BROTHERS WAR IN THE COURTS

Sensational Testimony Is Given in the Piercy Case.

Nurse Tells of Edward's Surveillance Over His Aged Mother.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

SAN JOSE, March 5.—Sensational testimony was given to-day at the hearing of the petition of Andrew J. Piercy for the guardianship of his mother, Mary J Piercy, in Judge Hyland's department of the Superior Court. The strife in the Piercy family is of long standing, and while Edward and Andrew Piercy, the brothers, have settled their differences from time to time trouble has always reappeared.

A short time ago Mrs. Piercy sued her son, Edward Piercy, to recover possession of $30,000 worth of property, the deeds to which she alleged Edward had obtained fraudulently. Before this suit came to trial Mrs. Piercy asked to have it dismissed, asserting that she had never authorized the filing of the suit.

Then Andrew Piercy applied for letters of guardianship of the person and estate of his mother, alleging that his brother Edward was keeping her a prisoner at the Stanford House in this city and would allow no one to see her. He declared his mother's estate was worth more than $100,000. To this Edward objected and he is contesting the appointment of his brother as guardian.

Testimony of a Nurse.

At the hearing of guardianship proceedings to-day Miss Spencer, who had been employed in San Francisco by Edward Piercy to nurse his mother and had acted in such capacity from February 8 to 13, was a witness. She said Edward Piercy had taken her to the room where his mother was confined to her bed and instructed her as to her duties. He told her to listen when any one called upon his mother and to remember what was said and repeat it to him. The witness said she was to write at Mrs. Piercy's dictation whatever was requested, but keep such writing and turn it over to Edward.

"Finally he instructed me not to allow any one to visit his mother," said Miss Spencer, "without his permission, but told me I might humor her by writing at her dictation whatever she requested, but to deliver such writing to him. During the time I attended Mrs. Piercy she was constantly desiring that she might be allowed to summon her son Andrew by telegraph or telephone. I would promise to do so, but she would forget it in a little while."

Miss Spencer said Edward Piercy was in and out of the rooms all day. When his mother reproached him for keeping Andrew away from her he replied:

"Isn't he bringing all these lawsuits against you and didn't he threaten to shoot you?"

Mrs. Piercy would answer that such was not the case.

The witness said Mrs. Piercy's surroundings were very poor and she did not fare well. Edward would bring prepared food from a delicatessen store and have it warmed over. In the five days Miss Spencer acted as nurse, she said, Edward had supplied six bottles of whisky for his mother's use, which the witness was instructed to give to Mrs. Piercy, diluted with water. On one occasion Edward had abused the witness for allowing a little girl to visit his mother.

Edward Becomes Excited.

Edward Piercy testified that he took good care of his mother; that she was satisfied where she was and had everything she desired. He got very excited during his examination. He denied ever having appropriated any of his mother's money. He said his mother had given his brother Andrew a great deal of money and had to pay Andrew's debts.

Miss Higgins and Miss Mamie Walker gave testimony tending to show that Edward Piercy exercised undue influence over his mother.

Andrew Piercy, the petitioner for letters of guardianship, was next called. He said his mother was influenced by Edward Piercy and that the latter would not let her visit him. He said the bitterness between his brother and himself was brought about by his mother deeding the property to Edward.

Mrs. Martel, a daughter of Mrs. Piercy, testified that her mother was in her right mind and capable of managing her own affairs. She said her mother would live with her if her brother Edward would permit it.

Several other witnesses were examined and the case went over till to-morrow.

Because of the prominence of the Piercy family the quarrel of the brothers over their mother is attracting considerable attention. Edward Piercy is a well-known capitalist. There is a big array of legal talent in the case. W. H. L. Barnes and C. D. Wright appear for Edward Piercy, George A. Knight and B. A. Herrington for Andrew Piercy and Noble Hamilton and R. M. F. de Soto represent Mrs. Piercy.

Smuggler Marakichi Is Sentenced

Miki Marakichi, a Japanese, who was arrested recently for smuggling a small quantity of silk from a Japanese steamer, was sentenced yesterday by United States District Judge de Haven to sixty days' imprisonment in the County Jail and to pay a fine of $50.

Insolvent Restaurant Man.

A petition in insolvency was filed in the United States District Court yesterday by F. Siebrecht, restaurant-keeper, San Francisco, liabilities $13,517, of which $2265 is due to his employes and $7600 to Charles Leist & Co. of this city.

GRAPE-NUTS.

MANY DON'T KNOW.

Lack of Right Food Is the Cause of Sickness.

It is hardly fair to blame the doctor for not curing his patient when the patient attempts to live on food that furnishes the wrong kind of nourishment. When sickness comes on it is a pretty good sign that the food is not keeping the body up. There are thousands of cases where a change of food alone has brought the sick one out into a prime condition of health.

As an illustration. A lady in Riverside, Calif., says: "After ten years of service as a teacher, during which time I suffered three or four attacks of La Grippe, I finally found myself a physical wreck. Medical treatment would help my strength vitality temporarily, but I would always go back.

"Husband and I moved to California in the hopes that this genial clime would restore me. I got better for a little while, but in a few months became so weak and debilitated that we were in despair.

"Finally, through the influence of a friend, I changed my diet and began using Grape-Nuts and Postum Coffee. I used Grape-Nuts at two of my meals each day and have gained fifteen pounds in weight and the increase in strength is really wonderful.

"I am back to the healthy, good feelings of my girlhood days. I enjoy Postum better than any beverage I have ever used. My friends remark on my improved condition and I am impelled to write this letter with profound gratitude, hoping that many others may be induced to go and do likewise. I have proved that health is the natural consequence of properly selected food. Please do not use my name, but I will be glad to reply to any inquiries." Name furnished by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

FILIPINO AID OF SMALL VALUE

General Hughes Tells Senators About the Islanders.

Witness Declines to Explain How Manila Was Captured.

WASHINGTON, March 5.—General Hughes was subjected to a series of questions by Senator Patterson and other minority members of the Senate Committee on the Philippines in the course of his testimony before that committee to-day. In reply to these questions he said the Filipinos' forces would have been but of little assistance if it had been necessary to capture Manila from the Spaniards by assault.

"The capture of that city was by prearrangement and between General Merritt and Admiral Dewey and the Spanish commander, was it not?" Patterson asked.

"I know nothing about that," responded General Hughes.

"As a military man, what is your belief, founded upon your conversation with your superiors?" Patterson then asked.

Senator Beveridge insisted that the question was not proper, but Patterson insisted that it was.

"I would ask," said the witness, "if it would not be much better to excuse me from answering in view of the fact that General Merritt is in Washington, and you can get the information from him first-hand?"

"I prefer to ask you and you can answer as you see fit," said Patterson.

"I don't think I ought to answer that question," replied General Hughes.

Continuing his testimony, in reply to further questions, the witness said the Filipinos had aided the Americans materially by their knowledge of the country and the accommodations they had supplied, but the Filipinos never have been considered a part of the fighting force in the operations against the Spanish forces.

"The principal consideration in connection with them was to keep them out of the way," he said.

Governor Taft was questioned further to-day concerning slavery in the Philippines by members of the House Insular Committee. The commission had undertaken no legislation as to slavery, he said, and the action taken by the military has been, first, to release Christian slaves, and second, to prevent slave-raiding parties from capturing slaves. Besides this constant moral influence was being exerted toward the eradication of the system. The Governor said polygamy was confined to the Datos and head men.

As to the proposed new coinage law, Governor Taft said that if there were differences on theories of coinage the commission did not want this to delay the other essential features of legislation for the islands. The coinage measure involved the maintenance of the gold standard, which he believed could be done. He thought the adoption of the American financial system in the islands would be disastrous by bringing about sudden changes. The Governor favored three Philippine delegates to Congress, representing the three great tribes or elements of the Philippines. The committee agreed to close the extended hearings to-morrow and Governor Taft will then leave Washington, to be gone about three weeks.

LECTURE ON LONDON BY REV. E. R. DILLE, D.D.

Interesting Stereopticon Exhibition and Musical Programme Before British-American Society.

Rev. Dr. E. R. Dille last night delivered an interesting lecture on the city of London before a large audience of British-Americans at the Academy of Sciences. The lecture was given under the auspices of the British-American Association, and its president, William Greer Harrison, in introducing the lecturer, took occasion to touch on the relations existing between this country and England, which he prophesied were bound to draw the two nations closely together on all the great questions confronting the world.

The lecture of Dr. Dille was illustrated by a series of stereopticon views of the notable buildings and streets of London. The familiar scenes struck a responsive chord in the breasts of the audience, which was composed mostly of English people, and both the pictures and the words of the speaker were frequently applauded.

In addition to the lecture Master and Miss Gray rendered a piano duet, Miss Caroline L. Crew sang two soprano solos, Miss Ray Scott gave a contralto solo and Mrs. Josephine Crew-Aylwin played two selections on the piano.

DUNCAN'S TRIAL FOR MURDER COMMENCES

Demand of the Defense for a Change of Venue Is Not Pressed.

When the case of Edward J. Duncan, charged with the murder of George W. Rice, the non-union machinist, at Twentieth and Howard streets, on October 11, was called in Judge Lawlor's court yesterday Attorney Hutton announced that he would abandon his request that the case be transferred to another department. The work of securing the jury was at once proceeded with and when court adjourned for the day three jurors had been accepted. They are Samuel H. Collins, jeweler; Henry O. Stearns, confectioner, and Gideon P. Woodward, stationer.

Duncan is the last of the four men to be tried for Rice's murder and unusual interest is being evinced in the result of the trial, as it is believed by the prosecution that he instigated the plot to murder Rice. Attorney John J. Barrett is associated with Attorney Hutton for the defendant, who also appears to fully recognize the seriousness of his position. Attorney Peter F. Dunne and Assistant District Attorney Alford represent the prosecution.

SANTA ROSA COUPLE TIRE OF MARRIED LIFE

T. Frank Terry Brings Suit for Divorce on the Ground of Desertion.

T. Frank Terry is suing Della Terry for divorce on the ground of desertion. They were married at Santa Rosa in August, 1886, and have two children. Terry alleges that his wife deserted him in January, 1895.

Thomas J. Connor filed a suit for divorce yesterday against Lavinia Connor, alleging desertion. The Connors were married at Cincinnati in 1894.

Arthur W. Rennisom, who was married to Elsie Rennisom at Vancouver in 1889, filed a suit for divorce yesterday. He charges his wife with intemperance and cruelty. The Rennisoms have four children and the father asks for their custody.

Jennie H. Carey, whose marriage to Joseph B. Carey was celebrated in 1889, is suing for divorce on the ground of failure to provide. She says she has been compelled to depend upon her own exertions for the support of herself and child for the last year.

Game Law Violators Are Fined.

Chief Deputy Vogelsang of the Fish Commission states that F. Brundage and Clifford Corey were fined $25 each for deer killing by Justice of the Peace Lillie of Visalia yesterday. Vogelsang says that the deputies are on the track of other game law violators in that vicinity.

Licensed to Marry.

OAKLAND, March 5.—Licenses to marry were issued to-day to Charles A. Anderson, aged 28, and Frances E. Hoffard, 22, both of Oakland; Rush D. Baker Jr., 29, and Kate W. Doane, 18, both of Oakland; William Tuggey, over 50, and Emma S. Hess, over 40, both of San Francisco; Harry Smith, 31, and Caroline E. Grant, 33, both of Oakland.

VETERAN COMEDIAN FRANK DREW IS COMING TO CALIFORNIA THEATER

It Is Twenty Years Since the Clever Actor's First Appearance in the Role of the Lawyer in "The White Slave," and He Still Plays It---Attractions at Playhouses Are Drawing Appreciative Audiences

VETERAN COMEDIAN WHO HAS BEEN SIXTY YEARS ON THE STAGE AND WHO COMES TO THE CALIFORNIA NEXT SUNDAY IN BARTLEY CAMPBELL'S CLASSIC DRAMA, "THE WHITE SLAVE."

SIXTY years on the stage and twenty years in the same character. This is the record of the veteran comedian, Frank N. Drew, who comes to the California next Sunday in Bartley Campbell's classic drama, "The White Slave." Drew is a brother of John Drew Sr., father of the popular actor of that name. Long before the present John Drew came into the world the two brothers and their wives constituted almost a company by themselves and at that time were recognized as among the foremost of America's exponents of the dramatic art. With them were associated Joseph Jefferson, John Sleeper Clark, John E. Owens and many other shining lights of the stage. When Joseph Jefferson produced his memorable "Rip Van Winkle" both Frank Drew and his sister-in-law, Mrs. John Drew, were in the cast. They were also in the original cast of "The Rivals."

When Bartley Campbell first produced his powerful play, "The White Slave," Frank Drew was selected for the character part of Mr. Stitch, the comical lawyer. That was twenty years ago, and the veteran actor has been doing Mr. Stitch ever since. The entire company presenting "The White Slave" is one of the strongest that has been seen here in a long while. In it there are members who have been playing in the piece for years, even including several of the originals.

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"Rupert of Hentzau," this week at the California, is one of the best things that popular playhouse has given us during the present season. The play itself sustains an intense interest throughout and it is well acted by a good company. The lightning changes made by Harry Leighton in the dual role of the King and Rudolf Rassendyll have been the subject of considerable comment during the performances given thus far. This afternoon a special matinee will be given of "The Prisoner of Zenda," which play will also be given at the Saturday matinee. The last performance of "Rupert" will be on Saturday night.

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"Arizona" is the attractive offering at the Columbia Theater these nights. It is effectively staged and tells an absorbing story of love and adventure in the Western territory. Thomas has done some good work in this piece, and the cast intrusted with the portrayal of the various characters is to be commended for the cleverness of its work. Grace Elliston as Bonita is one of the best figures in the play, and the same may be said of Harrison Armstrong as Henry Canby. Frazer Coulter, Grace Thorne, Frank Campeau and William Hazeltine are a few among the fine list of players. "Arizona" is to be the bill at the Columbia Theater every night, including Sundays, all of this and next week. There will be a matinee Saturday. The next attraction will be Blanche Walsh in "La Madeleine" and "Janice Meredith."

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"The Serenade" is a hit of unusual proportions at the Tivoli, the attendance being limited by the capacity of the house and the advance sale correspondingly large. All the clever people taking part have made good, and Steindorff and Hartman have done wonders in handling the music and business of the piece. Hartman makes a great hit with his topical songs. Cunningham, Anna Lichter and Frances Graham are thoroughly competent for the vocal requirements, and Harold Gordon, Webb, Cashman and Schuster complete a cast of unusual merit. "The Serenade" is up for an indefinite run.

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"At the White Horse Tavern," at the Alcazar Theater, is pleasing the large houses that the dainty little comedy deserves and is getting. The piece is excellently cast, notably good work being done all along the line. George Osbourne shines conspicuously as the fiery Papa Giesecke, but the whole company does well. It is worth any one's while to drop in at the Alcazar this week, and the likelihood will be that it will not be his only visit. Praticularly good is the setting of the little play.

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The patrons of the Grand Opera-house are finding "A Contented Woman" much to their liking. It is the best thing that has been done since George Ober's engagement at the popular house. Ober himself has in Uncle Todie a part that suits his comic quality to a nicety, and Margaret Terry as Aunt Jim and Lillian Albertson as Grace Holmeare are much enjoyed in their respective parts. Next week will be given "A House That Jack Built."

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"The Last Stroke" is finding favor with the large patronage at the Central Theater. The scene is laid in Cuba and offers many opportunities for picturesque settings that have been taken the fullest advantage of by the Central stage management. The play is well cast and well played. Next week "Oliver Twist" will be put on.

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Fischer's Theater still has full houses, with "The French Maid" as the programme. The clever principals of the new company have fully established themselves in favor with the Fischer clientele, and the minor people are now coming up to time in hopeful fashion. "Little Christopher," a burlesque new here, is now in active preparation and will follow "The French Maid."

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The ten Nelsons, acrobats, and the most wonderful before the public; the Auers, who make pictures out of rags; Eva Mudge, a lightning change artist and singer; the Meers, comedy wire walkers; Billy Clifford, the amusing vocalist and storyteller; the four Probyn sisters, instrumentalists, and Nugent and Fertig, who present "The Absent-minded Beggar," are some of the entertainers who serve to pack the Orpheum every night. Next Sunday Paul Cinquevalli, admittedly the greatest juggler in the world, will begin a limited engagement.

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Woodward's Winter Circus at the Woodward Pavilion seems to have filled a long-felt want, to judge by the large crowds that are making their appearance there at every performance. There has been an entire change of bill, and features of much interest are being added right along.

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The Chutes and Zoo have an entire Orpheum bill this week, the special attraction for to-night being a "fat ladies' potato race."

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Emma Nevada is to give a second concert on Saturday afternoon at Metropolitan Temple. Madame Nevada is in good form herself and has with her three artists of unusual capacity. Any one desirous of hearing the finest 'cello playing that has been heard here for many moons should by no means miss hearing Pablo Casals. He is a wonder. No more strongly magnetic player on any instrument has ever appeared on a San Francisco platform, and his personal spell is backed by an unimpeachable technique and a style of utmost distinction. The flutist, Daniel Maquarre, is also an artist of enviable achievement, his tone and style being marked by a delicate purity and perfect fluency. Moreau plays the piano with a familiar French accent and lends interest to the delightfully varied programme.

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In spite of the inclement weather a large house greeted the first concert of the Philharmonic Society at Native Sons' Hall last night. The society reorganized some few months ago under the leadership of Giulio Minetti, and since that time has been steadily at work. There are fifty-four members in the orchestra, and the leader may be warmly congratulated on the good work that has been accomplished. The following excellent programme was interpreted with spirit and precision by the clever amateurs:

Overture ..... Von Suppe
Symphony (No. 1) ..... Beethoven
Andante Cantabile ..... Tschaikowsky
Waltz ..... Strauss

Miss Grace Freeman, a talented pupil of Mr. Minetti, assisted the orchestra and gave a notable rendering of the "Concerto Romantique" of Godard, accompanied by the orchestra.

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The final symphony concert under the auspices of the San Francisco Symphony Society, to take place at the Grand Opera-house to-morrow afternoon at 3:15, promises to be the greatest musical event of this season. Director Paul Steindorff has arranged a programme out of the ordinary and one that is well worth listening to. It is as follows:

Symphony No. 3 (Eroica), (a) Allegro con brio (L. von Beethoven), (b) Funeral March, adagio assai, (c) Scherzo, allegro vivace, (d) Finale, allegro molto, poco andante, presto; overture, "The Flying Dutchman" (R. Wagner); (a) Norwegian Volksmelodie (Johan Svensen), (b) Serenade (E. Pierne), for string orchestra; Espanola (E. Chabrier).

The sale of seats is progressing at Sherman, Clay & Co.'s with a large demand.

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A very pleasing concert for the violin lover is in store for Friday evening next at Metropolitan Temple, when Miss Leonora Jackson will make her only appearance here this season. Miss Jackson's former visit last year is well remembered by those who were fortunate enough to hear her. She will be assisted by Harry J. Fellows, tenor, and William Bauer, pianist.

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Next week the song recital of Katharine Fisk, who is the most promising singer in the way of contraltos who has come this way for many years in concert programmes, will begin. Mrs. Fisk has won fame in the great concert centers of Europe, and the fact that she has appeared with orchestras of the reputation of the London Philharmonic, the Colonne orchestra in Paris, the Richter and Sir Charles Halle orchestras is all that is required in the way of warrant for her musical standing. Mrs. Fisk's first concert will take place on Tuesday evening next at Sherman & Clay Hall, and this will be her programme:

"Lungi dal Caro Bene" ..... Cecchi
"Feldeinsamkeit" ..... Brahms
"Der Tod und das Madchen" ..... Schubert
"Winternacht" ..... Hollaender
"L'Esclave" ..... Lalo
"Obstination" ..... Fontenailles
"The Silver Ring" ..... Chaminade
"Oh That We Two Were Maying" ..... Ethelbert Nevin
"The Dandelion" ..... Chadwick
"The Slumber Boat" ..... Gaynor
"The Japanese Love Song" ..... Thomas
"The Gardener and the Rose" .. E. A. Bruguiere
Three arias from "Samson and Delilah" ..... Saint-Saens
(a) "Pair Spring Is Returning" .....
(b) "Oh, Love of Thy Power" .....
(c) "Softly Awakens My Heart," (by special request) .....

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A splendid programme has been arranged for the testimonial to be tendered to Henry Holmes at Sherman-Clay Hall to-night.

OLYMPIC BOWLERS END SUCCESSFUL TOURNAMENT

The bowling tournament of the Olympic Athletic Club was concluded yesterday after a series of interesting contests extending over three nights. The first class medal was won by Dr. G. W. Birdsall. The second class went to E. E. Simpson and the third went to W. S. Holling. J. A. Klein bowled the highest score for a single game, 214 points. The complete scores follow:

First class—Dr. G. W. Birdsall 537, A. Griffin 534, Dr. E. J. McConnell 526, W. H. Lux 508, Johnstone Elliott 501, W. J. Raubinger 490, T. G. Spillane 474, H. G. Martins 466, J. E. O'Brien 461, O. Hess 453, W. Gammon 433, E. F. Russ 431, J. L. Dunn 431, William Mackie 429, R. McGibbon 425, W. L. Stadfeldt 411, George P. Fuller 411, George Cole 391.

Second class—E. E. Simpson 510, P. N. Hanna 426, William Middleton 418, T. Carmany 394, L. V. Starr 362, H. Justin 358, J. R. Cole 356, W. H. Smith 345, W. J. Bush 336, J. R. Beckman 324, Louis Dorr 300.

Third class—W. S. Holling 455, J. A. Klein 451, George Sullivan 430, H. J. Irwin 367, R. Bowman, 359, Con Roman 355, C. E. Matta 333, S. J. Pembroke 331, W. R. Berry 331, J. A. McGregor 326, R. B. Cornell 322, Ed Goeller 305, Lester Hammersmith 303, H. L. Clapp 300.

The last of the regular schedule of double team contests in the San Francisco Bowling Association's tournament were played last night on the American alleys. There still remains some postponed games to be played. The scores of the games last night follow:

Minott	153	133	180	Hinck	178	164	159
Crawford	142	178	169	Kunst	156	161	153
Totals	295	311	349	Totals	334	325	312
Bush	155	160	170	Minott	164	174	186
Muller	159	184	193	Crawford	202	187	180
Totals	314	344	363	Totals	366	361	366

The Manufacturers' Sale of Shoes.

$1 85 will buy regular celebrated $3 50 shoes for either men or women, neat and stylish, at the Bee Hive Shoe Co., 717 Market st., near Third.

TALK OF CUBA TO PRESIDENT

Congressmen and Roosevelt Discuss Reciprocity Measure.

Third Caucus Will Now Be Held by the Republican Members.

WASHINGTON, March 5.—Speaker Henderson and Representative Cannon of Illinois called at the White House to-day and discussed with President Roosevelt the subject of Cuban reciprocity and sentiment thereon in the House.

Active canvassing continued among Republican members to-day preliminary to the third caucus on Cuban reciprocity, to be held to-morrow night. The most positive claims were made by those opposed to Representative Payne's 20 per cent reciprocity plan that there was a clear majority against it. Payne and his associates did not concede this, however, and expressed the belief that a concession to Cuba ultimately would be granted. It was said in this connection that Speaker Henderson is now favorable to the position taken by the majority on the Ways and Means Committee and that this would exert much influence in shaping the outcome.

During the day several members of the Cabinet were called on by Tawney and Morris, who have propositions differing from that of Payne. As an outcome of these calls it was asserted that three members of the Cabinet, namely, Postmaster General Payne, Secretary Shaw and Secretary Wilson, were hopeful of seeing a solution of the problem which would not endanger an American industry.

Later in the day Representative Tawney called at the White House and had a conference lasting nearly an hour and a half with the President. At its conclusion Tawney joined several of his associates who are opposed to the Payne resolution.

The President is understood to have made his position quite clear, and in so doing is said to have removed several misapprehensions which have been afloat of late. He expressed the most earnest solicitude that a satisfactory adjustment be reached by Congress. Furthermore, the President, it is asserted, indicated no positive determination in favor of any particular idea, but rather a desire that Congress should deal with the subject according to its best lights. After hearing from Tawney his associates expressed the belief that the President would accept the rebate proposition if Congress sent it to him. They also were considerably encouraged to hear from Tawney that the President was not laying down any emphatic ultimatum in favor of the plan presented by Payne.

Postmaster General Payne said to-night that the conference at the White House was perfectly harmonious and agreeable. He said it was brought about by the report that the President would to-day send a message to Congress expressing his views on the subject. The President, he said, in order to get a clear idea of the situation, wanted to hear both sides of the case and ascertain the real feeling of the Republican members of the House. The President has no intention at this time, he said, of sending any message to Congress on the subject.

POPE LEO RECEIVES WELL-KNOWN AMERICAN

NEW YORK, March 5.—A World special from Rome says: John Wanamaker was received at the Vatican to-day by the Pope, together with a delegation of a hundred distinguished men of the French church. The interview took place at 10:30 a. m. in the consistral hall. The Pope entered in a sedan chair, which was closed on all sides. He was dressed in red robes on entering, but he afterward laid them off and appeared in spotless white.

While receiving the apostolic benediction Cardinal Richard of Paris, the leader of the French delegation, stood at the foot of the throne and read an address to the sovereign pontiff, who responded, saying that he was profoundly moved by the visits and salutations. Leo XIII's reply to the Cardinal's address was extempore, spoken with great enthusiasm and vigor and was heard distinctly throughout a hall fifty feet wide and eighty feet long. Cardinal Bislete also gave a short written address for the Pope.

There was abundant evidence to-day that the Pope's health is better and that he is stronger than he appears to be when moved by the public demonstrations of the people of the great occasions at St. Peter's. At close quarters every one saw to-day by his keen attention, frequent smiles, his flashing eyes and the constant movements of his hands how intently he followed all that was going on. Some persons close by him say that he is as well now as he was ten years ago and that they would not be surprised if he lived to be 100 years old. General Patterson of Philadelphia was also present.

SULTAN'S HEAVY HAND LAID UPON CHAKIR PASHA

CONSTANTINOPLE, Monday, March 3.—General Chakir Pasha, brother of the late Grand Vizier, has been arrested at Konak, island of Prinkipos. The Sultan ordered Saad Edin Pasha, the military commander of Constantinople, to personally arrest Chakir Pasha. Accompanied by sixteen officers, Saad Edin Pasha started from Constantinople in a launch, crossed the Bosphorus and landed on the Skutaria shore at 2 o'clock in the morning. The party then took a special train to Kartal and thence in small boats to the island of Prinkipos, where they effected the arrest of Chakir Pasha.

The successive incarcerations and banishments of important dignitaries are causing widespread uneasiness here.

EMBASSADOR WILL REPRESENT AUSTRIA

VIENNA, March 5.—It was learned today from an authoritative source that the Austro-Hungarian mission at Washington will be raised to an embassy in 1903 as evidence of the cordial relations existing between Austria-Hungary and the United States.

WASHINGTON, March 5.—The State Department has not received information that Austria has decided definitely to raise its mission to this country to the rank of an embassy, but it is known here that the matter has been given some consideration by Austria. Should Austria raise its mission to an embassy the United States would follow suit. It is stated here the Government of Spain has also been considering the question of raising its mission to the United States to an embassy.

REPORT IS FAVORABLE ON BIG TREE PURCHASE

WASHINGTON, March 5.—The House Committee on Public Lands to-day ordered a favorable report on the bill to acquire the giant tree tract of California. The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to purchase it for not over $300,000, or to resort to condemnation proceedings.

PASS THE NATAL LINE.

Steyn and Dewet Are Conferring With General Botha.

LONDON, March 5.—In a dispatch from Pretoria the correspondent of the Standard says that Mr. Steyn and General Dewet have passed the Natal line and it is reported are conferring with General Bohtha in the Utrecht district.

Cheap Round-Trip Tickets From the East to California and Return.

The Santa Fe Co. has arranged for second-class round-trip Homeseekers' tickets from Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City and points west to California and return at one first-class limited fare plus $2 for the round trip. Dates of sale of such tickets from the East have been fixed March 4th and 18th, April 1st and 15th, May 6th and 20th. Going limit fifteen days, final limit to return twenty-one days. For full information regarding these excursions call on nearest Santa Fe agent.

VESTS CONTROL IN SALT TRUST

Combine Gains a Final Hold on the Marshes of Mount Eden.

Petermann Property Battle Ends in Victory for the Syndicate.

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 1118 Broadway, March 5.

After four years of almost continuous fighting, the Federal Salt Company, otherwise the salt trust, has won practical possession and control of the valuable salt marshes owned by Mrs. Mary Petermann of Mount Eden.

Moves which were made a short time ago place the salt trust in the position of control after a seesaw contest which was made by William J. Dingee and others to fight the trust control of the salt output. The Mount Eden marshes were the key to the situation because of the large quantity of the saline product that is handled there. That industry is one of the most important in Alameda County.

The contest for possession runs back to 1898, when the salt trust began to secure the salt marshes of the country. Agents bought up by lease the output of all the holdings in Alameda County except Mrs. Petermann's. They finally secured her signature to a lease at $535 a year, a figure that was subsequently declared to be entirely too small. Henry Petermann, a son, began a contest to have his mother declared incompetent and succeeded in having a guardian appointed and this lease was revoked.

But the salt company needed the property and after negotiations consented to pay $1500 a year for the lease. Mrs. Petermann was restored to capacity and this lease was signed. During the warring between members of the Petermann family over the salt trust lease Dingee came upon the scene.

There was a mortgage of $10,000 on the property, held by F. C. Siebe of San Francisco. Control of that mortgage would be a valuable item in the control of the salt output. Very quietly an assignment of the mortgage was made by Siebe to A. E. H. Cramer, cashier of the Union Savings Bank, who, it is asserted, acted as trustee for Dingee, who had begun his fight to become a rival to the salt trust.

Back and forth the contest had run during the negotiations that had been opened to force the salt trust to pay a more liberal figure for its lease. Mrs. Petermann was declared incompetent a second time and again restored to capacity after the final settlement of the lease. That was arranged to date from September, 1899, and to run five years.

The trust, however, was not satisfied that the mortgage should be in the hands of a possible rival, so negotiations were begun to secure the collateral. There is now under way the search and confirmation of title, preliminary to the transfer to the trust of the mortgage, which, it is understood, the combine will take up and liquidate.

The mortgage, plus interest, amounts to nearly $11,000. Some of those who have been interested in the property assert it is worth $19,000. As matters stand now those concerned look for an early transfer of the control to the trust.

PORTLAND, March 5.—At the session of the Pacific union conference of the Seventh-day Adventists to-day, the nominating committee recommended W. T. Knox of Oakland, Cal., for president.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

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