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WHERE IS MR. MANN?

He Goes and Leaves an affidavit.-The Armstrong Trial Yesterday.

The ecclesiastical court engaged in the trial of Dr. Armstrong, held three sessions yesterday.

The morning session convened at 10:00 o'clock. Mr. Frank Miller, of Augusta, the lay adviser, was present and occupied a seat to the left of Rev. Mr. Strong of Savannah. On the account of the arrival of Mr. Miller and his presence at the trial legal questions were submitted to him for the court to be instructed upon. His opinions received profound consideration, and were adopted in every instance by the court, he being the legal adviser that it looked to for information upon legal questions.

The prosecution read a number of depositions, after which the court adjourned until 3:30 p. m.

At that hour the court again convened in session. The prosecution continued to submit depositions in support of its side of the case. When these had been read, Major John Fitten, who was a member of the committee that visited Cincinnati at the request of the vestry of St. Philip's church, to investigate the accusations made against Dr. Armstrong, was called to the stand and examined upon the information that he had gathered while in Cincinnati touching the case. When the witness had concluded his testimony, prosecution offered in evidence an affidavit of E. E. Mann, reporter of the Cincinnati Post, who published the article about Dr. Armstrong that brought about the charges against him. The affidavit was sworn to in Cincinnati. The prosecution announced that it had closed. The affidavit was not read, as the hour of adjournment for the afternoon session had arrived.

At 7:30 p. m. the court again met. The affidavit of E. E. Mann was read. The defense announced that it would not offer any objections to the affidavit for the present, but would probably do so today.

The defense then submitted a large number of depositions, which were read, after which Mr. Hoke Smith was sworn as a witness. The night session concluded with the examination of C. I. Brown, who met Dr. Armstrong in Chattanooga while the reverend gentleman was returning to Atlanta.

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The absence of Mr. E. E. Mann from the City was discovered when his affidavit was offered, and words of inquiry passed the rounds as to the whereabouts of Mr. Mann. No one could tell, but it was given out that he had left the City, and that he would not appear as a witness at the trial.

Last night a Constitution reported called at the Kimball and asked the clerk if Mr. E. E. Mann was in his room.

"No," said the clerk. "Mr. Mann has not been about the hotel today. A number of people have called to see him, but he was not to be found. My impression is that he was not here last night."

"When did he pay his bill, etc?"

"He did not pay it at all; it was paid for him."

"Who paid it?"

"Mr. Walter G. Charlton."

"When?"

"This afternoon."

"I hear that Mr. Mann's room this morning appeared as though it was not occupied last night; that is, the bed was not tumbled up and things thrown around carelessly, etc."

"Well, about that I dan't say. I dont know of any one about the house that could tell whether the room was occupied or not, except the chambermaid who cleaned it up, and she is not on duty now."

Considerable interest was felt in the City last night by those interested in the trial as to why Mr. Mann should have so unceremoniously left the City. It was said by some that some things were known concerning him which would be charged to him if he remained here. It was furthermore stated that it could be proved that he has borne two names. This was admitted by others, who said that he had explained it thoroughly and satisfactorily.

At any rate Mr. Mann's absence was a surprise.yesterday.
