HUGHESAFTEREXCHANGES APPOINTS BOARD OF INQUIRY.

the State's Most Prominent Men to Serve on a Committee to Look Into the Workings of the Exchanges— Committee is Asked to Report the Changes Needed in the Laws of the State Bearing Upon Speculation in Securities and Commodities—Will Protect Legitimate Business, But Il-ligitimate Transactions Must Cease Committee Will Do Its Work Without Compensation.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 14.—Governor ughes late to-night announced the intment of a committed of nine, sting of bankers, susiness men, d economists, to inquire into the changes in New York and to suggest what changes, if any, are advisable in the laws of the State bearing upon speculation in securities and commodties; or relating to the protection of ors, or with regard to the instrumentalities and organizations used in dealing in securities and commodities which are the subject of specula-

The committee named includes Horace White, author and editor; Charles A. Schiern, merchant, formerly may or of Brooklyn; David Leaventritt, former justice of the Supreme Court; Clark Williams, State superintendent of banks; John B. Clark, professor of political economy in Columbia University; Willard V. King, banker, president Columbia Trust Company; Samuel H. Ordway, lawyer, New York; Edward D. Page, member of the fir mof Faylkner, Page Co., of New York; Charles Sprague Smith, director of People's Institute, New York City.

THE GOVERNOR'S LETTER.

The committee is to serve without compensation and it is understood that all have signified their willingness to act. The committee has been asked by the Governor to report as early as practicable.

To each member the Governor tonight sent the following letter:

"Gentlemen: At the last session of

the Legislature I recommended that provision should be made for suitable inquiry into the facts relating to spec-ulation in securities and commedities. with the view of ascertaining the manner in which illegitimate transactions might be prevented and legibusiness safeguarded. stated in accepting renomination, I had in mind, in making this recommendation such an expert inquiry as was made into banking conditions,

the result of which was the passage of highly beneficial measures. In this Commonwealth, the vast commercial and financial transactions, which represent the activities of the entire country, it is of the utmost imporand exchange, should be the re-of deliberate study, and that we should neither threaten business tability by ill-considered measures, nor, on the other hand, invite agitation or impair confidence by ignoring abuses and by failing to provide suit-

"It is with this view that I request you to act as a committee for the purpose of collecting facts, receiving suggestions, and making such recom-mendations as may seem to you fitting with regard to the following question: OFFERS NO COMPENSATION.

"What changes, if any, are advis-able in the laws of the State bear-ing upon speculation in securities and commodities; or relating to the protection of investors, or with regard to the instrumentalities and organizations used in dealing in securities and commodities which are the subject of

speculation? 'It is not my intention to limit you in the consideration of any phase of the matters submitted and I am confident that your carefully formed opinions, being those of men known for their interest in public questions and their acquaintance with affairs and accredited to the community by high reputation, will be of the great-

est value "I must ask this public service without offer of compensation or indemnity for expense, as I have no authority to subject the State to any obligation in connection with your ap-pointment. But I know that your generous action in serving the communwill be highly appreciated and ill afford another and most welcome Hiustration of the public spirit of our

"I shall be glad to receive your report at as early a date as you may and practicable. I have the honor

"Very respectfully yours,
"CHARLES E. HUGHES."

Negro Anti-Tuberculosis Congress Opens.

Tuskegee, Ala., Dec. 14.—The na-tional negro anti-tuberculosis congress spened here to-day with a programme which included addresses by speakers from many Southern cities and a special exhibit on the effects of tuberoulosis, in charge of representatives of the national association for the study and prevention of tuberculosis. Reports received show that "health Sunday" was observed yesterday by hegro Young Men's Christian Associations and that many negro churches will unite in observing this week as "health week."

King and Queen Congratulate Earl of Granard.

London, Dec. 14.—The King and ueen have sent congratulations to Queen have sent congresses the Earl of Granard, whose engagement to Miss Beatrice Mills, daughter of Ogden Mills, of New York, has just been announced. The Earl of Granard will sail for New York on Wednesday. It is stated that the wedding will take place in January. The Earl's brother, Donald Forbes, is obtaining leave from his military du-ties and will take passage for New York later. He will act as the Earl's

Atlanta Presbyterians Call Rev. Dr. J. I. Vance.

Newark, N. J., Dec. 14 .- Rev. Dr. James I, Vance, of the North Reformed church, of this city, has received a call to the pastorate of the Central Presbyterian church, Atlanta, Ga., an dnext Monday a committee from the Atlanta church will visit Newark to receive his answer. Dr. Vance at present is unable to say whether he will accept. He came here eight years ago from the First Presbyte-rian church, Nashville, Tenn.

Kentucky Parmers Denounce Plant-ers' Association.

wille, Ky., Dac. 14.—Repuopensylis, Ky., Dec. 14.—Repu-ling the planters' protective asso-on and denouncing the officers of same, a large number of Christian ity tobacco planters in mass meet-le-day formed the "farmers Mu-Tobacco Association," which will ute a loose leaf sales system in hinsylle or other accessible to

SAYS CONYERS IS INNOCENT.

eorgis Sheriff Orlicioes and Ridi-cules the Statement in the Presi-dent's Message—Conyers Did Not State the Things Attributed to Him. cules the Statement in the President's Message—Conyers Did Not State the Things Attributed to Him. Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 14.—Serious reflections were cast upon the reliability of the evidence of agents of the War Department, transmitted to the Senate to-day by the President, by Sheriff E. C. Arnold, of Walton county, Georgia, to-night. He declared that he had known Boyd Conyers all his life and did not believe him guilty of complicity in the Browns-ville riet.

"I was present at all the conversations between Herbert J. Browne and Boyd Conyers," said Sheriff Arnold, "and was anxious to get at the facts in the case. Conyers did not state things attributed to him by the detective. Conyers has a good reputation here and I would believe what he said about the Brownsville affair. I did everything I could to aid Browne and Lawson to get at the facts.

"In his conversation with Browne, Conyers was asked to flame the mem—

'In his conversation with Browne, Convers was asked to dame the members of the baseball club of the froops stationed at Brownsville, and he readily complied. Next he was asked to name the 'roughest and asked to of which he was a member, and this he did. That is all he ever told any

that Convers attempted suicide after his alleged confession to Lawson. "Boyd Convers has told me the same story over and over, without variations, concerning this Brownsville affair, and I believe that he is innocent of the charges made against him," concluded the sheriff.

ASKS FOR HUNTING PERMIT.

President Roosevelt Asks Belgian Government For Permission to Hunt i nBelgian Territory—Return-ed Hunter From Africa Gives Him a Few Points.

Brussels, 14.-President Roosevelt has applied to the Belgian government, through the American legation, for a hunting permit in Belgian territory in Africa. This will be granted. It will cover 1909 and include both big and small game.

Washington, Dec. 14.—J. Thompson, of Richmond, Ind., who has spent much time in Africa, was instructed to thrdieutaoinstaoinstaoi introduced to the President to-day. Mr. Thompson told the President that his greatest danger in Africa would not come from wild animals or rep-tiles, but from poisonous insects. He recommended that the President sleep at night in an insect guarded place. The President asked Mr. Thompson to write him all the information he had at hand on this subject.

Reciever Asked For St. Louis Transit Company.

St. Louis, Dec. 14.—Declaring that Davis R. Francis, Murray Carleton, James Campbell, Judge Henry Priest, Brown Bros., of New York, and other stockholders of the St. Louis Transit Company, owe that corporation more than \$12,000,000 as the tion more than \$10,000,000 as the result of the sale of the company's common stock in 1899, J. Brooks Johnson applied to the Circuit Court to-day for a receiver for the com-

pany.

The corporation was absorbed by the United Railways Company three years ago. Johnson holds claims amounting to \$30,000 against the transit company. He alleges that the defendants received large amounts and the defendants received large amounts. of transit company common stock for which they agreed to pay \$26 a

Special to The Observer Asheville, Dec. 14.-It is learned here that the National Casket Company, which purposes the erectio nof a dimension plant on the French Broad river, two miles below Asheville, has closed all negotiations incident to the purchase of lard, securement of rights of way, etc., and that bids will shortly be asked of contractors for the erection of the necessary buildings. The casket company has 20 acres of land for its factory site and it is understood that with the competion of the dimension plant a large finishing plant will be established. The Southern Rahway is to construct a three-mile spur track from Craggy station to the factory site and engineers are now along the route making the necessary surveys.

Third Squadron Preparing to Leave For Guantanamo

Norfolk, Va., 14.—The battleship Maine, flagship of the third squadron, with Rear Admiral Arnold aboard, arrived in Hampton Roads to-day where the warships that will go to Guantanamo for target practice and then to Havana for the inauguration of President Gomes, will rendesvous. life occurred just above Canton The Maine will be joined in Hamp-ton Roads Wednesday by the cruiser North Carolina and later by the Mon-tana, both now here. Other vessels to come here are the Idaho, Mississippi, New Hampshire, Chester, Salem and Birmingham.

Taft Cheered at Theatre New York, Dec. 14.—Mr. Taft was the object of a hearty demonstration to-night at the Astor Theatre, which he attended with a number of friends, making up a box party. At the end of the first act the entire audience rose and cheered the President-elect for a full half minute while the orchestra played the "Star Spangled Banner." There was a similar demonstration after the third act, coupled with calls for a speech, to which Mr. Taft responded only by smiling and

Pawned the Other Man's Diamond. Pawned the Other Man's Diamond.
San Francisco, Dec. 14.—Captain
of Dectectives F. J. Roberts, of Atlants, Ga., left here to-day in charge
of Elma Bong, who is wanted in the
Southern city for pawning a diamond
ring which he does not own. Long
was formerly connected with the local
elaims department of the Southern
Pacific Railroad, and he was arrested
here under the name of B. A. Dorsey.

Lineman Electrocuted in Montgo Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 14.—T. S. Davis, a lineman employed by a local power company, was electrocuted on a pole this afternoon and died in mid-air. While holding a small wire in one hand lessing forward his say came into contact with a feed wire of high voltage and he was killed instantly. His home is said to be in South Carolina.

Savannah Auto Club Given a Ding New York, Dec. 14.—A number of members of the Savannah Automobile members of the Savannan Automobile Clipb were entertained at dinner to-night at the Café Martin. There were no speeches and at the conclu-sion of the repast a theatre party was formed and the automobilists spent the evening at one of the Broadway playhouses.

Grand Sire I. O. O. F. Dead.
Nativille. Teun., Dec. 16.—Judge John.
L. Noten, grand sire of the Independent
terier of Old Fellows of the world, sied.
at a formi hospital here at Hele.

ALARM AND TALK FOLLOWS

days ago by the case of a young man of this city, formerly employed by a local concern, who has been unable to work for eight months. For nearly a year this man, a victim of disease, has been unable to properly care for his family, and tella the fol-lowing story of the handalism. lowing story of the hardships he has

asked to name the 'roughest and toughest' members of the company of which he was a member, and this working steadily, and earning \$3 a he did. That is all he ever told any detective. The story of his having gone to Gainesville with Lawson on June 55th is untrue."

Sheriff Arnold ridiculed the idea that Convers attempted suicide after to mark to make the story of the

and was finally forced to abandon sileffort to earn a living.

The pain I have suffered during this time has been something terrible. The ankle and knee of my left leg were the parts most affected, and I was unable to walk a step without the assistance of a stick or crutch. My appetite disappeared, and my tongue was continually constant. tongue was continually coated; My bowels became irregular and consti-pated, which course, pated, which caused other disorders to develop, and make my existence a perfect misery. I would probably be my wife not learned of the remark-able effect of Dillingham's Plant Juice in a case of rheumatism. I became convinced that this medicine would cure me, and started to taking it. I bought my first bottle at W. L. Hand & Co.'s about three weeks ago, and to-day there is not a trace of rheumatism left in my system."

This man has now returned to his work; but there are many others who are now losing an occasional day or week from their work through the same cause, when Plant Juice, the same remedy that relieved this case, will do likewise for them. This fact is becoming known in Charlotte, is becoming known in Charlotte, which with the knowledge that Plant Juice is sold under a guarantee that it will do all that is claimed for it, has resulted in a demand greater than that of any other remedy ever offered the people of this section.

MRS. ROPER ON STAND.

Woman Who Became Entangled in the Ropes of a Balloon and Was Carried 500 Feet in the Air Tells of Her Experience—Asks For \$25,-

Kingston, N. Y., Dec. 14.-Mrs Mary S. Roper, of Brooklyn, who is suing the Ulster county agricultural society for \$25,000 damages for injuries received on August 29th, 1906. JANUAR when she was caught around her ankle by a rope from an ascending balloon and was carried upwards for more than 500 feet, to-day told her thrilling experience to a jury in the Supreme Court.

Everybody crowded around the bal-loon as it started to lise, she said. She was in the midst of the crowd, and suddenly felt something tuggins Casket Company to Erect a Big Plant its cause her finger became caught in leg and she was hauled through the crowd. She became unconscious but recovered when several hundred feet in the air and heard Maggie Daley. the aeronaut, advise her to hold up her head, but she was unable to comply. She again lost consciousness, but recovered only after the balloon

Her injuries, she testified, were a cut eye, scratched face, broken finger, sprained ankle, lame back and fractured collar bone. Since then her eye

suffered from nervousness.

The action will be continued to morrow.

BRAKEMAN'S SUDDEN DEATH. Employe of the Southern Ground Un-der Car Wheels On Murphy Divis-ion.

Special to The Observer. Asheville, Dec. 14.-The remains Brakeman Ed. Allmany, of the Murphy division of the Southern, who was run over and killed at Canton Saturday night, were brought here Sunday for interment. The accident that cost Mr. Allmany his alized that the detached rear portion of the train would coilide with the engine, where Allmany was standing and again started, the start throwing the unfortuzate brakeman from the train, the rear detached portion passing over the body and terribly mutitating it.

Blackleg Among Cattle in Buncombe County.

Special to The Observer. Asheville, Dec. 14.- Blackleg" among cattle has made its appearance in Bun-combe county and the farmers of the Hominy section are considerably exercis-ed over the danger to stock from the deadly disease. Mr. J. G. Rice, of Upper Hominy, who was in the city to-day, said that he had four fine yearlings to die hat week from what he believes is "blackleg." The yearlings were found dead morning after morning. They had not apporently been sick. "Blackleg" has also appeared in the south Hominy section and farmers in that portion of the county have lest stock,

Officers Attend Concer Colombo, Dec. 14.—Rear Adimarl Sperry called on General R. C. S. Lawrence, the commander of the British troops in Coylon this afternoon, and later atte-ided the specially arranged concert, at which a hundred of the American officers also were present.

Five hundred good conduct men
will be given above leave for six hours

Washington, Dec. 14.—The an-reuncement of appointments to fill acancies on House committees made y Speaker Cannon to-day included lande Kitchin, of North Carolina, avai affairs, O. C. Wiley, of Alabama, allitary affairs and militia.

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3:30 a. m., No. 29, daily, for Columbia, Savannah and Jacksonville. Pullman drawing room sleepers to Augusta and Jacksonville. Day coaches to Jacksonville.

3:30 a. m., No. 8, daily, for Richmond and local points. 5.22 a. m., No. 44, dally, for Washing-ton and points North. Day coaches Char-lotte to Washington. Pullman sleeper Atlants to Haleigh.

Atlanta to Haleigh.

6:30 a. m., No. 35, daily, for Columbia and local points.

7:15 a. m., No. 35, daily, for Atlanta, day chaches Charlotte to Atlanta. Stope at principal points en route.

3:00 a. m., No. 15, daily except Sunday, for Statesville, Taylorsville and local points. Connects at Mouresville for Winston-Salem, and at Statesville for Asheville.

ston-Salem, and at Statesville for Asheville.

10:06 a. m., No. 36, daily, for Washington and points North. Pullman drawing room sleepers to New York. Day coaches to Washington. Dining car service.

11:06 a. m., No. 35, daily, for Winston-Salem, Roanoke and local points.

10:06 a. m., No. 37, daily, for Winston-Salem, Roanoke and local points.

10:06 a. m., No. 37, daily, New York and New Orleans Limited. Drawing room sleeping curs. Observation and club cars. New York to New Orleans. Drawing room sleeper, New York to Atlants. Solid Pullman train. Dining car service.

11:25 a. m., No. 11, daily, for Greensbore and local points.

2:00 p. m., No. 46, daily, for Greensbore and local points.

4:36 p. m., No. 27, daily, for Columbia and local points.

5:00 p. m., No. 61, daily except Sunday, for Segeca and local points.

5:00 p. m., No. 12, daily, for Richmond and local points. Handles Pullman sleeper, Charlotte to Washington, and Charlotte to Richmond.

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1:55 p. m., No. 38, daily, New York and New Orleans Limited for Washington and points North. Drawing room sleepere, observation and club cars to New York. Dining chr service, Solid Pullman train. York. Dining car solvice, man train.

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