

The suit is now pending. The arrangements give Mrs. Vanderbilt \$250,000 a year for life and the use of the Fifth avenue and Newport houses during the minority of their children.

DENVER, Jan. 16.—Edward O. Wolcott was re-elected U. S. Senator by the joint legislature this afternoon. The vote was, Wolcott 57; Lefe Pence 38; C. M. Thomas 3.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 17.—The following advices from the Orient have been received by the steamer Empress of Japan:

The situation in Peking is growing more complicated since the arrival of Viceroy Li Kun Yih, Li Hung Chang's greatest enemy and head of the Hunan faction.

The first evidence of Li Kun Yih's activity is the issuance of a decree condemning Admirals Ting, Kung and Tao Tai to death, and all other officers in command of divisions yet alive, who showed cowardice before, after or during the battle. By this sweeping decree none of the generals or admirals escape. The decree states that as they are responsible for the unnecessary fall of Port Arthur, death must be their penalty. The board of punishment will publicly disgrace the commanders before their execution.

The mandate overrides Li Hung Chang's desperate attempt to "white-wash" every cowardly commander who deserted his post at the fall of Port Arthur. Officers have been after Admiral Kung with instructions to bring him back or leave his dead body to the vultures. Kung will surely be taken. He is in hiding at Yang Chow. Kung is a brother of the Chinese minister to England, and to a recent date, under Li Hung Chang, was a very powerful politician at court. Li has selected Kung for his special revenge on account of his enmity to Li Hung Chang.

Lord Li, another impeached admiral, is in hiding and is in communication with Kung. Government spies have reported these facts to the authorities so that his capture is certain.

Admiral Ling is locked up with his fleet at Wei Hai Wei.

It is said if he hears of his fate he will cheat the executioner, as he is extremely proud and will not live to satisfy the hatred of his old rival Li.

An edict issued a month ago by the emperor of China to those within the palace precincts has just come to light. During this time it has been jealously guarded from the public, as it was hoped and wished that the young emperor, despairing and discouraged, would change his mind and recall his utterances. The translation of this most extraordinary edict only issued by the emperor during the war has been obtained. It was given out when Wang Tung Tiao and Wen Thung Shih immortalized the emperor suggesting the removal of the capital westward. The substance of this proclamation is as following:

"When we first took charge of the affairs of the empire it was our intention to introduce many reforms. Suddenly and unexpectedly the Japanese have broken the peace, taken away our Korean dependency and taken possession of the borders of our empire.

"We have sent out generals in whom we trusted with their armies, to pun-

ish the enemies of peace and drive them away. But we never intended to disturb the peace of the Japanese empire, and this our ancestors and all foreign nations well know.

"Little did we expect that our generals were incompetent and in many cases untrustworthy, and that the soldiers were insubordinate and ill-supplied with the arms that adequate and large sums of money were appropriated by us to supply them with, and it is for these reasons that the Japanese have gained victory after victory and placed after place, which causes us the greatest concern and makes our ancestors restless in their honored graves.

"All this affliction and trouble is because we are unworthy and have employed unfit men. If, however, the worst comes and the enemies secure our sacred altars, then there remains nothing for us but to perish at the altars of our fathers and be gathered home to them, fighting to the last as they did before us for our country and our honor.

"When that time comes may you reverently escort the empress dowager westward and elect a worthy man to be your emperor. Look after the sacred altars of our ancestors; revive them and wipe out this terrible disgrace."

VERSAILLES, Jan. 17.—M. Felix Faure was elected president.

The following was the result of the second ballot as far as the leading candidates are concerned: Faure 430; Brisson 361. There was a violent socialistic protest when the result was announced.

After the second ballot had been ordered an allmanist deputy shouted: "Down with the presidency. Let us have dissolution. Stop voting."

M. De Jeante, socialist, when his name was called shouted: "Down with the presidency." The rumor that Faure was a Protestant was having a bad effect upon his candidacy and he shouted: "I am Catholic." There were many exciting scenes during the balloting. It was reported that Brisson was defeated the socialists would resume their struggle against the government.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 17.—The committee appointed at the recent national convention of the Boys' and Girls' Home and Employment association to draft a bill for introduction in all state legislatures for the aid and protection of homeless and friendless children has completed its work and copies of the measure will be placed before all legislatures now assembled or to assemble.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 17.—A labor arbitration plan has been devised by Attorney General Olney, and was introduced today by Chairman McGinn of the House committee on labor. It is intended as a substitute for the one framed by Labor Commissioner Wright, as a result of the labors of the Chicago strike commission.

OMAHA, Jan. 17.—A petition will be filed in St. Louis, Saturday before Judge Sanborn looking to the foreclosure of the first mortgage on the main line of the Union Pacific railroad. The mortgage is for \$32,000,000. The petition is supposed to have been prepared at the instance of the trustees of the first mortgage bonds in the

office of Winslow A. Pierce of New York. Senator-elect John M. Thurston, attorney for the Union Pacific railroad, will go to St. Louis tomorrow. He will represent the government. The present receivers are expected to be retained by the trustees until the business is concluded.

CITY OF MEXICO, Jan. 18.—The people of Mexico are greatly excited over the dissection of Antonio Vangose while still alive. The supposed corpse sprang to his feet shouting "Don't kill me!" The dissector endeavored to put back the pieces of flesh and sew up the incision, but the man was a genuine corpse in two days.

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 18.—It is stated on good authority that a negative answer to Mexico's demands against the Guatemalan authorities will arrive in this city about the 25th of the present month, an excerpt from which already has been received by wire from Josef Gudye, charge d'affaires for Mexico in Guatemala.

BERNE, Switzerland, Jan. 18.—Avalanches in Canton Thurgau have caused great destruction of property and loss of life.

AUCKLAND, N.Z., Jan. 18.—Advices from the Fiji Islands report that a terrible hurricane swept over the whole group, doing great damage to shipping. Many lives were lost, and a number of buildings destroyed. Plantations were ruined, five churches at Suva collapsed, the Anglican church was unroofed, and hounded stores were wrecked. The sugar mills were not injured.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 18.—The steamer Alameda arrived from Auckland and Sydney via Honolulu this afternoon and brings news of revolution and bloodshed at Honolulu. Charles L. Carter, who was one of the annexation commissioners, was killed and several other government supporters were wounded. There has been much fighting and at least twelve natives have been killed. Nearly 200 royalists are under arrest. Robert Wilcox is the leader of the rebels. The fighting was still in progress when the Alameda left Honolulu on January 11th but the government forces had practically overcome the revolutionists.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 18.—The Senate passed the army appropriation bill, carrying \$22,000,000, and the bill which in effect advances General Schofield, in command of the army, to the rank of lieutenant-general, held by General Sherman and Sheridan. Aside from this the day was given to debate on the Nicaragua canal bill.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Jan. 19.—The grand jury of Onondaga county today returned an indictment of manslaughter in the first degree against pugilist Robert Fitzsimmons for killing his sparring partner, Con Rordan, in an exhibition on November 17.

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—The steamer *de la Normandie* which sailed for Europe this morning, carried \$3,500,000 in gold; the *Umbria* carried \$650,000.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 19.—Before Judge Walter H. Sanborn, United States circuit court, today, Attorney Winslow Pierce and R. A. Hall, representing Gordon, Dexter and Oliver Ames, the second trustees for the first mortgage bondholders of the Union Pacific Railway company, filed a bill of com-