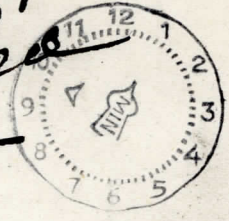


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Gentlemen -

I have for some time  
been vexed by various  
persons - correspondents -  
in reference to various  
conflicting rumors con-  
cerning the John Wilkes  
Booth tragedy and  
mystery. A short time  
previous to the assassination  
my uncle - John Wilkes Booth

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played a theatrical en-  
gagement at my late  
uncle Gen De Bar's  
theatre At Louis Mo - The  
theatre being the property  
of Gen De Bar. I met  
again - my uncle John  
for the first time - after I  
had know him, as a growing  
boy myself being a little  
girl. met him at my uncle's  
home At Louis I being a

young woman, getting  
ready for my first appear-  
ance as an actress -

We - John Booth myself  
and Maggie Mitchell -

the late actress - then  
went horse back riding  
starting from the old  
historic hotel St Louis

The "Panters" - ~~where~~ while  
John Booth was waiting  
for a few days prior to  
his theatrical engagement

with my uncle Gen De Bor  
 My late mother had caused  
 to seek, + obtain a divorce  
 from her husband, +  
 my father J. B. Booth Jr  
 my uncle adopted me, +  
 I ~~went~~ <sup>went</sup> upon the stage, +  
 played for many years  
 after so Hauche De Bor  
 At the time of the assassination  
 I was arrested, together with  
 my uncle Gen De Bor - I think  
 the party of soldiers were

commanded by a Captain  
 Hayes - Am not sure!  
 You & Pa being a brother-  
 in-law of one of the <sup>released</sup>  
 Grotts - We were ~~restored~~  
 being found totally ignorant  
 of the whole horrible tragedy.  
 Please bear in mind the  
 conflicting stories that  
 arise - where my name  
 is mentioned. I have  
 been living here, being  
 simply teaching dramatic  
 work, & sometimes giving

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romantic recitals  
earning my livelihood  
I try to avoid this  
publicity - The difference  
in names would confuse  
you - I mean the De  
Bar and North names  
both of which I bear

Respectfully yours

Manche De Bar North

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P.S

I have been treated, unvariably, so  
generously, and kindly by newspaper  
and literary gentlemen, that, tho  
they may make mistakes - I try to keep  
quiet - I mean in reference to what - I  
may not say I have kept to the truth - which  
~~is~~ prevails - tho twisted - often <sup>by</sup> truth