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CHIRAMENTE JURY HAS GOOD TIME SEEING TOWN

Enjoyed Tour of City in Afternoon, Ate Watermelon and Went to Church in the Evening

That the Chiramente jury did not suffer from ennui yesterday but rather enjoyed themselves was shown by the fact that the entire body, accompanied by a bailiff after enjoying a good dinner yesterday noon, took a long walk during which they visited various parts of the city and those who live in other sections of the community and were to see all the sights of interest.

First the jury went to the Mallory Line docks where they viewed the shipping and the tremendous terminal facilities that have been constructed there within the last year and a half, and then went in a body to the grounds of the Tampa Bay Hotel, where some time was spent in the shade of the palm and other trees which grace the beautiful spot.

Returning to the court house at 4 o'clock, members of the jury suggested cutting a big water melon, and a delicious melon was accordingly, secured. This was sliced into thirteen pieces and passed around. It was eaten with great zest. Some time was then spent in joking and telling humorous stories. In the evening the jury went in an ody to the First Methodist Church to attend services.

When the court opens at 9 o'clock this morning, the defense will open its case. Just what care the defense will play has been a matter of conjecture and intense curiosity for several days, and Col. Robert W. Davis stated Saturday afternoon that, at that time, the exact tactics to be followed had not been arranged. He admitted, however, that testimony will be submitted tending to prove an alibi.

After the defense concludes, the state will put on several witnesses in rebuttal. In the arguments which will follow, State's Attorney Phillips will make a strong plea for conviction. He declares he believes it to be certain that Chiramente will be convicted of murder in the first degree, as he considers the testimony as forming one of the most convincing cases ever known. Mr. Phillips declared that, if Chiramente should be acquitted, he will never attempt to secure another indictment for murder.

A portion of the body of Chiramente's wagon which contains the groove in which the bloody standard was fitted in the presence of the jury Friday morning, has been sawed out to be used by State's Attorney Phillips in making his closing argument.