

## DOWN AND OUT

### Sultan of Turkey Deposed For His Brother

## CAUSED EXCITEMENT

### The Boom of Big Guns Told the People of the Change—The Troops at Adana Have Revolted and Seized Fifty of Their Officers and Hold Them.

Abdul Hamid has been deposed as Sultan of Turkey and Mehmed Reshad Effendi, his brother, has been proclaimed his successor. The deposition was through the regular form prescribed by the tenets of the Mohammedan faith. It is understood that Sheikh Ul Islam, the head of the church, will issue a decree of deposition.

The news of the deposition of Abdul Hamid and the selection of his brother to succeed him caused great excitement throughout Constantinople. Crowds at once began to gather in the principal squares and thoroughfares and around the imperial palace of Yildiz in anticipation of the proclamation of the new sultan.

A salute of 101 guns, fired at 2:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, announced to the populace of Constantinople a change in the sultanate. It is reported that the sultan has been removed from the imperial palace of Yildiz and conveyed across Bosphorus to a point in Asiatic Turkey.

Mehmed Reshad Effendi was proclaimed sultan of Turkey at 2:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon in succession to his brother, Abdul Hamid II. The sultan was deposed by the national assembly whose decision on the proposal was unanimous.

Fifty Turkish officers have been arrested at Erzerum by their troops and dispatched under escort to Trebizond. The exact significance of this action is not clear, but it is feared that it means the beginning of a revolt of the provincial troops against the Young Turk officers.

### Disorders at Adana.

The following account of disorders at Adana has been received here by telegraph from Rev. Herbert Adams Gibbons, a missionary:

"The entire vilayet of Adana has been visited during the past five days by a terrible massacre of Armenians, the worst ever known in the history of the district. Terror has been universal and the government has been powerless to check the disorders. Adana, the capital of the province, has been the storm center."

He added that the unsettled conditions and the animosity between the Turks and Armenians resulted from political activity of the latter. An Armenian and a Turk were killed on Wednesday night and their corpses were paraded through the streets, inflaming the inhabitants.

Gibbons then described how the mob assembled and shots were fired in the air. This was followed by killing. Local authorities feared to act. While Gibbons and Field Secretary Chamber of the Y. M. C. A. were in the telegraph office, where they went to summon aid of the British consul, the Moslems burst in and killed two Armenians before their eyes. Gibbons and Chambers went into the next room and made representations to the Vail.

Being afraid of his own life, that official made no effort to protect them.

The situation, according to Gibbons, grew worse. The Armenians, he said, withdrew to their quarter of Adana and converted their houses into fortresses, where the fighting went on for two days. Gibbons continued:

"Adana was a hell. The bazaars were looted and set on fire. There was continuous and unceasing shooting and killing in every part of the town and fires raged in many quarters."

"The Moslems from the neighborhood began pouring into the city and notwithstanding our vehement protests. All distributed arms to these men, alleging that they were Turkish reservists."

The missionary added, "On Thursday Daniel Miner Rogers and Henry Maurer, American missionaries, were killed under treacherous circumstances. On Friday the Armenians yielded, and since then there has been little murdering."

"Adana is in a pitiable condition. The town has been pillaged and destroyed and there are thousands of homeless people here without means of livelihood. It is impossible to estimate the number of killed. Corpses lie scattered through the streets. Friday when I went out I had to pick my way between the dead to avoid stepping on them."

"Saturday morning I counted dozens of cart loads of Armenian bodies in one half hour being carried to the river and thrown into the water. In the Turkish cemeteries graves are being dug by the wholesale. The condition of the refugees is most pitiable. Not only are there orphans and widows beyond number, but a great number of babies are even suffering from severe wounds. The situation in Adana is unspeakable."

### Killed by Train.

The Charleston Evening Post says John Mitchell, a colored boy six years old, was crushed to death Monday afternoon under a Southern Railway car in Chapel street near Alexander. The little negro with two or three playmates is said to have been riding on a shifting car which was running slowly through Chapel street, and slipped under the wheels, meeting instant death.

### Slept Long Time.

At Kenton, Ohio, Miss Laura Casper, 20 years old, who had been asleep for one hundred hours, at the home of her sister, Mrs. Knapp, awoke Thursday apparently in good health, although weak. Physicians say her condition is due to a nervous hysterical collapse.

## TARIFF ON SULPHUR

### DIRECTOR HARPER CALLS ATTENTION TO IT

### And Says It Will Hurt the Farmer if it is Allowed to Stay in the Tariff Bill.

Director Harper, of the agricultural experiment station at Clemson college, has called the attention of Commissioner Watson to some other work to be done on the Payne tariff bill, there being several paragraphs affecting the Southern farmers. It will be recalled that after considerable fighting the Southern farmers were enabled to get on the free list potash salts, which is a basis for all fertilizer products.

Prof. Harper has learned that the sulphur interests of Louisiana and Utah are attempting to place a duty of \$6 per ton on sulphur. This, of course, means another hardship on the farmer.

Commissioner Watson had copies of the letter made and sent to each of the senators and representatives from the State. The letter says in part:

"I understand that the sulphur people of Utah and Louisiana are trying their best to get a tax of \$6 per ton on sulphur. This means another hardship on the farmer. Sulphur is used largely in this country in the manufacture of sulphuric acid. The extent to which sulphuric acid is used is enormous. There are more than 2,000,000 tons of mineral phosphates dissolved by sulphuric acid. A duty on sulphur means higher priced acid phosphate."

"There is another matter that I would like to call to your attention. Some of the acid phosphate people of this State are using their influence to prevent basic slag from remaining on the free list. Basic slag is used largely in Europe and the British Isles as a source of phosphorus and where it is used with stable manure in this country it is a valuable source of phosphorus. It is also a valuable source of plant food when used on rich bottom land that contains large amounts of organic matter. The directors of the experiment stations were largely responsible for sulphate of ammonia being put on the free list. Heretofore the duty on sulphate of ammonia has been \$6 per ton and the Payne bill as originally framed admitted sulphate of ammonia without duty but the steel trust had influence enough to place a duty of \$4 per ton on this material. I have been conducting experiments with sulphate of ammonia in comparison with nitrate of soda as a top-dressing for cotton and I find that it is just as good as nitrate of soda for this purpose, provided we have favorable seasons. During a wet year sulphate of ammonia is not as available as nitrate of soda, but is a splendid source of nitrogen and if it is admitted duty free it will reduce the price of nitrate of soda and other ammoniated fertilizers. The cotton planters of the South are learning the value of top dressing their cotton and corn and each year the demand for nitrate of soda and other quickly available nitrogenous fertilizers increases. We must exert every effort to have sulphate of ammonia placed on the free list. I understand that basic slag has been eliminated from the maximum tariff in both bills and it is not likely that a duty will be placed upon it, unless great pressure is brought, but there is considerable doubt about brimstone and sulphate of ammonia. Please continue to fight on this proposition."

### FELL TO HIS DEATH.

### A Young Man Was Fatally Hurt in Columbia.

The State says William Brewer, a young man about 25 years of age, fell from the Seaboard Air Line trestle, near the corner of Lincoln street and Whaley avenue a few afternoons ago, and sustained injuries from which he died last night at 9 o'clock. The fall caused a fracture of the skull, a fractured and dislocated hip and a broken arm.

The injured man was removed to the Columbia hospital at once, but he was found to be fatally hurt, and all efforts to save his life proved of no avail. He was an employe of the Virginia Iron Company and was engaged with a corps of workmen in replacing the old wooden trestle, where the Seaboard tracks cross the Atlantic Coast Line, with a steel structure. It was in this work that he was engaged when he fell to his death. The dead man is a native of North Carolina and was unmarried.

### MISTRIAL FOR JOSH ASHLEY.

### The Jury Unable to Agree in the Peonage Case.

The jury in the case of John W. Ashley, tried last week in the Federal court at Anderson on the charge of peonage reported Monday morning to Judge Brawley that it was unable to agree and was discharged. The case will not come up again till the fall term at Charleston, Columbia or Greenville. The trial attracted wide attention on account of the prominence of the defendant, who is a member of the Legislative delegation from Anderson county. The jury stood seven to five for acquittal. It is currently reported.

### Wilson May Keep Place.

### If Fight on Cassell for Postmaster Goes On.

A dispatch from Washington to the Columbia Record says there is little chance of the appointment of any Democrat to the Florence postmastership. Unless the South Carolina senators stop fighting the Republican, Cassell, it is likely the negro Wilson will keep the place.

### Trolley Strikes Auto.

### Society Woman Fatally Hurt in an Accident.

At Pensacola, Fla., four prominent society women were injured Monday, one fatally, when the automobile in which they were riding was struck by an electric car. Mrs. Gonzales, of Pensacola, was fatally injured. The others hurt were Mrs. J. M. Mulcoon, of Pensacola, and Mrs. Luce and Mrs. Clark, of Mobile. The automobile was struck by a Bay Shore car running about forty miles an hour. Mrs. Gonzales later died of her injuries.

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## AGREES TO FIGHT

### AFTER THE TRIAL OF CALHOUN IS OVER.

### Opposing Attorneys at Calhoun Trial Threaten Each Other—Stormy Day in San Francisco Graft Trial.

At San Francisco Francis J. Heney and Earl Rogers, opposing counsel in the trial of Patrick Calhoun, agreed that their private differences arising out of a clash over the admission of testimony should be settled at the first opportunity after the trial.

For the first time, Rogers appeared to take offense at Heney's remarks, and said "don't you talk to me in that manner, Mr. Heney." "I'll meet you at any time you say," answered the prosecutor.

"All right, Mr. Heney," replied Rogers, "that is agreed; but we will settle this matter after we have ended our duties to our respective clients."

Mr. Heney departed from the courtroom under the escort of his customary bodyguards, and the adjournment marked the end of a stormy session, during which Heney addressed Lewis F. Byington of the defense, as a "barking cur," and Byington retorted by addressing Heney as "a tralling dog."

Between quarrels the cross-examination of James L. Gallagher, who has occupied the witness stand since last Tuesday, was concluded, and Daniel S. Coleman, a former supervisor, was called.

### THEY WERE RATHER GAY.

### Ex-Governor of Oklahoma and Woman Arrested in St. Louis.

Frank Frantz, former governor of Oklahoma, was arrested in St. Louis a few days ago in company with a young woman after an automobile ride to a road house in the suburbs, which began Saturday night. The couple was charged with disturbing the peace. They were detained at the police station until 9 o'clock the morning they were arrested, when they were released on bonds.

### Witnessed an Execution.

### An American and His Wife Present by Accident.

Mrs. N. W. Stowell, of San Francisco, and her husband, were present at the execution grounds in Canton among other sights," said Mrs. Stowell, "and when we were within the enclosure the gates were suddenly closed. To our horror they let out a poor wretch and our guides told us they were going to cut his head off. We wanted to get out, but they would not open the gates until the execution was over."

### Fatal Political Fray.

### One Dead and Three Wounded in Shooting Scrape.

Cornelius Pritchard is dead and three other persons are wounded as a result of a six-handed shooting affair at Meadville, Miss., Tuesday, the outbreak of a political feud. At a recent election Dr. A. M. Newman, formerly sheriff of the county, defeated the father of the young man killed for the office of chancery clerk. Feeling between the two factions became intense, and when Pritchard met Newman today weapons were quickly drawn and firing began. Ingraham Pritchard came to the aid of his brother and three sons of Dr. Newman came to his assistance. When the firing ended Cornelius Pritchard was dead, his brother had sustained a bullet wound in his leg and two bystanders, Herbert Applewhite and Sidney Horton, were less seriously hurt.

### Attacked by Rats.

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### Of High Skyscraper and Was Instantly Killed.

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## HIGH FINANCE

### A Chicago Swindler Forced to Cheat Others

### BY HIS CREDITORS

### He Says Two Men Whom He Had Swindled Hounded Him to Dupes Others so as They Could Get the Money He Swindled Them Out of Back.

Peter Van Vlissingen, who last winter confessed that he had forged mortgages to the extent of \$1,000,000, thereby causing a great sensation in Chicago, where he had been known for 20 years as a leading real estate man, exploded a bomb-shell in the bankruptcy court at Chicago Tuesday when he stated that his confession a few months ago was antedated by four years by a confession made privately to men who held \$400,000 of his spurious papers.

Van Vlissingen was brought back to Chicago from prison to testify before Referee in Bankruptcy Frank L. Wean, who is attempting to locate the valid assets of the prisoner. Van Vlissingen declared that in 1904 he was compelled to confess to Maurice Rosenfeld, at that time a director of the now defunct Chicago National bank, and Bernhard Rosenberg, a real estate dealer, that the mortgage held by them and valued at \$400,000 had been forged.

"They discovered some irregularities in the paper in that year," said the witness, "and came to my office for a conference. I admitted the forgeries and said, 'I would go before the State's attorney, tell him just what I have related to you gentlemen about these wholesale forgeries, plead guilty and go to prison like a man.'"

"We want our money," they said. "I can get it," I told them, "but I must dupe others as I have duped you."

"We had another conference soon after," continued the witness. "I promised to settle with them. I promised to pay them from \$1,000 to \$5,000 a week. Altogether I paid them approximately \$250,000."

Further conferences were held from time to time. At one of these, Van Vlissingen said, they said, "We want our money." He replied he was getting it as fast as he could raise it.

"We don't want to know how you get the money," they told me at one conference, held in December, 1904.

Bernhardt Rosenberg had been prominent in real estate business and in Jewish social circles for many years.

Van Vlissingen's face was pale and his hands trembled as he told his story. His eyes were bloodshot and his lips twitched as he faced counsel and recognized former friends among the spectators.

The witness stated that his forgeries had continued for 30 years but that he did not know the exact extent of them.

"Will they aggregate \$1,000,000?" "Surely."

"And may be more?" "Yes."

"Have you any property or other assets not accounted for at present?" Van Vlissingen was asked.

"No, except my clothing. I had about \$150 when I reached the prison at Joliet, but I sent that back to my wife."

"I told Rosenfeld at least 25 times and Rosenberg half as often," said Van Vlissingen, "that I could reimburse them only through illegal business operations."

"I told them further," the witness continued, "that I was rapidly becoming deeper involved, that the number of illegal transactions was multiplying and that my legal transactions were falling off and almost ceased to be profitable."

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## GETS HIS REWARDS

### ANOTHER "TAFT DEMOCRAT" IS REMEMBERED FOR

### His Good Work in Behalf of the Republican Party During the Last Election.

Zack McGee, writing to The State from Washington says James T. Williams, Jr., of Greenville, was named Monday by the President to be one of the three civil service commissioners. He puts down his residence at "Lincolnton." The salary is \$4,000.

Here is the story: "Jimmie" Williams hit this town some seven or eight years ago as a typewriter and assistant to one of the Washington correspondents. Being a bright young man and alive to his opportunities he has steadily risen ever since. From one suit of clothes with the vanishing point of the "breeches" somewhere in the vicinity of the ankles and a string tie hanging down on his bosom, he has steadily advanced in the sartorial scale, till the "breeches" have been converted into "trousers" and his haberdashery has become one of the fashionable institutions of Washington. It takes four valets, it is said, to keep his wardrobe.

He soon got a position with the Associated Press and being assigned to the State, war and navy departments it soon developed that he could shake hands high in air and bow down before "your excellency" most efficiently. Having a fairly good head for news and being able to write well, he became a valued reporter of the Associated Press. Three years ago he was made the Washington correspondent of the Boston Transcript.

Jimmie kept growing, and the hand-shake went steadily up with him. By the time I arrived here, three years after him, he was saying "past" and "after" for "past" and "after" and when I asked him one day how to spell "collards" he said he had never heard of such things.

In due season he became a Republican and last year was made one of the secretaries of the Taft propagandist bureau, prior to the Chicago convention. After Taft's nomination he stayed with the Republican campaign committee and is said to have done valuable service for the Republicans. Any way, Mr. Taft felt under obligations to him and has given him a job in the administration.

### Killed by Burglar.

### Assistant Postmaster of Lenox, Ga., Shot Down.

While searching for two negro men who had in succession robbed the postoffice, a bank, a dry goods store and a drug store at Lenox, Ga., Monday morning, Assistant Postmaster Clifford Rutherford of that place was shot twice through the head and was instantly killed by Marshal Lewis, one of the negroes who had taken refuge in the railway station.

Lewis' accomplice was caught, but Lewis escaped and was later trailed down by dogs at Adel, and was taken toward the Nashville, Ga., jail. The negro confessed and begged not to be taken back to Lenox. A hundred friends of Rutherford went to Adel late Monday afternoon with the intention of intercepting the sheriff. It is admitted that a lynching is imminent. Indignation over the murder is deep and if the sheriff fails to reach a substantial jail the probabilities are that his prisoner will be hanged.

Rutherford, while seeking the robbers, put his head in the door of the depot room and struck a match. At that instant two shots rang out and he dropped to the floor.

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## NORTH MUST GO

### is to be Ousted For Alleged Scandalous

## CONDUCT IN OFFICE

### He Wrote the Iniquitous Wool Schedule in the Present Dingy Tariff Law, But That Is Not the Thing for Which He is to be Fired by Taft.

Zack McGee, the Washington correspondent of The State, says the real reason Mr. S. N. D. North, director of the census, is about to be fired from his job is scandalous and unfruitful. But the reason why he should never have been appointed to this job, and why since recent exposures it is a public disgrace to have him holding any position of honor or responsibility in the government should be known to men and women.

Mr. North is the man who wrote the present wool schedule in the Dingy tariff law. This he did at the direction and as the agent of the Wool Manufacturers' association, from whom he claimed his reward and got it in cold cash. He was appointed by Senator Aldrich as clerk to the finance committee. In that capacity he wrote the iniquitous and pillaging wool schedule. For this he was paid by the Wool Manufacturers' Association.

Whether Mr. Roosevelt knew this when he appointed Mr. North director of the census I do not know. But Mr. Roosevelt did know it last November when it came out in certain letters Champ Clark submitted to the ways and means committee, which letters Mr. North came before the committee and admitted he had written. Mr. North admitted that he had written the wool schedule and that he had been paid for it by the Wool Manufacturers' Association. The letters were there, it was no use to deny them, so Mr. North admitted it.

What happened? Did he lose his job? Did Mr. Roosevelt spurn him from his "righteous" administration and denounce him as a traitor and a hired thief? Not at all. Mr. North holds his position until this day. Mr. Taft was apparently going to keep him, but that a lesser offense is charged against him. Mind you, the offense now charged is more scandalous; but that is because public thievesy is so common that it does not excite scandal.

The other charge against Mr. North is, in brief, and without the details, that whenever a member of congress or another high official of the government has a pretty young lady friend to supply with a remunerative job in Washington all he has to do is to go to Mr. North and apprise him of the fact and the director will provide for her. Whenever later the congressman finding himself under further obligations to his young lady friend wishes her promoted to a better paying position, why he goes to Mr. North and tells him, and Mr. North promotes her.

The young lady may be the daughter of the congressman or his niece or his brother-in-law's stepmother. It is all the same to Mr. North; the congressman wants her promoted and it is done, regardless of the public service, regardless of the individual merits of the other young ladies or young men in the office, who have to stand on their own merits and records without any influential senators or "congressmen" to intercede for them.

I say this, as bad as it is, is not worse than Mr. North's thievery in connection with the wool schedule in the tariff bill, because some members of congress are now at bottom equal with North the real offenders. Some time ago a high official in the congress, who is also a member, went to Mr. North. "Mr. North," he said, "I want this young lady promoted to a \$1,800 job."

"Why, just at present, Mr. —," replied the director, "I have no such positions vacant."

"Well, replied the high and influential congressman, "you heard what I said. I want her promoted to a \$1,800 job at once."

The young lady got her promotion. And, you may recall, that the census bill was passed by both houses of congress with a provision that appointments in that branch of the service should be made without the assistance of the civil service commission but practically by the director, upon the recommendation of members of congress. There is a reason why, as the old song used to be, President Roosevelt vetoed this bill, and congress is now wrestling with the problem of another which will save their faces—and their favorites' jobs.

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## EXCITEMENT AT MAYESVILLE

### Caused by the Attack of a Negro on a White Man.

Wednesday night a serious clash between white and colored people of