# NO. 49.

Kinds of Homici e.

WHAT THE JUDGE CHARGED

The End of a Long and Tiresome Case. The Jury Out Twenty Hours and Then

at 1.42 p. m. Judge Gary gave the case tailed to you by the witnesses, and

a half a.ys. Senator Tillman, uncle of the defendant, was present-Wednesday. Col. Croft resumed his argument to the jury with the convening of court and made the closing address for the defendant and final appeal for his acquittal. In summing up the defendant's case he dwelt upon the teitimony of witnesses for the de-fence relative to the position of Mr. Gonzales' hands as he approached Mr. Tillman. He also pressed the point that the defendant was to be judged in the light of circumstance as they appeared to the defendant. Colone Croft also addressed himself to law

points involved. He was followed by General G. D. Bellinger, who closed for the state and made the final aagument of the in its mercy, says that is not marder, trial. General Bellinger made a general summing up of the state's case, laying stress upon the testimony adthe defence, calling special attention to the witnesses whose veracity had been attacked by the state. At the close of Mr. Bellingers speech Judge Gary delivered the following charge

### JUDGE GARY'S CHARGE

"Mr. Foreman and Gentlemen of which has consumed so much of your time. It has required of you pati-ence, endurance and self-sacrifice. I exactions in a manuer to be highly commended, and when you return to your respective homes you may enjoy the satisfaction which comes from a sense of duty well parformed. am glad to say that you have met the sense of duty well performed.

Gentlemen, the trial has reached that stage when it is my duty to any opinion upon the facts, I beg that you will dismiss such idea from your

man, regardless of manner in which a competent Court, it is justifiable would be have reached? homicide; he is carrying out the order of the Court, and the law says it But, gentlemen, as there is no intimation from any source to your satisfaction by the preponderthat the alleged killing was a justifi- ance of the evidence, then his able homicide, you may dismiss that self-defense is established and he is kind of homicide from your consider- entitled to an acquittal at your hands.

"Now, the next is excusable homithe weakness of human nature, conlawful act, and without fault or negligence, accidentally kills another, the law excuses him and he has done no wrong and should suffer no punish-Then, again, gentlemen, if a man kills another in selfdefence, the law in its regard for the laws of nature, says that he has done no wrong beyond a reasonable doubt, and stricand should not be punished. Now. I will charge you further on in what I shall say to you, as to what is neces- dant. The State must make out its sary to make out the plea of self-de-

Now, I have instructed you as to what justifiable homicide is, but that whimsical, weak, imaginary doubt, but does not come in this case. I have it is a strong, substantial, well-foundinstructed you as to what excusable ed doubt, growing out of the evidence, homicide is.

## WHAT FELONIOUS HOMICIDE MEANS.

one for which a man is punished, is convey just as much meaning to your felonious homicide, which is either mind as the definition that is given in murder or manslaughter. Murder is the books. I think it will be enough an electric light pole and the noose guilty," because the first report that Columbia on January 15, 1903, and he a human being with malice afore- reasonable doubt. thought, either expressed or implied, By an analysis of that definition, gen- whole case, the whole evidence, that tlemem, you will see in order to con- given by the State and that given by stittle murder there must be the kill- the defendant, you have a reasonable ing of one human being by another, doubt as to the guilt of the prisoner that killing must be done with malice or as to any material allegation of the aforethought, malice premeditated, indictment, then it is your duty to Malice may either be expressed or im- acquit. plied. Now, that is murder? Malice may be defined to be an evil spirit, a either 'Guilty of murder,' 'Guilty of three children were rescued from deprayed and wicked spirit, and this murder, with recommendation to death by girl students of Jefferson definition has been adopted by the mercy,' Supreme Court of our Stats and has 'Not guilty.' been defined to be an evil spirit, a depraved and wicked spirit, such as is conclude that the defendant is guilty found in the heart totally devoid of of murder, but he should not suffer from the scene of the fire. Learning social duty and fatally bent upon mis- the extreme penalty of the law, your that there were children in the houses

the inward intention, such as tiary.

The inward intention, such as tiary.

Now, gentlemen, bring to bear on find find

may be either expressed or implied.

malice is.

"Now, implied malice is such as the law infers or implies from the kill the law of this case.

"Now counsel for the State and Judge Gas the country the defence have banded this Court the defence bave banded this court ing itself. If the killing is proved, and none of the attendant circummeant when we speak of implied mal- shall decline to charge you." ice, but, gentlemen, when all of the circumstances attending the killing The closing arguments in the case of J. H. Tillman were made Wednesday at 1.42 p. m. Judge Case are related to you, you have no right then Judge Gary took up the bundle of requests to charge, which he constituted at those circumstances as they are desidered seriatim. to the jury.

The "comments consumed two and say whether or not the killing was a half owys. Senator Tillman, uncle done with mailer aforethought.

IN WHAT MANSLAUGHTER CONSISTS. "Manslaughter is the killing of a human being in sudden heat and passion and upon sufficient legal provocation. This, gentlemen, is said to be one of the charities of the law. In its tender gegard for the frailities of our nature it recognizes the fact that under c rtain circumstances we are liable to be so far transported beyond ourselves that we act from passion suddenly thrown into a passion or transported beyond himself, reason loses its sway and he acts from pas-If he has sufficient legal provo-

but manslaughter. "I will call your attention to the fact that if sufficient time elapses between the receiving of the provocation shooting. Analyzing and comparing blood to cool, to enable passion to sub-with the testimony of witnesses for side, to enable reason to resume its away, then the law says blood must cool, the passion must subside, reason must assume its away and holds the man to as strict an accountability as if he had not received the provocation.

"In this case your inquiry will be, has N. G. Gonzales been killed? Did James H. Tillman kill bim? If so, unthe Jury: I congratulate you upon der what circumstances was the kill-the approach of the end of this trial, ing done? Was the killing felonious, such as the law punishes for? If so, under what circumstance was the killing done? Was the killing falonious, such as the law punishes for? If

"The defendant sets up the plea of charge you what I conceive to be the killing to save his own life, or to avoid law of homicide. This I shall do as serious bodily harm to himself. If the plainly and briefly as I possibly can, defendant has established his pica of and if, in what I shall have to say to self-defence, then he is excusable and you, you should conceive the idea that your verdict should be 'not guilty.' I intend to express or intimate to you The plea of selfdefence, gentlemen, is founded on the idea of necessity; that United States or it possessions. is, that it was necessary to take the life of a fellow man to save one's own life, or to avoi? serious bodily harm. For the defendant to establish his The Constitution of the State forbids me to r to intimate to
For the defendant to establish his
plea of self-defence he must satisfy do not intend to do so. The facts are you, gentlemen, of four things, not exclusively for your determination.

You find the facts and apply them to preponderance of the evidence. Remember, that he must satisfy you, not ember, that he must satisfy you, not

THEE KINDS OF HOMICIDE. The was in danger of receiving serious being the was in danger of receiving serious bodily harm or losing his life, and "Homicide, gentlemen, is a general erm, which means the killing of a party of the was necessary to take the life and that it was necessary to take the life and that the first of the jurns to instance of the time the time that the time that the time that the time that the time that the "He must go further and show you the killieg is done. There are three kinds of homicide—justifiable homi- ary firmness, courage, prudence and

cide, excusable homicide and felonious reason, stituted as he was, would have homicide. The law only punishes for come to a like conclusion. Now, felonious homicide. Justifiable homi- gentlemen, the qusetion is, not what cide is where one takes the life of anyou would have done, or what I would other in the performance of a duty; have done, but the question is, what for instance, if the sheriff hangs a would a man of ordinary firmness and man in pursuance of the mandate of reason and prudence, what conclusion "Fourth, that he had no other

probable means of escape. "If he has shown these four things

"Now, gentlemen, what is preponderance of the evidence? It means cide. Excusable homicide is where a the greater weight of the evidence. man kills another under such circum- It is usually illustrated thus: If you stances as the law, in its regard for put the evidence in favor of the plea in one pan of the balance and the dones, and it excuses the act. For evidence against the plea in the other testimony against it, it outweighs, it er punished for that crime.' preponderates, and the plea is established

## WHAT THE STATE MUST PROVE

"It is necessary for the State to establish its case to your satisfaction ter degree of proof is required of the State than is required of the defencase to your satisfaction beyond a reasonable doubt. Now, what is a reasonable doubt? It is not a vague. an honest hesitation of the mind brought about by the evidence. Whilst this is the definition laid down in the "The other homicide, and the only books, the words 'reasonable doubt'

"Now, if, upon a review of the

th formed design being evidenced duce the punishment from death to the Saunders boy was not found. external circumstances which dis- imprisonment for life in the Peniten-

former grudges pnd concerted this case your best judyment, and find 15 were the extremes in age named in clates had not come into the Court that commanded the attention of the threatened to kill her, and in fear of he gave himself no concern, apparento do some ady harm. a verdict according to the facts as you the applications for marriage licenses as I said to you before, to find them, and the law which I have in Chicago on recent day.

a verdict according to the facts as you the applications for marriage licenses room, and he was asking that the attorneys and other that commanded the attention of the threatened to kill her, and in fear of the gave himself no concern, apparentis I said to you before, to find them, and the law which I have lin Chicago on recent day.

Court wait until they arrived.

By Judge Gary As to the Different I have just told you what expressed unpulshed in South Carolina. You have nothing to do with that. You

sumes that the killing was done with will now proceed to consider them. malice aforethought. That is what is Some I will charge you and others I

This ended the formal charge as the principles of law. Then Jude Gary took up the bundle

volunteers for the course of and poison" took their breakfasts un-der the watchful eye of Dr. Wiley, the chief of the bureau, at Washington under whose supervision the experi-ments are being conducted, and each was supplied with an eye-opener consisting of a small capsule containing all been published, and a reading peosalicylic acid. This preservative will be one of three that are to be tested during the coming year.

It has been intimated that the ex-periments in this special drug may have to be discontinued within a few weeks owing to its character. It pre-vents digestion when taken in large vents digestion when taken in large doses, and it is this that has caused it panel. Already one can hear that to be selected for trial. Many that has caused it panel. to be selected for trial. Meats are preserved with it, and its effect upon the served with it, and its effect upon the burner system will be carefully noted human system will be carefully noted fullman had nothing to fear in a county table county table county that had always shown a large lury Col. Tillman walked over and during its use at the department table. county that had always shown a larg- lary Col. Tiliman walked or during its use at the department table.

As was done in the case of the borax experiments last year, the drugs given the boarders will be in the same pro-portions as are found in preserved food of the same kind. The drugs are always administered in capsules, and every ounce of food is weighed before being sent to the table. The most accurate record is kept of every phase of the experiments and the whole arranged for eventual publication. In the case of the borax experiments last selfdefence; that is, that he did the year the records are nearly ready for publication, when the results of the course will be known to the world, and foods the adulteration of which was found detrimental to the health of the consumers will be forbidden by law from sale in or importation into the

United States or it possessions.

A Remarkable Meeting.

At one of the secot remarkable of the facts in his defence, not only to the jury, but, to the world it is not only to the jury, but to the world it is not offerings meetings ever held in the Atlanta Baptist Tab rnacle, or which Dr. Len. G. Broughton is pastor. recently raised \$16,500 with the second state of the facts in his defence, not only to the jury, but, to the world it is not only to the jury, but to the world it is not only to the jury but, to the tor, recently raised \$16,500 with which to lift the church debt and make improvements on the building. beyond a reasonable doubt, but by the your verdict accordingly.

The defendant, James H. Tillman, stands charged by the State of South Carolina with the murder of N.

G. Gonzales.

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Description of the evidence of four things: First, that he was without fault in bringing on the difficulty; second, that he believed at the time that the prependence of the evidence of four things: First, that he was without fault in bringing on the difficulty; second, that he believed at the time that was in danger of receiving serious men is intly subscribed \$160, redeemed church debt a thi time was to in B. Jumper. duce Dr. Broughton to remain with the church. The minister received a the church. The minister received a call to a large church in Boston and H. Tillman an his acquittal. For has not announced his decision. A committee from Boston-church is waiting upon him in an effort to aid

## Killed His Mother and Wife.

Frank Pavlik created a d amatic his father and declaring that the latter was guilty not only of wife mur-

'The murder of my mother is not the first one committed by my father," said the accuser. where I was born, he killed his own mother. He became enraged at my grandmother and struck her a vicious fore "Not guilty" would be written in the discharge of a lawful duty, a in favor of the plea bears down the

Attorneys for the defendant told the jury they would make no denials of the charge that the defendant killed his wife, but would seek to prove him innocent.

## A Lynching Bee.

Walter Jackson, the convicted murat Hamilton Mont., Thursday night by a mob and lynched. Shortly beore midnight seventy-five masked men, all armed with rifles or shot- demonstration is given as the reason guns, forced their way.into the jail for the minority joining the majority man and his acquittal will so tend to and overpowered jailor Stephens. view, although it may have been draw public attention to the condi-Jackson was found crying in the dark-est portion of his cell. He pleaded the foreman of the jury knocked on the laws the sway of passion and polipiteously for mercy, but was rushed out into the street where the mob had alrerdy provided themselves with a knew as far as such a thing could be his native State. asked if he had anything to say, but effect that ten jurors favored an ac- ington since that time-ten months only pleaded for mercy. The mob quittal. then pulled him into the air, after which they quickly dispersed. Not a shot was fired.

## Brave School Girls

During a fire that destroyed two The form your verdict will be reside ces in Irving Park Chicago, 'Guilty of manslaughter,' or High school. Raymond Saunders, 'Not guilty.'
"Now, gentlemen, if you should The students were on their way to school, which is located two blocks chief. Expressed malice is where one verdict would be 'Guilty of murder several girls entered and bore the imrson kills another with a sedate, de- with recommendation to mercy,' and prisoned children through the dense erated, meant and formed design, that recommendation will of itself re- smoke to the street. In the confusion

A bride of 70 years and a bride of

THE JURY CHARGED constitute murder, it must be done given to you and will give to you, rewith malice aforethought and that gardless of any outside clamor that

When the Verdict Was Announced stration, or and Col. Tillman Received

the Congratulations of

The trial at Lexington is over and James H. Tillman is a free man. A The jury after being out about jury of his peers has pronounced him

> "free food and what was said, and it is left for others to draw conclusions. It will not, however, be amiss for me to suggest that this verdict of "Not guilty," while entirely expected, will not satisfy very many in this State. The evidendce in the case has

> > ple will form its own conclusions as did that jury in Lexington Court Already I can bear the suggestion that the trial was a simple farce, and that nothing other than what occurred was to have been expected from a er proportionate vote in support of Senator Tillman than any other coun-

ty in the State. It is not, I judge, violating any confidence for me to say now that H. Tillman from the custody counsel for the prosecution, soon after sheriffs of Richland and Lexington result of the trial. And then, as the trial progressed, they boped for a Court, took the two pistols, those Till-mistrial, but never did the counsel for man wore on the day of the tragedy. There had to be a trial of the case at some time; the testimony and story of the tragedy had to be presented to the tragedy had to be presented to the world, and it was thought that it many requests from those around for was at least due the memory of the dead editor to make the strongest but the smaller platols was sent to its

When the jury retired to its room Wednesday afternoon, shortly before 2 o'clock, the first ballot resulted ten to two in favor of an acquittal. It is understoot that the two jurors who justised upon a conviction for man.

insisted upon a conviction for manraising the money to pay off the whole who joined the majority, was Mr. J. This then left Milton Sharpe as the

argued with him so as to secure his in making his decision. It is not beent upon his position. At about h past 10 o'clock he finally consented to a verdict, and the foreman of the jory called for pen and tok with with write the verdict, and knocked on the

cene in Judge Clifford's Court in Chi- door to announce to the expectant , pointing an accusing finger at crowd that a verdict had been agreed upon-twenty hours after the jury had

Early in the morning, when it inderstood that Juror Jumper, who is pale-looking young mill operative, Bohemia, had acquiesced in the verdict of ac quittal, the impression grew strong and fast that it would not be long be eross the face of the indictment.

A TALK WITH THE JURYMEN. I have undertaken to find out from the jurymen themselves what was the predominating reason for the decision. Several of the jurors stated that there was no "predominating reason," but ly arranged to have a group others explained that the ten jurors taken. had come to their conclusious for various reasons, but that the minority, in the various parts of the county. after being convinced that Mr. Gonderer of Fonnie Back, a 6-year-old zales made a demonstration when he boy, was taken from the county jail met Col. Tillman at the transfer cor-

ner, acquiesced in the verdict. Mark you, this concurrence in the to reason, and when politics and pasview that Mr. Gonzales did make a sion will not be dominant?

Caughman to bring the prisoner, Col. would receive. James H. Tiliman, into Court and runners were sent out for Col. Till- thin and more reserved and quiet in man's counsel. utes before Col. Tillman appeared in the Court room and, sitting around yore. nim, were all of his counsel and quite a number of his relatives and friends. Soliciter Thurmond was in Court, and ne asked that his associates for the prosecution be called. There was some delay in finding the lawyers and Mr. Thurmond finally suggested that the dozen lawyers engaged in one jury might at least be brought out. THE JURY COMES INTO COURT.

and every one knew what that some-thing was, but Mr. Thurmond's asso-Court wait until they arrived.

BENNETTSVILLE, S. C., FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1963.

the rules of crurt, you will make a col. Tillman, prompt arrest and bring the party before me, and will deal with the case. There must be no demonstration in this Courts

CLERK &

The jury after being out about twenty hours brought in a verdict of "not guilty."

POISON EATERS START.

Poly Class in Salicylic Acid Begins Eating.

The tests that will be continued during the next eight months at the bureau of chemistry of the Department of Agriculture to determine the relative qualities of food under different conditions of artificial preservation have begun. Twelve young men yolunteers for the course of "free food what was said, and it is left for of Cour to read the verdict of "Not guilty" of the charge of murder. Thus ends one of the greatest and most important trials that has occurred in South Carolina, certainly the most important and far-reaching within in the last quarter of a century.

It is perhaps due and proper that the verdict of a jury should be final. Then July Gary permitted the clerk of Cour to read the verdict of "Not guilty" be stimportant trials that has occurred in South Carolina, certainly the most important and far-reaching within the last quarter of a century.

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Quite a number of Col. Tillman's kinsmen have been devoted and constant in their attendance upon the Court, and they followed counsel in their congratulations to Col. Tillman For five or ten minutes the whole Court was given over to Col. Tillman. The members of counsel for the defence then went to the jury that sat nearby and extended their personal nearby and extended their personal thanks for the verdict, and later on Col. Tillman himself went over to the jury and shook hands with each member that had given him his liberation of his liberty, because his

RELEASED FROM CUSTODY. It took only a few minutes to draw

up the formal order releasing James the jury had been drawn, said that counties, as the result of the acquitnothing but an acquittal would be the tal. While this formal order was bethe prosecution expect a conviction. out of his drawer to hand them to Col. It may then be asked why the trial? Tillman, and as he did so Col. Tillman

There were no ladies in the Court gone into the jail to see his wife he with carrying a concealed weapon and left there with her to go and see his mother, who was at the Kammer merely the latter offense.

Hotel, but she met him on the street, It seems that a rumor gained cirhours and hours the other jurors throwing her arms around her son, an attempt had been made to pay welcomed him back to freedom. Col. consent to a verdict. At breakfast lillman then went into the hoter, defence, two dollars and a half a day of the leading men of the wrecked or

## LEFT FOR EDGEFIELD.

Col. Tillman was invited to dine. and after that he' arranged for his mother. Mrs. Norris, his mother-inlaw, and his wife, his little girl and A. H. Geiger, a relative of the Lorhimself to leave Lexington on the 5 icks. o'clock train and go to Edgefield tice of law. He said Thursday afternoon it was too early for him to talk practice law there if he can so arrange severaly wounded in a runaway acci-

ent several days ago. some reasons the jurors refused to allow themselves to be photographed, but Thursday afternoon they carefulpicture on the afternoon train for their homes

### SOME APPOSITE REFLECTIONS. Is the time ever coming in South Carolina when there will be a return

Perhaps the trial of James II. Till

placed about Jackson's neck. He was came from the jury room was to the has been in jail in Columbia and Lexin all, and even that is more punish-Judge Gary promptly directed ment than some folks thought he In that time he has become a bit

be the same James H. Tillman as of

AN EXCEPTIONAL CASE. There has never been a cause more earnestly presented or defended than that against James II. Tillman. It is a decided exception to find a full but such was the fact in the trial of Col. Tillman. It has taken fourteen days of actual work to get a verdict. After the jury filed into the Court and this does not include the days on oom and took seats the stuation was which recesses were made necessary

> The actual trial has taken nearly ing the developments of the case and left Angelas for the east.

lly broke the strain the arguments, or fixing the time for he saw no use for the actual trial to begin. The un-tible walt involved an usual interest in the case is indicated ain a with this, Mr. by the great demand for bulletins dan of the jury, arose from Lexington concerning the re-lindistment to Mr. sult of the trial. Hundreds of news k of the Court. papers and individuals asked for bulle The Court is a constant rush all day sending out messages concerning the acquittal of

> SHOWED GREAT INTEREST. Senator Tillman spent only one day at the trial, but that was quite sufficlent to show his interest in the case. and it may be noted that he has carefully watched every phase of the matter, and has been constant in his advice and suggestions. Senator Till-man would no doubt have been present during the entire trial had he not been out of the State in the early days of the trial. Recently he has

been in constant attendance on his wife, who was severely injured in a runaway acoldent.

ALL HONOR TO JUDGE GARY. In the closing statements concern ing the Tillman trial. It is well to again speak of the satisfaction that Special Judge Gary gave. He did his work well and, under trying circumstances, made prompt and satisfactory decisions. He has done much for his good reputation.

The above account of the release of Col. Tillman was written by Mr. August Kohn, for the News and Courier, from which paper we clip it.

### Col. Tillman Says Ho Deeply Regrets Mr. Gonzales Death.

A CARD OF THANKS.

After his acquittal Col. Tillman dictated the following card of thanks, which he asked should be given the widest possible publicity:

I apprehend any serious consequences.

I, of course, deeply regret the death of Mr. Gonzales, but I was forced to do what I did. I have never apprehended a conviction, for I felt domestic 79,085 were delived to corthat I did no more than any other man would have done under the same circumstances, and what I was com-

pelled to do "My position was fully stated in the testimony I gave on the stand. I did ask for a change of venue because I was convinced, on account of 'prejudice in Richland County, I could not get a fair, and impartial trial in that county. I felt as soon as my case could be presented to an impartial jury I could be vindicated. The verdict has justified the correctness of my judgment. Lexington County was selected by the prosecution. Its peo-

. w-abiding and have long been and seen praised by the press. ("Signed.) James H. Tillman."

TWO LAWYERS ARRESTED. A Sensation Crops Out of the Tillman

Melton C. Lorick, a witness for the the Standard's work. Recently some where he had a regular levee of friends and relatives.

to leave Lexington and remain away injured companies determined to inutil the trial was finished. The of-vestigate and in two days' time they fer was said to have been made by Attorney Asbill through Wallace E. Lorick, a brother, who was one of the first constables in charge of the jury. The story was told in Lexington by J.

where he proposes to resume the practice of law. He said Thursday after and W. E. Lorick stated that they would swear out warrants for Messrs. about his plans, but the prospects are A-bill and Sturkie, on the grounds that he will remain at Edgefield and above stated. It seems that when He might stop over at Trenton cured a buggy and in company with and see Mrs. B. R. Tillman, who was Sturkle drove out to the home of During the progress of the trial for from the two men denying the statement that had been made in Lexing-

Geiger and Lorick alleged that they true. Asbill denied this alleged and that it was a scheme to injure his reputation. Geiger says he ordered the two men off his premises. In his affidavit for warrant, Geiger alleges that Asbill drew a pistol at this stage of the turbance by getting Asbill to leave. Sturkle was present merely as a friend of Asbill. Friends of Asbill deny the

## bond.

Hard Times on Grand Cayman. According to information received by steamship from Georgetown, Grand Cayman, the conditions on the islands as a result of the hurricane and flood are deplorable, and the people are suffering from fever. It is also stated that the supply of food is scant. breaking out of the fever is attributed directly to decaying fruit and sap trees which were felled by the storm and numerous cattle that perished. It is It was not many min- manner, but otherwise he appears to stated that small donations of food are coming from various sources, but there is not sufficient to relieve the sufferings of the poorer classes. On the island are only two physicians, one of whom is a young man of limited experience, while the other is rather an old man.

## Killed by a Madman.

Angelas, Cal., was shot and killed by an unknown man, who committed sulcide. Miss Mead left Angelas bepersecuted her and Insisted that she three weeks, and the week before marry him. When she refused he

### THE DEAD LETTER OFFICE.

An Interesting Abstract of the Report of its Operations,

An interesting abstract of the an nual report of the business and operations of the dead letter office for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1903, is presented by the Washington Times. According to this report, there has been a large and steady increase in the annual receipts of the dead letter office. The total receipts for the year were 10,155,146 pieces—the largest in the history of the office—exceding those of the preceding year by 854, 795 pieces. This total included al lasses of matter, domestic and foreign, and for the treatment and disclerical and laborers force of 135 em ployes, male and female, was requir Of the aggregate number, 302, 521 pieces were delivered unopened to domestic addresses, which included letters which should have been returned to the card addresses of senders by postmasters, and those for which corrected addresses were supplied by this

office: 955,026 were returned unopened

to foreign countries, as against 818,

594 the previous year, a striking increase of 136,432; and the enormous

total of 8,895,205 pieces were opened Some of the letters sent to the dead letter office contained large sums of money, the money found in letters opened last year amounting to \$48, 634.04. Commercial paper found such as drafts, checks, money orders, etc., represented a face value of \$1,493,563. The number of merchan dise parcels received was 254,580, which were restored to the owners as far as possible, and the remaineer held to be included in one of the annual sales. Photographs were found in 219,955 letters and parcels. Letters which contained postage stamps in varying amounts from 1 cent up-ward numbered 249,955. The domes-"I feel very grateful as to the result of the verdict, but at no time did tic misdirected letters received numbered 249,955. The domes sult of the verdict, but at no time did tic misdirected letters received numbered 249,955. bered 534,201, an increase of more than 50,000, and foreign, including postal cards, 137,190, an increase of 25,000 in round numbers. Of the rected addresses, an increase of over 13,000, and of the foreign 21,012, an increase of about 2,500. There were 131,032 held-for-postage letters re-ceived and disposed of. Under the regulations, undeliverable merchandise matter is to be hereafter held for one year, instead of two as formely, before being sold, and this rendered necessary an addition sale during the year. The first was held in December, 1902, and the gross proceeds were \$3,535.85. The second occurred in February, 1903, gross proceeds, \$5, 244.15; total of both, \$8,780.

## A STARTLING STORY.

How the Standard Oil Company Knocks Out Competition.

tember 8, the Associate press carried the information that the Forth Worth Telegram prints "the most at the most at the coast are counted for the coast are constant are const Telegram prints "the most startling story that has ever come out from the The Augusta Chronicle Lexington Beaumont oil fields and states, that orrespondent says the Tillman case the informant is one of the most promcorrespondent says the Tillman case the informant is one of the most prom-had a sensational byplay Wednesday inent men of Fort Worth who reprosecution, and his friend Lawyer this Beaumont citizen declares that ment, and which seemed to be in jall, awaiting the return of her husband, and as soon as Col. Tillman had bar. These warrants charged Asbill bard, and as soon as Col. Tillman had bar. These warrants charged Asbill petrated a gigantic steal in the Beaumont fields and that positively estabtrespass and Sturkle was charged with lished details are just coming to merely the latter offense. light." According to the Beaumont Hotel, but she met him on the street, between the jul and the hotel, and, culation in Lexington last week that nies of Beaumont are the victims, many of which have been wrecked by

vestigate and in two days' time they

raised \$27,000 with which to push the work." In the story printed by the Fort Worth paper, it is explained that "the numerous oil wells that apparently were rulned by salt water were put in their bad condition by the Standard Now to the warrants of today; In Oil company's conspirators. As fast property was brought in by the trust. work of the Standard company was discovered recently. The Standard Asbill heard of these rumors he se- Oil company long ago built a pipe line from Beaumont to the Gulf of Mexico. A pumping station was erected at Geiger, some eight or ten miles from Beaumont and another at the gulf. Lexington. He demanded an affidavit Oil was pumped through the pipe line to the gulf and thence shipped to various parts of the world. many wells of Independent companies had salt water in them. The ruin of refused to give these affidavits on the the owners is part of the history of Most of them left Lexington ground that what they had said was the field. One day not long ago one of the pumping stations got out of working order, and oil pumping to the gulf had to be suspended while re-

pairs were being made. Wells that had been giving out fully one-half salt water began flowing quarrel and Sturkle prevented a dis- nothing but oil, good fuel oil, it is declared. That put the investigation on foot. The investigators secretly plugged up the pipe line at the Beautransaction. Asbill and Sturkie gave mont end. They drove several miles into the country, dug into the ground over the pipe line, made a tapping into the line and salt water gushed into the air nearly 100 feet. It is claimed that the pressure was from the gulf pumping station and that salt water was being pumped to Beaumont into the wells that the Standard company's conspirators desired to wreck; that there was no pressure from the Beaumont end of the plugging of the pipe. The informant of the Telegram dework to develop who should be arrested in connection with the conspira-

### Marderer Captured. Cyrus Dixon, a white man who was

working at a saw mill near Society Hill under the name of Lormin, has been arrested and carried to North Miss Josephine Mead, aged eighteen he had been tried for murder, conyears, formerly a school teacher at victed and sentenced to death, but escaped, and came south by water routes, leaving no trace, till about critical and the stress intense. Every on account of the illness of Juror cause of the unwelcome attentions of so great for the widow of the man he one seemed to be expecting something, Sharpe, or Sundays. two months ago, his affections became meet her. She was tracked with the to be allowed to go was very earnest.

## SHIPS WRECKED

By the Dozen in the Late Storm Which Raged

OFF NORTH CAROLINA COAST.

News Reaghes Norfolk of Disaster Right and Left. Splendid Work Done by the Life Saving Station

A dispatch from Norfolk says the Carolina coasts since the hurricane that raged there ten days ago dispels the hope that the terrific shoals off Currituck and Hatteras have not slaimed their quota of the craft.

Two vessels are known to have been ost on that stretch of the coast and further reports are expected to bring news of other wrecks as at this time three schooners are missing together with one barge. Two schooners, and a barge, in addition to those wrecked hetween Cape Henry and Dam Neck were lost during Thursday and Friday. The crew of the schooners were saved out the barge went down with all hands on board.

The tug Buccaneer, Captain Joseph Lane, reports that the barge Oracle foundered off Cape Henry with Cap-tain Cookson, her cook and three sea-men, all white. The tug sailed from Baltimore, towing the Oracle which was coal laden. Off Hod island the storm struck her on Thursday and the barge with her crew went down. The tug could not approach the heavy sea and was forced to come here for safe-

Observer A. W. Drlnkwater of the Currituck station, reached Norfolk Wednesday by the inland route and reports the loss of the schooners Mabel Rose and J. W. Halden. The life-savers had seen the Rose about 2 p. o., Saturday with her crew in the rigging, but she was then two miles out at sea and nothing could be done for her. At 4 a. m., Sunday the lifesavers succeeded in shooting a line across the wreck and within eighteen pinutes after the first man had been started, ashore the captain and erew safety. It is estimated that the cargo if lumber carried by the schooner Rose was worth more than \$50,000.

Three masted schooner J. B. Hollen, of Suffolk, is ashore near False Cape, Va., and is a total loss. Her captain, W. O. Crammer, of Suffolk, and her crew were taken off by the life-savers and are safe. The Holden was heavily laden with lumber and an attempt to save at leat a portion of ner cargo will be made. The ocean going tugs accustomed to stand off Cape Henry awaiting the arrival of Baltimore bound schooners were unable to stand the storm outsi le and

came in to Norfolk. They report that the schooners Isabell Gill, May Lee Patton, Jennie of these vessels. Captain Thomas, commanding the schooner Henry S. Little, which came in Wednesday in distress, is reported in the marine district as saying that he saw three schooners in a very dangerous predicamade this port. It is regarded as possible that the Gill, Thomas and Patton may have made some port and

the fact not yet reported. In an Earthquake. The Norwegian steamer Ellida, Capt. Petersen, which has arrived in Mobile, was caught in an quake" at 2.55 A. M., September 20. fourteen miles off the Ouban shore, and the shock, was so severe that it threw the men from their berths and knocked all . quite violently about. Capt Petersen says the Ellida was er route to Santiago from Venzuela with cattle. The engines were running full speed and everything was all The water there is from 1,200 as a company went to the wall its to 1,400 fathoms deep. There were no other vessels in sight. Suddenly, with no warnings whatever, the Ellida seemed to have run aground. She quivered, creaked, her propeller was out of water, and it seemed as though the steamer was constantly rising on the crest of a hidden reef. Then, in the twinkling of an eye, she seemed to absolutely drop into the

very chasm of the deep. Bold Robbers. One of the most daring bank robberies in Illinois was committed early Wednesday morning at Berwick. Four men, armed to the teeth, in a wagon, drove into that town and entered the Farmers' State Bank, where they forced the combination of the big safe with dynamight and secured \$2,-800 in cash. The explosion awakened a number of residents of the town, who appeared on the scene, but at the point of guns they were compelled by the robbers to keep away from the bank building until they had loaded their booty into a buggy. The robbers then drove off in an easterly direction, but were not followed by the terrified citizens, who were panicstricken by the buldness of the robbery.

## Burned to Death.

An aged lady, Miss Nanny Robertson, living 10 miles above Laurens, was burned to death in her house Wednesday night. When the fire was discovered the building was alclares that a force of detectives is at most destroyed and no rescue, could be made. She was seventy-five years old. The fire is supposed to have originated from a lamp, a large quantity of batting becoming ignited acidentally while she was engaged in quilting. Miss Robertson lived alone. Her nearest neighbor lived about 100 yards from her house.

## A Lucky Negro.

Andrew Beared, a negro, who has earnened a modest salary in the machine shops of the Louisville and Nashville railroad in Burmingham, Ala., for 20 years, has sold to the makers of the Janney car coupler a patent car coupler, which he invented 10 years ago and has perfected since until found acceptable to eminent rallroad authorities. Beard is to get \$100,000 and royalties for 17 years on all couplers made on his model.