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RUMORED TROUBLE IN FLORENCE, KY. ----- A MEMBER OF BURDSAL'S CAVALRY COMPANY  
REPORTED TO BE ABUSED.

" A rumor of a very aggravated character -- and very much exaggerated, too -- if the testimony of several men from Florence and the immediate vicinity is to be believed, was promulgated this morning.

It appears that Mr. McCagg, member of Mr. Burdsal's company, drove out to Florence yesterday mornig, for the purpose, it is thought, of calling on a lady acquaintance living in that vicinity. He returned to the city last evening, accompanied by the lady.

Whether he gave currency to the published statement about his being shot at six or seven times as he was fleeing from the town of Florence, or not, we cannot say, not having seen him.

The facts, as far as we have been able to gather them, are these:

A gentleman living within three miles of Florence came to Covington this morning, and while on his way to the city, he met a friend living in or near Florence, who upon being first asked, "What's the news?" said there was nothing new; and immediately after, bethinking himself, he said there was something now; a man belonging to a cavalry company was at Florence recently and some of the Secessionists had arrested him, and "made him swear to support the Constitution of the United States and observe the neutrality of Kentucky."

Another man from the neighborhood repeated the observation about making McCagg "take the oath", and added that they (the Secessionists) had treated him very roughly, and that it was outrageous to treat a man in the way they had treated him. Another version had it that they compelled the lady to take the same oath they compelled him to take.

The last version comes from the driver of the Florence and Covington Omnibus, which runs thus: As he was driving out yesterday, when within a short distance of Florence, he met McCagg seated in his buggy, accompanied by the lady in question, apparently on his homeward drive.

The occupants of the buggy, says this driver, were talking and laughing together, when he passed them in a very pleasant and unconcerned manner; and that the story about any violence was all humbug.

In this connection, we might say that all those who are acquainted with the sentiments of probably a majority of the residents of Florence and that region of country, readily admit the possibility of aggressions and outbreaks on the part of the Secessionists sympathizers.