

CRAZED MAN FIRES INTO JUDGE'S HOME

Bullets Shatter Window of James Gay Gordon.

CAUGHT BY POLICEMAN

At Station House Demented Man Claimed Friendship of McNichol and Durham.

PHILADELPHIA, March 24.—A demented machinist, John J. McCaffrey, crashed three bullets through the parlor window of former Judge James Gay Gordon's home, 128 Pine street, shortly after 5 o'clock this evening.

But a few seconds before a daughter of Judge Gordon had stopped playing a piano directly in the path of the mad man's fire. Judge Gordon was in his private office in Broad street when the attack was made upon his home.

McCaffrey emptied his revolver of its three shots with lightning like rapidity and fled.

John O. Bradley, who witnessed the act of the desperado, gave chase in his wagon, and Reserve Policeman Manely answered his cries and caught the maniac.

"Send for Jim McNichol and George Durham," panted the prisoner, struggling with a half dozen policemen in the Central station.

"I didn't want to kill any one," he cried, gnashing his teeth, and pulling his captors about the station.

"I've been writing letters. I suppose you've seen some of them," he continued, addressing Acting Captain Bond. "But they won't pay any attention to what I write. I won't tell any more now, but when I go into court I'll tell all."

An investigation by Detectives Haugh and Lotters tonight revealed the fact that McCaffrey had been loitering about the streets in the vicinity of Judge Gordon's house in Pine street for more than a week; also that he had written him a score of letters.

Judge Gordon, it also developed, had received several letters from the man. McCaffrey will be given a hearing Monday, at which time the police surgeon will inquire into his mental condition. At present he is held on a charge of discharging firearms in the streets.

SCHOOL GIRL RESCUES CHILD IN TRAIN'S PATH

Little One, Caught in Track, Is Freed Just as Locomotive Is Upon Them.

ANDERSON, Ind., March 24.—As Mabel Reeves, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Reeves, was going to school, and just as she was about to cross the tracks of the Big Four, she saw a little girl standing on the tracks, evidently trying to extricate her foot from a frog. She went to the child and tried to assist her in taking her foot out of the frog, but the little prisoner cried with pain, and the more effort made to extricate the member the firmer it seemed to become.

As Miss Reeves was thus engaged she heard the rumble of a train and, looking up, she saw a Big Four passenger train bearing down upon them.

The train had just turned a curve. The engineer saw the danger of the two and he was about to stop the train. The child with the imprisoned foot began to scream and struggle desperately, but could not free herself.

Miss Reeves deftly drew a penknife from her pocket, stooped down and slit the child's shoe from end to end, and jerked the little one away from the tracks just as the engine bore down upon her. Hardly had they got out of the way when the heavy train rolled over the track where the girl had stood.

When it had passed Miss Reeves removed the crushed shoe from the frog, straightened it as best she could, brought it on the foot of the child and calmly went on to school.

TAPS ARE SOUNDED FOR GALLANT OFFICER

Captain Siviter Dies in Hospital After Gallant Fight With the Grim Reaper.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., March 24.—Taps sounded tonight for Capt. Francis Pierpont Siviter, of Pittsburgh, in the Government Hospital at Washington. Captain Siviter's death recalls a pathetic incident of his illness.

Last Thanksgiving the young officer—he was only thirty-three—was stricken with typhoid fever and was brought from Grove City College, where he had been detailed for duty to Mercy Hospital in Pittsburgh. Complications set in and an operation was necessary, and his case became hopeless.

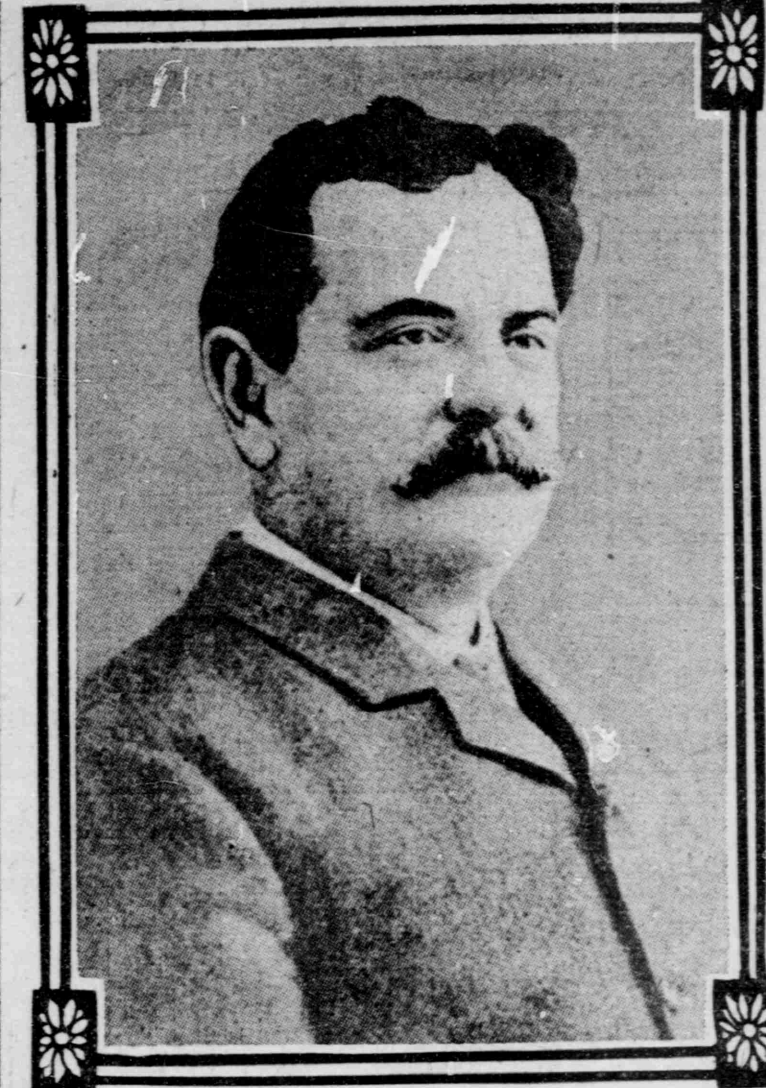
Capt. Siviter, his warm friend, urged Siviter to go to the Washington Hospital.

"Can I hear the bands play, the drums roll, and the bugles sound, if I go there," asked poor Siviter of his friend. Captain Siviter nodded through tear-dimmed eyes. "That's what I want," exclaimed the dying officer. "Let me hear the army music while I live. It will be like home to me then."

Captain Siviter was the son of Rev. and Mrs. William Siviter, both dead, of Pittsburgh. He graduated from West Point in 1895. He married Mary Elizabeth Breed, a daughter of the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. David Breed, of Allegheny, the father being a professor in Allegheny Theological Seminary.

It was during his hard campaigning in Luzon, Mindanao, and Jolo that the seeds of disease were sown which ultimately caused Captain Siviter's death.

Ambassador Francis Makes Ready to Sail



CHARLES S. FRANCIS. He Prepares to Leave for Vienna as American Ambassador to Austria-Hungary.

Charles S. Francis, the newspaper publisher of Troy, N. Y., who has been appointed as ambassador to Austria-Hungary, called at the State Department yesterday, and was in consultation for some time with the officials concerning his new position.

Since Mr. Francis' nomination was so promptly confirmed by the Senate, it is understood that he is instructed to start for his new post as soon as it is possible for him to complete necessary arrangements. Contrary to custom, Mr. Francis will not hold over at Vienna till his successor arrives, as his recall took effect last Monday, and Mr. Francis will be presented at court by the secretary of the legation, instead of the former ambassador.

BREWER ADVOCATES SIMPLIFIED SPELLING

Supreme Court Justice Joins With Other Well-Known Men—Carnegie Gives Fund to Aid Cause.

Associate Justice David J. Brewer of the United States Supreme Court is deeply interested in the adoption of a scientific regulation of English spelling. Justice Brewer is a member of the board of which Brander Matthews, of New York, is chairman. About 750 have agreed to adopt for customary use in their own personal correspondence the following twelve simplified spellings, heretofore recommended and used by the National Educational Society, namely, program, catalog, decalog, prolog, demagog, pedagog, tho, altho, thoro, thorefore, thru, and thruout.

In May and June, 1906, many distinguished scholars, literary men, and scientists signed the promise, and now the committee has been permanently organized, under the name of the Simplified Spelling Board. Funds adequate for the purpose have been given by Andrew Carnegie, the justice thinks, to the amount of \$15,000, the income of which is to be devoted to the interests of the organization.

Among the members of the board are E. Benjamin Andrews, chancellor of the University of Nebraska; David J. Brewer, associate justice of the Supreme Court of the United States; Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University; Andrew Carnegie, Samuel L. Clemens, Thomas Wentworth Higginson, William Dean Howells, Prof. Lounsbury of Yale, Prof. James of Harvard, Benjamin E. Smith, editor of the Century Magazine; W. H. Ward, editor of the Independent, and Andrew D. White.

AGED MAN SURRENDERS YOUNG WIFE TO SON

Walter Twitchell, of Chicago, Weds Stepmother After Father Gets Divorce for Their Sake.

CHICAGO, March 24.—Mrs. Watson H. Twitchell, heroine of the most extraordinary love story since the Ruskin romance, was married today by Justice Jordan at Hammond, Ind., to Walter Twitchell, son of her ex-husband.

The ceremony was in violation of the order of the court granting her a divorce from her husband, Watson H. Twitchell, which provided that she must not marry for two years from the time that the divorce was granted.

The love affair dates from the time a year ago when Watson H. Twitchell, the confiding old man of sixty-five, who had married Miss Gardner, of Michigan, discovered her affection for his own son, and decided to abdicate in favor of the younger man.

Mr. and Mrs. Twitchell returned to Chicago today and took up their residence at the home of the elder Twitchell.

Watson H. Twitchell was there to welcome them home.

He met the bridal couple at the door and kissed his son. He did not kiss his former wife.

"I love my boy more than I loved my wife," he said. "How much more I don't know. Some times it is hard to tell. At all events, I have lost a wife for a son."

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ONCE PROFESSOR, NOW A CONVICT

G. H. Stephens Guilty of Counterfeiting.

LAFAYETTE FIREBUG

Burned College Building Out of Spite and Served Term.

EASTON, Pa., March 24.—The news that George H. Stephens had been sentenced to a term of two years in the Florida penitentiary for counterfeiting is of much interest to members of the faculty of Lafayette College. Stephens was an instructor in moral philosophy and rhetoric at Lafayette two years after graduating from Princeton in the class of 1885. He came here under an arrangement by which, if his services were satisfactory, he was to be made a professor.

President Warfield, after a year's trial, found that Stephens was not doing as well as expected, and at the end of two years notified him that the college would have to dispense with his services. This angered Stephens, and though he left town he frequently came back, as he had many friends here.

Mysterious Fire.

Just as the first term of the college year was closing in December, 1897, Paradise Hall was discovered to be on fire. The cause remained a mystery, for it was evident that the blaze started in a portion of the building where there was no fire and nothing to cause one to start. Just before commencement in the following June it was noticed that various depredations were being committed on college property. The students in the chapel were tarred, the growth of ivy which covered the structure was destroyed, the vines being cut close to the ground, and other evidences of malicious mischief were disclosed.

The college authorities could not ascertain that students were doing these things, and the students felt outraged that the acts were committed. The night before the baccalaureate sermon in June, 1898, the authorities thought it well to place a watch in the chapel. This led to astounding developments.

Enter Bad Eggs.

A man entered the chapel and approached the organ. He set down a basket and then the watchman attacked him, but he escaped. The basket contained stale eggs. The purpose of the visit was evident. Stephens was noticed on the campus next day, and this caused one of the watchmen to recall that Stephens had a key to the chapel at one time, and that that key was missing.

It was learned that Stephens had left a satchel in the room of a student. The satchel, when opened, gave unmistakable evidence of having contained the eggs. Stephens was followed to a distant city and arrested. At first protesting his innocence of the allegation that he had been in the chapel, he finally confessed to all the depredation and then confessed to setting fire to Paradise Hall. All of it was in revenge upon President Warfield for discharging him, he said.

Stephens Convicted.

Stephens was tried and convicted and sent to the Eastern penitentiary for eight years. While he was confined there a scandal arose over the discovery that counterfeiting was being done in that institution. It is not known that Stephens was concerned in it, however. He professed repentance for his crime and said that he was going to lead a proper life. The Lafayette College authorities contributed to a fund that was raised to send him to Florida to recover his health and start him in the world again.

Mr. Mantell closed his week's engagement in the city with a repetition of his powerful "Richard III."

BROWNSON MAY HEAD NAVIGATION BUREAU

It is believed by many naval officers that Rear Admiral Willard H. Brownson, commanding the Fourth division of the Atlantic fleet, has been invited by the President to succeed Rear Admiral George A. Converse as chief of the Bureau of Navigation, when the latter retires for age on May 13. The appointment of Rear Admiral Brownson would be welcomed by nearly all the officers in the service, as he is considered fitted for the position.

It was thought by some officers that Capt. Richardson Clover, at present on waiting orders, would get the position. Capt. Richard Wainwright, a member of the general board; Capt. John E. Pillsbury, Capt. William S. Barnette, and Rear Admiral William S. Cowles, now chief of the Bureau of Equipment, have been mentioned as applicants for the place.

PIERPONT MORGAN TRYING TO BE BANKER OF POPE

ROME, March 24.—Several American bankers are engaged in keen competition for the honor of becoming banker for Pope Pius X. Among the number is J. Pierpont Morgan, and he will probably secure the appointment.

EXPANSION SALE

Your last chance. The builders are at work. All the balance of the Suits and Overcoats. From this sale, including blacks; values up to \$35.

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And Its Many Uses. This wire is often used for other purposes besides making poultry runs; many persons use it for training vines and dividing lawns and flower beds, etc. We have it in all widths, from one to six feet.

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Beware of the Races, Says Public Printer

Threatens Dire Punishment For Those Who Fall From Grace.

Order to Foremen

All members of your force mixed up in financial scrapes as result of playing races will receive scant consideration at my hands.

See to it that your employees are kept from the betting habit. Man who borrows money to play races is unjust to wife, child, and self.

A careful record will be kept of all those absent or excused while races are on.

In case they persist in working out their financial problems along such manifestly dishonest lines.

"A very careful record will be kept of all those people who are absent or excused while the races are on; if, later on, they become involved with tradesmen or 'loan sharks,' the fact that they were away from the office at this period will not be in their favor, unless it is clearly shown that such absence had nothing to do with gambling."

"I desire from you immediately an acknowledgment of this order, stating your position upon the matter of horse racing and bookmaking, and as to whether you understand my wishes and will try to carry them out."

"I shall be pleased to receive any suggestions along these lines which you may care to make."

In some of the divisions the order, though not a humorous document on its face, created suppressed mirth, and provoked facetious remarks; in others it was received in silence, and in others still the men heard it with a "Oh, very well" air.

The general opinion at the Printing Office among the employees yesterday afternoon seemed to be that there would be no falling off of attendance from their marks at Benning this week, but there are some who are outspoken in their approval of the stand taken by the Public Printer.

RULES MADE EASIER FOR TARDY G. P. O. EMPLOYEES

No Longer Compelled to Await Chief Clerk at Front Entrance—Handsome Sum for Ricketts Testimonial.

The regulations relating to tardiness at the Government Printing Office have been modified considerably and made less objectionable to the employees. Instead of being required to wait at the front entrance until the chief clerk arrived at 9 o'clock before being allowed to go to work, those who arrive a few minutes late are now permitted to register their names and then proceed to their respective divisions. The time of arrival is noted and sent to the chief clerk for inspection, and is also used as a check on the division time slips.

It is stated that the new order of the Public Printer relating to subscription papers being passed in the office will in no wise interfere with the subscription being taken for the purpose of presenting to Oscar J. Ricketts, late foreman of printing, a substantial testimonial. A ready response has been made to the Ricketts testimonial fund, it is said, the amount so far reported reaching nearly \$1,000.

LACERATION OVER LEFT EYE.

Stumbling against the curbing at Ninth and F streets northwest George H. Maurer, sixty-five years old, of 611 Eleventh street northwest, struck his head on the sharp edge of a stone and received a severe laceration over his left eye last night about 9 o'clock. He was sent to the Emergency Hospital.

MAN OF VISION.

The Rev. John L. Allison, pastor of Gunton Memorial Presbyterian Church, will speak before the men's meeting in the Y. M. C. A. assembly room this afternoon. His subject will be "Wanted—A Man of Vision."

PATTERSON BURIED AT HIS HOME IN ASHLAND

Funeral of Late Congressman Largest Ever Conducted in Schuylkill County.

POTTSVILLE, Pa., March 24.—The funeral of the late Congressman George R. Patterson was held this afternoon from his home at Ashland and was the largest ever conducted in Schuylkill county. Thousands from all parts of the anthracite region turned out to do him honor, politicians being in attendance from the remotest parts of the United States.

A special brought Senator P. C. Knox, of Pittsburg, and a delegation of six, representing the United States Senate, and a delegation of fourteen members of the House, Delegations representing the Elks, Eagles, F. O. S. of A., and Royal Arcanum were in attendance.

The services were conducted by the Rev. Francis F. Port, of the Presbyterian Church. There was a profusion of flowers.

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Every exclusive effect in the new "Alexandra" Ties, "Paris" Ties, and "Sailor" Ties.

Every distinctive fashion in the very much worn "Pumps" and Oxfords, including many novelties never before shown in this city.

Every shade in women's wedding, reception, and evening slippers.

Every new effect in Sporting footwear—for riding, hunting, golfing, and tennis playing.

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