DISTRUST UNITED STATES.

German Papers Stir Up Latin-Amer- Senate Continues Debate on Currency lican Suspicions. Bill. Berlin, Dec. 14.—German newspapers are deeply distrustful of the attie of the hited States toward the republics of South America. Articles are published regularly in which america is accused of cherishing the idea of eventually establishing a protectorate over all South America, and with the approach of the opening of the Panama canal their appearance is

becoming more frequent. A characteristic article is published by the Tageblatt from its correspongent at Beunos Ayres. This corre-

spondent says:
"South Americans are beginning to "South Americans are beginning to perceive that with the opening of the Panama canal an era of economic and polical guardianship by the United States, coupled with the forcing out of Europe, will be inaugurated in all the 20 Latin American republics. This realization gained such ground lately that it seemed necessary to the farsighted Yankees to send their leading statesmen on speaking tours in order to d'spel their suspicions of their sis-

divert South American suspicion upon Europe. Theodore Roosevelt interrupted his triumphal propaganda trip to Buenos Ayres at Rio de Janeiro and sang there an inspired song of praise of the Monroe Doctrine, the strict upholding of which he said to Buenos Ayres at Rio de Janeiro and sang there an inspired song of praise of the Monroe Doctrine, the strict upholding of which, he said, was a vital provide for final segregation and apportion for all folian tribal manners. question for all South American portionment of all Indian tribal prop-

perialistic form of the doctrine as 000 for construction of a n formulated by himself and said the depot in San Francisco bay. union had no thought of territorial Pan-American community of interest directed against the Old World. In spite of this, he claimed for the union Representative Moore, of Pennsylthe right to exercise the international vania, in a joint resolution proposed policy power against the South American republics, in other words, 'an-nevation,' in case the South Ameri-cans should show themselves capable of unholding 'civilization.'

"Speaking further on his policy of leaving Europe out in the cold, Roosevelt declared that the nineteenth century was the century of North American development, and that the twentieth belongs to South America.
"Where Roosevelt confined himself

to defending the union against sus-picions of imperialistic purposes, Pres-ident Wilson proceeded directly to the attack by picturing Europe as the real enemy of South America. His address before the Commercial Congress at Mobile was really directed at South America. The aims of the union, he said, had naught to do with necuniary considerations, but were decided sole-ly by 'the demand of morals.' The principal enemy of 'these common American morals, however, was forign or European capital, from which The Panama emancipate themselves. canal, he declared, was the chief bul-wark of Pan-America's common interests against this destructive outside iffuence, and would facilitate the emancipation of the South Americans from the foreign mammon. In this they could depend upon the aid of

the union.
"In Brazil and Argentina the people are just now somewhat under
the spell of Roosevelt. There is no lack however, of important South American personages who see the Panama canal and the Yankee friend-ship in their true light."

TAFT WANTS ROOT NAMED.

New York, Dec. 15.— The nomina-tion of Senator Root for President by the Republican party would be grati-fying to me—highly gratifying. I would be delighted to see him in the

White House. "I regard Mr. Root as a statesman in the same class as Alexander Hamilton. He is more than a statesman,

too. He is a profound lawyer."

These statements were made by ex-President Taft in the course of an informal of the course of an informal of the course of t informal chat with a correspondent of the Baltimere Sun on a train by which he was returning from New York to New Haven. The conversation centered about the prominence with which Mr. Root's name has been brought forward as a possible nominee in 1916 and in connection with the events of the last few weeks.

Mr. Taft commenced on the award

of the Nobel peace prize to the senior Senator from New York, the praise bestowed upon his statesmanship by James Bryce, ex-ambassador from Great Britain, in a recent speech; the political leadership he displayed at the Waldorf conference of New York Republicans, at which the party adopted a more "progressive" attitude; the suggestion of his candidacy for President by Andrew Carnegie a few days and the statement along similar ago, and the statement along similar lines made by Senator Gallinger, of New Hampshire, at the conclusion of Senator Root's attack on the Demo-

cratic currency bill yesterday.

Mr. Taft disclaimed any political

Mr. Taft disclaimed any political ambitions, intentions or influence, at least in party matters.

"I am professor," he said, "and out of politics. As to the possibility of Senator Root's nomination, what is my judgment worth? All I can say is that if the Republican party should use the discrimination I would like to see it use his nomination would not be surprising. As to his political abilities, I am not a judge of that. I think my own expérience would hardly qualify me in that respect." ify me in that respect."

"From what you say Mr. Taft," observed the correspondent, "it would seem that you haven't any further political ambitions yourself?"

"Of course not," replied Mr. Taft.

"Would you say," he was asked, 'that you would regard Mr. Root as the best man that could be nominat-

"I will say this," he replied, "if I was a delegate in the convention I would vote for him and if we should have Presidential primaries I would vote for him."

The correspondent asked this ques

tion: "If Root were nominated by the Republicans, what do you think Roosevelt would do?"
""Pon't ask conundrums," he said.

Local Creditors of Lynchburg Think
Gompany Insolvent.
Lynchburg, Va., Dec. 15.—Local creditors today filed an involuntary petition in bankruptcy in the Federal court here against the Pledmont Manganese Corporation, which was thrown into a Federal receivership in Richmond recently. The corporation's bonded debt is shown to be about \$665,000 in addition to a floating debt. The concern which is developing a manganese deposit near Lynchburg is owned by the Piedmont Manganese Co., of Delaware.

Charloftesville, Va., Dec. 15.—Robert R. Gooch, captain elect of the University of Virginia football team, today was notified of his appointment as a Rhodes scholar. He will enter O ford University in October, 1914. Crand Theatre Wednesday, December 17th, beginning at 11 A. M. Admission 10 cents.—Advertisement.

YESTERDAY IN CONGRESS.

Senate. Senator Burton introduced six amendments to the currency bill when debate was resumed.
Senator Perkins introduced a bill for a \$3,000,000 navy dry dock in San Francisco bay. Recessed at 6 P. M. to 8 P. M.

Representative Harrison, Mississippi, introduced a bill proposing international conference to abolish gambling in food and agricultural products on exchanges. Hearing in seaman's bill continued before Merchant Marine committee.

Contest for seat of Representative Dyer, of Misouri, Republican, and charges made against Representative Whaley, South Carolina, considered by Election ammittee by Election committee. Literary test bill up again before Immigration committee. Representative Stevens, of New Hampshire, introduced a bill to give Interstate Commerce Commission full control of all questions of safety of

railroads and conferring drastic pow-

True to his soothing purpose he Representative Kahn, of California, quietly abandoned the aggressive, imintroduced bill to appropriate \$110,-Representative Kahn, of California, 000 for construction of a navy coal Chairman Clayton, of Judiciary conquests, but had in mind only a pol- committee introduced resolution to icy of mutual trust, in the sense of a provide for experts and other assist-

the creation of a commission to report

a plan to revise navigation laws. Representative Moss, West Virginia, introduced joint resolution directing the Secretary of War to investigate a report on the advisability of establishing wireless telegraph stations along the Ohio river to furnish communication in emergencies between flood districts and the outside world. Voted down a bill to authorize experiments in carrying mail by aero-

Adjourned at 5:50 P. M. to noon Tuesday.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE MEETING.

Gathering at Atlanta Settles Several Questions. Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 15.-Directors of the Southern Association of Baseball Clubs, at their annual meeting here today re-elected officers of the asso-ciation, set April 15th as the date of opening of the 1914 playing season, selected a committee to consider de mands of the newly organized Dixie League, and disposed of matters of minor routine business.

The re-election of officers, headed by Judge W. M. Kavanaugh, of Little Rock, as president, was unanimous. The following poard of directors was selected: A. J. Heinnemann, New Orleans, chairman; Frank E. Callaway, Atlanta, and C. P. Wilcox, Montgom-

Former Manager Frank, of New Orleans; C. Z. Collson, Mobile, and O. B. Andrews, Chattanooga, were appointed to draft the 1914 schedule. The committee was instructed to draw up two tentative schedules, one providing for 140 and the other 154 games. Their report will be submitted to the Says Nomination for President Would spring meeting of the association.

Gratify Him.

Privileges asked by the Di Privileges asked by the Dixle League included the use of Southern Association grounds in various cities and a number of minor considerations. A committee headed by President Kavanaugh will consider the requests and report to the Mobile meeting.

ELON DEFEATS TRINITY.

In Hotly Contested Game Last Night

—Rough Playing.
(Special Star Telegram.)
Elon liege, N. C., Dec. 15.—
Elon defeated Trinity in a hotly contested game here tonight, one which as anybody's until the last minute of play. Rough playing and fouls characterized the play. Cherry of Trinity, was ruled out during the last few minutes for personal fouls.

Trinity defeated Elon at Durham last Friday, and no game of the year was watched with keener interest. Had Elon lost this game, her hope of the championsuip would have been

gene. Every man on the local quint played like a tiger at bay. Stars were Eller for Trinity, who threw five field goals and three fouls; Newman for Elon, with four field goals and eight fouls; Morett guarding for Elon, was phenomenal. Atkinson, Elon's big center, showed up to fine advantage and threw two field

final score was 26 to 23 Elon's favor. The line-up was as follows: Trinity McKinnon and Siler, forwards; Neal, center; Thorne and Cherry, guards; Elon, Bowman and Miller, forwards; Atkinson, center; Bradford and Morett, guards. Referee, Killenderger, of Umpire, Stockton, of Greensboro. Greensboro. Scorekeeper, F. V. Parks. Timekeeper, F. M. Aycock. Twenty minute halves.

CONTINUE PROTEST.

Seamen Claim Requirements Would Put Them Out of Business. Washington, Dec. 15.—Steamship officials continued their protest today against the LaFollette seamen's bill before the House Merchant Marine committee. A. S. Gardner, vice president of the New England Steamsurp Company, operating the Fall River line, testined that his company had spent \$243,000 on new equipment and life saving apparatus since the Titanic disaster and declared it was practically impossible to put more such apparatus on the company's vessels.

Representatives of steamship lines operating on the Great Lakes also were heard. All protested that it would be impossible to meet the requirements of the proposed bill on lake steamers.

lake steamers.
William Dustin, of Austin, and Dis-Local Creditors of Lynchburg Think that to comply with the regulations
his would be to put on 175 tons
of life boats which a vessel of light
drag "could not stand up under."

Washingtotn, Dec. 15.—The House Naval Affairs committee today discussed the location of tne dry dock for which both Philadelphia and Norfolk are contesting. The Navy Department has recommended its location at Norfolk. No decision was reached today reached today.

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CORBETT HOME BEREAVED.

Little Daughter Passed Away at Ivanhoe Last Friday.

Atkinson, N. C., Dec. 25.—Margar et
Eveline Corbett, daughter of Mr. and
Mrs. A. H. Corbett, Ivanhoe, N. C.,
died at her home, near Ivanhoe, last
Friday evening. The burial took place
at the old family cemetery, near the
home. She was just four years, eleven
months, and four days old. She was
only sick for about two days before

be the name of the Lord."

neighbors. The family was so glad ents.

to have with them Mr. R. T. Wil-liams and other loved ones from Ban-nerman's Bridge. The funeral ser-vice was conducted by the pastor, Rev. E. B. Carr, of Atkinson.

HARD SEASON PLANNED.

Harvard Football Team for 1914 Faces Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 15.—Harvard's football team of next year will months, and four days old. She was only sick for about two days before her death, and apparently, she was not very dangerously iil, until about two or three hours before her death. She was any Crimsch eleven in recent years, if a tentative schedule made public two or three hours before her death. She was a sweet little child and how gramme provides for a game with She was a sweet little child and how much all loved her, words cannot express, but God loved her more. Her little mission on earth was fulfilled, her work was complete, and God said, "come up nigher, my child."

While loved ones miss her, and while they cannot understind why God has so sorely stricken them, yet they bow in humble submission to God's will, saying, "The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord."

She was a sweet little child and how much all loved her, words cannot express, but God loved her more. Her and with Georgetown, October 3rd, both to be played here. Nine games, the same number as last season, are proposed. Michigan will displace Cornell and Georgetown will take the date lately occupied by Holy Cross.

Except for the Yale game, which will be played at New Haven on November 21st, all of Harvard's contests will be in the stadium. San Francisco. Cal., Dec. 15.—Willer Ritchie and Harlem Tommy Burns were re-matched today to fight for the lightweight championship Friday. Jan-

WILSON IS BETTER.

President Does Light Work in Private Apartments.

Washington, Dec. 15.-President Wilson worked leisurely today signing a number of commissions and reading many official documents. He did not go to the executive offices, ut stayed in the upper apartments of the White House on the advice of his physician, who suggested his remaining in an even temper until the attack of grippe and cold ild entirely disappear.

The President staved indoors

lightweight championship Friday, Jan-There were present at the burial C. H. Fore & Co., are showing lots wary 2 rd. The terms are those services many friends, relatives and of useful articles for Christmas pressured to for the cancelled bout of De-

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lantic Coast Line, who has resided in Hanava fourteen Winters, will accomsistance to passengers en route and in the matter of hotel accommodations, sight-seeing, etc., in Cuba. For schedules, reservations, descriptive booklets and any further information, phone 160, or address the undersigned

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