

DOWN TO A FINALE THE CASE

The Taking of the Testimony Completed Saturday.

CHARACTER WITNESSES. Testing Credibility of Men Put Up By the Defense.

ANOTHER INCIDENT OVER THE MENTION OF POLITICS.

Witness Mitchell's Manner Toward Mr. Bellinger Such That He Expresses Himself Forcibly and Clearly.

BY W. W. BALL.

Lexington, Oct. 7.—The eighth day of the trial of James H. Tillman saw the development of a large part of the case for the defense. The witnesses examined were as a rule put upon the stand to prove threats or expressions alleged to have been employed by Mr. Gonzales. One or two witnesses also were examined with the view to breaking down the testimony of certain witnesses for the State.

As has been said before in these reports, an accurate estimate of this trial, its incidents, its issues and what they involve may best be had and can only be had from the stenographic notes which are being published daily in this paper. Intelligent South Carolinians ought to read them carefully and perseveringly, until the trial is over. The fate of the prisoner at the bar is a matter of profound, extraordinary importance to the prisoner at the State of South Carolina, or in other words, the people of South Carolina, prosecuting this case larger issues are involved. Never before perhaps has a criminal trial including so many principles of first importance to the public been seen or heard in South Carolina. The journalism of the State is to a degree involved, for utterances of a large number of the newspapers of the State are actually in evidence and the duty of an editor to his readers, with its limitations, is a subject of searching inquiry, incessantly cropping out. The methods of the lawyers, for the one side or the other, are brought into a relief incomparably sharper than in most cases. The history of South Carolina for a period of years is intertwined with the cause and more to the point, the history of the State for years to come may be involved in its outcome. It is for these reasons, readers of this newspaper are urged to peruse with attention the necessarily "noted" papers that the stenographers' notes tell.

Applying generally to the witnesses examined yesterday as well as those to be examined today, it may be observed that they were with rare, if any exceptions, friends, comrades, relatives, intimates, political or personal supporters of the prisoner. This does not necessarily affect their credibility; it is quite possible to the prisoner may be presented; but so far as the prisoner has been in the hands of his friends, it is a very different matter. How strange, how menacing, strange, that they should have been selected to occupy the witness stand in a tragedy a spot from which, in her own words, she "could have almost reached out and touched its victims." How strange, how menacing, strange, that all persons it should have been left to her in the thronged courtroom, to be the only one to bear witness to the man who had been the first to pierce his body with the bullet.

held that was competent as showing the attitude of the mind of the prisoner. The testimony speaks for itself. The witnesses, sensitive and state their histories in a measure together with their employment, so all in the detailed report and is rarely interesting.

Solicitor Thurmond conducted the examination in chief of the State's witnesses, and his questions were returned over the conduct of the cross examinations of the witnesses for the defense to his assistant counsel. Mr. DeLoach was able to serve yesterday was still far from well. Judge Gary was considerably and watchful and was not without some of his usual humor. It is not believed that as much time will be consumed in hearing the testimony for the defense as was consumed in the prosecution, but this is mere conjecture.

Those who have read the proceedings of the trial will have observed that more than once the name of Senator B. R. Tillman has been called in connection with another connection by attorneys for the defense. When at the opening of the case yesterday Mr. Rembert was read from the editorial in the State newspaper heretofore read by the prosecution, a passage of some heat occurred between Mr. Bellinger and the State's attorney, Mr. Nelson of the prisoner's. It ended satisfactorily to the gentlemen chiefly concerned that both can be kept in check in what they said, but both were apparently cool and self-controlled. The colloquy grew and defense to have read an editorial taken from a New York paper and reproduced in the State newspaper, which had no reference to the prisoner. The following from the editorial in question is published herewith in full: "The following is the editorial, and is printed in extenso elsewhere:

Mr. Bellinger—If your honor will permit me to say, it is a matter of regret that more than one of these clippings do not mention either of the Tillmans; it mentions no name. The defendant, the other does not refer to him, even remotely, and there is nothing in the clipping which refers to Tillman. One from the Sun of the 26th of February and the other of the 27th of February, which would a clipping which refers to agriculture, religion or any other subject than the defendant. "Have you asked for them as you did for the one in the State newspaper with pleasure," observed Mr. Bellinger. "I did not ask you to bring them here," exclaimed Mr. Johnstone, "and you divulged them to me."

The introduction of the editorials of the State for an entire year, for twice the length of time requested by the defendant, has been one of the surprises of the trial. It is not for a lawyer to be so glibly and so unhesitatingly to the legal tactician and advocate to the newspaper man. It is not for a newspaper editor to be so glibly and so unhesitatingly to the legal tactician and advocate to the newspaper man. It is not for a newspaper editor to be so glibly and so unhesitatingly to the legal tactician and advocate to the newspaper man.

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Mr. Bellinger—I will state I mean no reflection. The Court—That is sufficient. Mr. Nelson—That is sufficient. Mr. Bellinger—That is sufficient.

A member of the legislature from Spartanburg was sworn for the day. He was sworn for the day. He was sworn for the day. He was sworn for the day.

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SALIENT POINTS OF THE TESTIMONY.

A Resume of the Evidence at the Tillman Trial.

POLITICAL FAITH OF NO EFFECT Some Reflections of One Who Has Closely Followed the Case Day by Day.

BY W. W. BALL.

With the testimony all heard in the case of James H. Tillman and the arguments of the attorneys, it is interesting to emphasize some of the points that have made themselves conspicuously plain in the proceedings. In spite of the injection of politics into the trial, in spite of the dragging in of Senator B. R. Tillman's name, it has been demonstrated sufficiently that prominent factors have had no more sympathy with the shooting of Mr. Gonzales than members of the faction that he was formerly identified with. Look at the example of Talbird—a Reformer and a State senator. It was to be expected that he would tell the truth to the best of his ability, to the best of his recollection, and that is what, without doubt, he did. Adams and Dowling, too, were among the witnesses for the State. They are among the witnesses for the State. This is no matter for surprise. Politics does not affect the sanctity of an honest man's oath.

What the political views of Mr. Wilton, chief clerk in the office of Comptroller General Jones, may be I do not know. He was a witness sworn for the defense. He was the only eye-witness sworn for the defense whose testimony was not attacked. His testimony was corroborated in "every particular" by the other witnesses. He was the only witness for the State who placed his hand on the witness stand and swore that he saw Mr. Gonzales on the night of the shooting. He was the only witness for the State who placed his hand on the witness stand and swore that he saw Mr. Gonzales on the night of the shooting. He was the only witness for the State who placed his hand on the witness stand and swore that he saw Mr. Gonzales on the night of the shooting.

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THE SULTAN COMING TO TERMS. He is Adjusting the Long Held Up American Claims.—The War-Ship.

Constantinople, Oct. 11.—Two more claims of the American legation have been settled, the more important being the one granted by Dr. Banks permission to excavate the ruins of Bismiah in Mesopotamia. The settlement has been made by a German professor, who is in the degree of support the defense. The second question settled concerns property belonging to the wife of the American consul at Smyrna upon which immigrants have a lien. The negotiations were conducted by the American consul and the Turkish government and are also making progress.

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A SHIP ABOARD.

The Norwegian Ship Constance Bound for Pensacola, Fla. It is believed that the Norwegian ship Constance, which went ashore during a gale yesterday at Calandoo on the western coast of North Holland, will prove a total wreck. The Constance was bound for Pensacola, Fla., from Hamburg, whence she sailed Sept. 29. Capt. Kief and the crew of the vessel were saved.

MISTAKEN FOR A BURGLAR.

Trenton, N. J., Oct. 11.—Henry Brown, a retired hotel-keeper and a man of considerable means, was mistaken for a burglar early this morning when he was awakened by the police in his home. Brown had been taken to the police station and was held for a short time. He was released after being identified by his neighbors. Brown was shot twice in the head and his physicians have no hope of his recovery. Brown's act in breaking into Kotz's house is unexplainable except on the ground of insanity. Brown was taken to the hospital in the early part of the evening and it is said to have been drinking quite freely at the time. Brown's relatives are in the city and his families were entirely unacquainted.