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## BRIEF NEWS NOTES FOR THE BUSY MAN

MOST IMPORTANT EVENTS OF  
THE PAST WEEK TOLD IN  
CONDENSED FORM.

### WORLD'S NEWS EPITOMIZED

Complete Review of Happenings of  
Greatest Interest From All  
Parts of World.

#### Southern.

After a special session of fourteen days, in which 316 witnesses were examined, the Lincoln county, Mississippi grand jury, which has been investigating the alleged vote-selling scandal of the August Democratic primary, finally adjourned having turned in 56 true bills, not all of which, however, charge vote-trafficking. Seven arrests have been made. The names of many prominent persons, both in church and politics, have been connected with the affair.

The central bureau for the validation of cotton bills of lading recently established in New York City is still in operation, despite rejection of the plan by Southern bankers and cotton shippers at New Orleans. It was said at the bureau that no action would be taken pending the return from the south of Charles S. Haight, American representative of the Liverpool committee. New York bankers think the action of the Southern conference effectively put an end to the validation plan.

Samuel E. Hyde, confessed murderer of his young wife and her father, was convicted by a jury and sentenced to be hanged at Anderson, S. C. The reading of the verdict had no effect on the prisoner, who said, later, the finding was a just one; that he was guilty of murder and expected to be convicted. Under the laws of South Carolina, pleas of guilty in murder cases are forbidden. The jury was out less than an hour.

The cotton interests of the South will have absolutely nothing to do with the Liverpool spinners' scheme of a New York clearing house for cotton bills of lading. This was settled beyond peradventure when ringing resolutions denouncing the scheme was passed by the representatives of Southern cotton interests gathered at the New Orleans cotton exchange to discuss the matter.

An organization of a \$4,000 concern, known as the Southern Cotton Corporation, with an eye to controlling the marketing of the cotton from the South, was announced at Macon, Ga., by George Dole Wadley of Bowling Brooke, one of the wealthiest men in Georgia, and controlling financial interests of great extent. The concern will work in connection with a string of banks operated by the National Bank Audit company, of which William Barrett Ridgely, former comptroller of currency, is president. The Southern Cotton Corporation will advance farmers' money up to 74 per cent of the normal price on cotton deposited in warehouses. This cotton will be held and when the time arrives each year when a correct estimate will be fixed and the cotton held until such price is paid.

#### General.

According to an official communication from the Italian government, the cholera cases in Italy are decreasing. From September 10 to 17, inclusive, there were a total of 1,007 cases with 320 deaths. For the first time since the epidemic began, the disease has made its appearance in Sardinia, nineteen deaths from a total of fifty-four cases at Cagliari being reported.

A new record for speed in the Kentucky courts was established at Maysville when W. T. Ham, a 62-year-old church worker, was tried and sentenced to forty years in the penitentiary charged with attacking three little girls under 12 years of age.

The Tradesmen's Trust company of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, has closed its doors. The company was established in 1890 and has paid up capital of \$500,000. Peter Boyd is president of the institution.

Revolution is still simmering all through Mexico. Reports were received telling of rebel successes.

The conquest of the Atlantic, the most ambitious exploit yet undertaken by an aviator, is contemplated by a Danish airman, who describes his plans in a letter published in The Nord Lyset, a Danish newspaper of Brooklyn. This aviator writes that he has enlisted the necessary financial aid and made arrangements to fly next spring from Copenhagen to New York, resting only at London and Queenstown, and upon ships stationed at intervals across the Atlantic ocean.

Two lives were the toll paid by the world of aviation. Frank Miller, a daring young birdman, was cremated in mid-air, at Troy, Ohio, and "Dare Devil" Castellani lost his life in an accident that befell him three-quarters of a mile above ten thousand spectators at Elmira, N. Y. In another accident, Vangie Ludwig was severely bruised when his aeroplane failed to work and landed in the midst of a yard of horses, causing forty runaways into a crowd of thousands of people.

The Laurier government and reciprocity suffered an overwhelming defeat in the Canadian elections. By a veritable political landslide, the Liberal majority of 43 was swept away, and the Conservative party secured one of the heaviest majorities—upwards of 50—that any Canadian party has ever had. Robert L. Borden, leader of the Conservative party, will shortly become prime minister of Canada.

The government defeat means that the Fielding-Knox reciprocity agreement ratified by the American congress in extra session, will not be introduced when the twelfth parliament assembles next month. Spurred on by appeals to patriotism and the cry that reciprocity was the entering wedge for annexation, the Conservatives swept nearly everything before them.

It was reported in New York on excellent authority that the matter of dissolving and reorganizing the United States Steel Corporation is receiving the earnest attention of the department of justice and legal representatives of the so-called "billion dollar trust." There is ground also for the assertion that the steel corporation is making a strenuous effort to meet the demands of the government, but little headway has yet been made.

United States Circuit Judge Peter Stenger Grosscup of Chicago, one of the most widely known Federal jurists in the United States, has resigned, to take effect October 1. The announcement came as a surprise. It has been rumored that he would take this step as a result of statements concerning his attitude in the Chicago traction litigation and other matters in his court. He always laughed at the rumors and seldom replied to the statements.

Intense excitement prevailed in Kieff, Russia, over the death of Premier Stolypin, and it needed but a single spark to set off a bloody disaster. Flags fluttered at half-mast over all the public buildings and over many of the private buildings, while thousands of Cossacks and foot soldiers patrolled the streets to preserve order. More than 250 arrests have been made, some for political causes, others merely on suspicion, but all relating to the intense situation.

If present plans do not miscarry, the stentorian voice of John L. Sullivan, the former world's champion heavyweight, may be heard ringing in the lower halls of congress within a year or two. The candidacy of the one-time champion heavyweight prize fighter of the world has been launched by a number of his Democratic neighbors, and Mr. Sullivan will make a formal statement from his Massachusetts farm within a few days, it is said.

With a big hole in her starboard quarter, the Olympic, proudest of the White Star company's trans-Atlantic liners, and the biggest passenger vessel afloat, returned to Southampton, England, four hours after she had sailed for New York. Her more than 2,000 passengers were unharmed.

#### Washington.

President Taft had a heart-to-heart talk at Peoria, Illinois, with the leaders of the different Republican factions in Illinois, defined his status as to Progressiveness, pleaded guilty to being a poor politician, acknowledged again his ambition had lain in the direction of the office of chief justice rather than the presidency, admitted that he had undoubtedly made mistakes, but asserted as president he had tried to do what he thought to be right.

Business war was declared upon the so-called "bread trust" by delegates to the Bakery and Confectionery Workers' International Union of America in conference in Kansas City. Factories will be established by the union in the strongholds of the alleged combine and attempt made to drive the non-union bakeries out of business. The committee appointed to investigate the "trust problem" reported to the convention that enough money could be raised immediately to finance six factories costing \$75,000 each.

The resignation from the navy of Lieutenant Roy C. Smith was accepted by the acting secretary of the navy (Nicholson) to take effect when Lieutenant Smith arrived at his home in Niles, Mich. Lieutenant Smith's resignation is said to have been given at the request of Rear Admiral Murdoch, commanding the Asiatic fleet, after a court of inquiry had investigated charges of unbecoming conduct against him. He was attached to the submarine Villalobos, and his brother officers persuaded him to resign rather than cause a naval scandal.

## DAMAGE SUIT OVER ALBEMARLE BRIDGE

SUIT IS FOR THE DESTRUCTION  
OF A BOAT BECAUSE OF THE  
BRIDGE.

### BOAT WRECKED ON SHOAL

Bridge Was Constructed by Authority  
of the General Assembly of North  
Carolina—Has Right to Authorize  
Construction of Such Bridges.

Raleigh.—The matter of the Norfolk Southern bridge over Albemarle Sound has again come up before the Supreme Court of North Carolina. This time, it is a suit for damages for the destruction of a boat because of the bridge. The suit is entitled Whitehurst vs. Railroad and the opinion in the case, handed down by the Supreme Court is written by Justice Brown.

It appears that there are two drawbridges working on pivots in the bridge and that during the construction of the bridge, a sailing boat coming up Albemarle Sound found one of the drawbridges closed to allow the cement to set. The sailing boat tacked over to the other drawbridge and started to go through when it discovered that that part of the draw was blocked by a pile driver. The drawbridge works on a pivot, and when open presents two openings through the bridge. One of these openings was blocked by the pile driver and the other was open and unobstructed. The captain of the boat, attempted to "come about" when he saw this opening was blocked but the boat failed to respond and was wrecked on a shoal. Judge Brown states that this bridge was being constructed under authority granted by the general assembly of North Carolina and the general assembly has the right to authorize such structures across navigable waters within its border subject to the power of the National Government and if reasonable spaces are left for the passage of the vessels, such structures are not a nuisance but entirely lawful. He further states that the injury, the destruction of the boat was not due to any negligence of the railroad but was an accident which could not be foreseen, the proximate cause being the failure of the boat to respond to her helm.

The First Farm-Life School.  
Dr. J. Y. Joyner, state superintendent of public instruction, has returned from New Bern, where he attended the meeting of the board of directors of Craven county, who located the Farm-Life School at Vanceboro. "The selection of Vanceboro," Mr. Joyner said, "was on the fifty-eighth ballot. There was a great deal of earnest and generous rivalry, all in good spirit. In fact, it showed the enthusiasm of the people for the school and their estimate of the value of it. At the conclusion of the meeting a motion was made—and it was given a hearty second by the advocates of other places—and carried unanimously to make the selection of Vanceboro unanimous, assurances being given of the cordial support of the school by the representatives of all the competing places.

Charters for Five Corporations.  
Charters for five new corporations were granted. The Fleming Company, Charlotte, capital \$125,000. R. H. Perry, W. D. Rock, A. W. Burch and others incorporators, will do a wholesale and retail drug business. The Shafer-Landquist Company, Winston-Salem, capital \$25,000, by J. P. Shafer, T. E. Landquist and others, for drug business; the Enfield Farmers' Union Warehouse Company, Enfield, capital \$25,000, by J. H. Sherrod and others; the A. V. Driver Company, Selma, capital \$25,000, by A. V. Driver and others; for mercantile business; the Chicora Club (Inc.) Dunn, no capital, for social purposes, J. W. Wilson and others.

Judge Sentenced A Blind Tiger.  
In the Greensboro Superior Court Judge Allen sentenced Charles Robinson, who had been keeping a blind tiger and disorderly house near Revolution Mills, to six months on the county roads. His attorneys made eloquent pleas in his behalf, and while the judge yielded to their plea for leniency he would not allow the man a fine. Dr. McLaurin, a negro physician, was fined \$100 and the costs in four cases for giving prescriptions to other negroes for cocaine.

The Postmasters Adjourn.  
The closing session of the North Carolina Postmasters' Association adjourned to meet next year at Wilmington. The choice was unanimous. Much routine business was transacted, followed by the election of officers. The feature of the routine business was the report of the committee on resolutions by which they thanked Postmaster Rollins and Assistant J. L. Wagner, of the city reception committee, board of trade, Hendersonville authorities and the Asheville press for hospitality and favors.

An Attempt to Wreck a Train.  
A dastardly but unsuccessful attempt to wreck northbound Carolina & North-Western passenger train No. 10, near Gastonia, was made by an unknown person or persons. Had the plans of the would-be train wrecker not miscarried the entire train with scores of passengers would have plunged down fifty feet to the bed of Crowders creek and many perhaps would have been instantly killed and injured. As it was no one was injured and the would-be criminal's plans were foiled.

Was Killed By A Cave In.  
Ben Long, colored, was killed at Concord while working in the bottom of a well belonging to Mr. C. A. Linn of Landis. Mr. Linn and his son, Mr. A. L. Linn, were operating the windlass at the top of the well and the negro went down to the bottom to clean it out. He had hardly reached the bottom, which is about 35 feet, when the sides of the well caved in, burying him in the well. A force of hands was at once set to work taking out the dirt and his body was removed about three hours later.

## GOVERNOR PARDONED TWO

Will Wilkins and Ellis Lee, One Sentenced For Selling Liquor and the Other For Abandonment.

Raleigh.—The pardon of Will G. Wilkins, of Nash county, convicted at the September term, 1909, of the crime of selling liquor, and sentenced to pay a fine of \$250 and serve twelve months on the roads, was announced, the reasons for pardon being: "Prisoner was convicted in August, 1909. After payment of the fine of \$250 and the costs the judge ordered that capias for enforcement of the imprisonment be not issued until December following, upon the theory that prisoner would leave the state and the imprisonment would not be inflicted. He has, however, since been arrested and has served five or six months of his term. In the meantime his health has failed, he is unable to work on the roads, and it is doubtful if he can receive proper treatment in jail. Clemency is recommended by many county officials and other good citizens. Practically all opposition to his pardon has been withdrawn, and many who formerly opposed clemency now recommend it. I, therefore pardon prisoner on condition that he remain law-abiding and of good behavior."

Ellis Lee, of Rowan county, convicted at the August term, 1910, of the crime of abandonment, and sentenced to three months on the roads, was pardoned, and reasons for pardon being: "The trial judge, in recommending the pardon of prisoner, says 'If I had known the facts before the adjournment of court that I learned immediately after I would not have sentenced him. I believe the facts stated in the petition are undoubtedly true.' The prisoner's wife, the prosecutrix, states that in the heat of passion and through the influence of relatives she instituted the prosecution without time to reflect; that prisoner has heretofore been committed to the state hospital for the insane and that he still suffers more or less from mental weakness. Her statements are endorsed and approved by the sheriff of the county. I therefore pardon prisoner on condition that he live with his wife."

No Half Rates at The Fair.  
At a meeting of the executive committee of the state fair it was determined without a dissenting vote to stand by the resolution adopted by the committee last March cutting out all half-rate tickets of admission to the state fair. It has been the custom for a great many years to sell admission tickets in blocks to schools, colleges and organized bodies at half price, 25 cents. There had never been any intention to discriminate in favor of Raleigh people, but as a matter of fact in its practical workings the system has come of late years to so discriminate, for the reason that the railroads have been putting on special rate tickets for the fair with a ticket of admission to the grounds attached for which 50 cents was added to the special rate.

Land Values Fair and Correct.  
When the railroads fled with the corporation commission sometime ago a mass of affidavits from counties through which they operate, tending to show that real estate had been assessed upon an average basis of value from 25 to 75 per cent of actual value, the commission decided to test the value of these affidavits and see what the officers of these counties would say about it. So four counties were selected, from which affidavits were filed, alleging the lowest average of assessment, and it happened that this fell to Wilson, Pitt, Forsyth and Davidson.

Organized Bank at Townville.  
The Bank of Townville with capital stock of \$10,000 was organized at that place, with J. J. White, president, and cashier to be named later. Directors: J. J. White, G. W. Morrow, J. H. Taylor, S. R. Adams, J. E. Kimball, C. W. Hargrove and A. R. Kirby. Arrangements are being made as to building, fixtures, etc., and the bank to begin business about the 15th of November.

Durham.—The death of Dr. William A. Graham by his own hand gave the city one of the rudest shocks that it has ever received.

Think The Man Is Insane.  
Salisbury.—The case against Charles F. Stewart for using the mails for fraudulent purposes was called in Recorder Miller's court, in Salisbury, and the defendant failed to appear. It is generally reported here that efforts will be made to place Stewart in the insane asylum at Morganton, as his mind is thought to be affected. It is common talk that Stewart's mind is affected, and that the case against him will be suspended upon the condition that he be placed in the state hospital for treatment.

Bar Association Elects Members.  
Asheville.—At a meeting of the Asheville Bar Association the following officers were elected: Thomas H. Rollins, president; Thomas A. Jones, vice-president; Guy Weaver, secretary and treasurer; Zeb F. Curtis, member of the executive committee for three years. A committee was appointed to have published the address of Judge Pritchard made at the memorial exercises held some weeks ago in memory of Judge J. S. Adams, for distribution among all of the members.

## FOR A FLAT SALARY

PROPOSITION OF THE COUNTY  
BOARD OF HEALTH FOR  
COUNTY PHYSICIAN.

### THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

This Was Result of a Conference and  
the Matter of the Adjustment as to  
Wake County Superintendent is  
Taken For Consideration.

Raleigh.—A flat salary of \$1,200 a year to the county superintendent of health, regulations governing his practice to be made by the county board of health, was the proposition made to the board of county commissioners by the county board of health, which withdrew from its position of a fee basis as the salary it fixed when it recently elected Dr. J. J. L. McCullers to the position.

This proposition is now being considered by the board of county commissioners, final action in the matter being postponed so that the board may consider the matter. If the offer does not satisfy the board of county commissioners, a counter proposition may be submitted. In case there is no agreement or no counter proposition, there will hardly be another meeting.

This was the result of the conference, the meeting of the two boards being at the request of the county board of health. There was some discussion of the difference of the two boards as to the election and compensation of a county superintendent of health.

A joint session of the two boards was held in the court house, there being present at it Chairman D. T. Johnson, of both boards, Messrs. W. C. Brewer, I. H. Lynn and W. H. Chambliss, of the board of county commissioners; Mayor James I. Johnson, County Superintendent Z. V. Judd, Dr. G. M. Bell and Dr. Henry McKee Tucker, of the county board of health. There were also present County Attorney B. C. Beckwith, Mr. B. M. Gatling and ex-Judge R. W. Winston, counsel for Dr. J. J. L. McCullers, who was also present and a number of spectators. After a general discussion the two boards went into executive session.

The Assessment Values.  
Raleigh.—The corporation commission is to hear from the county assessors of Forsyth, Davidson, Pitt and Wilson as to the assessment of property in those counties. During the hearing given in the Southern Railway and the Atlantic Coast Line on their petitions for a decreased assessment of their property, there were affidavits from citizens of those counties setting out values of property to be from 25 to 50 per cent of the true value. On these affidavits the corporation commission called on the county commissioners and the county assessors to explain this low assessment.

Court Hands Down Opinions.  
Raleigh.—Eleven opinions in cases on appeal from first to third districts were announced by the supreme court, the list being as follows: Whitehurst vs. Norfolk Southern Railroad Company, Pasquotank county, reversed; Pool vs. Walker, Tyrrell, no error; Brady vs. Dull, Beaufort, affirmed; Mann vs. Gibbs, Hyde, appeal dismissed; Bowser vs. Tarry, Halifax, new trial; State vs. Marable, Pitt, no error; in re guardianship Robert Dixon, Green, reversed; Carson vs. Bunting Oil Company, Pitt, affirmed; Whitford vs. North State Life Insurance Company, Craven, reversed; Debruhl vs. Hood, Craven, no error; West vs. Wilkinson, Pitt, no error.

Members of Peabody Alumni.  
Asheville.—Superintendent A. C. Reynolds has been appointed as the North Carolina member of the alumni association of the Peabody Institution at Nashville. A representative has been chosen from each of the Southern states. The association is endeavoring to raise the sum of \$200,000 to endow the institution.

High Point.—At a large and enthusiastic meeting of the citizens at the Manufacturers' Club Mr. J. J. Faris was elected chairman and Mr. F. N. Tate secretary. Mr. Faris stated that the purpose of the meeting was to raise funds to complete the connection between High Point and Winston by finishing the corner of Davidson. Mr. Tate read Mr. Spoon's estimate of the cost which showed the road could be built for \$5,000. There was a unanimous vote to raise the money and complete the road, and to this effect a collection was taken amounting to \$1,300.

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High Point.—So far subscriptions by the citizens of this place for the completing of the macadamized highway between the Twin City and High Point amount to about \$1,500. A committee has been appointed to solicit further subscriptions and it is now apparent that quite a handsome amount will be raised for this work.

## FROM THE OLD NORTH STATE

General News That Has Been Collected For the People of the State of South Carolina.

Thomasville.—It is a fact that Thomasville has increased in population more than 500 per cent within the past ten years and if signs fall not she will have a population of 5,000 before the first year of the new decade has passed.

Raleigh.—In an interview here Gen. J. S. Carr put an end to persistent reports that he would be in the race with Senator Simmons, Governor W. W. Kitchin, Chief Justice Walter Clark and ex-Governor Charles B. Aycock for the seat in the United States Senate now being held by Senator F. M. Simmons. He says he will not enter the race.

Southern Pines.—Work has commenced on the Raeford boulevard, the improved road that is to connect Southern Pines with Hoke county's capital. John R. McQueen, the road supervisor, when locating the road, said it would be the handsomest drive out of Southern Pines, as it is through picturesque territory until long after it passes out of Moore county.

Salisbury.—Fire of unknown origin destroyed the store of Geo. Reed and the dwelling of Marvin Ritchie at Misenheim, Stanly county. The loss of store building and goods is placed at \$5,000, with insurance of \$2,500. The loss to Mr. Ritchie's house is placed at about \$2,000. The buildings were among the best in Misenheim.

Salisbury.—Officers who have been busy at work on a possible clue to a gang operating under the name of Black Diamonds, in connection with the arrest of Chas. F. Stewart, the alleged black hand, near Salisbury, have so far been unable to connect others with the plot to extract \$5,000 from W. F. Snider, cashier of the Wachovia Bank and Trust Company, who was the victim of the plot.

Raleigh.—The Wake county authorities have brought about a slight change in the roadbed of the central highway through the county between Garner and Auburn that will eliminate two dangerous railroad crossings. To do this about a mile of the road was changed as to location and the people along the route of the change provided for the expense of the change besides giving the right-of-way for the new road.

Greensboro.—The Guilford Superior Court jury in the case of Red C Oil Manufacturing Company, charged with violations of the new oil-inspection regulations, returned a verdict of "not guilty," and the defendant was discharged by the court. This is the first case to be tried in this state under the new oil-inspection law requiring oil that will test 100 by the Elliot flash test.

Trinity College, Durham.—With its fifty-third opening, Trinity College entered upon what not only promises to be one of the most successful years in its history, but one which in the future will be looked back upon as the era of the greatest expansion and growth. The largest freshman class in the history of the institution entered this year, and even with the increased dormitory facilities, every building is filled to its utmost capacity, and rooming space is at a premium.

Smithfield.—Alec Jernigan, on trial for the murder of Albert Todd, was found guilty of manslaughter and was sentenced to twenty-five years in the State's prison. Albert Todd was killed by Jernigan in Johnston county near Wendell, both white men. The verdict of the jury being that Jernigan was guilty of manslaughter. Court will be in session again next week and there are murder cases to come up.

Wilmington.—Contrary to expectations E. M. Doughty, chairman of the car workers in the employ of the Atlantic Coast Line, did not reach Rocky Mount and there were no developments in the strike of repairmen and inspectors in the shops there. He is expected to reach Rocky Mount in a day or two and make known the result of his conference with the officials of the railway here, after which it is believed that the men will return to work pending a final adjustment of the differences.

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## THEIR SONG WAS ENDED BY DEATH

A FAST TRAIN RUN DOWN A  
LARGE CROWD OF MERRY-  
MAKERS.

### MANY HORRIBLY MANGLED

A Chicago and Northwestern Flyer  
Running at Very High Speed Crashes  
Into a Party Returning From a  
Picnic—No One on Train Hurt.

Neenah, Wis.—Thirteen persons are dead, three others are dying and five are seriously hurt as the result of a fast train on the Chicago & Northwestern Railway crashing into a hayrack on which a party of thirty-one merry-makers were returning from a celebration.

A big billboard beside the railroad tracks obscured the view from the locomotive as well as from the wagon. Dust and fog were contributory causes to the tragedy. Nine members of the party escaped without a scratch. Nobody on the train suffered except from a momentary severe jar.

The collision occurred at the Commercial street crossing here. Train No. 121, northbound, whirled through the wagon-load of singing and happy unfortunates, who were returning from the Peter Hanson farm, where they had gone to attend the celebration of a wedding anniversary. All but two, who were Chicago men, were residents of Menasha.

The dead: John Drill, Chicago, James Cheslock, Gustav Finn, Mabel Finn, John Hart, Steven Lisk, Dominick Omlichinski, Mabel Renz, John Schedick, Joseph Schedick, Joseph Sienyo, Frank Slagard, Isabelle Suchowski.

Armless, legless and headless bodies covered the right of way as the train, nine coaches in length, was brought to a stop 800 feet from the scene of the crash.

Several of the bodies were so badly mutilated that identification was possible only by fragments of clothing. Six bodies were discovered on the engine pilot and two other bodies were hurled through a flagman's shanty with such force as to overturn the structure. One of these was Miss Finn, who was projected through one of the side walls of the house and was breathing when removed. She died a few hours later.

Financial Side of Trust Presented.  
Washington.—The intricate financial side of the American Tobacco Company, known as the tobacco trust, and which is now in process of dissolution by order of the Supreme Court of the United States, because it was a combination in restraint of trade in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law, was set forth in a report of the Commissioner of Corporations, Herbert Knox Smith, which was sent to the President and made public. It was the second part of a report on the tobacco industry and deals with the earnings, capitalization and investment of the great tobacco combination. The commissioner points out that the vast earning power which arose from the substantial control of the tobacco industry was a monopoly resulting from concentration.

A Very Useful Institution.  
Blowing Rock.—The Sandy Flat school is operated at the junction of the road going to Linville and the one going to Shulls Mill. It is about two and one-half miles from Blowing Rock. It was founded by Mr. Moses Cone, and is run under the auspices of the county superintendent of education. Half the term it is operated as a county school, and the other half out of the funds supplied by Mrs. Cone, continuing the work her husband started. It has fifty-five scholars. Miss Edna Reinhardt of Lincoln county, is the teacher. Aside from the regular academic studies, one morning each week is given to industrial work. There is a large and well appointed room devoted to this purpose.

Promises to be Unsolved Mystery.  
Leesburg, Ga.—Intense interest centers about the preliminary hearing of Mort S. Childers, held on the charge of killing his wife on August 15 by placing poison in medicine which she was taking. Childers was arrested at Americus on September 19, after another man, R. C. Kennedy, also had been arrested on the same charge. The lull in the legal proceedings has not served to bring to light any motive for the poisoning of Mrs. Childers and it is thought the crime will go down as an unsolved mystery.

Test of An Important Law.  
Washington.—The initiative and referendum probably will be the subject of a discussion with far-reaching consequence—by the Supreme Court of the United States during the approaching term. The question of the constitutionality of these expedients of government forms the basis of a suit between the state of Oregon, where they are in use, and the Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph Co. As the case is near the head of the docket, it will be reached to insure a decision before the end of the term.