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**SUMMARY**  
Diary of Emma LeConte while she was living in Columbia, S.C. (written in her seventeenth year). In the diary, LeConte reflected on the Civil War and other matters and wrote about various activities and events, such as the burning of Columbia.

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Friday, April 21st.  
         - Hurrah! Old Abe Lincoln has been assassinated! It may be *abstractly* wrong to be so jubilant, but I just can't help it. After all the heaviness and gloom of yesterday this blow to our enemies comes like a gleam of light. We have suffered till we *feel savage*. There seems no reason to *exult*, for this will make no change in our position - will only *infuriate* them against us. Never mind, our hated enemy has not the just reward of his life. The whole story may be a Yankee lie. The *despatch* purports to be from Stanton to Sherman - It says Lincoln was murdered in his private box at the theatre on the night of the 14th - (Good Friday - at the *theatre*) The assassin *brandished* a dagger and shouting, "*Sic semper tyrannis* - Virginia is avenged", shot the president through the head. He fell senseless and expired next day a little after ten. The assassin made his escape in the crowd. No doubt it was regularly planned and he was surrounded by Southern sympathizers. "*Sic semper tyrannis*." Could there have been a fitter death for such a man? At the same hour nearly Seward's house was entered - he was badly wounded as also his son. Why could not the assassin have done his work more thoroughly? That *vile* Seward - he it is to whom we owe this war - it is a shame he should escape.

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