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# CITY OF HOUSTON RAVAGED BY FLAMES

Whole Blocks of Factories and Residences Destroyed in Fire Which Is Fanned by Northern Gale.

# LOSS MAY REACH TEN MILLIONS

PEOPLE DRIVEN FROM HOMES IN SCANTY ATTIRE AND SUFFER FROM COLD-THOUSANDS MADE HOMELESS-EARLY EFFORTS OF FIREMEN DEVOTED TO WARNING PEOPLE AND AIDING THEM TO REACH PLACES OF REFUGE-LUMBER AND COTTON DIS-TRICTS HIT HARDEST-BURNED AREA MILE AND A HALF BY QUARTER OF MILE IN EXTENT-BAYOU PREVENTS TOTAL DE-STRUCTION OF CITY.

Houston and Liggett Lumber Com

Co-Operative Manufacturing Com

St. Patrick's Catholic church and

school operated in conjunction with the

Cleveland Compress and Cottor

Texas Tinners' Supply Company.

Industrial Rice Milling Company's

Southwestern Rice Company's mill.

Hoosier Vinegar Company, and

Besides the 50,000 hales of cotton de-

The number of homes and stores

ENGLAND FEARS STRIKE

Manufacturers Natify Employee That

Plants Will Close if Miners Declare

Strike-Price of Coal Advances Caus

ing Hardship Among Poor-Premier

At many of the iron works and other

big factories the men today received

notices from the employers that their

The coal owners met in conference

today to consider the general situa-

tion in the trade and also to discuss

the invitation of Premier Asquith, wh

has requested them to meet him and

some of his colleagues at the foreign

office tomorrow to endeavor to arrange

Both the coal owners and miners sig-

The committee of the miners' inter

nified their acceptance of Premier As-

quith's invitation to this conference.

national federation also is meeting to

day to decide whether the continental

coal miners will support their British

BAD FIRE AT FLOYD

Seven Store Buildings, With Stocks o

\$26,000, With Insurance of \$16,000.

Special to Times-Republican.

Goods, Destroyed-Less Will Total

Charles City, Feb. 21.-Fire which

broke out in the business district of

the town of Floyd, six miles north of

here, shortly after 7 o'clock this morn

ing, destroyed seven store buildings,

market shortly after the proprietor

started a fire in the heating stove. Help

the department made the drive across

country and gave valuable assistance

and probably saved the balance of the business district of the town. The list of losses follows:

Knowlton .. Bros., hardware,

A. S. Griffith building, vacant.

Turner mercantile stock, \$9,000.

Carragher drug stock, \$3,000.

A. Stewart, new building, \$800

The fire was not under control unti

Wolf stock \$500, barn \$300.

Carragher building, \$1,300.

stock and \$1,600 on building.

Turner building, \$1,500.

Postoffice, \$200.

with stocks of goods in five of them.

Asquith Seeks Settlement.

out of employment.

in small quantities.

a basis of settlement.

stroyed with the Standard compress,

thirty-six Southern Pacific cars loade

with cotton bales were burned.

Rogers Paint Company.

Hudson's pencil factory.

Ed H. Harrell lumber yards.

McIlhenney cotton pickery.

umber of lesser mills.

Magnolia compress.

Standard compress.

Acme mills.

Company.

Houston, Tex., Feb. 21-Impelled by a gale that s. pt in with one of the coldnorthers, of the winter, flames early today, wiped out twenblocks of the city, and caused a loss set at from \$6,000,000 to \$10,000,000. Scores of cottages were destroyed as well as a number of big manufacturing pany. plants, and thousands of persons were

made homeless Lumber and Cotton Section Hit. The greater part of the loss is con-fired to the lumber and cotton indus-Forty-five thousand bales of stored in warehouses and compresses was burned. This item alone

represents a loss of \$2,000,000. The fire started in a cottage near the Southern Pacific railroad tracks soon after midnight. Its origin has not been definitely established. A heavy wind picked up the flames and hurled n to neighboring cottages and rding houses. In a flash they ignited, shooting great columns of sparks ing these, the forty mile gale carried them blocks away, and within half an hour after the fire broke out great area of small residences were

In flames.

Spreads to Feetery District.

The fire spread rapidly to manufacturitie provide that bordered on cottages and bharding houses where hundreds of workingmen lived. The fire spread so rapidly that firemen for the abandoned attempts to check the flames, instead devoting their energies warning householders. Possible thus averted.

At the big manufacturing plants and cotton compresses city firemen and Breat Britain, particularly in the manvolunteers had organized to fight the ufacturing districts of the north of rushing flames. Walls and roofs of England, are becoming rapidly worse the plants were water soaked. This as the result of the threatened coal water was licked up in the flash of an strike which, if it occurs at the end of eye by the advance guard of sparks the month, will throw 800,000 miners and when the great column of flames reached the factories they succumbed as easily as the rows of cottages. An hour after the flames began their services would not be required after

advance the firemen organized for a Feb. 29, should the coal strike be decidstream that divides the eastern part of the city from the main section, and eastern part of the city from the main section, and eastern part of the city from the main section, and eastern part of the most urgent work in here every piece of fire fighting apparatus gent work in hand. y piece of fire fighting apparatus stationed along the banks of this of coal has already reached \$8 a ton stream. If the fire leaped the bayou and the poorer people are paying alit meant the destruction of the entire most double this rate as they purchase

As the advancing towers of flame be gan to hise toward the bayou banks hundreds of streams of water were hurled into them, checking little by little their progress. At some of the narrower portions of the stream the nes leaped across, but the more substantial buildings they reached did not afford the tinder-like fuel heretore encountered and the spread of the was thus prevented.

Thousands Homeless. Thousands of persons were driver their homes. In the cold of the norther they suffered slightly from osure. Relief work was at once se der way, however, and food and lothing were prvided for the refugees Many persons were hurt during the fire but so far as can be determined

re were no casualties. The burned area is at least a mile and a half long and at points a quarer of a mile wide. It embraces the whes of long rows of cottages and solid streets of manufacturing plants. was swept clean by the flames. Nothing was saved.

Rollof Measures Provided. of the first of the more preten ious buidlings attacked was the brick Siar and Creacent hotel. Inmates had been warned of the oncoming flames and all escaped without injury. The flames roar gave warning and ds of persons, giving no heed to the ling wind, dashed from homes clad only in their night clothes. Women small children clung, gathered in es of near-by neighbors for refuge, only to be driven out a few minutes by the further progress of the

emen appointed leaders among the of the flame-swept district and marshaling the refugees, led to the rear of the flames and out f danger. Homes were quickly pro-ided for the stricken people in other seidence wecklons of the city. Clothing and food were prepared by a relief

ittee and there was comparative-Knowlton Bros. carried \$2,500 insurance, Grinith \$1,800. Wolf \$1,000; the Turner Company \$5,000 on stock and \$1,000 on building, Carragher \$1,600 on the mills, factories and plants

nesed by the fire are:

for adden Southern Compress and
rehouse Company.

COLONEL DEFINES ISSUES BE-FORE OHIO CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

FAVORS RECALL OF JUDGES, BUT AS LAST RESORT

Be Curbed But Must Have Square Deal-LaFollette's Work in Wiscon-

Columbus, O., Feb. 21.-Politicians from all parts of Ohio came to Columhus to hear Colonel Roosevelt express his views on matters pending in the constitutional convention which have been the subject of political debate thruout the state. Interest in the speech was heightened by the fact that Governor Harmon a few days ago outlined his opinions to the same convention which Mr. Roosevelt addressed today. As Mr. Roosevelt's train passed thru Ohio people gathered at every station at which a stop was made. Rev. Dr. Washington Gladden, of the First Congregational church, an Houston Packing Company (slightly friend of the former president, met him at the station. Mr. Roosevelt went disort rest brefore proceeding to the

state house, where he made his ad-After finishing his speech Mr. Roosevelt returned to Dr. Gladden's home for luncheon to remain there until his departure from New York at 3 o'clock. On his way from Columbus to New York this evening Colonel Roosevelt will make a ten minute stop in Cleveland and address a crowd that is ex-

pected to gather to greet him. Columbus, O., Feb. 21.-"Big business," the fitness of the American people for self-government, the recall of judges, and praise for the progressive legislation in Wisconsin instituted by and further by Senator Robert M. La-Follette when he was governor, were topics discussed by Theodore Rooseelt in an address today before the Ohio constitutional convention here. Colonel Roosevelt chose as his subject

'A Charter of Demogracy."

Of what he termed "big business." Colonel Roosevelt had this to say: "The antri-trust law does good in ofar as it can be invoked against combinations which really are monopolies or which restrict production or which its workings are uncertain or as it threatens corporations which have not been guilty of anti-social conduct it does harm. There should be a fixed governmental policy which shall cleargive in advance full information to any man as to just what he can and just what he can not legally and properly

Fit for Self-Government. As to the fitness of the American eople for self-government, Colonel Roosevelt said:

"Many eminent lawyers believe that popular government and that it is necessary to keep the judiciary 'independent of the majority of the people.' I take absolute issue with all those who hold such a position." Recall of Judges.

Of the recall of judges, he said; "The question is one of expediency nerely. Each community has the right to try the experiment for itself in whatever shape it pleases. I do not believe in adopting the recall save as a last resort when it has become clearly evident that no other course will achieve the desired result." Senator LaFollette was mentioned

ut once, as follows, "Following Senator state into an experimental laboratory of wise governmental action in aid of have initiated that kind of progressive government which means not only the preservation of true democracy but the extension of the principle of true democracy into industrialism as well

as into politics." Colonel Roosevelt said in part:

Power to Right Wrongs. "It is impossible to invent constitu tional devices which will prevent the opular will from being effective for wrong without also preventing it from being effective for right. The only safe ourse to follow in this great American democracy is to provide for making the popular judgment really effective. But battle flag, and 135 other scarred and is a false constitutionalism, a false statesmanship, to endeavor by the exercise of a perverted ingenuity to seem to give the people full power and at the same time to trick them out of it.

"Yet this is precisely what is done in every case where the state permits its representatives, whether on the bench or in the legislature or in executive office, to declare that it has not the power to right grave social wrongs, or that any of the officers created by the people, and rightfully the servants of the people, can set themselves up to be the masters of the people. Constitution makers should make it clear beyond shadow of doubt that the people in their legislative capacity have the power to enact into law any measure they deem necessary for the betterment of social and industrial condi-

tions.

the policy alike of the nation and of the several states so as to encourage legitimate and honest business at the same time that he wars against all crookedness and injustice and unfair-ness and tyranny in the business world. This is the reason why I have for so many years insisted as regards our national government, that it is both futile and mischievous to endeavor to correct the evils of big business by an attempt to restore business conditions as they were in the middle of the last century,

rendered larger business organizations both inevitable and desirable. "The effort to restore such conditions, and to trust for Justice solely to such proposer restoration, is as foolish as if we should attempt to arm our troops with the flintlocks of Washington's Continentals instead of with modern weapons of precision. Flintlock legislation, of the kind that seeks to prohibit all combinations, good or bad. is bound to fail, and the effort, insofar accomplishes anything at all, merely means that some of the worst combinations are not checked, and that onest business is checked.

before railways and telegraphs had

"What is needed is, first, the recog

### (Continued on Second Page.) ANARCHY IN MEXICO

Bands-Three States in Open War

fare Against Madero Government. Washington, Feb. 21 .- Advices from Mexico to the state department today indicating widespread anarchy south of the Rio Grande, which has caused much uneasiness in official circles Several cities and towns are reported old to be in the hands of rebels and protests by the Americans against robber ies are multiplying, and robber bands rectly to Dr. Gladden's home for a are operating without apparent inter-

ruption thruout the republic. It is feared here that all that is eeded to plunge Mexico again into civil strife is the appearance of a leader who can harmonize the factions and bring the rebellious elements together. Sinaloa Oxaca and Yucatan are said to be virtually in a state of open warfare against the Madero government. while from all quarters of Mexico re ports of raids by marauding bands

continue to increase. Americans in the Cultacan valley in south Mexico have suffered to such an extent from the operations of the rob-ber bands that they have made an ur-

gent appeal for ald to the United States government thru Consul Alger The situation in which Americans in Mexico find themselves is consid ered so serious by the department that its representatives there have been in-

#### structed to make semi-weekly reports. HEYMAN MESSAGES READ.

Packers to Maintain High Prices Chicago, Feb. 21.—Scores of telerrams, alleged to have been sent by Louis H. Heyman, manager of the dressed beef department of Morris & Company, urging eastern representaves to obtain his

The object of the government in in troducing the telegrams was to show the test cost, the basis used by the packers in fixing the selling price. In one message sent to Boston, Hey man said: "What are you trying to do, put us

out of business with your low selling prices?" One telegram addressed to a New York representative reads: "This is awful and we can not stand for it. Hold beef for better prices if

you don't sell another carcass this week." Another message to a New York

"If you don't get prices up we have to reduce your shipments."

#### GILL IS VINDICATED.

Mayor Who Was Recalled Defeats Opponents in Seattle Primaries. Seattle, Wash., Feb. 21.-Fermer Mayor Hirma C. Gill, removed from office in disgrace a year ago by a recall election, was given an overwhelm ing plurality over his rivals for nomination for office yesterday at the municipal primaries.

Gill received nearly 10,000 more votes than his nearest competitor, George F. number of practical workers and Cotterill, single tax candidate, who would have to be removed from the will oppose him at the election in March. Thomas A. Parrish, business mer.'s candidate, ran a close third, and nesses on the stand this morning who Huelett M. Wells, socialist, fourth. Gill campaigned under an "open own" slogan and the result yesterday cal hotel, after he was married to An is said to indicate his probable elec- na Kilduff.

tion over Cotterill in March. With 221 out of 281 precincts counted he vote for mayor stood: Gill, 18, 997; Cotterill, 10,862; Parrish, 9,913;

## Two Negroes, Suspected of Murder

SEEKS TO SAVE FAMOUS FLAGS. ing \$30,000 For Use in Work.

Washington, Feb. 21.-Perry's famous "Don't give up the ship" Lake Erie crumbling American naval trophies probably will be taken from their boxes at the naval academy and renovated so that they may be saved for coming generations. The house naval affairs committee has favorably reported the negroes shot and fatally wounded Max Bates bill which would appropriate \$30,000 for this purpose. It is proposed to sew the ancient baners upon backing him to go to work this morning. of fine linen, the work to be done by expert needlewomen.

#### SHIPPERS DEMAND REFUND.

Ask For \$2,000,000 as Reparation For Freight Overcharges.

Washington, Feb. 21.—As a sequel to he interstate commerce commission's decision in the famous "Spekane rate case" that freight charges to and from Spokane were unreasonable and exhorbitant, the shippers of the eastern The Real Progressive.

"I hold that he is the real progressive, that he is the genuine champion transcontinental lines for \$2,000,000 Washington metropolis today made a of the people, who endeavors to shape reparation.

BUILDINGS WRECKED AT SAN AN TONIO. AUSTIN AND OTHER TEXAS POINTS.

MISSISSIPPI AND FLORIDA

and Trains in Kansas and Texas are Snowbound-Cold Wave in North.

Dallas, Texas, Feb. 21.—Heavy wind storms, accompanied in some sectoins of Texas by a heavy snow fall, did thousands of dollars damage by wreck ing buildings and demoralizing telegraph and telephone service today. In the Panhandle country the storm, accompanied by four inches of snow completely disarranged rail schedules San Antonio and Austin, where the damage appears greatest, report wind averaging seventy to 100 miles an hour, which unroofed many resiblowing down chimneys and

uprooting trees. At El Paso much damage is feared from frost as fruit trees were in blos-

Pensacola Cut Off. New Orleans, Feb. 21.—Attempts to communicate with Pensacola, where it is known a severe storm raged last night, were unsuccessful today. All

wires are down. At points along the Florida coast in the vicinity of Pensacola a wind velocity of sixty miles an hour was registered. It was accompanied by

Damage in Mississippi. Meridan, Miss., Feb. 21.-A destruc ive windstorm swept over this district last night, destroying thousands of dol lars' worth of property, killing herds of cattle and demolishing homes in the surrounding country. Telegraph wires were prostrated, communication no being restored until this afternoon.

Stock Shipments Delayed. Chicago, Feb. 21.-A snow storn blown by a forty-two-mile gale from the north visited Chicago and the central states today, accompanied by sudden drop of the mercury. The snow belt reaches south to St. Louis, west to central Iowa, north a short distance into Wisconsin and east into Ohio. Not more than an inch of snow has fallen in any section but is coming down steadily. Delay in hog ship ments caused the market to go up from 5 to 10 cents here at the opening to-

Trains Snowbound in Kansas. Wichita, Kan., Feb. 21 .- Snow drift ed in deep cuts holds three Missouri Pacific pasenger trains captive, two near Reece, Kan., and one near Hooser city to dig them out.

## CHILDREN INTERRUPT TRIAL.

Judge Threatens to Remove Kilduff Youngsters From Court. Davenport, Feb. 21.-It is probable

that the defense will not finish its cas before adjournment today in the Anna Kilduff murder trial, and as there will be no court sessions tomorrow on actrial may continue into next week. Considerable of a diversion created when Mrs. Kilduff's little boy fell off a chair. The two Kilduff children have been present in the cour room during the last few days and the younger one, a boy 2 years old, had become restless. He had been talking considerably and on several occasions had interrupted the proceedings. When the little fellow fell off the

chair there was considerable of a disturbance and Judge Theophilus notified the attorney for the defense that if the children could not be kept still they court room.

The defense placed a number of wit testified that Kilduff had kept company with a colored woman, a cook at a lo-

#### DOUBLE LYNCHING FEARED.

Cornered in Tenessee Woods. Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 21.—Report from Brentwood, ten miles south of here, says a mob has surrounded in a wood two negroes who killed a white farmer this morning. County officers have hurried to Brentwood but a double lynching seems inevitable.

Negroes Escape Mob.

Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 21.-A seeking a negro murderer and his companion near Brentwood failed to catch the blacks today. One of the fleeing Voit, superintendent of a railroad construction company when Voit ordered

# HOME MADE WHISKY KILLS.

One Mondamin Man Dead and Two III From Drinking Own Stilling. Special to Times-Republican. Onawa, Feb. 21 .- A man by the name of Amazon, dead, George Fitzsimmons unconscious, and Charles Hammers

very weak, is the result of an attempt to make their own whisky. The three men reside at Mondamin, a small station south of here. Amazon having the recipe for the making of the formand on various northwestern and whisky induced his pals to help. They drank freely of the deadly poison, with

#### T.-R. BULLETIN

# Noticeable News of Today

Sun rises Feb. 22 at 6:43, sets at 5:45 Iowa-Generally fair tonight and Phursday: colder tonight. Illinois-Clearing; colder weather to

night; Thursday fair. South Dakota-Generally fair night and Thursday.

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Thousands Made Homeless by Fire at Houston. Property Loss May Reach \$10,000,000 Factory District Destroyed. Train Robbers Shoot Northwestern

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All Prices Higher. Foss For Tail of Clark Kite.

# SUIT TO OUST MAYOR

Citizens Begin Proceedings Against Barnum Official-Alleged He Knew Gambling Was Common-Cos-

Fort Dodge, Feb. 21.-Mayor J. D. Dwyer, of Barnum, was made defendant in an action against him for removal from office, charged with non ners, A. E. Williams and M. J. Rial charge that he has been present when pea pool, poker and pitch have been played for money. The case is an outgrowth of the January prosecutions of residents of Barnum and vicinity for

Action has been taken under the Cosson law. It is alleged that Mayor Dwyer has known of the gambling in

The January prosecutions were first before the grand jury when about thirty witnesses were examined. The grand jury ordered eleven men before tine, Neb., this afternoon, to tell the S. N. Magowan, justice of the peace, grand jury in session there what he and the men were fined \$15 and costs.

#### START NEW PETITION.

Fort Dodge Liquor Dealers Fear De cision of Supreme Court.

Special to Times-Republican. Ft. Dodge, Feb. 21.-Expecting adverse decision from the supreme court because the Oskaloosa saloon crime, and Heath's testimony is supcase is similar to the one here, the local liquor dealers today started the the case. circulation of a new mulet petition of onsent. Members of the civic league "drys" are preparing to vigorously oppose the petition. One thousand three hundred fifty names are necessary to make the petition good.

#### WAPELLO COUNTY FOR TAFT.

Administration Has 150 of 179 Delegates to County Convention. Ottumwa, Feb. 21.-Taft delegations have been chosen in every township but go into the ditch. The mail clerks

gation from Wapello county to the state convention. SCHOOL FOR GUARDS DOCTORS. to Receive Instructions.

special to Times-Republican.

of a total of 179, assuring a Taft dele-

Des Moines, Feb. 21.-Adjutant General Logan today ordered a special school of instruction for all the medical officers of the national guard, to be held in Des Moines, March 5, un- ital stock of the bank are said to have der the direction of Dr. Fairchild, of

FORWARD MOVEMENT MEETING.

Southeastern lows District Convention

Opens at Burlington. Burlington, Feb. 21.-The men and religion forward movement convention of the southeastern Iowa district

UNSUCCESSFUL EFFORT TO ROB FAST MAIL TRAIN NO. 9 NEAR CEDAR RAPIDS.

ENGINEER REFUSES TO STOP, ROBBERS OPEN FIRE

in Cab-Five Bandits Planned Held-Up at Bertram, Where Trains Slew Worle-Posses Fail to Find Them.

Cedar Rapids, Feb. 19,-Five men nade an unsuccessful attempt to hold up west bound train No. 9 on the Chi-Mansfield was wounded by a bullet from one of the bandit's guns. work on the outskirts of the village and it was at this point the men sigtalled the engineer to stop. Suspicious

of the irregular method used in alsnailing the engineer did not bring his train to a stop. When the train failed to stop the bandits opened fire on the engineer, hitting him in the arm.

Engineer Suspects Robbery. The train was in charge of Engineer Douglas Mansfield, Conductor Knight and Fireman P. G. Faur, all of Clinton. A new bridge is being built at Bertram, and all trains have "slow" orders for thta point. Engineer Mansfield, just passing the bridge, observed a lantern signal ahead to stop, but as the lantern was not the regulation railroad light and the block showed clear, he suspected the five men who were in sight planned to rob the train. He therefore pulled the throttle wide and opened the steam cocks to throw a cloud of steam about the suspects. The robbers immediately sent a One of the bullets penetrated the fiesh of Mansfield's right arm, but of this he was not aware until the train reached Otis, the next station, where the ensipeer fainted. The fireman brought the train into Cedar Rapids and field was removed to a hospital. Mansfield has been driving an engine on the Northwestern twenty-six years.

Posse in Pursuit. Posses were organized here and oficers from Clinton were sent for, but t is believed the men boarded another train and have made their escape.

nine miles east of Cedar Rapids and while the immediate vincinity surrounding the scene of the attempted hold-up is bare of any secure shelter there is much timber not far distant from the place to which the bandits scurried upon being frustrated in their efforts to rob the train, which is an exclusive mail carrier, no passen gers being permitted to travel on it.

## CONNECT GIRL WITH CRIME.

Grand Jury Summons Life-Termer in Old Murder Investigation. Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 21 .- Harry Heath,

serving a life sentence in the penitentlary for the murder of Charles Sellers, a ranchman, will be taken to Valenknows about the crime. Heath with his cousin, Kenneth Murphy, and two men named Weed, pleaded guilty to nanging Sellers and drew life terms

The public sentiment in Cherry county has been inclined to connect Eunice Murphy, Heath's cousin, and the girl whom Sellers loved, with the posed to be wanted on this phase of

### FAST MAIL CARS DERAILED.

Serious Wreck Narrowly Averted in Illinois Bottoms Near Burlington. Burlington, Feb. 21 .- A truck on one

f the cars of Burlington route fast mail train. No. 7, broke down in the Illinois bettoms, about five miles east of Burlington, this morning, derailing two cars. The cars bumped along over the ties for several hundred feet but to the republican county convention did not turn over. The train was movwere elected in six of the seven Ot- ing about forty miles an hour and it tumwa wards last night. - Delegates is regarded as a miracle that it did not Columbia and the Taft men have 150 were shaken up but none were indelegates to the county convention out jured.

#### EMPLOYE WRECKS BANK.

Defalcations of Pomona, Cal., Book-

keeper Amount to \$143,000. Los Angeles, Feb. 21.-Earl Standrd, the missing bookkeeper of the American National Bank of Pomona, whose alleged defalcations were found yesterday to amount to \$149,000, is said to be in hiding here. His arrest is ex-

The entire surplus and half the capbeen swept away by the shortage. which amounted to one-fourth of its total deposits.

#### SNOW STORM HALTS TRIAL

Jurors Fail to Reach Court and Kimmel Case is Delayed.

St. Louis, Feb. 21.—Because of snow storm, which prevented a juror in opened this afternoon at 2 o'clock and the Kimmel case reaching the federal will continue ever Thursday. About building this morning, no session was 200 delegates, ministers and laymen are held. The formal announcement that a expected, many of whom are already on recess would be taken until 2 o'clock was made shortly before noon.