

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. 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 till 3 a. m., 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, beefsteak, fried potatoes, eggs, and omelet. 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 ten o'clock. Then 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 till the 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 deputy sheriffs, the warden, and the prisoner, the latter being handcuffed in front and his body, from neck to ankles, enveloped in an old-fashioned lady's waterproof cloak. From the cell the march progressed along the corridor and down two flights of stairs, and then into the cells of the 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 close attention. 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 so low that only those near him could hear. 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:

MOVED 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. Dr. Hatcher then raised his hands, 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. Adams

TIED THE PRISONER'S KNEES tightly 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 door, 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 parti-colored silk, stretched over the trap door, and the body of the hanged man nearly touched the brick pavement beneath. A minute of quiet and then there was considerable struggling, lasting several minutes, together with heavy stentorian breathing, indication that death was being produced 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, which was then taken to the undertaker to be prepared for burial at his former home in King and Queen county.

DURING THE FORENOON Capt. Frank W. Cunningham, Richmond's sweetest tender singer, who has before visited the prisoner on several occasions, sang numerous hymns in his cell, 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 had finished Capt. Cunningham turned to 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 the Lord?" "Yes, sir," replied Cluverius, "and believing in Him, you must say that you are innocent, knowing that you have got to answer for God?" Again Cluverius said "I say that I am innocent."

WITNESSED THE DEATH OF Cluverius, who had been so devoted to the right or 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 since his arrest twenty-two months ago, 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, the 14th day of March, 1855, 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 same day and registered at the Davis house in his own name. He called on "Miss Merton" at the American but found her out. On her return she saw Cluverius and returned the letter could not find Cluverius and returned the note to the clerk at the Ameri-

LEFT DYING IN A DITCH

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

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

Randolph Churchill Makes a Plea for Economy in the British Government.

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 occupants of one of the houses, headed the doors and windows, and refused to allow 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, a number of them with severe wounds. 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 lying in the yard. The people are indignant at the brutality of the officers. Hartnett, member of parliament, expressed his astonishment and with difficulty prevented bloodshed.

BISMARCK DEFIED. The Reichstag Refuses to Adopt His Army Bill, and is Promptly Dissolved.

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 Herr von Bismarck's government 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 Nationalists voted with the minority. The socialists and most of the liberal 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 bundsrath. Several meetings 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 internal security, for the external and internal safety of the empire. Upon this point common sense will surely teach that voters will place more value upon the rights of the citizen than upon the honors than imperious parliamentary politicians.

Churchill an Economist. Lord Randolph Churchill, in a letter 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 continues:

Gladstone thinks this letter does honor to Lord Randolph, and offers the latter a chance again to raise the flag of economy. Bright Not a Jingoist. LONDON, Jan. 14.—John Bright, in a letter declining an invitation to attend a meeting of the advocates of federation, on the ground that he has no sympathy with the objects and purpose thereof, asks the proposition that the federation would destroy the existing dispute between Canada and the United States. If Canada were independent, he asserts, she would yield to the arguments of her powerful neighbors. "If there were no Dominion of Canada, the dispute would soon have been settled by English cession of America's reasonable claims. The federation project, he says, is mainly the offspring of the jingo spirit, which clamors for a vast and costly empire, and is generally supported. Negotiations are now proceeding on the basis of these proposals. The continental powers are disposed to accept of 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 Haka and Monte in Tonquin by Chinese pirates states that Lieut. McMahon, a nephew of Marshal McMahon, who commands the French garrison at Hanoi, was not killed, but succeeded in holding the fort until reinforcements of militia from Hanoi were brought to him on the steamer Malacca. A determined effort will be made to recapture Monka. 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, 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 shops. 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.

English Politics. LONDON, Jan. 14.—A ministerial council was held at the queen's residence at Os-

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A Longshoremen's Fight. 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 wharf. A general row broke out, and the longshoremen were freely used. The following is the list of the wounded: Andrew Gervis, a screwman, stabbed in the right hip; Andrew Grant, longshoreman, shot in the abdomen; a boy named King, a spectator, stabbed in the back. Everything was quiet at 3 o'clock. The police are endeavoring to arrest the ringleaders.

Will Choose Two Senators. INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 14.—The Democratic caucus held a meeting to-night to map out a line of policy to be pursued in view of the unseating of Meagher by the Republican house. It was decided to ignore the action of the house in the matter. It is impossible that the Democrats may conclude to unseat some Republican senators, but no action looking to that end was taken. It is almost certain that two joint conventions will be held and two senators chosen.

The Coal Handlers. NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—The situation in the coal handlers' strike is virtually unchanged. Coal dealers are demanding and receiving high prices for coal. Vice President Cannon, of the Delaware & Hudson Canal company, says that his company has nearly a full quota of men at work, but they are green hands, therefore work more slowly. Complaints that the other companies do not do anything to remedy the trouble are made, and he says that if they would all make an effort to fill their contracts the strike would soon end.

New Men Quit Work. WILKESBARRE, Pa., Jan. 14.—The new men employed to take the places of the strikers at the Pleasant Valley mine quit work to-day and returned to their homes. They were escorted to the depot by a guard of twenty armed men. The mine will be started up again on Monday next with men imported from a distance. The company is determined not to yield to the demands of the strikers.

FLOUR CITY SPORTS.

Mart Fahey Knocks Patey Mellen Cold and Quiet in Three Rounds.

Pat Sheedy, the Gentlemanly Sport, Talks of Interesting Current Sporting Events.

Illinois Live Stock Men Talk Issuing Him Question on the Pleuro-Pneumonia.

Minnesota Wins from St. Paul in a Friendly Match With the Curling Stones.

To-day's Bicycle Event—Meeting of Sullivan and Gardiff—General Sporting Notes.

The contest between Mart Fahey and Patey Mellen at the Theatre Comique last evening drew a large crowd. This was Fahey's second appearance in a public set-to, and the ease with which he had knocked out Jack Keeffe had aroused considerable curiosity as to his ability. His work last night fully established his claims as a "coming man," for he disposed of Mellen in a matter of five minutes, and nearly ended the contest in the second round. A claim of foul was made in the third round. At the close Fahey made a rush, and both fell. While they were on the floor, Mellen tried to crawl to the corner, but Fahey, who was on his feet, of course, contrary to the rules, went to the aid of the fallen man, and, to the surprise of the audience, held Mellen up by the collar, and, in a friendly way, helped him to his feet. The referee, Jerry Donegan, however, would not allow the claim, evidently thinking that the foul was not intentional. The first knock-out by Fahey was the first to occur in a public set-to since the days of the late Tom Sayers, who was the first to knock out a man in a public set-to. The referee, Jerry Donegan, however, would not allow the claim, evidently thinking that the foul was not intentional. The first knock-out by Fahey was the first