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MEDIA, Pa., Jan. 2.—Mrs. M. Florence Erb, who with her sister, Miss Catherine Beisel, is charged with the murder of Mrs. Erb's husband, took the witness stand today and told a sensational story of extreme cruelty on the part of her husband as one of the causes leading up to the shooting of Captain Erb. Mrs. Erb appeared nervous but told her story in a straightforward manner.

DRAGGED DOWNSTAIRS BY HAIR.

"Another time he quarreled about the food, I became afraid and ran into the tower of the house. He found me and grabbed me by the hair and dragged me down the steps to his room, where he kept me all night and treated me cruelly.

STRAUCH FRIEND OF AMERICA

YUAN HELPED FOREIGNERS IN BOXER TROUBLE AND MODERNIZED ARMY.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Though the news of the downfall of Yuan Shi Kai was not entirely unexpected in official circles here, it was received with regret. The fact that Yuan Shi Kai encouraged and represented the most progressive ideals in the central government.

THREAT TO SPREAD-EGGLE HER.

She then went on to tell of the so-called "spread-eggle" incident. After insisting her in the presence of the housekeeper by calling her names, he told her he was going to spread-eggle her.

EVENTS OF FATAL NIGHT.

Coming down to the day of the tragedy, Mrs. Erb told of visiting Olney to look over a house in which to live apart from her husband. She and her sister returned to the house late in the evening.

COUNT LANDS IN PRISON

(Continued From First Page.) about three hours later found himself in the hands of the police. Tonight at the County Prison he accused the chauffeur of "kissing him off" to the officers.

PRINCE YUAN GETS CONGE

(Continued From First Page.) has suffered a stroke of paralysis. It was pronounced that Prince Ching's career since the succession was ended, and this now would seem to be confirmed. The general collapse of the reform organization predicted. It is believed that Tang Shao Yi, who is now in the United States, will be recalled. The position of the high Chang, viceroys of Manchuria, has been for some time precarious. Other high officials are threatened, including Yang Shi Shiang, viceroys

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