

## MURDOCK'S HAPPY HIT

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## NEW ENGLAND'S FORTUNE

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## EAST WOULD BE FRONTIER

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## CONDITIONS ARE VERY BAD

### Report on Indian Territory Shows Some Irregularities.

## TAMS BIXBY CRITICISED

### His Investments Said to Impair His Usefulness.

## DETAILS ARE RECITED

### General Suspicion That All Engaged Are Grafters

Washington, March 7.—The president today transmitted to congress a report of Charles J. Bonaparte and Clinton Rogers Woodruff in the matter of irregularities in the Indian territory. The president says:

"I call special attention to the conditions of affairs in the Indian territory as therein set forth. In accordance with the recommendation of Messrs. Bonaparte and Woodruff the members of the commission to the five civilized tribes have been informed that if they are to continue in the service they must cease all connection with business operations of any kind in the territory where it is possible that their official positions could have any effect upon their private business, even though no such effect be in fact shown. What further action, if any, is to be taken in regard to the commission or any of its members by the executive will be determined upon after full consultation with the secretary of the interior and careful consideration of all the facts in the case. It will be noticed that the secretary of the interior does not believe it would be possible, in accordance with the suggestions of Messrs. Bonaparte and Woodruff to close up the work of the commission this year and discontinue it accordingly. If it should be found to be possible to reorganize the commission and call the attention of the congress to the matter.

### A MEMORANDUM.

"I also enclose a memorandum of work of the commission to the five civilized tribes."

The report stigmatizes the conditions in the territory as involving "immediate danger to the genuine Indian population and profound discredit to the United States, exciting repugnant discontent on the part of all classes of population and demanding prompt and drastic remedies on the part of congress."

The report reviews the report of S. M. Brocius, agent of the Indian rights association, on conditions in the territory and says that while the Brocius report contains a number of intimations and suggestions not justified by the facts, it underestimates the objectionable features of the administration of public affairs there and its specific allegations respecting federation officials are substantially true.

It says that the connection of Tams Bixby and his associates with the five civilized tribes, with the Canadian Valley Trust company, impairs his usefulness as a public official and that he should resign immediately if he is to retain his commission. His investments in what are known as "possessory rights" in townsite lands is stamped as yet more objectionable. Indian Agent Shoenfelt, exonerated from all the charges made against him.

The report also says that Indian Inspector J. George Wright's temporary ownership of stock, which he has since sold, is no occasion for censure. Commissioner Thomas H. Needles of the five civilized tribes commission, admits owning a small interest in a corporation at "Chita" and the report says the propriety of disposing of it should be officially suggested to him. The investments of Commissioner Brockbridge of the same body are cited as being of much greater importance and his considerable investments in corporation stock, the report says, have seriously impaired his usefulness. A. L. Aylesworth, chief clerk of the commission, and H. V. Smith, its disbursing officer, the report says, are identified in public opinion with supposed real estate speculations disproportionate to their means and the report says such speculations should be strictly forbidden and all officials engaged in it should be reported from the service. The report says the five tribes commission can be abolished with advantage, the remaining work to be done by the Indian inspector and the citizenship court.

### FURTHER REPORT.

A supplemental report says that the charges made by A. F. Murphy, attorney and James A. Harrel, vice-president of the National bank against Shoenfelt alleged that the latter neglected his duties in letting C. B. Douglas, a clerk, obstruct access to the public records, delaying the adjudication of the intruder cases, failing to properly execute his own judgments and interferences, were either wholly unfounded or very greatly exaggerated and adding that Murphy's strong personal sympathy and antipathy render his statements untrustworthy and impair his usefulness as a public officer. The report is accompanied by a letter from Secretary Hitchcock to the president, referring to the references to the federal officials and asking for a conference with the president regarding them at the earliest possible moment and saying he will later consider the proposed sweeping changes in the organization and methods which require much new legislation and possibly the negotiation of supplemental agreements with the Indians.

He says, however, "it is to my mind questionable whether it were not better to bear the ill than to persecute a people dependent upon us." He said it is confidently expected that the Dawes commission will conclude its work not later than a year from next June. The report says that the system adopted by the commission for the allotment of lands is faulty, and that allotments should have been made on the ground. It says that many trust companies operating in the territory are "little more than associ-

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### Crow Apparently Disperses and All Is Quiet.

## REAPPEARS AT THE SOUTH

### With Iron Rail They Break in and Get Their Prey

Springfield, Ohio, March 7.—A mob of 800 men gathered at the county jail tonight with the avowed purpose of lynching Richard Dixon of Cyutamas, Ky., a negro, who shot Policeman Charles Collins yesterday. At 8:30 Sheriff Floyd Routman appeared on the jail steps and pleaded with the mob to disperse, but he could be heard with difficulty. His appeal was ine