

HOLMES CASE ENDED.

THE DEFENSE NO TESTIMONY TO OFFER.

Holmes Asks for Dismissal—The Motion Overruled and the Case to Go to the Jury on Argument Alone—Miss Yoke Testifies.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 2.—When today's session of the Holmes trial was begun everybody was looking forward to the prospect of Holmes going on the stand as he announced the other day.

The commonwealth offered in evidence the letters, papers, pictures and the Holmes book and rested its case.

The defense opened by recalling Miss Yoke for re-examination on the question of her marriage with Holmes, which was not brought out in her examination yesterday. She testified that she was married to the prisoner January 17, 1894, at Denver, by the Rev. Mr. Wilcox.

"At the time of this marriage did you know of the existence of this 'Williamette woman'?" was asked by Mr. Rotan.

"I believe I did."

"Was she called Mrs. Holmes?"

"I don't remember."

"You were sure when you married him that he was not married to the 'Williamette woman'?"

"I knew nothing of the woman."

"Did you know anything of any other marriage?" asked Mr. Graham.

The witness replied that she had heard of another at Gilmanston, N. H., but did not know the name.

"Did his sister tell you what he said to her about it?"

"She did. His sister told me that he had told her he had been injured in a wreck and lay a long time in a hospital; that I was a patroness of the hospital and had asked the physicians to perform an operation on him which saved his mind and that I had married him before he realized who he was. I never met the Gilmanston woman."

"When you married him you believed you were becoming a lawful wife?"

"I did."

"Now tell what deception he used to bring about this marriage. What did he represent?"

"He told my mother that his uncle had died and left him certain properties in the South, the West and in Fort Worth, providing he took his uncle's name, Henry Macell Howard. He said he had no relatives living except an aunt in Africa. I found that he had a father, mother, two sisters and two brothers. He explained his taking the name of Pratt in Fort Worth by saying his business complications required it."

Counsel for the defense made objections to the admission of this testimony or anything that did not relate to the murder of Pletzel. They also asked for an exception to the irrelevant matters mentioned by the district attorney in his opening argument but Judge Arnold said that was not a matter of record and overruled the motion.

Court at 1 o'clock took an hour's recess and Lawyer Rotan said that he expected to close his side of the case in about two hours, and that there was every probability of the case going to the jury to-night.

Immediately upon the reassembling of court, Mr. Rotan advanced to the bar and said: "May it please the court, the commonwealth has closed its case, and we feel sure that it has proved its case. It is incumbent upon the commonwealth to prove murder beyond a reasonable doubt. It has not done so. It has proved that these men came here to carry out a fraud, but their testimony does not show that this man was not killed by somebody else. It may have been suicide, it may have been a killing, but we feel sure, under the rulings, that there is a reasonable doubt, first, as to whether Pletzel was killed; second, as to whether the prisoner killed him. They have not made out what the law calls a corpus delicti. They have proved that a body was found, but not that anybody killed it. We must therefore pray that you take the case away from the jury or give it binding instructions."

"This is so ridiculous," interposed Mr. Graham, "that I decline to argue it."

"This is not the time to make a ruling," Judge Arnold decided. "I express no opinion. The jury must decide after they hear the evidence."

Judge Arnold told counsel they must make their election between calling witnesses or going to the jury on argument alone, but after a consultation, he ordered a recess of half an hour to permit them to confer with the prisoner on the question.

After a consultation lasting forty-five minutes, Mr. Rotan announced that the defense would call no witnesses. It was then agreed to begin arguments on the case to-morrow morning.

DEATH BY PRUSSIC ACID.

Miss Lucy Phelps, whose engagement to marry was broken, kills herself.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Nov. 2.—At 1:30 o'clock this afternoon Miss Lucy Phelps, daughter of Colonel John E. Phelps and granddaughter of ex-Governor John S. Phelps, committed suicide at her home by taking prussic acid. She was prominent in society circles in the state. The family give ill health as the cause.

For four years Miss Phelps was engaged to a well known young man, but the engagement was recently broken off. This, by many, was believed to be the cause, but the young man says that the engagement was broken by Miss Phelps herself.

Not Bogus, but Broke.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Nov. 2.—The Count and Countess Schellher succeeded yesterday in liquidating their hotel bills through the kind offices of a banker, who went security for them, and then left for St. Louis. The count is a genuine one, for he has proved his title by credentials. His wife is a niece of ex-Governor Bishop of Ohio. The count's financial embarrassment was due to what the defense would call no witnesses. It was then agreed to begin arguments on the case to-morrow morning.

NO FIGHT THIS TIME.

Fitzsimmons Says He is Afraid of the Law Not Corbett.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Nov. 2.—No matter what the result of the legal proceedings may be, the chances are now 100 to 1 that there will be no fight between Corbett and Fitzsimmons. The latter said at 11 o'clock to-day, positively and in good, terse English, which admitted of no misunderstanding or misconception: "There will be no fight in Arkansas. I am done with the Florida Athletic club and have no use for the citizens of Hot Springs. I tell you that there will be no fight in Arkansas."

The assertion was made during a conversation in Fitzsimmons' room in the Capital hotel, Julian, his manager, made a long statement of the troubles he had endured from Corbett and Brady, and said: "We are going to Hot Springs when we get through here, but we will have nothing to do with the fight in which the Florida Athletic Club and the citizens of Hot Springs, Brady, Corbett and the rest of that gang have anything to do."

"Do you mean that you will not fight in any deal that may be arranged by either the Florida Athletic Club or by the citizens of Hot Springs?" was asked of Fitzsimmons, and the reply came like a flash: "I mean just that. I will engage in no fight managed by the Florida Athletic Club or by the citizens of Hot Springs. There will be no fight in Arkansas."

Earlier in the interview Fitzsimmons declared that he would not fight in this state if it was against the law. "I am a law-abiding citizen, I am," he said, "and I will not break the law. I do not want to go to prison if I know myself."

Harry White, trainer for Fitzsimmons, said that he did not believe that there would be any fight at all between his man and Corbett. "The fact is," said White, "Fitzsimmons is afraid, and a span of oxen will not drag him into the ring. I know this is so and I have told Fitzsimmons that I will train with him no longer. I'm disgusted with the way he acts. He is afraid of Corbett and you will see that he will never fight him. I have nothing against Fitzsimmons except that I know he does not mean business in this thing."

In company with his manager, Brady, and his trainers, McVey, Delaney and Donaldson, Corbett arrived here at 10 o'clock this morning.

When asked as to the possibility of any trouble between him and Fitzsimmons here, Corbett said: "Well, something of that kind may happen, but if it does Fitzsimmons will have to start it. I won't begin it. But I want to say right now that if that fellow does begin any funny work he is going to get licked, and get licked good and hard. There is no kind of a fighting game at which I am not the superior of Fitzsimmons, and I will prove it in quick shape if he drags me on. I simply will wait for him to start things if he wants to, and then I'll lay him out cold. I am tired of all this fooling with him, and I won't stand any nonsense."

Preparing for Minor Fights.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Nov. 2.—Hot Springs is practically deserted, as Corbett, Brady, and the Hot Springs Athletic club's attorney left for Little Rock this morning to have Corbett's case on the peace bond disposed of.

Much depends on the action of the Little Rock courts, the promoters here asserting that if Fitzsimmons and Corbett are released on peace bonds that they will surely return here and that the fight will positively take place.

Work is being pushed on the arena at Whittington park and Dan Stuart, who is now the recognized head of the Hot Springs Athletic club, says that he is quite confident that the Maher-O'Donnell fight will be pulled off Monday afternoon.

A COLLEGE IN DANGER.

Turkish Fanatics Try to Burn an American College.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 2.—Advice from Marsovan, Asia Minor, show that the trouble which was anticipated by United States Minister Alexander W. Terrell, in a dispatch to the state department at Washington in August last, has culminated in an attempt to burn the American college here. It is added that the would-be incendiaries have not been discovered.

Margravation against the Americans at Marsovan began about a year ago, when a number of pupils of the American college were expelled because their fathers were suspected of being implicated in the Armenian movement.

Counterfeiters Sentenced.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Nov. 1.—Judge Phillips quickly disposed of the cases against the four counterfeiters recently captured east of the city while in the act of making counterfeit coin. Ransom Smith, ex-United States Deputy Marshal and leader of the gang, is given two years in the penitentiary; John Brown gets two years, Charles Green one year and Hurley Williams, 16-year-old boy, is sent to the reformatory for a year.

The Newmans Held for Trial.

HOLTON, Kan., Nov. 2.—Samuel and James Newman will be held for trial in the district court for the murder of Charles Hoover on the night of October 17. Such was the decision of Justice of the Peace Shuck after hearing the balance of the testimony that was offered by the state.

WACO, Texas, Nov. 2.—Samuel Sewell, son of the president of the First National Bank of McGregor, robbed recently of \$15,000, was arrested yesterday. It is claimed that the safe was first opened and the explosive placed inside and the doors closed. Frank Kennedy, a blacksmith, has also been arrested. The evidence is strong.

LONDON, Nov. 2.—The Standard says in its financial article: "The Chinese ambassador with great pomp has transferred \$10,000,000 to the Japanese account. But the Japanese have not touched the money and are reticent as to what they intend to do."

FITZSIMMONS' HEARING.

It is Continued in the Little Rock Court—Sports Disgusted.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Nov. 2.—"I am perfectly willing that this case be continued until to-morrow," said Martin Julian in Judge Joseph W. Martin's court yesterday afternoon. Had a bomb been exploded in the temple of justice it would have created scarcely less sensation among the throng of interested spectators than did these words.

"O, what a fluke."

"He don't want to go to Hot Springs."

"Well, what do you think of that?"

These are fair samples of the expressions of utter disgust which flew from mouth to mouth as the disappointed crowd filed out of the court room close upon the heels of Martin Julian and Robert Fitzsimmons as they made their way back to their suite of rooms in the Capitol hotel in custody of two deputy sheriffs of Pulaski county.

It is Governor Clarke's avowed purpose to have the cases continued from time to time until the pugilists become thoroughly disgusted and the fight is finally declared off. The report sent out from Hot Springs that the Maher-O'Donnell fight will be brought off next Monday is incorrect. No fight will occur until the cases against the pugilists and their managers are finally disposed of at Little Rock.

Julian and Fitzsimmons were seen immediately after reaching their hotel. Julian stated that the club had promised to send Colonel Murphy here, and as the lawyer had failed to arrive he had, on the advice of Colonel Murphy's stenographer, consented to the continuance. He said he knew he had no show against such a lawyer as the state had in the case, and that he did not know what to say in court.

When asked what effect the postponement of the case would have on his claim for forfeiture from the club, he replied none whatever. The club had guaranteed him protection, and it was not his fault that he had been arrested. The fault was the club's, and he would demand the forfeit money, because he had gotten as near Hot Springs as he could on October 31. Julian and Fitzsimmons were driven over town in charge of Jerry South and later paid their respects to Governor Clarke at the executive office.

ROBBERY CLEARED UP.

One of the Bandits in the Keeler, Ind., Hold-Up Confesses After Two Years.

GOSHEN, Ind., Nov. 2.—The sworn confession of James W. Brown, who was a prisoner in the county jail at Allegan, Mich., clears up the mystery of the express robbery at Keeler's Siding on the night of September 12, 1893, when the engineer was shot and the express messenger badly hurt by masked men, who broke open the express car safe and emptied it of its contents.

Brown was arrested in Michigan five weeks ago on suspicion of having been concerned in the attempt to loot a Chicago and West Michigan passenger train.

He says that he, with John and Abe Smalley, were living in Allegan county, Mich., just before the Lake Shore hold-up. They planned the express robbery before entering the Indiana limits and executed it alone, entering the state on foot and traveling at night only. After dividing their booty, amounting to over \$16,000 they separated. Abe Smalley went to Northern Michigan while John and Brown went West. All recently worked back to their former haunts near Allegan. John was killed six weeks ago, while resisting arrest. Abe disappeared after the attempt to rob the Michigan railway train.

Brown says he has his share of the spoils invested, but refuses to say where, and will give no account of the two years between the crime, to which he confesses, and the recent one. The three had a reputation for years as bad men in both Indiana and Michigan.

FILLED BY EARTHQUAKE.

Streams in the Indiana Gas Belt, Before Dry, Now Running Torrents.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Nov. 2.—After the earthquake a number of the smaller streams having their source in the southern border of the gas belt suddenly filled with water though no rains had occurred in this state for months and in the case of Honey creek in the eastern part of Bartholomew county, it had gone dry several weeks ago, the water standing in pools, here and there. Now it is filled to the brim and in some places has overflowed and washed away fences on the adjoining farms. Sugar creek, that runs near Edinburg, Johnson county, was nearly dry, but is reported to be nearly filled. Smaller streams rising in the Hancock county gas territory have shown similar phenomena.

Coleman Goes to Jail.

FORT SCOTT, Kan., Nov. 2.—R. J. Coleman, the defaulting cashier of the State bank of this city, whose peculations are now estimated at \$50,000, was yesterday removed from his sumptuous furnished bed room where he had been guarded since his arrest two weeks ago, to the county jail, where he is now confined. When he arose from his bed to go with the officers, a sharp pocket knife was seen and was quickly secured by Sheriff Allen. When Coleman saw that he was not to be allowed to keep the knife he became angry and attempted to assault the sheriff. It is the opinion of the sheriff and the bank officials that had not the knife been taken he would have taken his own life rather than go to jail.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2.—Minister Terrell has succeeded in moving the Turkish government to punish the men who murdered Bicyclist Lenz in Armenia. He has called the State department that the Kurds and Armenians who committed the murder are to be tried at Erzeroum, and that the United States will be represented at the trial by the British consul at that place. This official was the first person to learn of Lenz's murder, and as there was no American consul in that vicinity he actively interested himself in the case and reported the results of his investigation to Mr. Terrell.

DURRANT IS TO HANG

GUILTY OF THE MURDER OF BLANCH LAMONT.

The Verdict Greeted With a Mighty Roar of Approval—Maud Lamont Goes Into Hysterics of Joy—Durrant's Mother Breaks Down.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 4.—Theodore Durrant, assistant superintendent of Emmanuel Baptist church Sunday school was convicted of the murder of Blanche Lamont, for which he has been on trial since July 22 last. The jury was out twenty minutes and arrived at the verdict on the first ballot. As there was no recommendation of mercy the punishment was fixed at death.

As the aged foreman, pale and trembling, read the words that fixed Durrant's fate, a low, rumbling noise, like the roar of a mob, arose from the rear of the court room. The next moment men were cheering wildly,



THEODORE DURRANT.

while women wept hysterically in excitement. The bailiff rapped loudly for order, but the tumult continued for a minute before anything like quiet could be brought out of the disorder.

During the tumult that followed the announcement of the verdict Durrant and his mother were lost sight of, except by the few who sat nearest to them. As the last words of the verdict were uttered Durrant made a spasmodic effort to arise to his feet, but before he could do so his mother, with a half sigh, half moan, threw her arms around his neck and sunk back into her chair. His mother's grief seemed to make Durrant forget his own position, and for the next few minutes he sat with his arms around her neck trying to soothe her. The long strain of the trial, however, had completely shattered her self-control, and it was some time before Mrs. Durrant could leave the court room.

Durrant recovered his old-time composure as soon as he left his mother and prepared to return to the county jail. With his overcoat swung carelessly over his arm, he walked leisurely out of the room, twirling his slight mustache with apparently as little concern as if he were merely a spectator of, instead of the principal figure in, the exciting scene.

Aside from the spectators, Mrs. Noble, Blanche Lamont's aunt, and Maud Lamont, the dead girl's sister, were apparently the happiest persons in the room. When the verdict was announced Maud Lamont sprang from her seat, clasped her hands and then cried of sheer excitement. Mrs. Noble mixed smiles with tears and shook hands with a number of friends who crowded around to congratulate her.

THE HOLMES CASE.

Acquittal Is Predicted by Those Familiar With the Facts.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Nov. 4.—Seats in the Criminal court were at a higher premium this morning than at any time since the trial began. Before 7 o'clock there was a pushing, surging crowd in the corridors, all eager to hear the address to the jury by District Attorney Graham. For the first time since the trial began the gallery was opened to the surplus portion of the public having the necessary credentials to pass the police lines. Most of the spectators therein were women.

The consensus of opinion seems to be that Holmes would be acquitted. Nine out of every ten persons questioned on the subject, be they lawyers or laymen, agreed that Holmes ought to be hanged "on general principles," enough crimes having been fastened upon him, but the murder of Pletzel has not been brought home to him beyond a reasonable doubt.

MEET IN THE DINING-ROOM.

Corbett Sneered at Fitzsimmons, but Fitz Didn't Want Trouble.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Nov. 4.—Fitzsimmons and Corbett came together here at the Capitol hotel yesterday afternoon but no serious consequences followed. Fitz was seated in the dining-room when Corbett entered. To get by the Australian Corbett had to walk within a couple of feet of him. As he neared him, Corbett poked his finger at Fitzsimmons in a derisive and insulting manner and at the same time muttering some unintelligible sound. Everyone expected to see a fight, but Fitzsimmons was not game. He hastily looked up, flushed and Corbett walked on. The peacefully inclined breathed easier, while the "sporty" element collapsed. It was a chance for the pair to have one round at least.

The Choctaws Will Reject It.

HARTSHORNE, Ind. Ter., Nov. 4.—The Choctaw council appointed three members of the senate and four of the house to meet the Dawes commissioners and receive their proposition in settling. It is a foregone conclusion that the propositions will be rejected.

Captain Kirkman Execrated.

FORT RILEY, Kan., Nov. 4.—Captain Joel T. Kirkman, who has been on trial before a court of United States army officers, charged with conduct unbecoming an officer, has been acquitted on every charge and specifics demanded.

WILL LEAVE ARKANSAS.

The Ping-Ugtes and Their Managers Agree to Quit the State.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Nov. 4.—All prospect of holding the Corbett-Fitzsimmons, the Maher-O'Donnell or the Ryan-Smith prize fight in this state has been abandoned. Indeed when the Fitzsimmons-Julian case was called before Chancellor Martin this morning, Attorney General Kinsworthy, in moving for a continuance until afternoon, announced that it was quite possible that the court proceedings would be dismissed, an agreement having been reached with the pugilists that they should leave Arkansas as soon as possible. This was brought about by Governor Clarke himself.

After the adjournment the Attorney General and Attorney Martin went to the office of the Governor, and after an hour's conference, Attorney General Kinsworthy went back to the court and made arrangements with Judge Martin of the Circuit court to be in his office at noon. He was there on time, and in a few words Attorney Hemmingsway, for the State, asked that the cases be dismissed, saying that he had full confidence in the promise of the defendants to do as they agreed. Fitzsimmons and Julian were not in court, but their representative, Mr. South, said the prisoners had agreed to leave as stated. The case was at once dismissed, but the Chancellor told them that if they violated the injunction restraining them from fighting they would get not less than two years in the county jail.

It is possible, however, that Corbett and Fitzsimmons will meet yet, either across the river from El Paso, Texas, or at Phoenix, Ariz. Brady declared yesterday afternoon that he and Corbett would not bind themselves to go to El Paso or Phoenix. Later, however, he made this proposition: "I will select one man for referee from the list prepared by Julian and select the battle ground. If he is not willing that I should select the fighting ground, I will let him select one newspaper man, I will select a second, the two to choose a third, and let them pick out the place for the fight. We will fight him for \$10,000 a side, and for nothing less than that. Corbett will not fight him for nothing. I have my money right here and that is what talks. Now, what more can I do? We have agreed to allow him his own man for referee, will even fight on his own ground, if he knows of a place, or let a jury of newspaper men make it for him. Now, let him keep quiet or fight. Corbett and I will fool with this thing no longer. I have the thing in my own hands now, and no clubs will have anything to say about it."

Fitzsimmons and his manager, Julian, both expressed themselves to day as being anxious to accept either Brady's proposition of yesterday, or the Florida Athletic club's proposition to fight at El Paso. Julian preferred the Texas battleground, as the \$5,000 forfeit offered would help to pay for the lost time, he said, in case the fight did not come off.

A MURDER MYSTERY.

The Body of a Young Man Found in an Orchard by His Sweetheart.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Nov. 4.—Miss Alma Crouch, the 17-year-old daughter of William O. Crouch, a Bourbon county farmer, was walking in her father's orchard last evening, when she suddenly struck her feet against the body of a dead man lying in the high weeds and recognized the face as that of her lover, Doc Ellington.

A few days ago Ellington had a difficulty with her father and the old man had ordered him off the premises, forbidding him to come to see his daughter again. They met again the next day when Ellington was talking across the fence to Miss Alma. The father attacked the young man and he drew his pistol and fired at the old man, the bullet striking him in the leg. He was put to bed and it is thought not to have been out of his room since. Fully forty shot had lodged in his face and head. There was no gun near, thus disposing of the theory of suicide. The sheriff of Bourbon county visited the scene, but no arrests were made. Crouch is in his bed and his family say he has not moved from his room since the shooting a few days ago.

A MILLIONAIRE KILLED.

Laurie P. Hilliard of Chicago Meets Instant Death at a Crossing.

CHICAGO, Nov. 4.—Laurie P. Hilliard, one of the oldest residents of Chicago, whose estate is valued at millions of dollars, was driving this morning, attended by his groom, when his buggy was struck by a fast passenger train on the Panhandle road. Mr. Hilliard was thrown to one side of the street by the force of the collision and was dead when the people who witnessed the casualty reached him. The groom's left leg and several ribs were broken, and it is also feared that internal injuries will result in his death.

To Watch the British.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 4.—Governor Sheakley of Alaska, in his annual report to the interior department, recommends the establishment of a military post on the Yukon, which is regarded as especially significant in view of the action that has already been taken by Canada to the same effect, on its side of the line. The Canadians have established a post and garrisoned it with a force of mounted police, right at the mouth of Forty Mile creek, which is the entrance to the gold mining region at present in course of development. These police are soldiers in every sense of the word.

Monthly Debt Statement.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 4.—The monthly statement of the public debt shows that debt less cash in the treasury, to have been at the close of business October 31, \$946,431,108, which is an increase for the month of \$5,341,472, which is accounted for by the loss of \$3,487,598 in the cash in the treasury.

A St. Joseph Pioneer Dead.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Nov. 4.—John Duell, one of the early settlers of St. Joseph, died yesterday morning. He deceased was 84 years old and his death is attributed to old age.

THE BRITISH CRISIS.

Feeling General That War With Russia May Come Sooner.

LONDON, Nov. 4.—Nearly all of the English newspapers refer seriously today to the political crisis, the apparent isolation of Great Britain and the policy pursued by Russia in the far East, as well as the future steps which France may take. Even the most conservative of the London papers have become alarmed and the people here are gradually becoming convinced that British diplomacy has been outmaneuvered by Russia, and that in spite of denials, the latter country has obtained important concessions from China and is prepared to stop at nothing in order to compel the Japanese to evacuate Chinese territory, in accordance with the terms of the treaty of peace.

In Armenia the situation grows more grave in view of the spread of revolutionary feeling and the fact that England is liable to be left alone at any moment to deal with the Sultan, and that the latter will then be very unlikely to carry out reforms in Armenia.

Some of the English newspapers are finding consolation in the sympathetic utterances of some American papers, but there is no getting away from the fact that Great Britain is facing a dangerous crisis. Perhaps the matter can best be summed up in the following quotation from the St. James Gazette this afternoon: "It is such as to make us anxious not to lose time in getting our naval and military armaments in as complete a state of efficiency as the circumstances will allow."

The report that thirteen Russian warships are assembled at Port Arthur has been confirmed. The latest advices respecting the Russian fleet stated that it was at Chefoo.

RUSSIA MASSING TROOPS.

Soldiers Being Gathered in Forces on Armenia's Border.

LONDON, Nov. 4.—According to reliable information from Vienna, large bodies of Russian troops are being massed on the frontier of Armenia, and there is a general feeling in Eastern Europe that this portends Russian intervention on the slightest excuse.

The Constantinople correspondent of the Daily News says: "There is no reason to doubt the existence of a Turkish revolutionary committee here. Although it is difficult to ascertain whether it receives much support, it is certain that many decent Turks resent the persecutions of the Armenians. The aspirations of the young Turkish party to restore a parliamentary regime are, however, destined to disappointment."

Official news has been received in Constantinople of fresh disturbances in Erzeroum, Orfah and Zeitun. Fifty persons have been killed and wounded at Erzeroum.

FRAKER CASE SETTLED.

The Famous Insurance Litigation Compromised Out of Court.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 4.—The litigation that was threatened by the suits of the five insurance companies in the federal court to recover the \$35,000 insurance money paid to Judge James E. Lincoln of Liberty, as the executor of the estate of Dr. George W. Fraker, will be but a legal formality, as the whole matter has been compromised out of court.

When the cases are called next week by Judge Phillips the existing judgments against the insurance companies will be set aside and judgment by agreement entered against Judge Lincoln and the heirs of Dr. Fraker for the full amount of the insurance money they have in their possession. The money will be turned over, the judgment at once satisfied and the cases will then be closed.

This will not effect the criminal prosecution against Fraker.

FOR ANNEXATION.

The Late Archbishop Labastida Charged With Being Too Friendly.

CITY OF MEXICO, Nov. 4.—Party feeling is being stirred up over an alleged plot on the part of the higher clergy in favor of secret annexation to the United States. It is charged in Liberal circles that the late Archbishop Labastida had before his death planned to erect here a church which should be built with American money and should be American in the personnel of the clergy attached to the church. This was to be in the nature of an overture to the Catholics of the United States and a manifestation of the desire of the Mexican clergy to bring about a close understanding.

BOTH KILLED IN A DUEL.

Two Prominent Kentucky Citizens Kill One Another With Revolvers.

LONDON, Ky., Nov. 4.—News of a duel to the death between Hon. William F. Bentley, one of Leslie county's most prominent citizens, and "Bigge" Hignite, a mountain outlaw, fought in Leslie county, two miles from Hyden, on Forks Road, Wednesday, has just reached this place. It seems that Bentley made enemies while a member of the Kentucky Legislature in 1887, and that Abijah Hignite, who has borne the reputation of an outlaw and criminal since childhood, established himself at the head of the faction opposing Bentley. The climax of this political hatred was the duel in which both men lost their lives. When they met they began firing upon each other as they advanced with their revolvers.

A Runaway Boy Crushed to Death.

NEVADA, Mo., Nov. 4.—George Driscoll and John Yockey, two runaway youths, started for St. Louis this morning on a through freight train. Opposite Harwood, Driscoll attempted to climb on top of a car, but missed his footing and fell beneath the train. His body was badly mangled. He was 15 years old.

Mr. Cleveland an Arbitrator.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 4.—The Italian-Columbian arbitration is now fairly before President Cleveland, who is the arbitrator chosen by both countries.