All street cars are tied up, the power-house being flooded, no Augusta-Alken cars having arrived this morning, which has tied up many

Augustans who reside across the river in North Augusta.

WORST IN YEARS.

Water Thirty-Three Feet in Roanoke at Weldon. Great Damage. (Special to The Times)

Weldon, N. C., Aug. 26.—Weather conditions here are the worst in years. Rain has fallen steadily for four days and there is a heavy freshet in Roanoke river.

The water at this hour—11 o'clock—is thirty-three feet above gauge and much of the low lands is under water. Considerable damage to corn and cotton must follow.

The lands have been badly washed and farmers are in low spirits. It is feared the river will go much higher before morning.

ALL BRIDGES WASHED AWAY.

Seaboard Loses Two Bridges in Elbert County. Passenger Train Marooned Between Two Breaks.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Elberton, Ga., Aug. 26.—As a result of the twenty-four hours of continuous rain all of the bridges in Elbert county have been washed away including the fine new steel bridge across Broad river connecting Elbert and Wilkes counties.

The Seaboard Air Line bridges across the Savannah and Broad rivers are both gone. A freight train passed over the latter five minutes before it floated away.

Passenger train No. 52 of the Seaboard Air Line is caught on this side of the Savannah river. An attempt was made to get back to Elberton but it was found that the trestle over Beaver Dam Creek had been carried away. The passengers are marooned between the two breaks.

The Elberton electric plant was completely destroyed and the city will be in darkness for many nights. The city waterworks plant is submerged but it is hoped that it will be saved. The property loss in this section is incalculable.

All bottom crops are submerged and in the uplands crops have been badly damaged by the downpour.

CONFESSED TO WIFE-MURDER.

Following a Quarrel He Attacked Her With Shears.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Wheeling, W. Va., Aug. 26.—At Moundsville yesterday afternoon, Albert Williams, who had been arrested, suspected of murdering his wife, confessed the crime.

He said he came home late and his wife reprimanded him. A quarrel followed and she struck him with a chair rung. He then grabbed her, forced her down on the bed and securing a pair of large shears, disembowelled her. The body of the woman was found the following day and Williams was arrested, suspected of the crime. At the time of his arrest he said that his wife had injured herself by falling on a butcher knife. The body was horribly hacked about the abdomen.

STANDARD OIL SPREADING.

Acquires Control of Gas Corporation in Pittsburg.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Pittsburg, Pa., Aug. 26.—Sales of stock on the Pittsburg stock exchange yesterday disclosed that the Standard Oil Company is seeking to acquire control of the Union Natural Gas Corporation, Theodore N. Barnsdall, president, and is willing to expend in the neighborhood of \$7,000,000 to accomplish its purpose.

The gas corporation, through its underlying companies, now holds 237,411 acres in Pennsylvania and Ohio and has a half interest in 55,801 acres in West Virginia.

AMAZED THE EXHORTER.

While Preacher Was Inviting Penitents to Come Forward Girl Laid Baby on the Altar.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 26.—At the close of religious exercises in the Union Mission last night, while John Hutcherson, of East St. Louis, Ill., was pleading with an audience to come forward to the mourner's bench and seek forgiveness for their sins, a girl, twenty years old, went forward, laid her month old baby on the altar, denounced the exhorter and fled.

"Here is your little burden of sin," she said to the man who had invited the repentant to come forward.

NEGROES BARRED FROM THE CITY

Residents Use forcible Means to Keep Them Out of White Section

WILL DRIVE THEM OUT

Ropes, Trees, and Shot-Guns Urged As a Means to Keep Springfield Negroes Out of White Residential Section of Chicago—Improvement Association Takes Stand to Keep Them Out—Real Estate Agents Who Rent to Negroes Will Be Blacklisted.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Chicago, Aug. 26.—Antipathy to negroes broke forth in violent form last night in Gage Park. Ropes, trees, and shot-guns were urged as means to prevent colored families from settling in that part of the city, which now is occupied by white residents exclusively.

"With a shot-gun or revolver in every house and with a plentiful supply of rope and trees, the people of Gage Park will soon rid itself of the 42 families of Springfield negroes which two ministers propose to bring here," declared J. J. Petter, secretary of the Gage Park Citizens' Improvement Association, at its meeting, which stopped its routine business long enough to enter into a discussion of the race question.

Those in attendance became considerably excited when it was made known that two ministers, whose names were not mentioned, were attempting to collect money to build a church in Gage Park for the negroes whom they expected to bring into the district.

It was finally decided that the sentiment of Gage Park, as represented in the hall, was against the bringing of the negroes to Gage Park, and that all real estate agents who sell or rent houses to negroes in the district will be blacklisted.

Worst Damage in Years From Rains

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Grave fears are felt for the safety of the mill.

Walnut Creek.

Walnut creek, usually placid and slow, is now fast and angry. It is only up to one bridge, the Holloman road bridge. At the pump house on Fayetteville road the creek is 10 or 12 feet higher than high-water mark, and will probably reach 18 feet. The bridge is in no danger. There is one sheet of water three-quarters of a mile wide or more, where the Southern railroad crosses Walnut creek between Fayetteville and Holleman roads.

Swift Creek.

Swift creek is raising thunder with the bridges, crops, and everything else in its reach. The bridge on the Holly Springs road is gone and all other bridges are imperiled. The rural carrier cannot pass this creek.

Railroads Tied Up.

The Seaboard, Raleigh & Southport, and the Norfolk & Southern have annulled trains. The Raleigh & Southport has annulled all of their trains on account of washouts all along the line. Water is waist deep over the tracks near the Cape Fear river.

The Norfolk & Southern's track is under water for about two miles at Marsh's creek bridge. The track is also submerged about two miles below the junction. Parts of the bridges over Marsh's creek and the swamp below Marsh's creek are reported to have been swept away.

All trains on this road have also been annulled. Their whole trouble is between Raleigh and Wendell.

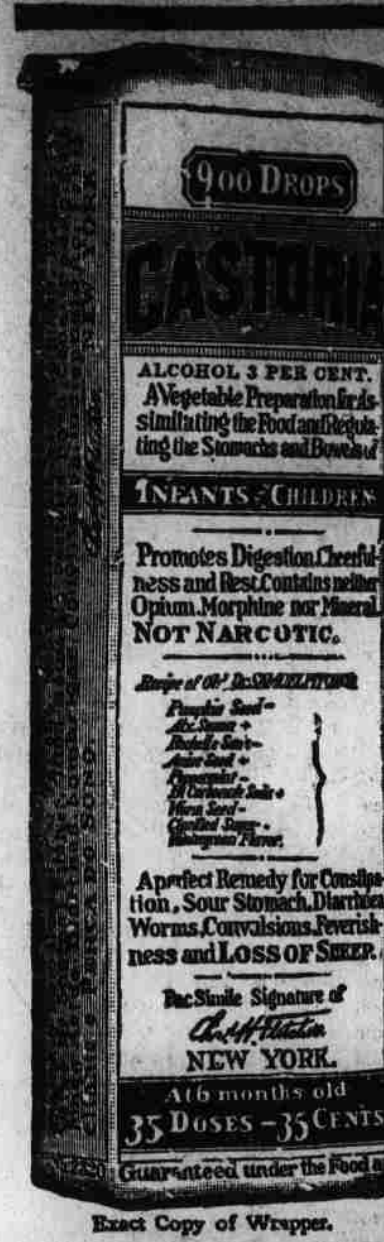
The Seaboard officials have annulled all southbound trains leaving Raleigh. The Cape Fear at the railroad bridge has passed the dangerous stage. The bridge is expected to be swept away any time. There are washouts on the Seaboard between Hamlet and Columbia, compelling all trains to come to a stand-still.

The Southern road is faring the best thus far. No washouts have been reported as yet. The officials are taking all precautions to prevent accidents. Track-walkers are out, one mile being assigned to each man. The excursion to Asheville will run tomorrow regardless of the weather.

All wires along the S. A. L. south of Raleigh are down. The northern part of the line is all right.

Rural Routes.

All of the rural carriers were forced to return today on account of high water and no bridges: D. C. Beck, who supplies the northeastern section of the county, was forced to turn around at Crabtree at the Wake Forest road crossing. The water there is several feet higher than yesterday.



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The carrier on route No. 4, who supplies Swift Creek township, can get no further than Swift creek. The bridge is down.

R. E. Murray, supplying southern part of the county, turned around at Swift creek, below Yates' pond. Water up over the bridge.

J. E. Rudy, whose route lies through the northwestern portion of the county, was stopped by the usually calm Beaver dam branch.

Joe Norwood got as far as Manly branch, this side of Crabtree. He reports that Manly branch looked more like a river than a branch.

The prospects are now for one of the most disastrous floods the Carolinas have ever experienced. There is no sign of fair weather. All streams are higher than ever before. Should the heavy rains continue the damage to property and crops will be incalculable.

All farms in this vicinity have suffered more or less, especially the ones on a creek or river bottom. The farmers, whose crops are not hurt, cannot get to town to sell their produce.

Thirty Miners Entombed.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) McAllister, Okla., Aug. 26.—A mine explosion occurred in coal mine No. 1 at Hadley, Okla., near here this afternoon. Thirty miners are said to have been entombed.

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