

STRANGLER TO DEATH.

Cluverius, the Supposed Murderer of His Cousin, Pays the Penalty on the Gallows.

He Asserts His Innocence to the Last, and Meets His Fate With Calmness.

Four Persons Hanged at Fort Smith, Ark., for Various Atrocious Crimes.

A Sensational Poisoning Case at Chicago—Other Criminal Matters.

RICHMOND, Va., Jan. 14.—Thomas Johnson Cluverius, convicted of the murder of Fannie Lillian Madison, was hanged in the county jail to-day. As early as 9 a. m. people began to gather in the vicinity, and by noon every approach to the jail was packed with human beings. The house-tops and hill-sides near the jail, from which a sight into the jail yard could be had, were also crowded. Admission to the jail was only had through tickets issued by City Sergeant Smith, who, through charity in giving them out, admitted over 200 persons. The prisoner passed a sleepless night, most of the time being spent with Mr. Crump, one of his counsel, who has done everything to save or extend his life, and who remained with him until 6 o'clock, and from that hour until 6 o'clock he was engaged in prayer, and at intervals in singing hymns. From 6 o'clock until 9 he slept soundly.

and then arose and ate a breakfast of tenderloin, bread, butter, eggs, and coffee. During the morning there was much speculation as to whether the governor would extend the respite, and that question was not finally settled until some time after noon, when Mr. Crump, who had been to see the governor, returned to the jail and announced that the executive power would not be interposed. Rev. Dr. William F. Hatcher came to the jail about 11 o'clock and remained with the prisoner until last, administering religious consolation and praying with the prisoner. At noon a suit of new black clothes was brought to the jail and the prisoner donned them. At two minutes to 1 the death procession was formed, consisting of Sergt. Smith, two deputies, Rev. Dr. Hatcher, and the prisoner. They left the jail at 12 o'clock, and the prisoner, who was dressed in a new suit of black, was carried to the gallows by a body of white prisoners, forty policemen being on duty to keep back the crowd. The prisoner, although thin and pale, moved with steady steps to the scaffold, which he ascended in the same quiet manner, and stood on the trap. Sergt. Smith then read the death warrant, or copy of the judgment of the court, which the prisoner listened to with bowed head and apparent calmness. When the sergeant had concluded, he asked the doomed man if he had anything to say, and Cluverius, replied: "No sir, nothing at all," his voice being scarcely audible. Dr. Hatcher then knelt and offered a fervent prayer, and when he had finished he turned to the prisoner, who said a few words in a low tone, and Dr. Hatcher, turning to the crowd in the yard, said:

"I am grieved by the prisoner to utter one word for him and that is that in this moment of death he carries to the grave no feeling of ill will toward any man on earth. Raising both hands as he went out, he said the prisoner had asserted his innocence to the last, just before leaving the cell. When Dr. Hatcher had gone, Deputy Sergt. Smith tied together, put the rope around his neck and adjusted the black cap and hood. Everything being ready, Sergt. Smith gave the signal, and at 1:08 o'clock the trap was sprung. There was a sudden swish, followed by the clang of the falling trap, and the next instant the body of Cluverius was at the end of the rope over ten feet below where he had been standing. The rope, which was made of part-colored silk, stretched over a foot, and the toes of the prisoner, as he fell, struck the brick pavement beneath. A minute of quiet and then there was considerable struggling, lasting several minutes, together with a heavy stentorian breathing, indicating that death was being pained by strangulation. After sixteen minutes the physicians pronounced the man dead, and twenty minutes after the trap was sprung the corpse was taken down and placed in a plain wooden coffin and turned over to the undertakers to be prepared for burial in his former home in King and Queen county.

DURING THE FORENOON Capt. Frank W. Cunningham, Richmond's sweetest tenor singer, who has before visited St. Paul, and who has been singing numerous hymns in his cell, was called to see Cluverius and was greeted pleasantly by him. At his request Capt. Cunningham sang the hymn, "How Firm a Foundation, Ye Saints of the Lord." When he finished Capt. Cunningham asked Cluverius and asked: "Do you still say that you are innocent?" to which the prisoner replied, "I am innocent."

"And," said Capt. Cunningham, "do you believe in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, and do you believe that you have got to answer before God?" Again Cluverius said "I say that I am innocent."

When Sergt. Smith entered the condemned man's cell at five minutes to 1, he announced that the time was up. Cluverius showed no signs of emotion, but simply remarked "I am ready to go with you." It was an awful and solemn moment when Cluverius walked to the gallows where he had so long been confined to the scaffold where he was to pay the penalty for his crime, and the nerve which sustained him through the trial subsided, and he walked to the very last room. As he was passing down the steps on the way to the scaffold the vast crowd outside the jail caught sight of him, and a shout went up from a thousand throats. "Yonder he is," "Yonder he is," the owner never raised his eyes, but kept his head cast down, as though in deep thought, and for the first time, perhaps, he fully realized that he was going to die. As he wended his way to the scaffold down the long jail yard the eyes of over 200 persons were directed to him. He never looked to the right or to the left, but walked along without the least sign of weakening. None of Cluverius' relatives were with him to-day. His brother, who had been so devoted to him, parted with him yesterday. His father and mother, owing to feeble health, did not come to the city to bid farewell to the doomed man.

HISTORY OF THE CRIME. The Cluverius-Madison case excited the greatest interest not only in Virginia, but throughout the country. The accused was a collateral descendant of President Tyler. On the 14th day of March, 1885, her body was found in the city reservoir. Investigation showed that she had arrived in the city early on the morning of the previous day and registered at the American hotel as Miss F. L. Merton. Cluverius arrived in Richmond on the 15th day of March, 1885, and he was in the city in his own name. He called on "Miss Merton" at the American but found her out. On her return she said to a friend, "I saw a letter which could not find Cluverius and returned the note to the clerk at the Ameri-

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The Fate of an Unfortunate Irish Woman After Eviction by the Authorities.

Bismarck Promptly Dissolves the Reichstag Upon the Defeat of His Army Bill.

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Gladstone Engaged in Chopping Down Trees—Mob Violence at Norwich.

DUBLIN, Jan. 14.—The eviction of tenants on the Wenn estate at Glenbeigh, county Kerry, continued to-day. In some cases the bailiffs were stoutly resisted. The occasion of our case was the bar of the doors and windows, and the refusal of the officers to enter. The bailiffs made several attempts to force their way into the dwelling but the defenders received them with boiling water and showers of stones, and forced them to retreat. The siege lasted some hours. Finally the police with loaded weapons threatened to fire unless an immediate surrender was not made. The defenders yielded and submitted to arrest, twenty-five in number. All were taken into custody. The wife of the tenant was carried out of the house in a fainting condition and afterwards left dying in the yard. The people are maddened at the brutality of the police and they are endeavoring to force them to avoid the eviction of the tenants. Harrington, member of parliament, has written a letter of protest and with difficulty prevented bloodshed.

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BERLIN, Jan. 14.—The fate of the army bill was settled to-day by the reichstag adversely to the government, and action was immediately taken to dissolve the chamber. On the reassembling of the reichstag the members' amendment limiting the duration of the bill to three years was voted upon. The amendment was carried, the vote being 186 to 154. The Conservatives, Imperials and National Liberals voted with the minority. The socialists and most of the Assam members abstained from voting. Prince Bismarck read an imperial message dissolving the reichstag. An imperial decree was issued this afternoon fixing Feb. 21 for the holding of general elections for members of the new reichstag. The members of the bundsrath have been held recently to decide upon what action should be taken by that body in the event of defeat of the army bill in the reichstag. The North German Gazette, in an article on the dissolution of the reichstag, says:

Before all, the German people demand that every reichstag shall grant without fear or hesitation what is necessary for the external and internal security of the empire. Upon this point common sense will surely teach that voters will place more value upon the Reichstag than upon the robber-baron. The imperial parliamentarians.

Churchill and Lord Randolph Churchill.

LONDON, Jan. 14.—Lord Randolph Churchill, in the cabinet explaining his resignation from the cabinet, says his object was to secure economy combined with efficiency. He will gladly co-operate with any one in an endeavor to induce or compel the house of commons to revert to the better financial principles which prevailed before 1874. He continued:

It is a very unpopular in Downing street we must make it popular. Calamities incalculable will result if the present system of uncontrolled expenditure be allowed to continue. Gladstone thinks this letter does honor to Lord Randolph, and offers the latter a challenge again to raise the flag of economy.

Bulgaria. PHILIPPOPOLIS, Jan. 14.—Zankoff has demanded the punishment of the persons who mobbed him at the depot when he passed through here a few days ago on his way to Constantinople. The officers were made by Philipopolis telegraphed a message of congratulation to Prince Alexander on New Year's day.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 14.—This afternoon at the head of Sixth street, a delegation of the new longshoremen's association (colored), forming a part of the new cotton council, appeared, headed by Joe Harrison, and attempted to stop the longshoremen at work on the bark Sarah. A general knowledge of the situation was generally supported. Negotiations are being proceeding on the basis of these proposals. The continental powers are disposed to accede to Russia's proposals. It is said England is also desirous that a general understanding be reached.

The Orient. SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 14.—The steamer San Pablo arrived to-day with Hong Kong dates to Dec. 21 and Yokohama to Dec. 30. The latest information received regarding the sailing of Hakon and Monon in Tonquin by Chinese pirates stated that the ship, which is commanded by Marshal McMahon, was not killed, but succeeded in holding the fort until reinforcements of militia from Haiphong were brought him on the steamer Malacca. A determined effort will be made to recapture Monon. Lieut. McMahon reports that Chinese regulars aided the pirates in their work of destruction.

Jubilee Yacht Race. LONDON, Jan. 14.—A course for the Jubilee yacht race for boats of all nations has at last been determined upon. The race will be sailed around the United Kingdom. The yachts will start from the Thames and will be required to keep Great Britain and Ireland on the port hand. The finishing point will be at Dover. British yachtsmen approve the selection of this course, believing that it will give a fair chance, whether home or foreign, to a fair chance. The race will take place early in June.

A Mob Dispersed. LONDON, Jan. 14.—A large number of unemployed workmen held a meeting at Norwich to-day, and after listening to the speeches of two socialists, commenced an attack on the police. The police dispersed the mob before they could do any damage further than the breaking of a number of windows. The two socialists were arrested.

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Mrs. Emmons Testifies in Her Own Behalf in the Trial to Decide Her Lunacy.

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Honors to Stanley. LONDON, Jan. 14.—The Standard, referring to the honors conferred by the city upon Henry M. Stanley yesterday, says: "The occasion of our case was the bar of the doors and windows, and the refusal of the officers to enter. The bailiffs made several attempts to force their way into the dwelling but the defenders received them with boiling water and showers of stones, and forced them to retreat. The siege lasted some hours. Finally the police with loaded weapons threatened to fire unless an immediate surrender was not made. The defenders yielded and submitted to arrest, twenty-five in number. All were taken into custody. The wife of the tenant was carried out of the house in a fainting condition and afterwards left dying in the yard. The people are maddened at the brutality of the police and they are endeavoring to force them to avoid the eviction of the tenants. Harrington, member of parliament, has written a letter of protest and with difficulty prevented bloodshed."