### SYRIAN CASES MOVING SLOWLY

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**Indications Are That First Case** Will Not Go To Jury Before Wednesday

**DEFENSE PUTS ON** CHARACTER WITNESSES

Fifty More Defendants Under Indictment Are Divided Into Eleven Groups, But Part of These Cases Have Already Been Continued Until May

In a brief session of Federal Court here for the trial of ten Syrians comprising the first group of sixty defendants facing charges of conspiracy and of using the mails to defraud, Neil Joseph, George Parfour and Joseph Parfour, witnesses introduced by the defense, denied statements made on the witness stand by Ellis Nassar relative to the conspiracy to defraud north ern business houses. A number of character witnesses from Goldsboro were introduced and testified that the repu-

Judge Conney recessed court shortly after noon until 2:30 o'clock Monday af-ternoon, with John J. Parfour probabily witdess for the defense. Pres ent indications are that the case of the first group of defendants will not reach the jury before Wednesday. Pifty more defendants, divided into eleven groups, are under indictment, but part of these case bare derest here got

of the Nevember term. The present trial netually will affect only eight men, as verdicts of not guilty have been entered against N. J. Aboud and George Shahia. Aboud Friday failed as a government witness, and after the verdiets of not guilty were entered, Aboud and Shahia were indicted under a separate bill charging them with conspiring to defraud and with using the mails for fraudulent purposes. The remaining eight defendants are: Ellis Nassar, Neil Joseph, George Farfour, John J. Farfour, Joseph Farfour, Chickry N. Hatem, F. T. Hakim and Murad Thomas, most of whom are from Neil Joseph Cross-Examined

District Attorney E. F. Aydiett re-numed his cross-examination of Neil Joseph, the man whom Nassar stated entered into an agreementto secure a large quantity of merchandise from northern business houses with fraudulent intent, when sourt convened yesterday morning. Friday Joseph denied all statements made by Nassar regarding the conventor and reing the conspiracy contention, and re-iterated his denials yesterday. Joseph denied that he knew Chickry N. Hatem, who was at that time an employe of George Farfour & Bro. at Goldst wrote letters and received goods under

the name of the Dandy Store, of Prince-ton, Charles Assad proprietor. He said he knew nothing of Hatem's scheme until after the bill of indictment was drawn. Previous testimony by Nassar was to the effect that no such store as the Dandy Store existed at Princeton. Joseph also denied that any goods were brought to the Farfour stores by

Joseph estimated the Parfour busi ness as being worth \$100,000, divided between George and Joseph Farfour, and said he personally was worth eight

or ten thousand dollars. Joseph said the Farfours owned four houses valued at about \$15,000, and had interest in their store buildings to the extent of about \$20,000. He said they owed \$20,-090 or \$30,000 on their \$130,000 stock s, and owed banks about \$20 00c)

He denied that he saw the bill of sale after he purchased Nassar's personal after he purchased Nassar's personal property exemption after the failure of Nassar's store, The Leader, and also denied that he had anything to do with taking the inventory. He denied he had ever received an unbroken package of merchandise from Nassar into the Farfour store No. 1. Joseph said he was manager and bookkeeper for all three Farfour stores.

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A number of citizens of Goldsboro, including Mayor E. H. Bain, testified on the stand that the characters of Neil Joseph and George, John and Joseph Farfour were good. All had known the defendants for several years or more. The witnesses introduced were: Mr. S. T. Hooks, Mr. Walter Borden, Mr. Lionel Weil, Mr. Walter Borden, Mr. Lionel Weil, Mr. Walter Denmark, seerstary of the Goldsboro Chainber of Commerce; Mr. G. B. Womble, Mr. George C. Kornegay, Mr. W. E. Stroud, Mr. Frank Borden, president of the Wayne National Bank and the Borden Manufacturing Company; Mr. Walter Gardner, Mayor E. H. Bain, Mr. H. W. Tuttle, Mr. D. M. Davis and Mr. E. L. Tylverton, Mr. J. Shaheen, of New Jersey, who said he was head of a two-million-dollar manufacturing corporation, told of dealings with Nell Joseph and the Farfour brothers, and testified that their reputations were good. The character witnesses were examined by District Attorsey Aydlett.

George Farfour on Stand

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W. C. DAIL, JR.

Head of the Dail-Overland Company, distributors of the Overland automobile in the Carolinas, who has been named as a member of the Board of Directors of the National Automobile Dealers' Association, to represent the entire 6 The terrife speed slowed play in the Southern States.

his store, or that anyone else had ever dene so. He said that John Farfour was in the same store in which he failed several years ago, but that he was working for the firm of George

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#### By Invasion of South; Geor. gia Tech To Play Here

The North Carolina State College baseball schedule, announced yesterday by Manager O. A. Zachary, calls for 23 games, 11 of which will be played at Riddick Field.

In addition to the usual exchange of games with State teams, the Techs play Georgia Tech, Clemson and Purman for the first time, meeting these teams on the southern trip which has supplemented the customary northern invasion. Georgia Tech also comes to Raleigh for two games. Another new-4; Carmichael 3; Hanby 4; Erwin 1: comer on the schedule is New York Hatcher 1; Sexton 1; Oppleman 1; Ed-

University.
The schedule follows: March 25-New York University at

Raleigh.
March 28-Wake Forest (Easter Monny) at Raleigh: March 31-Carolina at Chapel Hill.

April 1.—Elon at Raleigh.

April 5.—Wake Forest at Wake Forest.

April 6.—Maryland University at

April 7-Elon at Elon. April 8-Guilford at Greensboro, April 9-Davidson at Charlotte. April 11-University of Florida

April 16-Guilford at Raleigh. April 20—Trinity at Durham. April 22—Georgia Tech at Raleigh. April 23—Georgia Tech at Raleigh. April 27-(Open) at Raleigh. April 30-Carolina at Raleigh.

May 2-Davidson at Davidson. May 3-Furman University at Green ville, S. C.

May 4-Clemson at Clemson College

May 5-(Open) at (Away). May 6-Georgia Tech at Atlanta, Ga. May 7-Georgia Tech at Atlanta, Ga. May 11-Trinity at Raleigh.

#### INSURANCE MEN FORM UNDERWRITERS' CLUB

Forty-one life insurance men from Ba-leigh and other points in Eastern North Carolina gathered here yesterday and formed the Life Underwriters' Club of Eastern Carolina. Mr. Harry T. Adams of Raleigh, agency manager of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, was elected president; Mr. A. B. Morgan, of Raleigh, vice president; Mr. Richard Williams, of Raleigh, secretary-treas-

entertainment programs. Yesterday's entertainment was arranged by Mr. W. F. Upshaw, of Raleigh.

One of the fentures of the organization meeting was an address on life insurance as viewed by banks by Mr. E. B. Crow, vice-president of the Commercial National Bank, Mr. B. E. Peters, of Chalatter. of Charlotte, representative of the New York Life Insurance Company, Mr. Mc-Grader, of the Metropolitan, and Mr. Adams also made short and interesting

It is planned to bring life under-writers throughout Eastern Carolina into the membership of the club, and make it one of the strongest organiza-

make it one of the strongest organiza-tions of its kind in the South.

# CAROLINA BEATS

In Fastest and Best Played Game of Season, Home Boys Overwhelm Visitors

Chapel Hill, Feb. \$6 .- The Carolina banketball team displayed the best form of the year here tonight and in the fastest and best played game ever seen in Bynum Gymnasium, swept through the University of Virginia for the secand time this season, winning 43 to 12.
Led by Captain Shapard, who was
playing his best game on the home
floor, the Tar Heels cut loose with a whirlwind exhibition and played at such a high rate of speed that the re-sult was never in doubt. Shepard himself led both teams with five field goals and was in the thick of the play

Carolina's fast short passing game supplemented by occasional dribbling by Carmichael and Shopard was too much for the longer passing and the constant dribbling of the Virginians, and the speed of the entire Tar Heel tous kept the ball in their hands most

The Tar Heels started with a rush and ran up 11 points before Oppleman shot a long goal. They led at 14 to 2 and finished the half in the lead, 24 to her lead and continued to show more speed, even after four fresh Virginia players were substituted. The play ecame rough toward the end and the officials had to caution the players.

. Carmichael's floor game and long shots, McDonald's shooting and the STATE COLLEGE WILL passing and guarding of the whole Tar Heel team featured their play. Opple-

4 1 4 4 5 7 5 1 Position Carolina Shepard ...... Hatcher McDonald ..... Carrington Carmichael ..... L G. Hanby ..... Hankins B. G.

Subs-Mahooe for Oppleman, Ed-munds for Carrington, Newman for Hatcher, Talbot for Sexton. Field goals—Shephard 5; McDonald

Carmichael 3; Hanby 4; Erwin 1: Foul goals-Carmichael 9 out of 11; Hatcher 4 out of 7: Edmunds none out

Referee Stuart, of Greensboro. Umpire, Lewis, of Greensbe

**WELL KNOWN VIRGINIA** WOMAN KILLS HERSELF

Lexington, Va., Peb. 26.-After a nearch in which cadets of the Virginia Military Institute and students of Washington and Lee University joined, the body of Miss Maggie R. Graham, sister of Judge Samuel J. Graham, of the United States court of claims, Washington, D. C., was found early today in a seat in the grandstand of the athletic field at Washington and Lee. Nearby

was a bottle of poison.

Search for Miss Graham began today following news last night that she was missing from her home. Members of the family tonight said she had been in ill health for several months.

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**Monday & Tuesday** 



Mrs. Varner Loses Suit In Federal Court For Funds

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Thursday afternoon shortly after they had been given the case. Seven of the men voted for Mr. Varner, five for Mrs.

Varner, it is understood.

On the second ballot eight voted affirmatively on issue number two and four negatively for Mrs. Varner, it is

The third ballot, taken Friday morp ing, stood same as in the second poll eight for conviction and four against Fourth ballot; Mr. Varner gained one vote, making it nine to three against the plaintiff.

Fifth ballot: Seven voted for Mr Varner, two for Mrs. Varner, while three On the sixth ballot, taken about 9:30

this morning, eleven votes were cast for Mr. Varner and one for Mrs. Varner. Final vote was taken shortly before decision that Mrs. Varner was guilty

decisien that Mrs. Varner was guilty of the charge of improper relations with Baxter McBary.

The jury which tried the case was composed of the following men: -P. M. Summers, Altamahaw, foreman; J. A. Coomba, Greensboro; Elmer E. Byrd, Randolph county; W. M. Moffitt, Randolph county; J. M. Boyce, Rockingham county; M. C. Reeves, Winston Salem; L. H. Starmer, Greensboro; W. H. Parker, Chanel Hill; J. J. Rebertson, Leaks ker, Chapel Hill; J. J. Robertson, Leaks ville; J. A. Langley, Guilford county; F. J. Thomas, Greensboto; T. E. Hodgin Arcensboro.

The trial began Tuesday morning February 15. Tuesday afternoon, February 22, both sides rested their case and argument began. A total of 103 witnesses had been examined, 78 for the defense and 25 for the plaintiff. The case was given to the jury Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock. After 42 hours deliberation the verdict was returned this morning, after 12 days of consid-

History of Legal Proceedings This with year filed November 5, 1920.

infidelity and immorality and also with the institution of divorce proceedings, which were filed in Davidson county superior court by Mr. Varner. In her suit, Mrs. Varnenicharged her husband, H. B. Varner, had "wilfully

and maliciously turned her out of doors, in legal terminology. It was charged by the attorneys for

the defense that Mrs. Varner had been intimate with Baxter McRary, against whom Mr. Varner, immediately upon being convinced of her guilt, started a suit for \$100,000. That suit is now ending and will be tried as soon as McHary, who is reported as being sick in a hospital in Cincinati, Ohio, is able to attend trial.

#### Tar Heels Unable To Secure Funds From State Banks

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fight in the committee and when came up in the Senate this afternoon Senator Simmons was in charge. The fight on the floor was really one of the hottest of the session and the issue was in doubt for a time because of opposition from both the appropriation and military affairs committees. the Senate finally voted for the prodefeated a substitute offered by Rona-

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the finest men in the world," Secretary tor Wadsworth, chairman of the military affairs committee, reducing the number of tractors for allocation to Daniels declares, Robert L. Plummer has been ap 500. North Carolina should get abou pointed postmaster at Crumpler.

Bev. Henry Thomas, a former rector
of Calvary Episcopal Church at Asheville, died this morning at Hyattaville,
Maryland, a suburb of Washington.

30 of the tractors. This is not to be confused with Sons tor Overman's amendment to the army bill directing the War Department to turn over to the states about 10,000 surplus automobiles and other motor

Commandre and Mrs. P. W. Foots entertained at dinner at the Chery Chase Club tonight in honor of the Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Doniels among the guests being Senator and Mrs. Overman, Rear Admiral and Mrs. C. B. McVay, Jr., and Commander and Mrs. C. M. Omen.

Mr. Daniels Complimente The Secretary and Mrs. Duniels have started the last of their furniture for Raleigh, and will leave for that city next Saturday night. Mr. Daniels exand Observer office on Monday morning. At present, they are guests of the Misses Bagley, Mrs. Daniels' sisters, at the Dupont, and next week will be quests of Mrs. Admiral Dewey. that leved ones have not been transmuted into cold, unemotional, individualities by death, for God's door is niways open between earth life and eternal life, where we all will be united

The Secretary was highly compli-mented by General Butler of the Marine Corps, during the exercises at Quantico, where Mr. Daniels made the address on the occasion of the present ation of the memorial pipe organ memorating the heroes of the Marine Corps who died in the World War, General Butler said he had been told that Secretary Daniels' successor, Mr. Denby of Michigan, was a former Marine, and that if that were so, undoubtedly he would be loved, but he could never be loved more by the mer of the Marine Corps than was the present Secretary. Quantico was established, by Secretary Daniels as Marine headquarters and there are there "three thousand of

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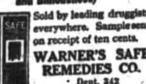
Montana Would Tax Bechelors Helens, Mont., Feb. 26.- A bill providing for a special poll tax of \$3 annually on all bachelors residing in Montana was passed by the Senate today It now goes to the Governor. The pro-ceeds of the tax would be paid into the widows pension fund.

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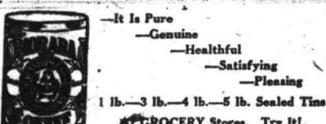
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