

he is whipped, and the operators had us whipped from that moment. "When Mitchell saw what a mess he Washington, Feb. 18.-President Roosevelt has taken a personal interest "When Mitchell saw what a mess he was in he tried to scare the operators from following up their advantage by making radical statements and play-ing to the gallerles. He thought he would scare the operators by the threat of a national strike, but the operators called our bluff. After this burder of Mitchell's we were in pice in the charges of fraud and corruption In the charges of fraud and corruption which are said to have occurred in connection with the affairs of the five civilized tribes in the Indian Territory. But for his interference indictments against several parties alleged to have been engaged in filegal practises would have been quashed. Now, however, under his orders the interior department is pushing its in-vestigations with increased vigor, and it blunder of Mitchell's we were in nice shape to ask the public to allow us to off their coal, shut down the rail-

vestigations with increased vigor, and it

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and the doot is physical peak both of curred about the close of the investi-gation of life insurance affairs in this state by the legislative committee De-cember last. The report of the com-mittee is expected to be submitted to the benchmark of the committee is expected to be submitted to the legislature at Albany early this week. Mr. McCall's examination be-fore the committee was a severe one and the ordeal he underwent in re-hearsing in detail the affairs of the company and in divulging transactions about which the general public was ignorant, worried him greatly. Mr. McCall was ill in bed at his home in this city when he affixed his signations to his letter of restration

signature to his letter of resignation from the presidency of the New York About three weeks ago his condition became such that his physicians and his family deemed it advisable to re-move him to Lakewood. During all this move him to Lakewood. During all this time Mr. McCall worried constantly about hig business affairs. He was compelled first to mortgage and then to sell his handsome country place at Long Branch, N. J., in order, it was stated, to repay to the New York Life Insurance \$235,000 on the Andrew Ham-ilton account. Mr. Hamilton, the legis-lative agent of the company made no account. Mr. Hamilton, the legis-lative agent of the company, made no accounting for this sum. Mr. McCall had promised when the Hamilton disclosures first were made, to repay the amount named if by a certo repay the amount named it by a cer-tain date a satisfactory statement was not forthcoming from Hamilton, who is now sojourning in Paris. The directors of the New York Life at the time set called upon Mr. McCall for the payment of the money. He acceded to the demands, paying He acceded to the demands, paying \$85,000 in cash and giving his notes for \$150,000, the latter being secured by a mortgage on his country place, which later he sold subject to the mortgage. Mr. McCall realized in all something over \$300,000 for the property, which was said to have cost him just double that emand.

en man. When all hope had been lost, Mr. McCall suddenly rallied. It was an ef-fort of the mind and will, however, and not a physical improvement. The at-tending physicians foresaw the ap-proaching end and so warned his fam-ily, who remained with the sick man from that time to the period of disso-lution. lution. Mr. McCall's mental effort to shake

off his ailments was the result of the report of the Fowler investigating com composed of directors of the mittee.

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roads and stop the mills and factories and then have the newspapers make public sentiment for us by telling everybody how just our cause is. "From the time Mitchell made that

first bunder, he went from bad to worse until the Ryan resolution made our situation hopeless and we came on without an agreement. Mitchell has always lacked courage. He is more careful of his own reputation as a suc-cessful leader than he is of the interests of his people.

ests of his people. "Never in his career has he fought against the popular tide, no matter whether it was right or wrong. Two years ago, when the operators whipped him into line for a reduction, he dis-appeared from the convention with an attack of what he called 'nervous prosutation,' and after he got out of the Turkish bath he made all the miners' leaders fight to have the delegates accept the reduction before he would do

Mitchell says I have always been unfriendly to his administration. I have not, although he has always fought men. I had the 'gall' to be a condidate for national vice president against him in 1898 and he never for-save me. I have letters in my desk to prove that he sent organizers into this field and issued orders to spare no expresident in my own field and it was the union's money and not his own that he was willing to be so lavish

with to vent a personal spite. "It has been evident for years past to everybody connected with the labor movement that Mitchell is suffering from a common ordinary dose of 'big from head. head.' He is working all the time to-ward one-man power, and the truth of the matter is that he is not in touch with his own people or with the min-

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a number of new indictments will be reported against not only several men already indicted, but they will also in-clude a number of persons whose names have not heretofore been brought into a high government

official in Washington. When it became known to the presi-dent that the district attorney for In-dian Territory had been instructed to quash some indictments already found, he immediately sent orders counter-manding this proposed action. He was manning this proposed action. He was led to do this by information received by him that after March 4, when the tribal relations of the five civilized tribes cease, certain facts would be put into his possession which would strengthen the hands of the government in its efforts to bring to trial a num-

strengthen the hands of the government in its efforts to bring to trial a num-ber of persons guilty of gross frauds perpetrated against the Indians. It is known that Seey. Hitchcock has submitted to the president and Atty. Gen. Moody a special report dealing with the whole situation which gives such details as to make it imperative for the government to act. For obvious reasons the report for the present at least will not be made public, but Seey. Hitchcock characterizes the disclos-ures it makes as "startling."

## PRESIDENT'S VIEWS ON RAILROAD RATE PROBLEM.

Washington, Feb. 18,-President Roosevelt, in recent talks with senators and representatives, has stated that while he is not attempting to dictate while he is not attempting to dictate the terminology of the railroad rate bill, his preference is that the substance of the Hepburn bill should be kept. He has taken occasion to say that he cares very little for the form of the bill if the "essense" is kept. There are two or three minor points as to which he thinks amendments may possibly be made with advantage, as for instance instead of making a 30-day limit for the time when a regulation is to take effect, to make it go into critest at any time set by the interstate commerce commis-sion.

don. The president has feit that there are The president has feit that there are arguments both for and against the proposal that if a stay is granted the railroads shall be required, pending the decision, to pay into the court the dif-ferences between the rates as they ex-ist and as they would exist if the cou-mission's ruling is sustained. The president has emphasized that the main point is appeal to the courts. The Hepburn bill itself, the president says, allows such an appead, and so does every other bill proposed in both houses.

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houses. The proposal coming from Senators Aldrich, Foraker and others, who hold similar views to them, looking to a complete retrial of the case by the courts, both as to the law and the facts, the president does not believe in. He believes, as outlined in his speech be-fore the frequels club last May, that the access to the courts should be only the appeal to the courts should be only to test whether the order of the commission is in whole or in part confis-catory, and also to test the legality of

## JOHN B. STETSON DEAD.

Deland, Fla., Feb. 18 .-. John B. Stetson, the millionaire hat manufacturer of Philadelphia, died at his winter home at Gillen, near Deland, today, Mr. Stetson was stricken with apop-Mr. Stetson was stricken with apop-lexy this morning and died without re-gaining consciousness. His wife was the only member of his family present. Mr. Stetson had been feeling quite well. The body will be taken to Philadelphia mittee, composed of directors of the New York Life, who made public their findings 10 days ago. They censured Mr. McCall severely for certain acts of his in connection with the legisla-tive bureau established by him with

Andrew Hamilton at its head. An effort made to keep the contents of the report from the sick man was unsuccessful, who, learning the state ment had been filed, worried so much over the matter that it was decided early last week to permit him to see it. The recommendations in the report demanding of him a fuller accounting of the legislative work than he had made, are said to have been a crushing blow to the company's former presi-dent. He declared to his family and dent. He declared to his family and to the inlimate friends who saw him that he was determined to get well; that he wanted to live to set himself right before the American people. The strain was too much, however, and from that time Mr. McCall's decline was

1885 was appointed state insurance commissioner by Grover Cleveland, who was the governor. He relinquished that position to become comptroller of the Equitable Life Assurance society, which position he held until he be-came president of the New York Life Insurance company in 1892. Ton days ago Mr. McCall suffered the nesday.



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