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He Is the Man Who Drove the Murderers and Their Victim to Newport on the

Unclearance Saturday afternoon. George H. Jackson, private conchman for Major H. Jackson, private concliman for Major Wildlefield, on McGregor avenue. Mt. Auburn, revealed the story. He called on Pollce Officer Swain, who was passing by where he was working, and asked him if the head of that dead girl had yet been found. He then asked the officer if they had found the cabman and was told no. Again he asked if they should find the cabman whether he would be held as a participant in the crime along with the murderers. He was told very likely not. that it depended upon circumstances. Jackson then said he would like to see the chief of police.

chief of police. Officer Swain told him to report at the headquarters of the police in Mt. Au-burn at 8 o'clock in the evening, which he did. Meantime he told his story to Officer Swain, and also to Lieutenant Thornton, of the Mt. Auburn police. He was brought before the master and they told the same before the mayor, and there told the same

story. George H. Jackson is drill master and George H. Jackson is util master and sommander of the Caldwoll Guards, a col-ored company in this city. On Friday night Jan. 31, he was drilling them until midnight. He went out alterwards and was standing a moment at the corner of George and Eim streets, in the tenderloin district of this city, when a tall, dark haired man wearing a corduroy cap came narries man wearing a correspondence on came up and said to the company of bystanders: "Do any of you follows want to make \$5 for driving a carriage toulght?" Jackson accepted the offer. He had been a carriage driver all his life. Presently a

square boxed surrey was driven down to where he was, and he was told that was the carriage. He was invited to the seat and a man with a corduroy cap and dark mustache took a sent beside him and directed him. He told him that there was a doctor and a sick lady in the carriage. and that they were going to take them over to Newport, and he would show him how to drive. The horse was a gray one, and moved very rapidly. After driving through Newport he became alarmed and wanted to jump off. This was after mid night, and no one was on the street, so that he could make an alarm, but he was very much frightened. The man on the sent beside him put a revolver to his head and said: "You drive that horse or I'll make an end of you very quickly." "I had never driven out on that road before that I know of. The man on the

seat directed me how to go. It was a very crooked road. We came out at last where they told me to stop. There were some thickets nearby. They said the house where the woman was to go was not very far away. They would take her across there and whistle when they were ready to come back. They told me to turn the horse around and wait for them. The man in the surrey got out first and helped the woman. She leaned on him heavily and as she walked along dragged her feet. "It was too dark for me to see anything. The man who got out of the store see anything. The man who got out of the surrey was not us tall as the man who sat by me. That man got off the seat and assisted in tak-ing the woman away in the darkness. I looked for a hitching block and expected to find a round one. Instead of that I found a place of railway rall about a foot the start two balas in it. I bloched the long, with two holes in it. I hitched the horse to that and waited a little while. I heard a very queer noise, something like shuffling in the leaves, along with a noise that I can't describe that I think was made by a woman. It sounded like a woman's cry in distress. I remembered strange ery in distress. I rememored strange noises that the woman had been making all the way out. The noise that I heard in the thicket frightened me, and I ran away as hard as I could run. I got home on foot about 4:30 o'clock in the morning.

"When I heard of this murder I thought it must be the same case. I was afraid to

Another elecumstance that supports George H Jackson's story that the con-veyance used was a surrey, and that Jackson abandoned is in fright on that tragic night is the fact that a gentleman of New-port driving toward Fort Thomas in a waggy on that Saturday morning met a surrey drawn by a gray horse with two men on the front seat and collided with B. He got out and the men in the surrey drove on toward. Newport at a furious rate. This man's name is not given, but he will be on hand when required as a witness.

Scor. Jackson, when the thing was over. Night of the Tragedy, but Became Fright-ened and Ran Away. Cixcissari, Feb. 17. — The strongest denounces the negro's statement as a lie. Detectives Crim and McDermitt last night discovered a rackaway and a gray borse in the stable of the Walnut Hills Cab connany, which was hired out be-tween 4 and 7 p. m. on Jan. 31 and was re-turned at 4 a. m. Feb. 1. President Mullen, of the cab company, says that the man who hired it was about the size and genwho hird in which about, the size and go of eral appearance of Walling, but he thought he had a darker complexion. The carpai-had blood spots on it, and a bloody pencil was found in it. The negro Jackson blon-lifles the vehicle, saying it was made to look like a surrey by the use of storm cur-tains. tains

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THE WEEK IN CONGRESS

The Cuban Recognition Question May be Brought Up.

SENATORS EXPECT A BUSY WEEK.

If They Are Unable To Agree on Tariff Bill Action, However, the Upper Body May Adjourn by the First of June-The Contested Election Cases.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.-Most of the time of the house this week will be taken up with the consideration of appropriation bills. The agricultural bill should be dis-posed of today unless a prolonged debate should be precipitated on the question of seed distribution by the agricultural de-partment. The Indian and army approprintion). The findma and army appropriation bills are ready and the appropriations committee expects to have the ex-centive, legislative and judicial bill re-ported by Wednesday. The foreign affairs committee will call

up the resolution to censure Ambassador Bayard as soon as those in charge of the appropriation bills afford an opportunity to do so. The foreign affairs committee is also working on a Cuban resolution, and it may possibly be reported to the house this weak. The trend of opinion in the committee favors a resolution expressing it as the some of congress that a state of war exists in Cuba, and requesting the president to issue his proclamation recog-

The report of the contexted election case of Van Horn vs. Tarsney from the Fifth Missouri district can be called up at any time. The report is in favor of the contestant, but a minority report will be filed tomorrow recommending that the case be recommitted and the testimony reopened. The prospects are for a busy week in the senate, but outside of the fact that Senator Senate, but outside of the fact that Senator Davis speaks today in support of the Mon-fee doctrine and that the appropriation bills which have been reported will be taken up and probably disposed of, no definite forecast of the proceedings can be givon:

There continues to be more or less dis-There continues to be more or less dis-cussion of a private nature avong sema-tors as to the probabilities of getting up the tariff bill in some form, but this de-pends almost wholly upon whether the friends of the bill can obtain assurance of success in whatever move they make.

The reports of both the majority and the minority of the committee on privileges and elections on the Dupont case, the former favoring the seating of Mr Dupont as senator from Delaware and the latter opposing that course, will be made to the senate this afternoon, but the debate which is sure to occur on this ques tion will be postponed until later in the

There is beginning to be a great deal of talk in the senace of an early adjournment If it is made evident that there will be no tariff legislation many senators think that an adjournment by the first of June will be possible.

THE CRISIS IN FRANCE.

It May Lead to a Dissolution of Premier

Bourgeois' Cabinet. LONDON, Feb. 17.-The special dispatches from Paris this morning all agree as to the gravity of the French crisis. According to a semi-official statement M. Bour-geois, the premier, had an interview with President Faure yesterday afternoon and explained that the conflict of the senate with the chamber had assumed such a which the character that a resignation of the minis-try would not solve the crisis. The cab-iner had, therefore, decided to await the further expression of the opinion of the chamber, the ministers agreeing that they can no more yield to the senate than they can disregard the confidence of the cham

The origin of the crisis is the determination of the senate to overthrow the Rad-ical ministry or to die in the attempt. Not since "mai seize" has France been on the brink of so extansive an upheaval. Presi dent Faure's position is shaken, and he is severely blamed by all moderate politicians for suffering the experiment of a Rad ical ministry, failing to foresee the countless difficulties that were bound to follow. The most noticeable feature of the crisis is the apathy of the public and the belief that all will come right some how, The chamber is unlikely to yield, and already



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he got out of the carriage in the darkness, and I only know about his size. Bring him up by this other man." Jackson was brought up by Walling. The negro said: "This looks like the other man. I'd like to hear his voice." The negro then said: "I can't be sure about this man. That sounds very much like the voice of the man who told me to turn the horse around and who helped the woman out, only it was a great deal woman out, only it was a great deal harsher.

After telling his story at the jail George H. Jackson led the detectives over the route he had taken on the night of the murder. His evidence is considered convincing. A special circumstance that gives weight to his testimony is the high name he bears among his employers. Mr. Reb-stock, a livery man for whom he worked four years, says: "He is the best and truest all round negro 1 ever knew. I would trust him with anything." Others who have employed him bear similar testi-

mony. Another circumstance in his favor is Another circumstance in his favor is that there is an offer of a reward of \$500 for the discovery of the cab driver. George H. Jackson has not made any claim for this reward, nor has he even spoken of it. In his statement he said that he found in the surcey, instead of a round hitching weight, a piece of railroad rail with two holes through it. A hather strap was Beer and Porter. holes through it. A leather strap was fastened to one of these holes. That he used for a hitching weight and then ran away. It was just precisely such a proce of railroad iron that was wrapped up in of railroad iron that was wrapped up in Jackson's bloody coat when it was fished out of a sower catch basin at the corner of John and Richmond streets several days ago. What emphasizes this evidence is the fact that this coat, being wrapped around a piece of railroad iron, has never been mentioned in the newspapers. Barbey's Bohemian Beer. SAFE AND SURE. SEND 40. POR WORKING BARE



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dissolution is in the air. PAuls, Feb. 17 .- The cabinet has decided to ignore the vote taken in the sen-ate on Saturday, which was a repetition of a vote of that body on Feb. 11, deprecating the irregularities disclosed in connection with the Southern railway scandal, and domanding a searching inquiry. newspapers here express the belief that no issue from the cabinet crisis is possible, except through the resignation of M. Ricard, minister of justice.

Two Women Murdered and Cremated.

LOUISVILLE, Seb. 17. - A mysterious double murder occurred near Augusta between 3 and 4 o'clock in the morning. Mrs. Roberi Laughlin and her niece, Mary Jones, were killed, and their bodies cra-mated in their house, near Augusta. Mr. Langhlin's throat was gashed and he was stabled several times, but he got away from his assailants and ran to a neigh bor's, where he gave the alarm. Mr. Laughlin believes that all had been chlo-Laughin believes that all had been chio-roformed. Although two traines are under arrest, the people do not believe the story of Laughlin. The popular belief is that Laughlin assaulted May Jones and was caught by his wife, when a struggle en-sued, resulting in Laughlin killing his wife and his 13-year-old niece and then burning his house to hide the orime

Kruger Resents English Interference.

Loxpox, Feb. 17 .- The Berlin correspon dent of The Chronicle sends a dispatch, apparently inspired by Dr. Loyds, the sec retary of state of the Transvaal, which soys "The Transvaal government considors Secretary Chamberlain's proposed home rule a prepasterous and utilerly un-workable scheme. It may almost be apworkanse scheme, it may atmost be ac-cepted as certain that President Kruper-will not visit England, because his pres-ence these would be a virtual recognition of England's right to interface in the in-ternal affairs of the Transvant."

Gomer's Warning to Weyler.

Tames & Warning to Weyler, Tames, Fin., Feb. 17.—One bundred and forty passengers arrived on the stranger Olivette from Cubulast alght. They say that the fitting revealls in Havana that the prisoners in More Castle are being shot, as the fitting can be heard in the city. Gunez has motified General Weyler that has the attent to remain the archite should be attempt to repeat his atrocities of the former revolution that he will be shot by Cuban assassins. A Spanish se-cret service detective named Garcia will arrive on the next steamer commissioned to remain here and spy upon expeditions.

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