INQUIRY IS VOTED

New York Legislature After Fire Insurance Companies.

NO BRIBERY INVESTIGATION.

Resolution For Wider Probe Supported by Only 16 Votes-Supt. Hotchkiss on the Trail of \$5,000 Check.

Albany, N. Y., April 5.-After a three hours' wrangiling, during which propositions for a general investigation of alleged legislative corruption were defeated, the assembly adopted the Mc-Inerney resolution calling for the appointment of a legislative committee to inquire into the affairs of all insurance companies doing business in the state, with the exception of life insurance companies.

The committee is to sit during the summer and report its finding, with recommendations for remedial legislation, to the legislature of 1911.

The assembly also adopted a resolution requesting the attorney general to enforce the law for the punishment of fire insurance officials who may be found guilty of violations of the stattites of the state.

Both these resolutions were sent to the senate today for concurrence. The program of the senate leaders is to act favorably on the resolutions without

Only 16 of the 132 assemblymen legislative inquiry. These sixteen were Bates, Bennett, Clark, Dana, Lupton, Perkins, Lee, Gray, Green, Higgins, Weinert, Cross and Thompson, Republicans, and Garfein and Shortt, Demo-

New York, April 5.-An effort to find out just where a payment of \$5,000 made by the New York board of fire underwriters after the legislative session of 1909 went occupied the time of Superintendent Hotchkiss at the insurance hearing

Although William H. Buckley in his testimony declared that he had not received any money from George B. Sheldon since 1905 nor had done any active work at Albany for the insurance interests, correspondence that has been read shows that Mr. Ruckley after a quiescent period of several years suddenly did become somewhat active in that session.

There were two bills introduced that year which interested the fire underwriters here very much. One was the so called Grattan-Hamm Hquidation bill, a measure promoted by the insurance department under Superintendent Hotchkiss giving the superintendent power to wind up the affairs of insurance companies which did not show a standing conforming with legal requirements. The other was the regular yearly anticompact bill, which was put in by Senator Grady.

Vice President E. H. A. Correa of the Home Insurance company and vice chairman of the New York board of fire underwriters' legislative committee identified a check for \$5,000 which the committee paid to Sheldon on

Sheldon deposited the \$5,000 check Sept. 2 in the Liberty National bank. H. S. Barto, the assistant cashier, testified that on the same day he came in after hours and asked if it was too late to get a check cashed. He wrote out a check for \$1,500 and asked for the money in bills of large denomination. Mr. Barto gave Sheldon, he said, three \$500 bills.

Superintendent Hotchkiss drew the inference from this that three senators got \$500 each.

Frederick C. Case, Sheldon's secretary, identified a letter written to Mr. Sheldon on April 20, 1909, in which he

After telephoning to you this morning I went out at once to find Mr. Buckley. He said it was no use to see assemblymen about the bill, as there would be no quorum in the committee. I shall see Schator Grattan tonight and Schator Grady in the morning. I shall be at the Ten Eyek tomorrow until 10:30. I have an ap-pointment to meet Mr. Buckley in the senate chamber at 10:44.

Case said that he was acting then under instructions from Sheldon, that he had seen Senator Grady after writing this letter, but only for a moment, and then had seen Senator Grattan. The latter told him that it was not too late in the session to grant any adjournment on his bill, but that he would be glad to hear if the insurance interests had any amendments that would make the bill acceptable. The Grady bill was afterward killed.

Mountains of Iron Ore. The world contains at least four mountains composed of almost solid iron ore. One is in Mexico, one in the United States, another in India and a fourth in Africa just below the Soudan, and there have been reports of such a mountain existing in Siberia

Mystery of Seedless Fruit. Science so far has failed to furnish any explanation of the mystery of seedless fruits. They are not the outcome of the work of man. Man perpetuates them; he does no more. The seedless orange was found in a state of seedlessness.

JEFF AND HIS RETINUE.

Leaves Frisco With a Horde of dlers and More to Come.

San Francisco, April 5.-Brown as a berry from his hunting trips in the mountains of southern California and looking fit, Jim Jeffries left here today with Sam Berger, Farmer Burns, the wrestler, and Bob Armstrong, for Rowardennan. Jeffries will begin training at once, starring with a brisk walk or a couple of games of handball. Boxing will begin immediately.

For the present Armstrong and Burns will do the boxing and tugging with Jeffries, although Berger plans to box with the fighter a couple of times a week. Jack Burns, Salina's heavyweight, probably will be added to the staff of sparring partners, and Joe Choyinski will come to the coast within a week to be one of the advisers.

Roger Cornell, trainer for the Port land Pacific Coast league team, will arrive at Rowardennan on May 1, and Frank Gotch will arrive as soon after his match with Zybysco as possible, Jim Corbett will come to the coast the

latter part of May. Eugene Vancourt, formerly boxing instructor at the Olympic club and one of the best judges of condition in the west, declares unreservedly that Jeffries looks every bit as good as when he was in the fighting game before.

SAVAGE SHOWS GAMENESS.

Earns a Draw With Flynn of Boston After a Close Call.

York, April 5.-Jim Sayage, a New Jersey heavyweight, gave a remarkable exhibition of gameness in a ten round bout with Porky Flynn of Boston at the National Sporting club

Up to the eighth round Savage appeared to be winning when suddenly Flynn caught him on the point of the jaw with a terrific right swing, which knocked him down for the count. But present voted in favor of a general Savage got up full of fight, and in the last two rounds he recovered his former strength, so that a draw was a fair verdict.

> It was a hard battle all the way, and Flynn, who came here with something of a reputation, found that he had no snap. In fact, Savage would have been entitled to a decision had it not been for a knockdown in the eighth round.

PAL MOORE BEATS JONES.

Young Quaker Featherweight Wins Ten Round Battle on Points.

New York, April 5.-Pal Moore, the young Philadelphia featherweight, defeated Willie Jones of Brooklyn in a ten round bout at the Olympic Athletic club of Harlem.

After an even break in the first round Moore began to fight in his usual aggressive style and had the better of the next seven rounds. Then Jones took a big brace and held his own in the last two rounds, though Moore subjected him to a hard thump-

Moore had not been in the ring for nearly six weeks, but he showed the same skill that has made him one of the pugilistic sensations of the winter. Jones recently knocked out Frankie Neil and had a big following at the ringside.

SULLIVAN WINS EASILY.

He Batters Sailor Burke In a Ten Round Bout In Brooklyn.

New York, April 5.-At the Marathon Athletic club in Brooklyn Jack "Twin") Sullivan of Boston outclassed Sailor Burke in a ten round bout. From start to finish the sailor did not have a look in.

In the third round Sullivan landed right and left on the sallor's nose and eyes and brought out the blood.

Sullivan at the finish did not have a scratch, while Burke was cut all over Jack McAuliffe, the old lightweight

champion, refereed the bout. KATE CLAXTON DIVORCED.

Actress Surprised to Find Husband Got Decree and Married Again.

Jersey City, N. J., April 5.-Kate Claxton, the actress, identified for a generation or more with the Two Or sages with the newly discovered Nipphans," came here to look into the marriage records, including the divorce papers filed at the same time, of Charles Stevenson, who was married here last Christmas day. Miss Claxton is Mrs. Stevenson in private life.

The actress said that although she and Stevenson had not lived together for some years she knew nothing of

his having obtained a divorce. According to the records, Charles Stevenson, fifty-five years old, of Chicago was married Dec. 25 last by Police Judge Queen to Miss Frances Reilly, aged twenty years, of New York. The divorce papers filed at the same time showed that Stevenson had obtained a divorce from Katherine Cone (Miss Claxton's maiden name) at East St. Louis, Ill., in 1902 on a desertion charge.

Stevenson is an actor and is now playing the judge in "The Fourth Estate" at the Studebaker theater, Chiengo.

Visiting Cards.

While it would be difficult to say just when visiting cards were first used, we are quite certain of the fact that they are not of very ancient date. Apparently they were adopted in English society before they were generally used on the Continent. It was probably about 1700 that they came into fashion in Great Britain, and it was as late as 1770 when they were introduced in Paris. It appears that the first visiting cards were regular playing cards, the backs of which were used for the address.

OLDEST RECORD OF NOAH'S FLOOD

Nippur Clay Tablet of 2000 B. C. Tells Story Very Like the Later Bible Narrative

Tablet is Among Fruits of 1899 Baby-Ionian Expedition Preserved at University of Pennsylvania-New Proof of the Deluge.

Philadelphia.-- Prof. Herman V. Hilprecht of the Department of Archeology of the University of Pennsylvania has found among the tablets from the "Temple Library" of Nippur, a remarkable fragment containing a portion of the "Babylonian Deluge Story," "this being, he says, the oldest extant reference to that event in writing, antedating the Bible narrative of the deluge by at least 1,000. The first announcement of this discovery was made by Prof. Hilprecht at the Acorn Club, when he gave a full account of the tablet and its translation and discussed its bearing on the other known cuneiform and other inscriptions referring to the deluge.

The following is Dr. Hilprecht's translation of this deluge tablet which was among the fragments unearthed by the 1899 expedition to Nippur.

..... Thee (The confines of Heaven and Earth) I will loosen. (A deluge I will make and) it shall

sweep away all men together; (But thou seek) life before the deluge cometh forth; (For over all living beings,) as many

as there are, I will bring overthrow destruction, annihilation Build a great shipTotal weight shall be its structure.

has been saved of live, with a strong deck cover (it.) (The ship) which thou shalt make

(Into it bring) the beasts of the field, the birds of Heaven.

(And the creeping things, two of everything) instead of a number. .Number .. and the family .. And

The words inclosed in brackets in the translation are not found in the Cuneiform text, but have been supplemented by Prof. Hilprecht according to the context. The fragment bearing the inscrip-

tion is of unbaked clay, and measures 2 3-4 inches at its greatest width, 2 5-8 inches at its greatest length, and is seven-eighths of an inch thick. It is dark brown in color, and was originally inscribed on two sides, but one side is now broken entirely away, there being, however, a few characters preserved on the right edge, forming the ends of three overlapping lines from the missing side. Prof. Hilprecht concludes that in

its complete form the tablet must have been about 7 by 10 inches, and contained from 130 and 136 lines altogether. It bears no date, but from internal evidences, from facts furnished by other yet unpublished fragments, and from the position in which it was found, Prof. Hilprecht believes that it was written some time between 2137 and 2005 B. C. Prof. Hilprecht explained the text

as a portion of the divine command to the Babylonian Noah, Ut-Napishtim to construct a ship and to save life from the all-destroying flood. In order to understand its unique value, however, it is important, he said, to know something of the corresponding passages from the known fragments of the Cuneiform deluge story, and from the Biblical narrative.

There are three of the Cuneiform fragments, two verrious from Ninevah. dating from about 60 B. C., and an early Babylonian fragment in J. Pierpont Morgan's collection. A comparison of these and of the Biblical paspur version has brought out the signicant fact that the Nippur version differs fundamentally from the two Ninevah versions, and agrees most remarkably with the Biblical story in very essential details, both as to contents and language.

The "Layard" deluge tablet in the British Museum, one of those dating from 650 B. C., agreed with the details of the Biblical narrative in only a few particulars. It was a pagan story of a deluge brought about at a council of the gods, who decided to destroy mankind. One of the gods was moved to save his protege-the Noah of the story, and sent a dream of warning on which this Noah acted. This god excused his betrayal of the secret to the other delties by the explanation that he had not told-he had only "whispered through the mat"that is, through the wall of the house on the other side of which his protege slept, and to whom this dream was

thus conveyed. Moreover, Prof. Hilprecht observed in particular that this agreement affects that part of the Pentateuch (Genesis 6:13-20, 7-11), which Old Testament critics style the "priestly code," and generally regard as having been compiled in Babylonia about 500 B. C. He thinks that the deluge story of the Old Testament must form part of the oldest traditions of Israel. and that it must have entered Canann at the time when Abraham left his home on the Euphrates and moved

westward.

HUMOR OF THE ...

Marriage Out of the Question Until Polar Views Were Known.

"Stillingia," said the young man, his voice tremulous with suppressed emotion, "are you going to put me on DR. HILPRECHT IS DISCOVERER the pazziz? Is this where I get off?" Unshed tears were in the lovely maiden's eyes

> If she had shed them they would not have been in her eyes. But let that pass.

"I have not said so, Geoffrey," reluctantly she answered, "in so many words. But-

"Listen, Stillingia!" he burst forth "Is there any other guy impetulously. that's got the inside track? Am I playing second fiddle to some snoozer with plastered hair, an ingrowing chin, and a pull at the bank? If so-" "No. Geoffrey, but-

"Then why the Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego are you stalling me off! I may not be a pampered child of fashion, but I'm on the dead lev. I've never been caught with the goods, Girlie, ever since I was a kid you've been my one best bet, and you know I'm Old Faithful from Kleengonville. I've trailed along in your wake like a night police reporter on track of a lovely holdup, or a bug collector after a gorgeous butterfly. All my life I've been building bungalows in the air for you to move into some I'd rather look at your tintype day. than to eat four square meals. You are the niftiest, peachiest dream that

"Geoffrey." Interrupted the beautiful girl, standing erect before him. pale, but calm and resolute. "I know you love me, and I am touched as never before by your devotion, but something seems to tell me that we are not truly mated-'

Here her voice faltered.

"Geoffrey," she said, recovering her-"we must not make a mistake It shall be a houseboat carrying what that will wreck our whole lives! I must ask you one question!" "Well?

"Which side do you take in this North Pole controversy?"

HUMAN VANITY.



"Why do you object so seriously to snapshot portraits of yourself?" "Because," answered Senator Sorgrules of procedure. What right has any photographer to take a man's picture without giving him the customary ten minutes' grace to fix his necktie, brush his hair and arrange a pleasant smile?"-Washington Star.

The Pink of Propriety.

When the stringed band, hidden behind the rose and carnation screen in Mrs. Poole's dining-room, begin to play an air from one of Meverbeer's operas the daughter of the house turned hopefully to the young and been told to take her in.

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"Do you like Meyerbeer?" she ask-

"I never drank a glass of one of those lagers in my life," the young man replied coldly.

WISE GIRL.



"What? You're going to marry Tom Speed? Why, he's awful!" "What makes you think so??" "I hear he's been blackballed by

every club in town." "Yes, I heard so, too. That sort of husband won't have much excuse for staying out nights, will he?"-Cleve

land Leader.

His Gentle Hint. A gentleman traveling abroad sat opposite a beautiful lady. On reach

ing the frontier a custom-house off cer entered the carriage and said: "Sir, have you anything to declare?" "My good friend," replied the gen tleman, "if I had any declaration to make it would be to this young lady, sard not to you!" REASONS OF THE DRUGGIST.

For Not Having in Stock the Thing Called For by the Customer.

Druggists are unaccountable folk surely. The other day a man was looking for a certain patented article and tried five drug stores in turn in the same neighborhood before he was successful. Naturally in the stores where he falled, the offer of something just as good was made, but that wasn't the thing that hit him hardest.

In the second store the druggist gald. "I did have that stuff in stock, but I never had any call for it. The only people who ever asked for it the agents of the company, and they were around here all the time to see if we had it in stock. So I gave it up.

In the next store, a block away, the druggist said: "Yes, I did keep that once, but when I ran out of the first supply I never could get the company to send any more. I was looking out for the wagon all the time, but for three weeks at a time they never sent it up here, so I got tired of walting Now I don't keep

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