

GIRL'S TESTIMONY FAVORS ALLEGED SLAYERS OF MOTHER.

Ordeal Fails to Shake Faith of Daughter in Her Father and Stepmother.

Decatur, Ill., Oct. 21.—Marguerite Magill was on the witness stand to-day in defense of her father and stepmother, accused of murdering her mother, Mrs. Pat Magill, on the night of May 30th last. This pretty doll-like girl was questioned by attorneys for three hours. Never for the slightest fraction of a minute did she lose her composure. And it is common comment here to-day that she has saved her father from a penitentiary sentence.

Rose Graham, mother of Fay, was on the stand. She is a kindly looking matron of forty. That she believes in the innocence of her daughter was shown by her embraces during the trial and it was announced with convincing constancy when she testified to-day.

PETROLEA DISASTER.

WAS A TREMENDOUS EXPLOSION OF NITRO-GLYCERINE.

Magazine of the Torpedo Company Blown Up—Several Buildings Damaged and Much Glass Broken, But Only One Man Hurt—Loss Will Be Heavy.

Petrolea despatch: At present no cause can be ascribed for the explosion of the nitro-glycerine magazine of the Petrolea Torpedo Company. The liquid was thought to be packed properly. In any event a searching investigation is promised by the authorities.

affinities, forsaking their lawful wives, I would have the law recommend harsh punishment. Execution also should be the punishment for attacks on women."

When Dr. Patterson had finished speaking the Rev. John Wheaton, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, of Philadelphia, rose to declare that such pronouncements were too radical for expression in the present day.

MARRIED NIECE.

CHARLES TROTTER SENTENCED TO FIVE YEARS.

Me Committed Perjury in Denying the Relationship—Case Tried at North Bay Assizes Provoked Some Comment.

BURN HERETICS.

RETIRE DREACHER PLEADS FOR TORCH AS A CURE.

Others Should Die, Too—Dr. R. M. Patterson Startles Assembly in Philadelphia When Views Are Announced.

Philadelphia, Pa., Oct. 21.—The Rev. Dr. Robert M. Patterson, a minister of the Presbyterian Church, who is well known in Albany, Chicago and Philadelphia, and who has lived in Malvers, a suburb of this city, since his retirement from the ministry several years ago, caused an uproar in the Presbytery that met here to-day by declaring that the death penalty should be inflicted upon all heretics, blasphemers and correspondents in all divorce cases.

WIFE WANTED.

CHICAGOAN'S "WANTED" SIGN BROUGHT RESULTS.

Now Asks: "Which One?"—Letters to Him Seeking Suggestions Foretell Popularity of His Plan.

Chicago, Oct. 21.—N. H. Matthews closed the lists of his individual matrimonial bureau last evening. He admits the number of "entries" is large. He wishes to publish abroad to the feminine affinity seekers that no more candidates will be considered.

JAP WAR WITH THE STATES.

Are Both Combines Preparing for the Struggle?

Idea That is Coming in the Mind of Those in a Position to Judge.

Washington, Oct. 21.—Preparations for a hostile emergency in the Pacific are occupying the time of military and naval authorities to such an extent that all other work has been suspended in some branches of the two services. The war fever is spreading through the personnel of the army and the navy. Many officers are now aware of the circumstances which led to the decision to send the battleship fleet to the Pacific, and with their eyes opened in that respect, they are watching the trend of events with absorbing interest.

The idea that war is coming is apparently fixed in the minds of some of those having superior means of obtaining information as to the Government's attitude. Under orders from the Navy Department, the entire working force at navy yards on the Atlantic coast is being employed in making ready the vessels of the battleship fleet for the so-called practice cruise to the Pacific.

Under equally imperative directions, new fire control systems are being installed on the battleships which will go to the Pacific. A "torpedo company" of the Army Artillery Corps has been sent to Subig Bay to chart and mine that important body of water and engage in torpedo practice. Army rifles of six, ten and twelve-inch calibre and 12-inch mortars are being sent to Subig Bay as fast as they are completed.

The decision of the President to send the battleship fleet to the Pacific had its inception—at least its apparent inception—in disquieting information furnished to the military departments of the Government by confidential agents abroad.

At the time of the latest revival of feeling against Japan on the Pacific coast which resulted in attacks upon Japanese subjects in San Francisco and brought the anti-American agitation in Japan to its highest point of feverishness, the stories of Japanese military activity assumed a character which, apparently gave great concern to the President and certainly alarmed some of the military and naval advisers. These reports were all placed before the President for his perusal.

BAPTIST MISSIONS.

FALLING OFF IN THE CONTRIBUTIONS ANNOUNCED.

Church is Losing Good Men on Account of the Salary Difficulty—Reports Received at the Convention at Woodstock—Mr. Urquhart's Address.

Woodstock despatch: Increasing opportunities and the needs of the Baptist Church in Ontario and Quebec and the decrease in money, supplies and available men made a somewhat gloomy feature in the presentation of the 56th annual report of the Home Mission Board of the Church at the convention's session here this afternoon. The report showed for the past year an increased deficit, the board having failed to raise as much as was raised last year—that is, \$30,000.

FOURTH ARREST.

JOHN F. McDONALD, A DAWSON JEWELER, IN CUSTODY.

More About the Great Mail Robbery at Dawson—Kincaid Lived High and Spent Money Recklessly—Other Arrests Expected.

Vancouver, Oct. 21.—A Dawson despatch says: John F. MacDonald, a Dawson jeweler, was arrested at White Horse yesterday, on the arrival of the steamer Selkirk from Dawson, charged with complicity in the robbery of \$40,000 from registered mail in Dawson on July 29.

THE DEAD LINE.

PREVENTING YOUNG MEN FROM ENTERING THE MINISTRY.

Would be Clergymen Dread Prospect of Losing Their Pastorates on Attaining Middle Age—Increased Salaries Advocated at Congregational Council.

Cleveland, Ohio, Oct. 21.—The allurements of commercial life and fear of the "ministerial dead line" are given as reasons for the alarming decrease in the number of young men entering the ministry by the Congregational National Council, which held its final meeting here to-day. The report of Prof. C. S. Nash of Columbia, an "historical Training and Equipment" aroused the discussion. A score of delegates engaged in the argument. Increased pay for ministers was the only solution suggested.

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