DEAL A KNOCKOUT

To old Overhead Expense, that fatal business wrecker, with consistent, liberal news-

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Discussion Will be Carried on Washington's Birthday Cele- With Tentative Drafts of Parliment and Press Are Behind Closed Doors.

Body of Benton be Sent to His Widow, But so Far No Answer Has Been Made to Request.

Washington, Feb. 23.-Regardless of preciated no less by President Wilson these were the day's developments:

reached an understanding that the closed doors.

ter protection for foreigners, soon will ing the parade be taken up by the Senate. Discussion in the British Parliament

much interest by officials who observward Grey for the death of Benton. the British consul at Galveston, Texas, diers, while the blizzard raged.

in no way to interfere with the American investigation.

That the Huerta government is not averse to the sending of foreign legation guards to Mexico City is known the course of other nations.

Extreme Tension. The whole tenor of the Mexican sitnation, while revealing no unusual acperplexing tangles which have characterized it during days of extreme ten-

which William S. Benton met death at are being sought from General Villa, Letcher. The attempt to exhume Benis expected to bring further evidence. Just what will be the final judgment of the American officials in the case, no stanti while a 21-gun salute was fired (Continued on Page Eight.)

Negro, James Conley, Pleads Not Guilty When Brought to Trial as an Accessory.

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 23.-James Conley, negro, principal witness against George Washington's birth. der of Mary Phagan, today pleaded moved past Washington's Masonic trial of Frank that he had helped dispose of the girl's body after Frank had killed her. His attorneys will contend that this was not an act accessory to the murder.

A jury quickly was completed and aking of evidence was completed and court then adjourned until tomorrow. Aside from the Frank trial records, no evidence of importance was introduced by the State. The defense presented a statement only by Conley in which he admitted the acts related in his testimony against Frank.

Publication of two affidavits, charging conspiracy to produce false evince against Frank, and alleged to have been sworn to by witnesses against him at his trial, added a new angle to the mystery surrounding the actory girl's death. One of these, accredited to Alfred McKnight, a negro. alleges that the story of Frank's people of the United States. movements on the day of the murder, Was untracked as a witness for the exhibitions of the true

New York, Feb. 23.-Mike Gibbons,

# SENATE WILL TAKE WILSON REVIEWED SENATE AND HOUSE BENTON'S

brated With Much Pomp

State Department Has Asked Villa that Throughout the Country by Patriotic Sub-committee Wrestling With Prob- Earnest Consideration Given Question Societies-Masons Remember Worthy Member of Their Organization.

Washington, Feb. 23.-President whether or not the execution of Wil- Wilson today crossed the ice-jammed the Senate and House Inter-State liam S. Benton, a British subject, by Potomac in the naval yacht Sylph, Commerce committees today were General Villa, was justified, today's de- and from a glass enclosed stand, re- busy with tentative drafts of the provelopments emphasized clearly that viewed a civic and military parade in posed inter-State trade commission protection of foreigners in Mexico had Alexandria, Va., which marched bill, but no conclusions were announce become a commanding problem of in- through a snow storm in honor of the ed. creased international importance, ap- first President of the United States.

than by leaders in Congress. Briefly, es in the Senate, the National Capitol land, is wrestling with the problem of turned to Alexandria, in the environ-After a conference with President ment where George Washington had The tentative section to cover this Wilson, Acting Chairman Shively, of lived, for its official celebration of the point says: the Senate Foreign Relations Commit- birthday. Vice President Marshall tee, and members of the committee, laid a wreath on the tomb of Wash-Mexican situation is taken up in the ington at Mount Vernon and return- eral States or with foreign nations, ex-Senate, should be discussed behind ing to Alexandria joined the Presi- cept corporations, joint stock compadent, members of the cabinet and nies and corporate combinations, sub-Pending resolutions, looking to bet Governor Stuart, of Virgina, in watch. ject to the inter-State commerce act

Besides the fraternal organizations of the city, the fire companies of anof the Benton incident was read with cient and modern equipment and floats showing scenes of colonial ed particularly that the United States days, the army and navy took a promwas not held responsible by Sir Ed-linent part in the pageant. Boy The British embassy announced that with the same fortitude as the solhas been ordered to El Paso to assist the girls in a covered float showed a in the inquiry concerning Benton, but school room in Washington's time. On a blackboard was a drawing of the White House which amused the Intimations were received through Presidential party very much. Here semi-official channels that marines and there in the parade was a blackwould be landed by Japan and France, faced minstrel, a wagon load of "equal to act as legation guards in Mexico suffrage" advocates and some child-City, along with those of Great Brit- ren in grotesque Indian garb.

Weather conditions interfered considerably with the plans for the pageant and it was delayed in starting by the failure of the President to arfor the present, at least, will not follow rive on time, the ice on the river how a limit shall be fixed remains an making a landing difficult. "It seemed a somewhat hazardous trip for the President to make in view of his susceptibility to colds, but tivity, reflected the same anxiety and he was in excellent health today and

Weather Conditions Bad.

sure was reduced to a minimum. The President left the White House n one of the big government limou-Attention chiefly was focussed on the in one of the big government himou-investigation as to the manner in sines and practically stepped from it to the gangway of the Sylph. He sat Juarez, but details of the affair are still with Secretary Tumulty, Representa in the yacht's cozey cabin chatting lacking. The report which has been tive Carlin, and high military and navmailed by American consular repre- al aides, while the little boat steered sentatives had not reached here late its way through the icy river for sevoday. It is expected tomorrow. The en miles to Alexandria. Ice was thickcontents have been anticipated by tele- ly jammed around the wharf and the graphic dispatches, giving Villa's ver- boat had to swing about several times sion of the affair and additional details and grind the jam away before it could get alongside. The President Chihuahua by American Consul had to climb over the upper deck of Letcher. The attempt to exhume Ben-ton's body, as yet though unavailing, most instantly in another limousine. Several troops of United States cavalry escorted him to the reviewing

by the nearby ships. The return journey was made in the same way, though the Sylph ex-SEQUEL TO THE FRANK CASE perienced less difficulty with the ice. SULZER On reaching the navy yard several inches of snow had fallen, but the White House motors easily ploughed through the heavy drifts and brought the President back home in quick The whole trip took less than four hours.

Pomp and Ceremony. Alexandria, Va., Feb. 23.—With military pemp and ceremony, Alexandria, following its century-old custom. today celebrated the anniversary of

lodge and the historic church from not guilty when placed on trial here which Gen. Washington was buried. charged with being an accessory to President Wilson, Vice President the murder. Conley, a sweeper at the Marshall, members of the cabinet, members of Congress and other offi-National Pencil factory, where Mary cials and Governor Stuart, of Virgin-Phagan was murdered, testified at the ia, came here to review the pageant. In addition to the patriotic celebration under auspices of the Washington birthday association, the annual Masonic observance by Alexandria-Washington lodge of Masons took place. Gen. Washington was the first notified Justice Chester that he would master of this lodge and it was this oppose the granting of the writ, the organization which first celebrated court said he intended to refuse it as his birthday. That was February a matter of law, holding that the court

22nd, 1799. Every year since then the of impeachment had passed on the custom has been observed. Masonic and patriotic organizations journeyed to Mount Vermon, where tween the attorney general and Colwreaths were placed upon the tomb orel Alexander S. Bacon, counsel for of Gen. Washington.

Daniels at Chicago. Chicago, Feb. 23 .- Secretary of the the State Supreme Court. Navy Josephus Daniels, in his address at the Washington's birthday zer were passed on fully by the court celebration here today declared Pres- of impeachment. Chief among them ident Wilson had heeded the admoni- are that the Assembly's action in im-

State, was untrue and had been prepared by a white man. The other affidavit, alleged to have been sworn to
by Mrs. Nina Formby, who gave evidence to the police during the prepasaid to charge illegal manipulation of
evidence against Frank is
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But he did not stop there. He called
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dress, warned the country against they had no notice of pending im-baneful effects of the passions arous peachment proceedings and that if Henry White, for of St. Paul, easily outpointed Al Mc. baneful effects of the passions arousin Brooklyn, in a ten round, bout ed by the extremes of party spirit.
ed 153 hounds

dress, warned the county against the proceedings and that if they had been present they would to Great Britain, declared that Amerihave voted against the resolution.

This is the first proceeding institut-

Trade Commission Bill

OF PRESIDENT GENERALLY OBSERVED THE PRESIDENT'S VIEWS SUBJECT IS DISCUSSED

lem of Limitation to Big Business The Jurisdiction of the Proposed Commission.

Washington, Feb. 23.-Members of

The House sub-committee, headed With the exception of brief exercis- by Representative Covington, of Marylimiting to "big" business the jurisdiction of the proposed commission.

"That all corporations, joint stock companies and corporate combinations engaged in commerce among the sevand its amenament, having annual gross receipts of \$3,000,000 or more, or having annual gross receipts of less than \$3,000,000 but belonging to such classes of corporations, stock companies, and corporate combinations as the commission may in its discretion Scouts trudged through the snow determine, shall furnish to the commission annually such information, records of their orstatements and holders, business practices and relations to other corporations, joint stock companies and corporate combinations as the commission shall require.

Views of the President, who has indicated that the trade commission bill is first in importance among the proposed measures, are expected to prevail in the bill when the sub-committee reports it. It is proposed to have only big business subject of the jurisdiction of the trade commission but

open question.

The President has suggested the diffleuity of framing a limitation terms of dollars and that it might be impracticable to exempt all concerns arrangements were such that expo- under \$5,000,000 capitalization from the commission inquisitorial powers.

NEW TOBACCO WAREHOUSE.

To be Built in Time for Marketing This Year's Crop. (Special Star Correspondence.) Mt. Olive, N. C., Feb. 23.-Mount Olive business interests, in an effort

to boost the local tobacco market, will erect a new sales warehouse here before the opening of the coming season, it was announced today.

Washington, reb. 23.—Goods imported at Providence, R. I., would be permitted to pass without appraisement to their final destination under a bill favorably reported today by the House Ways and Means committee. The bill would make Providence a port of immediate transportation.

Deposed Governor of New York Starts Legal Action to Secure Salary for Full Term of Office.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 23.-William Sulzer today instituted legal proceedwhich he was removed last October.

An order was issued by the court commanding Comptroller Zohmer to prear and show cause why a writ of mandamus, compelling him to pay the former Governor his full salary as the occupant of that office, should not be issued. Mr. Sulzer previously had made a written demand on Mr. Zohmer for his salary.

When Attorney General Carmody contentions of Mr. Sulzer.

An agreement then was made Mr. Sulzer, to facilitate the determination of the questions involved by

The contentions raised by Mr. Sul-

Attorneys for Frank today refused on men of every party for counsel and was adopted, he had no advance no-

Both Aroused

of Protection of British Subjects in Mexico by Both Branches of Parliament.

London, Feb. 23.-The British parliament and press have been stirred by the recent killing of William S. Benton, a British subject, by order of the question of protection for British interests and for Englishmen residof earnest consideration both in the House of Commons and in the col- the defendant are not genuine. umns of the newspapers.

for foreign affairs, outlined the attitude of the British government, and which the British ambassador at Washington had had with the government of the United States. He said that Sir Cecil Spring-Rice had told Secretary of State Bryan that the pubic opinion of Europe was likely to be seriously affected by the action of General Villa, which announcement was greeted with a cheer.

The foreign secretary assured the House that the government was taking all possible steps to learn the facts protection for its nationals in Mexico, but pointed out that the government was powerless to take any measures in the disturbed regions. Francis Dyke Asland, parliamentary

under-secretary for foreign affairs,

made an earlier statement in which he "The pacification of Mexico is an bject we earnestly desire to see accomplished, but it is impossible to efect it through intervention. We do

not intende to make any attempt of that character which would be both furtile and impolitic." Frequent Communications. Mr. Acland informed the House that the British government had been in frequent communication with the governments of the United States and Mexico respecting the protection of British lives and property in Mexico. The continued fighting in Mexico,

he added, "is of very great prejudice

to British and other commercial interests and is a matter for very great concern Mr. Acland promised to lay the papers an the subject of Mexico before the House of Commons as soon as possible but he added significantly: The most interesting papers at the British foreign office, however, are communications made at various times with the government of the United States concerning its policy and its view regarding Mexico. Some of these

are of a confidential character and I cannot include them in a blue book without asking the consent of the Inited States government." That the British government is concerned over the reported disappearance of other Europeans in Mexico is Grey has communicated with the ambassador at Washington respecting steps that it might be possible to take

to ascertain the whereabouts of these The newspapers, while awaiting the esult of the inquiry instituted by the United States government, practically are united in condemning the action of Villa, which some of them regard as nothing less than murder.

No Comment From France. ings before Justice Alden Chester, of eign office has no comment to make sulted in his conviction for the murder of Mary Phagen today placed a moved past Washington's Masonic does the French government appear to projected establishment of a night last night swept into Kansas and of regaining the Governorship, from be disposed to offer any suggestions school for adults for members of the to the United States upon the sub- white race by the city and county tinued today. Officials of telegraph

ing followed. The Temps, an influential newspa- held at Raleigh, and will be the first years. per, while referring to the excellent elations between France and the North Carolina. United States, ridicules the American policy and alludes to the possibility Fayetteville and Cumberland school of European intervention. quite in accord with unofficial utter able success in Kentucky, but has ances for many months pass, but care- never been tried in this State. It was ful inquiry establishes that this view has no official support.

## OUTLINES

Sulzer, former Governor of New York, has started legal proceedings to collect from the State full salary as Governor for the term for which ne was elected

A blizzard arising in Tennessee is sweeping the Central, Eastern and South Atlantic States with snow and ice. Traffic is tied up and much damtions of Washington and in that spir- peaching him- was illegal; that the age is being done. Two trains were and Mr. Woodard proposes to go after it had received the approval of the court of impeachment was illegally or- wrecked in the Central States during the place occupied by Congressman

> of Washington's birthday. The negro, James Conley, whose gan in Atlanta, pleau not guilty when in the county. The fact that Mr. Kit crime yesterday.

coast of Virgina are both firmly to discuss the two alleged affidavits. Co-operation.

"Washington, in his farewell admost against they had no notice of pending imable to budge them. tice that it was to be presented aground and revenue cutters with the another candidate. The "Old Second" Henry White, former ambassador This is the first proceeding institut- Hay-Pauncefote treaty had no thought

## SOUTH IS AGAIN SWEPT BY A TERRIFIC BLIZZARD

All Say Alleged McArthur Sig-

natures Are Spurious.

C. V. Brown, of Lumberton; W. H Cooper, of Laurinburg, and Several Others Testify to the

Same Effect.

(Special Star Telegram.) Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 23.-The trial of the suit of the Citizens Bank of Norfolk against Adam McArthur, Mrs. M. C. McArthur and others, involvthe Mexican Constitutionalist general, ing genuineness of signatures on the Francisco Villa, at Juarez, and today \$25,000 note held by the plaintiff, was resumed this afternoon in the United States district court. The defense ing in Mexico was made the subject continued putting on handwriting experts to prove that the signatures of

The trial, which began last Monday Sir Edward Grey, secretary of State and continued all through the week. will probably consume four or five days of this week.

the nature of the communications C. V. Brown, cashier of the Bank of Lumberton, formerly State bank examiner. He qualified as an expert and stated that he considered the signatures spurious. W. H. Cooper, cashier of the State

Bank of Laurinburg, formerly postmaster and in the clerk's office of Scotland county, qualified as an expert and expressed the opinion that the disputed endorsements were not genuine. All to Same Effect. All the others testified to the same

They were O A Lester en graver for Edwards Printing Co.; W. W. Newman, of the State treasury, and C. P. Wright, money order clerk in the Raleigh postoffice. All the witnesses were sharply cross-examined, but stuck to their opinions that the signatures are forg-

HAMMER GETS O. K. OF SENATE COMMITTEE. Will be Confirmed Probably at Next Executive Session.

(Special Star Telegram.) Washington, D. C., Feb. 23.—The Senate Judiciary committee today reported favorably the nomination of C. Hammer, of Asheboro, for district attorney for the western district. Mr. Hammer will be confied probably at the next executive session of the Senate. No further opposition to the Asheboro man is anticipated.

Senator Overman, who has been acting chairman of the committee for nearly a year, read to the committee all of the protests against Mr. Hammer. The protest of Henry A. Page led the list. Others protesting were J. H. Holloway, a traveling salesman of Louisburg, who wrote to the President and the Attorney General; two letters from Thomas J. Jerome, of Salisbury; Edward L. Greene, a Republican, of Yadkin, protested vigorously to the Attorney General, and W. L. Clements, of Greensboro, expressed his opposition in a letter to

Mr. McReynolds. J. M. Allen, of Louisburg, is here.

# evidenced by the fact that Sir Edward NIGHT SCHOOL FOR ADULTS

Action of Fayetteville and Cumberland County School Men Outcome of Social Service Conference.

(Special Star Telegram.) Fayetteville, N. C., Feb. 23. Paris, Feb. 23.-The French for Chairman John A. Oates, of the city school of the kind established in

The plan to be put in force by the This is men is now being used with considersuggested by Dr. J. Y. Joyner, State superintendent of public instruction. at the social service conference in Raleigh.

> AFTER CLAUDE KITCHIN'S SEAT IN CONGRESS Hon. John E. Woodard and N. J. Rouse

(Special Star Correspondence.) Wilson, N. C., February 23 .- Hon. John E. Woodard starts the Congressional campaign talk in this districtthe place occupied by Congressman Eastern Ohio, Western Pennsylvan-shore. She was bound from Liverpool Claude Kitchin. The formal announce- ia and West Virginia drifted badly via Boston to Norfolk when she

make formal announcement later." This county went against W. W. Kit- were almost impossable and serious First Round Played at Pinehurst Yestestimony convicted Leo Frank for chin in 1912, and there is a strong sentine murder of 14-year-old Mary Phatiment against Congressman Kitchin placed on trial as an accessory to the chin is now practically House leader PEDESTRIAN STARTS may have something to do with aiding

The two steamers aground off the him for re-election. In Lenoir county Mr. N. J. Rouse is consists of Warren, Halifax, Northampton, Bertie, Edgecombe, Wilson, Greene and Lenoir.

Colorado Springs, Colo., Feb. 23 .-Congressman Charles R. Crisp, of perature to break the record for a Pinehurst, N. C., Feb. 23.—F. H. Crary, of Cranford, N. J., today won the weekly target trap shoot here, breaking 100 targets for a perfect of the weekly target trap shoot here. Score.

Pinehurst, N. C., Feb. 23.—F. H. Crary, of Cranford, N. J., today won the weekly target trap shoot here the day of clean-cut party division of New York City, but the former Government of New York City, but the former of New York City, but the

## Heavy Snow Storm Follows Close Upon the Heels of Recent Bitter Weather.

DELAYED TRAFFIC

Eorn in Tennessee Bleak Winds Whip Central and South Atlantic States With Snow and Sleet-Trains Wrecked.

Washington, Feb. 23.-A blizzard, born in Tennessee, is the latest storm to whip the East with icy rains and snow. Driving snows today were falling in the Ohio Valley, the Middle Atlantic States and Southern New England, while the South Atlantic and Gulf States were having cold rain.

A cold wave following in its wak? it was predicted, would drive down thermometers south of the Ohio and east of the Mississippi. Storm warnings were ordered up all along the Atlantic coast from Cape Henry to Eastport, Maine. The probabilities are, The first witness this afternoon was however, that the storm will be short

Traffic Seriously Delayed.

Columbus, Ohio, Feb. 23.-Trains stalled at numerous points throughout the State, traffic abandoned in some instances, train arrivals ranging from three to seven hours late and street affairs, could realize what a deploracar and interurban traffic seriously impeded where trolley traffic had not country was going back on its word. been abandoned, tonight were some of the results of the most severe the words 'all nations,' included the snowstorm that has swept this State United States. No one views with The storm broke over the State

Sunday afternoon and has raged continuously since. Eight inches of snow has fallen since Sunday afternoon, making a total depth at many points of from 12 to 20 inches. Huge drifts today stalled two To

ledo and Ohio Central trains at Ridgeway. Another Toledo and Ohio Central train was similarly held late today near Belle Fontaine. Traffic on the Pennsylvania line between Dayton and Richmond, Ind., late today was abandoned. A passenger

train on the same line is stalled hear Vest Manchester. Fuel shortage threatens seven cites and towns, notably Canton and

Fatalities in Illinois. Chicago, Feb. 23.—The biting blizzard that yesterday swept through the provision. prairie and Middle Western States continued slowly eastward today, leaving in its wake prostrate wires, delayed railway trains and upset busness. Snow continued to fall in nearly all the affected region and where it lightly was anating the increased cold hampered efforts to restore normal conditions.

Several fatalities were reported in llinois. Wires were down all over Indiana and nearly all interurban lines tied

Drifts were piling up before a sharp wind in the St. Louis territory. Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska faced a heavy task of restoring wire communication.

lirections and drifting before high 32 3-5 seconds. Trains from the South were reaching Chicago three hours late.

Ohio reported snow falling in all

All Wires Are Down. Peoria, Ill., Feb. 23.—Peoria today remains in the grip of one of the worst blizzards in the memory of the oldest residents. The storm began late yesterday and continued without cessation until late this morning. Telephone and telegraph wires are down to such an extent that communication with the outside world is almost impossible.

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 23.-With only slight abatement, the storm that Western Missouri, ject or press any other policy upon white race by the city and county tinued today. Officials of telegraph washington other than that now bethe social service conference recently the worst known in this region for Trains in Snowdrifts.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 23.-Five engines today pulled the Diamond Special of the Ilinois Central railroad out of snow drifts near here and broght the train in three hours late. Through trains were four and five hours late and all local trains were annulled. Snow Caused Wreck.

Decatur, Ill., Feb. 23.—Five sons were injured when the Wabash Railroad's Continental Limited ran into three road engines here today. The engineer of the passenger train was blinded by the snow. Blizzard at St. Louis.

St. Louis, Feb. 23.—A blizzard that ate yesterday struck St. Louis continued today. A fine snow was being old wreck. The revenue cutters driven before a 25-mile wind, delaying trains on most of the roads. Roads Impassable. Pittsburg, Feb. 23.-Driven

high wind, snow falling throughout shoal two miles from the Virginia thad received the approval of the court of impeachment was megally of the United States.

"We have witnessed in the last year with which he was charged were com- which was not been issued, but Mr. I am in the central announce- in and west Virginia drifted baddy with which he was charged which with the counter which with the blinding storm. and civil parade given in celebration ple that I am in the race, and will district open, but telephone and telegraph wires suffered. Country roads interruption of business was threat-

John H. Scott, 48, to Hike from Boston to Washington.

packed roads and in a freezing tem-

Diplomats Had No Thought of Exempting America.

EVERY NATION EQUAL

Former Ambassador to France Congratulates Woodrow Wilson for His Attitude Regarding Free Tolls Provision.

Washington, Feb. 23.-American diplomats who negotiated the Hay-Pauncefote treaty had no thought of exempting the United States when they agreed to the provision stipulating that "all nations" should use the Panama canal on equal terms, according to Henry White, former ambassado to France. was secretary of the embassy at London in 1898 and in the absence of Ambassador Hay opened the negotiations for the repeal of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty which the Hay-Pauncefote pact supplanted. In an address on diplomacy before the George Washington University students today he declared that there could be no doubt that the words "all nations" was intended to include the United

States. "Nobody," said the former ambassador, "not in touch with diplomatic ble thing it was to know that this There never could be any doubt that have no merchant marine. I would, therefore, do anything that could be done, with propriety, for the resuscitation of our merchant marine, but I do not believe in violating our pledg-

ed word." Praised President Wilson. Mr. White praised President Wilson for his stand in insisting upon the repeal of the Panama canal act, giving toll exemption to American vessels.

Definite action to bring the repeal question squarely before Congress is expected within the next two weeks. In the meantime, supporters of the administration in both the Senate and House are working to prevail upon Democrats, who have not yet made up their minds as to the course they will pursue, to support the President in the repeal of the toll exemption

Senators O'Gorman and Chamberlain purpose to fight repeal until the last, but many Democratic Senators are assuring the President that they will vote to reverse the action of Con-Representative Adamson, gress. chairman of the House Inter-State and Foreign Commerce committee, plans to have a repeal bill reported from his committee.

New York, Feb. 23.—After having equalled the world's indoor record of 2 2.5 seconds in winning his qualifying heat in the 300-yard run at the games of the Royal Arcanum in Brooklyn today, T. J. Halpin, of the Boston A. A. finished second in the final heat to A. T. Meyer, Irish-American Athletic Club. Meyers' time was

## STEAMER IS STILL AGROUND

Cutters Pulled Her Around, But Storm Drove Her Back-Abandon Efforts to Move Her.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 23.—The British steamer Sachem, which stranded yesterday near Hog Island, is tonight being pounded by high seas. The revenue cutter Onondaga and the tug I. J. Merritt, pulled on the vessel today and moved her slightly. Their work, however, counted for nought, for when a northeast storm broke with considerable fury and drove the vessel back on the beach, the boats had to abandon the attempt to float her. The ship is in no immediate danger, it is claimed, but the unfavorable weather tonight is causing anxiety in marine circles. The Sachem is a freight and passenger steamer and is owned by Warren & Co., of Liverpool. It is not known whether there are any passengers on board. The steamer is equipped with wireless.

On Old Wreck. Lewes, Del., Feb. 23 .- The Hog Island Life Saving Station today reported it was feared the British freight steamer Sachem which went aground Sunday, was pivoted on an Onondaga and the Itasca, wrecking steamer pulled stranded vessel today and swung her bow around. The Sachem is on a

WOMAN'S SINGLES TENNIS.

Pinehurst, N. C., Feb. 23.—The

first round in the annual woman's singles lawn tennis tournament here OUT ON LONG WALK. was played today. Survivors were Misses Helen and Laura Balfe, Brooklyn; Mrs. W. P. Earle, Jr., Brooklyn; Miss Helen, T. Earle, Brooklyn; Miss Boston, Feb. 23.—John H. Scott, of Lucille Schulte, New York; Miss Ag-Philadelphia, a veteran amateur pe- Rice, Seattle, and Mrs. R. W. Page, destrian, today started over snow Milton, Mass. The tournament will continue through the week.