

the stand shows with what anxiety even those who are mere spectators regard all that is said.

Yesterday, as Mrs. Hutton was detailing the circumstances of which she was cognizant, the jury, court and spectators listened most attentively. Mrs. Hutton gave her testimony yesterday very calmly and even deliberately, and her manner, tones and language were all very impressive. She was by no means an eager witness, and several times explained her words to the State's Attorney with an apparent desire to convey no improper inferences.

Mrs. Wharton was veiled during the whole of yesterday's proceedings, as were also her daughter and Mrs. Nugent, the wife of her brother, Dr. Nugent, of Norristown, Pennsylvania. Of course her countenance could not be seen to any advantage through the covering which concealed it from gaze, but by her manner it was evident that she was calm. Her daughter seemed considerably agitated, and showed her intense anxiety. Mrs. Nugent sat immediately in rear of Mrs. Wharton, and she, too, though deeply veiled, showed some nervousness.

Mrs. Wharton's counsel were keenly alive to the importance of the testimony which was being given, and Messrs. Steele and Hagner were ever on the alert. Mrs. Neilson and Miss Rosa Neilson, who sat near Mrs. Wharton, the former immediately to her right, were also anxious listeners.

It is the impression that Mrs. Chubb's testimony was not so strong for the State as it had been anticipated it would prove, and the decision of the court on yesterday against the admissibility of the unsworn statement of General Ketchum was considered a gain for the defence. There is a good prospect of a fierce war between the medical and chemical experts.

Professor Wormly, of Ohio, has not yet arrived, and it is not known at what particular time he will come. Nearly a dozen doctors and experts have, however, been summoned for the defence, and the short-hand reporters have provided themselves with Dunglison's Medical Dictionary, in anticipation of the necessity of frequent reference to it in writing out the testimony in full. Paymaster General Brice, the brother-in-law of the late General Ketchum, and the two sons of General Ketchum, are constant attendants, and yesterday the brothers seemed much affected as the painful account of the last sickness of their father was given by Mrs. Hutton. It was, indeed, well calculated to stir the blood of any hearer, and particularly when Mrs. Hutton repeated the final and agonizing cries of the dying man.

The Chief Judge again warned the jury on yesterday to be very careful to abstain from all conversation, except among themselves, in reference to the case, and said the court would severely punish any one who attempted to hold in any improper manner communication with them, or any juror who allowed any communication to be held with him. The beauty and fashion of Annapolis is each day largely represented, as are also the Naval Academy and St. John's College, and the fair attendants are among the most eager and attentive.

A number of the officers of the Naval Academy are also present daily. Upon the arrival of Mrs. Wharton's carriage this morning in front of the

court house she was met by Mr. J. Crawford Neilson and escorted by him to her accustomed seat. As on yesterday, she appeared deeply veiled. Her devoted daughter, Mrs. Nugent, Mrs. Neilson and Miss Rosa Neilson accompanied her. It was noticeable that the number of ladies had been increased, all the seats provided for them being occupied. General C. W. Field, Col. James Howard and J. Harman Brown, Esq., were present to-day.

Frank Leslie's special artist arrived this morning, and has been busy sketching the scene in the court room. The great trial is evidently attracting much attention throughout the country. All of the principal New York dailies contain lengthy accounts, and several received here yesterday made editorial mention of the importance of the case and the interest felt in the proceedings. The medical gentlemen have thus far been patiently awaiting their turn. No doubt the lengthy legal arguments have proven especially tiresome to the eager experts.

Soon after the opening of the court Mrs. Hutton was recalled to the witness stand, and Mr. Revell said he had on yesterday waived a question about the making of a tumbler of milk punch in Mrs. Wharton's room, and in her presence, and of which Mr. Van Ness partook without experiencing any bad effects, and he now proposed to ask the witness to tell the jury all she knew about the punch alluded to.

Mr. Steele, promptly—"Do you mean to connect Mrs. Wharton with it?"

The State's Attorney said it was a part of the resgestæ, and Mr. Steele objected to its introduction.

The counsel for the defence, after some time had been consumed in bringing into the court room a number of law books, proceeded to argue the question of law involved.

Mr. Hagner opened for the defence, and said the jury had been empanelled to try the one charge—the felonious and willful killing of Gen. Ketchum—and the defence was prepared to meet that charge. But it was now sought to inject into the case before the jury and court testimony only relevant to another case.

Judge Hammond interrupted, and said he did not understand that it was proposed to prove that any of the milk punch was given to Mr. Van Ness.

Mr. Hagner and Mr. Steele briefly explained their understanding of the question, and

Judge Miller asked Mr. Syester to more fully state the object of the counsel for the State.

Attorney General Syester said the State proposed to show that in the vessels that were in that house, in daily use and used for medicine for the sick in that house, that there was found tartar emetic, and found on Wednesday, the day General Ketchum died. The State would, at another time, undertake to show that Mr. Van Ness was at that time lying ill in Mrs. Wharton's house, and would show how far his symptoms corresponded with those of General Ketchum.

Mr. Steele said the defence of course objected and said the inference sought to be introduced was that Mrs. Wharton was connected with the poison alleged to have been found in the milk punch.