# INVOLVES A 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, busband of the well known American actress, Annie Pixley, "the child of the Sierras," who died in London on October S last under, It is claimed, mysterious circumstances, was a passenger on the American line 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 maid, who is said to have administered certain powders 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 due to impatience on their part because I have not hurried over here 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 was mine whether my wife was alive or not. All talk of harsh 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. ALL IN THE HUSBAND'S NAME.

"The assertion on the part of the Pixley's that all the deeds and mortgages belonging to Miss Pixley are in my name is certainly true. They are all in my name and will remain so. Who else would have them? It was through thy management that Miss Pixley made her fortune. She left every thing to me to be disposed of as I thought best. It was never intended that Mrs. Pixley, her mother, should be left unpro-vided for. I have taken care of the whole family for over twenty years.

"Mrs. Pixley has got me into a nice little scrape by her ill-advised talking, and it's poor way to set about obtaining what she alleges is due her. Of course, I shall continue to look out for my mother-in-law, but doubt if I will contribute anything more for the half brothers of my wife to sport with on Broadway. They are old enough and big enough to earn a living for themselves. Certainly I am going to look into what they have said against me, and am not going to furnish them with the weapons to fight me There really has never been too much friendly feeling between Annie's family and

"I received a letter from my old friend.
Dr. Fleming, saying that the old lady was
very irate, or something to that effect, but I
did not know to what bounds her anger or impatience had led her until now. The bull of my wife's estate is located in Philadel-phia, where I shall go very soon to prepare for the fighting of the legal battle which I understand has been started for me. There s a joint will between my wife and I, mad by us years ago, which I will have probated "I'm not guilty of murder or any crime and have with me in an urn the remains of my dear wife, which I propose to place beside the remains of our little child, who is buried at London, Ont.

"In regard to the story that I caused my wife's remains to be cremated in order that no investigation could be made into the cause of her death, I can only say that she was cremated at her own request, and I can prove this by evidence of several persons. As I have previously stated, I was not in any way instrumental in the death of my wife, and there is absolutely no truth in the reports that Dr. Fleming, who is the phy sician employed by the actor's fund o America, and who has been the trusted phy sician of professional people since the day of Edwin Forrest, gave my wife medicin that in any way injured her, and there is also no truth in the story that my wife's maid, Annie Joyce, had anything to do with my wife's death. I have brought Miss Joyce back to this country with me, so that it will not be difficult to refute these cruel and outrageous calumnies

STORY OF THE ACTRESS' MAID. Miss Annie Joyce was next interviewed b the Associated press representative. Miss Joyce is an attractive looking young woman and wore a neat mourning suit and a jaunty crepe bonnet. Miss Joyce said: "There is absolutely no truth in the stories connecting me with the death of Miss Pixley. do not know what has been said and shall ignore the statements and charges madagainst me entirely. The charges mentioned as those that I have been circulating are simply preposterous and so far as I an cerned I invite full inquiry into the death of Miss Pixley, so far as my attendance of her during her illness is concerned or other-

Robert Fulford, Dr. Fleming and Annie Joyce has aroused considerable excitement among the friends of both parties. The friends of Mr. Pulford are indigmant and refer to the charges with contempt and as mert that it only requires Mr. Fulford's presence here to entirely dissipate them. On the part of the family, their attorney, Colonel R. J. Haire, is vigorously investi-gating the case with a view to securing the rights of his clients to a share of the estate of the actress more than attempting to prove

that Miss Pixley's death was due to her hus-band's desire to make away with her. Colonel Haire announces he has positive evidence to prove that Miss Pixley left a will providing for her family, and witnesses who will testify as to the harsh treatment of his wife by Mr. Fulford. Forgeries in the transfer of deeds are broadly hinted at: The case, which will come up in Philadel-phia, promises to be a sensational one. The estate of Miss Pixley is variously estimated at from \$200,000 to \$400,000. Among other things it included a \$65,000 mortgage on the Park theater in Philadelphia.

STORY OF MISS PIXLEY'S BROTHER. In connection with the charges emanating from the Pixley family, Mr. Star L. Pixley, brother of the late actress, said to an Assobrother of the late actress, said to an Asso-clated press representative on behalf of the family. "We all believe the manner in which my sister came so suddenly to her death is, to say the least, peculiar. While we have no proof upon which to base a prosecution of Robert Fulford, her husband, for causing the death of my sister, the puband sister represent our opinions on the

The only object of the legal proceedings we are preparing to take is to obtain what 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 dis-position of the will, deeds and papers of my sister, in which we can prove we are terested. My sister trusted implicitly her husband; he was always in full control of her property, and deposited in banks all her money in his name; so Annie had to go to her husband for every dollar she wanted to spend. Annie's brain was in no way af fected. Last September when she was ill, her husband called in Dr. Walter Fieming to attend her. Dr. Ffeming and Mr. Ful-ford were intimate friends. Annie did not like him, and begged to be permitted to have another physician. We don't exactly know what the powders were which were prescribed for her, and which were so per-sistently and regularly administered by 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 Annie's death was very mysterious, and her cremation only adds to the strength of this "It is true Mr. Fulford has complete pos-

session 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 out her will. In fact, is well known to many that she proclaimed her intention of providing handsomely for her mother. Only a short time previous to her departure for England, Annie showed Alice, her sister, a typewritten document with a blue cover which was undoubtedly her will. She one day showed Alice this paper and called her attention to a clause reading: 'To Alice \$2,500, a diamond pin and a ring.'

There is no doubt in our minds that the remainder of the document contained other clauses providing for our mother and all of us a share in her estate." Mr. Pixley expressed the conviction that Mr. Fullord would not again visit America and that the family did not expect to see anything more of him.

PREFERRED MORE DISCRETION.

Colone B. L. Hairs, coursed for the Pixley.

Colonel R. J. Haire, counsel for the Pixley family, said to a representative of the Associated press: "I would have preferred having the Pixleys use more discretion in their statements. They believe, of course, that the charges made against Robert Ful-ford are true and there are many circumconnected with the departure for stances connected with the departure for England of Miss Pixley, her treatment for her illness and the final disposition of her remains which lend color to the opinions that have been published. It is, however, a very serious matter to charge a man with a felony unless there is good legal proof to substantiate his guilt. There is no such

substantiate his gift. There is no such proof in the present case and no such charges will be made.

"I know norbing about the matter beyond what has been told me by the Pixley family. My duty is simply to investigate the question of what right Fulford has to transfer the such as the proof of the suffer to himself. the entire estate of his wife to himself, thereby entirely ignoring the claims of her family, and his fallure to advise them concerning his disposition of her estate and Mrs. Fulford knew very well that her hus-band was to provide against want upon the part of her mother and sisters, and the fortune she accumulated amply justified even an extravagant estimate of what she must have provided for them in her will.
"I have engaged associate counsel in Lon-

don and in Philadelphia to assist me in preparing the case and when it comes up Philadelphia will be the fighting ground, as it is there Miss Pixley's largest interests lie. Mr. Fulford has, I understand, retained Messrs. Morgan & Lewis of 411 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, as his coun-sel. They are able men. I shall, when ready to begin proceedings, endeavor to get service of the papers on Mr. Fulford

in London, or by proxy in Philadelphia.
"I have a record of money, real estate
and jewelry left by Miss Pixley to the value of between \$200,000 and \$400,000. The bitlous. Her trust in her husband was very great, and he controlled her affairs. Ap pearances indicated some sort of understand ing between the maid Joyce and Fulford. was engaged by the Pixleys at Philadelphia seven years ago.'

Dr. Walter M. Fleming, who attended the late Annie Pixley during her illness previous to her departure for England, speaking of the published charges made by the family of Miss Pixley that powders he prescribed for her were opiates of a powerful character and assisted in her untimely end, made the following statement to a representative of the Associated press

DR. FLEMING'S DENIAL. "I have been intimately acquainted with Miss Pixley and her husband for many years. I attended her during her illness just before she left for England, in company with Mr. Fulford. She was suffering from overwork, pervous prostration, and the loss f her child caused her to wear herself out.
"The insinuations as to the character of my treatment of Miss Pixley are absurd and unjust to the last degree. As to what course I will pursue with reference to these I prefer to say nothing further than that the last has not been heard of

The general indignation of the of Mr. Fulford is nothing short of intense. I never knew any charge of misconduct to be taken up and so indignantly condemned as the charges made against Bob Fulford have been by his host of friends.

"The powders which I prescribed for Miss Pixley were simply bismuth and soda, to settle the lady's stomach. My mail is very large since these charges were made, and I am daily flooded with messages and letters from my own friends and friends of Mr. Fulford, condemning the infamous insinua-

### WHEN ANNIE PIXLEY DIED.

Story of One Who WassPresent During Her Last Moments.

LONDON, Feb. 11.—The Associated press has investigated the London end of the reported mysterious death of Annie Pixley, the well known actress, and the rumored disappearance of her property. When this dispatch is published. Mr. Robert Fulford, the husband of the deceased actress, Annie Joyce, the much taiked of maid of the dead actress, and Mrs. Frazier, a sister of Mr. Fulford, will be in New York City, for which place they sailed a week ago on board the steam-ship New York. From Mrs. Edwin Fulford, wife of the brother of Robert Fulford, in whose house Miss Pixley died, a reporter obtained the following statement:

Mrs. Edwin Fulford said that she received Annie Pixley at her house in September last then the actress returned dying from the United States. Mrs. Fulford says that about the nursed Annie tenderly throughout her sickand that she was present at her death. Fulford also spoke bitterly of Annie Pixtoy's mother, whom she declares always showed animosity for the actress' husband, who, during his wife's illness, according to Edwin Fulford, scarcely left Annie's

Two eminent physicians, Dr. Harrimore and Dr. Barlow, attended the deceased during her illness. Mr. Robert Fulford allowed

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### CLEVELAND IS NOT PLEASED

President Still Determined to Defeat the Income Tax Proposition.

LITTLE PROSPECT FOR HIS SUCCESS

Senators Not Inclined to Strike the Matter from the Wilson Bill-Sugar Trust Claims to Have the Senate Fixed.

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 then sounded. They were asked if they would report the income tax scheme as a separate measure if it was stricken out of the tariff bill by the finance committee. They replied that they would not; that the income tax must remain 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 veto an income tax measure pure and simple, but he could not veto a tariff bill providing incor taxes. So it is but a question of striking income taxes from the bill and killing the scheme, or keeping them in the bill as now. If a duty is placed on sugar, coal and iron ore, as seems altogether probable, the in-come taxes will not be necessary for revenue. It looks as though the dilemma would become very embarrassing to the president and his party in congress.

SUGAR TRUST SCORES A POINT. It is reported tonight that the Sugar trus has won its point in spite of Chairman Voor-hees' threat that a discriminating duty in favor of refined sugar will be levied by the senate bill. Two of the three members of the subcommittee preparing the senate bill are in favor of preserving the interest of the trust. As Chairman Voorhees wants to in-crease the tax on and extend the bonded period for whisky, it would not become him to insist overly much upon throttling the other trust. If the Whisky trust is to be conserved, why not help and protect the Sugar trust? The agents of the Sugar trust have been here a week. It is no wonder that sentiment should change in their wake. It is said that over 60,000 shares of Sugar trust stock were bought in New York on Friday alone for men here who were privately told that the trust had fixed things in the senate. CLEANING OUT THE CLERKS.

A reign of terror is beginning to spread through the Interior department. Secretary Carlisle has either weeded out or marked for decapitation every republican official in the Treasury department, and has openly boasted of it, and now Secretary Hoke Smith intends to follow up the work of the Ken-tucky secretary and fire out of the Interior department and all its branch bureaus every department and all its branch bureaus every republican who can be reached, both in and out of the classified list of the civil service law. Hoke Smith is having made up "records of efficiency of employes for promotion throughout the Interior department." While these records are ostensibly for promotion purposes, they are really "lists" for the manipulator of the guillotine. About two dozen republicans in the pens'on office, within the classified service and supposedly under civil service protection, have been dropped from the rolls. Hoke Smith is going into the geological and other scientific bureau and dismissing republicans right and left men possessing technical knowledge and fill ing positions which cannot be efficiently oc cupied by inexperienced men; yet he is fill-ing the vacancies with inexperience and in-efficiency. By the end of this year there will be scarcely a republican left in the de partments here. The Civil Service commis sion has no voice in these dismissals, and is seldom consulted now when positions are to be filled.

UNEMPLOYED AT THE CAPITAL. Congressmen from every section of th ountry now in Washington are having a lively foretaste of the work which committees in the various cities are doing in the direction of helping the needy. The national capital is overrun with professional tramps and men who have been honorably strande here. The corridors of the capital fairly swarm with them at times. They send in for the congressmen representing their home districts and implore them for financial as-Several eastern representative: sistance. have actually been driven out of the city by helpless constituents. Strangers in going about the city day or night are accosted in

every block for alms by these men.

Washington is trying to do her share helping those who are destitute. The desti-tution here, however, is largely different from that prevailing in industrial centers of the country. There are few shops here, and no more men and women are out of worl from the regular roll of residents than ordinarily. The great influx of unemployed comes from every section. Why this should be their Mecca no one knows; but here they come, and they are making it a serious mat ter to men in public life. A peculiar feature of the distress prevailing in Washington is that it is with white persons almost exclusively. There are about 90,000 colored per sons in Washington-twice as many blacks as whites who work at common labor—and yet officers of the charitable associations say that there are ten white families and ten white persons who apply for assistance to one black. The explanation of this is that the blacks are more economical and willing to work at anything when penniless, while the whites are fastidious, and are unwilling to work unless they get a certain kind of employment and fixed wages. There are no black beggars around the capital. But the army of white tramps and helpless individuals is growing so large in the national capital as to make the situation serious. It they can only impress themselves upon leg islation their presence here will not have been in vain.

PROFESSIONAL LOBBYISTS. "There goes a man who lives off his alleged influence with two or three members of congress," said a senator to The Bee cor respondent. He continued: know that there are in Washington fifty or 100 men who do nothing but draw salaries and receive the from persons having interests before congress, and who have nothing to give in return except their influence with senators and representatives? Well, it is true, I am sorry to say. I know of threa men, jackleg lawyers, who do nothing but run around the corridors of the capitol and advertise their influence with a certain democratic senator. They are all receiving salaries for their influence with this senator. Persons having interests before the com-mittee of which the senator is a member seek out his friends for favors, and I know that these three men are subsidized by number of persons who have interests be fore the senator's committee. A gremany public men unconsciously lend the selves to this disreputable business of sell-ing influence. I don't believe that the men in responsible positions are frequently swerved in the performance of their duties by the influence of these schemers, but they encourage the men who live off this friendencourage the men who live off this friend-ship by advertising their relations with these men. They go out driving with them, are frequently seen in the theaters and cafes with them, and apparently to all intents and purposes they are controlled by them.

The other day your correspondent inquired of an efficial of the Department of State who was preparative the communications pass. who was preparing the communications passing from this government to Minister Willis. It had been alleged that those who

have long known Mr. Gresham that he was

### not sufficiently adept in the preparation of BLOCKED BY BANKS OF SNOW

diplomatic correspondence to constuct some of the communications which have passed out of the State Department in relation to

out of the State Department in relation to the Hawaiian affair.

"Why," said the State department official, somewhat surprised, "don't you know who writes the diplomatic letters for this administration? It is Adee, the assistant secretary. Mr. Adee is the smartest man with a pen having any connection with this administration. Secretary Blaine said that Adee could write more and say less than any man he ever saw, and that he was the most gifted evasionist of the age. It was Adee who put together those two words which have encircled the world and become historical in the world of letters, 'inocuous desuetude.' Secretary Gresham could never get down to diplomatic phrases and evasions which would qualify him to conduct the dipplomatic correspondence of the department. plomatic correspondence of the department He is too blunt and direct. He could write or deliver extemporaneously a decision from he bench which would be well enough under stood, but if he should ever prepare stood, but if he zhouid ever prepare a lengthy communication to Lord Roseberry, for instance, on the Bering sea question, or should direct a communication to President Petroto on the insurrection in Brazil, those officials would have the laugh on this country. It would doubtless remind them of a challenge from Peter Jackson. No. Mr. Adee is the busiest man in the State department, and all communications of any importance whatever, and especially those which are to be given to the public, ema-nate from his room." LEW WALLACE ON THE PRESIDENT.

General Lew Wallace, the widely known Hoosier novelist and author of "Ben Hur," etc., who is spending a few days here where he is consulting historical works and doing some copyright business with the Congressional Library, was talking this evening with some friends about the Cleveland administration and the business of congress when he said: "I have never known such dissensions to exist in a political party as now prevails in the ranks of the democrats and nowhere in my travels have democrats and nowhere in my travels have I found organizations within the dominant party offering any defense of the president. They have wisely concluded that Mr. Cleveland is bungling things, and there is no excuse or help for it. Under the Cleveland administration the United States ceases to be a republic. He is an autocratic and despotic ruler, who better asks nor accepts advice from his cabinet officers. If he wants to do anything he goes ahead and does it. He then asks what is thought of it. He carries a wedge in his pocket and a mallet in his hat. When he gets a scheme in his head he finds a crack in the law to set his wedge and applies his mallet. He smashes the constitution to smithereens He has no more regard for the constitution than he has for the senate. He is not a follower of precedents. He molds them." Hon. John R. Webster of Omaha is at the Riggs, and J. R. Wallbank of Mount Pleasant is at the Ebbitt.

Senator and Mrs. Manderson returned from New Orleans this morning. Representative David B. Henderson of Dubuque, Ia., who yesterday afternoon un derwent the amputation of a piece of the stump of his leg, a part of which he lost in battle at Corinth, is getting along nicely. Brave man that he is, his nerve alone has kept him alive for years. His suffering for some months has been agonizing.
PERRY S. HEATH.

#### WEEK IN THE SENATE.

Will Make an Effort to Clear Up the Calendar.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—There will be an effort on the part of the senate during the present week to clear up the calendar as far as possible, prior to asking up the tariff bill; which, when it is reported to the senate, is expected to exclude the consideration of most other subjects. The speech making during the week is tade devoted to a variety of topics, including the Stewart bond resolution, the Turple Hawaiian resolution, and probably the resolution of Senater Hale in-structing the committee on finance to grant hearings on the tariff bill, The speeches on the Stewart resolution w

be made during the morning hour and the Hawalian speeches later in the day. Senators Gray and Daniel have given notice o speeches on the Hawaiian resolution for Monday, and Senator White of California is among others who probably will address the senate later in the week on this topic. The bill to compel railroad companies operating roads in the territories over rights o way granted by the government to establis ons at all townsites established by the Interior department is the unfinished busi ness on the calendar and when it is dispose of the bill to provide for additional acc modations for the government printing offic will be taken up and acted on as soon as practicable. There will also be a genera

effort on the part of senators to have private bills or bills of minor general importance taken from the calendar and passed. It is believed that the committee on the judiciary will dispose of the Peckham nom ination fomorrow, and if so in all probability there will be at least one day during the week devoted to executive session for the

#### purpose of passing upon this nomination. IN THE HOUSE.

Bland Seignlorage Bill Will Be Disposed o Wednesday.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.-It is expected that the consideration of the Bland seignior age bill will be completed in the house or Wednesday. Tomorrow is District of Columbia day, but by special order the time after 3 o'clock has been set aside for paying tribute to the memory of the late Senator Stanford, and a fight will probably be for the three hours previous by Mr. Bland When the Bland bill reaches a vote the general expectation is that it will pass after having been modified in certain ticulars to meet the objections of Secr. Carlisle to give him some latitude and dis cretion in the issue of treasury notes agains the seigniorage and in the coinage of the

On Thursday the O'Neill-Joy conteste election case will come up, and by agree ment six hours will be devoted to debat thereon. Mr. O'Neill will probably be scate by almost a strict party vote, der of the week will be d fortification appropriation bill. Chairman Sayers of the appropriation con

mittee has been anxious to advance some o the appropriation bills now on the house cal endar, but he has been persuaded by th friends of Mr. O'Nelli to let the latter's right to a seat be settled before legislation proceeds further.

### ON PECKHAM'S CONFIRMATION.

Govern the Senate. WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 .- Nothing seems so much in doubt as the action of the senate judiciary committee on the nomination of between here and Lincoln. Wheeler H. Peckham for associate justice of the supreme court. It is expected the committee will decide tomorrow. The com

mittee's decision is likely to be the decision of the senate. This is especially true if the committee should decide in favor of Peckham. Senator Hill stone has been confident from the first that Peckham would no be confirmed and is now just as confident Friends of the administration seem con fident and say there would not be the least doubt if they knew the attitude of two mem bers of the committee. It is supposed thes two men are Senators Hoar and Platt.

### TESTING ARMOR PLATE.

Three Hundred Tons of the Material Found Equal to the Test.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.-The Carnegle Steel company had better luck with its armor plate than at Indian Head a few weeks ago. That plate cracked badly and the company was given another test, also at Indian Head proving grounds. The government, however, has the right to demand still another test before it accepts the 300 tons of nickel steel armor involved in the

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Railroad Traffic in the West Seriously Interfered With.

WORST BLIZZARD OF THE PRESENT SEASON

Nebraska, Kansas and Iowa Swent by High Wind-Stock in Some Localities Said to Be Suffering for Attention.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 11 .- The great New York blizzard was almost outdone in the west today. It began snowing in this city about noon and has continued ever since, 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 grips and coaches are stretched along the various lines in different parts of the city. Only those who have to be out are in the streets, as it is almost impossible for pedestrians to get about.

Dispatches from Kansas indicate that the storm is general. At Emporia the snowfall is reported as two feet, while advices from other points report from one foot to eighteen inches.

Signal Officer Connor tonight stated that oday's blizzard is the worst experienced in this part of the country since the establish-ment of the signal office in this city. Incom-ing trains from the west on all reads at 11 o'clock are reported to be from four to twelve hours late, and some of them have been

'lost' altogether. Dispatches from Oklahoma and Indian Territory indicate that suffering among the settlers will be very severe, as the snow is ac-companied by very cold winds, and at some points the thermometer is several degrees below zero. The loss of live stock, it is pected, will be very great.

At midnight it is still snowing here and

the prospects are that the fall will continue all night.
The Journal has the following dispatches

from Kansas and Oklahoma: HENNESSEY, Okl., Feb. 11.-A terrible norther, never before equaled in this part of the country, reached here at 6 o'clock this morning. It has been snowing and this morning. It has been snowing and drifting for the past twelve hours with no abatement. Over a foot of snow has fallen on the level and it is drifted in places six feet deep. Railroad traffic is entirely suspended. The blizzard came up very suddenly and no doubt the poorly sheltered set-tlers in the Cherokee Strip will suffer greatly from exposure. The thermometer stands two degrees below zero and the wind is blowing sixty miles an hour. ABILENE, Kan., Feb. 11.-The blizzard

which began yesterday has continued all day and is fiercer than ever tonight. Fifteen inches of snow has fallen and is badly drifted by high winds. All trains are de-FROM MISSOURI TO TEXAS.

FROM MISSOURI TO TEXAS.

PARSONS, Kan., Feb. 11.—The worst
snow storm that has prevailed in southeastern Kansas since the memorable storm of
1885 set in here at 1 o'clock this morning
and continued throughout the day, covering
the ground to the depth of eight inches,
Advices received at headquarters of the
Missouri, Kansas & Texas railroad are to the effect that the storm prevails along the entire system of the road from points in Missouri to Texas. A strong wind has been prevalent all day and the snow is drifting badly. Traffic on the railroads at this hour (10 o'clock) is open but it is more than probable that many delays and blockades will

ELDORADO, Kan., storm today is the worst that has occurred here since 1881. Snow began falling early this morning, and all day the air has been a solid sheet of snow and it is still falling. It is between six and eight inches deep on level and the wind which accompanied i has filled the cuts around the roads and railroad. Travel is blockaded. A train of thirteen cars of cattle on the Santa Fe arrived here several hours late, and owing to the severe storm the cattle had to be unloaded and will be kept here until the

PITTSBURG, Kan., Feb. 11.-A blizzard struck this section after 12 o'clock last night and by morning the ground was covered with snow. Shortly after noon today the storm changed to a pelting, sleeting rain, which is still falling. It is bitterly cold, the rain freezing as fast as it falls and the ground is now a perfect coat of ice. There is at least five inches of key snow on the level OLATHE, Kan., Feb. 11.—A blinding snow storm has been raging in this city ever sinc noon today. In some places are drifts several feet deep and at this time the snow is falling fast as ever with a strong wind from the north and there are no prospects of it abating soon. It is the worst snow storm seen here for years although the weather is

LAWRENCE, Kan., Feb. 11.-The north wind of last night was followed by a driv ing snow storm that commenced early this morning and continued all day. The snow was accompanied by a strong north wind. At 5 o'clock the snow was six inches deep of the level. The thermometer stood at 15 de

grees above zero all day. began falling heavily here last night and continued all day with no pects of abating. The wind has plowing hard and the snow has drifted cor siderably. This is the heaviest fall of sno here for several years. It will be a grea EMPORIA, Kan., Feb. 11.-The worst bliz

zard and snow storm experienced here in years has been raging all day. Snow is twelve to fourteen inches deep, with no ap-pearance of abating. Only one train has reached here from the east and passengers and freights are reported blocked all along all lines. The storm prevails throughout the entire state. Many cattle will perish.

#### BLIZZARD IN IOWA. Frains Delayed by Drifting Snow-Situation

Growing Worse Hourly. CRESTON, Ia., Feb. 11.-(Special Tele gram to The Bee.) - A light snow commenced to fall this morning at 1 o'clock and as the day advanced the storm grew worse. At 11 o'clock tonight the thermometer stands at 5 degrees below zero. A blizzard is now raging. No. 2, the fast Burlington train, due here at 8:30, will not reach here until 1 o'clock a. m. tomorrow. The snow is general

In the Burlington's Territory. ST. JOSEPH, Feb. 11.-A heavy snow storm set in here at 11 o'clock this morning and it is now six inches deep on a level. The mercury is 10 degrees above zero with a strong wind from the northwest. Street car traffic is entirely suspended. Reports received at the general offices of the Burling-ton are to the effect that the storm extends over a greater part of the system, decrease ing in violence as it proceeds southward.
All freight trains are moving very clowly. and passengers have been barely making

QUINCY, Ill., Feb. 11 .- A severe blizzard is raging in this vicinity tonight. The thermometer is sinking steadily and the anovand sleet is almost blinding. northwest wind prevails and street car and railway service is impaired.

U. P. Tracks in Utah Now Clear. SALT LAKE, Feb. 11 .- Snew blocked the High winds piled snow in the cuts as fant as it could be dug out. A Bonacum trial.

# He Inow Fall at St. Louis.

ST. LOU . Peb. 11 .- About 10 o'clock this evening snow commenced to fall and at midevening snow commenced to fall and at mid-night it was snowing hard and a heavy fall Brazilian Insurgents and Government Troop( is predicted before morning. By tomorrow morning there will be a drop in temperature of from 20 to 30 degrees through Mis-

sourt and Illinois. Telegrams from various cities west and northwest, and as far south as Texas, indicate that a heavy snow storm and blizzard prevails over that section. Stockmen Alarmed.

SAN ANGELO, Tex., Feb. 11.-For eight hours the snow fell here today, accompanied by a cold north wind, which has con siderably alarmed stockmen. If the storm continues for any length of time the death percentage of stock will inevitably be large

## PRIESTS FIGHT AT THE ALTAR.

Brooklyn Congregation Treated to a Novel

. Sight in Church. BROOKLYN, Feb. 11 .- There was an exciting time today at St. Peter's Roman Catholic church here and the spectacle of one priest assaulting another on the altar caused a panic among the large congregation which attended mass. The paster of St. Peter's is Rev. Father William J. Hill, a man of middle age, while Father Patrick Y. Mc-Donald, a man about 30 years, is his assistant. The latter was the celebrant of the mass, while Father Hill was on the altar as deacon. When Father Hill commence the reading of notices for the day Father McDonald suddenly arose and turning to Father Hill said: "You can't speak here. Father Hill was taken by surprise and whitspered to his assistant to keep quiet, but the latter rushed at Father Hill and knocked him down the altar steps.

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Father McDonald then picked up the chalice and Father Hill attempted to take it from him. The former dealt him a blow under the left car which knocked him down. The startled congregation was by this time wild with excitement, and several men in the front pews jumped over the chancel rail and prevented Father McDonald from compitting further violance. Father McDonald mitting further violence. Father McDonald was taken to the rectory opposite the church and confined in his apartments, where he became so violent that it was evident that he was insane. Father Hill said he was taken entirely by surprise, as Father Mc-Donald had never before manifested any signs of insanity, and he could not account for the sudden derangement of his mind.

Expelled Priest to Resume His Office. DETROIT, Feb. 11.-For nearly a week past negotiations have been in progress relative to the reinstatement in the Catholic church of Father Kolasinski, the ex-priest who recently completed one of the finest churches in the west and is the leader of a very large following among the Hollanders of Detroit. After a sensational trial Father Kolasinski had been expelled upon various charges of insubordination and conduct un-becoming his office. Today he announced to his congregation that he was about to re-tire and do penance for a week and that on next Sunday he would make apology in three different languages before his congregation according to the terms on which he is to be readmitted to the priesthood.

### HAD TO HAVE IT.

CHICAGO, Feb. 11 .- (Special Telegram to

Chleago Papers Discover that the United Press Service is of No Use.

The Bee.)-The beginning of the end in the hotly contested press association fight is at hand, and as it was promised some months ago, the old reliable Associated press is the victor. Commencing tomorrow two of the strongest papers in the United press will drop the report of that organization and stray sheep that have come into the foldthe Chicago Post and the Chicago Staats Zeitung-who will also receive the Asso ciated press service, beginning tomorrow. The Tribune and Staats-Zeitung-were for-merly members of the Western Associated press, but when, last August, this organiza-tion broadened its scope and changed its name to the Associated press, they cast their lot with the United press. That they soon realized their mistake, however, is evident even though they put on a bold front and proclaimed with much emphsais that the United press was soon to engulf its rival Before the battle had been waged long they were glad of an opportunity to return their first love. The Tribune signed an As sociated press contract on last Wednesday but the fact was not generally known

until today. The Herald and Post signed yesterday. The change of front on the part of the Herald and Post was to many the greatest surprise of the day. For many years these two papers have been the backbone of the United press, John R. Walsh, the principal stockholder in both, being president of that association, and their surrender to the Assoclated press is one of the greatest victorie ever won in a press war. The other Chi-cago papers, who have all along been mem-bers of the Associated press and helped to maintain the fight, are quietly rejoicing over the increase in their "family," and none o bare announcement of the change.

### COUPONS WERE NOT PAID.

Several Denver Citizens and Companies Suc by an Edinburgh Citizen.

DENVER, Feb. 11 .- John Guthrie Smith of Edinburgh, Scotland, began suit in the United States circuit court yesterday against the Maxwell Cattle company, Frank Springer James Van Houten, Francisco A. Mauza nares and Joseph M. Cunningham of New Mexico, Nicholas Thouron of Pennsylvania Samuel L. Parish of New York, Henry M. Porter of Colorado and the Max well Land Grant company to foreclose a mortgage given by the Maxwell Cattle company on its interest in a leasehold for thirty-eight years to about 1.714,000 acres of land in New Mexico and Colorado, known as the Maxwell land grant, to secure bonds for \$275,000. It is claimed that the Max-well Cattle company has defaulted in the payment of interest coupons since January 1, 1886, and has transferred its interest in the mortgaged premises to the other defendants, who are now in possession of the property. The duke of Manchester and the earl of Rosslyn, among others, were formerly associated with complainant as trustees for the mortgagees, but they have resigned.

### WILSON NOT SERIOUSLY ILL.

Will Be Detained at Kansas City Only a Few Days. KANSAS CITY, Feb. 11.-Congressma

William L. Wilson of West Virginia spent a quiet day today in his rooms at the Coates house and tonight is resting easy. Dr. D. R. Porter, the attending physician, told an Associated press reporter that Mr. Wilson is suffering from follicular laryn-gitts. "His ailment is not of a serious nature," the doctor added, "and there is no truth in the sensational reports circulated last night that he is dangerously III.

Mr. Wilson expected to leave for Mexic
Tuesday marning, but acting on Dr. Porter advice he will not leave until Wednesday or Thursday.

### FATHER PHELAN'S TURN.

Priest Who Abused the Bishop Must Now

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 11.-Information was received here last night to the effect that Rev. D. S. Phelan, whiter of the Western Churchman, a Catholic journal of this city, SALT LAKE, Feb. 11.—Snew blocked the was handed a citation to appear before the Union Pacific tracks between this city and commission of investigation of the diocese Ogden all day yesterday and until a this of Lincoln to show cause why he should not suspended for his connection with the

# snow ble is rare in Utah. The tracks IN FIERCE FIGHTING

Battle at Nictheroy.

SWEPT BY BOLTS FROM HEAVY GUNS

Streets of the City the Scene of Some Hot Work.

STRONG WORKS DESTROYED BY REBELS

Their Ships No Longer in Danger from

Shore Batteries.

SEVERAL HUNDRED SOLDIERS KILLED Conflicting Stories as to the Victorious

Parties, but Indications Point to a Partial Defeat for Pelxoto's Land Forces.

NEW YORK, Feb. 11 .- A Herald special dispatch from 'Montevideo says: A correspondent in Rio de Janeiro sends word that the fight at Nictheroy when the rebels landed at Areia point on February 9 and very fierce. It could hardly be decided which forces came out victorious. Many were killed and many others wounded on both sides, and the government troops, commanded by General Agrollo, made a valiant

defense. Confirmation of the news of the landing of the rebels at Nietheroy reached here today in an official cable dispatch from Rio. The insurgent fleet attacked Armacao at 8 o'clock last evening and continued the fight until daybreak. The insurgents landed troops and destroyed the beach and hilltop forts of the government, With six heavy guns and two rapid firing guns they swept the streets of Nictheroy. but were finally forced to retreat. The

government admits a loss of 200. The correspondent in Nictheroy says 500

is nearer the true loss. The insurgents succeeded beyond all hopes, having destroyed the government position most menacing to the insurgent fleet, they having lost but 270 men.

LONDON, Feb. 11.-The Times tomorrow will publish the following advices from Rio de Janeiro, February 7, via Montevideo, February 11: The movement attempted ashore during the past few days to assist the insurgents has collapsed. President Peixoto received timely information of the plot and caused the arrest of the leaders, included among whom were two generals and twenty officers. The news received here from the southern part of Brazil is unreliable. The rumors about the advance of the insurgent

troops continue. It is said they have passed the frontier of the state of Sao Paulo. Admiral da Gama's position is stronger than it has been. He is receiving many recruits and quantities of supplies from dis-tricts near the head of the bay. On Mon-day last, February 5, seventy men joined the insurgent ranks. President Peixoto's new fleet still at Babia.

Admiral da Gama is not interfering with foreign shipping. There is only a small begin receiving the service of the Associated press. These are the Chicago Herald and Chicago Tribune. There are still two other Nictheroy, resigned February 5. candidate for the presidency. The opposi-tion says the Brazilian constitution pro-hibits the holding of an election when

martial law is prevailing in any part of

GREAT COMMERCIAL DISTURBANCE.

Baneful Effects of the Fluctuations in India Exchange. LONDON, Feb. 10.-The Times in its financial article says: It is estimated that goods engaged for shipment to India for the next six months have an aggregate value of £15,000,000. It is alleged nearly the whole of this stupendous total has been contracted for on the basis that the rupee is worth is 3d. India exchange has recently dropped 8d below this price and the loss therefore will amount to £1,200,000. The question arises, who has to bear it? Both

the merchants and the eastern banks appear to have protected themselves in advance The total loss will be large but widely spread. Nothing could better show the evil effects of hie vascillating policy on the part of those who undertook to steady exchange It is to be earnestly hoped drastic measures taken in India for the purpose of tightening money markets will not be dised to screw exchange to an unsafe level 'rom which it would eventually re-lapse again. The Times in an article on Indian affairs says: "We understand the earl of Kimberly has resolved that until the experiment has had a fair trial nothing short of a parliamentary resolution will induce him to reopen the Indian mints and that he is determined to presevere in sell-ing council bills from week to week at market rates. Further, we understand that he will consent to no proposal for imperial duty on silver with the object of upholding the rupee. The financial and commercial world, which bears the brunt, has the right to know distinctly which course will be fol-lowed. Economists, whether agreeing with or differing from the earl, are of one mind as to the danger of further vascillating

during the present export season. Princess Ena Injured.

LONDON, Feb. 11.-The Princess Ena. the 6-year-old daughter of Prince Henry of Rattenberg and Princess Beatrice, met with a serious accident while riding in the grounds at Osborne, Isle of Wight, on Saturday. A groom was leading the pony on which she was seated when the animal stumbled. Princesa Ena was pitched headforemost to the ground. She was able to walk to the palace, but soon after arriving there fell asleep, and has not yet awakened. A specialist was summoued and has since been in attendance upon her. It is feared that she has sustained serious injury to her

Captured Many Prisoners. BUENOS AYRES, Feb. 11.—Dispatches received here from an official source at Rio de Janeiro say the government forces at Nictheroy have repulsed the insurgents and cap-

tured many prisoners, among whom are several naval officers.
In Rio Grande do Sul the insurgents have captured Basso Fundo, Allegreto, Monosay,

Crusalta and Soldad. Eight Paris Firemen Killed.

PARIS, Feb. 11.-A fire occurred today in he Rue de Reully. While the firemen were engaged in the basement a quantity of sulphuret of carbon exploded. The flames completely enveloped the party. Eight firemen were killed and seventeen workmen

Has Returned to Timbuctoo. PARIS, Feb. 11 .- Advices received today from Kayes allege that Colonel Bonniere has returned to Timbucteo from Zegou by

the river Joffre. His route was along the Warship Bennington at Genoa. GENOA, Feb. 11. United States man-of-

war Hennington has arrived here and is awaiting further orders.