

DISTRUST UNITED STATES.

German Papers Stir Up Latin-American Suspicion. Berlin, Dec. 14.—German newspapers are deeply distrustful of the attitude of the United States toward the republics of South America. Articles are published in the press which are intended to cause a feeling of suspicion in America as to the opening of the Panama canal...

YESTERDAY IN CONGRESS.

Senate Continues Debate on Currency Bill. Senator Burton introduced six amendments to the currency bill when debate was resumed. Senator Dyer introduced a bill for \$200,000 navy dry dock in San Francisco bay. Representative Harrison, Mississippi, introduced a bill proposing international conference to abolish gambling in food and agricultural products on exchanges.

CORBETT HOME BEREAVED.

Little Daughter Passed Away at Ivanhoe Last Friday. Atkinson, N. C., Dec. 15.—Margaret Evelyn 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 her death, and apparently, she was not very dangerously ill, until about two or three hours before her death.

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, but 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 had entirely disappeared. The President stayed indoors against his own wishes. He was said to be Dr. Grayson tonight to have improved in health and appeared almost entirely recovered but as a precaution he said the President probably will be kept indoors for another day or two.

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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 association for the 1914 playing season. A committee was appointed to consider demands 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, Ark., as president, was unanimous. The following board of directors was selected: A. J. Heinemann, New Orleans, chairman; Frank E. Callaway, Atlanta, and C. P. Wilcox, Montgomery.



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TAFT WANTS ROOT NAMED.

Says Nomination for President Would Gratify Him. New York, Dec. 15.—The nomination of Senator Root for President by the Republican party would gratify me to no end, says a prominent New York politician. "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 chat with a correspondent of the Baltimore 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 commended the award of the Nobel peace prize to the 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 ago, and the statement along similar lines made by Senator Chandler of New Hampshire, at the conclusion of Senator Root's attack on the Democratic currency bill yesterday. Mr. Taft disclaimed any political ambitions, intentions or influence, at least in party matters. "I am a professor," he said, "and out of politics. As to the possibility of Senator Root's winning the nomination, my judgment 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 experience would hardly qualify 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 nominated?" "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 question: "If Root were nominated by the Republicans, what do you think Roosevelt would do?" "He would not attack conundrums," he said.

PETITION IN BANKRUPTCY.

Local Creditors of Lynchburg Think Company Insolvent. Lynchburg, Va., Dec. 15.—Local creditors today filed an involuntary petition in bankruptcy in the Federal court here against the Piedmont Manganese Corporation, which was thrown into a Federal receivership in Richmond recently. The corporation's bonded debt is shown to amount about \$683,000 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. Charlottesville, Va., Dec. 15.—Robert R. Gooch, captain-elect of the University of Virginia football team, to be notified of his appointment as a Rhodes scholar. He will enter Oxford University in October, 1914. Selection of a new captain is expected to take place shortly.

ELON DEFEATS TRINITY.

In Hotly Contested Game Last Night—Rough Playing. (Special Star Telegram.) 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 played with Keener interests. Had Elon lost this game, her hope of the championship would have been gone. Every man on the local night played like a tiger at the game. Stars were Eller for Trinity, who threw five field goals and three fouls; Newman for Elon, with four field goals and eight fouls; Mowatt leading for Elon, was phenomenal. Atkinson, Elon's big center, showed up to fine advantage and threw two field goals. The final score was 26 to 23 in Elon's favor. The line-up was as follows: Trinity, McKinnon and Siler, forwards; Neal, center; Thorne and Cherry, guards; Eller, Bowman, forwards; Atkinson, center; Bradford and Mowatt, guards. Referee, Killenderger, of Greensboro. Umpire, Stockton, of Greensboro. Scorekeeper, F. V. Parks, timekeeper, P. M. Aycock. Twenty minute halves.

CONTINUE PROTEST.

Seamen Claim Requirements Would Put Them Out of Business. Washington, Dec. 15.—Steamship officials continue their protest today against the LaFollette seamen's bill before the House Merchant Marine committee. A. S. Gardner, vice president of the New England Steamship Company, operating the Fall River line, testified 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. William Austin, of Austin, and Dustin, of Detroit, operating a steamer from Detroit to Put-in-Bay, declared that to comply with the regulations would be to put on 175 tons of life boats which a vessel of light draft "could not stand up under."

WASHINGTON, DEC. 15.

The House Naval Affairs committee today discussed the location of the dry dock for which both Philadelphia and Norfolk are contending. The Navy Department has recommended the location at Norfolk. No decision was reached today. You will find a great selection of towels, hemstitched line pillow cases, and all kinds of linens at C. H. Fore & Co. (advertisement.) Protea is in five reefs of surprises and lightning changes. Will be at the Grand Theatre Wednesday, December 17th, beginning at 11 A. M. Admission 10 cents. Advertisement.

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