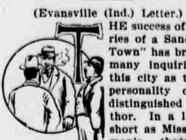
MISS FURMAN OF EVANSVILLE HAS WON FAME.

the Authoress of "Stories of a Sanctified Town" Was a Genuine Rustle in Her Childhood Days - A Close Observer of Nature and Customs.



HE success of "Stories of a Sanctified Town" has brought many inquiries to this city as to the personality of its distinguished author. In a life so short as Miss Furman's, there are naturally few details to give to the

public. She was born and brought up in an old and prominent South Carolina family, and her mother, Jessie Collins Furman, was a Kentucky girl, who was greatly admired for her beauty of person and of character. When Miss Furman was but seven years old her mother died, and eight years later her father was taken. Both parents were intellectual, and the little girl inherited an unusually bright mind, which with her alert way of looking at things, and her original humor, was a guarantee that something out of the common might be expected of her.

Perhaps no one enters so intimately into the homes and hearts of people as their family physician, and nearly all doctors could, if they had the leisure and the literary inclination, tell true tales that would hold the mind imperatively. As a little girl, Miss Furman



LUCY F. FURMAN.

often rode with her father on his daily rounds of visits in town and country, and thus early acquired an insight into the lives of the people that has been in valuable to her. When in later years the singular experience of sanctification took complete possession of a certain little community in which she was interested, it was but natural that she should put pen to paper and tell about the ludicrous and the pathetic incidents that thrilled the simple hearts in the sanctined town. It natural that so young a girl should be doubtful of her own powers.

At the suggestion of a friend, Miss Furman sent some of her stories to James Whitcomb Riley, whom she has never met. Surely no more cheering and helpful words were ever written in reply by a famous writer to one just beginning the hazardous path of authorship; and though Miss Furman has had many laudatory letters since her book appeared, there is not one of them that she cherishes as she does the first from Mr. Riley, bidding her godspeed.

The first stories she wrote were published by the Century Magazine. The Century Company issued her first and only volume, "Stories of a Sanctified Town."

Miss Furman has been for several years a resident of Evansville.

Watch-Testing at Kew.

There has been watchmaking at Coventry as long as there has been a watch trade in England, which is for the last 200 years or thereabouts. There used to be three centers of the English trade, these being Liverpool, Coventry and London. Now there are practically but two, Coventry and Birmingham. The test of great discoveries in other directions while they were really seeking to solve the problem of the Niger. The only result of these investigations was a fresh crop of erroneous theories. One of them conjectured that the Niger reached the Atlantic, and each one had an opinion of his own. All these speculations were duly recorded on the maps, and the cartographic delineation of the Niger from 1791 to 1832 is something wonderful to contemplate.

would seem to be a simple matter to keep to the river, when once it was reached, and follow it to its destination; but that was the very thing the explorers were unable to do. But it was the German geographer Reichard. in his library at home, who solved the Niger riddle, some fifteen years before the Lander brothers in 1932 proved his assertion true. Everybody knew of the numerous little rivers emptying into the Gulf of Benin, and they were supposed to be independent streams of small importance. But Reichard said that the long stretch of coast where these streams reached the ocean was the sea front of a great delta, and that the Oil rivers were nothing but the subdivisions of the mighty Niger. That was true, and we know now that the Niger delta is the largest in Africa.

One of New Zealand's Curious Birds. A curious little bird is the weka, the South Island of New Zealand. It is described by Mr. Arthur P. Harper, B. A., in an account of his explorations, just published. The weks, as ain.

HOOSIER GENIUS. soon as he sees your camp pitched, takes possession of it. He neither respects nor fears man, and is an incorrigible thief. He eats anything from a cartridge to a member of his own family-for he is a cannibal, "I remember one instance of this," writes our author, "when our dog unfortunately killed a young bird before we could prevent it, which was too small to eat. The parents made a decent show of grief over their loss, and then, being quite sure that the little one was dead, they proceeded to eat its still warm remains." The weka fights all comers for undisturbed possession of the camp he has annexed. His histrionic talent is great, and he can sham death to perfection. But for the fact that he is a first rate scavanger, he would, to his human host, be an intolerable nuisance. After some weeks of tenderness and self-sacrifice, the weka all at once becomes a brutal husband and father. That is when the youngsters have grown up, and, as he thinks, are able to forage for themselves; still, he is unnecessarily harsh, not to say shamelessly selfish. If his place of sojurn be rich in food, he banishes his wife and children; if it be not, he treks elsewhither. The egoistic fit lasts until next he becomes a father, and then altruism is hardly the word for his self-renunciation. Let Mr. Harper describe him and his wife: "The parent birds while rearing their young hardly eat anything themselves and grow as poor as a church mouse, everything they find is carried to the youngsters. When a pair has caly one chick it is very ludicrous to see them rushing up to it and jostling one another in their eagerness to give it a piece of bacon or bread and sometimes asking It to try a piece of a jam tin, or tempting it with a choice copper cartridgecase." The weka would appear to be "as good a camp companion as one could wish for, with his tameness, impudence and almost human power of

KENTUCKY BEAUTY HONORED. Miss Castleman Paid Proud Tribute by Swell Society.

expression. He is a bird with small,

unformed wings, unable to fly, and

pheasant.'

(Special Leter.) Miss Alice Castleman of Louisville, Ky., is accorded the distinction of being one of the prettlest society women in America. At the grand charity ball in New York city a week or two ago, John Jacob Astor, to whom fell the honor of selecting the belle of the night placed the crown on Miss Castleman's head. The beautiful Miss Castleman, the Astor's artistic approval immediately brought her that she left the city bee. On her mother's side Mrs. Castleman was descended from several dis-Barbee, who was the mayor of Louisville in the palmy days of 1854 and 1855. The Hon. John Barbee was the grandson of Elias Barbee, one of the pioneers of the young state. He with his five brothers and his father, enlisted in a Virginia regiment of the Revolutionary army. Upon the close of the war, father and sons, still united, went this queen of women, was a famous figure all through the stormy days of calls for relief have been made. the 60's, when he rode as a major in the wake of Morgan.; Alice Castleman is a girl of nineteen summers with oval face, broad brow, violet eyes, waving chestnut hair, Grecian nose, a mouth denoting determination, a perfive feet eight inches, a creature of



beauty, grace and symmetry. Miss

Castleman is a good dancer, an accom-

plished musician, plays tennis and golf

equally well, and is a fearless rider and

MISS ALICE CASTLEMAN. advantage than when in the saddle. She is one of the dashing members of the riding club and is familiar with the pedigree of all blooded stock the world

Footgear in Foreign Lands. The Portuguese shoe has a wooden sole and heel, with a vamp made of patent leather, fanciful, showing the flesh side of the skin. The Persian footgear is a raised shoe, and is often a foot high; it is made of light wood, richly inlaid, with a strap extending over the instep. The Muscovite shoe is hand-woven on a wooden frame, and but little attention is paid to the shape of the foot; leather is sometimes used. but the sandal is generally made of silk cordage and woolen cloth. The Siamese shoe has the form of an ancient canoe, with a gondola bow and by the government by treaty in 1426. an open toe; the sole is made of wood. the upper of inlaid wood and cloth. which is found in the Alpine region in and the exterior is elaborately ornamented in colors with gold and silver.

There are 233 convents in Great Brit-

WATER AT ST. LOUIS, CIVIL TRIAL FOR RIVERA ENTIRE RIVER FRONT IS IN

Much of the Levee Inundated and Basements Filled-The Worst to Come-East St. Louis and Other Places Alarmed -Lower River Reports Gloomy.

GREAT DANGER.

St. Louis, Mo., April 5. - The followng special warning was issued by the ocal weather bureau officials to-day: The river at St. Louis will continue to rise. More rain is indicated in the Mississippi and Missouri watersheds this afternoon and to-night and it now looks as if the danger line of thirty feet will be reached at St. Louis within two days. Persons having property interests which can be affected by a stage of thirty-one or thirty-two feet within three days are advised to take steps to protect them. The Missouri and upper Mississippi will continue to rise, and the danger lines will be reached at all points not hitherto reached on the latter river from Keokuk south within two days. Warnings have also been sent to all points on the Mississippi from Keokuk to St. Louis to prepare for a further rise of about two feet."

Old rivermen have declared that the water will cover the entire levee by to-night. The cellars of many buildings along the river front are already flooded and merchants spent all of last night preparing for a flood.

In East St. Louis the water is nearly up to the railroad embankments and the bottom lands north and south are already under water. Cahokia creek has twenty feet of water in it, but the banks are still five feet above the water level.

Reports from Quiney, Alton, Hannibal. Louisiana and other places above here are that the small rivers are all pouring torrents into the great streams and lowlands in all directions are flooded, but no lives have been lost varying in size from a partridge to # as yet.

Grand river in north Missouri is away out of its banks, and is from one to three miles wide. The situation is especially serious at Princeton. One child has been drowned.

Greenville's Position Serious.

GREENVILLE, Miss., April 5 .- Going east along Washington avenue this morning and looking northward, a wide sheet of water may be seen, covering the entire north half of this place. Without the protecting levee, which keeps out the rising water from the business part, great damage would be done to the food supplies and much to whom this honor was entirely unex- suffering ensue. All necessary shoppected and far from welcome, was so ping, marketing, visiting of doctors confused by the notoriety into which and the like in the overflowed sections are done by skiffs, and every street and alley contains whole fleets and returned to her southern home, in of these, built in every conceivable the suburbs of Louisville. Miss Cas- shape and size. Much more water is tleman's mother was a Miss Alice Bar- due here yet and no one can say how much higher it will rise in the houses in town. All three of the crevasses tinguished Irish and English families. above here are pouring their torrent She was the daughter of the Hon. John into the basin between the river and the eastern hills, and the whole coun-Railroad traffic is entirely cut off. There are now about 19,000 people in this city. Four or five thousand of these are in the flooded section.

Mississippl's Flooded Towns.

Мемриів, Tenn., April 5.—Reports from Cairo and other up river points to Kentucky. Tall, straight as an ar- are that the rivers are all on the boom row, General Castleman, the father of and that the floods will probably soon be greater than ever. Many fresh

> At Rosedale, Miss., relief boats have been busy rescuing those whose homes were flooded. All about the place the country is under water.

About Lulu, Miss., the situation is extremely critical. The river is higher fect chin, divinely dimpled, standing than for years, and there is every five feet eight inches, a creature of prospect of a further rise, with the levees becoming soft and mushy. The surface of the Mississippi river within six miles to the west is more than fifteen feet above the streets of Lulu, and with a lake ten miles long the town is literally surrounded by water and would be swept away in case of a break in the levee.

The Northwest Saffering.

St. PAUL, Minn., April 5. - The river last night was three feet above the danger line and all flats were flooded. Many people were driven from home. In South St. Paul the stock yards are under water and the packing houses partly inundated In Minneapolis all people on the flats have been driven

Reports from all over this state and from the Red River Valley and the valley of the Jim river, in South Dakota, tell of floods.

At Woonsocket, S. D., an ice gorge has caused the water to cover eight miles of land. In every section rail-roads are disabled by washouts and thousands of seres of farm lands have been covered by several feet of water. At Chippews Falls, Wis., an ice jam with 5,000,000 feet of logs in the Chip-pews river caused the flooding of the lower part of the town for half an hour, when it receded, but not until great damage had been done.

McMahon's Wound Fatal. WICHITA, Kan., April 5 .- Joseph Mc-

Mahon, proprietor of McMahon's cir-

cus, for serly known as Bond Bros.' Wants Five Million Acres. LAGRANGE, Ind., April 5.-Simon Pokagon, chief of the Pottawatomie Indians, who at one time resided in this part of Indiana, is preparing to prosecute a claim against the United States government on 5,000,000 acres

Reorganization Rejected.

of land in Iowa, which was reserved

WASHINGTON, April 5 .- Comptroller Eckels rejected this afternoon the plan proposed for the reorganization of the Missouri National pank of Kan-sas City and will pay a dividend to creditors within twenty days.

Wish-He May Escape Death.

CHICAGO, April 5 .- The Times-Heraid's Washington special says: "Secretary Sherman has protested against the execution of General Ruis Rivera, the Cuban leader in Pinar del Rio, who was recently captured by the Spanish forces. President McKinley and Secretary Sherman discussed the Rivera case, and the latter, at the President's suggestion, communicated with Senor DeLome, the Spanish minister. Secretary Sherman did not make a formal protest against the execution of Rivera. At the same time Secretary Sherman wanted the Spanish minister and his government to understand that the execution of Rivers would not tend to promote good feeling for Spain in this country. Already public opinion was much exercised over the threat raised on more than one occasion for to shoot the prisoner, and if the good of the country. Not only the that threat was carried into execution the indignation throughout the United States might be so great as to embarrass the government. It is not doubted that Senor De Lome communicated the substance of this informal protest to his government, and there are reasons for believing that the Spanish authorities will cable orders to Havana that will save

Rivera's life. HAVANA, April 5 .- Acting Captain General Ahumada has received orders from Minister of War Azcarraga at Madrid not to try General Ruis Rivera immediately by court martial. The minister thinks that a summary court martial, followed by the shooting of Rivera and Bacallao, would have a bad effect in Europe.

WASHINGTON, April 5 .- It is reported, but denied at the state department, that Consul General Lee has cabled from Havana that he had reasons to believe that Correspondent Crosby of Chicago had been captured by Spaniards and murdered, not shot same line.

Sangully Off for Cuba.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., April 5 .- General Julio Sanguily, who was smuggled into this city secretly by the Cuban Junta Wednesday night, and escaped the espionage of five Spanish spies, left last evening for east coast in disguise, thence to take a sailing boat for Cuba. It is understood that he will go to the western end of the island of Pinar del Rio province and assume charge of General Rivera's army.

OXFORD CREW WON AGAIN

Beat the Cantaba in au Exciting Race Weather Very Bad.

PUTNEY, England, April 5. - The fifty-fourth annual boat race between crews representing the universities of Oxford and Cambridge, was rowed today over the usual course, from Putney to Mortiske, a distance of four and one-quarter miles, and Oxford won by barely two lengths in 19 minutes, 12 seconds. Oxford has now won 31 out of 54 races rowed and has been the winner eight years in succession.

The weather was bad for boating, the sky overcast, the wind gusty and the atmosphere was raw and cold. The betting was 5 to 1 on Oxford. The usual crowds assembled at all points Cavite Vigo. of vantage along the course. This was the first time since the beginning of this series of contests, in 1829, that an American has rowed in each boat. J. J. DeKnopp of New College, Oxford, who is from Albany, N. Y., was bow for the Dark Blues, and B. H. Howell of Cambridge, a New York city man, was No. 4 in the other boat. Cambridge led for a short distance,

but five furlongs from the start Oxford was half a length ahead. The wind was strong and behind the men all the way. Cambridge rowed desperately. Oxford spurted at intervals and was once two and a half lengths in the lead, but at no time was it sure of the race.

At Barnes bridge Fernie of Cambridge called for a final effort, and for a time his crew gained on its Oxford rival. The latter, however, without unduly spurting, passed the judges' boat easy winners by a bare two lengths, and in the second best time, 19 minutes 12 seconds, in which the race has been rowed over this course. The best time made was in 1893, when Oxford won by one length and four feet in 18 minutes and 47 seconds.

FATAL FIRE.

A Chattanooga Capitalist and an Architoot Perial.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., April 5 .- The Richardson building, the largest in Chattanoogs, was totally destroyed by fire, which started from the furnace in the basement, between 3:30 and 6 o'clock this morning.

The watchman warned a number of men sleeping on the sixth floor and all succeeded in getting out except Boyd Ewing, one of the wealthiest men in this section, and S. M. Patton, a leading architect of the South. Mr. Ewing attempted to climb down the fire escape, but fell from the top. His body was badly mutilated. Patton was cut off from escape on the stairs and his body is still in the ruins.

Frank Carlock, a young lawyer who attempted to save some papers from his office in the Third National bank building, fell from a ladder and was badly injured.

A Loving Cup for Mr. Bayard. London, April 5 .- The farewell banquet to ex-Ambassador Bayard will be given at the Hotel Cecil, May 7, when a gold loving cup, worth over \$2,500, will be presented to him by members of the American colony of London and elsewhere in the United Kingdom. He was last heard from at Rome.

A Rich Osage Divorced.

PERRY, Okla., April 5.-W. H. Conner, ex-treasurer of the Osage Indians, mony to her.

CLEVELAND TO SPEAK.

Spain Ordered It at President WKinley's The Ex-President to Say a Few Words

> to the Country on Public Matters. Washington, April 5. - Ex-President Cleveland will soon deliver a noteworthy address to the people of the United States. He will improve the opportunity afforded by the Reform Club dinner in New York on the 24th inst. to say a few words to the country. It is understood he is now is expected to deal to some extent with the chief events of the last four years Mr. Clevesensitiveness concerning the criticisms aimed at himself and his late administration, and he may seize this chance to say a few words in defense or at least in explanation. The ex-President intends to interest himself in public questions to a considerable exhis late cabinet are invited to the Reform club dinner, and the affair will probably result in a sort of semi-offi-cial review of the recent administration by its chief actors.

Chousands of Bierele Inventions kept at the patent office show to what an enormous extent the invention of bicycle improvements has grown in this country. Since 1876 over 4,000 patents relating to bicycles have been granted by the United States patent office, and at least haif of these have plications of cycle inventors, and even ment that up to 1876 only about 300 patents for cycles had been issued. There is no country in the world that shows a similar rate of growth in this

To Reform the Currency.

WASHINGTON, April 5.-Eleven of the fifteen members of the executive committee appointed by the Indianapolis monetary convention last January have been in the city for several days. That convention, composed of business men delegated by the boards of trade of 100 cities, decided to urge a commission to investigate banking and cur-rency laws with a view to their early revision, and the executive committee has decided to establish headquarters here in an endeavor to procure from congress such legislation at this session as will empower the president to appoint a committee to consider the sub-ject before the regular session of con-gress convenes in December.

Philippine Rebellion.

WASHINGTON, April 5.-The Spanish legation has received official dispatches from Madrid, under date of April 1, announcing the most decisive engagements in the Philippine islands since the insurrection there began. The strongly intrenched towns of Novelleta, Lechau and Rosario were stormed and taken by the Spanish troops. At the same time the Spanish shelled the gent stronghold of Imus. The losses were heavy, and 163 prisoners surren-dered as a result of the shelling of

Minister Breckinridge Safe.

WASHINGTON, April 5.-Clifton R. Breckinridge, minister to Russia, is not likely to be disturbed until the expiration of his four years, which will be about a year from now. While political enemies, President McKinley and Mr. Breckinridge are warm friends. -Mr. Brockinridge, while a member of Congress from Arkansas, served on the ways and means com-mittee with President McKinley, and they were frequently in each other's company.

Dingley Coal Duties Opposed. SPRINGFIELD, Ill., April 5 .- The convention of organized and unorganized miners of Illinois has passed resolu-

tions opposing the increase in the tariff on coal from 40 to 75 cents a top proposed by the Dingley bill. The resolutions state that the exportation of coal exceeded the imports by 2,500,-100 tone and the increase in the tariff was likely to inspire a retaliatory tariff which would prove a detriment to American miners.

Double Kentucky Tragedy.

HAYDEN, Ky., April 5. - Tom Oglethorpe, a prosperous farmer, accused his wife of having been intimate with Henry Schneider, a farm hand. They quarreled and Oglethorpe's wife left him. Oglethorpe then went to Schneider and shot him through the heart with a winchester, after which he turned the weapon to his own head and killed himself. He was about 33 years old and had no children.

Twenty Thousand for Green. CARBOLTON, Mo., April 5 .- The jury in the case of Green vs. the Kansas City Street Railway company for \$50,000 damages for personal injuries, rendered their verdict at 2:10 as follows: "We the jury find the issues for the plaintiff, and assess his damages

SHAMORIN, Pa., April 5.—All the buildings of the Shamakin Powder company were completely wrecked by an explosion which occurred in the mill of the company. Fortunately there were no lives lost, all of the workmen having gone to their homes

at \$20,000."

Soldiers' Orphaus' Home Changes. Archison, Kan., April 5.—Major C A. Woodworth of Effingham has been appointed superintendent of the Soldiers' Orphans' home to take effect July 1. It is said that Colonel C. E. Faulkner, the present incumbent, will become superintendent of an orphans' home in Minuesota.

Rev. J. D. Gossett Dead.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 5 .- The Rev. J. D. Gossett died this morning was divorced from his wife, Addie R. at his home in Independence, after an Connor, at Pawnee on the ground of abandonment. He gave \$10,000 as all-his 79th year, and until his last illness had been strong and vigorous.

TO TRY TOBACCO CULTURE

Fremont Man Leases Thirty-five Acres Which He Will Plant.

George Godfrey has leased thirty-five acres of land from the Fremont Stock Yards and Land company and will put in a crop of tobacco. The ground is immediately south of the chicory factory. Mr. Godfrey experimented in growing tobacco several years ago on his farm east of Fremont, which was at work upon this speech, which successfully grown, but was spoiled in curing. The government also undertook to raise a crop at Columbus several years ago, but made a failure of it. land has of late shown a little Since he put in his first crop machinery has been invented which greatly facilitates the work. The price of lest tobacco has been greatly increased by reason of the Cuban rebellion and is becoming scarce, and in addition the tariff legislation will tend to protect the grower. Mr. Godfrey has been in the cigarmaking business for years and understands tobacco growing. During the season the cultivation of the crop will give employment to from twelve to thirty-five men. A portion of the seed has already been planted in beds and the plants will be put out in a month. Mr. Godfrey has leased one of the ice bouses at the packing house and will fit it up as a dry room.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—The records SUPPLYING INSTITUTIONS.

The Board Rejects Several Bids Because

There Was No Competition. Bids for stationery for the Beatrice institution were rejected by the state board of purchase and supplies for the reason that all bidders gave the same been issued in the last six years. It prices in all particulars. The propos-now takes the labor of eight expert al for meat at the same institution assistant examiners to handle the apprices in all particulars. The proposone submitted and out of proportion with this force there is always a big to other meat bids at other institubatch of applications awaiting exami-nation. How fast this industry has posals for hardware at this institution were rejected because they were not sufficiently specific.

The proposal for drugs at the home for the friendless was rejected because it was the only one submitted and the board desired competition.

Proposals for flour at the Milford soldiers' and industrial home were re-jected because there was but one bid for each institution and the board de-sires to let these various contracts un-der competition. New bids have been asked for to be opened April 15.

Nebraska Man Acquitted in Denver. Cyrus Edinger, alias "Los Angeles" McDonald, was found not guilty of the murder of Detective A. J. Moore by a jury in Denver Saturday and discharged. Moore was killed in Denver March 9, last year, by one of three men who he had arrested on a charge of burglary, and who broke away from him and escaped. Edinger was captured a few weeks ago at Ft. Niobrara, having enlisted in the army at Omaha shortly after the murder of Moore. Edinger admitted that he was one of the men arrested by Moore, but denied that he shot him. that he shot him.

A Poreine Curiosity.

Among the remarkable additions recently made to the stock on the farm of V. J. Thomas of North Loup is a pig. scaport town of Cavite Vigo and other apparently healthy and vigorous and strategic points leading to the insurception of having four fully developed legs on the hinder portion of its anatomy, instead of two. The little freak is apparently strong and ambitious and it is hoped that it may be matured and its kind perpetuated, it being apparent to the dullest comprehension how much more valuable would be a breed of porkers yielding four hams instead of

Young Woman Declared Insane.

Upon complaint of Anton Dykast of West Point, his twenty-four-year old laughter Fanny, was brought before the insanity commission and adjudged a fit subject for the hospital for the insane. The sad feature of the case is that she is the mother of a five-month'sold child. She will be taken to the Norfolk asylum.

Rushing the Canal Project.

H. E. Babcock, president of the Great Eastern Canal company, has moved from Ord to Monroe, where he has opened an office. His purpose in moving is to be more centrally located, so as to better push forward the canal to completion.

Thinks He Is Insane.

Frank Mesply of York, who figured so conspicuously in the trial of W. L. Lee last December, was arrested the other day on complaint of his father charged with being insane. He will be examined by the board of insanity.

Missouri at Omaha Rising.

The rise in the river at Omaha is increasing and the probability is that tuis week it will come up to seventeen feet, or one foot below the danger line. The weather office reports continued rain in the Dakotas.

An Important Mission.

Hon. W. J. Bryan, Attorney-General Smyth and John L. Webster left Omaha Friday for Washington, where they will argue the maximum freight rate efore the supreme court on behalf of Nebrasks.

No Report Yet.

The report of the legislative recanvassing board has not yet been made, although the board has finished the recount. It is expected that the report will be made to the legislature Tuesday.

Pinancier Holston Stricken

NEW YORK, April 5. - Roswell G. Rolston, president of the Farmers' Loan and Trust company and one of the best known New York financiers, was stricken with paralysis while returning to his home in Babylon, L. I. Lit-tle hope of his recovery is entertained.

WASHINGTON, March 31.—The bill making immediatety available \$125,000 for the saving of life and property along the Mississippi river has been agreed to by both houses and goes to the president for his signature.