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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.

Plans for the organization of the National Federation of Voting Women were laid by delegates who attended the convention of the National American Woman Suffrage association at Louisville, Ky. Mrs. George A. in Washington, made the announce-"The federation," said Mrs. Smith, "will be formed by the enfranchised women of Washington, California, Wyoming, Idaho, Utah and Colorado, the states in which they have the ballot."

When less than 200 miles of road 1,400-mile tour from New York to port of the plan. Jacksonville the first fatal accident of the 1911 Glidden tour occurred

tition of the railroads in the Nash- suffering fro mtuberculosis. ville grain cases by issuing a tempoto grant reshipment privileges on grain and hay at Nashville until sim-Montgomery and other Southern cit-

The low price of cotton does not seem to prevent the rushing of the staple to port for export, judging from the receipts of cotton at Savannah this season. A year ago Savannah celebrated the arrrival of the first 500,000 bales of cotton at the port for the season of 1909-10. There had been recorded the receipt of 780,000 bales so far this season, an increase compared to last year of 280,000 bales. The outlook is for very heavy exports. Frank Harrison, a negro who shot and killed former Deputy Sheriff Thomas Cooper at Northport, Ala., and wounded a white deputy named Homby and another negro in the near Tuscaloosa.

## General.

Conditional appropriations, aggrefund for education—the General Education board: To Southern Methodist and to Smith college, \$200,000.

the most sweeping anti-trust action ing the village of Nativas, only two can easily be appreciated. There are further stated that he believed that if ever brought by the department of miles from Xochimilco.

of the province of Giang-Si, and Kwei- made ineffective were untrue. Lin, capital of Kwang-Si, have served to increase the tension of the revolution. It is commonly reported in Pekin that the imperial family is now ignate the foreign settlements in Tien

Tsin as the possible refuge. Leading roasters advanced the price us sugar in the beverage may find solace in the fact that a cut was made in the price of this commodity.

A light frost was reported in Texas as far south as Houston. No dam-

age was done to cotton. President Taft signed the long-exwill notify the powers.

an explosion of powder in O'Gara mine | should expedite. The court will arhave been the cause.

just been married to Riccardo Ber- each side for argument on this docket. places kept a diligent watch but failtelli of Boston-

A discovery whereby epidemic spinal meningitis can be entirely controlled was announced by Dr. Simon Flexner, director of the Rockefeller institute at the conference of sanitary officers of New York state in New York. hTe control could be established, Doctor Flexner said, by injecting serum into the cerebral spinal membrane, thus getting at the seat of the disease. The application of this new form of treatment will be not one-tenth as dangerous as it was be-

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After a flight in a hydro-aeroplane 145 miles down the coast of Maryland, Lieut. S. Gordon Ellyson and John G. Towers, U. S., landed on the broad beach of Bukroe, Va., three miles from Fortress Monroe. The officers were suffering from the bitter cold. Lieut. T. G. Ellyson, in charge of the naval aeronautic school at Annapolis, and J. H. Towers made their descent after the most remtarkable and successful flight in the history of naval aviation.

Opponents and supporters of the plan which the American Tobacco Smith, president of the organization company has mapped out for disintegration both had their innings in the United States circuit court in New York City. Counsel for the so-called independent tobacco manufacturers and producers had filed their brief of objections but a few hours when a lawyer for a committee of the preferred stockholders of the trust petilay between them and the end of a tioned the court to be heard in sup-

Cattle received more attention than human being in the appropriations by three miles from Tifton, Ga., when S. | the last New York state legislature M. Butler of New York, chairman of according to a complaint of the state the contest committee of the Ameri | sanitary officers' association embodied can Automobile association, was in in a resolution passed at its annual stanly killed, Driver Charles F. Kel- convention in New York City. The leman of Rochester, N. Y., was inter- resolution deplores the action of the of property sold in Raleigh. She is simlar to the soil analysis which nally injured, and Mr. and Mrs. P. legislature in appropriating liberally declared she had left Critcher have determines the best fertilizer to be J. Walker of California received brok- for the prevention of disease in cat- it to use in the business as he as- used for growing crops. tle while it cut to the bone appropri-The commerce court granted the pe- ations for the care of human beings it was a partnership, but the jury date upon which it can come here but

Doctor Cook, who was so enthusiastically welcomed in Copenhagen, of the interstate commerce commis- Denmark, after his alleged discovery sion, wherein it ordered the roads not of the North Pole two years ago, ar. that the stock of goods taken by Mrs. The campus road will necessarily last rived in Copenhagen, accompanied by Johnson when the business closed better than the county's because the his wife. Owing to the threatening was worth \$250 and not about \$600 almost level "lay of the land" will ilar privileges are granted to Atlanta, attitude of the crowd, Doctor Cook as Critcher alleged, and that Mrs. make washing almost impossible. tachment of police. The mob follow- count. ed, jeering and hooting. The newspapers denounce him, some of them recommending demonstrations of disapproval at his lecture.

> In addition to bequests to charitable institutions the will of Mrs. Ellen Mulveil of Chicago left \$2,000 to insure the care of an old horse. She had driven the animal herself for 17 the horse never be sold or worked.

John R. Walsh, former head of the Chicago National bank, died at his home in Chicago. He lived only nine over a trivial matter, killed Deputy days to enjoy the liberty of his pa-Sheriff Brown Horton and a negro role from the Federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas.

Archduke Ferdinand Charles, nephswamps near Sanders' Ferry, Ala. A | ew of Emperor Francis Joseph of Ausposse is on his trail. hTe fight took | tria, who recently renounced his rank place in a wild spot in the lower part and all privileges as a member of of Tuscaloosa county, Northport, the imperial family, has married in where Cooper was slain, is a village | Switzerland the daughter of Hofrat Czuber, a professor of engineering. The archduke wished to renounce his rank in 1903 to marry this young woman, but the emperor refused permisgate \$635,000, were granted to six col- sion. The marriage, however, is now leges and universities by the board of with his majesty's consent and he has trustees of the John D. Rockefeller granted his nephew an annuity 1/2 40, 000 crowns.

The town of Milpa Alta, Mexico, in university, Dallas, Texas, \$200,000; to the federal district, and within thir-Furman college, Greenville, S. C., \$25,- ty miles of Mexico City, was almost 000; to Bucknell university, Lewis- totally destroyed by fire and dynamite burg, Pa.; \$35,000; to Earlham col- by Zapatistas, who fought what aplege, Richmond, Ind., \$75,000; to Grin- pears to have been a drawn battle alone, will be enormous. One planter supreme court. A correspondent visitnell college, Grinnell, Iowa, \$100,000, with Federal troops lasting for more than five hours on a mountain road, The government's long-planned suit a short distance from the ruined to break up the so-called "steel trust" | town. The insurrectos returned the was begun at Trenton, N. J., in the fire of the government troops shot for United States circuit court. It is shot and are said to be now occupy-

justice. The government asks not In a speech before the Commercial only for the dissolution of the United | Club at Aberdeen, S. D., President States Steel corporation, but for the Taft replied with feeling to the dissolution of all constituent or sub- charge that he had set up the Susidiary companies which are alleged preme court with the idea that it to have combined in violation of the was to emasculate the Sherman anti-Sherman law to "maintain or attempt trust law and declared anew his into maintain a monopoly of the steel tention to have that law enforced. business." There are thirty-six sub- The president referred to the critisidiary corporations named as defend- cism of the Supreme court's rulings in the Standard Oil and Tobacco Further defection to the Chinese trust cases and declared that the rebels, including Nan Chang, capital charges that the statute had been

## Washington.

The Grover Cleveland school is the ready for flight. The road to Jehol, name selected by the commissioners fish market overhauled, is about com- cided to abandon the experiments he 115 miles northeast of Pekin, is stud- of the District of Columbia for the pleted and will be ready for prisoners has been making at Kill Devil Hill ded with troops. Other rumors des- latest public educational institution of after November 1. The prison has with a gliding machine in the hope of Washington. This honor to the memory of the last Democratic president will be heated by steam and have than-air flying machines. His recordof package coffee one cent a pound we bestowed on the recommendation every convenience that is provided in breaking test when he remained vir-0 23 1-2 cents, but families which of the board of education, which stated that the name of every deceased president of the United States except president of the United States xecept naming the schools of the capital.

Reform in the rules of the Federal Supreme court to expedite cases pected preclamation declaring the awaiting the court's action - someneutrality of the United States in times delayed two or three yearsthe war between Turkey and Italy. was inaugurated by Chief Justice The proclamation was forwarded to White. Hereafter the time for oral Washington, and the state department argument of cases will be three hours instead of four. A new rule provides Eight miners were killed and eight for a "summary docket," on which others were temporarily overcome by will be placed cases which the court No. 9, a mile from Harrisburg, Ill. rive at a decision as to these after A crossed electric wire is said to a motion has been presented to it to "affirm" a decision in a court below. Miss Ida Conquest, the acrtess, has Only half an hour will be allowed of the thefts and the police at those "Rejected on the ground of fraud," | ed to locate even one of the lost cycles. | ember 1.

# **VERDICT IS THAT** THERE WAS FRAUD

IN CASE OF MRS. NANNIE JOHN-SON AGAINST W. E. CRITCHER.

# HE MUST PAY HER \$1,559.12

-WILL APPEAL.

Suit Was From Wendell and the Charge Was That By Fraud Critcher Had Obtained Widow's Money For Use in Business.

in arrest and bail proceedings. The put \$600 in the business.

was escorted to his carriage by a de- Johnson owed \$128 on the store ac-

The result of the suit was that Mrs. A novel case was completed in

Will Be Thrilling Affair.

expert aviator is now on the way here in the defendant's favor. from New York.

Complain of Lack of Farm Help. are discouraging them. It is said that a term of ten years at hard labor in not anything like the yield will be har- the state's prison, are still confined vested and that the loss by the plant- in Craven county jail, awaiting the ers on account of the lack of help confirmation of their sentence by the in Periquimans county is said to have ed them in their cells and they still 125 acres of the richest lands in cot- seem very unconcerned in regard to ton, with very little of it picked and their fate. Burrill Casey stated that he can get no assistance. The land he was sure that the supreme court is said to yield a bale to the acre would not confirm the decision and and the seriousness of the situation that they would be given a new trial. He plenty idle negroes and some whites he had another trial that a very dif- eye-witnesses to the shooting and the tion for publication, he seemed well without work, but cotton picking ap- ferent verdict would be brought in by pears not to appeal to them.

Wanted For Passing Bad Checks. A man giving his name as Charles Gilchrist is badly wanted by several Raleigh business men and the police for passing worthless checks-three Davidson county, a force of men has checks, each for \$11.65, signed by been busily at work in Boone town-Acme Wood Company and payable to ship, near Spencer, grading some of himself. They were drawn on the Wake Savings bank, which reports no work is being done under the supersuch account. The checks were passed on Cross & Lineham Co., Peebles | ner, two of the leading good roads ad-& Edwards and C. R. Boone.

Greensboro Jail Being Completed. The new city jail, which is the old

on duty.

Bicycle Thieves Are Busy. Another wave of bicycle stealing has struck New Bern and owners of bicycles who do not care to part with their machines are guarding them very carefully. About three months ago at tween Fayetteville and Salisbury least fifteen or twenty bicycle mysteriously disappeared and the owners have never seen them since. Where they went to or who purloined them will doubtless ever remain a mystery. All of the nearby towns were notified

# EXPERTS FOR GOOD ROADS

PITTSBORO, CHATHAM COUNTY, N. C., NOVEMBER 1, 1911.

The Trinity College Authorities Are Boosting the Good Roads Demonstration Work in This Section.

Durham.-Trinity College authorities are trying to give the good roads boost and have been planning to have the government send experts here to do demonstration work on their campus.

There are two and more miles on the big lot which will be macadamized and put in shape for an ideal drive way. The college is now at work upon this, and has had the city crusher and roller leased for a short while, in which to do this work. It is a tremendous job, because the college road varies in length from 30 feet to 50, thereby costing from three Raleigh.—By the verdict of the jury to five times as much as the ordinary Ars. Nannie Johnson, of Wendell, road, all other things being equal. was awarded \$1,559.12 in her suit The opportunity for doing this demagainst W. E. Critcher, of Wendell, onstration work is therefore large.

President W. P. Few does not know suit was for \$2,050, and in the de- what date the government can underfendant Critcher admitted receiving take this work, but has a hope that \$2,012.35, the other being paid in it will do so. Durham's road probtaxes and declared he had paid her lem is less perhaps than most coun-412.35, leaving \$1,6000 which the ties, because it has now above 115 plaintiff, so defendant alleged, had miles of macadam. But preservainvested in business with him as part-tion of it is something else. This ner, that the business failed and that road is on the decline all the time, the plaintiff had received advances and it is costly to maintain. The from the store, and goods, which cost of all this has been from \$3,000 wiped out the \$1,600 and that he had to \$5,000, and there has been no way to reduce the wear and the loss of The charge against Critcher was granite. The government's work fraud and misrepresentation in ob- here would be that of finding the taining the money which Mrs. John- best stone, the best binding and the son, a widow, realized from a piece best oil for this soil and use it. It

sured her profits. Critcher alleged | The government has not given the said not. It found that Critcher had there is not a great amount of doubt not paid over to Mrs. Johnson that it will come. The college is 412.35 as alleged, that he owed her building a beautiful entrance to its \$440 for board for himself and men, front yard, a turnpike of fifty yards.

#### A Novel Case Is Completed.

Johnson won on practically every is- Guilford superior court. This was an sue. The defendant has given notice action brought by C. W. Pegram of of an appeal to the Supreme Court. | Stokesdale against Charles Ingram of High Point for injuries received by board the flagship Connecticut. When That the daily flights of the Strobel the animal became frightened at Inbiplane at the Fayetteville fair will gram's automobile and ran away with the water lane formed by the first be thrilling in the extreme was him several months ago. The acciyears and in her will provided that evinced by the fact that Harry La- dent happened near Stokesdale. The fleet, a distance of seven miles. After van, the daring young aviator who plaintiff told a wonderful tale of the has performed creditably at Rich- flight of the horse, which broke away mond, has got "cold feet" after the from him and ran towards home. Just perilous situation of his landing before the animal reached home, Mayflower will turn and steam back point, and has thrown up his job ra- Pegram said, it "ran into a clump of ther than attempt two flights daily hickory saplings at the side of the from a landing place within a half- road. The harness broke; the leaning mile race track half surrounded by a saplings straightened up, carrying the mill pond. Nevertheless the flights buggy up in the air, so that it was will take place. When Lavan an necessary to cut down one of the nounced his intention of quitting, the saplings to let the buggy down." Pefair management got busy and as a gram sued for \$800 damages for perresult of negotiations with Charles J. sonal injuries and \$200 damages to Strobel, the owner of the machine, an horse and buggy. The case resulted

> Awaiting Confirmation of Sentence... Burrill and Leona Casey who were The planters of nearly every section recently found guilty in Craven counof the South, are complaining bitterly ty superior court of poisoning Mr. against the lack of farm help and Joseph Whitty, Leona Casey's former the beautiful fields of unpicked cotton husband, and who were sentenced to the jury. However, this is not the opinion of the general public.

> > Improving Automobile Highway. With a view to improving the national automobile highway through the worst places on the road. The vision of J. B. Bailey and W. H. Whitvocates in Davidson county.

To Abandon The Experiments. Orville Wright has practically deseparate cells for male and female discovering an automatic method of and white and negro prisoners. It preserving the equilibrium of heavierlarger modern prisons. When the tually stationary in the air for nearly ard home and caught his victims mission to succeed the lamented government. The feast of Purim was new prison is ready, the chief of po- ten minutes, convinced him that the lice and other members of the force development of aviation depended al-

Clearing Away Old Buildings.

in meeting such conditions.

The work of clearing away the old buildings on the site for North Carolina's first fireproof state administration building on Morgan street, bestreets, is well under way now, and it is expected that the lot will be clear and ready for excavations to begin any time after November 1. The state building commission, Ashely Horne, chairman, and W. E. Springer, Wilmington, secretary, is to open bids for the erection of the building, Nov-

# SALUTE MR. TAFT

PLANS ARE MADE FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL REVIEW OF THE BIG FLEET.

#### MAYFLOWER TO HEAD LINE

Each Vessel Will Burn Powder In Firing Twenty-One Guns In Honor ing President Taft-Will Watch Armada Get Under Way.

Chicago.-In other respects than more mere number of ships and pow er of armament, the great naval review to be held at New York promises to eclipse any naval pageant ever seen in this country. President Taft not only will sail through the four lines of ships at anchor in the Hudson river, but will watch the vast armada pick up its anchors and get under way.

He then will lead the long column down the bay and off Staten Island will stand aside on the Mayflower and again review the fleet as it passes out

Secretary of the Navy Meyer who came to Chicago to assist in the dedication of the new naval training station here and to arrange for the review has left for the East.

The main features of the review have been agreed upon. The Secretary of the Navy will inspect the fleet from the Dolphin. In a sense this inspection really will mark the beginning of the pageant, for Secretary of all the guns and other honors due his office.

The Mayflower, dressed in the finest flag, will reach the head of the four battleship, when the commander-inchief of the fleet, Rear Admiral Osterhaus, and possibly the division commanders, will pay their respects to the commander-in-chief of the army and the navy. President Taft will return Admiral Osterhaus' visit on he is again aboard the Mayflower, the vacht will steam up the river through and second columns of the anchored the last little torpedo boat at the end of the columns has paid its tribute of twenty-one guns to the President the through the third and fourth columns.

Will be Ready For Opening. Washington.-The tariff board's much discussed report on the woolen industry is to be transmitted to Congress upon the opening of the next session in December and the board's report on cotton will follow, probably before January 1. This, it became known, is the administration's program with relation to the big tariff fight that will be waged by the Democratic majority in the House and between the Democratic, insurgent Republican and regular Republican forces in the Senate.

A staff of fifteen clerks at the census bureau is putting the finishing touches upon the tariff board's wool-

Fight a Duel to Death. Aberdeen, Miss.-Joe Reese, a locomotive fireman in the employ of the Scitz, a timber man of Longview, Mass., fought a pistol duel at the Illicause of the quarrel is unknown. pleased with the conditions as he Both men are said to have been drinking.

Makes Second Trip Down Niagara.. Niagara Falls, N. Y.-Capt. Klaus Niagara river trip in a motorboat the trip through the country in a wagfrom the cataract to Lewiston. He on and expect to reach Miami in about completed the six miles through the four weeks. They expect to go into turbulent waters without a scratch. the trucking business and raise toma-Larsen says he is through with Nia- toes for the early markets. With them gara adventures, but next year will they had several head of horses, with as the enemy who was seeking her make a trip across the Atlantic in his boat, the "Niagara."

Murder and Then Suicide. Parkersburg, W. Va.-Carroll L. city, shot and killed his father-in-law, William Pritchard, probably fatally continued. wounded his mother-in-law, slightly injured his wife and committed sui- nounces the appointment of Thomas | The Jews were saved from destruccide at Pennsboro, W. Va., Ritchie M. Pittman of Henderson as member tion, and exalted before the people. while they slept. He made no effort Thomas W. Bount of Roper. The instituted with great feasting and to harm his 4-year-old daughter, who other members of the commission are joy, and has been celebrated annualwill be given a larger office and quar- most completely on a greater knowl- occupied the bed with her mother and Dr. D. H. Hill, Col. J. Bryan Grimes, ly ever since on the fourteenth of ters, with a rest room for officers not edge of air currents and greater skill grandmother. The tragedy follows a W. J. Peele and Prof. M. C. S. Noble. Adar, February-March, one month beseries of sensational occurrences.

Situation At Peking Is Bad.

Peking.—The situation in Peking is becoming worse. A veritable panic prevails among the Manchus. The trains that are leaving the capital for the most part are drawn by two from the broken bone. engines, so heavily are they loaded, the people sitting on top of their household belongings. Officials are frequently cried out against the presence of foreign soldiers but the natives are now fleeing to them.

#### **NEWS OF NORTH CAROLINA** Latest General News That Has Been Condensed by the Editor For People of the State.

Oxford.—Everything is in readiness for the opening the Granville county fair. A splendid exhibit is now being arranged and floral hall is being made very attractive.

Raleigh.-William Jones, a former hackdriver here who was given a 2year sentence on the roads in connection with a noted and most scandalous case, and who escaped from the convict camp a year ago, has been recaptured.

Fayetteville.-From ten acres of land in this section this year a farmer got 400 bushels of clean threshed oats and about 30 tons of peavine hay. He will realize more than a thousand dollars from the ten acres. He also grows plenty of potatoes and raises plenty of hogs.

New Bern.-Marion Harrell and Leroy Stanley, two colored youths of this city, were found guilty of second degree murder in Beaufort county court and were sentenced to terms of 20 and 25 years in the state's prison at Raleigh, Harrell and Stanley were charged with killing Oscar Hill, also colored, while on a colored excursion en route to Greenville, N. C., from this city several weeks ago.

Raleigh.-Mr. Wilson G. Lamb, of Williamston, chairman of the state board of elections, was a visitor to Raleigh. Mr. Lamb says that he finds that tobacco is selling higher than for years and that he knows of many farmers realizing \$150 an acre from it. Peanuts, he says, are selling at from 3 1-2 to 4 cents a bushel, the crop good, though 20 to 25 per cent. smaller than last year.

tor of the Greenville Reflector, who of the empire was Esther, a charming Meyer will be received with the roar was in Raleigh, invited his Raleigh Jewess, a descendant of one of the friends to attend the Pitt County fair. exiles, her great-grandfather being cultural fair. Friday will be Educa- lon by Nebuchadnezzar in 598. Her of bunting and flying the President's tional Day, with an address by state Hebrew name was Hadassah. the county will be in a big parade.

fertilizer or manure, he raised 165 the time of her marriage, not over \$1.50 per day for cultivating, the total. Haman, his rise as a king's favorite. For the corn at 75 cents per bushel, he received \$99.75, which was \$73.75 to bring vengeance upon the whole clean cash on the lot. This is a

Lexington.-The Alumni of the University of North Carolina in Lexington and Davidson county, will hold a day." big banquet in this city on November 9th. There are 26 university men in the county and all of them are expected to be present and make an informal talk to the boys. The toastmaster will be the only and inimitable Zeb Vance Walser, who is president of the Davidson County Alumni Asso-

Wilmington.-Certificates of incorporation of the Carolinas' Cotton & put him to death. Except such to Southern Industrial Agricultural Ex- whom the king shall hold out the position Company, granted a charter golden scepter." There was, theresome days ago, has just been received fore, a possibility of Esther's reachfor record at the office of the clerk ing the ears of the king, but with of the superior court. The authorized the greatest uncertainty as to how capital stock is \$250,000, but it begins such a capricious king would act, business with \$50 subscribed by the especially as his love for her had five incorporators. The purpose is to cooled. The mission Mordecai comgive a cotton exposition in Wilming- mitted to Esther was one of great ton next year.

Raleigh.-Governor Kitchin is just back from Marion where he delivered the address for the McDowell county Illinois Central Railroad and Frank fair which he says was exceptionally successful. He was greeted by an immense audience that gave him an ennois Central Railway station resulting thusiastic reception. While he would in the death of both. There were no | not discuss that phase of the situafound them relative to the impending scnatorial contest.

Kings Mountain. - Messrs. Carl Mauney, White and Beam of Cherryville passed through here on a novel Larsen of Detroit, made his second trip to Miami, Fla. They are making which they expect to work their crop life and the life of her people. The this winter.

Durham.-The case against Oscar F. Wilkerson, manager of the Arcade theater, in which he was charged with James, a railroad conductor of this showing obscene pictures, the language of the warrant being that, was

Raleigh.-Governor Kitchin an numbers of their enemies were slain. The secretary is R. D. W. Connor.

Greensboro.-Dr. Charles W. Moseley, the well-known specialist, is suf- ies in the story of Esther is to trace fering from a broken arm, which in the ways of divine providence, and see jury he received while cranking his how God makes all things work toautomobile. He is able to be at his gether for the good of his people. office, though he suffers considerably God's sovereign grave and man's free

Washingon.-Messrs. Davis and Davis. Washington patent attorneys, re-Charlotte, machine for manufa turing bottle crowns; C. R. Speight, Burgaw, expansion ioint;

# Esther Pleading For Her People

Sunday School Lesson for Nov. 5, 1911 Specially Arranged for This Paper

LESSON TEXT-Esther 4:1-5:3. MEMORY VERSES-4:13, 14. GOLDEN TEXT-"The Lord preserveth. dl them that love him."—Psa. 145:20. TIME-Accession of Xerxes, B. C. 489. Xerxes conquers Egypt, 1st and 2d years, B. C. 485, 4. He prepares to invade Greece, 2d to 5th years, B. C. 484-481. Vashti deposed in his 3d year, B. C. 483. Invades Greece, B. C. 481. Defeated at

Thermopylae and Salamis, B. C. B. 480. Esther becomes Queen, B. C. 479. Ha-man's plot and defeat by Esther (occupying nearly the whole year), B. C. 474.
PLACE—Shusan (Susa) the winter capital of the Persian Empire, about 200 miles southeast from Babylon and 125 miles north of the Persian Gulf.

There are two principal theories concerning the historical nature of the Book of Esther: one, that it is a veritable history; the other, that it is a historical romance founded on fact, like Shakespeare's Julius Caesar and Henry VIII., or like Scott's novels. or Homer's great epics. While there are a number of serious difficulties, yet there are few if any unanswerable arguments against its being a true history. Xerxes is the Greek shortened form of the Ahasuerus of Esther, as York, for instance, is a shortened form. of the Latin Eboracum. He began to reign B: C. 485 and ruled for 20 years. We can best understand Esther by means of those parts of his history which reveal his character. Xerxes at the very beginning of his reign completed the conquest of Egypt which his father Darius had begun. On his return he immediately began to prepare for the invasion of Europe, and especially of Greece.

Xerxes sought a queen in place of the deposed Vashti. The one select-Raleigh .- Mr. D. J. Whichard, edi- ed from the most beautiful women It is to be strictly a Pitt county Agri- among those carried captive to Babysuperintendent of schools Joyner, myrtle, a beautiful and favorite shrub when all of the school children in the in the east. "Esther" means "a star." and many think it the same as Ishtar Davie .- Henry Angell tells us that the Babylonian equivalent of Venus. on 3 3-4 acres of land which had no She must have been quite young at bushels of corn. Counting his labor 15 years. Four or five years pass, at \$2.50 per day for breaking and and then begins the tragic story of cost of producing this corn was \$26. his pride incensed at the conduct of Esther's cousin Mordecai, his attempt Jewish race on Mordecai's account, mighty good showing, considering the his success in obtaining a decree from the king, throughout his empire, "to destroy, to kill, and to cause to perish all Jews, both young and old, little children, and women, in one

Great mourning and terrible distress came upon the Jews all over the empire as they learned of the decree. Mordecai sent word to Esther, now about 20 years old, asking her to go to the king and request the deliverance of her people. Esther replied "Whosoever shall come unto the king into the inner court, who is not called, there is one law of his to danger and difficulty. It required the-

utmost heroism. Esther put on her royal apparel. She was a sensible, practical woman. and used her beauty and charm of person and of dress to accomplish

her object. She waited for the fitting time. The king held out the golden sceptre. The sign that he received her, and that the most dangerous part of her mission was over. Instead of asking, her favor, where she would be surrounded by spies and possible enemies, she invited the king to a banquet in the seclusion of the Harem gardens. She invited Haman her enemy to join with the king and thus ward off all suspicion and at the same time have him where he could not escape.

Esther presented he: petition in wise words and pointed out Haman king was very angry and immediately deposed Haman, and had him hanged on the gallows he had prepared for Mordecai.

The result was a counteracting decree, permitting the Jews to stand up in their own defense, and large fore Esther.

One of the most interesting studwill are here seen in perfect har-

Heroism in Every Day Life is the port the grant to citizens of North expression and cultivation of the heseeking asylum for their wives and Carolina of the following patents: J. roic spirit in our ordinary daily livchildren among the foreigners. Prior M. Cameron, Cranberry, inertia spin- ing. We cannot all be heroes in great to the revolution, the newspapers dle-lubricator; R. B. Cochran, Jr., things, but the field of heroism is everywhere, in every home, in every town. There are great enemies to overcome in our own hearts.