TWO NEW CABINET FACES RESIDENT SPRINGS A SURPRISE

parts to Fill Moody's Shoes—Secretary Metcalf Will Take the Naval
Portfolio, George Von L. Meyer,
Ambasandor to Russia, Will Be
Pontmaster General and Ofear S.
Straus, Former Minister to Turkey,
Will Succeed Metcalf—First Hebrew to Enter the Cabinet, And
Proposed Appointment Creates
Much Surprise.
Washington, Oct. 23.—The follow—

Washington, Oct. 23.—The followges in President Roosevelt's cabinet was made public to-night:

'On the retirement of Secretary Shaw and Attorney General Moody from the cabinet the following changes will be made:

"Secretary of the Treasury-Hon George B. Cortelyou.

Postmaster General-Hon. George Von L. Meyer. 'Attorney General-Hon. Charles J. Bonaparte.

Secretary of the Navy-Hon, Victor H. Metcalf. Secretary of Commerce and Labor -Hon. Oscar S. Straus."

MOODY GOES OUT SOON. The general understanding for som time has been that Attorney General Moody will retire on the 1st of the coming January and that Secretary aw will follow him on the 4th of arch. On the first of the year, herefore, Mr. Bonaparte, who is now cretary of the Navy, will succeed Moody as Attorney General and will in turn be succeeded by Mr. Metcalf, the Secretary of Commerce and Labor, the latter's place being filled by Mr. Straus. Mr. Cortelyou, now Postmaster General, will take Secretary Shaw's place on the 4th of March at which time Mr. Meyer is to become Postmaster General.

Mr. Meyer, who will become Post-master General, is Ambassador to Russia, to which place he was ap-pinted on March 6, 1905, having been promoted to that office following his service as the ambassador to Italy from 1900 to 1905. He is a native of Massachusetts and has been well known as a business man. BTRAUS APPOINTMENT A SUR-PRISE.

appointment of Mr. Straus caused considerable surprise as it will be the first case where a citisen of the Hebrew faith has been made a memof the President's cabinet. He born December 3rd, 1850, and is well knwon as a merchant, diploma and author. He represented the United States as minister to Turkey on two different occasions, and was appointed by President Research to on two different because in war appointed by President Recessible to fill the vancancy caused by the death of ex-President Harrison as a member of the permanent Court of Arbitration at The Hague.

NEW FRENCH CABINET.

Composition Indicates That M. —The Full Portfolio. Paris, Oct. 23.—The new French Cabinet has been completed as fol-

Priemer and Minister of the Interior, M. Clamenceau; Minister of Justice, M. Guyot-Desaigne; Minister of Foreign Affairs, M. Pichon; Min-ister of Finance, M. Caillaux; Minis-ter of War, General Picquart; Mini-Clamenceau; Minister of ister of Marine, M. Thomson; Minister of Public Works, M. Barthou; Minister of Commerce, M. 1 numer-gue; Minister of Agriculture, M. Rusu; Minister of Labor, M. Vivi-

The portfolio of Minister of the Colonies was offered this afternoon to M. Millies-La Croix. The com-M. Clamenceau is absolute master of the situation.

THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION.

a Accordance With Time-Honored Custom the President Sets Apart Thursday, November 29th as a Day of Thanksgiving and Supplication

Washington, Oct. 23.—The President to-day issued a proclamation naming Thursday, November 29th, as a day of thanksgiving. The text of the proclamation is as

The time of year has come when, in accordance with the wise custom our forefathers, it becomes my of our forefathers, it becomes my duty to set aside a special day of thanksgiving and praise to the Almighty because of the blessings we have received, and of prayer that those blessings may be continued. Yet another year of widespread well-being has past. Never before in our history or in the history of any other nation has a people sproyed more

history or in the history of any other mation has a people enjoyed more abounding material prosperity than is ours; a prosperity so great that it should arouse in us no spirit of reckloss pride, and least of all a spirit of heedless disregard of our responsibilities; but rather a sober sense of many blessings and resolute purpose, under Providence, not to forfeit them by any action of our own.

"Material well being, indispensable lough it is, can never be anything at these and happiness. If we build thing upon this foundation, then our stional life will be as meaningless and empty as a house where only the foundation, has been laid. Upon our material well being must be built a superstructure of individual and mational life lived in accordance with uperstructure of individual and na-ional life lived in accordance with he laws of the highest morality, or lise our prosperity itself will in the ong run turn out a curse instead of blessing. We should be reverently hankful for what we have received, and carnestly bent upon turning it into a means of grace and not of leastruction.

cordingly, I hereby ursday, the 39th day of November sext, as a day of thanksgiving and application on which the people half meet in their homes or their hurches, devoutly acknowlege all hat has been given them, and pray hat they may in addition receive the power to use these gifts aright.

"In witness thereof, I have here-

sal) "THEODORN ROOSEVELT." By the President:

Foreign Misionary Society of Protestant Episcopal Church Con-vence in Second Annual Conference at Asheville—First General Meet-ing To-Day—Attendance Large. Special to The Observer.

Asheville, Oct. 23.—The second annual conference of the Third Department of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the partment of the Domestic and For-eign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church was opened here this evening with a missionary service, held in Trinity church. Many bishops and clergy of the Third Department were in at-tendance at the opening of the con-ference to-night, while other clergy ference visitors are expected to-night and to-morrow. Trinity church was packed to-night and a number of people were forced to stand during Churchmen, all of whom are converged

great missionary work going on in the district and viewed the future optimistically. The subject discussed to-night by Bishop G. W. Peterkin, of West Virginia, and others was "Missions the Measure of Christian Vitality."

The first general meeting of the onference will be a held to-morrow morning at 9:30 o'clock. A con-Andrew arrived to-day by special Pullmans from Memphis to attend the opening of the missionary ference.

"THE CLANSMAN" SUPPRESSED

Mayor Weaver Issues an Order Pro hibiting Further Productions of the Play—Management to Apply for an Injunction.

Philadelphia, Oct. 23.—Mayor Weaver to-day issued an order sup-pressing the further production here of the drama "The Clansman," which began last night with what was to have been a week's engagement at the Walnut street theatre. The mayor's action was prompted by the dem-onstration last night at the theatre by several thousand colored citizens. A delegation of representative colored men, consisting of clergymen, doctors, lawyers and business men, called upon the mayor to-day and protested against the continunce of the play because of its alleged tendency to arouse racial prejudice and to riot. The chief spokesman for the delegation was former Congressman George H. White, of North Carolina, who now resides here. Counsel for the management of the theatrical production claimed that there was redress through the courts

for those opposed to the play and charged the colored people and not the players were responsible for last night's riotous demonstration. After hearing both sides Mayer Weaver took counsel with the cay solicitor and later decided that "The Clansman" was calculated to produce disorder and endanger lives. In con-sequence he ordered the withdrawal of the piece.

of the place. nt of the play The mans to-morrow go into court and apply for an injunction restraining the mayfrom interferring with the pro

FARMERS WANT BETTER PRICES

President of the American Society of Equity Explains the Objects of the Organisation—Farmers From Many States Attend First Convention.

East St. Louis, Ill., Oct. 23.—The first national convention of the Amnrst national convention of the American Society of Equity, composed of farmers, began here to-day with 50v delegates from Illinois, Kentucky, New York, North Carolina, Utah, Wisconsin, Ohio and Indiana. The society seeks to regulate values of grain and farm products by regulating the supply in relation to the de-

President C. O. Drayton, in his annual address said:
"This organization is not a trust

nor a combine to force extertion prices, but rather an organization to get profitable prices for farm prod-ucts. It is composed of local unions of farmers established at shipping points. The unions from these points form the State association. These combined form the national associacombined form the national ass combined form the national associa-tion. Our idea is to establish granar-ies in the grain country, cold storage plants, hay barns and places to store all sorts of farm produce. "If the market is low, the society

will hold the product until the demand forces up profitable prices, when the goods may be sold. The poor farmer who cannot aford to hold his grain will be given a warehouse receipt, good for two-thirds the face value of the grain represented."

JAP MIDSHIPMAN RESIGNS. At Request of Japanese Embassy Midshipman Asahi Kitigaki Re

Annapolis, Md., Oct. 23,-At the request of the Japanese Embassy at Washington, Midshipman Asahi Kiti-gaki, of the third class of the Navai Academy, submitted his resignation, which will be accepted.

Pending the Department's action on the case, an extended leave of absence was granted.

was granted. Kitigaki is a son of Baron Kitigaki, of the Imperial Privy Council. Hentered the American Naval Academ

entered the American Naval Academy Sept. 19th. No reason is assigned for his resignation.

Washington, Oct. 23.—The inquiry at the Navy Department brought out the statement that the sole reason for the resignation of Midshipman Kitigaki from the Naval Academy was deficiency in studies. The fact was first reported by the superintendent of the academy, who communicated to the Japanese Embassy with the gresult that the young man was requested to tender his resignation.

Statute Framed By Eminent Lawyers and Statesmen Who Have Made a Study of the Divorce Evil, is Submitted to the Secretary of the National Divorce Congress—An Effort to Bring About Uniformity in Divorce Laws Throughout the United States—Provisions of the Three Chapters of the Proposed Measure—Congress Meets No. 13th.

Philadelphia, Oct. 23.—Judge Staake, of this city, secretary of the divorce congress, has received from its committee on resolutions and forwarded to the various delegates a proposed measure for bringing about

proposed measure for bringing about uniformity in the present divorce laws of the United States.

The proposed statute is the outcome

comed the conference on behalf of the city and the congregation of Episcopalisms. He referred to the great missions.

Practically every State and Territory will be represented at the re-as-sembling of the congress in this city on Nov. 13. The proposed new act is divided into three chapters; the first consisting of jurisdictional provisions; the second procedure, and the third, general pro-

visions and is entitled "an act regulat-

ing annuiment of marriage and di-

HEARINGS TO BE PUBLIC. While little or no change is made in the given causes for divorce as now existing, certain provisions of the new act were evidently made with a view of arresting the increasing demand for legal severance of marifal bonds. Under these stipulation secret or star chamber sessions for hearing divorce cases before masters or other representatives of the courts are done away with, and "all hearings and trials shall be had before the court and shall in all cases be public."

It is also provided "that a decree dissolving the marriage tie so completely as to permit the remarriage of either party should not become operative until the lapse of a reasonabio length of time after hearing or trial upon the merits of the case. Another enactment of the proposed new law prohibits the solicitation of a divorce case by advertisement, cira divorce case by advertisement, cir-cular or otherwise and prescribes for such an offense a fine of not more every district. We are almost on the than \$1,000 and imprisonment of not more than one year. CAUSES FOR ANNULMENT.

Annulment of the marriage contract, as distinguished from divorce, will be made for the following causes: Impotency; consanguinity; existing former marriages; fraud; force or coercion; insanity and illegal age.

Divorce, it is provided, shall be of two kinds—absolute, or divorce avinculo matrimonii; and divorce from bed and board, or divorce amensa et thore. Under the first classification the grounds shall be adultery, bigamy, conviction and sentence for crime followed by two years' continual imprisonment; extreme cruelty; wilful desertion and habitual dru for two years. The same causes will prevail in the second class with the additional cause of "hopeless in-sanity of the husband."

by collusion or that the plaintiff has procured or connived at the offense charged, or has condoned it or has been guilty of adultery not condoned.

NATIONAL LIFE UNDERWRITERS

Seventeenth Annual Convention Called to Order at St. Louis—Two Hundred Delegates in Attendance.
St. Louis, Oct. 23.—The first day's session of the seventeerth annual convention of the National Association of Life Underwriters developed considerable opposition when an effort was made to amend the annual report of the executive committee by a resolution to the effect that "existing ex-presidents shall be qualified for a period of one year and no longer, for their positions as members of the executive committee as delegates at large; and that future ex-presidents shall be eligible as members of the executive committee and as delegates at large for a period of one tion of Life Underwriters develo gates at large for a period of one year only from and after date of ex-fpiration of their term of office as presidents."

The convention was immediately thrown into spirited discussion, many of the delegates rigidly opposing the adoption of the amendment, Finally a vote was taken and the amendment was lost. The executive committee's report was then adopted.

About 200 delegates were present when the convention was called to order by President Charles W. Scovel, of Pittsburg, Pa., who delivered his annual address. President G. H. Allen, of the Life Underwriters' Association of Canada, Montreal, was introduced, and made an address, responding to the wel-come extended the Canadian dele-

STILL DOING ACTIVE BUSINESS

uit of Committee of Policyholders Against the Hartford Life His Ref-erence Only to the Safety Pund Plan.

Against the Hartford Life Him Reference Only to the Safety Fund Flan.

Hartford, Conn., Oct. 23.—The suit of the committee of policyholders against the Hartford Life Insurance Company and the Security Trust Company, to secure an accounting of the so-called "safety fund," is based entirely upon the alleged fallure of the officers of these corporations, who as named in the writ, to make a distribution of this fund.

The Hartford Life Insurance Company was originally incorporated in 1861 and although its name was changed from that under which it was first incorporated, and its charter amended at different times, it is still doing an active business in many forms of insurance. The writ in the suit does not make reference to the present business of the company except as relating to the "safety fund" plan. It sets forth only that the defendant insurance company caused to t after March 1899.

A NEW MEASURE IS PROPOSED "MERELY GOSSIP," SAYS JURY DECISION AGAINST RAILROADS

es to Dignify the Proceedings by Making a Presentment as a Result of its Inquiry—Nothing Wrong in the Offer of Congressman Goulden to Pay Expenses of Peti-tion in His Behalt—Tammany Hall to Support Entire Ticket, Hall to Support Entire Ticket, State and Local, at Murphy's Be-hest—Sudden Enthusiasm De-velops. New York, Oct. 23.—At the con-

clusion of an investigation by the grand jury of charges made by Charles F. Murphy, the Tammany leader, that Tammany Hall candidates had been held up for cash considerations by the managers of the fallen through completely. The of-"merely campaign gossip" and the grand jury will not dignify the projury announced that in its opinion action. there was nothing wrong in an offer Hostery Mills, at Zebuton, Wake made by Congressman Goulden to county, capital stock, \$100,000 T. J. pay the expenses incurred in getting Horton and others, of Durham, signatures to the Independence League petition in his behalf. William Astor Chanler, who had been subpoensed to appear before the grand jury, was not called upon to

testify. TAMMANY IN LINE.

The executive committee of Tammany Hall decided at a meeting today to support the whole Democratic ticket, State and local. Charles F. Murphy, the leader of Tammany Hall, delivered a speech to the members, in which he said that he expected all of them to do their utmost so that on election day the results when compared with the best vote from previous years would preclude any possibility of any charge of treachery or knifing.

eve of election day and the time remaining should be devoted to using the best energies that each of you leaders can command. Now is the time to put your shoulder to wheel and aid in rolling up the biggest Democratic vote in the history tory will be all the greater with Tammany working in every district."

MURPHY'S SUDDEN ENERGY. Chairman William J. Conners, of

No idivorce shall be granted if it Kingston for a half dozen speeches vs. Cedar Co., from Dare, reversed; appears to the satisfaction of the in the counties of Orange, Delaware State vs. Antwell, from New Hanover, court that the suit has been brought and Chemung and closed the day's affirmed; Hatcher vs. Fason, from hy collected the day's affirmed; Dewry vs. Railroad. work with an evening meeting at Elmira.

William Randolph Hearst spent today in town, addressing three city meetings to-night. The judiciary nominators held meeting at Carnegie Hall to-night in the interests of an independent judictary. Among the speakers were Joseph H. Choate, late ambassador to the Court of St. James; former Judge Alton B. Parker, and former ecretary of the Navy Benjamin F.

NORTH CAROLINA SYNOD.

Presbyterian Body Convenes Ninety-Third Annual Session Statesville—Rev. W. R. Copped of Rockingham, Elected Modera Special to The Observer.

Statesville, Oct. 23,-The Synod the Presbyterian Church of North Carolina convened in its ninety-third annual session in the First Presbyterian church this morning at f1 o'clock, Rev. E. R. Leyburn, of Durham, preaching the opening sermon. The session was formally opened by a short address by the retiring moderator, Mr. George W. Watts, of Durham.

The first business to claim atten The first business to claim attention was the election of a new moderator, for which office two names were put in nomination, Rev. W. R. Coppedge, of Rockingham, by Dr. C. G. Vardell, and Rev. E. C. Murray, of Graham, by Dr. J. H. Howerton. The vote was taken by roll-call, Mr. Coppedge receiving 73 and Mr. Murray 29. Two temporary clerks were next chosen, these being Rev. E. D. Brown, of the Mecklenburg Presbytery, and Rev. C. S. Smith, of the Fayetteville Presbytery. The election was by, acclamatery. The election was by acciama

The address of welcome to the commissioners, who now number about 150, was delivered by Mr. J. H. Hill, an officer in the Statesville church. church.

The Synod adjourned at 1 o'clock this afternoon, after fixing the hours for the daily sessions. These will be, morning, 3 to 12; afternoon, 3 to 5:30; night, 7:30, to adjourn at will. The real business of the Synod will be taken up at the opening of the session to-morrow morning.

No Vote on Compulsory Education Buncombe, Special to The Observer.

Asheville. Oct. 21.—The advocates of compulsory education in Asheville are to-day likenly disappointed by the revelation of yesterday that the special election on compulsory education called by the board of aldermen for Nov. 5th, at the time of the general election, could not be held because of the failure of the board to provide for a registration.

Supreme Court Hids That the Corporation Commission Has Power to Require Railroads to Maintain a Union Depot at Goldsboro—Other Opinions Handed Down—Francis Starr, the Missing Actor, Said to Have Been Seen Near Raileigh—Mad Dog's Six Victims Treated and the Canine Killed—Charters Granted—News of State Capital.

Observer Bureau, The Hollaman Building, Raleigh, Oct. 23. In the case of Dewey and others, of Goldsboro, against the Atlantic Coast Line and Southern Railways for the purpose of dissolving the order of the corporation commission to those roads to maintain a union Independence League, it was an passenger depot at the head of Walnounced to-day that the charges had nut street, the court says the statute gives the commission power to reficial announcement to this effect maintained by the railways, gives the declared that the charges were railways express power to condemn lands for such uses, and gives also the incidental right to railways to make necessary changes in their ceedings by making a presentment routes at such points. The court as a result of its inquiry, the grand says that the plaintiffs fail in their

The State charters the Zebulon stockholders. State Superintendent Joyner has

received resolutions adopted by the West Central District Association of County Superintendents, urging him not to resign, there being the general impression that he will mendered the presidency of the State Normal and Industrial College at Greensboro.
Police Justice Badger sent Way-

land Ferrell to jail for 60 days for assault with a deadly weapon upon Jefferson Coke, of Raleigh, in house of Bertha Brown, in the tenderloin district. She swore she saw Ferrell behind Coke with a drawn revolver. Coke went into her room and locked the door. She seized Ferrell's pistol and attempted to take it away. It was accidentally discharged and the bullet entered her body. She swore Ferrell and Coke had quarreled just before and Coke had thrown Ferrell out of her room. Coke submitted to an affray and paid costs.

MISSING ACTOR SEEN. Nathan Powell, living three miles from here, came to Raleigh to-day and says he and others last Thursday saw a man they are sure was the missing actor, Francis Starr, of the "It Hap-pened in Nordland" company, who left here so mysteriously Wednesday of the organization. The ticket, I afternoon. Powell says the man's am confident, will win, and the vic-description corresponded exactly with the description and he thought at once it was the same man, having read the newspaper story. Powell's son sold the man a ticket to Wilson Friday. From that point he could the Democratic State committee, have taken the Atlantic Coast Line appointed an executive committee to north. The man said he had served The man said he had served north. push the State campaign and Charles in the English army. He had plenty F. Murphy, the head of Tammany of money. He wanted whiskey and Hail, called upon the Tammany said he had gotten on a little spree

Hail, called upon the party nomileaders to support the party nomineus with loyalty and energy.

Charles E. Hughes, the Republican candidate for Governor, left
the following opinions: Lumber Co.
vs. Cedar Co., from Dare, reversed;
State vs. Antwell, from New Hanover,
from Duplin, affirmed; Dewry vs. Railroad, from Wayne, affirmed; McCoy vs. Railroad, from Brunswick, error; Yarborough vs. Banking Co., from Cumberland , affirmed; Perry vs. Hackney, from Chatham, affirmed; Cherry vs. Power Co., from Chatham. affirmed in both appeals; Wall vs. Wall, from Anson, affirmed; Mc-Kethan vs. Blue, from Moore, re-versed; Ledbetter vs. Cotton Seed Co., from Richmond, per curiam, affirmed; State vs. Hough, from Anson, per curiam, affirmed; Rowell vs. Little, from Union, per curiam, affirmed; State vs. Scott, from Union, per curiam, affirmed; State vs. Little from Anson, per curiam, affirmed; Davis vs. Rallroad, from Tyrrell, per Davis vs. Railroad, from Tyrrell, per curiam, affirmed; Hobgood vs. Match Co., from Guilford, dismissed under rule 17; Trust Co. vs. Benbow, from Guilford, dismissed under rule 17; Trust Co. vs. Battle, from Guilford, dismissed under rule 17. Appeals from eleventh district will not be called before Wednesday, Nov. 7th, a day after the election.

The Supreme Court, in the case of State va. Cantwell, from New Han-ters, says that special exemptions from jury duty by firemen have no longer any force in the face of section 1957 of the Revisal, the only exceptions now being those under sec-tion 1980, these being to active firemen and no longer to those who are honorary.

The mad dog which created great

excitement here last night, was chase all night and the police were notified this morning that some boys in the suburbs had killed him with a pitchfork. Several other dogs were shot during the search. This morning all six of the persons bit were treated by a physician. One of them, a 12-yeara physician. One of them, a 12-year-old boy, is badi ybitten on the arm. John King, a fireman on the Raleigh & Southport Rallroad, was the first man attacked; he was bitten in the thigh. The doctor gave the patients anti-serum and cauterized the wound. anti-serum and cauterized the wound. He said no bad developments had been noticed, but of course, it could not be told what might happen. Several dogs were bitten and the doctor notified the authorities that, these ought to be killed at once.

A charter is granted Johnson & Johnson Company, Incorporated, Raleigh, to manufacture brick. Paid-up capital stock \$20,000.

At Shaw University, colored, a large brick building is under construction to be used for the industrial work of the college, at which there are now \$50 students, representing about ten States.

now 550 students, representing about ten States.

The number of students at the University of North Carolins is now 710, which breaks the record. Many improvements have been made and are being made and Thursday bids for the new ifbrary building will be opened. Your correspondent had a chat today with Mr. William Moncure, well-known as a builder of railroads in this and other States, and who is now arranging to build the Bladen & Northern Railway. The builders will be the Italian Lake Lumber Company, which has secured from fifty million Brunswick. Ga.. Oct. 22.—The Spanish bark F. G., Captain Oliver, which has secured from fifty million the port, is believed to have been lost in the recent hurricane. She is 16 days overdue and if report has been heard from her. The consigness here believe that she has gone down with all on board.

the Italian Lake Lumber Company, the Indian Lake Lumber Company, the Indian Lake Lumber Company, which has secured from fifty million to one hundred million feet of standing in Bladen in the recent hurricane. She is county. Mr. Moncure said it was the best body of standing timber he has yet seen in North Carolina. Work on the road will begin very probably in

WELCOMED BY BISHOP HORNER UNIFORM DIVORCE LAWS MURPHY'S CHARGES FALL MUST BUILD UNION DEPOT December. The part now planned to the survey h not yet been made. He says it may go 40 or 50 miles. It will not be merely a lumber road but will be built in good style and will handle freight and passenger business. All the main details have been arranged, the char-ter obtained, and the necessary money secured. Free labor will most probably be employed. Convicts would be used if they could be ob-tained, but Mr. Moneure says it is very difficult to get them.

Superintendent Jon E. Ray of the State school for the blind is in conference with an expert in regard to the exhibit of the work of the which is to be made next year under his direction at the Jamestown Ex-position. Mr. Ray has won a very high reputation all over the country in his particular department of work. The school here is regarded as one of the foremost in this country. * STATE COLORED FAIR.

The colored fair is soon to be held here and its officers say the exhibits be above the average. As a general thing it is very dry during the week of the white State fair and very wet during the colored fair, and it came about a year or so ago that an old darkey here, on being asked by some white friends what was the date of the colored fair, replied; "De fus" rainy week atter de white fair."

FAVORITISM TO GRAIN MEN.

Probing by Inter-State Commerc Commission at Kansas Reveals Numerous Violations of the Laws Chicago Elevator Agent Testifier as to Special Rates Railroads. Granted by

Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 23.-Evidence of favoritism to the manager of the Kansas City elevators of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway in reduced grain rates, the exstence of a rule in the Kansas City board of trade threatening its members with suspension for dealing with 'irregular' grainmen, a combination of members of that organization to fix prices, and threats by grain dealassociation to boycott boards of trade members who might buy from farmers and others against whom the associations had issued orders were some of the points brought out here o-day at a hearing of the inter-State commerce commission.

E. W. Shields, elevator agent from he Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway and active manager of the Simonds-Shields Grain Company, of Kansas City, who was instructed by the commissioners yesterday to re-turn here from St. Louis, proved an mportant witness.

Mr. Shields said he was in Chicato last fall when he was called upon o advise about a special export rate on corn. He helped make a rate, effective several days later, then came home and bought corn right and left. He shipped three and a half million bushels of corn under the special rate. He had bought more than a million bushels before other dealers earned that the reduced rate would e made. Commissioners Clarke and Lane will continue the hearing in Omaha

to-morrow. MISS SETTLE LOSES SUIT.

New York Supreme Court Renders Verdict Against Young Actress Who Brought Suit Against Company Presenting "The Clansman \$12,000 for Dismissal-Indompetence Shown by Defendant. New York, Oct. 23,-Miss Marion Draughn's suit against the Southern Amusement Company for the recovery of \$12,000 because she was dismissed from the theatrical company

presenting "The Clansman," came to sudden end in the Supreme Court to-day when Justice Bishoff directe the jury to return a verdict in favor amusement company, the court holding that the given by the company to show that Miss Draughn was incompetent to play a star role had not been conradicted.

Miss Draughn, whose striking beau ty is well known in exclusive Southrn society as well as in Washington, s a daughter of Judge Dougla Settle, once regarded one of the most influential Republicans in the Caro-

Miss Draughn, whose real name is Miss Flossie Settle, is a daughter of the late Judge Douglas Settle, of this State, and was formerly a restdent of Charlotte.

CONFESSES TO MURDER.

Edward E. Nichols, Theatrical Agent Says He Killed Mrs. Margaret Les-lie, the Actress—Attempt to Pawn Stolen Diamonds Leads to His Arrest.

Chicago. Nichols, a theatrical agent, who was taken into custody by the police during their investigation of the death of Mrs. Margaret Leslie, the actress, who was found dead in her room at the Palace Hotel, confessed late to-day to the murder of Mrs. Leslie and to the stealing of diamonds valued at

\$1,500 from her. Two pawnbrokers informed olice to-day that Nichols had been o them with diamonds said to been the property of Mrs. Leelle, be-fore her death, and which were not found until it was learned that they were in the possession of Nichola.

The prisoner refused to say a word regarding his possession of the diamonds when confronted by the pawnbrokers. He was taken to the polic station, where he made a confession

PEACE NEGOTIATIONS RESUMED nent and Rebel Forces in Domingo Get Together

Santo Domingo Get Together Again — Immediate Disarmanien Promised. Washington, Oct. 23.—The advice Washington, Oct. 23.—The advices received at the State Department to-day are to the effect that negotiations for peace between the government and the rebel forces in the neghborhood of Monte Cristi, Santo Domingo, which were recently broken off, have been resumed with every prospect of success and that the immediate disarmament of the rebels a promised.

\$50,000 Fire in Savannah, Savannah, Ga., Oct. 23, which started at 2:30 o'clock thi

WOMEN MOB PARLIAMENT POLICE CALLED TO EJECT THEM

nusual Scene Attends the Oper of the British House of Common Women Suffragists Force an E-trance to Hall and Harangue Me-bers in Support of Their Mor-ment — Hysterical Shouting a Screaming Draws Crowds and a Tumultuous Scene is Witnessed—Police Make Several Arrests and Convey Their Prisoners to Nearest Police Station.

London, Oct. 23 .- Unusual excitement in connection with the reopening of Parliament to-day caused by the presence of about 100 women suffragists, many of whom, despite the protests of the police, managed to find their way into the outer lobby of the House of Commons with the intention of bu holing the members in support their movement. A number of the suffragists mounted vacant chairs in the lobby and began to harangue the few members of Parliament present in that part of the House The police after being reinforced made a strategic advance the invaders, taking the singly, and gradually ejected them, one by one. The most militant of the women struggled so desperately that two officers were required to

remove them. Their hysterical shouting and screaming brought crowds of memers from the House and the unwonted scene created temporary excitement such as seldom has witnessed in or about the House. During the height of the tumult a small band of the staunchest suffragists determined to attempt to break into the House itself, and as though by concerted action this band suddenly charged towards the entrance of the inner lobby. Some of the women tried to climb over the barier and others attempted to crawl under it.

A SCENE OF DISORDER. For several minutes the utmost disorder prevailed and the police had all they could do to eject the stern, determined women without utilizing the more vigorous means which would have been employed in the case of men. The women resolutely refused to leave the House withou being ejected by force, clung tenaciously to the stalwart policemen, the rallings or other means of support. and offered strenuous resistance to expulsion, while shouts of "We will have votes!" and "You cowardly men dare not give us justice!" resounder through the halls. Finally the police were forced to carry out several of the women bodily and the struggling and shouting suffragists were all ultimately deposited in the palace yard. The police arrested several of the women and marched them off to the nearest police" station. AN ADJOURNED SESSION.

The reassembling of Parliament drew large crowds, despite the fact that the session was devoid of imortance or the appear ty. This was merely a resumption of the spring session. Ambassador Reid, accompanied by Craig Wads worth, second secretary American embassy, occupied a seat in the diplomatic gallery at the House of Commons. Former Premier Balfour was unexpectedly and received a hearty greeting from the opposition members. Joseph Chamberlain's absence was noticeable. He is still nursing his attack of gout.

CARRIAGE BUILDERS MEET.

Our Thousand Delegates for United States and Canada Attacher Thirty-Fourth Annual Session Atlanta—D. T. Wilson, of Nork City, President.

Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 23 .- The thirty fourth annual convention of the Carriage Builders' Association and subriage Builders' Association and sup-ordinate organizations and the first gathering of the association ever held in the South began here to-day with an attendance from all parts of the United States and Canada, estiwith an attendance from all parts of the United States and Canada, esti-mated at nearly 4,000 delegates.

President A. G. Brunsman, of Cin-cinnati, delivered his annual address and, after the appointment of yar-ous committees, the nomination of the next president of the organi-cation resulted in the unanimous se-lection of Dallet Wilson of New lection of Daniel T. Wilson, of New York city, whose election to the po-sition will be confirmed later. A general reception was held at the Kimball House, to Kimball House to-night.

NATIONAL BANK CIRCULATION. Applications For Increase in Ba Circulation to Be Acted Upon. Washington, Oct. 23.—Acting Secretary Keep of the Treasury, D ment announced that the applications for increase in the national bank circulation under Secretary Shaw's offer of yesterday will be favorably acted upon in the order in which they are

received at the Treasury.

If, however, the national bank should apply for an increase of two or three millions or even less, it probably would be necessary, in the interest of the smaller banks, to grant the the application as to only a part of the sum asked for, and so extend the privileges conferred by the S offer to as large number of possible.

SOCIALISTS CONDEMNED TO DIE Members of Socialists Fighting ganization Condemned—May in Strike To-Morrow,

Warsaw, Oct. 22.—Fourteen m bers of the Socialists fighting organical sation, arrested Oct. 2nd, have condemned to death by drum courtmartial, It is expected that this action will result in a general strike to-morrow The military authorities conlinu-their domicillary visits in the residen They recently searched the of Count Krasinski, the most nent of the Polish nationalists