

RUSH SLAYER TO RICHMOND

Auto Thug Removed From Winchester Jail for Safe Keeping.

Under guard by Federal officers, who are heavily armed with revolvers and shotguns, William H. Turner, the negro who confessed to slaying Thomas Morgan Moore, early Sunday morning while Moore was defending his fiancée, Miss Pearl Clark, secretary to Congressman Britten, of Illinois, today is being rushed to the prison at Richmond, Va., in an automobile.

Third Removal.

This is the third time Turner has been removed from jails for fear he would be a victim of mob violence. Turner was removed from the Leesburg jail yesterday, arriving at Winchester, thirty miles distant, at 1 o'clock in the afternoon.

At 8 o'clock this morning the negro was placed in an automobile and the start made for the Virginia capital. While in the Winchester jail last night Turner entertained other inmates of the prison by playing "rag-time" and "jazz" music on the piano. It was said. He also confessed again to the crime.

The negro is being removed to Richmond today in the custody of A. S. Jackson, assistant United States attorney for the eastern division of Virginia, and other Government officers.

Recovery of the watch taken from Moore's body after he had been shot to death was made today by Detective Gerigis, A. B. Scrivener, Edward J. Kelly and Thompson. The watch was found at Turner's home, 1009 Sixth street, southwest, yesterday. A number of other articles of jewelry also were found. The detectives believe the jewelry was stolen.

It was said at the Winchester jail this morning that Turner displayed no concern before he left in the automobile with the Federal officers. While many residents of the city knew the negro was being held in the jail, it was said no report of any plans to storm the prison were heard.

Funeral services for Moore, who was connected with the Naval Torpedo Station at Alexandria, Va., took place yesterday afternoon from his residence there. Miss Clark, his fiancée, attended the funeral.

ROBERT LANDON, 15 years old, of Chicago, who was awarded first prize in a recent competition with other Chicago members of the United States Boy Scouts. The prize is a free trip to London. Robert passed with a grade of 98 1/2 per cent. One boy scout from each large city will make the trip.



GOLD AGREEMENT SIGNED BY U. S. AND ECUADOR

The Secretary of State and the Minister of Ecuador have signed a convention providing for an international gold clearance agreement identical with the convention already existing between the United States and Haiti, Panama, Guatemala, and Paraguay.

The purpose of the convention is to assure adequate governmental security for gold deposited for clearance in commercial transactions between banking houses. The convention with Ecuador will be sent to the Senate with four similar conventions which are an outcome of the deliberations of the international high commission in Buenos Ayres, in 1916 and subsequently.

COLBY SILENT ON ARMENIAN ISSUE

Secretary of State Pleads "Business" and Stays Away From Conference.

Pleading urgent business as an excuse, Secretary of State Colby today failed to appear before the House Foreign Affairs Committee to explain and advocate a United States mandatory over Armenia, as recommended by President Wilson.

Chairman Porter, of the committee, had previously announced that Secretary Colby had agreed to appear before the committee this morning to present the State Department view of the necessity for the proposed mandatory. The Secretary of State was to have been heard by the committee in open session.

W. J. Carr, director of the consular service of the State Department, brought word to the committee that the Secretary was so burdened by official important matters he could not appear today before the committee. Mr. Carr said further that Secretary Colby doubted that he would be able to appear tomorrow. In fact, he could not say when the Secretary would be able to come before the committee.

Porter was disappointed that he had to carry the message to his committee. He asked Carr to request Secretary Colby to give the committee his views in writing on the State Department's idea of the proposed mandatory, its provisions, the extent to which this Government may be involved in money and the use of military forces, and the needs and necessity for the United States to undertake the mandatory. The committee has arranged no further hearings on or procedure with the President's message recommending a grant by Congress to him to undertake the Armenian mandatory.

Congressional Republican leaders had planned immediate action by the House on the mandatory request. As a result of a hurried poll of House members it is ascertained that a substantial majority is opposed to any United States mandatory over Armenia.

Definite rejection of the President's recommendations and refusal to accept the invitation of the allied governments to the United States to take the mandatory by the House would end the matter, and prevent necessity of action by the Senate. Disposition of this matter would help also, it is said, to clear the way for the early recess of Congress.

R. R. 'BOOK VALUES' ARE QUESTIONED

Shippers' Attorney Hints at "Padding" in Hearing on Freight Rate Raise.

Book values of the railroads seeking an increase of \$1,017,000,000 in freight rates were bitterly attacked by Clifford Thorn, representative of mid-Western shippers, in the cross-examination today of George M. Shriver, vice president of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, in hearing before the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Thorn in his questions sought to establish the fact that the Baltimore and Ohio railroad has rendered statements to its stockholders in which the outstanding stocks and bonds of the company were not separated from the book-value of the corporation. Shriver said he did not know such separation had ever been made in a report issued to the stockholders.

Thorn questioned Shriver as to the possibility of the book value of the railroad being "padded." He also closely questioned the witness regarding accrued depreciation of the railroad properties from the war period and asked how the companies had determined the amount and extent of such depreciation.

Schriver reviewed the reports of the engineers of his company who had made a study of depreciation, and expressed the belief that the reports were accurate and reliable.

Shippers indicated today they will contest the huge increase in rates until it is ascertained whether the property values on which the increases are asked represent sound appraisal, and also whether the claimed amounts of depreciation are in any wise "padded."

The hearings before the commission are quiet compared with the stormy sessions that have marked requests of the railroads in the past for higher rates. Many of the big shippers of the country are not represented and others have not manifested opposition to the advance, except in some details.

HENRY MAIER, of New York, who has invented a card-playing machine which can be operated by a one-armed man. The device can be used to shuffle the cards in as complete a manner as a man with two hands can do. After shuffling the cards, the device acts as card holder, as shown in the photograph.



SEVEN WOUNDED BY BOMB.

VALENCIA, May 26.—A bomb exploded in the Cafe Suiza, wounding seven persons. After killing a policeman the perpetrators of the outrage fled.

SOLDIER SLAYS OFFICER.

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, May 26.—Capt. Pedro J. Parra, adjutant of the Porto Rico regiment, was shot and instantly killed by Private Leopoldo Padilla here. The soldier was insane.

WAGES IN ENGLAND MOUNT 2 BILLIONS

Average Annual Increase Is Keeping Up High Prices, Says Food Chief.

LONDON, May 26.—The wages of British workmen have been increased by \$2,000,000,000 annually during the past two years, according to C. A. McCurdy, British Food Controller. Wages have been one of the dominant factors in the ever-increasing cost of living, he says, rising costs of raw materials being the other. The general cost of all commodities, he states, has risen 50 per cent in the past two years. High prices soon will begin to fall, he believes, but high wages will remain.

As regards food, there has been less profiteering in that necessity in Great Britain than in any other commodity, owing to strict govern-

ment control of essentials. This control, he says, cost the average household about three cents a week, but was well worth it for the Food Ministry has maintained lower food prices in England than those prevailing in any other part of Europe. The annual cost of the ministry is about \$20,000,000, and the government proposes to continue it until control can safely be removed and ordinary competition relied upon to keep prices reasonable.

High prices of most commodities have been driven up by the profiteer, McCurdy asserts, while the Labor party has been responsible for trying to keep ahead of the profiteer with wage increases.

Miscellaneous things like rubber, timber, oil and leather, he says, have increased in price to this extent: What could be purchased for \$1 two years ago now costs \$5.60. Minerals, such as coal, iron and steel, have advanced 50 per cent in that period. Yet wholesale food prices have advanced but 2 per cent in that time, and retail charges have risen but 10 per cent, making foods generally 20 per cent dearer today than in 1918.

The Food Ministry, working along lines laid down by the late Lord Rhondda, has denied the food trade the opportunity to profiteer, says McCurdy.

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