

PREMIER ASQUITH FORMS PROGRAM

Parliament Will Be Dissolved November 28 if House of Lords Rejects Bill.

HAD MUCH DESIRED SETTLEMENT
Leader Says Honest and Sustained Attempt Was Made.

NOW REVERT TO STATE OF WAR

Denies Assertion that Government is Acting Under Pressure.

UPPER HOUSE MUST TAKE ACTION

Government Bill Will Be Accepted or Rejected in Vote Before the End of the Coming Week.

LONDON, Nov. 18.—It is the intention of the government to pass the essential features of the budget, namely, the income tax, the duty and sinking fund provisions; remove the pauper disqualification for old-age pensions and dissolve Parliament on November 28 should the lords in the meantime reject the veto bill.

Presenting this program in the House of Commons today Premier Asquith said he had hoped up to the last moment the veto conference would reach a settlement. There never has been a more honest and sustained attempt by any government to bring about a settlement of the present Parliament on the accompanying of the din of party collision.

"The result is that we revert to a state of war," declared the premier, who continued: "The lords will be given an opportunity of saying 'yes' or 'no' to the government's veto bill during the coming week. There is no question of amendment or transformation. It is a question of acceptance or rejection. The time has come for this controversy, which obstructs the whole path of progressive legislation, to be sent for final, decisive arbitration to the national tribunal."

Mr. Asquith denied the assertion of the conservatives that the government was acting under pressure, saying that he understood the charge was that pressure was being applied "by the sinister hand of the black angel of this political drama, Mr. DeLond."

Mr. Asquith then detailed the legislation which the government proposed to pass before the dissolution of Parliament and said it would be necessary to appropriate £20,000,000 to carry out the provisions of the act removing the pauper disqualification from old-age pensioners, and concluding by promising that if the government obtained the requisite Parliamentary majority he would next year bring in a bill to provide for the payment of members of the House of Commons.

Halfour Attacks Ministry.
Arthur J. Halfour, leader of the opposition in the House of Commons, who made the unionist keynote speech at Nottingham last night, today attacked the government program as announced by the premier.

Speaking in the House of Commons, he described the government's method of procedure as unprecedented and unconstitutional.

George Nicol, a labor leader, attacked the government's conduct of the business of the house and the country had not been such as to justify giving the ministry a free hand, and that the labor members would abstain from voting if a vote were taken.

Pressed for a statement on the subject on guarantees from the crown, Premier Asquith said his declaration of last April still represented the deliberate intentions of the government.

"I decline now," he declared, "and shall continue to decline to make a statement regarding the advice which I may have given or hereafter may give. The king stands aloof from all our political and electoral controversies, and it is the duty of his subjects as well as of his ministers to maintain or secure his absolute detachment from the arena of party struggle."

The liberals of the lower house generally interpret Mr. Asquith's statement as indicating that he has obtained conditional guarantees from the crown.

After the premier and Mr. Halfour had concluded, the house rose at 6 o'clock. A majority of the members are starting immediately for their constituencies to open the campaign, which will be the shortest since probably the shortest on record. If, as expected, election writs are issued on November 23, the first possible day for nominations will be December 2 and the first for pollings December 3.

LUMBER TRAFFIC ASSOCIATION

Manufacturers Form Organization for Purpose of Dealing with Carriers.

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 18.—The National Lumber Traffic Association is the title of a new organization launched at New Orleans yesterday. It is proposed that the organization handle matters of lumber traffic in all parts of the country. Well-known lumber men from various sections of the United States entered into its preliminary formation, which was undertaken by the Southern Cypress association in session here.

It is declared by the organizers that a simplification of the tariffs on lumber is a necessity, together with some form of "unification of weights and some form of improvement in the matter of adjusting railway rate claims.

LYNN BANDITS CONVICTED

Men Who Killed Shoe Manufacturers and Policemen Are to Be Executed.

SALEM, Mass., Nov. 18.—Wassell Ivanowski and Andrei Ispen, the Lynn bandits, were found guilty of murder today for the killing of Thomas A. Landroagan, a shoe manufacturer, and Policeman James Carroll, in Lynn, on June 2 last. They were sentenced to be hanged in March.

Small Basis for Mexican Scare, the Facts Reveal

Alleged Armed Bands Are Supposed to Be Revolutionists Preparing for Raid.

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 18.—Reports received here today are to the effect that the excitement at Marathon, Tex., over reports that an armed band of Mexicans was marching on the town is subsiding. The belief is now expressed at Marathon that the bands of armed Mexicans are revolutionists and are preparing for a raid in Mexico. Armed bands of Mexicans, it is reported, have for several days past been crossing into Texas at Boquillas and other isolated places in the mountains.

EL PASO, Texas, Nov. 18.—A telegram to the Herald from Alpine this forenoon says Sheriff Walton of that place has been called to Marathon by citizens as a result of the report that sixty armed Mexicans are marching on the town, but that Alpine citizens do not give much credence to the rumor. Telegrams from other points say that nothing is known of the report that Mexicans are marching on Marathon. Armed men guarded the town all night. It is believed here that the scare is groundless.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Nov. 18.—Mexican Consul Williams returned to Eagle Pass late last night from Rock Springs, where he was sent by the Mexican authorities to investigate the killing of Antonio Rodriguez.

The consul stated he had made a thorough investigation and had reached the conclusion that Rodriguez was either insane, or under an assumed name, was a fugitive from justice. Nothing was known of the man except that he said he came from Las Vacas, a small town on the Mexican side, opposite from Del Rio. No one in Rock Springs had ever seen him before.

Consul Williams said he found the most perfect friendship and good feeling between the Americans and their Mexican employees at Rock Springs.

Body is Hidden for Eight Years

Unidentified Corpse Found in Hermetically Sealed Trunk in New York House.

NEW YORK, Nov. 18.—Pending an inquest planned for today on the body which was found in a hermetically sealed trunk in the cellar of a West Fifty-fourth street apartment house, the authorities were not inclined to theorize on who the victim of the mysterious murder might be.

Even the sex of the victim was not known, the five years or more during which the body is known to have reposed in its hiding place having reduced it almost to a skeleton.

From outward indications, however, the authorities are of the belief that the body is that of a woman, the smallness of the bones chiefly leading them to that conclusion.

Early today the body—discovered by Philip Meagher when he was preparing to move yesterday, after eight years residence in the house and opened the neglected trunk—was taken to the morgue. It was found that the body had been jammed in the trunk and surrounded with quantities of plaster of paris and paper.

The only clue is the name of "W. Lewis," which appears on the outside of the trunk. Lewis was a boarder in the Meagher family up to about six years ago. He told Meagher on going away that he would leave the trunk and call for it at some time. A sign tank inside the trunk also had the name of Lewis on it.

At the morgue Coroner's Physician Lebane, with Prof. John McAllister of Bellevue, made an examination of the body and found it to be that of a man. The coroner's report is that the victim was placed in the trunk while still alive and death resulted from asphyxiation. The condition of a portion of the right lung which still remained indicated this.

Alleged Murderer Under Arrest

Andrew Brown, Wanted in San Francisco, Taken into Custody at Kansas City.

KANSAS CITY, Nov. 18.—Casting furtive glances right and left and with a careworn expression on his face, Andrew Brown was arrested here today, on the charge of murdering his wife in San Francisco, November 3, as he stepped from a train that had just arrived from Oklahoma. Relief from the haunting fears that had oppressed him brought tears to his eyes as an officer arrested him.

"I will kill my wife," Brown said. "She wanted to work in a restaurant at nights and I did not want her to. We quarreled and then she shot herself. She took her revolver from my pocket and shot herself. We were alone in the room. I would be blamed, so I picked up the revolver and ran. I took the first train out of San Francisco and went south."

Brown was a clerk in a hotel and had been married only two days when his wife was killed. The couple were heard to quarrel frequently.

MRS. SCHENCK IS INDICTED

Wife of Wheeling, W. Va., Mill-House in Charge with Attempt to Poison Husband.

WHEELING, W. Va., Nov. 18.—A true bill was returned by a special session of the Ohio county criminal court late this afternoon sustaining the charge that Mrs. Laura Frederick Schenck attempted to poison her millionaire husband, John O. Schenck.

"Old Dan" Dies in Run to Fire and Ends a Life of Service

"Old Dan," a faithful old fire horse of house No. 2, died last night as a veteran should die. In harness, an alarm had been turned in from Fourteenth and Webster, and the company was making a run. When the truck turned the corner at the Millard hotel, the great animal, without the slightest warning, fell dead of heart failure. The driver had slackened the pace of the team in turning the corner and the horse's unexpected fall was attended by no disastrous consequences, as might otherwise have been the case if the accident had occurred while it was full speed. The fire turned out to be nothing more than a pile of old boxes, and the firemen stood around the body of the old veteran with many an expression of regret.

"Old Dan," a splendid specimen of the equine race, was over 15 years of age. He was one of the oldest horses in the department, having served the city loyally for nearly twelve years and assisted in many a night-long fight with the fire demons.

STATE SENATOR IS OFFERED \$100,000

Eugene M. Travis of Attempt to Vote.

MONEY FOR RACE TRACK BETTING
Mysterious Little Man Makes First Proposal to Witness.

IN BEHALF OF FRANK J. GARDNER

Former Senator's Name Again in the Foreground.

MILLIONAIRES CAN'T BE FOUND

Efforts of Committee to Subpoena James R. Keene and Harry Payne Whitney Without Success Thus Far.

NEW YORK, Nov. 18.—One hundred thousand dollars to vote against the anti-race track betting bills in 1908 was offered to State Senator Eugene M. Travis of Brooklyn, so he swore on the stand today, testifying before the legislative committee.

A mysterious little man, whose name he does not recall, made the offer in the lobby of the senate, he said, in behalf of former Senator Frank J. Gardner. And Gardner, he added, confirmed it in a subsequent telephone conversation.

Gardner is now under indictment charged with having attempted similarly, though with a lesser amount, to influence Otto G. Folkler of Brooklyn, now a congressman, but then a state senator. Folkler voted for the bill, as did Travis, and it was passed notwithstanding the frantic efforts of the race track interests and the alleged use of a fund which previous testimony has placed at \$200,000.

Millionaire Sportsmen Evade Service, Travis' testimony and the committee's efforts to subpoena James R. Keene and Harry Payne Whitney, two millionaires, whose hobby is horse racing, were the most interesting developments of today's hearing, resumed after an adjournment on October 22.

Efforts to find Messrs. Keene and Whitney have so far been without success and M. Lynn Bruce, chairman of the committee, is becoming impatient. Both men have been mentioned in previous testimony as having been present at a conference at Delmonico's at which the alleged corruption fund was raised and the committee is anxious to examine them.

"It is strange," said Judge Bruce, "that with the horse show going on Harry Payne Whitney, at least, cannot be located. We have had subpoena servers at the show every day and evening looking for Mr. Whitney or any of the others, but they cannot be found. Our men also secured the field at the aviation meet without success. We have communicated with Mr. Whitney's secretary, but he claims not to know where he is. Today at Mr. Keene's office nothing can be learned of his whereabouts."

Two New Names Added.
Travis' story of today added two new names to the list of senators "approached." The amount offered him, he explained, was to be paid in two installments, \$25,000 down and \$75,000 after the bill had been passed.

"Did you ever hear of any other legislator being approached?" he was asked.
"Yes, I took lunch with Senator Fuller and Senator Carpenter one day and they told me they had been approached. Senator Giles also told me he had been called on the telephone."

"Would you know the man who approached you if you saw him again?"
"Yes, I think so."

PLAN FOR BIG RACE TRACK

Announcement that Hundred Thousand-Dollar Plant Will Be Built at Charleston.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Nov. 18.—Announcement of the scheme to build a \$100,000 race track, made during last summer, the promoters frankly stating that they desired the endorsement of the business men.

While the plans have been steadily developing, they have not reached a point where any definite statement can be made, the promoters preferring to keep their own counsel. So far as known the election of Mr. Blaise to the governorship has nothing to do with the program.

COLEMBIA, S. C., Nov. 18.—When shown the New Orleans dispatch regarding the attitude of horse racing interests there toward the advent of his administration, Governor-elect Blaise said:
"I have never heard a word about it—do not know what it means. Nobody has ever discussed the matter with me."

KANSAS CITY TERMINAL BONDS

Issue of Seven and Half Millions is Over-subscribed in London in One Day.

LONDON, Nov. 18.—The promptness with which British investors absorbed the issue of \$7,500,000 Kansas City Terminal Railway bonds, the bidding of which closed yesterday, has indicated the readiness of the investing public to take American securities. The list was open only twenty-four hours when the issue was over-subscribed. The contract applied for a portion of the issue, which was quoted at 1/2 per cent premium.

New Office for Dr. Lewald

BERLIN, Nov. 18.—Dr. Theodore Lewald, who was the German commissioner general at the St. Louis exposition, has accepted a commission at the World's fair at Chicago, was today appointed director of the Ministry of the Interior.

GORE FOR TARIFF REVISION

Senator Says Democrats Should Change Woolen, Pulp and Paper Schedules.

CHICAGO, Nov. 18.—Senator T. P. Gore of Oklahoma, in an interview here today, said that at the coming session of congress the Democrats should revise the woolen schedule and also the tariffs on wood pulp and paper. He ascribed democratic success at the recent election to dissatisfaction over the Payne-Aldrich tariff bill and the high cost of living.

"A lower tariff," said the senator, "would increase our revenue."
Machinists Make Complaint.
TOPEKA, Nov. 18.—Governor Stubbs has received a complaint from the striking machinists of the Missouri Pacific railroad that the company is not keeping its equipment up to the standard it should maintain for the safety of its employees and the public. The complaint was referred to the board of the Board of Railroad Commissioners.

ALDRICH VISITS HOME FOLKS

Governor-Elect of Nebraska Returns to Ohio to Hunt Rabbits.

SAYS WILL RID STATE OF "GANG"

Pledges Himself to Preserve and Enforce Corporation Laws of State—To Enforce the Liquor Laws.

CONNEAUT, O., Nov. 18.—(Special.)—Forty-nine years ago, on a farm in Pierpont township, Ashtabula county, Ohio, Chester H. Aldrich was born. Today he has come back to his birthplace to visit his parents and friends, whose well wishes were all to be taken up when he left in his youth to carve his name in the history of the west.

"I feel like a conquering warrior," said the governor-elect of Nebraska when he arrived at his old home. "Everything seems natural and homelike and I am going to make the best of my visit."

He bravely said this when he was asked about the hunting. And a few hours later he was out with a shotgun chasing rabbits through a woods where, as a barefoot boy, he hunted snakes. Hunting, he said, will be his recreation until he leaves for Nebraska again, December 1.

Mr. Aldrich's parents were overjoyed to see him again and hear his success told by their son's own lips. His mother had not seen him in years and she wept as she raised kisses on his face.

Mr. Aldrich says he owes much of his success to his education received in Ohio. He went to the district schools and later became a teacher. After leaving Ashtabula county he taught school in Tipton, Neb. But by his own way, he also an Ohio-born man, and the people could never understand, if Taft is truly progressive, why he antagonized the very man who stood for Roosevelt and the policies Roosevelt supported.

The recent election is an absolute indication that the people are dissatisfied with the Payne-Aldrich tariff law, as not in compliance with the party's platform pledge as interpreted by Mr. Taft. It is a warning to the republicans that they must get busy and represent the people. The democratic party can be trusted to make enough mistakes to insure the election of a republican president in 1912.

"As to my policy as governor, I will preserve and enforce the corporation laws of the state. I will encourage liberal appropriations for the state university and normal schools. I will enforce the liquor laws of the state and encourage the enactment of a county option statute."

Women Gather About the Statue of Miss Willard

Miss Anna Gordon Makes Address and Members of Illinois Delegation Deposit Floral Tributes.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—Around the statue of Frances E. Willard, which the state of Illinois had placed in the nation's hall of fame at the capital, 80 members of National Women's Christian Temperance union, which is in convention in Baltimore, gathered today to pay tribute to their noted leader.

The principal feature of the gathering was an address by Miss Anna A. Gordon, vice president general at large of the Women's Christian Temperance union. She first thanked the noble men of the state of Illinois, "who had chosen Frances E. Willard, as one of the two persons whose lives had been memorialized by statues in the nation's hall of fame."

At the conclusion of an eulogy on the life of the former leader of the Women's Christian Temperance union, Miss Gordon said:
"We white ribboners consecrate ourselves anew and will follow on, Frances Willard, the best we can in doing the work you so nobly inaugurated, and will take for our motto the words of your sister as she passed beyond 'Tell everybody to be good.' We cannot expect the goodness for which we pray in the heart, home and nation until the greatest stumbling block, the legalized traffic in liquor, is taken out of the heart of the home and nation."

Then as the chorus of "America" resounded through the hall, each member of the Illinois delegation passed by the statue and deposited a flower at the feet of the leader of their cause.

ACCIDENT AT HORSE SHOW

Two Grooms Are Thrown During Exhibition of Heavyweight Hunters.

NEW YORK, Nov. 18.—While heavy weight qualified hunters were being shown at the horse show today Jack Hamilton, a groom, had a bad fall when his mount "No Trumps" stumbled, but he was soon able to walk out of the ring unassisted. The second accident, more serious than the first, occurred during the class for middleweight hunters. Thomas Tipper, a groom, employed by T. H. Weatherbe, was tossed to the ground when Mr. Weatherbe's gray gelding David Gray, crashed into a fence and knocked it down. Tipper fell on his face and was badly cut over the eye and cheek.

RIVER SEINE IS RISING AGAIN

Water Filters into Basement of the Forester Office on the Quay d'Orsay.

PARIS, Nov. 18.—The river Seine, which fell slightly yesterday, rose again today when the waters that have already flooded the lower sections of the city filtered into the basement of the foreign office on the Quay d'Orsay. Objects of value were hastily removed to the surface.

Rosenheimer Again Indicted

NEW YORK, Nov. 18.—Edward T. Rosenheimer, who was recently acquitted on the charge of murder in the first degree in that his automobile killed Grace Hough was indicted today by the grand jury, this time for the violation of the Chicago automobile law, which provides that a person responsible for an accident must render aid to the injured.

Militant Suffragettes Attack British Parliament House

LONDON, Nov. 18.—The militant suffragettes resumed hostilities against the government today and marching 1,000 strong on the Parliament buildings, gave the police a lively fight. The women, many of whom were placed under arrest, were led by Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst.

The suffragettes had determined, if possible, to force the police cordons about the House of Commons and, reaching Premier Asquith, to insist on the introduction of a woman's suffrage bill. The police, however, were too strongly entrenched and the women, who tried every means in their power to force the line, were thrown back.

Repeatedly they retired breathless and disheveled only to have their plans on the fighting line taken by reserve.
The police were ordered to make as few arrests as possible, but by 3 o'clock, twenty women and two men were in police hands. A large contingent of American suffragettes from the visiting fleet were aroused spectators of the struggle and, lustily cheering the combatants, incited them to fresh efforts.
The fight continued and the police were compelled to make wholesale arrests.
At 6 o'clock eighty-two of the suffragettes and their supporters had been taken into custody.

Has Troubles on Her Hands



LANDIS WILL NOT HEAR CASE

Judge Announces He Cannot Preside at Trial of Packers.

ARGUMENTS ARE POSTPONED
Court Announces that the Case Will Be Sent to Judge Carpenter—Attorney for Packers Makes Protest.

CHICAGO, Nov. 18.—Judge Keneaw M. Landis, in the United States district court, today announced to attorneys appearing before him seeking a change of venue in the case against Chicago meat packers that he would be unable to hear the case, irrespective of argument for or against such a course.

The announcement was made during a shift in arguments in the effort of the packers to have the case transferred to the United States circuit court. The packers are charged with conspiracy to restrain trade and are specifically charged with having formed the so-called "Beef trust" in the shape of the National Packing company.

Case Sent to Judge Carpenter.
Judge Landis thus explained his refusal to sit in the case:
"Considering the character and nature of the defendants' avowal and the proximity in point of time and my employment as a member of this bar as an agent of the Department of Justice, at least at the beginning of the period regarding which the grand jurors heard evidence, regardless of the defendants' avowal, it becomes obvious I cannot hear the case. I will send the case to my colleague in the district court, Judge Carpenter."

John M. Miller, Levy Mayer and Moritz Rosenthal, of the packers, testified that this was impossible, that the United States supreme court had made it mandatory in such cases that the certification be made to the circuit court.
Judge Landis did not approve this position and the hearing was put off until November 23.

BLUE JACKETS STONE A CAFE

American Sailors Attack Building in Cherbourg from Which They Had Been Expelled.

CHERBOURG, Nov. 18.—Two hundred alleged disorderly bluejackets from the American visiting fleet were expelled from a cafe here today. They stoned the building and the gendarmes who interfered. H. Weddich, a sailor from the Louisiana, fell into the harbor today and was drowned. His body was recovered.

BREST, France, Nov. 18.—A group of bluejackets from the American fleet started a wood fire on the water front today. The flames spread until they threatened to communicate with nearby barracks of nitrate and alcohol. The police saw the danger and extinguished the flames.

ROOSEVELT OFF FOR CAPITAL

Colonel Will Address National Geographic Society This Evening.

NEW YORK, Nov. 18.—Colonel Roosevelt left here at 11 o'clock this morning over the Pennsylvania railroad, for what will be his first visit to Washington since his official departure from the White House on March 4, 1908. In Washington he will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Longworth and will deliver a lecture before the National Geographic society.

TOLSTOI UNABLE TO SEE TELEGRAM

Physicians Do Not Permit Author to Take Up Matter of Reconciliation with Church.

MUCH INTEREST ALL OVER RUSSIA

Fear of Mental Excitement Prevents Reception of Bishop.

COMPROMISE IS NOW DESIRED

Government Apparently Desirous of Settling the Trouble.

SOME DEMAND HIS REPENTANCE

Several Clericals of Synod Insist Tolstois Must Show Evidence of Sorrow Before He Can Be Received.

ASTAPOVA, Russia, Nov. 18.—A bulletin issued at 5 o'clock this afternoon reads: "Count Tolstois, after passing a practically sleepless night, during which he frequently lost consciousness, became calmer toward morning. His temperature at midday was 98.5, pulse 120 and intermittent respiration. The local lung symptoms are unchanged. The patient continues very weak."

It was learned that Tolstois' condition was practically unchanged this afternoon. Russ is deeply interested in the efforts being made for the author's reconciliation with the church. There is slight prospect of success for the present, as his physicians say there would be grave danger in the mental excitement which the count would be likely to experience if he were permitted to see the telegram sent him by the metropolitan antonius or to receive a visit from the orthodox bishop Cyril, whom the holy synod has sent hither.

The government apparently is desirous of finding a compromise, but several clericals of the synod insist that Tolstois must show evidence of repentance before he can be received again into the church.

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In the early stages of the inflammation of the lungs from which he is suffering it is the heart. The patient's temperature was not particularly high today, but the heart action was extremely every. Tolstois' condition is a time between unconsciousness and delirium.

Early this evening it was announced the inflammation had been confined to a comparatively small section of the lung and that expectation was raised. The heart, however, caused constant anxiety. Struphantus, a powerful stimulant, was administered. Oxygen was not resorted to. The physicians have issued frequent bulletins in which they refer to the persistent temperature. A cluster was administered as a means of relieving this, and an immediate result the patient's temperature dropped from 101.5 to 100, however, this was expected. Temporarily there was easier breathing and the pulse dropped slightly. The patient faced a critical night.

Reported to Desire Reconciliation.
ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 18.—It is reported that Count Tolstois desires a reconciliation with the orthodox church, from which he was excommunicated following the publication of his work, "Resurrection" in 1901.

According to today's papers the Holy Synod held a secret session yesterday, at which the relations of the count to the church were discussed. Bishop Parthenius of Tula, who visited the novelist last summer, participated in the deliberations and later told a representative of the press that in his opinion there was no doubt that Tolstois would withdraw from under the church's interdict.

An exhortatory telegram addressed to Tolstois by Antonius, metropolitan of St. Petersburg presiding over the synod, and the departure of the count to the church to gather Tolstois into its folds.

At the time of the writer's serious illness at Crimea in 1909 a similar exhortation was sent to him and secret orders were dispatched to the clergy to allow only the representatives of the church entrance to the bed chamber during his dying minutes, as the synod had determined at any cost to bury him.

On that occasion, when he regained consciousness, Tolstois directed an answer to the clericals:
"The text of the telegram from the metropolitan, Antonius, is as follows:
"Since the very first moment of your rupture with the church I incessantly pray and I wish to allow only those who store you to the church. Possibly life is soon to summon you to the judgment seat. I implore you in your sickness now to reconcile yourself with the church and the orthodox Russian people. May God bless you."

Count Tcherkoff and the other attendants decided that it was unthinkable to submit the telegram to Tolstois in his present condition.

LONDON, Nov. 18.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg to the Times says the Holy Synod has been discussing the question of rescinding the decree of excommunication against Tolstois. Premier Stolypin is urging the synod to lose no time in deciding the question one way or another. He objects to the consequence of refusing Christian burial in some form.

The resignation of his error on Tolstois' part, however, is absolutely necessary before the synod can go against the canon law regarding excommunication. It is believed the bishop of Tamboff has gone to Astapova to ascertain the views on this point regarding Tolstois, either from himself or his immediate friends.

LIVE STOCK RATE SUSPENDED

Advance Proposed by Rock Island Railroad Is Held Up Until April.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—To permit a thorough investigation the Interstate Commerce commission today announced it had suspended until April 19 next the advance in rates on live stock between the Missouri and the Mississippi rivers, which were to have been in effect with the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroad on December 15.

WOMEN GATHER ABOUT THE STATUE OF MISS WILLARD

Miss Anna Gordon Makes Address and Members of Illinois Delegation Deposit Floral Tributes.