

## PROPHET'S DASH FOR TRAIN.

Abdul Baha in Spectacular Rush from Montclair.

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MONTCLAIR, N. J., June 29.—The departure of Abdul Baha, leader of the Bahaist cult, from Montclair to-day was attended by excitement. Abdul Baha and a retinue of ten fez-wearing Persians had been staying at 11 Bradford Place for several weeks. Arrangements were made for the departure of the aged prophet to-day for West Englewood, where he addressed a meeting of Bahaists. Several members of his retinue left for the Lackawanna station in advance of their leader.

When train time came, Abdul Baha was not in sight. He had been delayed. The baggage of the Persians was aboard the train, and as it moved away they appealed to the trainmen in several Oriental languages to defer the departure for a few minutes. Several of the excited followers of the prophet, when they realized that the train was leaving, jumped to the platforms. One of them, in swinging his arms about, accidentally or otherwise, pulled the bell rope. At the same instant, by a strange coincidence, Abdul Baha hove in sight in an automobile. To add to the excitement a Persian accidentally knocked off the conductor's hat. The train came to a halt, and Abdul Baha leaped from the automobile and was hustled aboard the coach by his friends.

## VAN NESS ANSWER IN.

Executors Say ex-Wife Signed Away All Claims to the Estate.

Wallace Macfarlane and ex-Surrogate Ransom, as executors of the contested will of Cornelius H. Van Ness, filed their answer in the Supreme Court yesterday to the suit of Mrs. Deborah Van Ness for a \$37,500 share in his estate. Van Ness's will is being contested by Mrs. Mary Louise Parsons, a daughter of the second wife of Van Ness, because he left the bulk of his property to his third wife, Mrs. Alice Wood Van Ness.

The answer of the executors is that Mrs. Van Ness signed away all her claims to the estate of her husband for \$10,000 at the time she won a divorce from him, and that her claims are outlawed by the statute of limitations. The contest over his will is now in the hands of Surrogate Fowler, who is at present enjoying a long vacation in Europe.

## DEVOY LEAVES COMMITTEE.

Kings Leader, for Roosevelt, Succeeded by Jacob A. Livingston.

At a meeting of the Republican Executive Committee of Kings County yesterday the resignation of County Clerk Charles S. Devoy as Chairman of that body was accepted, and Elections Commissioner Jacob A. Livingston was unanimously elected in his place. Mr. Devoy, who is the leader of the Seventh District, resigned several weeks ago when he announced that he was for the nomination of Col. Roosevelt for President. While the County Clerk declares that he is still an "organization man," he has not stated flatly what course he will pursue as to Taft and Roosevelt.

Mr. Livingston is leader of the Twenty-second District, and is regarded as one of the most aggressive and strongest of the district leaders. As head of the Executive Committee, he will act, it is believed, practically as leader of the county.