CHAPTER XXIII. - (CONTINUED.) "You will oblige me by leaving the

chouse," he said, "if you cannot speak civilly. I have made this lady my wife. She belongs now to me and my country, and she accompanies me to Paris "tonight."

"No, not tonight," said Mariorie quickly. "You will not take me away tonight, Leon!"

"And why not tonight, Marjorie?" "Because I have promised Mr. Sutherland to go back with him to Annandale to see my-to see dear Miss Hetherington. She is ill, and she wants me, monsieur."

"I regret it, but we do not get everything we wish in this world. I must leave for Paris without delay!"

Marjorie hesitated and looked confused. Then Sutherland spoke, unconsciously uttering the thoughts which had been in the girl's mind.

"You can go to Paris," he said. "if you allow Marjorie to return with me.' The Frenchman gave a smile which was half a sneer.

"You are consideration itself, monsieur," he said. Then, turning to Marjorie, he added: "What does my wife say to that?"

'I-I don't know," she stammered. "I am so sorry for Miss Hetherington. It would be only for a few days, perhaps, and-I could follow you."

Caussidiere smiled again, this time less agreeably.

You seem to be tender-hearted. Marjorie," he said, "to every one but myself. Truly, an admirable speech to make to your husband in the first flush of the honeymoon. I am too fond of you, however, to lose you quite so

"Then you will not let me return?" "Most assuredly I shall not let you go; what is Miss Hetherington to you or to me? She is your mother, perhaps, as you say; but in her case, what does that sacred word 'mother' mean? Merely this: A woman so hardened that she could abandon her helpless offspring to the mercy of strangers; and afterward, when she saw her alone and utterly friendless, had not tenderness enough to come forward and say: 'Marjorie, you are not alone in the world; come to me-your mother!""

"Ah, Leon, do not talk so!" exclaimed Marjorie; then, seeing Sutherland about to speak, she went toward him with outstretched hands.

"Do not speak," she whispered, "for my sake. Since my husband wishes it, I must remain. Good-by."

She held forth her hand, and he took it in both of his, and, answering her prayer, he remained silent. He had sense enough to see that in the present instance the Frenchman had the power entirely in his own hands, and that he intended to use it. He had noted the sneers and cruel smiles which had flitted over Caussidiere's face, and he saw that further interference of his might result in evil for the future of her he loved.

So, instead of turning to the Frenchman, he kept Marjorie's hand, and said:

"You are sure, Marjorie, that you wish to remain?"

"Yez," sobbed Marjorie, "quite sure.

Give my love to my dear mother, and say that very soon my husband will bring me home again." He lifted her hand to his lips and

kissed it again and again; then, without another word, he was about to leave the room, when Caussidiere stopped him.

"Monsieur," he said, "you will also, if you please, bear a leetle message to our much esteemed Miss Hetherington from ma. Tell her that, though in the first days of our married life she has tried to separate my wife from me, I bear her no ill will; on the contrary, I shall be glad to hear of her prosperity. Tell her, also, monsieur," added the Frenchman blandly, "that since Mariorie Annan and I are one, we share the same good or evil fortune; that she cannot now gratify her malignity by persecuting Leon Caussidiere without persecuting her own child!"

CHAPTER XXIV.



N one of the narrow Parisian streets in the near neighborhood the Seine, close to quays and old bookstalls, frequented by the litterateur out at elbows and the bibliomaniac, there

is an obscure cabarat or house of entertainment, bearing the name of Mouche d'Or. Besides the sanded salon, with its marble tables and its buffet, presided over by a giddy damsel of forty, there is a diningchamber up stairs, so low that a tall man standing upright can almost touch the ceiling with his head, and so badly lit by a narrow window that a light of some sort is necessary even by broad

In this upper chamber, one foggy afternoon in autumn, three years after the occurrence of the events described in the last chapter, a man was seated alone and busily writing at one of the wooden tables.

The man was about forty years of mastache, but otherwise clean shaven. He wrote rapidly, almost furiously, soir," he passed up a dingy flight of

now and then pausing to read, half aloud, the matter on the paper, obviously his own composition. As he did so, he smiled, well pleased, or frowned savagely. Presently he paused and stamped with his foot on the

floor. In answer to his summons, a young woman of about twenty, gaudily attired, with a liberal display of cheap jewelry, came up the narrow stairs. "Ah, Adele!" cried the man, "is the

boy below?" The woman answered with a curious

"Give him these papers-let him fly with them to the printer. Stay! Is any one below?"

"No one, Monsieur Fernand." "Death of my life, Caussidiere is late," muttered the man. "Bring me some absinthe and a packet of cigar-

ettes." The woman disappeared with the parcel of manuscript, and returned almost immediately, bearing the things ordered. She had scarcely set them down, when a foot was heard upon the stairs, and our old acquaintance, Caussidiere, elegantly attired, with faultless gloves and boots, entered the

"Here you are!" cried the man. "You come a little late, mon camarade. I should have liked you to hear the article I have just dispatched to the Bon

"It will keep till tomorrow, Huet," returned the other, dryly, "when I shall behold it in all the glory of large type." Huet, as the man was named, ripped out a round oath.

"It is a firebrand, a bombshell, by .!" he cried. "The dagger-thrust of Marat, with the epigram of Victor Hugo. I have signed it at full length, mon camarade-'Fernand Huet, Workman, Friend of the People."

Caussidiere laughed and sat down. "No man can match you, my dear Huet, in the great war of-words.'

"Just so, and in the war of swords, too, when the time comes. Nature has given me the soul of a poet, the heart of a lion, the strength of Hercules, the tongue of Apollo. Behold me! When heroes are wanted, I shall be there."

The two men talked for some time on general subjects; then Huet, after regarding his companion with a prolonged stare, observed with a coarse laugh:

"You are a swell as usual, my Caussidiere. Parbleu, it is easily seen that you earn not your living, like a good patriot, by the sweat of your brow! Who is the victim, mon camarade! Who bleeds?"

"I do not waste what I have," returned Caussidiere, "and I love clean linen, that is all."

Huet snapped his fingers and laugh-

"Do you think I am a fool to swallow that canard? No, my Caussidiere. You | together." have money, you have a !!ttle nesi-egg at home. You have a wife, brave boy; she is English, and she is rich."

"On the contrary, she is very poor," answered Caussidiere. "She has not a sou."

"Diable!"

"Nevertheless, I will not disguise from you that she has wealthy connections, who sometimes assist us in our struggle for subsistence. But it is not much that comes to me from that quarter, I assure you. My correspondence and my translations are our chief reliance'

"Then they pay you like a prince, mon camarade!" cried Huet. "But there, that is your affair, not mine. You are with us, at any rate, heart and soul?"

"Assuredly."

Sinking their voices, they continued to converse for some time. At last Caussidiere 10se to go. After a rough handshake from Huet, and a gruffly murmured "A bientot," he made his way down the narrow stairs, and found himself in the sanded entresol of the

Several men in blouses sat at the table drinking, waited upon by Adele. As Caussidiere crossed the room the girl followed him to the door and touched him on the shoulder.

"How is madame?" she asked, in a low voice. "I trust much better." Caussidiere gazed at the questioner

with no very amiable expression. "Do you say Madame Caussidiere? How do you know that there is such a person?'

The girl shrugged her shoulders. "Your wife or your mistress, it is all the same. You know whom I mean, monsieur."

"She is better, then."

"And the little garcon?"

"Quite well," answered Caussidiere, passing out into the street. Leaving Mouche d'Or behind him, and passing along the banks of the Seine, Caussidiere crossed the river and reached the neighborhood of the Palais Royal. From time to time he exchanged a nod or a greeting with some passer-by, generally a person much more shabbily attired than himself. Lingering among the arches, he purchased one or two journals from the itinerant venders, and then passed slowly on till he reached a narrow back street, before one of the doors of which he paused and rang a bell. The door age, corpulent, with jet-black hair and being opened by a man in his shirt sleees, who greeted him with a "bon

wooden stairs till he gained the second floor, which consisted of three rooms en suite, a small salon, a bedchamber.

and a smaller bedchamber adjoining. In the salon which was gaudily but shabbily furnished in red velvet, with mirrors on the walls, a young woman was seated sewing, and playing near to her was a child about a year and a half old. Both mother and child were very pale and delicate, but both had the same soft features, gentle blue eyes and golden hair.

The woman was Marjorie Annan-Marjorie with all the lightness and happiness gone out of her face, which had grown sad and very pale. As Caussidiere entered, she looked up eagerly and greeted him by his Christian name. The child paused timidly in his play.

"You are late, Leon," said Marjorie, in French. "I have waited in all day, expecting you to return."

"I was busy and couldn't come," was the reply. "Any letters?" "No, Leon."

Caussidiere uttered an angry exclamation, and threw himself into an armchair.

"The old woman had better take care," he cried. "Nearly a week has now passed and she has not replied to my note-that is, to yours. And we want money infernally, as you know." Marjorie sighed, and her eyes filled with tears.

"Why are you crying?" demanded her husband, sharply. "Because you have an unnatural mother, who would rather see you starve than share her wealth with you, or with the child?"

"No, no, it is not that," answered Marjorie. "Miss Hetherington has been very good. She has given us a great deal already; but we require so much, and I am sure she is not so rich as you suppose."

"She is a miser, I tell you," returned Caussidiere. "What she has sent you is not sufficient for an ordinary sempstress' wage. She had better take care! If she offends me, look you, I could bring her to shame before all the tract is a piece of hay land and has world."

At this moment there was a knock at the room door, and the man who had admitted Caussidiere entered with

"A letter for madame," he said. Marjorie took the letter, and, while the man retired, opened it with trembling hands. Her husband watched her gloomily, but his eye glistened as he saw her draw forth a bank order. "Well?" he said.

"It is from Miss Hetherington-from my-mother! Oh, is she not good! Look, Leon! An order upon the bank for thirty pounds." "Let me look at it," said Caussidiere,

rising and taking it from his wife's "Thirty pounds! It is not hand. much. Well, what does the old woman sav?" "I-I have not read the letter."

"Let me read it." he said, taking it from her and suiting the action to the It was a longish communication. Caussidiere read it slowly, and his face

darkened, especially when he came to the following words: "If you are unhappy, come back to me. Remember your home is always here. Oh, Marjorie! my bairn! nev-

er forget that! It is a mother's heart that yearns and waits for you! Come back, Marjorie, before it is broken al-

Caussidiere tossed the letter on the table.

"So you have been telling her that you are unhappy," he said with a "In the future I must see all sneer. your letters, even to the postscripts. And she begs you to go back to Scotland! Well, who knows?—it may come to that yet!"

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

SALADS AS A DIET. Hof? Wholesome Food and Should Be

Enton Every Day.

"The beauty and wholesomeness of the salad should commend it to every American housekeeper," writes Mrs. S. T. Porer in the Ladies' Home Journal. 'I co not refer to those highly seasoned combinations of hard-boiled eggs and mustard, but to dainty dinner or luncheon salads made with a dressing of olive oil, a few drops of lemon fuice and a light seasoning of salt, garlic and

"The salts necessary for the well be ing of our blood are bountifully given in these green vegetables. Then, too, it is a pleasant way of taking fatty food. All machinery must be well ciled to prevent friction, and the wonderful human engine is not an exception to the rule. Look carefully to it that you take sufficient fatty food.

"The Americans do not use enough oil to keep them in perfect health. While butter is served in some families three times a day, and is better than no fat, its composition is rather against it as compared to a sweet vegetable oil. Fats well digested are the salvation of consumptives, or those suffering from any form of tuberculosis. For these reasons a simple salad composed of any green vegetable and a French dressing should be seen on every well-regulated table 365 times a year. Those who live out of town can obtain from the fields sorrel, long docks, dandelions and lamb's quarters for the cost of picking. Where desserts are not used, and I wish for health's sake, they might be abolished, a salad with a bit of cheese and bread or wafer or cracker, with a small cup of coffee, may close the meal. Where a dessert is used the salad, cheese and wafer are served just before it, to prick up the appetite that it may enjoy more fully the sweet. At a large dinner the salad is usually served with the game course."

Courting done on a tanden, ought to result in a double safety match.

BOOSTING IRRIGATION.

Δ Circular by the Secretary of the Board of Irrigation

The secretary of the board of irrigation has issued a circular letter, which he is sending to every irrigation ditch owner in the state and also to a large number of those who are using water from these aitches, about 800 copies of the letter having been sent out. He says that in some parts of Nebraska there is great lack of information as to the importance and extent of the irrigation work, and in some localities prejudices exist. For this reason the irrigation interests are prevented from receiving proper attention by the legislature, and he thinks the only way this can be overcome is to spread before the people through the newspapers correct and timely knowledge of the progress and extent of irrigation. He calls attention to the fact that some of the newspapers of the state are much interested in the irrigation question and will cheerfully give the desired information to the public. Accompanying each letter is a postal card with blanks to fill out and mailed back to the board. The questions asked are: "What is the umber of miles of completed ditch? What is the number of acres suscep tible of irrigation from your ditch?
What is the number of acres actually irrigated in 1897? What is the cost of works to date?" The persons to whom the letters are sent are asked to answer as soon as possible in order that all the reports will be in early in January, and are told that by attending to the matter promptly they will help the cause of irrigation.

Hearing o Land Case

Last week Judge Kinkaid held term of court in chambers at this place, says an Alliance dispatch, to hear an equity case which involved the rights of every person living and owning land in township No. 24, range No. 27, near this place. A man named Duhan, through ex-County Surveyor Hazard, located and squatted upon a tract of land belonging to the Kara Cattle company, claiming error in the description of the land as claimed by the Kara company. been deeded for nearly ten years and was inclosed with a fence. Every quarter setion of land in the township has been settled upon and located from regular government corners in said township and no dispute ever arose until Hazard run in a line and built his own corners (admitting on the witness stand that he did so) and located this man Duhan. The court took the case under advisement.

After the Railroads. A complaint has been filed with the state board of transportation by the commissioners of Pawnee county, in which they ask for an order to compel the Kansas City & Northwestern Railway company to provide and open out a safe highway along the track of that line on the section line between sections 16 and 17, in township 2, range 9, west. The railroad is built on and crosses the original highway in such a manner as to render it unsafe for public use. The citizens of Shubert, Richardson county, have also complained to the board and ask that the Burlington give that town better passenger train

A Daring Robbery.

Nebraska City dispatch: At an early hour Sunday morning two men with faces blacked entered a house in the burnt district kept by Sadie Jennings, and at the muzzles of pistols comelled three of the inmates to hold un their hands, after which they were bound hands and feet. The landlady was compelled to give up \$64, after which the men went to another room. where a man was sleeping, and he was compelled to give up \$265. The men went out, a wagon came for them and they disappeared. It was one of the most daring robberies ever perpetrated in the city, and there is no clue to the thieves.

The Moore Case.

Attorney General Smyth is said to be preparing a motion for dismissal of the appeal of ex-Auditor Eugene Moore in the supreme court. The motion will ask dismissal on the ground that Moore's attorneys have failed to file and serve briefs within the time allowed by rules of the court. Moore's case was filed in the supreme court November 30. Rules of the court provide that briefs shall be filed and served within twenty days after tne petition is filed.

Tries Carbolic Acid.

Miss Jennie Young, daughter William Young, an old and respected farmer living seven miles south of Plattsmouth, died at her home from the effects of a liberal dose of carbolic acid. In a note left to her father she encouraged him in his old age, but gave no reason for her rash Deceased was 40 years of age and unmarried.

Died for His Girl. Hyannis dispatch: Jesse Stanton, who committed suicide by shooting himself with a shotgun some fifteen miles south of Hyannis, was buried here some time ago. The young man was from near Warsaw, Mo., and it appears that upon investigation it was on account of being slighted by a ceryoung lady of this county. whom Stanton was deeply in love.

The football teams of Cozad and Gothenburg will play a game in the cnow on New Year's day.

A Gratifying Response. The governors of Utah, Texas and

Arkansas have complied to the request of Governor Holcomb that all the states furnish part of the contemplated arch of the states at the Trans-Mississippi exposition. The letter was sent out only a few days ago. The three governors named expressed themselves as heartily in accord with the project and the governor of Ar-kansas says, although his state has no appropriation, he will use his most earnest endeavors to see that Arkansas is properly represented at the exU. P. REORGANIZATION

NO NEW DEVELOPMENTS OF IM-PORTANCE.

The New President Likely to Take Hold on the First of the Coming Month-Subjects That Are Now Agitating Rallway Companies-Contracts With Sleeping Car and Express Companies.

The Reorganized Road.

OMAHA, Dec. 30 .- No new developments in the matter of the Union Pacific organization has developed here, but the period of transition is believed to be close at hand. The date of the inauguration of the new president has not been announced, but in Chicago it is said by persons supposed to know that the change will take place on January 1, 1898, which falls on Satur-day of this week. This seems to be substantiated by a report that a meeting of the new directory of the Union Pacific will be held in New York city on Friday morning, and that further announcements regarding the new officers may be expected after the adjournment of that meeting.
With the actual reorganization close

at hand there appears two subjects of considerable interest that are now agi-tating several classes of railway and kindred companies. Far more interesting than the gossip concerning ex-pected changes in the official makeup of the company is that regarding the probable contracts with sleeping car and express companies to be made by the reorganized Union Pacific railroad. It is accepted that new contracts will have to be made and the question that is being discussed by railroaders and other companies is what companies

will get these contracts.

While the familiar statement that the reorganized Union Pacific railroad will be a Vanderbilt line seems to be dissipated by the personnel of the directory, it is nevertheless conceded by most railroaders that the Vander-bilt influence will be strongly felt in the reorganized road. This being true, the question of whether the Vander-bilt influence wi.. be strong enough to force a contract with its own sleeping car company, the Wagner Car company, superseding the contract of the Pullman Car company, which is not represented on the new directory, is a matter of some concern. The of-ficials of the Wagner Car company ficials of the Wagner Car company have been watching the reorganization of the Union Pacific, and there are those who look for nothing but Waggner sleeping cars to be operated by the Union Pacific, as now on all other Vanderbilt lines, within a year from the reorganization. At present both Wagner and Pullman cars are operated on the Union Pacific's main line from Council Bluffs to Ogden. Although the Union Pacific's contract is with the Pullman Palace Car company, the through cars that leave Chicago over the Northwestern are all Wagner cars and are sent over the Union Pacific and the Central Pacific

to the coast In a similar manner the express contract of the road that is now going through the process of reorganization is attracting a great deal of attention. At present the Pacific Express company enjoys a monopoly on all ex-press matter handled on the Union Pacific lines. On the Northwestern and other Vanderbilt lines the American Express company enjoys the exclusive right to carry on business. It is believed by many railroaders who are in a position to command respect for their statements that the American Express company will displace the Pacific Express company on the Union Pacific within the eventful railroad year that is about to begin.

Hostility to Americans

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.-A special to the Journal and Advertiser Haven, Conn., says: Captain George L. Kelsey, of the schooner Wallace Ward, which has just arrived here from Barcelona, Spain, insists that the American consul at that port fears mob violence and is unable to keep the American flag flying from Uncle Sam's vessels. He put into port there September 16, remaining three days. At first the Stars and Stripes floated proudly from the masthead, but the Spanish loiterers were attracted by it and gathered by the side of the vessel, threatening violence. The American consul heard a rumor that the crowd proposed burning the vessel, and he sent word to Captain Kelsey to haul down the flag. Captain Kelsey defied the Spaniards, but the next day the consul repeated his advice and Captain Kelsey was reluctantly persuaded to store the Stars and Stripes below decks during the remainder of his stay.

Alger a Very Sick Man

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.-The Post's Washington special says: General Alger, secretary of war, is very sick man. He is lying critically ill at his home on K street from an

acute attack of the grip, with typhoid It is only within the last few hours that his condition became such as to disturb his family. Up to yesterday afternoon he continued to discharge some of his official duties. He did this while in bed and against the wishes of

physician. Since then, however, he has become very much weaker. General Alger has not been in robust health for some time. It has been his practice to give too much atten-tion to the details of the business of the war department, and he has, really, done a greater amount of actual work than he has been obliged to. All this has told on him, and he is now suffering from the effects of too close application to his official labors.

Prince Committed for Trial.

LONDON, Dec. 30.-Richard Arthur Prince, the super who assassinated William Terriss, the actor, on December 16, was formally committed for trial today at the Bow Street police station.

Authority to Levy Taxes.

VIENNA, Dec. 30.—An imperial deeree has been gazetted authorizing the government during the prorogation of parliament to levy taxes and provide for the state expenditures from January 1 to June 30 next.

GAGE NOT TO RESIGN.

he Story Started at Washington Officia ly Denied.

WASHIGTON, Dec. 30.-Assistant Secretary Vanderlip, when asked con-cerning a report that Secretary Gage had tendered his resignation and the Mr. McKinley had refused it, said:
"There is nothing in it." The report
in question gave Mr. Vanderlip as authority for the assertion. Secretary Gage himself left for New York this morning. Mr. Vanderlip, when ques-tioned further, said that so far as he was quoted as authority for the asser tion he could say that there was noth-ing in it, for he had never so stated to any person. As to whether or not Mr. Gage had offered to resign, and Mr. McKinley had refused to accept it, he (Vanderlip) could say nothing, for he did not know whether it were

It is believed in some usually well informed circles that the report is substantially correct, but that there was no formal tender of a resignation. It is regarded as probable that in some conversation with the president, Mr. Gage, in an informal way, said that he would be a substantial to the said of the said that t Gage, in an informal way, said that he would resign if his financial views were embarrassing the administration and that the president in reply stated very positively that he did not want the secretary of the treasury to do any such thing.

It is learned, furthermore, that at the time of this conversation the president informed Mr. Gage that their views were in accord and he

their views were in accord and he must not think of resigning. It is re-garded as certain that Mr. Gage will

continue in office.

Secretary Gage was seen on his return from New York and questioned as to the truth of the published report that he had tendered his resignation to the president, and that it had been firmly declined with many expressions of confidence and apprecia-tion of his abilities as shown in his administration of the treasury

partment. Mr. Gage was not inclined to discuss the matter at length, but said that he had not tendered his resignation, nor had he any reason to believe that nor had he any reason to believe that he and the president were not in sub-stantial accord on the great questions now before the country. The report, he said, probably sprung from a re-mark he had made to intimate friends to the effect that not for anything would he embarrass the president, and if he saw that he was doing so he would resign at once. He added:

"A cabinet officer ought always to stand ready to resign his office at the request of his chief, but I have no reason to believe that such action on my part is even remotely desired by the president. The desires of other people in that direction I am not dis-

Hanna's Campaign Begins COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 30.-Major Charles Dick arrived from Cleveland last night to assume charge of Sena-tor Hanna's personal interests in the senatorial election. Mr. Hanna is not expected here before Sunday. In the meantime Major Dick will shape up

affairs to combat the opposition to the re-election of his chief.

The rooms at the Neil house have been secured for Mr. Hanna. Major Dick will have a corps of lieutenants to assist him, and the prospects are for a very lively skirmish. But few of the members-elect of the general as-sembly have arrived and the majority will probably not come to the Capital City until Friday, the day previous to the caucuses for the organizationof the upper and lower houses. The list of members claimed by Charles L. Kurtz in opposition to Senator Hanna as given out tonight contains names of two senators and six repre-seentatives, but Major Dick does not concede that any of these members

will vote against Senator Hanna The Requisition Denied.

DENVER, Dec. 30.-Gov. Adams has refused to honor the requisition of Governor Black, of New York, in the case of William H. Griffith, of Leadville, Col., proprietor of the Herald-Democrat and Evening Chronicle of that place, who was indicted by the York City grand jury on a charge of larceny. The indictment was found on the complaint of Richard J. Bolles. of New York, who claims that Griffith

secured a loan of \$14,000 from him in 1892 by false representations. Governor Adams refused the requisition because it appeared to him that the criminal prosecution was not begun in good faith, but was an effort to force Mr. Griffith to pay the debt. Mr. Griffith announces that he will

go to New York next summer pre-

nared to stand trial on the indict-

ment.

President Signs the Seal Bill. WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Ex-Secretary Foster had a brief conference with the president today, after which the president approved the bill pro-hibiting the killing of fur seals in the waters of the North Pacific ocean. passed the day congress adjourned for the holidays. The act prohibits the killing of seals by American citizens, except as they may be taken on the Pribyloff islands by the North American Commercial company. It also prohibits the importation of pelagic seal skins into the United States raw, dressed, dyed or manufactured. The penalty for violation of the law-is a fine of not less than \$200 or more than \$2,000, or imprisonment for not more than six months, or both, for each offense, including the forfeiture to the United States of the vessel, its tackle and cargo.

The Merchants and Traders' bank of Atlanta, Ga., failed to open its doors. Capital stock, \$100,000.

Arkansas Populists. LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 30.-The populist state committee met here vesterday. Resolutions were adopted instructing the national committee-men to be present at the St. Louis middle-of-the-road convention. The resolutions were strongly against fusion and opposed the nomination of a ticket this year, as has been pro-

The will of Mrs. Henrietta R. Fales Baker, who died at Philadelphia, be-queaths \$2,000,000 to the Pennsylvania.