

CAPT. STEPHENS'S FEARS.

A gentleman calling himself Capt. Charles Darnley Stewart Stephens, late of the Gold Coast Houssa force, and military commandant at Lagos, West Africa, and formerly of the Royal Dublin Fusiliers, has a sad story to unfold. He alleges that he came to this country in January for the purpose of marrying the lady who was so fortunate as to secure his heart. Unluckily, however, he was mistaken for a member of the Irish Revolutionary Brotherhood, his footsteps were dogged, and Austin E. Ford, of the *Irish World*, informed him that he must leave the country within 48 hours or be assassinated. He asserts that James Riordan followed him about for an entire week. On Jan. 27 Capt. Stewart Stephens was married to Miss Christene Marie Kirwan, youngest daughter of the late Edward George Kirwan, of Craige Castle, county Galway, and grand niece of the late Viscount Mountmorris. Of that part of his story there is no doubt. The marriage ceremony was performed by Father Larkin, of the Church of the Holy Innocents. Capt. Stephens declares that Father Larkin also advised him to leave America, and that he had made up his mind to sail on the Germanic yesterday. Capt. Stewart Stephens told his story to United States District Attorney Walker and asked for Government protection. He was referred to the District Attorney of the county. Mr. Walker thought his mental calibre was not of the best. Austin E. Ford said he had never seen or spoken to the gentleman or threatened him with vengeance. No such passenger was on the books of the White Star Company for the trip on the Germanic.

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