

BREAKS IN THE LEVEE.

Large Number of Men at Work Endeavoring to Close Them.

THE FLOODING OF THE ISLANDS WILL BE BENEFICIAL

Considerable Damage From Rushing Waters in San Diego County—The First Train in Three Days Reaches the Southern Coast City—Heavy Rains and Snowfall in Arizona.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

STOCKTON, March 23.—A large number of men with a pile-driver and a steamer carrying supplies are working to close the break in the middle division of Roberts' Island, which work will take four or five days. Information came from Staten Island, in the northwestern corner of the county, to-day, that two breaks had occurred in the levee, and it is feared cannot be stopped. A break was reported in the mainland levee near New Hope, on the bank of the Mokelumne River, but the farmers hope to close it.

Union Island, in this county, is safe so far, and in no present danger. Men who came from Calaveras County to-day say the Big Salt Spring Valley reservoir has not broken, and enough water has been let out by the cut made in it to make it safe, so no danger is feared from that quarter. Heavy rains are reported in the mountains, which will raise the streams again, but not enough to make a freshet, as all the channels have fallen so they can carry a small flood.

The Roberts Island farmers are already preparing to build their levees four feet higher, and will make them safe against any flood of the height of a few days ago. They say in the end the flooding of the islands will be beneficial to give the lands a thorough soaking, and next year their crops will be larger than ever.

HIGH WATERS.

Considerable Damage Done in San Diego County. SAN DIEGO, March 23.—The high water destroyed \$100,000 worth of salt for Shafter Bros' works at the north of the bay, where the Otay and Tia Juana Rivers empty on the side.

The catchment capacity of the Linda Vista foothill country has been tested for the first time by the recent storm on Miramar ranch of E. W. Scripps. He had two dams constructed to supply water to his water ranch. The large one, fifty-five feet high, was full for the first time, and went out with a thundering sound Tuesday, precipitating 30,000,000 feet of water through the canyon and causing some damage. The smaller dam is also full, and it is feared another rain will wreck it. This is the region north of San Diego where 42,000 acres are included in the Linda Vista Irrigation District that is yet to get water.

FIRST TRAIN IN THREE DAYS. SAN DIEGO, March 23.—The first train for three days got in from the north this evening, the passengers transferring at the break near San Juan Capistrano. It is expected to have all regular trains running to-morrow. Letter mail was received to-night, but no papers, express matter or much baggage. The damage to the roadbed is being rapidly repaired. A large force of laborers are working all night. The water behind the Sweetwater dam is now overflowing, making a grand waterfall ninety feet high. Daily excursions are advertised while the unique exhibition lasts.

STATE DIVISION MOVE.

First Gun in That Direction Fired at San Diego. SAN DIEGO, March 23.—An effort is being made here to create a State division sentiment, and a petition is in circulation for a non-partisan organization. It reads: "We, the undersigned citizens of San Diego, believing that the interests of all California demand that the State be divided and a new State, to be known as South California, added to the glorious sisterhood of States, hereby call upon our good citizens interested in the movement to bring about the above results, to meet us at a time and place to be determined and announced in the press for the purpose of organizing the first South California Club."

The petition has been left at the Court-house and other places for signatures. Proposed International Coursing Meet. SAN FRANCISCO, March 23.—The officers of the Pacific Coast Coursing Club met to-night to discuss the proposed international coursing meet. According to a letter received by the club from a Melbourne enthusiast, in dog matters, Secretaries of coursing in Australia were delighted with the offer made by the Pacific Coursing Club, and have favorably considered the proposition of shipping six or eight dogs to this country when final arrangements are consummated with the representatives of the coursing club of the Pacific Coast.

Baseball at Santa Rosa. SANTA ROSA, March 23.—The Santa Rosa Baseball Association was organized here to-day with the following officers: John Woodward, Manager; Ney Donovan, Treasurer; J. W. Farham, Secretary. The association will sign first-class amateur players. The club will join the Central California League, composed of San Francisco, Vallejo, Petaluma and other clubs, and a big effort will be made to revive interest in the game here.

Stockraisers Rejoice. FLAGSTAFF (ARIZ.), March 23.—The heaviest rain and snowstorm of the season, lasting three days, ended here to-day. The storm was general over Northern Arizona. All the streams are running full, and there will be no lack of water during the summer, even in the event of no more rainfall. Stockraisers are rejoicing over the rain, which came in time to save their stock and ranges.

Held to Answer. VISALIA, March 23.—The examination of Frank Gibson, the Armona Station robber, was concluded to-day. He was bound over in the sum of \$10,000, and is in jail. Stokes is now on trial.

Murdered by Mexican Robbers. PHOENIX (A. T.), March 23.—In a mining district twenty miles beyond Wick-

sburg, in Maricopa County, the bodies of a Mexican named Montez, and a boy 14 years of age, were found in their cabin, horribly burned and mutilated, having been thrown in the fire-place. They were probably murdered by Mexican robbers.

English-Hillborn Election Contest. SAN FRANCISCO, March 23.—The taking of testimony in the contested election case of Warren B. English vs. Congressman Hillborn began to-day in the town of Altamont, Alameda County. It is claimed that a number of votes in this precinct cast for English were counted for Hillborn, securing his election. Twenty-two witnesses were examined, and fifteen of them testified that they voted for English. Their testimony when complete will be forwarded to Washington.

Chaplain Drahms' Denial. SAN FRANCISCO, March 23.—Rev. A. C. Drahms, chaplain at San Quentin, denies the false published statement in the Record to the effect that he received information from the Executive with reference to the parole bill. He says: "Neither have I so stated at any time. I only claim the right of private opinion, as others, with reference to the measure and its fate."

A Miner Killed. SONORA, March 23.—Thomas Vivian and Nick McNair, mining at the Smith mine, were killed by a rock falling from the main level, completely covering McNair and striking Vivian, knocking him out of the way. McNair's neck was broken and his body crushed. His relatives reside in Calaveras County.

S. F. and N. P. Railroad. SAN FRANCISCO, March 23.—The San Francisco and North Pacific Railroad was to-day transferred to A. W. Foster and associates, who recently purchased it at public sale in Marin County for \$850,000. The directors subsequently elected Foster President.

Discharged From Custody. STOCKTON, March 23.—Constable Bailey of Lodi, who was charged with assaulting a married woman of the same name a couple of weeks ago, and who was chased by the Sheriff on a special engine, was to-day discharged by the examining magistrate.

Mrs. Oastoff Still Alive. GHEBLY, March 23.—Mrs. Oastoff, who was severely injured yesterday by J. J. Evers, the farm hand she had refused to marry and who subsequently took his own life, was still alive this morning, but her recovery is not believed possible.

A. C. Paulsell Criticized. STOCKTON, March 23.—A. C. Paulsell, ex-Harbor Commissioner and applicant for the office of Superintendent of the San Francisco Mint, is dying at the residence of his son in this city. He has been confined to his bed since last Friday.

A Colfax Murderer in Jail. PHOENIX (A. T.), March 23.—Ed. Hill, wanted for murder in Colfax, Wash., was jailed recently at Phoenix and is being held in the Sierra Ancha Mountains by St. Blevins. He is now in jail at Globe.

A HEARTLESS CAPTAIN

REFUSES TO GIVE AID TO A DISABLED STEAMER.

Spoken by the Belgenland but Refused a Tow. Although Helpless in an Angry Sea.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

NEW YORK, March 23.—News of another disaster at sea was brought to this port this morning. This time it is the unfortunate steamer Pomeranian, which but a short time ago had a frightful experience on her trip out from Glasgow. The story of the disaster is accompanied by a tale of heartlessness and cowardice seldom heard of in maritime circles.

The Pomeranian left this port for Glasgow on the 15th inst., and the news of her misfortune was received to-day from Captain Ehoff of the Red Star steamer Belgenland, from Antwerp, which docked this morning. Captain Ehoff says that he met the Pomeranian early in the morning of the 21st. The Allan was displaying signals of distress and the course of the Belgenland was changed, and as she drew near the Pomeranian the latter hoisted lights indicating "I am not under control."

The Belgenland steamed to within a quarter of a mile and the Pomeranian followed up the original signals with the information, "Have smashed our piston-rod," and the query, "Will you stand by and tow me?" To the latter query the Belgenland replied that she could not take her in tow. It was blowing a fierce northeast gale and there was an ugly toss to the sea.

The Belgenland did not remain longer in the company of the disabled craft, and when they parted company the Pomeranian was lying with a little head of canvas set. She was anything but steady in the heavy sea. The position of the vessel when deserted by the Belgenland was about 550 miles southeast of Cape Sable and 700 miles east of Sandy Hook.

Captain Ehoff says that his reason for not towing the disabled vessel was that the rules of his company forbid it. His statement is ridiculed in shipping circles. The Pomeranian was formerly the Grecian Monarch. This was her first eastward trip since she was struck by the hurricane on February 4th, which resulted in the killing of her Captain and the drowning of eleven of her passengers and crew. Her commander on this trip is Captain McCulloch, who was first officer when the fatal storm occurred. She is a big, stout vessel, and her agents here say that they have no fears for the safety of the vessel. She has abundant sails and is well provisioned with lifeboats.

BEHRING SEA CONTROVERSY.

The Court of Arbitration Convenes and Organizes.

AN ADJOURNMENT TAKEN TILL AFTER EASTER.

Another Exciting Scene in the French Chamber of Deputies—Jules Roche Revives Minister of Justice Bourgeois for Having Advised That the Former Should be Prosecuted in Connection With the Panama Canal Scandal.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

PARIS, March 23.—The Court of Arbitration to adjust the differences between Great Britain and the United States over the Behring Sea fisheries met to-day. All the members of the court were present. The Right Hon. Baron Hannen, Lord of Appeal, and Sir John G. Thompson, Minister of Justice and Attorney-General of Canada, the two arbitrators on the part of Great Britain, were the first to arrive. They were followed by Supreme Justice Harlan and Senator John T. Morgan of Alabama for the United States, W. W. Gram of the Christiana Supreme Court of Sweden, Marquis Visconti Nostola of Italy, Baron Alfonso de Courcelles for France.

The counsel in the case were also early upon the scene. They included Hon. John W. Foster, present as agent of the United States, and Hon. C. H. Tupper, Dominion Minister of Marine and Fisheries, as agent on the part of Great Britain. Counsel on the part of the United States, Hon. E. J. Phelps of Vermont, James C. Carter of New York, Hon. Henry W. Boggett of Illinois, and assistant counsel on the part of the United States, Robert Lansing of New York. Counsel for Great Britain, Sir Charles Russell, Attorney-General; C. Robinson of the Canada bar, and Hon. W. H. Cross of Liverpool.

Revelle, the French Minister of Foreign Affairs, made a short speech welcoming the members of the court, agents and counsel. The meeting was purely formal. Credentials were presented and the court organized by the election of Baron de Courcelles President.

It was decided to meet at 11:30 A. M. each day and sit four hours and a half daily. The meetings to be open to members of the press, to whom cards should be issued.

The court then adjourned until the 4th of April in order to examine the printed arguments of the United States and Great Britain, which will then be presented. These printed arguments are to be submitted to the American Congress and the British Parliament, probably next week, and then debated public.

The debates of the Court of Arbitration are to be held in English and the journal of proceedings will be kept in French, with an English version. All the members of the court made a general and formal visit to President Carnot to-day, Hon. L. J. Coolidge, the American Minister, and the Marquis of Dufferin.

THE FRENCH DEPUTIES.

Jules Roche Revives Minister of Justice Bourgeois. PARIS, March 23.—In the Deputies to-day Deputy Millevoye argued in sensational language as to what more the Government proposed to do in regard to the Panama case. M. Bourgeois, Minister of Justice, replied, and deprecated the continuance of the debate, which he said was raised by an enemy of the republic who was aiming to keep up the agitation until the general election.

The order of the day was adopted, and afterward there was another scene. Jules Roche crossed the floor to Bourgeois and reviled the Minister of Justice for having advised that he (Roche) should be prosecuted. M. Bourgeois made no reply. M. Decasnoev Depardine demanded urgency for a motion in favor of the dissolution of the Chamber. Premier Ribot opposed the motion, and the Chamber adopted the previous question by a vote of 311 to 290, thus indorsing the action of the Government.

VISIT TO THE POPE.

Princess of Wales and Her Daughters Received by His Holiness. ROME, March 23.—Pope Leo gave a ceremonial audience to-day to the Princess of Wales, her daughters, Princesses Victoria and Marie, and son, Prince George, attended by ladies. The royal visitors were received with all the honors due sovereigns, and the occasion was made one of unusual splendor. The entire Pontifical Court assembled in state array, and all the English prelates in Rome were present. The Major Domo, Grand Almoner and eight other members of the Papal Court received the visitors at the foot of the royal staircase and conducted them to the throneroom, where the Pope received them with the ceremonial of a private audience, granting them a most courteous interview. They afterward visited Cardinal Rampolla, the Papal Secretary of State.

Remains of Jules Ferry Buried.

PARIS, March 23.—Jules Ferry was buried to-day with military honors at St. Denis. All the shops in town closed, street lamps were lighted and lamp-posts were wound with crepe. Hundreds came from neighboring villages to attend the services, and more than 200 wreaths were laid round the coffin by admirers of the dead statesman. Senator Demole, General Tricoche and others delivered the orations at the grave.

Editors Fight a Duel.

CITY OF MEXICO, March 23.—A duel with short swords was fought near this city by Enrique Calderon, of the editorial staff of *El Fajagandio*, and Enrique E. Martinez, editor of the *Monitor Republicano*. The battle was an exciting one from the beginning. Calderon received a severe wound in the arm. Martinez was also slightly wounded.

Two Suicides at Monte Carlo.

NICE, March 23.—Two men from New Orleans committed suicide on the Casino grounds at Monte Carlo last night. The names given were Weill and Robb. They were playing heavily for several days, and lost large sums.

A Salesman's Suicides.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 23.—Adolph Koneke, a salesman for Baker & Hamilton, hardware dealers, killed himself this afternoon by shooting. He was short in his accounts, just how much is not known, but it is small. He was 33 years old, and married.

day to discuss public business, and it is understood will meet the advisability of an autumn session, in order to secure the passage of some popular measures and enable him to go to the country fearlessly in the event of a dissolution of home rule.

Constans After the Cabinet. PARIS, March 23.—The jury only convicted Charles De Lessops by the bare legal majority of two. Suspicion is growing that the Government is concealing the real list of Panama offenders. Constans has been engaged for one week in researches in regard to the Panama affair, preparatory to a strong attack on the Government aiming to overthrow the Cabinet.

Steamer Wrecked. PANAMA, March 23.—The Panama and Konahe steamer *Rameses*, from Hamburg, one of the finest vessels in the Pacific waters, has been wrecked on the Costa Rican coast. It struck on a hidden rock near Blanco Island. The passengers and crew were landed with difficulty through the surf. The vessel and cargo are a total loss.

The San Domingo Incident. MADRID, March 23.—There is a revival of rumors that a Cabinet Council had decided on sharp measures to deal with the San Domingo incident. Official circles ridicule these rumors and declare the Government has no idea of provoking a conflict with America, and will not interfere in San Domingo beyond the protection of the interest of Spanish residents.

The Assassin's Victim Dead. LONDON, March 23.—A Moscow dispatch says: Mayor Alexioff, who was shot by Adrian Ot, at the meeting of the City Council Tuesday, died this morning. Twice before Alexioff was reported dead, but it was officially stated yesterday afternoon that he might recover. Peritonitis set in, however, with the above result.

Immigrants Fired Upon. CRACOW, March 23.—A body of Galicia immigrants crossing the frontier at Szezawa encountered the Russian frontier guard, who drove them back to Austria. In the conflict, some were shot, and others were drowned in the Vistula.

Collage of Silver Rubles Suspended. ST. PETERSBURG, March 23.—Russia has suspended the collage of silver rubles on private account, for the reason that they are now cheaper than paper.

WHOLESALE ELOPEMENTS.

A RIDDLE OF EXCITEMENT IN AN ILLINOIS TOWN.

Several Girls and Boys of Prominent Families Run Away to Get Married. Special to the RECORD-UNION.

ANNA (ILL.), March 23.—Great excitement was caused here this morning when it became known that a wholesale elopement had been planned by a dozen sons and daughters of the most prominent families of the town.

The fact that Miss Minnie Coleman and her sister Dixie, daughters of the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Illinois State Senate, were missing from their home, gave the first clue to the mystery, and when it was learned that four other young ladies, whose ages range from 16 to 22 years, had disappeared with well-known men, the excitement became intense.

Dispatches were sent out in all directions, and finally the Coleman girls were located at St. Louis, with Harry S. Barnes, an office-holder in the municipal government. They will be returned to their home at once.

One of the eloping couples, Miss Susan Albright and Harry Wood, are said to be at St. Louis; the whereabouts of the others are unknown.

ARRESTED IN ST. LOUIS.

ST. LOUIS, March 23.—In the City Prison this morning Minnie Coleman, who with her sister and four other girls and six men eloped from Anna, a small town in Illinois, told your correspondent the story of the elopement. They, she said, were unpleasant at home, and in the literary society to which they belonged they discussed the subject of eloping and going to the World's Fair in Chicago. They arrived here last night, and were arrested on dispatches from home.

MAY BE A LYNCHING.

A Mob After the Man Who Set Fire to the Asotin Hotel. DAYTON (WASH.), March 23.—The Deputy Sheriff of Asotin County arrived in this city to-day with Charles E. Myers, accused of setting fire to the Asotin Hotel, in which Frank Sherry lost his life, last Thursday. Myers had a preliminary hearing at Asotin and was bound over in the sum of \$30,000. A short while after going to jail it was learned that a mob was being organized to lynch him. He was taken to Lewiston, Idaho, then to Uniontown and Colfax, the mob still pursuing. He was then brought here for safe keeping. This city is only sixty miles from Asotin, but the jail is considered secure. The mob is composed of neighbors of Sherry, who was cremated.

Murderer Harris in Sing Sing.

SING SING (N. Y.), March 23.—Carlyle W. Harris, the young medical student, convicted of poisoning his bride, Helen Potts, and sentenced to be executed by electricity, arrived here from New York this morning. He was placed in the cell recently occupied by McElvaine, executed for the murder of a grocer in Brooklyn. Harris looked pale and worn, but took matters quietly.

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ANOTHER FIRE HORROR.

Fashionable Boarding-House at Cleveland in Flames.

FOUR WOMEN AND A CHILD LOSE THEIR LIVES.

President Gunton, of the New York School of Social Economics, Severely Criticizes the Order of Judge Ricks to Chief Arthur—Constitutionality of the Missouri Vagrant Law, Allowing Prisoners to Be Sold, to Be Tested.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

CLEVELAND, March 23.—A fire horror, unprecedented in the history of Cleveland, occurred shortly after noon to-day, when four women and one child were burned to death in a fashionable boarding-place at 508 Prospect street. Just at luncheon Mrs. J. H. Miller, one of the boarders, discovered flames in the hall on the second floor. Escape by the stairway was cut off, so Mrs. Miller jumped from the second-story window to the ground and gave the alarm.

The fire spread rapidly through the halls, and hundreds of people congregated and attempted to rescue those who were in the building. Nobody thought, however, to turn in an alarm of fire, and it was at least half an hour before a steamer arrived or a policeman was sent to the place.

It was not until the flames were subdued that the extent of the catastrophe was learned. As soon as the engines began working spectators assisted the firemen in trying to rescue persons in the burning structure, and several of them were burned as they were driven back by the flames.

The names of the dead are as follows: Mrs. Mary E. Abbey, widow of Judge Abbey, aged 78; Mrs. Emma Somers, a blind woman, aged 45; Mrs. Jessie Hunt, wife of A. C. Hunt, aged 21, who was visiting her mother, Mrs. Somers; Percy Hunt, daughter of Mrs. Hunt, aged one year; Mrs. P. G. Summers, 70 years, step-mother-in-law of Mrs. Emma Somers.

The injured are Mrs. E. T. Gifford and Mrs. J. H. Miller, who were bruised by jumping from a second-story window.

The fire started in the basement, but just how is not known, and swept up through the halls, cutting off all means of escape. The women who perished ran to the windows, but before anything could be done to assist them they were driven back by the smoke and flames and perished. The dead bodies were found on the third floor burned to crisp and horribly blackened and disfigured.

The two upper floors of the building were gutted and the contents of the house and the building cost \$30,000 and was insured. The loss on contents is \$12,000; uninsured.

PATRONS OF INDUSTRY.

The Association Reported in a Flourishing Condition. DETROIT (Mich.), March 23.—At to-day's session of the Supreme Court, Patrons of Industry, there were 35 delegates present. The Finance Committee reported the association in a flourishing condition, with \$644 on hand. Officers elected: Supreme President, R. P. Kerwick of Durell, Pa.; Supreme Vice-President, D. W. Bentley of Canton, S. D.; Secretary, George Bennett of Marengo, Ill. (re-elected); Treasurer, H. E. Hognire of Bangor, Mich. (re-elected). Resolutions were adopted reading that the farmers and producers are becoming hopeless debtors to the speculator classes, and suggesting as a remedy that all middlemen who exact unjust profits should be dispensed with. All forms of money should be made full legal tender, and silver should be coined on equal terms with gold.

JOHN P. IRISH

Makes a Speech Before a Democratic Convention in Iowa.

DETROIT (Ia.), March 23.—John P. Irish of California, en route home, made a speech here to-day to a large audience at the Democratic City Convention. He advocated Cleveland's policy of sound money and revenue reform, and declared that Democratic success depends upon unwavering loyalty to the President's statement of the party's policy and principles, for it is that statement which the people indorsed last November, and which attracted the support of thoughtful Republicans who are now in full fellowship with the Democracy.

THE STORY DISCREDITED.

No Independent Line Into New York for the Canadian Pacific.

NEW YORK, March 23.—An article published in the *Times* to the effect that the Canadian Pacific Railroad Company was going to have an independent route into New York City through the medium of the New York and Canadian Pacific Railroad and the Hudson Docking Company, which, according to the story, is going to build a new road from Ogdensburg via Schenectady to points on New York and Newark Bays, is generally discredited by persons who it was supposed would know it if any such scheme was contemplated. The Bank of Montreal is financial agent here of the Canadian Pacific Railroad Company. Walter Watson, the senior manager of the bank, said he knew nothing of the alleged scheme and did not believe there was anything in the story.

SEVERELY CRITICIZED.

Comments on the Order of Judge Ricks to Chief Arthur.

NEW YORK, March 23.—President Gunton, of the School of Social Economics, lectured on the Ann Arbor Railroad strike and the order of Judge Ricks to Chief Arthur to recall the boycott and strike. Professor Gunton regards the order of Judge Ricks as an act of socialism, and a logical sequence to the interstate commerce law, which forbids discrimination in railroad rates against any one. This piece of paternal legislation, which has handed over the railroads to the Government, it now appeared has also handed over the laborers as well, and the railroad employe now practically worked for the Government. Edward H. H. of

England in 1330 declared that every man who asked more for his labor than he had done several years before would be put in prison and branded with a red-hot iron. Professor Gunton said if nations went on as they were going, red-hot iron would again be brought out of the fire to brand employes.

TERRE HAUTE (Ind.), March 23.—Thomas W. Harper, general counsel for the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, has been requested by Grand Master Sargent to fight Judge Ricks's decision, and he will go on Friday and enter the case with Frank Hurd, who will appear for the engineers.

State Officials to Be Impeached. OMAHA (Nebr.), March 23.—A Lincoln special says: The first struggle in the impeachment fight is over, and the House has decided to institute impeachment proceedings against derelict State officials. This result was not accomplished without a battle, which lasted all morning, and until after 3 o'clock this afternoon. Part of the Democrats and half a dozen Republicans voted with the Populists for the resolutions.

Morgan's Mission to Europe.

NEW YORK, March 23.—Despite the various denials, a strong impression prevails among well-informed bankers in Wall street that J. Pierpont Morgan, of the banking house of Drexel, Morgan & Company, who sailed for Europe yesterday, went to arrange for the sale of bonds abroad, if the issue becomes necessary to replenish the treasury stock of gold.

Gen. Harrison's Brother After Office. KANSAS CITY (Mo.), March 23.—The candidacy of J. Scott Harrison, brother of ex-President Harrison, for Surveyor of the Port of Kansas City, was announced to-day. Harrison is in New York at present, it is said, to push his candidacy. He has always been a Democrat.

Missouri Vagrant Law.

MEXICO (Mo.), March 23.—The sale of the negro Joe Thompson to-day was stopped by habeas corpus proceedings instituted by George Robertson, an attorney of this city, who will probably test the constitutionality of the vagrant law of this State.

Gold Memorial.

ROXBURY (N. Y.), March 23.—A new stone memorial church is to be erected here by the children of the late Jay Gould in memory of their father. It will be presented to the Presbyterian congregation, whose church was burned a year ago.

TROUBLE IMPENDING.

A STRIKE MAY OCCUR AMONG TELEGRAPH OPERATORS.

Five Hundred People Thrown Out of Employment at North Adams, Massachusetts.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

NEW YORK, March 23.—Western Union Telegraph officials take very calmly the report of an impending strike of employes, and do not appear the least disturbed by the presence in this city of John Cuthbertson, Supreme Chancellor of the operators' organization. All the officers declared the rumors of existing trouble with the operators are untrue and expressed ignorance of the fact that any of the employes had been discharged.

THE COMPANY'S SIDE.

NEW YORK, March 23.—Concerning the report that trouble between the Western Union Telegraph Company and the employes is imminent, W. B. Somerville of the Western Union Telegraph Company, in an interview, to-day said: "I understand some operators were dismissed at Philadelphia, and no doubt for good cause. We reserve to ourselves the right to manage the company's affairs in our own way, and without either dictation or intimidation from representatives of any association. That such a course was attempted these facts show: On March 7th a circular was delivered at the office of the Western Union Company in Chicago, with a threat that it would be issued at 5 o'clock that day if certain operators, members of the union, were discharged from the Western Union service at Pittsburg. The circular was signed by John Cuthbertson, Supreme Chancellor, and Oscar M. Gibbs, Supreme Secretary and Treasurer, and ordered that members of each local lodge should upon its receipt appoint a committee to thoroughly canvass its territory, visiting all the leading firms doing business with the Western Union Company, show them a copy of the declaration of principles, advise them of the action of the Western Union Company in the discharge of members, and request them to give their business to the Postal Telegraph Company, on a claim that that company was not antagonistic to the order to call upon other labor organizations to assist them in their efforts, and appeal to the public generally through the daily papers to withhold patronage from the Western Union Company for all competitive points. Inquiry was made and reported that no dismissals from our service were thought of, as charged in the circular."

"On March 4th the following letter was received, to which, of course, no reply was made: 'Chicago, March 4th. "Thomas T. Eckhart, President and Manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company, New York. Notwithstanding your assurance that six men were discharged on account of our order, we have no desire to see any of these men discharged, and are not immediately reinstating any justice remedied, all points shall give orders to carry out my instructions in the circular presented to you, and will expect a reply by 4 o'clock."

JOHN CUTHBERTSON.

"Supreme Chancellor, Order of Commercial Telegraphers. "Any employe of the Western Union Telegraph Company has a right to appeal to the officers of the company for any individual grievance, and will always receive courteous attention. No representative of any association will, however, be recognized or his views discussed as to the way in which the company's business is to be managed."

THE CLOTHING CUTTERS.

NEW YORK, March 23.—There is little or no change in the situation among the striking clothing cutters. Both sides are quietly preparing for an anticipated crisis Saturday, when the threatened lockout by the manufacturers goes into effect, unless some concessions are made by the cutters.

CYCLONE IN MISSISSIPPI.

Sweeps Over Towns, Leaving Wreck and Ruin Behind.

HANDSOME BUILDINGS LEVELED TO THE GROUND.

Nashville Visited by a Severe Wind-Storm, Doing Much Damage to the Northern Part of the City—A Store in South Nashville, Filled With People, Blown Down and a Number of People Injured, Two Fatally.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

MEMPHIS (Tenn.), March 23.—An *Appalachian* special from Tunica, Mississippi, says that this afternoon a cyclone from the southwest struck that town and left wreck and ruin in its wake. The Masonic and Knights of Pythias lodges, a handsome two-story frame building, is a total wreck. A white Presbyterian church and a colored Methodist Episcopal Church were blown down. The courthouse roof was blown off, and a colored school building and a two-story frame blown off down in one hundred and fifty school children, and several of them were badly hurt, but none seriously. Many other buildings were badly damaged. The losses are heavy.

A special from Cleveland, Miss., states that a cloudburst and wind-storm destroyed considerable property in that vicinity to-day. No lives were lost.

Well authenticated reports say that the town of Tupelo, Miss., the home of congressman John Allen, was destroyed by a severe storm to-day. The little town of Kelly, fifteen miles from Memphis, on the Memphis and Birmingham Railway, was wiped out during the same storm. No lives were lost. Particulars not obtainable at present.