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W. J. TWADDELL, MEMBER OF ULSTER PARLIAMENT, IS SHOT FROM AMBUSH

Sir James Craig, Premier, Calls Special Meeting of Cabinet to Demand Just Retribution For the Murder —First Member of Parliament to Be Attacked.

(By The Associated Press.)

BELFAST, May 22.—The killing today of W. J. Twaddell, a member of the Ulster Parliament, who was shot while on his way to business, caused the issuance of a manifesto by Sir James Craig, the Premier, announcing a special meeting of the Cabinet and the legal authorities. The premier declared "Just retribution" was called for.

The Premier in his manifesto said:

"My detestation of this horrible crime fills me with such indignation that I have summoned a special meeting of the Cabinet and all the authorities dealing with law and order. Such an event as this murder demands just retribution."

BELFAST, May 22.—W. J. Twaddell, a member of the northern parliament, was shot here today and died in the hospital.

He was proceeding to business when he was struck by several shots. A woman was also wounded by the fusillade.

Mr. Twaddell is the first member of parliament to be attacked in the history of Belfast's disorders.

The most disquieting feature of Sunday's disorders in Belfast was the shifting of the center of trouble to Bally Macarett, the east end section, where there is a large artisan population, and a small, compact Sinn Fein community living in an area called the Short Strand. Two men were killed in the violent rioting there, and Thomas McShane, who was wounded Saturday, died bringing the total of deaths over the week-end to 14.

During last night's shooting, gunmen opened fire on the city electric station, but the return fire from police and troops caused the assailants to withdraw. The flying column responsible for Saturday's raids in counties Antrim and Down vanished as quickly as it came, but a renewal of its operations is anticipated.

The Ulster Cabinet has given no sign of what measures it contemplates to suppress the disorders, but it is assumed nothing will be done before tomorrow's meeting of the northern parliament when Premier Sir James Craig will outline his plans. These, if they fulfill the expectations in many quarters, are likely to involve a rupture with the Dublin government. Premier Craig refuses to give an intimation of the proposals in advance.

TOM WATSON THREATENS TO KNOCK SENATOR DOWN

(By The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, May 22. — Postmaster appointments in Georgia started a hot exchange in the Senate today between Senator Watson, Democrat, of that state, and Senator Phipps, of Colorado, a republican member of the postoffice committee with the result that business was disrupted for several minutes after which the two senators took their controversy into the corridor with the Georgia Senator offering personal combat.

"If you say a word out of the way I'll knock you down," Senator Watson said he told the Colorado Senator after they left the Senate chamber. Senator Phipps declined to see newspaper men to discuss the incident.

Senator Watson discussing the dispute which began while the Senate was discussing an army bill said Senator Phipps declined the challenge to personal combat, mentioned calling a senate sergeant-at-arms and then walked away.

The Georgia Senator explained that the dispute involved three postmaster nominations — Jack Currans to be postmaster at Savannah, Ga., J. B. Crane, at Dixie, Ga., and Lawson Pritchard at Tennille Ga. All are "personally objectionable" to him Senator Watson said, and he so notified Senator Phipps.

Mr. Watson stated that Chairman Townsend of the postoffice committee had allowed him to name a subcommittee to consider the three nominations and that he, Mr. Watson, had chosen Phipps on the subcommittee. Senator Phipps since has been in correspondence with the nominees, although Senator Watson said he himself had received no letters from them. Last Saturday, Senator Watson said, Mr. Phipps gave him some of the correspondence and asked him to look over the papers. Today Senator Watson said he went to Senator Phipps and told him that he would not examine the papers and demanded to know whether his opposition to the three nominees who were "personally objectionable" was to be recognized, as is the Senatorial custom.

A number of persons in the Senate corridors witnessed the clash between the Senators being attracted apparently by the loud discussion which broke into a speech on the floor by Senator Wadsworth, republican, before the Senators went outside.

Senator Watson said he proposed to prevent confirmation of the three nominees, all of whom, he said, had made derogatory statements about him.

BURCH JURY APPEARS HOPELESSLY DEADLOCKED

(By The Associated Press.)

LOS ANGELES, Calif., May 23.—The jury in the case of Arthur C. Burch, on trial for the second time for the murder of J. Belton Kennedy, at Beverly Glenn, near here, last August was sequestered to resume its deliberations at 9 o'clock this morning.

Baptists Denounce The Modern Dance, Gambling, Violation Of Sabbath and Uncensored Movies

Enforcement of the Law Is Now Main Task of the Prohibitionists Declares Report of Commission—Must Make War on Dance and Immoral Picture Shows—Hope Mr. Hays Will Clean Up.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., May 22.—The Southern Baptist Convention voted final adjournment at 12:30 p. m. today after adopting the report of the social service commission denouncing mob rule, expressing the conviction that the moving picture shows must be "cleand up or destroyed," and making many other recommendations.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., May 22. — Enforcement of the law is now the main task of prohibitionists, declared the report of the Social Service Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, made public here today. It also denounced the modern dance, race track gambling and violation of the Sabbath and urged that Baptists demand strict censorship for motion pictures.

Under the head of the law enforcement, the commission said:

"It cannot help. It can only hurt for individuals to take the enforcement of law and the administration of justice into their own hands. To do so would be a double crime, a crime against the individual sought to be punished and a crime against society and government as a whole. x x x. Under the principles of the American government every man charged with crime is guaranteed a fair trail, in open court, by a jury of his peers, with the right of calling witnesses to his defense and having all the facts duly and judicially considered. Any other procedure is no rule, and if adopted generally, will ultimately undermine and overthrow everything we hold dear. Public meetings may be called, in many instances, ought to be called, and every citizen should stand out oopenly for fundamental American principles."

"Your commission feels," the report continued, "that we cannot too strongly urge upon our pastors and churches the importance of not becoming allied with or giving approval and support to any movement or organization that violates or tends to violate these sacred and fundamental principles."

Referring to the appointment of Will H. Hays as head of the motion picture producers' association, the report, which was one of the final matters before the last business session of the convention, expressed the hope that Mr. Hays "will exercise what is supposed to be his great power, for a thorough cleanup in the whole picture business."

The commission expressed approval of the banning of "Fatty" Arbuckle pictures and declared "much more is needed. It will take a flood of sunlight to purify the region."

"We hope Mr. Hays and the producers will keep up the work," continued the report. "Regardless of what they do we must demand the enactment of laws for strict censorship in each state. The morals of our young people must not continue to be corrupted by the public exhibition of the eternal triangle and other displays of indecency and lust."

"In our last annual report speaking of the modern dance and its increasing prevalence following the war, we said: 'Another gross and growing evil must be mentioned. It is the modern dance. One of the most serious and menacing by-products of the world war is the great increase in the dance evil, and the extravagant extreme to which it has gone. Accompanied, as it is, by immodest dress, by close physical contact of the sexes, by its lack of restraint, it is undoubtedly doing much to undermine the morals of our young people. It is beyond question, that in many cases it leads to moral wreck and ruin. The time has come when, from every pulpit, strong and persistent protest must be made and wise and faithful teaching must be given. The time has come when our churches, as such, must take a positive position against the corrupt and corrupting evil. Undoubtedly, the parents are largely responsible. Your commission would appeal with all possible emphasis, to all our people, especially to the pastors and parents, that this growing menace shall be checked and abolished.'

"We are glad to record some improvements in conditions. Many secular papers and class publications have come out in strong condemnation of the excesses of the present day dance if not of the dance as such, which reinforces us in our position, we must not slacken our efforts."

Immediate removal of prohibition officers who fail to enforce the law was asked in the report which also declared that replies from Congressmen indicate they would find a way to prevent establishment of "reeeation rum ships just outside the three mile limit."

Passage by Congress of a [illegible] to amend the constitution so as to make illegal appropriation of public funds for sectarian institutions was recommended and President Harding and Secretary Hughes was commended for [illegible] the armament conference.

Announcement was made that [illegible] members of the executive committee of the Baptist world alliance, representing the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention, will sail July 12 to attend a meeting of the executive commission in London for the purpose of preparing the program for the meeting of the alliance in Stocholm in July, 1923. These members are former Governor J. W. Stephens, of Columbia, Miss; Dr. W. W. Landrum, Russellville, Ky., and Dr. R. H. Pitt, Richmond, Va.

SERVICE IS THEME OF THE BACCALAUREATE SERMON TO HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Dr Henderlite Preaches Strong Sermon to Graduating Class Sunday Evening—Undergraduate Exercises Take Place Monday Evening.

Commencement exercises of the Gastonia high school began Sunday evening with the baccalaureate sermon by Dr. J. H. Henderlite at the Central school auditorium. For this service, the uptown churches of the city had discontinued their regular evening worship and the auditorium was filled.

Dr. Henderlite gave the young graduates a sermon full of sound, practical advice. It was especially appropriate to a graduating class. The text was "To every man his work," and the theme of the discourse was that each of the graduates of the class of 1922 had a special sphere in the world to fill, and that to find his place, one must take an inward an outward and an upward look. Self, the world and God—these three center into the choice of a life work by and individual. "Be yourself, not somebody else," Dr. Henderlite told the Seniors. "Do not try to imitate. You will be nobody. Fit your elf to the world. Play the game fairly and squarely. Learn how to work in harmony and unison with others. Use team work. Above all, do not forget the upward look. That is what counts."

The keynote of Dr. Henderlite's message was service. "He profits most who serves best," said Dr. Henderlite is fast coming to be the accepted motto of many business organizations. Business of today has forgotten the piracy, the grasping, over-reaching methods of other days. A ministry of service is what counts nowadays."

Dr. Henderlite's sermon was particularly impressive and full of sound doctrine and helpful counsel.

Revs. W. C. Barrett and A. L. Stanford occupied seats on the rostrum. Special music was rendered by the three glee clubs of the schools and a boys' quartet.

The exercises this evening will consist of undergraduate activities.

Tonight's program is as follows:

March, Miss Mabel Little.

Invocation, Rev. J. C. Deitz.

Chorus — "Morning March Song." Wilkin, Seventh Grades.

Reading of U. D. C. Prize Paper.

Presentation of U. D. C. Prize.

Violin Solo—"Reverie." Fauconier, Margaret McConnell.

Presentation of Prize to Leader of Seventh Grade, Miss Margaret Tiddy.

Presentation of Sweep-Stakes Prizes, Principal Ray Armstrong.

Piano Duet—"Salute to the Colors." Anthony, Margaret Scott and Miriam Cathey.

Presentation of Certificates.

Chorus—"June Song." King, Seventh Grades.

Benediction, Seventh Grades.

SENIOR CLASS EXERCISES. Tuesday, May 23.

"TRAVELS WITH AENEAS"

Scene I. Preparing a Lesson in Virgil's Aeneid.

Scene II. A Visit to the Sibyl.

Scene III. In Pluto's Realm.

Scene IV. Home Again.

Characters.

Aeneas, Ben Ratchford.

Schoolboy, Frank Jordan.

Charon, Willis Johnson.

Dido, Blanche Pugh.

Cicero, C. K. Marshall, Jr.

Sibyl, Violet Chester.

Muses: Rachel Henderlite, Carrie McLean Taylor, Dora Schneider, Wombra McCombs, Annie Blair Anders, Etta Shannon, Nell Dixon, Evelyn Boyd, Candace Gamble.

Spirits of Studies: English, Leonard Eury; Science Sam Garmise, Math., Ethel Kendrick, History, Frank McLaughen, Language, Will Spencer.

Pluto, Carl Underwood.

Attendants to Pluto, R. B. Babington, George Ragan.

Anchises, Ralph Falls.

Class Song.

Statistics, Wombra McCombs.

History, Rachel Henderlite.

Poem, Carrie McLean Taylor.

Will, C. K. Marshall, Jr.

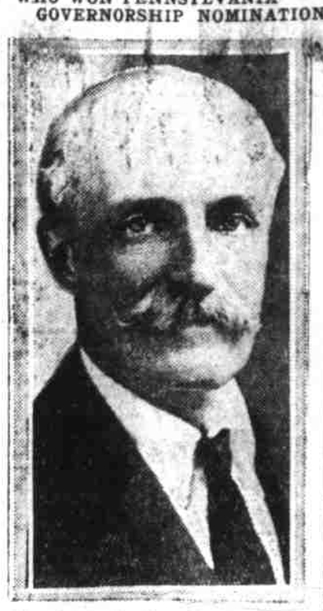
Testament, Hamlet [illegible]

Prophecy, Violet Chester.

Hospital Gets Gift.

PHILADELPHIA, May 22. — Announcement of a gift of $100,000 to the Rutherford Hospital of Rutherfordton, N. C., for the purchase of radium and a radium laboratory equipment, was made today by Dr. Henry Norris, of Philadelphia, one of the founders of the hospital. The gift was made by J. C. Plonk, of Hickory, N. C., a retired mill owner, in memory of his wife.

PINCHONT, INDEPENDENT, WHO WON PENNSYLVANIA GOVERNORSHIP NOMINATION



The victory in the primaries of Gifford Pinchot, former Progressive and life-long friend of the late Colonel Roosevelt, over Attorney General Geo. E. Alter, was a surprise to the Penrose machine which fought him bitterly. Mr. Pinchot's nomination is taken to mean a shattering of machine alliances in Pennsylvania and a new political deal all around.

$10,000 REWARD MAY BE OFFERED FOR MAN WHO BOMBED THE MAYOR

City of Columbus, Ga., Is Stirred As Never Before in Its History—Mayor Dimon and City Manager Hinkle Under Fire — Threatening Letters Have Been Written to Both.

(By The Associated Press.)

COLUMBUS, GA., May 22. — Discussion of the placing of a bomb on the front porch of the home of Mayor J. Homer Dimon, which exploded at an early hour yesterday, causing near destruction of that section of the residence of the city's chief executive, will take place at a joint conference of the city and county commissioners this morning.

The attempt on the mayor's life was attributed by city officials to persons who recently have addressed threatening letters to Dimon and City Manager H. Gordon Hinkle. These letters were in opposition to the commission form of government now in effect here and declared that unless Mayor Dimon discharged the City Manager both would be killed. Kinkle was attacked on the street near his home several weeks ago.

A decision of offering a reward for the perpetrators, which it is believed will be not less than $10,000 by the two bodies, is expected to be made at the meeting this morning. It has been stated by one of the county commissioners that the entire resources of the county would be placed at the disposal of the city, should such be necessary to catch the bombers.

A strong sentiment throughout the city, exhibiting itself after the bombing today is centering among the people in a strong belief that there should be a mass meeting called, wherein the matter could be discussed and a reward made up to supplement that to be offered by the city and county.

Never in the history of Columbus has there been so much excitement following an incident as during Sunday. Throughout the day the home of the mayor, which is in a fashionable residence district of the city, was visited by crowds, some of whom came for the purpose of friendly congratulation to the chief executive and his household, while there was the usual number of curiosity seekers.

Front page editorials in the local press appeared yesterday and again today. Ministers from their pulpits in the largest churches in the city denounced the bomb attack. Miss Anne Griffin, the first woman to hold public office in the city and the only woman member of the city commission, speaking with tearful voice, said "I think it is a most serious and momentous thing and it shows every particle of courage to stand against such an outrage and I confidently look for the support of every man of courage and honor, no matter of what political connection."

That the mayor will continue in office, and not heed the warning of the bomb throwers was contained in the following statement issued late yesterday:

"I am of course horrified, grieved and shocked that this attack should have been made upon my home.

"Evidently they [illegible] pay because I am [illegible] the city government, [illegible] and order. Certainly [illegible] I have [illegible] life [illegible]

"All were, I [illegible] [illegible] and ten times [illegible] than two others.

"I have been [illegible] of Columbus to serve, and [illegible] so long as my [illegible] I shall continue to serve [illegible] to the best of my ability and with [illegible] favor."

THE WEATHER

North Carolina, partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday, probably showers Tuesday in west portion; little change in temperature.

98 Persons Missing, 242 Saved From British Steam Ship Egypt; American Missionaries Are Lost

Collision off French Coast Saturday Night—Two American Women From Ohio and Pennsylvania—Passengers Floatet About in Water After Ship Went Down, Calling Aloud For Help.

BREST, May 22.—Mrs. L. M. Sibley and Miss V. M. Boyer, American missionaries on their way to India, were said today by R. F. Bevans, the only other American passenger, to have been drowned in the wreck of the British steamship Egypt which was sunk off the island of Ushant Saturday night by a collision with the French steamer Seine. Nearly 100 other persons lost their lives in the disaster.

BREST, May 22.—Ninety-eight persons are missing and 242 were saved of those who were on board the British steamship Egypt, when it sunk off the island of Ushant Saturday night by a collision with the French steamer Seine according to latest official figures.

Among those missing are two American women, Mrs. M. L. Sibley and Miss V. M. Boyer, whose home addresses are unknown here. It is possible that some of the missing may have been picked up by the steamship Cap Iracon in addition to those brought here by the Seine. The Cap Iracon was nine miles from the scene and replied to the distress signals with the assurance that she was speeding to the spot. According to the Egypt's purser the ship floated only about 20 minutes after her plates were crushed in by the Seine. The Egypt, he declares, was not moving at the time of the accident, lying to on account of the dense fog and sounding her siren continuously.

Suddenly there came the warning shriek of the siren on the Seine and the latter loomed up out of the fog and darkness and struck the Egypt amidships. With the crash there came a terrible confusion on the stricken vessel. Four or five boats were all that could be lowered, because of the list of the vessel, and many persons jumped overboard fearing to be drawn down with the Egypt. There was no one on board when the vessel took her final plunge, he believed.

The purser estimated that 15 passengers, 30 white officers, and 50 Lascars of the crew were missing.

Brenau College Student.

GAINESVILLE, Ga., May 22. — Miss Virginia Boyer, of the two missing American women in the steamship Egypt disaster at Brest, France, was a student at Brenau College here, according to President Pearce, of that institution. Miss Boyer's home was in Zelienople, Pa., and she was about 25 years of age, it was stated. She left here about three weeks ago for England on her return to India, where she was engaged in teaching a school at High Clere, in the southern part of that country.

Was Lutheran Missionary.

PITTSBURGH, May 22.—Miss Virginia Boyer, reported missing after the P. and O. liner Egypt went down off the coast of France last Saturday night, was a Lutheran missionary returning to India after a furlough spent in Pittsburgh. Miss Boyer was an orphan who had been reared in the Lutheran orphanage home at Zelienople, near here. Her station in India was Rahmandry. Her latest visit to this country was occassioned by ill health.

AMERICAN MISSIONARIES WERE BOUND FOR INDIA

BOSTON, May 22.—Mrs. M. L. Sibley and Miss V. M. Boyer, the American women who are missing from the British steamship Egypt, sunk off the coast of France, were missionaries bound for India, who had been in this city recently. Mrs. Sibley, a member of the staff of the American Board of Commissioners for foreign missions, has relatives in Toledo, O., Miss Boyer, who formerly made her home at Aspinwall, Pa., was going out as a teacher in a school for missionaries, children and others in south India. Mrs. Sibley was a widow, somewhat beyond middle years, returning to her citation in the city of Way. Miss Boyer, with no parents or relatives alive, was taking up work in the mission field for the first time.

BREST, FRANCE, May 21. — Nearly 100 persons perished last night when the Peninsular and Oriental line steamer Egypt sank off the island of Ushant after a collision with the French freight steamer Seine.

The Egypt sailed from London for Bombay Friday, with forty-four passengers and a crew of 200. A roll call on board the Seine after the disaster showed that at least [illegible] of the passengers and 80 of the crew of the Egypt were missing.

The collision occurred during a dense fog within 2 [illegible] of the Armen lighthouse. The [illegible] gong was about to be sounded on the Egypt, and many of the passengers [illegible] of the crew were on [illegible] w[illegible] several persons [illegible] jumped and a number were [illegible] the ship, which sank in 20 [illegible] The Egypt [illegible]

[illegible] Brest [illegible] more than [illegible] the bodies [illegible] the Egypt [illegible] The captain of the Egypt [illegible] saved.

When [illegible] occurred there was a rolling [illegible]

[illegible] charge that the Indian [illegible] on board the Egypt [illegible] to the [illegible] immediately the vessel crashed, so that a large number of the passengers and crew had to shift for themselves.

[illegible] jumped into the sea and

GASTONIA BAND AND LEGION POST WIN HONORS IN MAY 20TH PARADE

Pythian Band Wins $100 Prize For Best Band — Gaston Post No. 23, American Legion Has Largest Number of Service Men in Parade.

The Gastonia Pythian Bank took first prize, $100 in cash for the best band in the May 20th parade at Charlotte, Saturday. Gaston Post, American Legion won the loving cup for the largest attendance of Legionnaires in the parade, it was unofficially announced in the Sunday morning Charlotte papers. The local post had 124 men in the parade, the largest number of any out-of-town delegation. The Charlotte News says of the prize winners:

Prize winners in all the contests connected with the Twentieth of May parade were announced Saturday afternoon from American Legion headquarters shortly after the parade, the three committees appointed by the legion to pass upon the respective merits of the marching organizations, the bands and the floats, reporting shortly after the parade had finished.

In the band contest, where there were seven entrants, the first prize of $100 was won by the Gastonia cornet band of 31 pieces, directed by Capt. F. C. Todd. The prize was $100. The bands participating were the Gastonia and, the Shrine band of Charlotte, the W. O. W. band of Monroe, the Kannapolis band, the Belmont band, the Biddle University band and the Boy Scout band.

In the contest between the several legion posts of this section of the country for the largest attendance, it appeared Saturday afternoon that the Gaston Post No. 28 had won first prize. Although all the posts respresented had not reported late Saturday afternoon on the number of men here, the Gaston county post was conceded to be well in the lead of those who had reported and most probably the winner. An attendance cup provided as prize in the contest will go to Gastonia unless it shown some other post was represented by a larger number than 124 members which was the number the Gaston county post reported having attended.

The float entered by the Signer' Chapter of the D. A. R. and winner of the first prize provoked much favorable comment all along the line. It was in the form of a vessel representing the Ship of State and was borne on a huge truck. The ship was emblematical of the action of the Signers of the Mecklenburg Declaration in launching the American Government. All members of the chapter are descendants of signers of the declaration.

NEW EQUIPMENT AT N. C. ORTHOPAEDIC HOSPITAL

At a meeting of the Trustees of the North Carolina Orthopaedic Hospital held Thursday at the Hospital, contracts were awarded for the building an addition of nine bed rooms and two bath rooms to the present nurses cottage, which becomes necessary on account of there being now 20 or more nurses connected with the institution.

There will also be installed a complete heating system for the nurses' cottage.

The successful contractors were as follows:

General contract awarded E. H. Clement Co., Charlotte, N. C.

Heating contract awarded Superior Plumbing & Heating Co., Gastonia, N. C.

Lincberger & Thomasson were awarded the contract for wiring, electric lights and fixtures.

GOVERNOR'S HORSE RUNS AWAY; INJURES BAND MAN

(By The Associated Press.)

RICHMOND, Va., May 22.—As a salute boomed from a cannon following the coronation ceremonies here today in connection with the Virginia historic pageant, Governor Trinkle's horse became frightened and ran away with him, knocking down six members of the naval training band of Hampton Road, seriously injuring one of the members. The governor was unhurt.

At about the same time the governor's horse ran away, Captain James Pollard, commander of the Richmond Howitzers, in another part of the pageant procession, fell dead from his horse. He was said to have died of heart failure.

COTTON MARKET

CLOSING BIDS ON THE NEW YORK MARKET

NEW YORK May 22. — Cotton futures closed steady.

May 21.63; July 20.26; October 20.06; December 19.98; January 19.81; March 19.65; Spots 21.80.

TODAY'S COTTON MARKET

Strict to Good Middling 20c

Cotton Seed $40.00

LINCOLNTON GIRL WAS LOVED BY THE PEOPLE IN THE VERMONT TOWN

Declares Preacher to His Congregation Who Sympathize With Southern Girl — Text of Letter Written by Mrs. Nelson to Husband at Harvard.

(By The Associated Press.)

WINDSOR, VT., May 21.—Rev. F. H. Reed, pastor of the Church of Christ at West Pawlet, whose church Mrs. Romeyn Nelson and her father, John R. Rudisill, of Lincolnton, N. C., attended this morning, paid a kindly tribute to the young woman who is waging a bitter though heart rending battle in the federal court here against her husband's parents, the millionaire Nelsons, alleging alienation of her husband's affections.

"Even though there are two strangers, far from their southern home, whose hearts are heavy, with us today, we are anxious that our hearts beat as one," said Rev. Mr. Reed. "We have known this little wife for some time, and she seems to be one of us. All our sympathy and hopes are for her happiness, good true little woman that she is."

Both Rev. Mr. Reed and his wife are to testify at the hearing tomorrow.

"Nellie had a wonderful, sweet disposition," said Mrs. Red at the close of the service. "I have seen her dusting and cleaning off the porch, also doing general housework and washing dishes. Often I have seen her beating rugs outside the Nelson home, and I am not repeating idle gossip when I state that it was common knowledge about town that the millionaire Nelsons were using their son's wife for menial tasks about the house. When she arrived from the south they allowed several servants to go, and the next we knew Nellie was doing their work."

Romeyn's white haired grandmother, Mrs. Mary S. Nelson, with whom Nellie was always a favorite, will also testify tomorrow, but for the defense.

WINDSOR, Vt., May 20.—"Here's to your future success. May the girl you love now be happy with you. Is it to happen in the spring? I suppose your mother will love her and she will be sick with joy when you get your divorce decree from me."

So wrote Mrs. Nellie R. Nelson, of Lincolnton, N. C., to her young boy husband, Romeyn Nelson, Harvard law school student and former graduate of Williams College, after he had informed her, through his father, that his love for her had cooled, according to the evidence presented in her $50,000 suit against Romeyn's parents, for alienation of his affections.

Before a packed courtroom, Mrs. Nelson sobbed in her quiet southern manner at the recollection of the memories brought back by the reading of the letter.

"May the girl you love now be happy with you," she wrote. "Don't give me a thought. Treat me as you have in the past, and your life will be perfect."

Taking a final fling at him, she closed her letter with the sentence: "I suppose you are a social lion at Harvard and president of your class. With best regards from, your wife, Nell."

In another letter dated "Somewhere-in-Existence," and written after the breach between her husband and herself had become irremediable, the slim little girl from the Carolinas pleads with him to forget her forever and unselfishly begs of him to cherish the next girl that his love goes out to.

The crushed girl herself took the stand and told a pathetic story of her broken romance, which promised to be an idyl and which ended an elegey.

Several times the girl's voice broke and the courtroom was silent as she sobbed until her emotion had spent itself.

"In 1913," Nellie said, "Romeyn spent his vacation in Lincolnton, my home town. He was affectionate and we were engaged to be married just as soon as he finished school. One Friday evening he told me I had to marry him. He said he was not going to let anyone else have me. So next day, December 29, we went to Charlotte. He went to the station, but I did not go, so he came and got me. At the station he deliberately picked me up on the train and swore I should marry him.

"I did love him, but I was afraid. You see, my people did not know about it.

"We were married in Charlotte. Romeyn wanted to spend the night there but I was afraid my people would worry, so we went back home on the evening train.

"Well, Romeyn stayed until Tuesday or Wednesday, and then he had to return to Williams College. My brother said Romeyn cried because he had to leave me, and talked to him all night on the train both.

"[illegible] mother and father urged me to come as soon as possible. They [illegible] of their dreams had come true, but [illegible] wanted a dance [illegible] and [illegible] and one, they [illegible] everything she [illegible]

"[illegible] I am afraid I [illegible] It's father and [illegible] was their girl just as much as I was my own mother's and father's too and that they had to share me with them. So I got my clothes made and I went up there.

"My, I was surprised, for Romeyn's mother was so different from his description of her. He said she was quite a pretty, refined woman with wonderful long black hair; but, of course, I thought maybe she looked that way to him."

A motion made by John H. Sargent, counsel for defense, to dismiss

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