

THEY STILL LIVE

The Talbot Boys Rescued by the Governor Until July 22

What They Said and Did Yesterday—
Determined to Die Game.

Intense Disgust and Indignation of the
Maryville Mob.

(Special Telegrams to The Evening Star)

Maryville, Mo., June 24. Yesterday the Talbot boys seemed to abandon all hope of obtaining a commutation of their sentence, or even a reprieve. They showed a little

SMALL INTEREST IN THEIR FATE, although they kept a stiff upper lip and reiterated their innocence. The effort to obtain a commutation from the governor was the last of a series of moves to prevent the execution. The counsel for the prisoners worked hard as did all their friends, and money was raised freely. It being asserted on pretty good authority that the newspapers working for a truce did so for you. All day yesterday

THE LATEST EXCITEMENT prevailed in the town, and the telegraph office was besieged for the latest news. The boys appeared to be the least concerned of any one in the city. They were kept under a double guard and were not allowed the privilege of the corridor as usual. The conditions were well and seemed almost as happy as ever. A priest visited them during the afternoon and received respectful attention but no encouragement as to the safety of their souls. Late in the afternoon the boys began to feel their position more keenly, and showed some signs of breaking down, although they did not give way entirely. Had showed the greatest sign of distress, and from his lips it did not probably come again.

AN INTERESTING PAIR, appearing for the defense were Miss and Miss Manzel, of Quincy, who "came in the interests of humanity" to try and prevent the execution. They besought everybody for assistance, even desiring the sheriff to resign which he couldn't quite see in that light.

Mrs. Talbot was busy telegraphing to Jefferson City. During the day the rumor was passed from mouth to mouth that the

BOYS HAD CONFESSED, or rather that they had made a statement that their mother did the killing, but the rumor was denied by all concerned.

Late yesterday afternoon Tim Brown, a friend of the boys, was permitted to see them. Albert was writing a letter and seemed perfectly composed. Charles grasped his hand cordially. They both said they had nothing new to offer. They were innocent of the crime charged, but prejudice was now against them, and they had but little to hope for. They said the newspapers had misrepresented them from the first.

In answer to a direct question "Do you know who killed your father?" they both said "We do not. We never told anyone that Walt shot Jim, and we know it. We believe we are

THE VICTIMS OF A CONSPIRACY, and if we had time we could prove it, but we have only circumstantial evidence."

Both of the boys looked fully as well as usual and seemed perfectly composed. They bid the reporter a cheerful "good day," and turned to talk with other interviewers.

Besides THE EVENING STAR, representatives of the St. Louis, Chicago, Omaha, Council Bluffs and St. Joe papers are present.

It was believed last night that **THE BOYS MIGHT ATTEMPT SUICIDE,** and that they had their change their clothes entirely, and everything taken from their cells, so there could be no possibility of their concealing any weapons or poison.

About the least respected person in the community, by all appearances, is Mrs. Talbot, mother of the murderers and widow of their victim. When she was at Jefferson City, it is said, that she seemed but little moved and listened to Cunningham's denials without a word. She did not fall upon her knees and plead for the governor to spare the lives of her two sons. She took the matter as a matter of course and calmly asked what her husband was killed. She does not possibly realize the situation, or that she is devoid of motherly love and care, but little for the two boys whom she reared with all the love and care and caresses in years ago.