

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.

The mystery of the disappearance of Alfred Stiles, the Savannah negro who was supposed to have been hatched in the hold of the steamer Pathan just prior to the departure of the boat for Liverpool, has been cleared up by the receipt of a telegram sent by Stiles to Henry Bateman, colored, asking for \$15 to get Stiles back from Norfolk, Va. The theory that Stiles fell asleep after loading cotton in the Pathan and was carried to sea is borne out.

The Manufacturers' Record says a \$20,000,000 consolidation of iron and steel and coal interests in Alabama, "of great magnitude and far reaching importance," bringing into the development of that district great financial forces, is now rapidly materializing through plans which have been worked out for the final completion of the merger of the Alabama Consolidated Coal and Iron company and the Southern Iron and Steel company.

Following the granting of a restraining order by Judge Sheppard at Valdosta, Ga., in the Georgia and Florida railroad case, conferences were held at Douglas between citizens, officials of the road and representatives of the strikers. What the form of arbitration will be is not now known here, except that the president of the road has wired General Manager Turner to agree to arbitration under the Erdman act. Information, though unofficial, is to the effect that progress has been made toward a satisfactory settlement of the strike.

Suit for the recovery of \$6,000,000 damages was filed in the United States court at Jacksonville, Fla., against the Seaboard Air Line railway, the Knickerbocker Trust company of New York, Charles H. Keep, Francis Henderson, R. V. Matthews, C. W. Lucas and Frank Q. Brown of New York, and H. Reiman Duval of New Jersey, the plaintiffs in the suit being the Florida Railway company, of which Frank Drew of this city is president. George M. Powell, a stockholder in the Florida Railway company, instituted the suit by filing a praecipe, conspiracy being charged to the defendants.

The operation of trains on the Georgia and Florida railway met with the first material resistance from the striking firemen and sympathizers at Augusta, Ga., when two freight trains were stopped by mobs and the train crews overpowered. Four employees of the company were seriously injured, one of them sustaining a fractured skull. A train leaving with supplies for way stations between Augusta, and Douglas was stopped just outside the city limits, on the belt line, and was abandoned by the crew. The other was a train of freight cars, being transferred from the Augusta yards to the Hamburg yard of the Southern road, and was held up near Schultz' Hill on the Carolina side of the river.

Four more state militia companies and a troop of cavalry were ordered to McComb City by Governor Noel of Mississippi. They are companies at Jackson, Greenwood, Macon and Shubut and the cavalry troop at Macon.

Probably the biggest demonstration of working men that New Orleans has witnessed in many years, was held there when it is estimated that six thousand men formed in line and marched through the business section of the city to Elks Place, where a mass meeting of laboring men was held. The parade and mass meeting were held as a protest against the methods alleged to have been employed in taking the McNamara brothers from Indianapolis to Los Angeles.

General.

Unrecognized by a single person in the curious throng that rushed to his air, Rear Admiral Winfield Scott Schlegel, U. S. N., retired, fell dead in front of the Berkeley lyceum, on West Forty-fourth street, New York City. The admiral's sudden death is attributed to cerebral hemorrhage. Admiral Schlegel was born in Frederick county, Maryland, in 1839.

Aviator Dixon, who flew across the Rocky mountains last week, fell from a height of 100 feet at the interstate fair grounds at Spokane, Wash., and received injuries which caused his death.

Mrs. Roosevelt is confined to her home by injuries received when she was thrown from her horse.

Twelve banking institutions of New York City, it was learned, have signified their willingness to send notifications to the central bureau for registration of cotton bills of lading when requested to do so by the shipper.

Within a week Mexicans may have acquired a belief as to the identity of their new vice president, but not even Madrazo can be certain who his lieutenant is to be until the third week in October at the earliest.

William J. Bryan, in an address at Kansas City, said that he was not a candidate for president.

Mrs. Charles W. Morse visited the United States circuit court in New York to ask Judge Lacombe's advice in the matter of preparing another pardon petition for her husband, a prisoner in the Federal penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga. She stated that she would at once set to work on such a petition asking for Morse's freedom, and would present it to President Taft. A few days ago Morse withdrew his petition for a pardon and received from President Taft permission to renew it at some future time.

John D. Rockefeller is having a private telegraph wire extended to his home in Tarrytown, N. Y., and will have an operator installed at the terminus of the line in his residence. It is said that Mr. Rockefeller's first order on returning here for the winter was for the private wire. In all the years he has lived in Tarrytown he never has had a private wire before, and the innovation has started endless gossip. One suggestion current is that Mr. Rockefeller is assuming active charge of business affairs again.

The situation at Black River Falls, Wis., the precipitous little city of 2,000 population, swept by a flood when waters of Black river, swollen by recent rains, washed through the embankment of the LaCrosse Water Power company's dam at Hatfield, is worse by far than was even feared when the deluge burst upon the unfortunate town. It is impossible to ascertain the loss of life. It is believed the casualty list will be heavy. Half of the business section was destroyed, together with a part of the residence district, and it is alleged by the residents who have taken refuge on high lands that the city will be wiped off the map.

True brotherhood, militant optimism, broader tolerance and work genuinely co-operative are the needs of Christian leaders in facing modern criticism and social unrest, declared the Rev. Henry Height of London, president of the British Wesleyan conference at the opening of the fourth ecumenical or world's Methodist conference in Toronto, Ontario. Doctor Height had taken as his text the words, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few."

Capt. Peter C. Hains, Jr., who killed William E. Annis in August, 1908, received his pardon and left Sing Sing prison a free man. He was serving an indeterminate sentence of eight to ten years. Hains' attorney declared at the trial that Hains had been frenzied by stories of relations between Annis and Mrs. Hains. He got a divorce from his wife last August.

With the arrival of Governor Harmon of Ohio at St. Louis actual work was begun on the appeal to be taken by the governors' committee in the United States Supreme court against the decision of United States Circuit Judge Sanborn in the Minnesota rail rate case.

Governor Harmon joined Governor Herbert S. Harley of Missouri and the two went to the law office of United States District Attorney Houtz. Later, Governor Aldrich of Nebraska, the third member of the committee, arrived.

Bullets of solid gold were used by Yaqui Indians in fighting against Porfirio Diaz in the recent Mexican revolution, according to passengers arriving in San Francisco, on the steamer Curacas, from Mexican ports. In Mazatlan hospitals, where many wounded were operated on, discovery of the golden pellets, it was said, was an ordinary occurrence, although few patients had received enough of them to pay the doctors' bills.

Washington.

The legal contest before the Supreme court of the United States over the question of whether a corner of the cotton market is a violation of the Sherman anti-trust law, began when Solicitor General Lehman filed a brief contending that the law so applies. The point arose from the appeal of the New York Federal court in quashing certain counts of an indictment against James A. Patton, Eugene G. Scales, Frank B. Hayne and William P. Brown.

An effort to secure higher prices for cotton by an improvement in the methods of handling, grading and marketing the crop is to be made by the government this year in co-operation with prominent cotton growers. The plan is designed to bring to the cotton raisers the full benefit of the increase in value that can be secured by a careful grading of the crop to correspond with the new government standards. These standards are recognized official standards of the trade.

On the witness stand before the senatorial investigation committee, sitting at Milwaukee, Wis., for three hours to answer charges that bribery and corrupt use of money had controlled his election, United States Senator Isaac Stephenson testified that, although he spent \$107,793 in his campaign, he had little knowledge as to just where the money went; he stated it was not used in violation of the law. Senator Stephenson said he cautioned his managers to keep within the law.

Transportation of United States mail across the continent by aeroplane, over an officially designated route by a special mail messenger appointed by Postmaster General Hitchcock, is a test that will be undertaken. Earl L. Ovington, who was designated by Mr. Hitchcock to carry mail over a short route, between Nassau and Brooklyn, is completing preparation for the long trip from New York to Los Angeles in his airship. Postmaster General Hitchcock issued an order authorizing Ovington to act as a mail carrier.

RALEIGH IS FOR NEW RAILROAD

TRANSACTIONS FOR THE ROAD
WERE COMPLETED AT A RECENT MEETING.

WILL TAKE THREE YEARS

Will Cost Between \$7,000,000 and \$13,000,000—The Road Will be 144 Miles in Length—Men Who Were Present at The Meeting.

Raleigh.—Raleigh is deeply interested in the proposed construction of the Raleigh, Charlotte and Southern Railroad, and in the result of the meeting of the original incorporators just held in Greensboro, where they turned over the franchise, which was granted by the last legislature, to Mr. E. C. Duncan, of this city. It is understood that Mr. Duncan and his associates expect to get busy in making preparations for the construction of the road, which will be 144 miles in length, running from Raleigh to Charlotte, via Pittsboro, Asheboro and Albemarle and through a section which is not at present traversed by a direct line from Raleigh. It is known that Mr. Duncan has recently made trips to New York, and it is supposed that his visits to the metropolis have been to some extent in connection with his plans for the road.

It is estimated that this railroad will cost all things considered, between \$7,000,000 and \$13,000,000, and that from one to three years will be required for its construction. The road will tap the old C. F. and Y. V. at Siler City and run through a manufacturing section of the state.

Present at the Greensboro meeting were: Secretary E. T. Corwith and C. G. Creighton, representing the Greater Charlotte Club; Maj. H. A. London, representing Pittsboro; D. E. McCrary and D. P. Morris, representing Asheboro; A. C. Honeycutt, of Albemarle. With Mr. Duncan was Ernest Haywood, of Raleigh, his attorney.

The franchise for the road was procured originally by the following gentlemen: J. S. Efrid, W. L. Mann, A. C. Heath, S. H. Hearne, R. L. Smith, A. L. Cornell and R. L. Brown, of Albemarle; D. A. Tompkins, of Charlotte; Arthur H. London, T. M. Bland, Fred C. Williams, Leon T. Lane, Beant Noah and H. M. London, of Pittsboro; W. C. Hammer, J. D. Ross, Marvin Kearnes, M. W. Parrish and D. R. Cox, of Asheboro, and W. L. Lee, of Staunton, Va. Those present at the meeting were Messrs. Mann, Arthur H. London, Ross, Hearne, Kearnes, Smith, Lane, Cornell, Noah, Brown, Cox and H. M. London. The others were represented by proxy.

Body Found Floating in Water.

The body of Kitty Gilbert, a girl about twenty years old, living in the cotton mill section of Spray, was found floating in the main canal, just in front of the Spray Mercantile Company building of this place. Life was extinct when the body was discovered. No signs of violence were found on the body and it is thought to be a simple case of accidental drowning. It is reported the girl was subject to fits of some nature and it is thought that in crossing the canal on a footway she was seized with a fit and fell into the water.

Twelve Months For Retailing Liquor.

Judge Tull sentenced John Fogleman, a well known young white man of Greensboro to twelve months on the roads for retailing liquor. Fogleman's attorneys gave notice of appeal to the superior court and the defendant was admitted to bail in the sum of \$750. His bond was signed by Mr. Shaffer, who is connected with the owners of the whiskey house that Fogleman was alleged to represent. The evidence was that Fogleman had been doing a considerable whiskey business. During the month of September 14 gallons of whiskey were shipped to his address.

Norris Sentenced to Twenty Years.

E. J. Norris was sentenced to 20 years in the penitentiary for the murder of J. B. Bissett on August 12. The verdict of second degree murder with a recommendation for mercy was returned in passing sentence. Judge Feebles said there should have been a first degree verdict in view of the evidence. The defense has made an appeal to the supreme court for a new trial on the ground that the judge erred in charging that anything short of first degree murder could be found in this case.

Hookworm Campaign Continues.

Dr. John A. Ferrell, in charge of the North Carolina campaign against the hookworm disease, announces that Bladen and Harnett counties have just made the appropriations necessary for the establishment of the free state and county dispensaries in these counties for the usual period of work. Dr. Ferrell now has five physicians pushing this campaign which is just rounded up in Northampton, Cumberland, Onslow and Wayne counties and will be started in others in the near future.

GIVEN EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

Four Pardons and One Commutation Issued by Governor on Condition of Good Behavior.

Raleigh.—In a batch of four pardons and one commutation issued by Governor Kitchin is one for Luke Hammonds serving two years in the penitentiary from Forsyth county for robbery. He has served from March, 1910. The sentence had been imposed by the recorder on the representation that Hammond had a criminal record, but later inspections of the dockets of Winston-Salem and county courts showed no case against him. Another man sentenced for the same crime asserts that Hammonds had nothing to do with the crime. The solicitor recommends the pardon, which is granted on condition of good behavior.

Charles Pruett, serving six months on the roads from Burke county for false pretense, is pardoned because the solicitor and other prosecutors now agree that the wrong man was convicted. In fact, it is shown that on the night that the crime was committed Pruett was in Rutherford county sick. He is again sick now, having been taken from Buncombe county roads back to Burke county on this account.

James McKinney sentenced from Mitchell county to ten years for second degree murder is commuted to five years at the request of the trial judge because it has developed since the sentence that there was a physician unable to attend the trial who would have testified that the deceased asked that the prisoner be not prosecuted as he had thrown three rocks at him before the prisoner cut him, inflicting the fatal wound.

The grand jury had before it evidence of the receipts of large quantities of whiskey by the transportation companies and also that those indicted have United States liquor license. It is said independent of the fact that each defendant has a United States liquor license he has filed an affidavit with the government that he intends to engage in the retail liquor business. A recent United States law requires all liquors to be assigned to actual persons and to have the contents marked on the package. The prosecutions in these cases takes the position, it is said, that it is an easy matter to produce the affidavits and also the books of the transportation companies, showing enormous deliveries of liquors.

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Secured Interesting Publications.

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AFTER THE TIGERS

GRAND JURY INVESTIGATION WAS THE PRELIMINARY STEP IN THE FIGHT.

WILL BE AN INVINCIBLE CASE

The Grand Jury Has Before it Much Evidence of the Receipt of Large Quantities of Liquor by the Transportation Companies.

Wilmington.—The magnitude of the searching investigation into the alleged violations of the prohibition law by the grand jury is just beginning to be fully realized by the people generally and each day it becomes more apparent that it was but the preliminary step toward ridding the town of a large portion of its "blind tigers," especially those which are so open in their operations.

Already several attorneys have been engaged to appear for the prosecution, and it is said that others will appear at the trial. For a few days there existed in the minds of some a doubt as to the strength of the cases against the 62 alleged violators of the law who have been indicted, but this has practically been dispelled and nearly all concede that if the state is able to prove what is reported can be shown then an invincible case can be made out against the defendants.

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FROM THE TAR HEEL STATE

Short Paragraphs of General News That Have Been Gotten From Over The Old North State.

Charlotte.—Charlotte has been officially designated as night court for the Glidden tour for October 19, the tour leaving New York on the 14th.

Murphy.—J. T. Tate, who August 29 shot and killed Bob Thompson here, was brought in by Sheriff Crawford of McAllester, Oklahoma. Tate had wired the Bank of Murphy for money, and Sheriff Dickey, through this bank, ascertained Tate's whereabouts and wired Sheriff Crawford to apprehend him, with above results.

Troy.—A twenty thousand dollar bond issue was urged for the purpose of erecting a modern school building for Troy graded school. A high school department will be established. The state board of education having authorized an appropriation of \$500 for this purpose. Robert E. Ransom is principal of the Troy graded school.

Durham.—The Durham and South Carolina Railroad Company, running from Durham to Bonaire, the extreme edge of Wake, awarded the contract for an extension of twelve or more miles to Kipling where it joins the Raleigh and Southport and enters into direct connection with the Atlantic Coast Line.

Newton.—The cotton leaf caterpillar, of which we have written, has appeared, it would seem from reports, in all parts of the county. Never before has anything like this been seen in the county, worms eat the leaves of the plants, leaving only the ribs. Of course they do not damage now, but suppose they should break out early in the season next year?

Gastonia.—Saturday, November 11, is the date fixed by the board of county commissioners for an election on the farm-life school proposition, an order calling said election having been passed at the regular monthly meeting of the board. The question involves the levying of a special tax for this purpose of 2 1/2 cents on the \$100 worth of property and 7 1/2 cents on the poll.

Henderson.—The tobacco warehouses of Henderson are having good sales, though our tobacco is a little late in being cured. Yet sales have continued good and prices high for all grades of tobacco. Larger sales expected now on the market. But less tobacco planted this year around here on account of early droughts and scarcity of plants, the plant-beds being injured.

Lexington.—Fred Ritchie, a lineman in the employ of the Southern Power Company, was electrocuted while strapped to a pole thirty feet from the ground. He was one of a force that has been working around Lexington for several weeks and when the accident occurred he was helping to make some changes in the line at the Wenonah cotton mill in the southern end of the city.

Washington.—Patents were issued to the following North Carolinians: Elizabeth P. White, Salisbury, scrub apron; Wallace B. Miller and J. M. Cobb, Reidsville, wrench; William D. Lemons, Shelby, combined seed planter and fertilizer distributor; F. W. Bost and B. Gohel, China Grove, electrically-operated annunciator; John C. Brann, Hamptonville, tobacco case.

Asheville.—Revenue Agent Sams has recently received the reports of several seizures of illicit distilleries from the officers in the field. Deputy Collector Harkins captured a blockading outfit in Henderson county near Tuxedo. It is reported to be a 100-gallon steam outfit. He made no arrests. A report was received from Deputy Collector Hendricks of the capture of an illicit distillery in Patrick county, Virginia, near Smithtown, and two arrests were made.

Elizabeth City.—The contract for the erection of a handsome high school building at South Mills, the leading village of Camden county, has been awarded. The new building will be a two-story structure of brick and will be modern in every particular for a building of its size and the conveniences afforded in the town. It will cost about \$10,000. The state issues bonds for one-half this amount, while the patrons of the South Mills school district have issued bonds for the remainder.

Charlotte.—The cotton worm, army worm, dry year caterpillar, or whatever the insect may be called, has attacked the Mecklenburg cotton fields, and among the farmers there is no little apprehension being worked by the rapid destruction being worked by the lately arrived pest.

Dunn.—The Sampson county authorities were in town last week conferring with the commissioners of the Sand ray road from Dunn to Clinton and Newton Grove. It is understood that this road will be built in the near future by the convict force.

Raleigh.—Governor Kitchin honored a request from the governor of South Carolina for David Ephraim, wanted in Fairfield county, S. C., on the charge of a murderous assault upon Kate Emerson.

Salisbury.—The Robert F. Hoke Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy has elected the following delegates: Mrs. William H. Overman, to the general convention, which meets in Richmond, Va., November 7 to 11; Mrs. Edwin Overman and Miss Mary Henderson to the state convention at Winston-Salem October 25 to 27.

TO ADOPT ENGLISH NAVY YARD SYSTEM

SECRETARY MEYER ADOPTS PLAN IN USE BY VICKERS AS THE ONE BEST SUITED.

WILL BE GRADUALLY FELT

The New System Will Provide For the Centralization of Work—Says There Will Not be Any Change in Organization of Yards.

Washington.—Casting aside all scientific systems of navy yard management advocated in this country, because he believes they involved too much detail and required serious changes in the civil rules of employment, Secretary of the Navy Meyer will import from England the system of management in use by Vickers, Limited at the Barrow-in-Furness ship engine and ordnance works. This in substance, was officially announced at the Navy Department. The secretary studied this system during his recent inspection of European naval works.

The Norfolk navy yard will be the first to feel the change, which will be felt in the other yards gradually. Naval Constructor Evans, who has been sent to Norfolk to carry out instructions for improvements in the issue and care of tools, the handling of material estimating on work, repair methods, and bringing about uniform methods in all the shops, will inaugurate parts of the system, it is expected.

In effect, the new system will provide for the centralization of work, and allows the commandant of a yard to know just what is being done on a particular job without having to seek the information from others having the work under their charge.

Secretary Meyer states that with the inauguration of the new system he has not in contemplation any changes in organization in the yards. That the system may be thoroughly instituted Captains A. B. Willetts and E. Theiss, United States navy, have been sent to England to study the details of the Vickers system. These officers will be gone about a month and following their return, it is believed the work of establishing the new system will be begun in earnest.

Government Urges Vaccination. Washington.—The prevalence of typhoid fever in practically ever section of the United States has inspired the public health and marine hospital service to press publicly its belief in the artificial immunity, with certain limitations, afforded by anti-typhoid vaccination, already compulsory in the American army for soldiers under 45 years of age. In a report just issued the public health service reproduces the summary of the findings of a commission of the Academy of Medicine of Paris which investigated the subject. "Anti-typhoid vaccination," the French commission declares, "does not accomplish the complete disappearance of this infectious disease in the communities where it is practiced, but it diminishes very notably its frequency."

Auchanna, Georgia Train Wrecked. Auchanna, Ga.—One man was killed, two fatally injured and about a score more badly shaken up when the Central of Georgia passenger train was wrecked 3 miles south of here. The wreck was caused by a spike being driven between the rails presumably by wreckers. The dead: Engineer Samuel Ayers, Cedar town, Ga. Fatally injured: — Littleton, conductor, Will Solomon, fireman, Engineer Ayers stuck to his post and was buried under the locomotive with his fireman. The latter was extricated barely alive, but Ayers was crushed and scalded to death.

Target Rifle Claims a Victim. Gloversville, N. Y.—Hit by a bullet from a target rifle in the hands of his playmate, Ralph Spencer, 15 years old, died at his home in North Broad-albin, near here, and James Knight, his playmate, also 15, is under arrest.

Will Try to Adjust Strike. Nashville, Tenn.—Complying with the request of the Business Men's Club of Memphis and the merchants' exchange of Jackson, Governor Hooper appointed a committee to act with a like committee appointed by Governor Noel of Mississippi, for the purpose of rendering assistance in the adjustment of the Illinois Central strike. The committee is as follows: C. P. J. Mooney of The Memphis Appeal; W. M. Clemens of The Memphis News-Scimitar and I. B. Tigret, a prominent banker of Jackson.

BattleShip Rams Car Barge. Norfolk, Va.—An unknown battleship, believed to have been the New Jersey, collided with a car barge owned by the New York, Philadelphia & Norfolk Railroad near Thimble Light. The battleship was on route to Hampton Roads in a dense fog and rain-storm. Guns on the battleship struck a freight car on the barge and spilled some of its contents. The warship swept her searchlights in all directions after the collision and seeing the barge was uninjured, proceeded to Hampton Roads. No one was injured.