

Miss Surratt's Efforts in Behalf of Her Mother.

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About 8½ o'clock on Friday morning Miss Surratt, accompanied by a female friend, again visited the White House, having been there the previous evening for the purpose of obtaining an interview with the President. President Johnson having given orders that he would receive no one to-day, the doorkeeper stopped Miss Surratt at the foot of the steps leading up to the President's office, and would not permit her to proceed further. She then asked permission to see Gen. Mussey, the President's military secretary, who promptly answered the summons, and came down stairs where Miss Surratt was standing.

As soon as the General made his appearance, Miss Surratt threw herself upon her knees before him, catching him by the coat, and, with loud sobs and streaming eyes, implored him to assist her in obtaining a hearing with the President.

Gen. Mussey, in as tender a manner as possible, informed Miss Surratt that he could not comply with her request, as President Johnson's orders were imperative, and he would receive no one.

Upon Gen. Mussey returning to his office Miss Surratt threw herself upon the stair steps, where she remained a considerable length of time, sobbing aloud in the greatest anguish, protesting her mother's innocence,

and imploring every one who came near her to intercede in her mother's behalf. While thus weeping she declared her mother was too good and kind to be guilty of the enormous crime of which she was convicted, and asserted that if her mother was put to death she wished to die also.

The scene was heartrending, and many of those who witnessed it, including a number of hardy soldiers, were moved to tears. Miss Surratt, having become quiet, was finally persuaded to take a seat in the East Room, and here she remained for several hours, jumping up from her seat each time the front door of the mansion was opened, evidently in hopes of seeing some one enter who could be of service to her in obtaining the desired interview with the President, or that they were the bearers of good news to her.

Two of Harrold's sisters dressed in full mourning and heavily veiled, made their appearance at the White House shortly after Miss Surratt for the purpose of interceding with the President in behalf of their brother. Failing to see the President, they addressed a note to Mrs. Johnson, and expressed a hope that she would not turn a deaf ear to their pleadings. Mrs. Johnson being quite sick, it was thought expedient by the ushers not to deliver the note, when, as a last expedient, the ladies asked permission to forward a note to Mrs. Patterson, the President's daughter, which privilege was not granted, as Mrs. Patterson is also quite indisposed to-day.

A HEARTRENDING SCENE.

By permission of the authorities, the daughter of Mrs. Surratt passed the night previous to the execution with her mother in her cell. The entire interview was of a very affecting character. The daughter remained with her mother until a short time before the execution, and when the time came for separation the screams of anguish that burst from the poor girl could be distinctly heard all over the execution ground.

During the morning the daughter proceeded to the Metropolitan Hotel and sought an interview with Gen. Hancock. Finding him, she implored in pitiable accents to get a reprieve for her mother. The General, of course, had no power to grant or obtain such a favor, and informed the distressed girl in as gentle a manner as possible.

Gen. Hancock, with the kindness that always characterizes his actions apart from the stern duties of his noble profession, did his best to assuage the mental anguish of the grief stricken girl.

SCENES AT THE SURRETT HOUSE.

The residence of Mrs. Surratt on H-st., North, near Sixth, remained closed on Thursday after the announcement of her fate had become known.

In the evening but a single dim light shone from one of the rooms, while within the house all was as quiet as death up to about 8 o'clock, at which hour Miss Annie F. Surratt, who has been in constant attendance upon her mother, drove up to the door in a hack, accompanied by a gentleman.

She appeared to be perfectly crushed with grief, and as she alighted from the carriage some ladies standing near were moved to tears of sympathy with the unfortunate girl, whose every look and action betrayed her anguish.

Miss Surratt, after gaining admittance to the house, fainted several times, causing great bustle and excitement among the inmates, who were untiring in their efforts to console the almost heartbroken young lady.

From early in the evening until a late hour at night, hundreds of persons, old and young, male and female, visited the vicinity of Mrs. Surratt's residence, stopping upon the opposite side of the street, glancing over with anxious and inquiring eyes upon the house in which the conspirators met, commenting upon the fate of the doomed woman, and the circumstances connected therewith.

During the evening not less than 500 persons visited the spot.

It was a noticeable incident of the execution that scarcely any Government officials or citizens were present, the spectators being nearly all connected with the trial in some capacity, or else representatives of the press.