## CALL ISSUEJ

No Specific Purpose in Call, but Tariff Will Be Chief Subject of Consideration.

MR. WILSON PREPARING HIS FIRST MESSAGE

Some Attention Will Be Devoted by President to Need for Currency Revision.

By Associated Press. Washington, March 17 .- Presiden Wilson today issued the formal proclamation convening congress in ex-

tra session on April 7, at noon. The president's pronounce pronouncement today was brief and followed form closely. It stated merely that "where-as, public interests require" congress be transmitted to the senare it was as, public interests require" congress would be convened in extra session by order of the executive.

upon April 1 as the date, Representa-tive Underwood, democratic leader, having informed him that the tariff tills to which it was agreed congress hould give immediate attention, said be ready on that date. Mr. should Underwood, found that the ways and means committee would need another week to draft the tariff schedules and today's proclamation is in deferonce to the wishes of leader Underwood and House leaders.

The absence of any specific reason for the calling of the extra session is explained by the fact that Mr. Wil-'s statement immediately after his election, declared that he would call an extra session to revise the

President Wilson plans to point out specifically his wishes for the extra session in his first message, in pre-paration. This, it is known from police the president has had with dministration's idea of how the tariff should be revised and just what s hedules should be taken up. The belief is general that the entire message will be taken up with a disussion of the tariff with the excepion of the last paragraph or two bich will draw attention to the need of currency legislation at the earliest possible moment and will in it to the ter a special message on some other subjects which he believes should be taken up by the new congress.
Report Will Be Ready.

The tariff plan will be submitted first to a caucus and then directly to the house by the ways and means committee.

report by that time," said cratic Leader Underwood today. There will be no trouble about re porting the revised plan when the congress convenes.

The majority of the ways and means committee today began taking up the administrative features of the new tariff. These provisions relate to the variety of custom house routine and the effort of the democrats in changing the terms and phraseology of the administrative section to simplify and facilitate the customs work, both in the interest of the government and the importance of changes along. porters. A number of changes along that line were suggested by witnesses during the tariff hearings in January.

The tariff revision plan will be in such condition that whatever form the caucus determines upon can be reported immediately out of the com-mittee and the whole tariff discussion formally opened in the house without

There will be no attempt to name all or even the bulk of the house committees before the extra session, that being reserved until near the close of the extra session. The ways and means committee personnel already has been determined upon in democratic caucus of the \$3rd congress and it will be ratified by the house at the opening of the extra session, when the committee on rules, mileage and accounts also will be payied. Whether any other committers will be created for doing busiher sat the extra session depends on levelopment between now and development

#### CORRUPTION CHARGED IN SENATE CONTEST

By Associated Press. Concord, N. H., March 17.—A legislative committee appointed to investi-cate charges of corruption in the con-test for the United States senatorship who is here now. n the legislature began its hearing

tender.

Here today.

Henry F. Hollis, democrat, was fatal.

elected last Thursday after a tong struggle in which he had been within a few.votes of success on many bal-

February Commerce Record Breaking.

By Associated Press.

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Weekington, March 17.—A high record for February in the history of American foreign commerce was entailed in the press.

Washington, March 17.—John Bassett Moore, professor of international law at Columbia University in the last imports and imports and a recognized authority on that are mounted to \$343,555,120 and there is balance of trade in favor of the to the department of state. Professor in the department of state in the department of state in the department of state in the department of state.

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Mr. McCombs May Comply with Wilson's Wish, but Won't Resign from Committee.

COMMISSION NAMED FOR FARM CREDITS

Wilson Designates Men Who Will Investigate European Plans for Aiding in Agriculture.

By Associated Press. Washington, March 17.-The nomination of Chairman William F. Mc-Combs, of the democratic national committee to be ambassador to France was prepared at the White withheld at Mr. McCombs request. Mr. McCombs has decided to accept Originally Mr. Wilson had fixed the post and it is said the delay doe not mean a change in his intention Washington, March 17.—President Wilson wore a shamrock sprig in the

lapel of his coat today. His secretary, Joseph Patrick Tumulty, also saw that everybody around the executive offices recognized St. Patrick's day in similar fashion. Mr. Tumulty distributed the shamrocks sent to the president by ohn E. Redmond, Irish leader in par lament. The president today appointed Sena

ors Fletcher of Florida and Gore of Oklahoma, Representative Moss of Inliana, Col. Harvey Jordan of Georgia Dr. John Lee Coulter of Minnesota Dr. Kenyon L. Butterfield of Massa-chusetts and Clarence J. Owen of Maryland members of the commis-sion authorized in the last agricultural appropriation bill to co-operate with the American commission as sembled under auspices of the South ern Commercial congress to investi gate and study in European countries o-operative rural credit unions similar organizations devoted to the promotion of agriculture and the bet terment of rural conditions. ame men also have been designates s delegates to the general assembly o the international institute of agriculture in Rome next August

Intimations were received at the White House today that National hairman William F McCombs finaly might acce le to the president's re quest that he become ambassador to as making such rapid progress with the orgaization of the democratic na tional committee that he probably would be in a position to go abroad within a month. It is not improbable hat Mr. McCombs will retain chair manship of the democratic national committee and he may return befor the next presidential campaign to take

ip active political work. Little Miss Josephine Cothran, beter known as the "White House baby, left today with her mother, Mrs. Per rin Cothran, for Raleigh, N. C. had been here since the inauguration favorite with the preddent and his

## MAY GAUSE DEATH

Aged Financier in Critical Condition as Result of Recent Fall.

By Associated Press. Palm Beach, Fla., March 17.—The injury to H. M. Flagler, who fell on a marble stair two weeks ago, continues to be alarming and three physicians are in attendance upon him. The inconstantly confined to his bed. Mr. Flagler is under the care of Dr. Owen Keenan, who recently called into con-sultation Dr. Newton Shaffer, a joint specialist of New York. All inquiries at Whitehall are met with the state-ment that Mr. Plagier is improving as rapidly as can be expected of a man of his age, which is 84 years. Few people have been admitted to his bed chamber except Mr. Parrott, president of the Florida East Coast rallway, who was here a few days ago, and Mr.

Grave fears are entertained by clos friends that the injury may yet prove

#### MOORE APPOINTED

International Law Expert Will Be Counselor to the Department of State.

### HICKORY NUT GAP ROAD AND RIDGE CREST -- OLD FORT LINK TO BE BUILT

Convicts to Be Furnished for Former, and Governor Hopes It Will Be Open by Late Summer-\$10,000 Federal Money for Latter Road-Road M eeting to Be Held at Bat Cave March 31—People Will Have to Furnish Teams for Work.

HE legislature enacted a which authorizes the building of the Hickory Nut Gap road. statute provides that the state shall furnish the convicts and equip them, and declares that this road from the Rutherford county line to the Buncombe line through Henderson ounty shall be a state road. Governor Craig announces that the convicts will be put on the road just as soon as possible, and the effort will be made to complete it for the latter part of the summer travel. The passage of this statute was secured by the sen-ator and the representatives from Buncombe, and the senator and rep-resentative from Rutherford. March 31 there will be a road meeting at Bat Cave, or in the neighborhood of Bat governor, Dr. Pratt, Senerar Weaver degree to the production of canta-of Buncombe, Senator Carson of Ruth-loupes, watermelons and vegetables of erford. Representatives Roberts and all kinds. The road will give this seof Rutherford are expected to be at and will be of inestimable value to al

OF SAFE ROBBERIES

Robbers Took Nothing but

Diamonds and Light Jew-

elry, Etc., Leaving

Watches on Floor.

By Associated Press.

who robbed Martia Simons & Sons'

pawnshop on the East Side sometime

vesterday of over \$250,000 worth of

It was one of the most during and

successful robberies committed in this

It came as a climax of a series of

safe-blowing robberies which for more

tention of a special "safe squad" of detectives organized by Deputy Police

Commissioner Doughterty. Since Jan-uary 1 more than 20 safes have been

racked and robbed in the lower East Side. The police believe the robbers

are the same as those connected with

many of the previous burglaries and

in one instance they have a clue to this effect. When Herman Shapiro's

nawnshop on the Bowery was robbed

of \$6000 by cracksmen last Thursday night the robbers left behind them a

pair of cotton gloves which they had used to avoid finger prints. The rob-

bers of the Simons shop left behind two pairs of gloves like this. This

vague clue, however, is the only one the detectives are known to have.

heavy brick and concrete walls, avoiding a network of burglar alarm wires, and stole \$250,000 worth of dia-

monds from the safe of Martin Simons & Sons' pawnshop on the lower East Side, were seen in fight

with their booty by a woman, the po

ice announced today.
This woman, whose name the po-

lice withheld, lives in a five-story tenement adjoining the pawnshop.

She told the detectives that she

Cracksmen, who tunnelled through

than nine months has engaged the at-

city within the memory of the present

ceneration of policemen.

EW YORK, March 17 .- Fifty

detectives are at work today trying to run down cracksmen

\$250,000 HAUL

Enter Pawnshop Safe

New York, Which Con-

tained Stuff Worth

\$800,000.

People Must Help.
The locality through which this road passes must help to build it. The state will furnish everything except the teams. At the road meeting in United States government has made Rutherford last summer Mr. Craig an appropriation of \$10,000 for roads promised that this road should be in North Carolina, providing that the built, providing the people there would co-operate. Dr. M. H. Fletcher is chairman of the committee that was promoting this undertaking. The soad is a link in the highway from Char-lotte to Asheville, and will be of the greatest benefit to the counties of Eutherford and Buncombe, and to the people coming in automobiles from Charlotte and the regions round about.

A Fine Garden Section. That section of Rutherford county ving along this road immediately east Cave, for the purpose of arranging for of the Blue Ridge is in the isothermal the commencement of the work. The belt, and is adapted in the finest Williams and Representative Coffield tion a fine market for their produce,

taken from the safe. From the wo-

man they obtained good descriptions

of the men. Later they took her to

the rogue's gallery to identify the men if possible from the pictures of

Knew What They Were About.

The care with which the burglars out their way by a devious route from

an adjoining cellar to the Simons building convinced the detectives they

were very familiar with the premise

The men had carefully avoided using

the tasement stairway which was open to them but sawed their way

through two of the floors, apparently

great steel doors or their locks but

attached the walls-two feet thick

They were rewarded by access to such

richer that the robbers must have been stunned. The vaults contained

valuables worth \$800,000 according to

Simons-\$600,000 in jewelry and watches upon which money had been

\$8000 in cash and checks. The thiever

took the bonds and notes, but threv

them away before leaving the build

ing. In the vault they took nothing but diamonds and light jewelry con-

tained in 24 drawers. Watches and other jewelry of less value, packed

away in 260 small drawers and com-

wing that the stairway

criminals on file there. -

Ridge Crest to Old Fort. The legislature also enacted a statut that insures the building of the roa from Ridge Crest to Old Fort. governor should designate the upon which it is to be spent, and providing further that \$20,000 additiona be spent upon the road. Governo Craig has decided to designate this road from Ridge Crest to Old Fort. and an act was passed authorizing Old Fort township to issue \$20,000 in bonds. This means that the road

rossing the Blue Ridge will be

at once, and this is a link in the Cen-

ral highway.

When this Central highway is com pleted and in proper shape thousands of automobiles will come to Asheville rom all sections of North Carolina Governor Craig expects to turnsville March 25, and hopes to be n Asheville the following day, remaining here until March 31

### BY CRACKSMAN HARKRADER TAKEN

A. F. Todd of Surry County Arrested and Taken to Greensboro.

By Associated Press. Greensboro, N. C., March 17,-A. M. Rose of Independence, Va., arrived in Greensboro shortly after midnight this morning having in custody A. F. Todd of Surry county, N. C., charged with beating up Deputy Marshal Harkrader and the sheriff of Surry county several weeks ago. There was an out standing reward of \$275 for Todd, who is a member of a notorious band of moonshiners and desperadoes in the section formerly inhabited by Sidns Allen. Floyd Allen and others of that clan. Todd admitted that he was the

man wanted.
Todd and several members of th gang, it is alleged, waylald Harkrader and the Surry sheriff and after handcuffing them together beat them in a frightful manner and left them on a cold night on the highway. Harkrader has never fully recovered from the effects of his injuries

#### with burglar alarms. In like manner, when they reached the big vault in the pawnshop they did not touch the DAMAGE TO PEACH CROP IS FEARED IN GEORGIA

Should Forecast for Frost be foaned, \$130,000 in negotiable securities and \$60,000 in notes, as well as Correct the Loss Will be Heavy.

By Associated Press. Macon, Ga., March 17 .- The peach op of middle Georgia is in imminent partments were not taken although all danger unless there is a rise in tem the drawers had been pulled from their places and the jewelry and perature before nightfall. A brisk wind saved the crop last night. There watches dropped on the floor until was plenty of ice throughout this sec tion this morning and lower temper tures are expected tonight.

The peach crop is now in its most susceptible stage to cold. A heavy frost such as in predicted for tonight f there is no wind would mean total BY OFFICE SEEKERS destruction. Young vegetables and other growing crops have been seriusly hurt by the cold snap.

#### Cabinet Member Says He Can- DECLINE TO PRESENT PEACE TERMS TO PORTE

Powers Will Inform Allies Their Proposals are not Admissable.

was going down stairs about 10 o'clock yesterday morning when a strange man came up from the cellar of the tenement. He carried an acetylene lamp on his shoulder. She followed him to the street and saw another man drove up with a wagon. Into the wagon the first man placed the lamp, He then went back to the cellar and returned in a few minutes with another lamp and a parcel done up in manila paper. He placed the wagon and they drove away.

The police are certain that these are the men who chiselled through the walls of the tenement's foundation to the cellar of the pawnshap. The province of the pawnshap of the province of the paw

# NAVAL STORES

Great Combine, Alleging Federal Assaults Have Destroyed Its Credit, Quits Business.

LOANS BY ITS BANKS ARE WELL SECURED

They Are Amply Protected by Collateral, Statement Asserts-Assets Far Exceed Liabilities.

By Associated Press Savannah, Ga., March 17 .- The American Naval Stores company tolay announced its suspension. It isued a statement showing liabilities of It claims its credit was mpaired by prosecutions in United States courts as naval stores thrust. 'A meeting of its creditors is called for March 21. E, S. Nash, the president, is in Europe and in his absence the secretary of the company present ed the following statement:

"The American Naval Stores com-pany has been forced to suspend. The company has not lost a dollar and its assets, at conservative present values, exceed its liabilities by about \$4,000, 00, but the credit of the company has dowly become contracted, due almos entirely to the persistent and continued assaults made upon the construction and contractual relations of the corporation by the government in its States courts as naval stores trust.
Unable to Obtain Capital.

"With two of its executive officers of their case by the United States Supreme court and the governmen pressing a civil suit for the discountion of the company and the dest. its business (a business which it has taken 30 years of itnelligent work to construct and which has opened u to the producers of naval stores the markets of the world), it goes without saying that the company is in no position to solicit new capital and mus depend entirely upon its present re These resources, although ources. large and valuable, with the pany's credit contracted and with the marketing of the new crop of nava stores almost at hand, are insufficien o meet its financial requirements This situation has recently becomstill more acute by reason of the pre

vailing of the financial stringence throughout the entire world; thus nent avenues for relief, which ordinarily would have been at our disposal. Under these circumstances and realizing that there was nothing we could do to avert ultimate suspension he management decided that th best, wisest and fairest course for the company to pursue would be to stop perations at once, and devise our creditors of our condition. This has been done and we have called a meeting of our creditors to be held in Sa-

vannah on next Friday, the 21st, in-Creditors Well Protected. "The loans of the American, with its seven or eight Savannah banks have always been and are now secur-ed by ample collateral which is well

margined, and no one bank has any excessive amount of paper. There is therefore, no possibility of any loss. Our largest indebtedness is in New York and the east. "At this time our sympathy chiefly coes out to the hundreds of intelligent and faithful employes of our com-pany, many of whom have been in

our service for a dozen years or more, and who without fault on their part. unless the company can weather its misfortunes, will be thrown upon their own resources."
"The American and the naval stores

industry are among the first victims of an insensate crusade against the big businesses of the country. This is the only statement that will be made by the company until after

the meeting of its creditors." The American has been out of the naval stores market for the past week and this has resulted in the greates stagnation in the naval stores market There have been no sales of cons quence during the past four or five days caused by the withdrawal of the American from the list of bidders,

#### **NEWSPAPER PUBLICITY** LAW'S ENFORCEMENT **ENJOINED BY COURT**

By Associated Press. Washington, March 17.—The sup reme court today granted a restrain

reme court today granted a restraining order to prevent Postmaster-General Burleson from enforcing the newspaper publicity law while the court has under consideration the question of its constitutionality.

The injunction was granted upon a request last week by Robert C. Morris, attorney for the New York Journal of Commerce, which has attacked the validity of the active by the constitutional professionaster-General Burleson had notified bim that hewapepers which

Carranzaistas Repulsed at Nuevo Laredo after Sharp Conflict in Which Many are Hurt.

RUSH OF REFUGEES TO AMERICAN SOIL

Combatants Heed Warning by Colonel Brewer Not to Fire into the Texas City.

By Associated Press. Laredo, Tex., March 17 -A handful of Carrangaista constitutionalists under cover of darkness this morning crept into Nuevo Laredo, the port of entry into Mexico on the Mexican railway from the United States to Mexico City. After two hours fighting the Carranzaistas retreated. No harm to Americans from bullets straying across the border was reported. Casualties in the Mexican town were re-

ported to be heavy. The battle unexpectedly began in Nuevo Laredo. Carranza followers, numbering 200, during the night had forced their way into the city limits and occupied a lard factory. At dawn salvo of rifle firing awoke Americans in Laredo. The first sight that greeted them was a mad rush of refugees blackened the bridge between here and Nuevo Laredo. Men and women with bables

arms and children afoot jammed the bridge heedless of horses and wagons. piled high with household goods or cracking with passengers. Bobbing above the heads of the human stream were boxes, trunks, pet animals and birds, all sorts of valuables snatched up when the rifle fire began. Numer-ous officials of Nuevo Laredo were among the refugees. These officers carried books and records by the armul. The Carranzalstas at 3 o'clock his morning arrived within four miles of Nuevo Laredo and opened a light ifle fire in the darkness. The distance was too great, however, for this pre iminary to arouse the sleeping Amercan town or to seriously disturb Nue vo Laredo. The Carranzaistas under cover of darkness, advanced cautionsy until they were within the city imits of the Mexican town, where the shadowy bulk of a lard factory atracted them. They rushed into it. parricading windows and constructng light but effective-looking renchments for skirmish lines by the aid of outlying fences and sheds.

At 3:30 o'clock their rifles awoke the twin cities with a sudden fusillade. This was followed by silence lasting shout an hour when the firing was again renewed for a few minutes, only to be succeeded by another silence, Up to 8 o'clock there had been no sign of stray bullets across the border into Laredo or vicinity. Colonel Brewer, commanding officer of the 14th United States cavalry, on patrol duty here, sent word early in the that there must be no firing in a direc-tion which would endanger border

respected this injunction. Early reports placed the number of Carranzaistas at 600 but when the retreat began their number was esti-

points. Apparently the combatants

It was reported that many persons had been wounded in the fighting in Nuevo Laredo. The first reports of casualties told of the wounding of a woman and a child by stray bullets.

22 Zapatistas Shot.
Puebla, Mex., March 17,—A detechment of 22 adherents of the rebel Zapata were captured by federal troops near here yesterday, taken to a neighboring farm, lined up and shot without trial.

#### POLICEMAN KILLS NEGRO WHO ASSAULTED WOMAN

New York Officer Puts Four Bullets into Black Who Slashed.

By Associated Press.

New York, March 17.—A negro who accosted a young woman as she emerged from an uptown subway station early today was shot dead by a policeman. The girl's screams had brought the policeman to the rescue and as he interferred the negro slashed him across the face with a rasor. Then the negro ran.

Weak from loss of blood, but determined, the policeman gave chaostook steady aim, fired five times and the negro dropped with four suilets in his body. The negro's name was Daniel Davis.

Preparing for Bankers' Convention

## they were a foot deep. MR. M'ADOD IS SWAMPED

not Receive Applicants and Do Business.

By Associated Press.

Washington, March 17 .- The first sequence to President Wilson's deter-mination to refer office seekers to members of his cabinet came today when Secretary McAdoo announced that he was compelled to decline to receive personal applications for of-