

INWOLVED FORTUNE
Grave Charges Growing Out of the Death of Annie Pixley.
NUMEROUS HINTS OF PLOTS AND MURDER
Husband of the Once Popular American Actress Accused by Her Mother.
LARGE ESTATE LEFT TO LITIGATION
Pretty Maid of the Victim Said to Have Acted a Part.
SUSPECTED OF ADMINISTERING POISON
Statements of Robert Fulford and Others Concerned on Both Sides of the Case—Sensational Features of the Affair.

NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—Mr. Robert Fulford, husband of the well known American actress, Annie Pixley, "the child of the Sierras," who died in London on October 5 last under, it is claimed, mysterious circumstances, was a passenger on the American liner steamship New York, which arrived at her wharf about 9 o'clock this morning. Mr. Fulford was accompanied by his sister, Mrs. W. Frazer, and by Annie Joyce, the late Miss Pixley's main powder to her, thus being instrumental in causing her death in order that Mr. Fulford might obtain possession of her estate, valued at from \$200,000 to \$400,000.

Upon the arrival of the steamship New York at quarantine, Mr. Fulford was met by a representative of the Associated Press, who acquainted him with the serious charges which have been made against him by the Pixley family, as published during the past week, as to the circumstances surrounding the death of his wife and the alleged forgeries in connection with the transfer of deeds and mortgages belonging to his wife's estate. Mr. Fulford, who is a short, thick-set gentleman, with iron-gray hair and mustache and very good appearance, was considerably surprised and shocked when he learned the serious nature of the charges.

"I have been living in the suburbs of London," he said, "and have heard nothing of all this. I therefore do not feel like saying very much on the subject until I have become more fully informed concerning the stories which have been circulated. I can say now, however, that it is all the most absurd rubbish on earth. My wife died, despite the attention of the two most skilled physicians in England. I have been quietly resting with my people in London ever since. The course of the Pixley family is no doubt a very singular one, but I have not been troubled over it and turned over to them Annie's estate. The idea of charging me with seeking to get rid of my wife is nothing short of silly on the face of it.

"What had I to gain? Certainly no mercenary motive would have influenced me as there was no necessity for it. All the money was mine whether my wife was alive or not. All talk of narrow treatment was untrue. My wife and I lived together for twenty-one years, from the time of our marriage at Portland, Ore., to her death, happily and without a separation at any time. Her death was a serious blow to me.

that Miss Pixley's death was due to her husband's desire to make away with her. Colonel Haire, announcing the high positive evidence to prove that Miss Pixley left a will providing for her family, and witnesses who will testify as to the harsh treatment which she received from the late Mrs. Fulford, the transfer of deeds are broadly hinted at. The case, which will come up in Philadelphia, promises to be a sensational one. The late Mrs. Pixley's property is estimated at from \$200,000 to \$400,000. Among other things it included a \$55,000 mortgage on the Park avenue in Philadelphia.

"The only object of the legal proceedings we believe to be our right to a proper share of Annie's estate—to cause Mr. Fulford to make a proper accounting to us of his disposition of the deceased's property, in which, in which we can prove, we are interested. My sister trusted implicitly in her husband; he was always in full control of the property, and it was not until her money in his name; no Annie had to go to her husband for every dollar she wanted to spend. Annie's brain was in no way affected. She died of a natural cause, but her husband called in Dr. Walter Fleming to attend her. Dr. Fleming and Mr. Fulford were intimate friends. Annie was not ill, and she was not in a position to have another physician. We do not exactly know what the poisons were which were prescribed for her, and which were administered by the regular physician, Miss Joyce. We wish we had kept one of these for analysis. As it stands, however, we can only give it as our opinion that the creation only adds to the strength of this view.

"It is true Mr. Fulford has complete possession of the entire estate of his wife. We do not think it possible that Annie ever intended to leave her mother or any of us; she was very kind and full of affection for her mother. Only a short time previous to her departure for England, Annie showed Alice, her sister, a written document with a blue cover, which was undoubtedly her will. She showed Alice this paper and called her to read it. Alice said, 'To Alice \$25,000, a diamond pin and a ring.' There is no doubt in our minds that the remainder of the document was such a share in her estate.

"Mr. Pixley expressed the conviction that Mr. Fulford would never expect to see anything more of him. PREFERRED MORE DISCRETION. Colonel J. Haire, counsel for the Pixley family, said: 'I would have preferred having the Pixleys use more discretion in the selection of the agents who were to handle the charges made against Robert Fulford. It is true and there are many circumstances connected with the departure of Mr. Fulford which would tend to lead one to believe that he was not in a position to handle the charge. I have been consulted by the Pixley family, and I have advised them to take no such step in the present case and no such charge will be made.' 'I know nothing about the matter beyond what has been told me by the Pixley family. The question of what right Fulford has to transfer the entire estate of his wife to himself, and what right we have to the same, is a question which I am not prepared to advise them concerning his disposition of her estate and their interest in it. All the friends of Mrs. Fulford, who are in the city, are in London, or by proxy in Philadelphia.

"I have a record of money, real estate and other property, valued at \$200,000 and \$400,000. The actress was very generous, kindly and ambitious. Her trust in her husband was very great, and she was very trusting. Her appearances indicated some sort of understanding between the maid Joyce and Fulford. Joyce, I understand, was the Pixley's at Philadelphia seven years ago.

Dr. Walter M. Fleming, who attended the late Annie Pixley during her illness previous to her death, and who has signed the published charges made by the family of Miss Pixley that powders he prescribed for her were opiate of a powerful character, and which were intended to cause the following statement to a representative of the Associated Press.

CLEVELAND IS NOT PLEASED
President Still Determined to Defeat the Income Tax Proposition.
LITTLE PROSPECT FOR HIS SUCCESS

WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE BEE, 513 FOURTEENTH STREET, WASHINGTON, Feb. 11. Strenuous efforts are being made by President Cleveland to have the senate finance committee strike out the income tax feature of the Wilson tariff bill. It was proposed by the administration that income taxes should be separated from the customs measure and reported to the senate as a separate bill, but it was soon found that that could not be done. Such action would be equivalent to originating a revenue measure in the senate. All revenue bills must originate in the house. Democratic members of the house ways and means committee were thus sounded. They were asked if they would accept a tariff bill with a separate measure if it was struck out of the tariff bill by the finance committee. They replied that they would not, but that they would accept a part of the Wilson bill or fall. That it was simply a scheme to rescue President Cleveland from embarrassment. They said the president would not come tax measure pure and simple, but he could not veto a tariff bill providing income taxes. So it is but a question of striking out the income tax or the tariff bill scheme, or keeping them in the bill as now.

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Railroad Traffic in the West Seriously Interfered With. BLOCKED BY BANKS OF SNOW. Railroad Traffic in the West Seriously Interfered With. The snow coming down so thick that it looked like a fog. Up to 8 o'clock tonight the precipitation was fully one foot in depth and it is still falling, accompanied by a high wind. All street car lines in the city were compelled to suspend operations about 4 o'clock, the plows being unable to keep the tracks sufficiently clear to run, and a long line of grip and coaches are stretched along the various lines in the most important parts of the city. Only those who have to be out in the streets, as it is almost impossible for pedestrians to get about.

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