

ASSASSINATED IN HIS OWN HOUSE

A. J. Porter, Wealthy Man, Shot Down in the Presence of His Wife and Robbed.

THE MURDERER UNKNOWN

A Frenzied Struggle Between Mrs. Porter and the Robber.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] GAITHERSBURG, Va., November 26.—At GAITHERSBURG, an isolated section of Scott County, near the Russell county line, a most heinous murder and robbery was perpetrated Saturday night. A. J. Porter, a wealthy man, aged sixty-five, was shot dead at his own residence by an unknown man. The murderer knocked at the door, Mrs. Porter opened the door, when the murderer rushed past her, and saying, "Your time is up," shot Porter in the breast. Mrs. Porter seized the murderer, and with great difficulty he broke away from her frenzied grasp and shot Porter twice in the back. Any one of the shots would have proved fatal. The murderer fled in the direction of the river, estimated a mile from the dying man's residence, and disappeared. Porter was carried to a large amount of money, but it is not known how much he had at the time.

CAPTURE BAND: BRING THEM TO CIENFUEGOS

WASHINGTON, November 26.—Secretary Taft received the following dispatch today from Governor Magson, at Havana, under yesterday's date: "Hand from Cienfuegos overpowered by detachment of rural guards under command of Captain Landa. They were taken into custody and dispersed with difficulty, and are now being brought to Cienfuegos. Band was composed of eight men."

MAGNIFICENT SILVER SERVICE TO BE PRESENTED BY STATE TO BATTLESHIP



The magnificent silver service to be presented to the Battleship Virginia by the Commonwealth of Virginia has been received from the Philadelphia manufacturers by their agents in this city, Messrs. C. Lumsden & Sons, and is now on exhibition in their jewelry-house, No. 221 East Main Street. It will be there several days and the Messrs. Lumsden have issued a cordial invitation to the Virginia public to call and see the beautiful layout.



The commission appointed by the Legislature to select the designs for the many pieces of silver and to award the contract have done their work well. The commissioners were Governor Swanson, Lieutenant-Governor Elyson, Attorney-General Anderson, Speaker W. D. Caldwell, of the House of Delegates, and Adjutant-General Charles J. Anderson. The contract for the fifty pieces of silver-ware was awarded to the Bailey, Banks and Biddle Company, of Philadelphia, through their local agents in this city, Messrs. C. Lumsden & Sons.

The contract called for fifty pieces of silver, and it was provided that "the various pieces constituting the service are to be made according to the best style of the silversmith's art, and are to contain in the aggregate not less than 2,500 ounces of sterling silver, 92-100 fine, and besides the historic and other illustrations and portraits mentioned in the specifications, the seal of Virginia and

the seal of the United States Navy Department are to be applied to each piece." Adjutant-General Anderson yesterday by appointment of the commissioners went to Lumsden's with a copy of the contract in his hand and carefully examined every piece, comparing it with the contract and found that the agreement of the manufacturers has been carried out to the letter and they have furnished a handsome silver service as ever was seen in this city.

The immense punch bowl, with a capacity of eight gallons, is, of course, the largest piece in the entire set. It is 26 1/2 inches in diameter, and its height, including the ebony base, is 21 1/2 inches. The bowl is gilded on the inside. On one side is an etching of Virginia's new Capitol, and around the ebony base are medallions containing portraits of Washington, Jefferson, Madison, Monroe, Harrison, Tyler and Taylor, the seven Presidents from Virginia.

The round tray for the punch set is 21 1/2 inches in diameter, and the center contains etchings of the old ships "Susan Constant," "Godspeed," and "Discovery"; also the figure "1607" and a view of Jamestown as it is supposed to have been

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There is nothing in the world that I could do for him. Her voice broke, and the poor little woman was left alone with her sorrow. Mr. Chewing said he did not care to prosecute Tompkins, but that the matter has now gone too far for him to do anything to help the young man. Will Return. According to a telegram received at police headquarters yesterday evening, Tompkins is being held in Savannah, Ga., where he was arrested yesterday, charged with the theft of \$500 from A. J. Chewing & Co., of Richmond. The telegram states that Tompkins has agreed to come to Richmond without requisition papers. It reads: "Tompkins under arrest. Will return without requisition papers. Send officer for him." (Signed) "CHARLES GARPUNKLE, Superintendent Police."

ARRESTED IN SAVANNAH. Tompkins Admits Having Taken Money Given Him to Deposit. SAVANNAH, GA., November 26.—Russell W. Tompkins, of Richmond, was arrested this morning as he stepped from the steamship Alleghany, from Baltimore, accompanied by his bride. As the couple came down the gang-plank Detective Murphy took the young man in charge, and he was taken to the station house, where he was locked up. A short time later Detective Murphy swore out a warrant against him, charging him with being a fugitive from justice. The authorities in Richmond were apprised of young Tompkins' detention, and requested to send an officer for him. On Tompkins was found but seventy-five cents and his watch. He expressed himself as perfectly content to go back to Richmond without a requisition. Admits Theft. To a reporter the prisoner talked reservedly about himself and his escapade with Mrs. Tompkins, but he admitted that Tompkins says he absconded with \$500 belonging to his employers, A. J. Chewing & Company, real estate brokers and private bankers of Richmond. He was employed by the firm as chief clerk and confidential man. He came into possession of \$500, which he should have deposited to their credit, but instead took the money and left for Baltimore. There he met by arrangement Miss Ethel Stewart, to whom he had been engaged, and they were married without saying anything to their friends. Mrs. Tompkins visited her husband at the barracks this afternoon. She was in tears, but he quieted her by telling her everything would be all right. "I do not care to say what I did with the money," he said, "nor to tell anything further than I have told."

AMERICAN GIRL'S GREAT TRIUMPH. Miss Geraldine Farrar, at Opening of Grand Opera Season, Wins All Hearts. FLOWERS SHOWER ABOUT HER. Each of the More Than Dozen Times She Was Called Back Bouquets Were Given.

NEW YORK, November 26.—With Gounod's "Roméo et Juliette" as the premier, introducing three singers new to the lyric stage of America, the grand opera season opened to-night at the Metropolitan. The audience was, if possible, larger and more brilliant than ever before. Undoubtedly the feature of the opening night was the first appearance in grand opera in this country of Miss Geraldine Farrar, the young American soprano, and prima of the Royal Opera House in Berlin. Miss Farrar was the Juliette, a role in which she has won her laurels in Berlin and elsewhere in Europe. Some eight years ago Miss Farrar, a girl of sixteen, sang on trial one afternoon in New York as a novice among other aspiring vocalists. Since then she has developed into the most popular of American prima donnas in Europe, and a generous endorsement of that verdict was voiced by an American audience to-night. Charles Rossiniere, one of the leading tenors of the Paris opera, was the Romeo, in which part he has been received with much favor by the critics in his own country. Charles Simari, a baritone, took the part of Mercutio. Both sharing in the triumph of Miss Farrar. Those who remember the first performance of "Roméo et Juliette" in New York, as Dupon de Verones, Josephine Joubert, as Stropho, and Jacques Bars, as Tybalt.

Won All Hearts. Before the first act was over Miss Farrar had won her house, which brought her back again and again at the fall of the curtain. It was not until the end of the balcony scene, however, that the triumph of the American girl, returned to her own people, was fully demonstrated. Every seat in the great house filled the audience waited without a handclap. Deeply interested, some sobbing and some with their hands clasped, they waited until the young artist had come to feel that it was into the warm American hearts. She had so quickly sung her way. She recalled fully a dozen times, and at each recall passed carried upon the stage great bouquets and clusters of American beauty roses. They came until the prima donna had a high bank of roses, and still the audience waited.

LADY SHOT BY CARTRIDGE SHE SWEEP INTO THE FIRE. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] SPENCER, N. C., November 26.—Mrs. W. L. Moore, of this place, was shot in the head this afternoon by a cartridge, which she had swept into the fire of an open fireplace unobserved. The explosion followed, the ball taking effect in the forehead of the housewife. Her wounds are not considered serious. PILLS CURED IN 5 TO 14 DAYS. PAZO DRYEMER has guaranteed to cure any case of itching, humors, or itching piles in 5 to 14 days or money refunded. 25c.

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BROTHERS ACT AS HERPALL-BEARERS. Sister of Senator Thomas S. Martin Buried at Old Home. Near Scottsville.

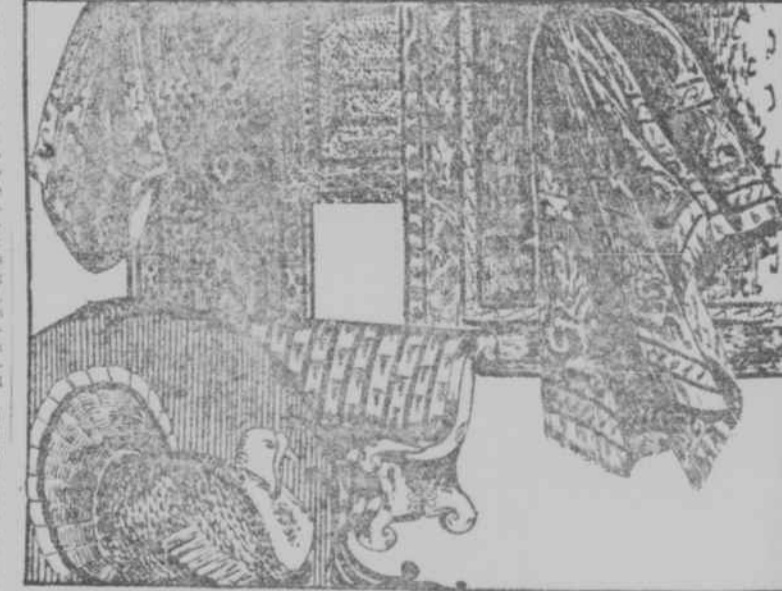
SCOTTVILLE, Va., November 26.—The burial of Mrs. Jacob Luther Moon, of Richmond, took place this afternoon at the Presbyterian cemetery here, and was witnessed by a large crowd of grief-stricken relatives and friends. The burial service was conducted by the Rev. Calvin Stewart, of the Church of the Covenant, Richmond, and the prayer offered by him for the sorrowing family was touchingly beautiful in its tenderness and sympathy for the bereaved. Many floral tributes of exquisite design were sent by loving friends, and the grave was literally hidden under masses of roses, lilies and chrysanthemums. Mrs. Moon was born in Scottsville and lived here all of her life until the removal of the family to Richmond seven years ago. At the time of her death she was in the sixty-second year of her age. She was the daughter of the late Mrs. Martha Ann Martin, her maiden name being Ann Martin. She was married to Mr. Jacob Luther Moon, of Scottsville, who with five children, survives her. These children are Mrs. Hunter Pickling Lewis, of Richmond; Mrs. Mary Ann Moon, of Camden, N. J.; Jacob Luther Moon, Jr., John Martin Moon and Miss Collette Moon, all of Richmond. She also leaves one sister, Miss Catherine Martin, and four brothers—Senator Thomas S. Martin and Messrs. Samuel, Leslie and John Martin, all of Richmond, and two of the sons, Messrs. J. Luther Moon, Jr., and J. Martin Moon, noted as coal-brokers.

BAZAAR OPENS IN MANCHESTER. Leader Hall Crowded Last Night. Entertainment Was Much Enjoyed.

Leader Hall was crowded last night with old soldiers and wives and daughters of those who fought in the Civil War, when the bazaar, under the auspices of Chesterfield Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy, opened. The hall was brilliantly lighted, and the booths were artistically arranged. Behind them stood charming ladies, with many assistants. An entertainment that was splendid for amateur performers was given, and not until a late hour did the crowd disperse. The bazaar will continue through the week and will be patronized liberally for the entertainment which night is well worth the price of admission, and the cause for which the ladies are working is an incentive for all to come. The entertainment committee—Mrs. Walter Allen, Mrs. Richmond Minor, Mrs. Perry Winters and Mrs. J. W. Gregory—have worked hard to make the bazaar a success, and deserve a lot of credit for their efforts. The booths are presided over by the following ladies: Miss Emma Pinchot, who looks health; Miss Ella Hancock, candy booth; Miss Irene Smith, fruit booth; Mrs. Allen, perfume booth; Miss Imogen Gregory, fancy booth. A feature of the last evening was the address of Judge Thomas I. Christian, who was introduced by Judge Clinton of Manchester. The attendance of Richmond Daughters of the Confederacy was very large. Tonight or to-morrow Governor Swanson will attend the bazaar. To-night Miss Kate Fuller will recite.

CLEAK ADMITS THEFT OF MONEY. (Continued from First Page.) accounts for the day preceding. The figures were so blurred that he was unable to decipher them, and he sent the book across to the bank to have the proper figures of the sum deposited there written in pencil on the margin. On leaving the bank he returned to him the book, which he should have deposited to their credit, but instead took the money and left for Baltimore. There he met by arrangement Miss Ethel Stewart, to whom he had been engaged, and they were married without saying anything to their friends. Mrs. Tompkins visited her husband at the barracks this afternoon. She was in tears, but he quieted her by telling her everything would be all right. "I do not care to say what I did with the money," he said, "nor to tell anything further than I have told."

TANYARD BUILDINGS DESTROYED BY FIRE. Fire last night destroyed all the buildings of the tanyard at Captain W. W. Baker, at Hall's Cross in Chesterfield county, on the Southern Railway, about sixteen miles from Richmond. The origin of the blaze is not known, and the loss could not be estimated last night. Captain Baker is a member of the Legislature from Chesterfield county, and is widely known in Richmond, and throughout the State.



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TRAMPS STRIP MAN AND PUT HIM ON SLOW FIRE. STEPHENSVILLE, O., November 26.—Edward Coulter, a tramps, was attacked on the West Virginia side of the Ohio River this morning by tramps, who took his money, stripped him of his clothing and left him unconscious with his body lying across the still burning coals of a fire. He revived sufficiently to toll away from the fire and give a description of his assailants, who have not yet been arrested. Coulter cannot recover.

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