

Tuesday.

Danville Va 553 Linn<sup>St</sup>  
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Dear Mrs. Tourgee:

I rec'd  
your letter nearly four  
weeks ago and would  
have ans'd at once but  
was very sick with  
Influenza and before  
I got anything like  
well I came off down  
here to spend a month  
or two with an old  
friend of mine. My  
husband is in Atlantic  
City N. J. He will come  
down in the fall  
and settle as he says.  
Tell Mrs. Tourgee I  
thought that yellow

had betrayed his trust  
and I'll tell you  
what he said.  
James Woods had arrived  
about 5 minutes a-  
head of him. He was  
all looking at her  
when he came in.  
He walked over to the  
coffin and said she  
died as happy as a  
lamb. She wanted  
to be brought home  
and here she is Mrs  
I and the Lardge gave  
her the coffin which  
cost \$65. Just made  
her a present of it.  
Gave me money to  
pay all expenses  
and didn't charge  
me a cent. Said  
I'd need it come

back if I didn't want  
to. Said "speck" I'd  
be someone with  
out my wife and  
they wouldnt ask  
me to come. but  
if I wanted to come  
course I could. "Clare  
I never seen such  
good white folks  
in my life before.  
There was he more  
like 'em but dont  
believe it". I marked  
him right then.  
I know it it was to  
reason that you  
expected him back  
to help pay the  
expenses which  
was heavy and  
that his tongue  
which was going

at such a rapid rate  
was lying and de-  
ceiving. I did not say  
anything to Mrs. Gilmer  
about getting your  
letter for she is  
queer. She did not  
seem to like when  
I told her that I thought  
James ought to go back  
"why they told him  
he needn't to come  
back if he did not want  
to" she said. I wrote  
the letter at her house  
& as she had no envelope  
I told her I'd take  
it with me & mail  
it. So you see that  
she would think

It is  
late of  
the baby  
is crying  
ele & half  
more.

I played a game on  
her. She ought to  
know it and I wish  
you would write and  
tell her.

I am certainly  
very sorry for you  
and the Judge, a  
fellow like him  
will come to no  
good. Pity <sup>what</sup> that the  
"White Caps" could  
catch him and beat  
him back.

You can just  
drop a card <sup>if any</sup> & I felt  
it my duty to let you  
know what he said  
Love to Judge & Mrs. M.  
P. L. Jones truly  
Wm. H. Thurston