

CALLS DOWN CURSES ON MANY HEADS.

Beggar Who Is Refused Money Alarms Many Sag Bridge People.

The residents of the Village of Sag Bridge, a small way station on the banks of the canal on the Alton railroad, are excited over a mysterious person who decorates their front doors with the following inscription, which is written upon a piece of wrapping paper:

"May the curses of God Almighty fall upon you. May you have all kinds of bad luck, and may you die a starving death."

The first to discover the placard was Joseph Marks, the village sexton, who lives in the hollow. When he started to leave his home shortly before 6 o'clock to toll the church bell he saw the piece of paper pinned to the door. He carefully read the circular and then brought it to his wife. Mrs. Marks became greatly alarmed and begged her husband to lose no time in notifying the police. Mr. Marks hastened to the police station, where all considered the matter as a joke. Marks, however, would not be calmed and demanded an investigation.

Later in the day John Connors, a laborer, made a similar report to the police. He said that he found a piece of paper tacked to his door with the curse written on it. Other complaints followed and officers were detailed to make a search. After a careful investigation they learned a young man representing himself to be deaf and dumb canvassed the village and asked for alms. The police attribute the mysterious papers to him. In all places where he was refused aid the circular was placed upon the doors.

SUBORDINATES KNOW NOTHING OF IT.

Ignorant at Mr. Pullman's Headquarters of the Mexican Concessions.

George M. Pullman, who was said recently to be one of a syndicate granted valuable concessions by the Mexican Government, is in the East. His subordinate officers yesterday knew nothing of the statements contained in a dispatch to the effect that more concessions had been granted in Mexico to Chicago and Boston capitalists, it being presumed that Mr. Pullman might possibly be interested in the last-mentioned concession also. In the dispatch it was said the concessionaire and his attorney had started for Chicago. For some time it has been remarked in financial circles that American capital was apparently paying more attention to Mexican investments. The remark appears to be based largely upon current reports, which fail to identify the investors. Diligent inquiry yesterday among banking men who are in an excellent position to know of the intended movements of local capital failed to develop any information of the people said, in the dispatches mentioned, to be interested in these concessions.

GIGANTIC PAPER MILL COMBINATION.

One to Reduce the Cost of Manufacture by Owning All Mills.

Boston, Mass., April 4.—An immense combination, the definite form of which has not yet been determined, has been agreed upon by the leading pulp manufacturers of New England. The financial hand back of the scheme is said to be that of J. Pierpont Morgan & Co., and the capital involved is something like \$35,000,000. A gentleman connected with one of the largest paper concerns in New England says that the consolidation will not mean an increase in the price of paper, but that the idea is simply to reduce the cost of manufacture. The proposed combination is only preliminary to the final purchase of the mills by a big syndicate. The Bangor Paper and Pulp company, the Glenn Paper company of Bergen Falls, and the Russell Paper company of Lawrence, Mass., are included in the scheme.

Paupers in London.

London keeps 145,000 paupers.