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The Ways and Means for Springer

--Mills Not In It.

The Texan Heads Interstate and Foreign Commerce--Sioux City's Interest in Prairie Schooners Recognized by the *peaker.

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TOPEKA IN MOURNING.

Thousands Gathering to the Funeral of the

TOPEKA, Kas., Dec. 23.-A bright beautiful morning dawns upon the capital city of Kansas where the funeral obsequies of the late Senator Plumb are soon to be celebrated with all the pomp and grandeur, military and civil, that the great state of Kan sas can command. The city is draped in mourning, while Kansas avenue, The city is draped one of the broadest and finest thoroughfares in the United States, is

All night long special trains on all J. A. Fendleton, S. G. Tacker, L. Amerman, J. W. Bailey, D. A. Dearmond; J. J. Seerley, D. D. Hare, B. G. Stout. Jno. A. thoroughfare leading to the city is the roads have been arriving in town Pickler, Hosen Townsend, Willie Sweet, now, and has been since daylight, a C. D. Clarke, Wyo. solid moving procession of vehicles of every description. The streets and public squares of the city along which the funeral cortege is to move are thronged with people eager to their last tribute of respect to the illustrious dead.

Arrival of the Remains.

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 23.—The remains of Senator Plumb arrived at 10 o'clock this morning and were escorted from the depot to the capitol with all proper ceremony. In the procession from the depot were the commanding members of the Eleventh Kansas, Colonel Plumb's regiment; a squad of police, sergeant-at-arms of the United States senate, senators and members of congress and the family and relatives of the dead senator, several Grand Army posts, the governor, of Kansas, judges and comissioners of the supreme court, members of the senate, city officials, members of the board of education and other organizations. The public schools were adjourned

immediately after the opening of the exercises out of respect to the memory of Senator Plumb. The president' desk in the senate chamber, where the remains are lying in state, is the apex of a vast pyramid of tropical plants flowers and ferns.

LOST THE MATCH.

A Youth "Backed" to Marry an Heiress

Somebody Told SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.-It was reported today that Florence Blythe, the Ban: S. T. Latham, Edward Lane, J. B. Brown, W. T. Eilis, J. W. Covert, James K. Castle, F. S. Coolidge, H. D. Snodgrass. to old Blythe's four millions, was ensuccessful claimant in the lower courts gaged to J. W. Keyes, a young notary of Frisco. Young Florence age last Friday. She denied today the age last Friday. She denied today the agragement with Keyes. She adengagement with Keyes. River-S. M. Robinson, chairman; T.R. age last Friday. She defined today the Stockdale, Rice Pierce, R. Norton; W. L. engagement with Keyes. She adtern, R. W. Everett, M. D. Harter, S. R. mitted that there had broken some time D. H. Patton, J. C. Burrow, Ed-bull, J. M. Wilson, Kentucky, P. S. ago. There is an amusing story in connection with this engagement. Young Keyes was backed by a local speculator named Sexton, who put up several hundred dollars for dinner and other entertainments to the heiress. Sexton expected to get big Andrew S uart. Pennsylvania.

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FELL INTO A COFFIN.

Peculiar Accident to a Workman at

SPRINGFIELD, O., Dec. 26.-Webb & Co., of this city, undertakers, have just noved into a new office in a building which is being completed. There is a skylight in the building and directly beneath the skylight was a pile of coffins. A day or so ago the clerk was attracted by a terriffic crash from the direction of the skylight. He rushed to see what was the matter. When he reached the pile of coffins he saw a man lying in a coffin. His hands and face were bleeding and he was evidently badly hurt. The sight of the bloody man in the coffin dazed the slerk for a minute. Then he took in the situation. The man was one of the workmen and he had tumbled directly shrough the skylight into a coffin, his weight smashing the glass lid. The man proved to be John Yeager, who stated that his fall had been caused by trying a new fire escape. He thought he was only slightly injured and walked home with-His injuries proved fatal, however, as he died today in great agony.

TOOK THE REVOLVER ROUTE.

The Son of a Wealthy Contractor Com mits Suicide in a Hardware Store. CINCINNATI, Dec. 26. - About 8:30 o'clock this morning a handsome young man, wearing a silk hat and dressed in the latest style, entered Bodes' hardware store on Main street and purchased a 38-calibre revolver. requested the clerk to load it which was done and returned to purchaser. The visitor then deliberstely pointed it toward his right temple and pulled the trigger. He pitched forward and fell dead at the feet of the horrified clerk. A photograph of a woman of wonderful beauty was found in one of his pockets. It was taken by "Cyrlao," Newport, Ky. The body was taken to the morgue. He has been identified as Robert Moore, aged 24,

has been assigned for the rash act. BOB SIMS CAPTURED.

son of a wealthy contractor who lives in the suburb of Fairmount. No cause

A Six-Pound Cannon Brought the Outlaw to Terms.

MOBILE, Ala., Dec. 26.-A telegram from Desota says that Bob Sims, the notorious outlaw, surrendered to the sheriff and posse at an early hour this morning. When Sims saw the sheriff training a six-pound cannon on the cabin in which he was hid he walked out and throwing down his gun gave himself up.

I midreds of Presents for Gladstone. NEW YORK, Dec. 26.-A London dispatch says that the Continental Express company has already received several hundred packages, supposed to contain birthday presents, for transmission to Mr. Gladstone. He will be 82 next week.

PACKING TO DATE.

Western Packing Shows a Good Increase

Over Last Year. CINCINNATI, Dec. 26 .- The Price Current says that the week's packing in the west has been approximately 570,000 hogs, against 625,000 the preceding week and 475,000 last year, making a total of 3.965,-000 since November, against 3,640,000 last year. Indications are that the maximum movement has been reached, but good supplies are still in sight. The leading places compared as follows:

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CITIES	1890.	1
Chicago	1,570,000	1,250
Kansas City	505,000	470
Omaha	238,000	263
St. Louis	170,000	180
Indianapolis	200,000	182
Milwaukee	188,000	151
Cincinnati		162
Cedar Rapids	112,000	131
Sioux City	77,000	135
Wichita	43,000	18
Nebraska City	45,000	58
All others	615,000	695

THE MARKETS.

Live Stock

SIOUX CITY, Dec. 28. Hogs—Light, \$3.15@3.55; mixed, \$3.55@ 8.60; heavy, 3.60@3.65.
Cattle—Steers, 1,100 to 1,300 pounds, \$3.00@4.00; feeders, \$2.30@3.00; stockers, \$2.40@2.60; cows, common to good, \$1.00@ 2.00; yearlings, \$2.00@2.45; bulls, \$1.50@ 2.00; veal calves, \$2.50@3.50. CHICAGO, Dec. 28.

Hogs—Light, \$3,40@3.75; mixed. \$3.50@ 3.85; heavy, \$3.50@3.90.
Cattle—Extra and native boves, \$4.00@6.40; stockers and feeders, \$1.75@ 3.40; mixed cows and buils, \$1.00@ 3.25; Texans, \$2.20@8.60. Sheep—Natives, \$4.20@5.20; westerns \$8.75@4.90; Texans, \$3.75@4.70.

SOUTH OMAHA. Dec. 28. Cattle—Choice beeves, \$3.25@4.50; cows, \$1.25@2.40; feeders, \$2.25@2.75; bulls, \$1.20@2.10. Hogs-Light, \$3.40@3.50; mixed, \$3.50@ 3.55; heavy, \$3.50@3.65.

KANSAS CITT, Dec. 28 Cattle—Westerns, steady; cows, strong; natives, \$4.85@5.80; cows, \$3.50@3.70; stockers and feeders, \$2.35@3.90.
Hogs—All grades, \$3.50@3.70.

Produce and Provisions.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28 Flour-Spring patents, \$4.50@5.00; winter patents, \$4.50@4.60. Wheat - Cash, 90%c; January, 91c;

May, 96%c. Corn-Cash, 40c; December, 40%c; Jan uary, 41%c; May, 41%c bid.
Oats-Cash, 32%c; January, 51%c; May,

Kye--801/4c

Barley—50% C.
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Flax—94% C.
Timothy—\$1.24.
Whisay—\$1.18.
Pork—Cash, \$7.62%; January, \$10.25@
10.27%; May. \$10.82%@10.85.
Lard—Cash, \$5.97%@6.00; January, \$6.00;

May, \$6.35. Short Ribs—Cash, \$5.10. Shoulders-\$4.37%@4.50; short clear, \$535, @5.45. Butter-Creamery, 20@27c; dairy, 19@

20c.
Cheese -- Full cream cheddars, 11@
11½c; flats, 11@11½c; Young Americas,
12@13c.
Eggs-Fresh 23@24c.
Hides-Heavy and light green salted,
2c; salted bull, 4½@4½c; green

c; saited bull, 44@44c; green saited, saited calf, 6@64c; dry flint, 8c; dry saited hides, 6@7c; dry calf, 8@9c; deacons, each, 25c.

Tallow—No. 1 solid, 4c; packed, 2@24c; cake, 44c.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 28. Wheat—Closing: No. 1 Northern, December, 85%c; May, 91c; on track, No. 1 hard, 89c; No. 1 northern, 87%c; No. 2 northern, 81@84c.

THE EXILES.

A RUSSIAN STORY.

The chief of police, having brought his own horse with him, was not escorted by the guide furnished at each relay station.

Yegor had every interest in not letting this man, in whom he saw an irreconcilable foe, outwit him; the contrary would expose him to being stopped. He, therefore, invit-ed him to profit by his guide as far as the nearest relay station and to accompany him to Aldanskol.

This proposition somewhat astonished Yermac, but he affected to accept it with genuine pleasure. He thanked the exile and

"Who would have thought, when we were at the bottom of the Oukboul shaft, that we would again encounter such other, on a fine September morning, among the marshes of the country of the Yakoutes!"

"Do not talk of the mine," said the exile. "It recalls, to my great confusion, facts that I have bitterly regretted, believe me,

Monsieur!"
"We will drop it, then," he said, dryly,

The exile noticed that he uttered not a word that could open the way to a reconcili-"I believed this road utterly unavailable

for carriages," said Yermac. And he pointed to the traces of the wheels of M. Laffeur's little cart, attentively watching the exile as "I thought the same," he replied. "

was told so, but I see my informant was mistaken. We have just breakfasted," con-tinued he, "on the spoils of the chase. You see-teal killed in the neighboring pond. am going to shoot another brace or two; they will be better for our next meal than dry biscuit.

"I will wait for you here," said Yermac. "You do not hunt? Why then do you carry

a gun !" The chief of poilce vaguely caught a glimpse of a hidden design in Yegor Seme noff's words and the invitation they convey ed; but he shrunk from seeming afraid and replied, resolutely:

"Now I think of it, why should I not participate in the amusement? I am your

Yegor ordered the guide to go in advance and asked Nadege to get into the saddle. He motioned to his dog Wab to follow the latter. The Yakoute, on foot and singing an improvisation, led by the bridles the horses of Yegor and the chief of police.

Nadege, before departing, cast upon her

lover a supplicating look, which she strove to render persuasive. He understood its

The two hunters, full of distrust for each other, passed along the edge of a pond over ground covered with a profusion of dwarf cedars. Nadege heard them discharge their weapons several times. From afar, she even saw a number of large birds fall, stricken by their shot. This only partially reassured her.

If she could have seen Yegor closer, and noticed his fierce eyes, compressed lips and clenched hands, she would have feared some violence on his part. The young man, dismayed and overwhelmed, no longer hes itated at the thought of crime. He loaded his gun with bullets, and, without further delay, when Yermac took aim at a fenduck, which had just risen, covered him and fired.

The chief of police heard whistle about his ears not small hunting shot, but a ball, which shattered the face of his cap. He no longer doubted the intentions of the escaped convict, for, in his view, Yegor was nothing else. He thought of replying in kind, as he was also furnished with like munitions, but that would bring on a duel, and the rigid functionary immediately discarded the idea as an egregious weakness, an effect of fear. It was not his business to disembarrass himself of his adversary, no matter how criminal he might be. His strict duty forbade that, except as a last resort. It was alive, with his hands tied behind his back that he should return him to the seat of government.

But he had not, nowever, sufficient heroond shot that was tended for him. He allowed himself to fall among the leafy bushes, just as the second report was heard. Once on the ground, Yermac slung his gun across his back and crawled upon his hands and knees, gliding through the clumps of dwarf cedars. In this way, he succeeded in getting altogether out of range.

The fact is that Yegor, after having reloaded his weapon, advanced cautiously, his finger upon the trigger, in the direction where the chief of police had concealed himself from his sight. He feared a trap, a surprise, a sudden attack, but found no one on the spot where he supposed the chief was in ambush. He scoured the surrounding thickets, still maintaining his caution, and, at last, lost an exact idea of the re spective positions they had occupied at the noment he assailed the too zealous agent of the law.

Finally, he found himself again on the edge of the path which, in the distance, Nadege was following. His face was livid, his eyes wild and his legs bent beneath him

"I have, perhaps, killed him," murmured he, "or wounded him-which amounts to the same thing in such a place as this, without help! But he brought it on him

He hastened to rejoin Nadore He heard the noise made by the horses as they tramped over stony ground. Ten minutes afterwards, Nadege saw him arrive alone, with a disturbed expression on his face. She

swooned and slipped from her animal. He caught her in his arms. "Ah, Yegor! what have you done," murmured she, on opening her eyes. And she

gently repulsed the young man. "It was for you!" cried Yegor. "For you and your brother-two lives! If I only had been involved, I should have hesitated-yes,

I swear it!" "What are we going to do?" demanded Nadege, after a silence painful for both. "First, remount your horse," he answered, And he aided his companion to regain her

Then he unfastened from his leather belt a teal and a fen-duck suspended by the

legs, and, calling the guide, who had gone on before: "Take these fowls," said he. "And now let us be going!"

"But this horse?" said the guide, pointing to the animal of the traveler left behind "The horse? Set it free. It will not stray and its master will rejoin us presently.

Forward!" The little party started. The guide re sumed his interrupted chant, and Yermac's horse, abandoned upon the path, after having lifted his nostrils to snuff the wind, began to neigh.

"Poor beast!" Yegor could not help exslaiming.

"Poor man and wretched Yegor!" added

CHAFTER VII.-THE MURDEROUS ROCK.

"Where is the next relay station!" asked Yegor of the guide.
"At Mioure," answered the latter; "but, before reaching it, we will find a yourte in

which to pass the night."
"Very good," said Yegor. The road grew less and less marked. The travelers were compelled to go around numbers of miniature lakes bordered with larch trees which covered their steep banks Yegor listened from time to time to assure

kimself that they were not pursued by the chief of police. Nadege no longer feared the latter whom she believed dead; but the manner of his death caused her to imagine ... thousand dangers in every direc-

"Are we very far from Aldanskoil" she asked, from hour to hour. "Courage, dearest," replied the young

"The guide assures me that we will see the Aldan and the town upon it to-morrow.

The fugitives passed the night in the yourte designated by the guide. While they slept, wrapped in the coverings they had brought with them, the guide kept up a fire which had been kindled in the centre of this rude habitation of nomads. A yourte is a hut in the form of a trun-

cated pyramid; it consists of a slight frame covered with dry grass and bits of turf. In that occupied by the travelers were two small windows closed, In lieu of glass, by transparent strips of fish bladder. The floor of the yourte was three feet below the surrounding ground. Wide benches, which might serve as beds, stretched along the walls. The inhabitants of the yourte doubtless, temporarily abandoned it to live beneath a tent

Very early in the morning, the travelers reached Mioure. It is a basin several square miles in extent, a dried up ancient lake full of excellent pasture fields and yet containing a number of pends well stocked with They encountered there a large village formed of yourtes, over which towered the belfrys of two churches. It possessed animation and life, which contrasted strongly with the silence of the solitudes traversed by the fugitives. In the village streets ran various droves of horses. The inhabitanta devote themselves to cattle raising and trading in furs. The relay station was at

The fugitives took fresh norses and a new guide. A sort of soup was prepared for them composed of fish, milk, fat, a few pinches of flour and a great deal of larch bark grated fine, and, after having done honor to this altogether local dish, they re-sumed their journey. Yegor was in haste to reach Aldanskoi; there only, on again seeing the Parisian and Nadege's brother, he could recover a little quietude and that confidence, now so necessary, which already had begun to abandon him.

The roads were wretched, and it was often requisite to shun dangerous marshes. At last they arrived at Aldanskoi, and the first thing they saw on the outskirts of the little town was M. Laffeur's cart. Ladislas was watching it. The child ran joyously to

"And M. Lafleur?" asked Nadege, anxiously, after having warmly clasped Ladislas against her heart.

"Do you not hear?" said Ladislas. In a neighboring yourte, the sounds of a little violin were filling with joy and motion a half dozen young people of the district-lads and lasses. M. Lafleur soon appeared upon the threshold, continuing to play on his instrument. Between two measures, he grasped Yegor's hand and gallantly kissed the tips of Nadege's fingers.

The company to whom he was giving such delight did not wish to part with him

"We are pursued," Yegor whispered in his ear. "There is not a moment to lose." The people of the yourte finally came out, attracted by the presence of the travelers Nadege, in her riding-dress, caused much

astonishment. Yegor selected this moment te tell M. Lafleur how he had been reduced to the cruel extremity of disembarrassing himself of the chief of police. "But," added he, "the chief of police might have been followed at a short distance

by several Cossacks, and the moment our flight is discovered we have everything to "You are right," said the Parisian. "We

must make haste. "M. Lafleur," said Ycoor, "your devotion has been put to a complete enough proof. Leave us here, and, whatever may happen, believe me that I will never forget what you have done.'

"No," replied the excellent M. Lafleur; "I will quit you only when you have crossed the Verkho-Yansk chain of mountains. Besides, I will take advantage of the opportunity to enrich my herbal—the herbal of the collection intended for my family's town, Chateau-Thierry. I will tell you about it.

Nadege joined her entreaties to those of Yegor, but they could not induce the dancing-master to reconsider his determination. An instant afterwards, the Yakoute, to who.a M. Laffeur had given rendezvous at Aldanskoi, was presented by him to Yegor.

His name was Tekel, and he was to accompany the fugitives as long as they might need his services. He was a man of about thirty, of short stature, but solid and well built, with a countenance denoting subtle cunning and good nature.

He it was who, the fugitives once hidden in the forest of Ostrovoye, which commences at the bottom of the Verkho-Yansk Mountains, was to go on foot to Zachiversk, distant two hundred and fifty miles from that forest, to bring back at the first heavy frosts a sledge-a narta-with a strong team of reindeer.

M. Lafleur had bought the day before, on reaching Aldanskoi, a horse for Yegor, and a smaller one for Nadege, as well as a shaft horse for the cart to be driven by Tckel and in which Ladislas was to ride.

The relay horses and the guide, who was liberally paid, were sent back. After resting for an hour, the party set

In his careful foresight. Yegor had counted upon the heavy frosts of September. which alone were capable of solidifying the softened ground, which, two weeks sooner, would offer insurmountable obstacles.

The country presented a succession of pronounced undulations. Tall trees, among which the larch predominated, covered the heights. The lower portions were hollowed out by the action of the rains.

It was requisite, in order to cross the Aldan, to procure a flat boat and have recourse to the assistance of the natives, for the river is not less than sixteen hundred vards broad. This stream crossed, the travelers erected, for the first time, a square tent made of reindeer skin and called in the language of the country a pologue. M. Laf-leur had purchased it at Aldanskoi. It was to be transported at first rolled up in the bottom of the cart, and afterwards in the

Some provisions were taken from the sacks, and the improvised repast only needed a little gayety to render it charming, but even M. Lafleur, despite all his efforts to animate his friends, could not faspire it. The horses, set at liberty, pastured in

neighboring meadow. Yegor and Nadege had good reason for

being full of care. The chief of police, as we have seen, had escaped from Yegor, at the same time acquiring convincing proof that the trip to-Aldanskoi was but the first step in an es-cape across Siberia. Besides, the shattered face of his cap was evidence sufficient to convince-the most incredulous that a crim-inal attempt had been made, for why should the governor's secretary have tried to take the life of the chief of police if his presence had not been an obstacle to his plans? The shots fired by the exile clearly established

what he was about.

As soon as he could safely quithis hiding.

Varmac searched for his horse. He place, Yermac searched for his horse. He heard it neighing frequently and comprehended that the animal had been abandoned. He finally saw it in the distance, wandering at will. Now it approached him, and then it tore madly away as if under the influence of four. He strove to overtake it, but his strength

failed him. On leaving Yakoutsk, he had brought with him only a few pounds of bis-cuit, but even this slight supply of provis-ions was in the vallse fastened to the horse's saddle. The recovery of the animal was, therefore, an imperative necessity.

Happily, the horse eventually recognized its master and ran to him. But the fugi-tives had now more than three hours' start of him. However, the chief of police resolved to continue his pursuit of them. Once at Aldanskoi, he would procure, thought he a reliable messenger to inform the governor of the exile's escape, and ask for a squad of

Cossacks.

Let us return to the fugitives and the

brave man who was aiding them. After a few hours' rest, they resumed their travels. They found only marshes before them; green grass and hills became rare. The sky clouded; snow fell-the first of the autumn-and the thermometer sank to two degrees below zero. When they again erected their tent, they were forced to light a fire. Afar off, in the narrow valleys of the Verkho-Yansk Mountains, they heard a torrent roaring. The next day they ford-

This operation was not effected without considerable fatigue: the banks of the torrent were encumbered with up-rooted trees. and enormous blocks of stone precipitated from the neighboring heights. But, at last, they were out of the marshes and were approaching the Verkho-Yansk chain. Once there, they would be safe!

As they advanced, the forests, rare atfirst, were more frequently met. In themthe poplar trees grew to an enormous size. and upon the dry lands dwarf cedars mingled with birches and firs. In the lastmentioned forests, heath-cocks abounded, and M. Lafleur and little Ladislas, who was a capital shot, hunted them with

At length, the passage of the formidable chain of mountains was begun. The wind blew, that day, with violence and increased the difficulties of the undertaking.

The cart made its way toilsomely among the fragments of rock which strewed the narrow road. The ascent of the rugged slopes was dangerous in the extreme. The travelers wound about enormous masses of black rock entirely bare, the summits of which sloped at an elevation of several hundred feet. They passed along the edges of

deep abysses.

They pushed slowly through a gloomy defile in which the wind raged. On emerging from it, M. Lafleur advised Yegor to put the cart in an elbow formed by the rocks, which would enable Nadege and little Ladislas to rest for a few instants sheltered from the blast and to gather a fresh supply of strength. This advice was adopted and the party halted. The horses were tied to huge

rees.
While the young girl and or brother took some provisions from the sacks, Yogor, M. Lafleur, and the Yakoute Tekel scaled the sides of the mountain to make observations. Stones loosened by their feet rolled down behind them.

They reached a narrow piatform which the whistling wind swept over. Behind them, the side of the mountain inclined menacingly. Thick clouds floated above their heads and a torrent, the noise of which was brought to them at intervals by the blast, roared near at hand.

From this culminating point, they saw, as it were behind a suddenly raised curtain, the imposing chain of mountains stretching as far as the eve could reach, its axis rur ning towards its frozen pole, amid vast solitudes that could readily be imagined. It was as if the gigantic waves of an ocean lashed by a tempest had been suddenly petrified and the vertigo of a troubled gaze had all at once put them again in mo-

The aspect of these massive portions of a tremendous frame, black with northern trees, with their lofty summits leaded down with spow, their crystal glaciers packed between high slopes, their sombre defiles often torn by the lightning, and their steep, inaccessible walls—all this saddened the heart, froze the senses and troubled the mind

And beneath the dark sky stretching to infinity, the parallel chains and their lateral extensions with their few grassy plains, the ramifications of desolate valleys dimly seen through narrow gorges, the unfathomable ravines, the gaps from which ascended in bluish vapor the foam of waterfalls, the immeasurable circular basins, the blanched elevations and the sharp peaks.

The spot was lugubrious, desolate and sad-more than sad-sinister. It seemed chosen for the accomplishment of a crime. Suddenly, from this post of observation,

the Yakoute discovered, upon the western side of the mountain over which the travelers had passed, a man on horseback, advancing with difficulty and struggling obstinately against the wind which poured furiously from the ravine. He described him to the two Europeans.

"Mon Dieu!" cricd M. Lafleur. "It is the chief of police!" "Thank heaven!" Yogor could not help exclaiming, for he felt himself released

from a heavy load. "Thank heaven! ch? That's very charitable!" muttered M. Laffeur. "But he is go-ing straight towards Mile. Davidoff. Per-

haps, he has even seen us. What does the man want?" "Alas! the wretch has not been touched by our adversity; he feels no pity for our misery!" murmured Yegor. "He wants my life and those of the poor children I

am striving to save from oppression and in-The chief of police was constrained by the force of the wind to continue his journey on He drew his gray horse along by the

bridle. "What are you going to do, my poos friend?" asked the Parisian. TO BE CONTINUED.]