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OF

MRS. E. G. WHARTON,

ON THE CHARGE OF POISONING

GENERAL W. S. KETCHUM.

On Saturday morning, December 2d, 1871, Mrs. E. G. Wharton, who since the date of her arrest had been confined in the Baltimore City Jail, was notified that she was to be removed to Annapolis for trial.

The message of the Warden was received by Mrs. Wharton with composure, and her last night in his custody was passed quietly. On Saturday morning at the hour named Warden Irvin ascended to Mrs. Wharton's room in the main tower of the jail, and requested her to accompany him. She and her daughter, dressed in mourning and wearing heavy veils, were in readiness, and without delay the party descended to the first floor. Here they were joined by Mrs. J. Crawford Neilson, of Harford county, who, from the beginning of Mrs. Wharton's incarceration, has been her most devoted friend. In a few minutes more the bars of the prison gate had been passed, and all were in readiness for the commencement of the

JOURNEY TO ANNAPOLIS.

A hack had been procured by the friends of Mrs. Wharton, and was in waiting. Warden Irvin assisted Mrs. Wharton, Mrs. Neilson and Miss Wharton into the vehicle, and, following, seated himself by the side of his prisoner. The time of Mrs. Wharton's departure had been kept secret, and with the exception of half a dozen police officers, who, after delivering prisoners to the jail, were on their return to the Middle District Station House, no one witnessed the scene. The

drive to the steamer Sam'l J. Pentz, which had been selected by the Warden as the means of conveyance to Annapolis, was accomplished in good time, and was devoid of any incident of interest.

During the passage to Annapolis Mrs. Wharton's spirits seemed better than at any time since her arrest, and she evidently enjoyed the view and scenery of the bay. The ordinary subjects of the day's news formed the topics of her conversation, but she was silent as to her approaching trial, and no allusion was made to the occasion of her journey. At half past 9 o'clock the steamer reached Annapolis. It had become known that Mrs. Wharton would probably arrive by the route of the bay, and fifty or sixty persons were assembled on the wharf to get a look at the unhappy woman whose trial during the present week will be "the event of the day" in that quiet community. Alex. B. Hagner, Esq., associate counsel of Mrs. Wharton, and her old friend, Dr. Stewart, of the United States navy, were in waiting upon the wharf to receive her. As soon as she had left the boat the crowd gathered towards her, but there was no unbecoming demonstration. She appeared considerably annoyed by the attention she had attracted, but quietly entered a carriage which had been kept in waiting, and was quickly followed by her daughter, Mrs. Neilson and Mr. Irvin. The vehicle was then driven rapidly to the county jail of Anne Arundel county, situated on Calvert street, about a half mile from the wharf.