

the substance of the opening communication of the Marquis di Rudini, the new Italian Premier, to the Italian Chambers upon their assembling this week.

The past week has witnessed an incessant round of dramatic and social festivities. Besides attending the banquets given in honor of Count Goluchowski by the Austrian Ambassador and Prince von Hohenlohe, the Imperial Chancellor, the Emperor gave a dinner on Thursday in honor of the seventy-fifth birthday of Prince Luitpold, Regent of Bavaria, and was also present at the wedding of his aid-de-camp, Major Count von Moltke, and dined with the officers of the Pioneers and Guards. The season will virtually close when the court leaves Berlin next week.

As the Hon. Edwin F. Uhl, the newly appointed Ambassador of the United States, will not arrive here before March 2, when the Emperor will start for Italy, he will not be able to present his credentials until the end of May, the time of the annual review, which the Emperor will return in season to attend. It is generally hoped in the American colony here that Mr. Uhl will rent the vacant residence of Prince Stolberg-Wernigerode, in Wilhelmstrasse, which is most adequate in every respect as a residence, and altogether more suitable for receptions and other functions pertaining to the social duties of an Ambassador than any other house obtainable in Berlin.

Two of the leading aristocratic families of Berlin bade farewell to Berlin society on Thursday in consequence of court events which have rendered their contact with the imperial circle uncomfortable, to say the least.

The first departure, which took place in the forenoon, was that of Prince and Princess Frederick of Hohenzollern, who left the Anhalter station for Dessau on route for Munich. The platform of the station was crowded with their friends, and Princess Reuss and Princess Hohenlohe, on behalf of the social circle of the departing Prince and Princess, presented them with superb bouquets. An entire compartment of the car in which the Prince and Princess sat was filled with floral tokens. The leaving-taking of the couple delayed the starting of the train several minutes.

Later in the day a similar scene occurred at the Stettiner station, upon the occasion of the departure of Prince and Princess Albert of Sachsen-Altenburg for their new residence, the castle of Kuechenstein, in Mecklenburg. Bouquets were presented to the departing guests in profusion and the handshakings, embraces and tears gave the leaving-taking the appearance of a life-long farewell.

In order to maintain the luster of the court, which is threatened to be dimmed by these and other recent withdrawals of society leaders from Berlin, in consequence of differences of one kind or another with the head of the imperial house, the Emperor has induced Prince von Furstenburg to accept the office of chief marshal of the imperial court. Prince von Furstenburg, who is a South German Prince and a scion of a mediocrity house, was reluctant to accept the office, and only yielded to the pressure brought to bear upon him by the Kaiser. The office of chief marshal rather than Mecklenburg. Bouquets were presented to the departing guests in profusion and the handshakings, embraces and tears gave the leaving-taking the appearance of a life-long farewell.

Prince Ernst Gunther of Schleswig-Holstein, brother of the Empress, is again becoming a favorite in society. He has reopened his salon and house in Universitätsstrasse and receives upon a large scale, entertaining his guests lavishly at private theatricals, dinners, etc.

Society says that the Prince has sown his wild oats and settled down to a well regulated and well-conducted life. He now studies social and political questions and reads works treating of trades unions, the labor laws, etc., all of which refute the recent reports that he had fallen into his old habits, was spending more money than he could afford and that his bills were being offered for sale with no purchasers at 50 per cent discount. Prince Ernst has established large paper mills at Prinkena and has devoted himself to the personal management of the entire part of his estate at that place, which is valued at 1,000,000 marks. He is also building a new castle and it is announced that as soon as it is finished he will marry.

At a meeting of the Bacteriologic Society held last week Dr. Koch's tuberculin was fiercely denounced by many eminent professors in attendance. Professor Lieberich declared that tuberculin had been discredited by all physicians, even veterinary practitioners, as its use was directly dangerous.

Dr. Haumann said that a greater percentage of lung diseases had been cured by allowing nature to help itself than by the treatment of experts. The debate arose on the report that Dr. Koch was preparing a new publication in advocacy of tuberculin.

Herr Mettermuch, German Consul at Cairo, has been raised to the rank of Minister Plenipotentiary. Herr Mettermuch was in the confidence of Lord Cromer, the British representative in Egypt, on the subject of the new campaign in the Sudan, and it is believed here that it was he who suggested to the Government in Berlin that such a campaign would be opportune. The semi-official newspapers concur in praising Lord Salisbury's decision to put a complete check upon the French presence in the Soudan, and the Egyptian press by Great Britain, and declare that civilized nations approved his action.

German cavalry officers have been engaged to organize a new Chinese cavalry service, modeled after the German system. The Emperor and Empress will pay a visit to Queen Victoria at Cimiez on March 26. The Queen, it is announced, will not go to Coburg to attend the marriage of her granddaughter, Princess Alexandra of Coburg, to the Hereditary Prince of Hohenzollern-Langenburg, which will take place on April 20. The Emperor and Empress and Empress Frederick will be present.

Prince Bismarck has consented to receive on his birthday, April 1, the members of the Hamburg, Leipzig and deputations from Berlin, National Union and other parts. The ex-Chancellor's son-in-law, Count von Kantzian, is authority for the statement that Prince Bismarck is in excellent health.

The American tenor, Savin, will make his appearance at the Royal Opera-house March 23 in "Traviata."

CROUCHING OUT CHRISTIANITY.

Armenian Followers of the Christ Scourged by the Sultan.

CRUELITIES TO WOMEN.

Systematic Degradation of the Wives and Daughters of the Sufferers.

MEN THROWN INTO PRISON.

Civilized Governments Look Idly On While the Moslem Outrages Continue.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Turkey, March 15.—Later news from Harpoot shows that in that vilayet at least some sort of order has gone out to discontinue the forced conversions. When the authorities from Harpoot telegraphed to Constantinople for instructions the reply came: "Do not use force to convert."

The local Governor interpreted the orders literally and even announced that every one was to return. This change, however, is only in the cities and large towns; in villages and hamlets such orders will have no effect. Information from various points in the provinces of Sivas, Harpoot, Diarbekir, Bitlis and Van shows that the practice of forcing Christians to become Moslems is still in active progress.

The purpose to abolish Christianity is pressed forward with the whole force of the Government by the indirect means of depriving the Christian communities of their men of influence who have survived the massacres. In every town or city where the massacres occurred arrests of such men are now in progress. No charges are preferred against the men arrested.

Another indirect method of destroying the Christian communities in these devastated provinces is the degradation of women in connection with the Christian communities. A systematic debauchery of Christian women is carried on in nearly all the devastated districts. It is as if the Turks wish to make sure that the women, always conservative in matters of religion, shall lose their self-respect and the grounds of their religious hope.

They therefore seize the Christian women day after day and week after week and inflict indignities upon them with impunity. It seems the Christian governments are powerless in the presence of a beggared nation of 9,000,000 of Turks, or they are unwilling to take any peremptory measures to prevent Christianity from being crushed out of certain parts of the Turkish empire.

Surely they might take so simple a measure as to permit to reside in the principal cities of the provinces. The mere residence of a Consul will stop a host of infamies which the Turks ordinarily dare to commit only when they think they can deny them with impunity.

CLARA BARTON'S WORK.

Supplies Sent to Armenia by Caravan From Alexandria.

NEW YORK, N. Y., March 15.—The following are extracts from a report by mail from Miss Clara Barton to the American National Red Cross here. The report is dated Constantinople, February 25, and Miss Barton says:

"Immediately upon our arriving here Judge Terrell, with his customary promptness, lost no time in notifying the Turkish Government of our arrival and asking for an audience for me with the Foreign Minister. This was most courteously granted and held on the 13th. We were informed that the permit was granted for my party to enter the interior to afford relief to the suffering people there, and that no obstructions would be put in the way.

"Mr. Terrell at once cabled that information to Mr. Olney, but the permit or papers are to be signed by the Sultan. This is the time of the great fast of Ramadan, during which no work but the ordinary labor is supposed to be done, and the papers have waited until now. Minister Terrell yesterday demanded through the Russian Ambassador that the papers be attended to, and he waits in much certainty for favorable action immediately."

Since the date of this letter cable dispatches have announced the signing of the papers by the Sultan and the issuance of the report containing permits and passports. The report continues:

"Meanwhile we are not losing a moment's time. Dreadful news comes in from the battlefield of Zeitoun. It has not failed to reach you for it went to the press. Sir Philip Currie has asked that I send relief to Zeitoun and we are getting our supplies ready for shipment via Alexandria at the first moment the papers are issued. Our agents are to-day purchasing supplies to be taken by caravan from Alexandria. There are always delays of boats, only about one a week going over, and this occupies a week in the voyage across.

"Our dragoons are ready, the Turkish guard will be provided and General Field Agent Dr. Hubbell will lead the first detachment up into the mountains. We find supplies as cheap here as at home, some even better. It is said that food, such as grain, flour, etc., can be found all through the interior, therefore we shall not have to transport that. Dr. Hubbell will see what need there is for seed and other materials for helping the destitute people to raise something for themselves. There we shall employ our customary methods in an endeavor to assist the people to provide for themselves as soon as circumstances will permit."

Turkish Loan Advanced.

LONDON, Eng., March 15.—The Times will to-morrow publish a dispatch from Constantinople saying that all the formalities in connection with the new Turkish loan have been completed and that on Saturday the Ottoman Bank, being satisfied with the arrangements, advanced 160,000 lire to the treasury.

CLARK JOINS THE ARMY.

Salvationists Gain the President of the Christian Endeavorers.

Societies of the Christian Endeavor Union, who resides in Boston. The announcement was made by Commander Carleton that Commissioner and Mrs. Booth-Tucker, who have been appointed to take charge of the army in Italy, would probably arrive here on the 28th inst.

KELLY AN INSOLVENT.

Business Disaster Overtakes a Prominent Democratic Politician of Minnesota.

ST. PAUL, Minn., March 15.—It was learned to-night that on Saturday evening a document was filed in the office of the clerk of the District Court, which proved to be the assignment of Patrick H. Kelly, one of the foremost men of the State. For a quarter of a century Kelly has been a leading wholesale merchant of St. Paul, is at present a member of the Legislature, was for ten years National Democratic Committeeman for Minnesota and has always been foremost in the promotion of public works. The assignment is made to John F. Meagher of Kanokato, a close political and personal friend of Mr. Kelly. The P. H. Kelly Mercantile Company has not yet made an assignment, but it was announced that it would at once proceed to adjust its affairs in the same way that Kelly had chosen. Kelly was ill at the Merchants' Hotel last evening and could not be seen, but a near friend said:

"This assignment should not be regarded as a failure in the ordinary sense of the term. Mr. Kelly has been a business man all his life and has broken down. He has been ill for nearly a year, although he did not take to his room and bed until a short time ago. He has been alarmed about his condition for some time and has felt that he had not long to live. His interests are vested in the company and he would like best to adjust his affairs through an assignment. Such a course was really not necessary, as Mr. Kelly has ample means. The P. H. Kelly Mercantile Company will, it is stated, follow Mr. Kelly's plan and seek an adjustment in the same manner."

NORTHERN PACIFIC PLANS

Reorganization Scheme Completed at a Conference Held in New York.

Traffic Arrangements With the Great Northern Road Will Probably Be Made.

NEW YORK, N. Y., March 15.—The reorganization plan of the Northern Pacific Railroad was completed yesterday at a conference held at the company's office. The details had been known in high financial circles for some time. Full approval has been received from the German bondholders.

The new plan creates a voting trust composed of J. P. Morgan, August Belmont, Dr. Siemens of Berlin, Johnston Livingston and probably John D. Rockefeller. The proposed changes reduce the fixed charges to about \$6,000,000. The common stock and preferred stock are subject to assessments of \$10 and \$15 respectively.

All the interests are in harmony as regards the new plan. These include the stock and bond holding interest represented by President Brayton Ives, the Adams committee, which has close relations with the German investors, and J. August Belmont, who represents the financial interests concerned in the new scheme. It is deemed probable that a traffic arrangement will be made with President James J. Hill of the Great Northern, but likely to be subject to the consolidation of the two companies. The Northern Pacific has been in the hands of receivers since 1883. Steps will be taken in accordance with the new plan to reorganize it on a firm basis.

PLIGHT OF THE INDIAN.

Cannot Enter the Fort Royal Dock Because of Low Water.

PORT ROYAL, S. C., March 15.—The battleship Indiana went up to the dock this morning, but found only twenty-four feet of water. The Indiana steamed up to within a short distance of the dock, but could not get in unless there were twenty-five feet registered. The strong westerly winds that prevailed up to yesterday were against a high tide. Another effort will be made to go into the dock to-morrow, and if there is a gale, it is likely to be delayed to a later date. If there be no docking to-morrow it is likely to be layed until the 28th, when there is a full moon.

The understanding is that the crew of the Indiana will go through an extensive drilling exercise here, as there are fine ranges for the guns and excellent opportunities for target practice. There seems to be no foundation for the report that the crew of the battleship will be sent to a factory. On the contrary, Captain Evans is delighted with the result.

EX-GOVERNOR IRELAND GONE.

He Filled Many High Positions in the Lone Star State.

NEW ORLEANS, La., March 15.—John Ireland, ex-Governor of Texas, and one of the prominent members of the Southern bar, died in San Antonio to-day after an illness of two weeks.

Governor Ireland was born in Hart County, Kentucky, in 1825 and went to Texas in 1853. He was a member of the constitutional convention in 1866 and served as Representative and Senator in the Texas Legislature in the early seventies. In 1875 he was appointed a member of the Texas Supreme Court, but resigned. He was a delegate to the National Democratic convention in 1880, and in 1882 was elected Governor. He was re-elected in 1884. At the time of his death Governor Ireland was president of the San Antonio and Gulf Shore road.

LOVE CAUSES A TRAGEDY.

Murder and Suicide Follow the Rejection of a Suitor.

SENECA FALLS, N. Y., March 15.—A terrible double tragedy occurred this morning, which caused great excitement in this village. Thomas Pelkilton, a coachman, shot Miss Minnie Mansell, a domestic, at the residence of Edward Mynderz, in the northern part of town.

Pelkilton had lately been paying attentions to the young woman, who was highly respected, and had received them from her, as he was considered a respectable character. Yesterday she refused to ride in a cutter with him, and since then he had been drinking considerably. This morning he went to the Mynderz house, and after shooting Miss Mansell twice in the head blew his own brains out.

God's American Volunteers Meet.

NEW YORK, N. Y., March 15.—The first regular meeting of God's American Volunteers, Ballington Booth's new religious organization, was held last night at the Union. The hall was crowded to the doors. The Booths were prevented from attending by the storm. The principal speech was made by Patty Watkins, the well-known singer.

Fire Catches a Heavy Load.

CHICAGO, Ill., March 15.—Fire at 1:30 this morning destroyed the five-story brick building at the corner of Clybourn avenue and Hines street, causing a loss of \$40,000, distributed among August Graft, a photographer, and the Field's shirt manufactory and M. A. Kelsey, a manufacturer of fly nets. The origin is unknown.

POOLROOMS LOST MANY THOUSANDS.

Royal Nettie's Reported Victory Expensive to the Bookmakers.

EXTENT OF THE FRAUD

Between a Quarter and a Half Million Dollars Was Paid Out.

HAD BEEN PLAYED HEAVILY.

The Deal Believed to Have Been Planned in New York—Losses at Chicago.

CHICAGO, March 15.—It will be many a day before poolrooms of the United States will recover from the shock they sustained Saturday night, when they found they had been made the victims of the most stupendous wire-tapping fraud that was ever perpetrated in this country. Rough estimates made yesterday indicated that the poolrooms had lost between \$250,000 and \$500,000 on the racing mare Royal Nettie, whose name was set out from the New Orleans racetrack as winner of the sixth race, in spite of the fact that she ran next to last and that the race was won by a horse named Plug.

The total may be increased materially after the 280 poolrooms that are running in New York City give out an accounting of their losses. That they were hit hard is not doubted by racing men, for the impression is general in Chicago that the fraud was planned in New York and carried through with New York money.

The total losses of five Chicago rooms, according to reports that came from semi-official sources yesterday, will aggregate about \$27,000. James O'Leary of the Stockyards is the heaviest loser of the five, his sheets showing that he paid out nearly \$10,000 on the race. Of that amount he paid \$700 in a lump sum to a stranger, who had bet him \$1000 at odds of 6 to 1 that the mare Royal Nettie would win.

METRIC SYSTEM FAVORED.

Uniform Weights and Measures to Be Adopted by the Government.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 15.—An interesting report has been made by Charles W. Stone of Pennsylvania in favor of a bill for the adoption of the metric system of weights and measures, which has been for some weeks before the House Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures.

Referring to the objection that the words and terms of the metric system are foreign and too long for convenient use, the reply is made that the terms are not simply for American use; they are for all nations.

The case with which other nations, except France, where vacillating legislation and revolutionary disorders impeded the work, have made the change of systems, has been convincing. Germany changed to the compulsory system in two years, Austria in three, without friction or trouble. The conclusion reached by the committee is that the metric system of weights and measures should be adopted by the various departments of the Government, although not deeming it wise to change the methods of surveying public lands. They recommend therefore that its adoption by the departments be fixed for July 1, 1898, and by the Nation at large, coincident with the dawn of the twentieth century, January 1, 1901.

IMPORT DUTIES REDUCED.

Germany Lowers Tariffs on Fresh or Simply Prepared Meats.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 15.—Secretary Morton is in receipt of advice from the Secretary of State enclosing a communication from the United States Embassy at Berlin, together with an official copy of the publication of the Imperial Home Office. These documents relate to German duties on fresh or simply prepared beef, including cooked, smoked, salted or pickled beef imported in hermetically sealed vessels from countries with which the "most favored nation" treaty exists.

According to the decree of the Bundesrat, reported in the official publication in question, the duty on this class of goods has been reduced from 60 to 20 marks per 100 kilograms.

DESCENDANT OF PILGRIMS.

Mrs. Ellis Bartlett Dies at the Age of 80 Years.

LONDON, Eng., March 15.—Mrs. Ellis Bartlett, daughter of the late John King Ashmead of Philadelphia, died to-day at Tunbridge Wells, in the eightieth year of her age. She was the mother of Sir Ellis Ashmead Bartlett, M.P., sometime a civil Lord of the Admiralty, and W. L. Ashmead Bartlett, M.P., who in 1881 married Baroness Bartlett-Coutts, whose name she assumed.

Mrs. Bartlett was a descendant of Theodore Lehman, who was a companion of William Penn and who received from him a large grant of land in this class of goods, who was a native of Plymouth, Mass., was a lineal descendant of Robert Bartlett, one of the Pilgrim fathers who sailed in the ship Ann in 1623. Robert Bartlett married Mary, daughter of Richard Warren, who sailed to New England in the Mayflower in 1620.

BESIEGED BY POLICE.

Troops Will Be Called Out to Capture a Striker's Stronghold.

AMHERST, N. S., March 15.—The situation at Jeggins mines over last Thursday's riot is unchanged and there is no telling when work will be resumed. The excitement is intense. About 200 men have locked themselves in a hall and are in a state of siege. A posse of police has attempted to arrest the strikers, but was powerless owing to the number it has to contend against. It is reported the militia will be called out.

Ex-Bankers Under Arrest.

WARRENSBURG, Mo., March 15.—George W. Colburn, president; Theodore Young, cashier, and George A. Colburn, assistant cashier, of the defunct Johnson County Savings Bank, were arrested yesterday under indictments returned by the Grand Jury upon charges of receiving deposits. George W. Colburn is the insolvent. The bank was known to be insolvent. George W. Colburn is the owner of Electric Springs Park. Theodore Young is ex-Mayor of Warrensburg. He was indicted on three counts. The two Colburns are father and son. One indictment was returned against each.

Fire Burns a Postoffice.

CHICAGO, Ill., March 15.—The South Chicago Postoffice was destroyed by fire

this afternoon. The fixtures belonging to the Government were valued at \$14,000. No value has yet been placed on the stamps, books and mail matter, none of which was recovered. Living in apartments over the postoffice were three families, who lost their household effects. An adjoining building, occupied by four families, was also destroyed. The total loss is about \$24,000, mostly insured.

CYCLING AT SAN JOSE.

Two Interesting Five-Mile Handicap Events in Good Time.

SAN JOSE, CAL., March 15.—The five-mile handicap road race of the San Jose Road Club over the East San Jose course this morning proved an interesting event despite the threatening weather. A large number of spectators were present, and considering the condition of the track, the time made was good. Of the twelve entries, but seven started.

J. E. Willoughby won the race from scratch 13:30-25; M. J. O'Brien (4:40) was second, in 14:46; H. S. Beach (4:40) third, in 14:42; Taylor, J. B. Willing and T. E. Bell (scratch) and H. Calloway (1:00) and C. E. Warren (1:00) failed to finish.

The Columbus Cycling Club held a five-mile handicap road race over the same course this forenoon. N. Spinetti (1:30) won in 16:52; F. Cianciarulo (scratch) was second, in 15:26; F. Schiele (scratch) third, in 15:38; J. Hourteig (10), 17:40; J. Spinetti, Pinto, Carillo and Arzino failed to finish.

Pigeon-Shooting at Antioch.

ANTIOCH, CAL., March 15.—The following scores were made at Antioch today, 25 singles, unknown angles, known traps, a portion of the Brentwood Club being present:

Brentwood—W. Portman 14, A. Portman 13, Cantrell 12, W. A. Collins 10, Barkley 10, Lemoine 9, Welch 8, W. W. Collins 7. Remifree—Hawthorn 19, Ross 13, Proctor 14-42; Taylor, J. B. Willing and T. E. Bell (scratch) and H. Calloway (1:00) and C. E. Warren (1:00) failed to finish.

REED IS OREGON'S CHOICE

Conservative Republicans Prefer the Maine Statesman to McKinley.

The Protectionist Not Likely to Get the Vote of the Northern Staff.

CHICAGO, Ill., March 15.—Oregon's ten delegates will go to the Republican National Convention uncommitted," said J. B. Montgomery of Portland, Or., at the Great Northern yesterday. Mr. Montgomery is an ex-member of the Oregon Legislature and a constant attendant at Republican conventions.

There is a division of sentiment in the State, however, that is not to be overlooked. The mass of the people are for McKinley, but the more thoughtful and conservative element is for Tom Reed as Presidential candidate. This division results from the fact that there is a feeling that McKinley's pronounced tariff measures may prove disastrous and may result in a reaction that will insure Democratic success four years from the coming election. People are now so disgusted with Democratic rule they are apt to be driven to extremes. The result is, while the majority is shouting for McKinley and wanting to see him elected, the businessmen are strongly in favor of Reed, for the reason that they think they see in him the conservation of their best interests.

"The delegates to the convention will be governed, of course, by the exigencies of the situation, and it is in no wise certain that McKinley will get their vote. In fact, I think McKinley's chances uncertain. You may have noticed when a candidate has been spoken of so enthusiastically as McKinley has he has in former years been turned down, and I should not be at all surprised if this will be the case in the coming nomination.

"So far as the Democrats are concerned, they haven't a show in our State. We are bimetalists, but not on the basis of 16 to 1. We want honest money of international value, and will stand for that from first to last."

They Favor McKinley.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 15.—In twelve counties of Missouri yesterday Republican conventions were held to select delegates to State and Congressional conventions. Ten conventions passed resolutions favoring McKinley for President and one was non-committal. In Caldwell County no instructions were given, but a poll of the delegates showed 92 for McKinley, 3 for Reed and 2 for the coinage question was generally ignored.

Fifer to Be a Committeeman.

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., March 15.—Ex-Governor Fifer announced yesterday that he had decided to accept the position of National Republican Committeeman from Illinois, to which he was elected by the State Committee early in the week. The announcement was made at the close of a long conference between the ex-Governor and Dr. Jamieson, chairman of the State Committee.

SKIPPED FROM SPOKANE.

Manager Oppenheimer of the Northwest Milling and Power Company Absconds.

Attachments Levied Against All of His Property That Can Be Found.

SPOKANE, WASH., March 15.—An affidavit filed in the Superior Court yesterday charges Simon Oppenheimer with absconding from the country. Attachments have been levied against all his property here that can be found.

Oppenheimer has been prominent in the affairs of Spokane and has been reputed quite wealthy and always a good hustler. He was formerly connected with the Spokane Mill Company, whose large plant was burned several years ago. A couple of years ago he went to San Francisco and then to Holland, where he raised a large sum of money, coming back to Spokane and organizing the Northwest Milling and Power Company, which company purchased the plant of the Spokane Power Company, some of the best of the river property in the city. The company then began the erection of a large Phoenix sawmill, which is now running, and also completed a new 1000-barrel flourmill, which, however, has not been started.

At present they are engaged in constructing large and expensive dams and a flume, preparatory to putting in an electric light plant.

It has been generally known for some time that the affairs of the company were in bad shape, and some criticized Manager Oppenheimer. He left a few weeks ago, ostensibly for the East to raise money and settle affairs, but it is claimed he was unsuccessful in his efforts. He has since returned to Spokane again. Members of the company decline to discuss affairs, but his friends say he will be back inside of a week and settle matters. The charge has created considerable excitement on account of his prominence.

SAN DIEGOAN LOST IN A BLIZZARD.

The Thrilling Experience of an Old Miner in the Mountains.

FAMISHED AND COLD.

He Wandered About for Six Days Through Several Feet of Snow.

AN ALMOST INCREDIBLE STORY

Coming as It Does From a Region Supposed to Be Semi-Tropic.

SAN DIEGO, CAL., March 15.—During the recent storm a miner named J. J. Green had an experience in the mountains of San Diego County that sounds incredible coming from a country that is supposed to be semi-tropic. Green was on his way from San Felipe, on the edge of the desert, to Julian, some twenty miles, and was overtaken by a blinding snowstorm while on the trail. The trail was soon obliterated and Green lost his bearings.

Then for six days he wandered among the mountains, the familiar face of which had been completely changed, so that he could not tell where to go. He had the wide stretch of desert on one side to show him the directions, but though he kept on the road toward Julian, as he thought, he saw no sign of civilization.

The snowfall increased to such an extent that Green had great difficulty in traveling, often making his way through three feet of snow. He fortunately had a little food with him, which he increased by shooting a rabbit or two.

After battling almost a week with the elements he ran across a familiar hill that showed him where he was. Almost exhausted, he dragged himself five miles farther and reached Julian in a famished condition. Green said that from several places on the mountain, where he was wading through snowdrifts, he could see the desert and make out the long waves of heat arising. At a point between him and the desert the tender young grass was sprouting, unharmed by the cold. He suffered intensely from the cold, and will require some weeks to fully recover from his trip.

SANTA CRUZ'S RUNAWAY.

Myrtle Castello's Family Greatly Distressed at Being Unable to Find Her.

The Stage-Struck Girl is Supposed to Be Living in San Francisco.

SANTA CRUZ, CAL., March 15.—The father and brother of Myrtle Castello, the girl who ran away from Santa Cruz on March 6, are in distress over the inability of the police and the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children to locate her. There is no doubt that the girl went away with Mrs. Lulu Hampton, who, with Harry Hampton, were here for some time pretending to be stranded actors. They were accompanied by J. M. Curtis, whom Hampton introduced as a bookkeeper in the show business. The two women went away together by rail and the men remained here until last Saturday, when they left by steamer.

The girl's home is a small cottage in the rear of the lodging-house where the woman Hampton and the two men were stopping. She has often expressed to her brother, William Fowler Castello, her desire to go on the stage and he had as often dissuaded her. He was suspicious that she would go with the Hamptons and watched her, and the day she left he got to the depot in time to see them board the cars, but too late to stop the train.

He received a letter from his sister, dated March 10, in which she told where she was—425 Kearny street—and asked him to help Hampton and Curtis to find her. They were still in Santa Cruz and broke. She signed herself Myrtle Currie, though the spelling was probably her error. She wrote like a girl that believed she was doing no wrong, and the next day wrote to her father in an affectionate way, asking him to send her clothing as she went away with no other articles than those she wore. She was dressed in a dark green cashmere traveling suit, with green changeable shawl, trimmings, and plain black felt sailor hat. She is about five feet four inches high and weighs 125 pounds; has blue eyes, brown hair and ruddy cheeks.

Mr. Castello is the night watchman at the Southern Pacific roundhouse. Her father was divorced from her mother and retained custody of the boy and girl, the wife's mother, Mrs. Stewart, caring for them. Mrs. Stewart is a cousin of John Blythe, one of the Kentucky heirs of the Blythe estate; also a cousin of Senator Stewart of Nevada. The Castellinos speak of John Blythe as cousin, and the girl wrote her father