of banks; section 2, taxation of insurance companies); chapter VII, license taxes; chapter VIII, the general franchise tax; chapter IX, the redemption of property sold to the State for delinquent taxes.

The members of the Tax Commission who have been present at the final sittings in Berkeley just concluded are as follows:

Governor George C. Pardee, chairman, Sacramento; Senator J. B. Curtin, Sonora; Senator M. L. Ward, San Diego; Assemblyman H. S. G. McCartney, Los Angeles; Assemblyman E. F. Treadwell, San Francisco; Carl C. Plehn, expert on taxation and public finance, secretary, Berkeley.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL

# State Commission Recommends Radical Changes.

BERKELEY, Oct. 24. - Radical changes in the method of levying taxes changes in the method of levying taxes in California have been decided upon by the State Tax Commission, which concluded its sittings at the home of Professor C. C. Plehn today. Professor Plehn, who has acted as secretary and expert adviser of the commission's report to the Legislature is practically finished, and will be printed in a fortnight at Sacramento. night at Sacramento.

Governor Pardee and his associates

on the commission have adopted a re-report, which, if put into the form of law by the Legislature, will almost rev-olutionize taxation methods in Califor-nia. Public service corporations will be taxed by and for the State alone, this sort of taxable property to be tak-en from the control of counties and cities, so far as taxation involves con-trol.

The corporations in question are to be taxed on the basis of gross receipts, and the following rates of taxation will be recommended to the Legislature:

Bailroads, including street railroads, not less than 4 per cent nor more than 5 per cent on gross earnings.

Express companies, 3 per cent on gross earnings.

Sleeping car, refrigerator car, fruit car and other car companies, not less than 4 per cent nor more than 5 per cent on gross earnings.

Telegraph and telephone companies, 3½ per cent on gross earnings.

Light, heat and power companies, not less than 4 per cent nor more than 5 per cent on gross earnings.

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Banks, 1 per cent nor more than 5 per cent on gross earnings.

Banks, 1 per cent nor he book value of the capital stock, less the value of real estate taxed locally.

Insurance companies, 2 per cent on premiums received.

General corporation tax, now \$20 fiat. raised to 1-20 of 1 per cent on capital stock.

The commission's report will also

The commission's report will also recommend the assessing of real property at its actual value, and the making of a low tax rate in consequence. The report will be a bulky volume of about 500 pages. The expert work involved in its preparations has been largely done by Professor C. C. Plehn, professor of economics in the State University.

OUTLINE OF REPORT.

A general outline of the report in-cludes the following features:

Part 1: The present tax system—Chapter I, analysis of the present revenues of the State; chapter II, analysis of the revenue sof the revenue laws of California, with comments on their operation; chapter III, inequalities in the existing system of taxation; chapter IV, taxation of money and credits; chapter V, taxation of franchises; chapter VI, city taxes in California, tables only; chapter VII, cost of collecting taxes, tables only.

Part II: Recommendation—Chapter I, separation, general argument and Il-lustrations from other States, from preliminary report; chapter II, separation in California; chapter III, taxation of railroads; chapter IV, taxation of public service corporations, other than railroads (Section 1, taxation of street railroads; section 2, taxation of express companies; section 3, tax.tion of car companies; section 4, taxation of telegraph and telephone companies; section 5, taxation of light, heat and power companies; section 6, taxation of pipe line and oil companies); chapter V, gross earnings taxes in theory; chapter VI, taxation of banks and insurance companies (Section 1, taxation

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SUPREME BENCH. Unofficial Advices Confirm

Report That He Will Be Named to Succeed Brown DIPLOMATIC CHANGES

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.-While no official statement is obtainable, unofficial advices confirm the report that the

cial advices confirm the report that the President will appoint Attorney General William H. Moody of Massachusetts to the vacancy in the supreme bench made by the retirement of Associate Justice Henry B. Brown.

The announced intention of the President to appoint Moody to the supreme bench came as a surprise, as it was generally understood that he eliminated the Attorney General from consideration in that connection because of the fact mainly that Massachusetts already had a representative on the bench in the person of Associate Justice Holmes.

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Moody's nomination will be sent to the Senate when Congress convenes, but general expectation is that he will not take his seat on the bench until about January 1, when, as previously announced, he expects to retire from the attorney generalship.

The fact that George von L. Meyer, Embassador to Russia, is slated to become Postmaster General next March has already led to gossip as to his probable successor to the Russian mission. The name of Lloyd C. Griscom of Pennsylvania, now Embassador to Brazil, has been mentioned as a most likely successor to Meyer, in which case it is reported that John Barrett, now Minister to Colombia, probably will be appointed to succeed Griscom at Rio de Janeiro.

RED BUD, Ill., Oct. 24.—Anton Millibach, a German farmer residing at Renault, Monroe County, Illinois, was whitecapped last Tuesday night and died on Friday night. Millibach went to town on Tuesday and became slightly intoxicated. A gang surrounded him in a saloon and threatened to hang him, He resisted, but was overpowered. Then the lights were put out and he was beaten and thrown out of the place.

Millbach then got into his wagon and started home. Part of the gang was waiting for him at the outskirts of the village. They showered him with stones. He fell in his wagon and was taken home by a bartender. RED BUD, Ill., Oct. 24 .- Anton Milli-

taken home by a bartender.

The whitecappers are composed of idle young men who hang around the saloons of the village and persecute strangers, simple-minded persons and

A Coroner's jury yesterday brought in a verdict that Millibach came to his death from injuries received from unknown persons. Millibach left a widow and five children.

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RED. BLUFF, Oct. 24.—In Red Bluff this afternoon United States Deputy Marshal Thomas J. Arnerich arrested Thomas J. Armstrong, a wealthy resident of the Balls Ferry section, for inclosing illegally Government lands. Armstrong is an extensive cattle raiser and his arrest is the result of a recent indictment by the United States Grand Jury. He gave bonds in the sum of \$10,000 and was released. Armstrong will fight the charge in the courts. Many other persons in different sections of the northern part of the State are apprehensive that similar trouble awaits them, the Government authorities being determined to stop the practice of the cattlemen in unlawfully appropriating Government lands. along the Russian River, near the coast, has begun a suit against the Western Redwood Lumber Company for \$5000 and asks for a restraining order to prohibit the company from further operations. Markham alleges that the company conducts a lumber mill on its property adjoining his in the vicinity of Jenner Gulch and throws the waste sawdust on the banks of the creek by means of an elevator. The sawdust is fired and kept burning. This

his property valued at over \$50,000, as well as all his improvements and scattered sawdust at the same time spoils the water in the vicinity for the use of cattle.

Critics says it's the best story in years—"The Conquest of Canaan," by Booth Tarkington, which starts serially in The Sunday Call.

SEVEN KILLED BY EXPLOSION.

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., Oct. 24.—By an explosion in the mine of the Cambria Steel Company here today seven men fully but not fatally hurt. The explosion is thought to have been caused by the igniting of gas by the setting off a blast. Most of the victims were foreigners, SEVEN KILLED BY EXPLOSION.

NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—Rev. Charles W. Parkhurst, president of the Society for the Prevention of Crime, appeared in Jefferson Market Court today in answer to a summons issued on the request of Deputy Police Commissioner Mathot as a reply of the Police Department to the charges contained in Dr. Parkhurst's open letter to Mayor McClellan charging that the town was wide open and that Commissioner Bingham was not executing the law. The summons was withdrawn when Parkhurst promised that the information in regard to the alleged disorderly houses and gambling houses in the society's possession would be handed over to Commissioner Bingham.

CIGAR COMPANY RAISES PAY. NEW YORK, Oct. 24 .- It was an-NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—It was announced here yesterday that a 10 to 25 per cent increase had been made in the pay of the employes of the American Cigar Company of Detroit, to go into effect in the company's factories throughout the country at once. All classes of employes, both skilled and unskilled, will benefit.

PREDICTS BIG IMMIGRATION. WASHINGTON. Oct. 24.—"The total immigration to the United States may reach 1,400,000 people this year," said Secretary Metcalf of the Department of Commerce and Labor as he left the White House after a brief talk with the President today.



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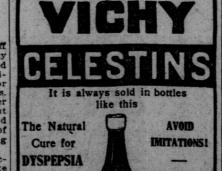


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