

FORTY-SIXTH YEAR.

FIVE CENTS.

SPLIT OVER COLOR.

Far-Famed Wimodaughis, of Washington, Expels a Beautiful Young Woman

BECAUSE OF HER BLOOD,

Which is Tainted With That of the Race Which Once Wore Slavery's Chains.

SENSATION OVER THE DISCOVERY.

Ladies Representing the Flower of the South Horrified and the Founder and Secretary Resigns.

BITTER WAR OVER WOMEN DELEGATES.

Society Women of New York City Make Themselves Notorious by a Secret View of the Spanish Dinner Conference.

SPRAYER BIRD PRESENT AT THE GREAT SHOW

(FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.) WASHINGTON, March 7.—It looks as though "Wimodaughis" is about on its last legs. "Wimodaughis" is the famous organization which originated in this city two or three years ago. The word is composed of parts of the words wife, mother, daughter and sister, and the object of the society is to teach women equality and to lead them into paths in which they can earn an independent living.

The originator of it is Miss Debra, a sister-in-law of Representative Breckinridge, the silver-tongued statesman from Kentucky, and many Southern ladies are included in the membership. These noble women give instruction in both day and evening classes, in practical work, such as bookkeeping, stenography, typewriting and other work peculiarly fitting for the sex. Some time ago Miss Fannie Smith paid her fee and began attendance on the evening classes. She was beautiful and as white as Miss Debra herself, but the Southern ladies were a few days ago horrified to discover that in Miss Smith's veins ran the blood of the negro race.

The beautiful woman expelled. Miss Debra at once, upon this discovery, informed Miss Smith that her presence could not be tolerated and the white and beautiful "colored woman" was virtually expelled, after having paid her tuition. When Miss Debra's action was presented to the Board of Directors, the unanimously declared that Wimodaughis being a stockholding corporation and not a strictly white woman's club, they could not refuse to sell stock to any respectable person, be their color what it might.

An owner of stock has all the rights and advantages of the club, as formulated in its constitution. The evening classes are only an expedient at present to help pay the running expenses. The main reason for the existence of the club is to erect a building for a permanent headquarters for the meeting and instruction of women, and not to provide a social headquarters for them, and therefore the question of social equality was not involved. This action resulted in the resignation of Miss Debra from her position as Secretary, but in view of the great interest to stake the whole business was deferred till another meeting.

A Race Issue Prevails. Miss Debra retains her place on the Board of Directors, which will shortly elect her successor in the Secretaryship. Miss Susan E. Anthony and others of those prominent in the councils of Wimodaughis, say that in the future of the association is quite as bright as ever, and that the decision of one member will not affect its standing. On the contrary, the publicity given it will greatly aid the infant club in getting more strongly on its feet.

As for the race issue at stake, Miss Anthony says that nobody at first suspected that Miss Fannie Smith, the person on whom the line was drawn, was a colored woman, as she is quite as white and comely as the average white woman.

Others say, however, that the war is sure to end in a complete and permanent split in the club, and in the failure of the laudable object which was in view in the organization of the club, which was to be the first of its kind, wealthy, flourishing and influential, occupying a large and elegant residence and almost on the eve of erecting a clubhouse, equal to any of the many fine clubhouses for the male creature in the city.

A Vigorous Fight Wanted. With many of the visiting members of the Woman's Council and of the Woman's Suffrage Association still in the city, besides the large number of resident women suffragists, the members of the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Church, who have been in convention here this week have had a lively time of it. The burning question has been the admission of women delegates to the church conferences and the comparison both for and against the proposition was carried on with great intensity.

It was in favor of this resolution and the admission of women delegates to the conference, but the day was carried against the fair sex by a large majority, only 42 out of upwards of 250 voting affirmatively on the proposition. Some of the more aggressive of the woman suffragists are very bold in their denunciation of the old dog stereotypes who refuse to acknowledge the equality of the race, even in the case of the clergy, but others are well satisfied with a vote, which was larger than they expected. Mrs. Dr. La Feta, the leading temperance evangelist of this city, a woman suffragist as well, and an ardent abolitionist, said this afternoon in regard to the result:

The well-known conservatism of the Baltimore Conference, everyone felt sure, would keep it from taking an advanced position on this question. Yet the fact that the vote in favor of the women reached 42 is encouraging in the extreme. The Western churches, however, are thoroughly in earnest

In this effort to emancipate women in the church, and they are sure to succeed. In the east, in the East, too, the movement grows stronger rapidly, and already you will find some of the most eminent and distinguished Methodist divines earnestly favoring the extension of the franchise to women.

The opponents urge the plea that the admission of women delegates would simply be an entering wedge for the ordination of women ministers. They are willing to see women working at the lowest character of manual labor, but consider that to allow her to enter the pulpit would be a disgrace and that it is simply a matter of time when women will be admitted to equality with men in the Methodist Church. The two-thirds vote which it will require may not come at the next Conference, but the effort will simply be that when the change comes women will get much more than the moderate demands presented now.

THE LADIES DOTE ON HER.

NEW YORK, March 7.—Mrs. Mary Fleming, a widow of 70 years old, committed suicide at her residence in Brooklyn by strangling herself. She lived with her son, Peter, and her 10-year-old granddaughter, Mary Jane Fleming, in a two-story and basement frame house, which she owned. Her son went away to work this morning, leaving her quite cheerful, he says. At about 10 o'clock in the forenoon she told Mary Jane to go around the corner to the grocery to get some vegetables. The girl performed her errand, but instead of taking her own time as her grandmother suggested, she hurried home as fast as possible. She found her grandmother sitting in the doorway, which leads from the dining room to the kitchen. The woman had a rope in her hands and she was fastening it around her neck, which were secured in the casing of the door.

The child stood watching her grandmother, who seemed very much disconcerted at her return. She tried to send the child out, but she refused to go, and she went to a store several blocks away to inquire the price of some potatoes. "You needn't hurry back," she said, "but can you stay out here for a while, until I get some more potatoes?" Mary Jane suspected something, and she was resolved to find out what was going on. So she positively refused to leave her grandmother.

Her grandmother was exasperated, and securing a whip she drove her into the street. Mary Jane then returned away until noon. She went home then in fear and trembling. When she entered the basement dining room she saw her grandmother kneeling in the doorway, with a rope around her neck. She ran into the street, screaming, and her neighbors returned to the house with her. Mrs. Fleming had strangled herself, and was dead.

RARE AND COSTLY BOOKS. The Remainder of the Brayton-Ives Book Collection Sold. NEW YORK, March 7.—The last of the books in the celebrated Brayton-Ives collection were sold at auction this afternoon. The largest price realized was \$7,750, which Dodd, Mead & Co. paid for a copy of a Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" by Thomas Shepard. Shakespeare's books were contested eagerly. The finest of the lot was a first edition containing 36 plays, printed by Isaac Saggard and Edward Blount in 1623. Dodd, Mead & Co. paid \$2,400 for it. Another of the Shakespeare's books was a copy of "The Merchant of Venice" printed in 1617, for \$400; the "Poems of Shakespeare," printed in 1610, for \$200. Next in point of interest was the "Virgil of 1470." John Pierce secured the book for \$5,000.

YET ANOTHER VICTIM. Colonel Underwood Dies as a Result of the Columbus Tragedy. COLUMBUS, March 7.—Colonel Israel Underwood, a veteran of the army and a highly respected man, died today from the effects of the shock which he received at the tragedy in this city one week ago Monday. The colonel was standing beside W. L. Hughes, the innocent victim, when the latter was shot through the head and fell at his feet. Underwood had just removed from the position which Hughes occupied, and that was the moment before he would have been killed.

An already delicate man, the scene of the tragedy so worked on his nervous system that he never recovered from the strain. He died within a few feet of where the tragedy occurred. The remains were taken to his former home at Mt. Vernon.

AGAINST THE WOMEN. Action of the Methodist Episcopal Conference of Philadelphia. PHILADELPHIA, March 7.—The Methodist Episcopal Conference of Philadelphia, in session here today, by a vote of 120 to 98, decided against admitting women delegates to electoral and general conferences of the church.

HOMES FOR 1,000 FAMILIES. Great Rejoicing in South Dakota Over the Opening of a Reservation. WATEKTON, S. D., March 7.—Free homes for 1,000 families is what the opening of the new reservation has just been, and it has come to the aid of the United States Land Office, in making preparations for a grand jubilee meeting next Wednesday in honor of the event. A great rush of settlers is expected as soon as President Harrison issues his proclamation.

STRAIGHTENED IT OUT. Mr. A. C. Dravo Has the Attachment at Baltimore Withdrawn. SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. BALTIMORE, March 7.—Mr. A. C. Dravo, of Pittsburg, was in the city today and had an interview with Mr. Enoch Pratt, President of the Board of Planners' Bank. A few days ago the attorney had secured a non-resident attachment against 1,000 shares of Baltimore and Ohio Railroad stock deposited as collateral with the Mercantile Trust Company for a loan of \$90,000.

A TRAGEDY OF LOVE.

One of the Brightest Railroad Men of France Found Guilty of Wife Murder.

ALL FOR A PRETTY FACE

That Entered His Home on the Invitation of His Victim.

INGENUOUS EFFORT IN DEFENSE.

The Murderer Bowed and Gagged Himself After the Fatal Act.

TENDER BILLETTS DOUX DISCLOSE ALL

(BY DUNLAP'S CABLE COMPANY.) PARIS, March 7.—The latest case celebre in the Criminal Courts here is that of M. Joseph Ribot, a gentleman of good social position and education and fair business standing, who, in spite of these advantages, appears to have been utterly unable to resist the fascinations of a fair woman. M. Ribot had been well known here for years as a competent official of the Chemin de Fer du Midi, whose railway to Lyons and Marseille constitutes one of the principal thorough routes of travel in France. Respected by the department of the Rhone, for his methods, and apparently capable of releasing himself from the meshes of red tape that environ all French official life when the exigencies of the case demand such an assertion of independence, M. Ribot captured an enviable position.

In 1875 the tried railway manager was linked in the bonds of matrimony with Mile. Guillaumont, the niece of the deputy representing the department of the Rhone. The match was wholly one of the kind known as "marriages of convenience," in which almost every other consideration except love factors. In the present case, the fact that Mile. Ribot was possessed of a very handsome fortune may have largely decided the lady's choice. The European wealth could not insure happiness, and there was very little of that article in the Ribot household before the arrival of Mile. Esailid Dill, a young and comely young couple, aged 20, who came up from the provinces to finish her education as a painter in the art school of Paris, and still less so.

Mile. Dill was a very clever woman, who never denied herself the slightest gratification from fear of the possible consequences. M. Ribot's domestic contentment did not last long. He was taken with her fair face, she was not deterred from carrying on the amour by the fact that her husband was the husband of her relative. As to M. Ribot, his experience again illustrated the facility of going down hill, and if he possessed any moral stamina at the outset, it was terribly weakened by the soft glances of his in-laws.

Some Billetts Doux That Miscreated. Of course the billing and cooing to the lovers could not be carried on openly, under the eyes of the woman they were deceiving, and thus resort was had to billets doux, and when she discovered that she was being deceived, she was filled with passion of the most impulsive variety, and it is difficult to decide whether the vows sworn by the erring spouse or those repeated by the too responsive maid were the more audacious.

Although roses bloomed at the outset, and the lovers were for a time lost in a fool's paradise of their own creation, M. Ribot at last soon awoke to the consciousness that he was playing the part of a scoundrel. But this revelation, at whatever period of the tragedy it was, came too late. He had gone too far, and the strain of the affair had caused his first departure from the path of duty kept him from following any better prompting. From being a person of average intellect, M. Ribot's mind now turned his wife charged for the worse. The advantages frequently heard him curse her, and on several occasions they were present when she was in the room, and his treatment would have been sufficient to poison her.

The Story of the Murderer. Matters were going on in this unhappy manner when, four weeks ago, the servants were nearly frightened out of their wits by a strange noise in their master's room in the middle of the night. These were so unusual, and M. Ribot's temper had lately become so bad, that they were afraid to venture into the room, and M. Ribot, in a fit of anger, summoned some of the tenants on the ground floor, where they found the furniture thrown about in confusion, and gazed at the scene with horror. M. Ribot was half fainting, his mouth being gagged and his hands and feet tied.

The police were quickly summoned, M. Ribot indicated to his wife's corpse prepared for burial. The case was placed in the hands of several of M. Goron's best detectives. They naturally applied first to M. Ribot himself for information, but after hearing his story did not consider that they were greatly enlightened. The facts, according to the master of the house, were these:

The Guilty Man's Nice Story. M. Ribot was awakened from a deep sleep by Mile. Ribot, who occupied separate rooms, calling his name. Just as he was about to rush to her assistance he was seized, bound and gagged as he was, by two ruffians, whose faces were blackened with soot. What happened to his wife he could not say, as he also became unconscious.

As this pleasing fairy tale, evidently extracted from one of M. Boisgobey's romances, was not thought to sufficiently reveal the truth, the detectives proceeded on their own theories and soon discovered that these remarkable robbers had failed to secure a large sum of money in the room, or in fact anything else of value. They also ascertained that the case was placed in the incriminating letters and all the possible inferences that could have influenced the railway manager in putting his wife out of the way.

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APPEALED TO THE CONSUL.

AN AMERICAN GROSSLY ILL-TREATED BY ITALIAN OFFICIALS.

Strange Conduct of Customs Officers on the French Frontier—Their Victim Obligated to Travel All the Way to Rome to Seek Protection.

ROME, March 7.—A case of outrageous treatment of an American citizen by Italian Customs officials at the French frontier has just been reported to the American consulate here. From inquiries made upon the subject it appears that Henry Sedgewick Watts, an American, has resided for the past six years at Cuneo, in Piedmont, near the frontier. Mr. Watts has been in the habit of crossing and recrossing the frontier at convenience.

One day, while returning as usual from a drive, Mr. Watts was stopped by some Italian customs officers and roughly searched to get out of his carriage and go with them to the frontier customs bureau in order that he might be searched, on suspicion of having contraband goods concealed about his person. After protesting against such treatment, Mr. Watts was taken to a room where Mr. Watts had been taken, and after gesticulating with his hands and giving vent to a tirade of abuse in Italian, seized Mr. Watts and shook him violently.

In spite of the treatment to which he had been subjected, Mr. Watts was not deterred, and refrained from resenting the customs official's violence. The American, in French, asked the meaning of the outrage, but for a reply the officer simply threatened to send him to the frontier. Mr. Watts searched, but nothing of a contraband nature was found on him. He was then released.

Mr. Watts, however, was not disposed to let the matter pass without protest. He called upon the local authorities at Cuneo, and lodged a complaint against the customs officers, but they refused to take any action. The Government authorities at Cuneo made an appeal against the decision, and in self protection Mr. Watts immediately, on the advice of the nearest United States official representative, this, according to tradition, was the United States Consul at Turin.

Mr. Watts found that this post was the nearest successor of the late United States Consul there having as yet not been recognized by the Italian Government. Consequently Mr. Watts was compelled to continue his journey as far as Rome, where he is now residing, and where he has the protection of the United States Consul, A. Bourne, and to-day made a sworn statement as to what took place at Cuneo. The matter will be fully investigated by the United States Consul.

BUSY TIMES IN IRELAND. With Ships Preparing for the Big Meeting of To-Day. (BY DUNLAP'S CABLE COMPANY.) LONDON, March 7.—Yesterday was a marked day in the House of Commons, as the Irish members used it for a general exodus. Parnell was for some time in the evening busily engaged in the committee rooms, preparing the manifesto and explaining the mission of delegates to the meeting of the Irish National Federation, which will be held on Tuesday.

In order to attend the demonstration at Newry. Some of the delegates, including O'Connor, O'Kelly, Harrison and Ledmond, were in the lobby of the House of Commons, prior to their departure to the United States of America. Mr. Sexton left Westminster during the day for Dublin, in order to conduct the meeting of the Irish National Federation, which will be held on Tuesday.

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A Feud Between Two of Wheeling's Most Prominent Physicians Ends in Murder.

DR. BAIRD SHOT TO DEATH

In the Street by Dr. Garrison, Who Was Once His Warm Friend.

WITH TWO BULLETS IN HIS HEAD

The Victim Walks Into a Druggist's and Announces the Tragedy.

WERE GIANTS AND FEARED NOTHING

(SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.) WHEELING, March 7.—A tragedy which had been long predicted occurred on Eleventh street at 10:40 o'clock this evening, when Dr. George Baird, one of the oldest physicians of Wheeling, a member of the City Water Board, ex-member of Council and of the Board of Public Works, a member of the Board of Directors of the Wheeling Bridge and Terminal Railway Company, and a man very prominent in local politics and municipal government, was shot twice and almost instantly killed by Dr. George I. Garrison. The latter is a member of the State Board of Health, Health Officer of the city, and a man widely known as a large section of country as an authority on matters of sanitation.

The murder was the outgrowth of a feud of more than a year's standing, and the crime created the wildest excitement, many threats of lynching being made against the murderer since the shooting. They Began With Words. About 9 o'clock this morning the two men met at the Second ward market and had some words. They separated, but about 10:30 Dr. Baird drove past Dr. Garrison, who was standing at Market and Eleventh streets. As Dr. Baird passed Dr. Garrison said to a friend: "There is going to be trouble."

He then walked up Eleventh street and stopped Dr. Baird at the corner of an alley. The two talked for a moment, and Dr. Baird drove on about 50 feet and alighted to see a patient. As Dr. Garrison came up he had a revolver in his hand and said: "Take that back, Doctor." Dr. Baird replied: "I don't have to take it back, you nigger!" Dr. Baird Never Flinched. Dr. Garrison then fired, and as Dr. Baird turned squarely toward him he fired a second time, the ball taking effect in Baird's left chest. The first shot entered behind the right ear. Dr. Baird walked into a neighboring druggist's and quietly said that Dr. Garrison had shot him. He called on his wife, who was standing at Market and Eleventh streets. As Dr. Baird passed Dr. Garrison said to a friend: "There is going to be trouble."

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A BEAUTIFUL GIRL TOOK HER OWN LIFE

Speeding across the continent on his way to Constantinople is a young Russian student who is morally responsible for the death of pretty Eva Block, who strangled herself on Friday morning at the Union depot, as if he himself had tied the fatal towel around her throat. All day yesterday crowds visited the morgue to look upon the silent form of the unhappy little Russian girl, who enticed to this country by her quasi sweetest, was by him deserted in a city of strangers, without knowing their language, and without means of subsistence.

As the sequel shows, Eva Block was driven by sheer desperation to take her life, and only the Russian Consul in New York can throw light on the man whose base desertion of her reduced her to her extremity. Alec Jagdman, an electrician who had been working for a Pittsburg firm in Jersey City for some time, was with his wife, a passenger on the Western Express, which left Jersey City at 6:30 o'clock on the evening of last Wednesday. While waiting for the departure, his attention was attracted to a couple at some little distance who were having a hot verbal fight. He observed they were strangers, and saw from their attire they were Russians, but thought nothing more of the