

BYWATERS SHOT ON WEDDING DAY

Prominent Culpeper Man Killed by Brothers of His Bride.

GROOM TRIES TO ESCAPE AT NIGHT

Was Climbing Down From Porch When Brothers of Bride Spied Him, According to Reports, and His Body Was Literally Torn to Pieces.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
 CULPEPER, VA., December 15.—This community was thrown into an intense state of excitement to-night by the shooting and killing of Mr. W. F. Bywaters, a prominent and popular young society man, and well known horseman and fox-leaper and trainer of high jumpers.

Accurate details of the affair at this hour are not obtainable, and all kinds of rumors are afloat. As near as can be ascertained, the facts are as follows:

This afternoon Mr. Bywaters procured from the clerk of the court a license to marry Miss Viola Strother, daughter of the late Colonel John H. Strother, who represented Culpeper county for many years in the Assembly in the State. He was seen to leave town about 2 o'clock P. M. in the company of young Strother, brother of the prospective bride, and drove direct to the old Strother residence, "Elderwood," about three miles from town. The services of Rev. J. T. Ware, rector of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, were procured and the couple were married at 5 o'clock.

Marriage a Surprise.

Only a few friends knew of the intended marriage, and the shock to the community when Bywaters's tragic death came over the phone was tremendous. The bride and groom were deserted and people congregated on the streets discussing the tragedy.

Exactly what led up to the shooting at this hour cannot be learned, but it seems that after the marriage, Bywaters insisted on leaving the Strother residence for the night, when he was vigorously opposed by the Strother brothers, Philip and James, both young men. It is rumored that Bywaters in attempting to escape was shot and killed on the porch roof.

At the preliminary hearing before the coroner to-night, it was shown that there were twelve distinct wounds on the body, and that he was literally torn to pieces.

There are many conflicting rumors to be heard to-night, and the facts will only be brought out to-morrow at the regular inquest.

It is feared there will be further trouble. The Strother vendetta is said to be fiercer and are now in his custody.

Mr. W. F. Bywaters was well known among fox-hunting people throughout the State. His pack of hounds was perhaps the best known in the country, for the pack of Mr. Harry W. Smith, which defeated the Middlesex pack in the American-English hound match in Piedmont Valley, about a year ago, was drafted largely from his kennels.

Mr. Bywaters also owned a number of crack cross-country horses, among them Juddie, which he sold to Mr. Courland H. Smith and which is now owned by Mr. David B. Tennant, of Leesburg. The horse is a crack and has won many blues in the Virginia circuit and in Richmond.

At the Culpeper, Orange and Manassas Downs Mr. Bywaters was a frequent exhibitor, and at a number of places shows he served as a judge. At Upperville, the oldest show in the United States, he judged hacks and harness horses this season.

He was known as a keen sportsman, in whom the love of hound and horse was inherent.

RAID GAMBLERS; FIND TREASURER

Board of Aldermen of Asheville Seek Resignation of One of Town's High Officials.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., December 15.—The Board of Aldermen, in executive session last night, adopted a resolution requesting the Finance Committee to notify City Treasurer W. W. Patton that his resignation would be acceptable, to take effect just as soon as his successor could be appointed.

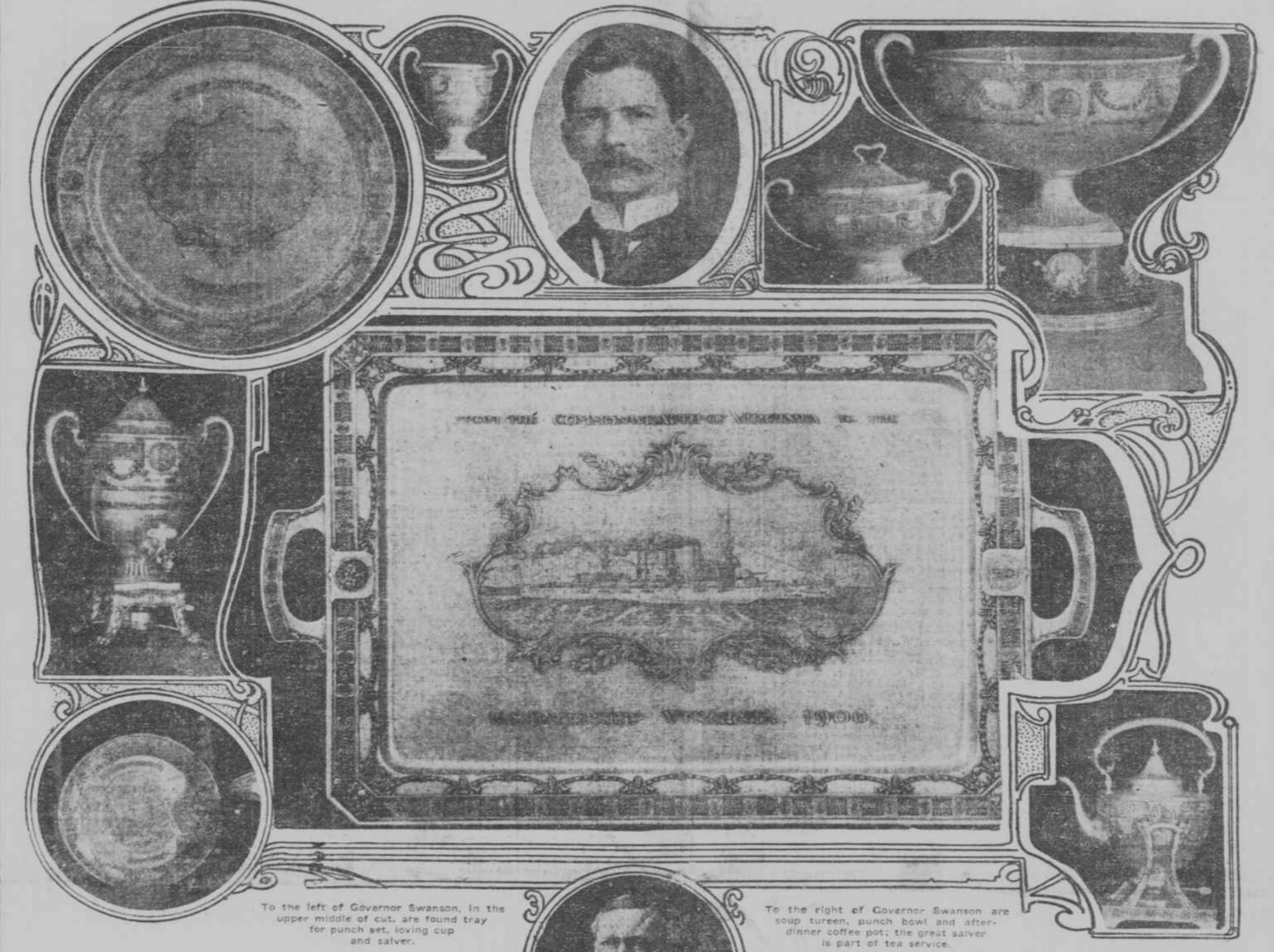
This action is the result of a gambling raid last Thursday night, in which Treasurer Patton and three other men were rounded up. Patton figured on the police blotter as "Arny Jenkins," and was fined \$1. An effort was made to keep the matter quiet. The facts in connection with the raid were suppressed, and very little was known of the affair until last night, when Mayor Harward brought it to the attention of the Board of Aldermen and asked for immediate action.

NO SPECIAL PRIVILEGES FOR GREENE AND GAYNOR

WASHINGTON, December 15.—Attorney-General Moody to-day notified United States Marshal White at Valdosta, Ga., that the government would not tolerate any special privileges to Messrs. Greene and Gaynor, whom it was alleged, had been allowed to leave the jail confines, and had received treatment other than that accorded ordinary prisoners, and that unless the marshal was willing to require that they be held in custody necessary to take steps looking to the removal of these prisoners to another place of confinement.

The action of the department was based upon information received here that the defendants had been accorded many liberties not usually allowed to prisoners.

BATTLESHIP "VIRGINIA" AND PARTICULARLY HANDSOME AND MASSIVE PIECES OF SOLID SILVER, COMMONWEALTH'S GIFT TO SHIP



To the left of Governor Swanson, in the upper middle of cut, are found tray for punch set, loving cup and salver.

To the right of Governor Swanson are soup tureen, punch bowl and after-dinner coffee pot; the great salver is part of tea service.

JURY GIVES LAM SIXTEEN YEARS

Remarkable Results of Famous Criminal Trial in Harrisonburg, Just Ended.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
 HARRISONBURG, VA., December 15.—Thomas L. Lam, who shot and almost instantly killed Frank P. Hensley, Friday, November 24th was found guilty of murder in the second degree to-night by a jury in the Circuit Court of Rocking-ham, and his punishment was fixed at sixteen years in the penitentiary.

His sixteen-year-old bride of less than six months, whose actions immediately previously to the shooting are said to have been largely responsible for the homicide, was by her husband's side when the verdict was delivered, and went into hysterics.

The prisoner was unmoved by the sentence. The trial, which was one of the most sensational that has been heard in the local courts for years, lasted ten days, and numerous unusual and pathetic features were brought in the testimony.

Hensley was a second cousin of Lam's wife, and both lived in the neighborhood of Rainbow, twenty miles east of Harrisonburg.

Minister's Testimony.

Mrs. Lam's father, Rev. Stephen Hensley, a local preacher of the Southern Methodist Church, and a man of unquestioned integrity, in an effort to win the husband of one daughter, testified to the bad reputation of another daughter, whose name was linked with Hensley's, as was also that of his wife's stepmother, a woman whose hair was grey.

The prisoner's wife's brothers testified to the same effect. Mrs. Lam was on the stand for a day, and told her story in a manner that amazed the court. During the course of the trial Hensley's stepmother was paralyzed, and testified from a cot on which she was carried into the courtroom.

Mrs. Lam became a slayer of Mrs. Lam became a slayer as a result of the trial of her husband. Another feature was the marriage at the courthouse during a race of two young people, both related to Lam's wife and the murdered man, and who had been summoned as witnesses in the case.

The murder followed a quarrel between Lam and his wife at Hensley's home. Hensley interfered, and Lam called him into the road and emptied the contents of a shotgun into his heart.

SUED FOR DIVORCE, WOMAN WEEPS

Mrs. Buhlinger, Formerly Miss Wynne, of Norfolk, Ill.—Treats Husband.

ST. LOUIS, MO., December 15.—When Mrs. William A. Buhlinger, formerly Miss Sue Mason Wynne, of Norfolk, Va., learned to-day that her husband had filed a suit for divorce she wept. It was a complete surprise, she said. She acknowledged feeling remorse for unkind things she had said to him. She said she loved him nevertheless, and hoped for a reconciliation.

"If he knew how I feel toward him he would withdraw the suit," she said.

Buhlinger charges that she did not love him, and only married him for a home, and still had a warm spot in her heart for a former suitor.

Buhlinger further charges that she threw dishes upon the floor, smashing them so noisily as to disturb the neighbors.

The petition recites a scene in September when she wanted to entertain a woman friend at her home, to which the husband objected. She told him if he did not like it he could "get out." He says he was compelled to sleep on the floor.

The couple were married quietly June 25th, last, and separated November 11th.

NORFOLK, VA., December 15.—Nothing can be learned here regarding Mrs. Buhlinger, formerly Miss Sue Mason Wynne, said to be of Norfolk. Search fails to find those who know her.

HEROIC WORK SAVES PLANT

Midnight Fire at Boynton Menaces Valuable Lumber Yards.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
 BOYNTON, VA., December 15.—A fire broke out last night about 11 o'clock at the lumber plant of Coghill-Good Manufacturing Company, which came near destroying the whole plant. The fire broke through the roof of the building and with great effort the fire was extinguished. The fire originated in the boiler-room. M. P. Watkins, manager, and C. L. Jackson, bookkeeper, did heroic work, and mainly through their skill and efforts, the entire property was saved from flames.

The lumber company's loss will not be large, and is covered by insurance.

M'CU'E'S BROTHER KILLS HIMSELF

Charles F. McCue, Wasted by Sickness, Sends Bullets Near His Heart.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
 CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., December 15.—Charles F. McCue, eldest brother of ex-Mayor J. Samuel McCue, who was hanged here for the murder of his wife, committed suicide this afternoon at his home near Afton, in the Blue Ridge Mountains, twenty miles west of Charlottesville.

News of the tragedy did not reach this city until nearly midnight, and was brought by the two brothers of the deceased, Dr. Frank McCue and Attorney Edward O. McCue, of this city, who were called to the scene early this afternoon by a telegram announcing their brother's illness.

The relatives of the dead man attribute his death to despondency, brought on by illness, resulting from an injury which he received in a wreck on the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, near Ivy, this county, early in November.

Changed Man.

Ever since the accident he had been confined to his home, and the fact that there was little or no improvement in his condition seemed to prey on his mind. From a strong, vigorous man, he had wasted almost to a skeleton. This morning, in response to the wishes of his wife, he consented to go to Richmond for medical treatment, and preparation was being made for the trip. Just before the packing of the trunks was completed Mrs. McCue, who had left the sick man's room, was started by four pistol shots in rapid succession.

Hitting upstairs she found her husband lying prone upon the floor, blood pouring from two wounds in his body near his heart. He passed away before medical aid could be summoned, and without uttering a word. The weapon he held tightly grasped in his hand. He ceased to breathe at once, and had successfully engaged in farming pursuits for the past twenty years. His wife, who was Miss Margaret Hall, of Richmond, survives with three children. He is also survived by five brothers.

HEART DISEASE CAUSE OF DEATH

Such the Verdict of Coroner's Jury in Case of Mr. J. S. Montgomery's Death.

"Dear Min.—In walking I have been overcome, and I am afraid I am dying. God bless you and the children. All belongs absolutely to you."

Such was the text of the note left by Mr. Joseph B. Montgomery, who was found dead on his farm, Tree Hill, Henrico county, on Friday, to his wife, attesting an unswerving devotion to his family even when he felt himself being drawn into the grip of death.

Combined with this note, the evidence given before the coroner's jury summoned to investigate the cause of Mr. Montgomery's death, that he had been the victim for some time of ill-health, and that the strain of an apparently nervous disease had begun to tell on his system, is what must have caused the jury to bring in the verdict that Mr. Montgomery came to his death through heart disease.

Verdict of Heart Disease.

The verdict is as follows: "We, the Jurors, sworn to inquire when, how and by what means the said Joseph S. Montgomery came to his death, upon their oath, do say that he came to his death some time between December 12 and 14, 1906, and that his death was probably caused by heart disease, in testimony whereof, the said coroner and Jurors hereunto set their hands and seals."

"W. A. DEAS, coroner;
 J. W. REAMS, foreman;
 J. P. SOUTHWALD,
 JOHN A. ABRICHER,
 W. W. RYDNER,
 W. B. FRAYSER,
 W. A. FRAYSER."

The Inquest.

This ends what appears to have been one of the most puzzling cases that ever came before a coroner's jury in Henrico county. From 10:30 o'clock in the morning until 2 o'clock in the afternoon the jury examined the witnesses summoned before them, and deliberated over the verdict they should return as to the cause of Mr. Montgomery's death. At 2 o'clock the jury adjourned, to meet again at the call of coroner Deas. In the meanwhile, Dr. Deas took the evidence which had been laid before him to Mr. L. O. Wendenburg, Commonwealth's Attorney of Henrico, to ask his advice as to some legal point involved. What that legal point was Dr. Deas would not disclose, saying that it was accepted.

SHIP RECEIVES VIRGINIA'S GIFT

Massive Silver Service Presented by Governor On Behalf of State.

GAY RICHMOND PARTY ON HAND

Governor, Staff and Guests Occupy Special Cars From This City to Newport News. Captain Schroeder Gives Cordial Reception.

[Special From a Staff Correspondent.]
 NORFOLK, VA., December 15.—Nature smiled, and all conditions and circumstances fortuitously conspired to make the presentation on behalf of the State of Virginia of a superb silver service to its namesake, the battleship Virginia, pride of the American navy, an event memorable in the annals of this illustrious Commonwealth.

The hundred or more representative Virginians who enjoyed the hospitality of the officers of the great 11,000-ton battleship were representative of the chivalry and beauty which have contributed so much of lustre to the name of the mother Commonwealth. In simple justice to the corps of officers of the ship, it must be said that they exemplified old Virginia hospitality in such a manner as to fully maintain the best traditions of the most glorious period of our history, and make the entire company as congenial as if it were made up of none but Virginians of the best type.

The company attending the ceremonial embraced almost every officer of the State, the Mayor of Richmond, representatives of the judiciary, of the historic and patriotic organizations and particularly those of women. The Governor and his charming wife, the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Elyson, Attorney-General and Mrs. Anderson, were here; and so on through the list of officials, Colonel Morton Marye, Auditor of Public Accounts, and the Judges of the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia, being the most notable absentees. State Treasurer A. W. Harman, Jr., Judge John G. Dow, Second Auditor of Virginia; Judge B. T. Crampton, president of the Corporation Commission; Secretary of the Commonwealth D. Q. Eggleston, Superintendent of Public Instruction and Mrs. Joseph D. Eggleston, Jr., Mr. Thomas A. Lynch, clerk of the Senate of Virginia; Mr. John W. Williams, clerk of the House of Delegates; State Librarian John P. Kennedy, Public Printer Davis Bottom, Speaker William D. Caldwell, of the House of Delegates, Hon. Henry T. Wickham, president pro tempore of the Senate of Virginia; Adjutant-General Charles J. Anderson, Major R. W. Hunter, Secretary of Virginia Military Records; Commissioner of Agriculture and Mrs. G. W. Keizer, Superintendent E. G. Morgan, of the Penitentiary; State Senators J. Lawrence Campbell, of Bedford; Saxon W. Holt, of Newport News; W. W. Sale, of Norfolk; Hon. Charles T. Bland, of Portsmouth; James R. Cato, of Alexandria; W. W. Old, Jr., of Norfolk, and C. W. Throckmorton, of Henrico. Many of them were accompanied by ladies.

Glittering Staff.

The Governor's staff, in all their glittering regalia, wore there, and attracted much attention by their brilliant uniforms and their dignified and imposing bearing. Colonels E. S. Beld, of Chatham; Thomas B. McAdams, of Richmond; W. C. White, of Culpeper; James A. Scott, of Lynchburg; H. C. W. Jones, of Richmond; W. J. Payne, of Richmond; E. Pagan Holt, of Newport News; Joe. T. Lawless and Secretary Ben. F. Owen. These, headed by Adjutant-General Anderson, whose wife, sojournly figure was clad in the full uniform of his rank, dimmed the lustre even of the admiral, the captains, the commanders, lieutenant-commanders, lieutenants and ensigns, and the officers of the marine corps.

Among the city's representatives on this occasion were Mayor Carlos M. Carley, Judge R. Carter Scott, former Alderman A. Betne Blair, the Rev. Jas. Power Smith, D. D., Captain Cunningham Hall, Mr. Edgar D. Taylor and others.

Besides a number of prominent Richmond visitors, the party included, among others, from Norfolk, Newport News, Portsmouth and Williamsburg. On this occasion, when the glories of old Virginia were being recounted and tributes were being paid to the statesman he had contributed to the country, it was indeed that among the guests were two granddaughters of a President of the United States—Misses Julia Gardner Tyler and Elizabeth Glimmer Tyler, daughters of Dr. Loyal Tyler.

The Richmond delegation composing the Governor's party left this city in two special parlor cars over the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway. District Passenger Agents William O. Washburn accompanied the party and personally looked after their comfort. Among the number also were Mr. Meade T. Spicer, chief clerk to President Stevens, of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, who was accompanied by Mr. Spicer.

The journey to Newport News was made on schedule time, and arriving there, the Richmonders found the railway steamer Virginia awaiting them.

As the Governor and his party landed at Portsmouth, Navy Yard, Admiral Robert M. Beasley, commander of the harbor and cordially received the party. Two companies of blue-jackets and two of marines were drawn up in rows, and as the Virginia visitors passed before them they stood at "present arms."

The side of the great steel fighting machine loomed high above the dock, but a long, silver gangway afforded ingress for the visitors, who were in a few moments aboard the splendid vessel, where they were welcomed by Captain Beaton Schroeder, commander, and by Captain Washburn, executive officer of the ship, and by the various subordinate officers, all in full dress uniform. Greetings and introductions followed, and in a few moments the entire company was being escorted from place to place by officers or by blue-jackets detailed to perform this service. The quarter-deck, where the visitors assembled, was covered by a canopy, and around the sides the signal flags of the vessel were utilized to afford shelter