EVERY MANIN HARNI SLAIN MAY BE IN-VENEZUELAN PRISON

WOMEN AND CHILDREN SPARED.

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Letter From Widow of Clergyman Tells Horrible Story of Conditions -Having Nothing to Eat, the Survivors Are Living on Grass Like Animals-Moslems Are Trying to Force the Women to Become Mohammedans and Already Some Have Been Carried Away-Much Excitement Caused at Marash by Attempts of Authorities to Arrest Some of Those Who Have Murdered Christians-Churches Have Been Plundered.

Marash, May 5 .- A letter received every man there has been killed. Only women, girls and boys under The churches and houses were plundered and most of them were burned.

The letter, which is from the widow of a clergyman, says: "We have nothing to eat or wear.

We are living on grass like animals. Worse than this, the moslems are trying to force the women and girls become Mohammedans. Already some of the women have been carried away.

Lucius O. Lee, a missionary here,

we are trying to send food to Harni, although it is dangerous, and to bring away the women as well." Much excitement has been caused here by the attempts of the authori-ties to arrest some of those who have murdered Christians

Situation at Hadjin.

Hadin, Asiatic Turkey, May 5 .-Notwithstanding the presence of the troops here, the situation is desperate owing to the lack of food and medical supplies. The troops arrived just in time, as the besiegers had succeeded In setting fire to a house on the edge the town, only five buildings were destroyed. A heavy rifle fire was kept up against those who tried to extingulah the flames

The Mohammedans outside the walls who seemingly numbered many thousands, pushed their attacks energetically against the inhabitants, killing and wounding many. They were so eager to get inside the city and plunder the place that they did not observe the approach of Toufti Bey and his troops until .hey were close upon them, whereupon the Mohamedans fied precipitately, carrying off all the cattle outside the city.

Further Outbreaks Feared.

Beirut, Asiatic Turkey, May 5.-The situation at Suadia and Deurtyul again is oritical. Further anti-Christian outbreaks are feared. Five hundred Turkish troops have been deapatched to those two points. The British battleship Triumph, with the British consul on board, left here this morning for Deurtyul.

DIRECTED VERDICT ASKED.

Defense Makes Motion in the So-Called "Turpentine Trust" Case-Judge Has Motion Under Advisement.

Savannah, Ga. May 5 .- A crisis was reached in the trial of the socalled turpentine "trust" case to-day, when the defense asked Judge William B. Sheppard, who is presiding. to direct a verdict of not guilty as to the defendants. In the absence the jury, this motion was argued all day. Late in the afternoon the court took the matter under adviseAn American Seaman, Giving the Name of Payne, Who Escaped From Prison, Says That Crew of Ameri-can Whaling Ship Carrie D. Knowles, Supposed to Have Been Lost at Sea Five Years Ago, Are Incarcerated in Venezuela-Author ities Will Investigate.

Kingston, St. Vincent, British West Indies, May 5 .- It may be that Capt. Collin Stephenson and the crew of the American whaling ship, Carrie D. Knowles, long since thought to have been lost at sea, are still in a Venezuelan prison. An American seaman, by messenger from Harni, says that who gives the name of Payne, an escaped prisoner from Venezuela, has made his way to Kingston, where he 10 years of age, have been left alive. laid before the authorities an astounding story of the seizure of the Carrie D. Knowles at a Venezueian port, where she arrived five years ago in distress, and the incarceration by the Venezuelans of the captain and his men.

The authorities here have taken steps looking to a speedy and thor-

ough investigation of the case. On January 27, 190s, the Carrie D. Knowles salled from Provincetown, Mass., on a whaling voyage. He captain was Collin Stephenson and her first mate H. A. Martin. In addition she carried a crew of about a dozen men. Payne asserts positively that all are, at the present time, confined in a Venezuelan prison.

The vessel was supposed to have been lost in a West Indian storin with all hands. Some of the men belonged in St. Vincent and after all hope was given up of their return their relatives put on mournlocal and the insurance ing company eventually paid the claims against it, on the assumption that the of the city. The fire spread, but as sailors were dead. The story Payne the breeze was blowing away from told to the police authorities here today caused great excitement. Payne declared that the Knowles had been disabled in a storm off the Venezue-lan coast and had made port in dis-This was five years ago and tress. the ship was at once seized and the captain and crew made prisoners and thrown into jail. Details of Payne's escape from prison are not known, as the police have him in charge.

WRIGHTS SAIL FOR NEW YORK

Presence of the Aviators in London Proved to Be Sensation of the Week, Overshadowed Only by the Budget-Government Interested.

London, May 5 .- Wilbur and Orlle Wright sailed from Southampton to-day on the steamer Kronprinzessin the Schate. Cecilie for New York. A large gathring of members of the Aero Club bade the American aviators farewell from Ior.don.

The presence of the Wright brothers in London has been the sensation be amended without the formality of of the week and was overshadowed a motion to reconsider. only by the budget. The newspapers have been full of their doings, and products from which paint is manuthey have been besleged with invitafactured called forth a storm of critions to dinner and the recipients of cism. other attentions.

The public meetings, voicing wide. Surded as a test vote on all the amendments, bringing the duties on government's apathy in the field of lead ore and its products up to the aeronautics, have had their effect, rates of the Dingley bill and by a vote of 41 to 35, the rate proposed by the and Premier Asquith to-day announce ed that the authorities were provid- committee of 3 3-8c per pound, ining adequate funds to employ the stead of the House rate of 2 7-8c per highest scientific talent with the ob- bound, was agreed to, ject of devising and constructing PLAYED TWENTY-ONE HOURS. in a continuous series of ex periments and investigations The work has been divided between the navy and army Richard B. Haldane, Secretary of War, when seen this evening with reference to the air flight problems. said the government was prepared to take up any practicable working aeroplane or dirigible balloon, which was night about 10.30 o'clock and being an improvement upon existing types. Judge Adams in referring to the He added that the government had use of the 'onsolidated Grocery arranged to secure one of the Wright aeroplanes, with which experiments shortly would be made.





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ment without intimating whether he would grant the request of the defense. It is expected that his deci-sion will be rendered to-morrow morning.

Judge Samuel B. Adams made the opening and closing arguments the defense on the motion to direct a verdict. W. M. Toomer, of Jacksonville. Fla., represented the prose-cution in the opening argument and was followed by Mr. Akerman.

case of the Company, said "Yes, some of these

gentlemen are famillar with that case. Even the distinguished United States Senator from Florida who did not think it be neath his dignity to use a stolen letknows about the Consolidated Grocery Company.

GRAFTERS ARE SENTENCED

Seven Convicted During Past Few Weeks in Criminal Court at Pittsburg.

tenced as follows: W. W. Ramsey. former national bank president, con- of the United Railroads, was placed victed of bribery, one year and six on the stand to tell of having taken months imprisonment and a fine of from the mint in May, 1906, \$50,000 \$1,000; Capt. John F. Klein, coun-cilman, two years and a fine of \$1,000 prosecution declares it will show was on the bribery conviction and one paid to the supervisors to get the on the bribery conviction and one paid to the supervisors to get and night at the request of the chief of pair and six months on the conspl-racy conviction; Joseph C. Wasson the mint, then the general banking paice at Roanoke, Va. He is charg-place of the United Railroads, on ed with a \$10,000 embezzlement and, and William Brand, former council-men, each one year and six months presentation of telegraphic orders and a fine of \$500 for conspiracy. from Mr. Calhoun, sent from Cleve-authorities of Roanoke for more than H. M. Bulger, hotef keeper, two years and n fine of \$500 for bribery; Charles Colbert and John Colbert. convicted of attempting to bribe a jury in the Ramsey bribery case, two years and a fine of \$500 each.

MAY TAKE OVER BOTH ROADS.

President of Virginia Southbound and helped carry away \$100,000 in Railroad Makes Proposition to the same way Of the disposal of Stockholders of Proposed Statesville this sum, he was also ignorant. Air Line and Elkin and Allegbeny Railroads

Winston-Salem, May 5 -W. D. Leeper. of New York, president of the Virginia Southbound Railroad, now being built from Marlon, Va., to the North Carolina line, attended a joint meeting of the stockholders of the proposed Statesville Air Line and Elkin and Allegheny railroads, at Elkin to-day and submitted a proposition to take over and complete roads. A joint committee was named by the stockpolders of the two railroad companies to consider and act upon the proposition.

Von Buelow Will Betire.

Berlin, May 5 .- Semi-official circles, although not denying that Chancellor yon Buelow is considering the question of resigning in event of the prospects for the passing of finance reforms being hopeless, say the chancellor has not fixed a definite day when he proposes to retire.

Auditor Dixon at Taylorsville. special to The Observer.

Taylorsville, May 5 .- Dr. B. F. Dixon, State auditor, delivered an ad-dress on education in the court house here to-day. It was in the interest of a special school tax which is to be voted on in this month.

WILLIAM ABBOTT ON STAND.

Attorney For the United Railroads a Witness For the Prosecution in Calhoun Case—Tells of Getting Money From Mint, Which the Prosecution Will Claim Was Paid For Franchises.

San Francisco, May 5 .- The proseution advanced another step to-day in presenting the case against Patrick Pittaburg, Pa., May 5 .- In Crimin- Calhoun, charged with bribery in con-

al Couft to-day seven persons con-nection with the obtaining of an victed within the last few weeks in overhead trolley franchise for the the municipal graft cases were sen-United Railroads. an

William Abbott, general attorney two land, O. the money was done up int a year, ery, two packages and given to two at- The

torneys who took it to the United Railroads office, where it was placed onon a table. Abbott said that he had no knowledge of what became of the money after that.

BENCH WARRANT FOR RIDER.

Climax in the Trial of Fifteen Alleged-Night Riders-Original Manuscript of Oath and By-Laws of the Rider's Introduced by Attorney General.

Waverly, Tenn. May 5 .- The cliof 15 alleged night riders came tonight in the arrest of William Forton a bench warrant issued by Judge Cook, who is presiding in the trial. It is charged that Fortner was with a band of night riders, who whipped Squire Reece on October 15, that he presented a platol at Reece's front door, while Will Norman, the alleged leader, who has fied, fired the house. Fortner is in jail under a heavy guard. The Attorney General to-day produced in court what he said was the original manuscript of the combined oath and by-laws of the night riders. Witnesses for the State testified that the oath and by-laws to which they subscribed when joining the organization were similar if not identical.

Uncarth Plans to Kidnap Governor's Son.

Oakland, Cal., May 5 .- Plans to kidnap the \$?year-old son of Governor Gillett were unearthed at San Quen-KULIS TO STOP THE FIEND. The worst foe for 13 years of John Dere, of Giadwin, Mich., was a run-ing the Hfe of Detective Hodgkins, of Oakland, had completed arrange-ments with a confederate on the out-side to steal the boy and hold him for ransom. The price of the lad's return to his father was to have been Clifton's pardon. tin prison to-day, when it was found

Remarkable Feat of Mr. Henry Williams, a Young Man of Athletic Build, on Pisno.

Amendments on lead ore and lead

The vote on orange mineral was re-

Plan for

hot weather.

comfort.

Criticism.

A feat which was really remarkable as a test of physical endurance alone and which attracted the attention of hundreds was that of Henry Williams who, after being hypnotized Monday put to playing a piano in the window of the Stone & Barringer Company, ontinued to play it until near 8 o'clock last night, when he was stop ped by force, being taken to the tent For nearly twenty-two hours, being witnessed most of the time by groups of varying sizes, for not a second dil he let up his pounding of the keys on which he had played scores and perhaps hundreds of compositions. He struggled to get back to the stool and when on the street fought desperately with his four companions until the band started up. He then walked away peaceably to be awakened. He played with close-shut eyes.

CHARGED WITH EMBEZZLEMENT

Man, Said to Be Nephew of Prefect of the Congregation at Rome, Arrested in New Orleans at Request of Roanoke Police.

New Orleans, May 5 .- Ettore Fer rata, nephew, it is said, of Cardinal Perrata, prefect of the congregation night at the request of the chief of

The allegation of Ferrata's misdealing is made by Frank Moto, of Roanoke, who claims that Ferrata misapplied money which the former advanced to carry out a contract with the Virginian Railroad. Ferrata says Again, in July, 1906, he said, he he is willing to return to Roanoke went with Troy L. Ford, to the mint and face the charges, which, he says, are without foundation

Abdul Hamid's Papers Seized.

Constantinople, May 5 .- The commission which is taking an inventory of he property at the imperial palace at Yildiz has discovered, according to the ocal newspapers, bank notes to the value of \$3,250,000, and a large quantity of jewelry, including a rosary alone valued at \$375,000. Papers, seized at the palace, show that Abdul max to-day of testimony in the trial Hamid had something over \$5,000,000 on deposit in a foreign bank.



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