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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.

The presidential race is officially on in Atlanta. The inevitable candidate's button has appeared upon the street. "Welcome Back Teddy," loudly proclaims the little button, and although it is the first and only one yet seen in Atlanta, it attracted much attention. Theodore Roosevelt's familiar line of shining teeth is the first thing which catches one's eye, then the remainder of the familiar features dawn upon one, every line of the smiling features flagrantly exposed.

Charles W. Morse, the New York banker, was ordered transferred from Fort McPherson, Ga., to the army general hospital, at Hot Springs, Ark. President Taft and Attorney General Wickham decided upon the transfer, believing special medical treatment was necessary. Because of his physical condition, Morse recently was transferred to Fort McPherson from the Atlanta penitentiary, where he was serving fifteen years for violation of the banking laws.

About fifty families, mostly women and children, seeking a temporary residence free from cerebral spinal meningitis, arrived in Austin, Texas, from north Texas points. A large number of families is said to have passed through en route to San Antonio, where the disease has not appeared. The state board of health decided to try to secure for distribution throughout Texas a supply of the New York board of health meningitis serum. It urged county attorneys to prosecute the practicing of alleged healing of meningitis by unauthorized persons and also to prosecute delays in reporting or diagnosing meningitis by regular physicians. The disease was declared to be most prevalent among negroes. Twelve new cases in Dallas and five deaths have been reported to the city board of health. All these deaths were of white persons. Three of the new cases were negroes.

Col. W. T. Gentry, president of the Southern Bell Telephone company, will be elected president of the Cumberland Telephone and Telegraph company at a meeting which is to be held in Louisville, Ky., early in February. This confirms the recent Associated Press dispatches from New York and means that Colonel Gentry will be the chief officer of that part of the Bell system east of the Mississippi and south of the Ohio rivers. The same officials will be elected by both companies.

Defending herself and mother from the attack of a boarder in their home at 550 Frank street, in Atlanta, Miss Kate Moore, 15 years old, shot and killed W. L. Bankston, as he threatened her with a heavy oak chair, after the shooting she took to her heels and ran to her mother and two young sisters, who were waiting some doors above. The younger girls were almost without clothing and had been driven from their beds when Bankston commenced his disorder.

"Oh! for an hour of Andrew Jackson!" This slogan, figuratively a wish for the resurrection of the tariff and economy policies of President Jackson, summarized the views of Gov. Judson Harmon of Ohio in a speech at East St. Louis. The governor attacked the financial policy of the three last Republican administrations as having increased the Federal outlay from one billion dollars every two years to more than a billion dollars each year.

Following four hours of sweat-box examination at the hands of Central Georgia Special Officer Poole and Sheriff Hicks of Bibb county, P. H. Smith, the railroad ticket agent who was found bound and gagged in his office, in Macon, Ga., saying two men had robbed him, broke down and confessed that he had taken the money. He at once led them to a store room in the union depot above the ticket office and produced \$1,200 in bills, mostly wrapped in bundles.

A statute of Andrew Carnegie is to be erected in Dunfermline, Scotland, in recognition of the iron master's benefactions to his natal city. The decision was reached at a meeting of the town council.

W. Morgan Shuster, deposed treasurer of Persia, will return to the United States in the near future.

For 24 hours Portland, Ore., was in the grip of a "silver thaw." The damage from the present storm is estimated at \$200,000. When the "silver thaw" is on, rain is transferred into ice as soon as it touches any object.

At a meeting of the executive board of the Ohio Federation of Labor held in Columbus strong resolutions were adopted endorsing President Samuel Gompers of the American Federation of Labor.

Graham White, the aviator, has announced his intention to give up flying.

Seven Turkish gunboats were sunk and large numbers of Turkish ships were drowned or killed in the first important naval engagement of the Turco-Italian war on January 7, according to an official account given out in Rome, Italy. The battle was fought out on the Red Sea. The Turks were preparing to convoy a military expedition which was to cross Egypt and join the Turkish forces in Tripoli. The number of Turkish sailors who were drowned was not given out. After the Italian ships had battered the Turkish war vessels with broadsides of shells and projectiles the Turk tars swarmed into the sea. Great numbers of them were picked up by small craft from the Italian gunboats.

After launching an anti-tipping crusade the Southern Hotel Men's association adjourned at Charlotte, N. C., after electing officers. The hotel men will issue an appeal to the traveling public in the South to help abolish the tipping system. To prove their sincerity in the crusade a committee of three was named to meet in the near future in Atlanta and attempt to enlist all hotel organizations in the South in the reform through amalgamation with the association.

William Twyman, a negro, considered insane, murdered his father at their home in Scottsville, a little village near Rochester, N. Y., shot dead a deputy sheriff, severely wounded three other deputies and slightly injured Sheriff Harley Hamill, the leader in a posse of more than a hundred persons who endeavored to enter Twyman's house, in which he had barricaded himself. Twyman held the besiegers at bay for six hours until a one-pounder gun arrived on the spot.

"It does my heart good to think that I got ahead of John D. Rockefeller, my fellow millionaire, in that Lake Superior ore deal," Andrew Carnegie gloated thus in testifying before the house committee of inquiry in the United States Steel Corporation.

If the Japanese timekeepers and athletic trainers may be believed Western athletes will have to look to their laurels at the forthcoming Olympic games in which representatives of Japan will participate for the first time. Aspirants for the Olympic trip were recently tried out at Tokio with surprising results. One of the greatest surprises was the lowering of the Olympic world's record for the 25-mile Marathon race. Shiza Kanurki set the mark at 2 hours 32 minutes.

Flames destroyed the great granite and marble nine-story building of the Equitable Life Assurance society at 120 Broadway, New York, the home of the Mercantile Trust company, the Equitable Trust company, the banking house of Kountze Brothers, the Mercantile Safe Deposit company and the Harriman lines. Four men are known to be dead and the hurt, several persons are missing. Conservative damage estimates now place the loss at \$8,000,000. Others say it will run as high as \$15,000,000.

#### Washington.

The movement for a fitting celebration in 1913 of the fiftieth anniversary of the battle of Gettysburg took definite form when the Pennsylvania commission, having the matter in charge, appeared before the joint congressional committee and made public its plans. It is proposed to have the celebration extended over the first four days of July, and the most important feature will be the laying of the cornerstone of a great peace memorial to be erected by the nation at the entrance to the battlefield. Veterans from the Civil war are expected to attend from all over the country, South, as well as North, at the expense of the federal states, and three states have already taken action with this end in view.

The Democratic national committee completed its work in Washington with the selection of Baltimore as the convention city. June 25 was fixed as the date of the national gathering, when candidates for president and vice president will be selected. The Republican national convention is to be held in Chicago on June 18. The Democrats adopted a "permissive" primary resolution in connection with the call for delegates, and such states as have laws on the subject, or desire to do so, can select their representatives in the national convention by direct vote. There are 1,074 delegates to be chosen.

The grip of the interstate commerce commission over the commerce of the country was tightened through a series of decisions by the Supreme court. The paramount authority of the commission in reasonable rate-making was upheld. The field field touching the acceptance of all goods for interstate shipment was marked forever as Federal territory and all states were warned to keep off. The supremacy over state laws of the Federal "hours of service law" was upheld.

Democratic leaders at the Jackson day dinner in Washington urged their followers to stop fighting each other and assail the common enemy, the Republican party. With a united front, Woodrow Wilson of New Jersey, Speaker Champ Clark, William J. Bryan, William R. Hearst, Joseph W. Folk and other Democratic chiefs, who have differed in the past, joined in a unanimous plea for harmony for 1912, and predicted political victory would follow. It was a tumultuous dinner in which prospective candidates for the presidential nomination shared honors.

## MANY INSTITUTES FOR THE FARMERS

THERE WILL ALSO BE AN INSTITUTE FOR THE WOMEN AT THE MEETINGS.

### PARTIES GO OUT TO LECTURE

Matters of Importance to the Farmers and Their Wives—Matters of Home as Well as Those Pertaining to the Field Crops.

Raleigh.—There are to be many Farmers' Institutes in North Carolina this year and some of these are to begin this month, three parties to take the field. There will be Women's Institutes at the meetings as well, and these are of great importance, perhaps more so than the institutes for the men. At these meetings for the women subjects are discussed pertaining to the health of the family, foods, cooking, sanitation, and so on, subjects of a large, or of more importance than field crops, and such matters as are discussed at the men's meetings.

In order to get the best results at each meeting the cooperation of the people is needed and the progressive people of each place visited should give aid to the meetings. There should be a large attendance at all of them.

Concerning some of the features of the meetings, in addition to the addresses and lectures to be given by specialists, Mr. T. B. Parker, the Director of Institutes for the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, makes the following announcements:

"A prize of \$1.00 will be given for the best exhibit of five ears of corn, provided they are meritorious and show points of excellence. Otherwise no premium will be given. Also a premium of \$1.00 for the best loaf of bread exhibited by a woman or girl living on a farm, the following conditions to be observed: In making the bread, bought or home-made yeast may be used, but bread made by the "salt rising" process will not be awarded a prize, nor will bread score less than 75 points out of a possible 100 points for a perfect bread, be given a prize."

#### To Have Up-to-Date Poultry Show.

As the result of a movement inaugurated a few days ago with that end in view, a live-up-to-date poultry show for Statesville is assured. The movement was launched at a meeting in the Commercial Club rooms and the plans were completed at a similar meeting. Feb. 26th has been decided on as the date for the event and the purpose is to hold it in a big vacant store room on one of the principal streets of the town. Solicitors are now at work securing funds to finance the enterprise, and the list of those who are to become members of the poultry association is being largely signed.

#### Not Having Anticipated Effect.

According to the information received here the recent announcement of Robert H. Reynolds as candidate for Congress in the tenth district to succeed Congressman J. M. Gudger, Jr., is not having the effect upon some of the other possible candidates which some anticipated. It was the calculation of some political leaders that as soon as Mr. Reynolds made his announcement nearly every county in the district would put forth a candidate. There are at least indications that the candidates in two of the counties will not do this.

#### Commission and Officials Confer.

The Corporation Commission and Superintendent W. H. Newell, of the Atlantic Coast Line, have just had another conference with a view to settling the question of a new passenger station at a new location for Tarboro. The citizens are fighting not only for a more adequate station but also for a new and less dangerous location, the complaint being that numbers of dangerous side-tracks have to be crossed to get to the present inadequate station.

#### Ordinance is Unconstitutional.

Judge N. L. Eure held that Greensboro's "hogpen ordinance" is unconstitutional and that a man may not be prevented from keeping a hog or hog-pen in the city unless it is proved in a case against him that the particular pen, or "the locus in quo," is itself a nuisance. This was the ruling of the court in holding in the case of state and city against R. F. Rice of Goose Grease Lignum, with the defendant in a motion to quash an indictment against him for violation of the ordinance.

#### Is Charged With Embezzlement.

One of the biggest sensations was sprung at High Point, especially in business circles, when it was learned that Mr. Frank Wineskie, secretary and manager of the Standard Mirror Company of this city, had been placed under arrest by Deputy Sheriff Weatherly for alleged embezzlement. The charge is made by President McKnight of the company. The indictment was made before Squire Collins of Greensboro. Mr. Wineskie is charged by his accusers of misappropriation of \$30,000 in money.

## ON SLOW TEACHER'S MEETING

Superintendent Talks to Teachers on How to Manage Children—Discusses Many Matters of Importance.

Raleigh.—A special from Jacksonville says that the Onslow County Teachers' Association held its December meeting several days ago.

Rev. F. A. Liles, of the Baptist church, conducted the devotional exercises, and talked briefly to the teachers concerning the school as an influence in character building. The school is compared with the artist's gallery. A likeness of the subject is impressed on a sensitized plate. This emphasizes all of the unlikely features. By the retouching process these features are toned down and a more ideal likeness of the subject is obtained. The teacher takes the child in its original type or character, observes the defective and effective traits and retouches this type so as to restrain the undesirable and bring out the desirable qualities.

County Superintendent Thompson, in regard to local difficulties that sometimes interfere with the school work, appealed to the teachers to rely on personal tact and individuality in bringing about the settlement of such difficulties. They arise mostly from personal dislikes, and the solution is necessarily a personal one.

A round-table discussion of various subjects was indulged in by the teachers. The discussion was largely of the new text-books and the requirements for teaching them. The teachers generally seem well pleased with the newly adopted list of books.

#### North Carolina New Enterprises.

S. M. Maddox Company, of Greensboro, to do a general retail drug business. Authorized capital stock is \$25,000, but may begin business with \$5,000 paid in, by J. R. Pitts, S. M. Maddox, Lillian L. Maddox and Lelia Pitts as incorporators. Wallace Bros., of Carthage, incorporated to sell merchandise. Authorized capital stock is \$10,000, paid in \$7,500. Incorporators: P. D. B. C. and L. C. Wallace, all of Carthage. The Kresnet Company, of Concord, to conduct a five, ten and fifteen-cent store. Capital stock is \$10,000, paid in \$1,250. The incorporators are Julius Fisher, Luther Sappenfield and A. F. Goodman, all of Concord. Blue Ridge Sanitarium, of Hendersonville. To organize and carry on the business of a sanitarium for the treatment of persons afflicted with tuberculosis and training of nurses. Capital stock is \$50,000, divided into two thousand shares, par value of \$25, with privilege of increasing to \$100,000. Incorporators are Judge P. C. Walker, J. G. Schluchin, Jr., and Dr. John Roy Williams.

#### Neal Sentenced to Two Years.

In Judge Watson's court William Neal, the bad negro who shot Patrolman C. B. Barbour several weeks ago submitted to an assault with deadly weapon and was sentenced to a term of two years on the roads.

Neal made no defense whatever, and his statement was reduced to monosyllables. He was evidently sorry for it and had no words in excuse. He fired at the officer who went with a warrant to arrest him and the wound came near being fatal. It struck a little high, otherwise Mr. Barbour would have been shot in the vital part of the side.

#### Important Matter To Deal With.

The transportation committee of the new chamber of commerce of Winston, which has not yet been appointed, is to have an important matter to deal with immediately upon its appointment. There has been considerable discussion of the proposed Goldsboro and Swansboro and Trent River railroads, and also of a proposed extension of the Kinston and Carolina road, and it is the desire of the chamber of commerce to preserve to Kinston as far as possible the trade of the territory through which these roads, if built, will pass.

#### Craft Goes Down in Storm.

A wireless from Capt. John W. Harper, master and owner of the harbor steamer Madeline, of Wilmington states that the craft, while en route from Wilmington to New Bern, encountered the coastal storm off Cape Lookout and went down.

#### Offer \$200 Reward For Upton.

Governor Kitchin announces a reward of \$200 for Jess Upton, who is wanted in Swain county for a double murder on Christmas Day, when he shot George Brendle and his son, Manly Brendle, and fled to Georgia. There had been an old grudge between Upton and Brendle and Christmas Day Brendle met Upton and suggested that they be friends again. Whereupon, Upton fired upon Brendle, killing him, and then fired two shots into Manly Brendle, resulting in the latter's death.

#### Thirty-Three Months in Sentences.

Thirty-three months in sentences went to the Zebulon retailers who were submitted without trial, James Station excepted, and Judge Bragaw imposed these judgments. These were the result of a raid of the Raleigh Detective Agency, which went into the young town and broke up a flourishing business. Four of the men, Lee Anderson, Bossie Hopkins, Paul Craig and William H. Smith, were given the uniform sentence of six months. Station contested his case and was given nine months.

## SENTENCED TO DIE

ROSS THE CONFESSED MURDERER IS TO FORFEIT HIS LIFE ON FEBRUARY 16.

### ARE NOW TRYING GLADDEN

The Alleged Instigator of the Heinous Crime is Expected to Confess and Clear Up the Whole Affair—May Implicate Others.

#### Report on North Carolina Banks.

Raleigh.—The Corporation Commission issued statement of aggregate resources and liabilities of State, private and savings banks in North Carolina at the close of business December 5. It shows a gain of \$6,259,629 in the banking resources of these banks, of which there are 349 in the state, with 14 branch banks. The total resources aggregate \$68,406,779, as compared with \$62,166,551 previously. The total capital stock is \$9,527,030, a gain of \$610,696 for the year. Deposits for the year have aggregated \$49,897,157, a gain of \$6,868,212 for the year. The savings deposits amount to \$9,881,112, a gain of \$3,507,093, and deposits subject to check aggregate \$28,016,749, a gain of \$326,000.

#### Want An Additional Appropriation.

Lexington.—The County Board of Education is engaged in a struggle with the county commissioners to secure an additional appropriation of \$2,000 for the use of the public schools of the county. With this amount they will be able to secure \$2,000 from the state's second \$100,000 and will be able to run the schools four months without it, the school term in every district will be "doctored" eight days. The estimates made in June by the board of education were too low by something more than \$2,000. The board explains that the shortage came about by the increase of teachers' salaries and the building of school houses.

#### Farmers' Union Selects Officers.

Statesville.—The Iredell County Farmers' Union has selected officers for the year as follows: W. B. Gibson, president; C. M. Wagner, vice-president; Rev. J. P. Hipps, chaplain; C. F. Sain, doorkeeper; T. J. Murdock, conductor. Messrs. J. R. Robertson, W. C. Wooten, F. T. Meacham, J. M. Sharpe and P. M. Cline, members executive committee. The union is growing in numbers and influence.

#### Concord.—At a regular meeting of the board of aldermen Attorney H. S. Puryear was re-elected police justice of Concord.

#### None of the Bids Were Accepted.

Durham.—None of the bids submitted for the erection of the two buildings at the State University were accepted by the committee, which met in the office of Mr. John Sprunt Hill, of this city. All of the bids were for a larger amount than the committee is authorized to spend on the buildings. The committee was composed of Dr. J. Y. Joyner, Secretary of State J. Bryan Grimes, Col. Benham Cameron, General J. S. Carr, Dr. F. P. Venable, Dr. Herty, Mr. John Sprunt Hill and Judge J. S. Manning.

#### One Death Daily Asheville's Average.

Asheville.—City Clerk Lawrence Young has just completed his compiling of the records showing the number of deaths that occurred in Asheville during the year 1911. According to this record 265 deaths, an average of one death a day were officially registered. Considering the fact that a large number of non-residents come here who are in bad health when they come, many of them past all relief, this is a good record. It is also better than the record for 1910, which was 402.

## LAND OF THE LONG LEAF PINE

Short Paragraphs of News That Has Been Collected By the Editor For the People.

Asheville.—Estelle Cook, the 5-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cook, of West Asheville, died at a local hospital as the result of being severely burned at the home of her parents while playing before an open fire. The child was burned about the face, neck and chest and it is believed that in screaming for aid she inhaled the flames.

Asheville.—The stockholders and directors of the Western North Carolina Fair, held a meeting at which the business of the fair held last fall was wound up, reports of officers heard and preparations discussed for the next fair. A dividend of 3-13 per cent, was declared and it was decided to hold the fair next fall on September 17, 18, 19 and 20.

Winston-Salem.—Winston township voted one hundred thousand dollars in bonds to aid in the construction of the Randolph and Cumberland Railroad. Broadway township, adjoining Winston, defeated the proposition by a small majority to issue thirty thousand dollars in bonds to the proposed new road. Another election will be called for Broadway township on the same proposition.

Duke.—A very prosperous year seems inevitable for the busy little town of Duke. Many new families have moved in during the closing days of last year, and all have found profitable employment with the mills here. The mills have gone on the ten-hour system and so arranged the working hours that the entire Saturday afternoon is given to the operatives, and they still draw pay for six days' work.

Newton.—Train No. 12 on the Southern was flagged by three boys two miles east of Hickory and what might have been a disastrous wreck was narrowly averted. The boys had found that one of the heavy steel rails had cracked in twain about middle way. The train passed over the break slowly and the damage was attended to. The train was hitting a pretty lively clip and was brought to a stand not a great way from the break.

Raleigh.—The trustees of the East Carolina Teachers' Training School of Greenville have made definite arrangements for a big summer school for teachers the coming summer. The board was in session several days and directed a special committee to work out the details for a summer school that will doubtless prove the most effective that has yet been held in this state. Dr. J. Y. Joyner, state superintendent of public instruction, attended the session.

Thomasville.—The chamber of commerce of Thomasville has just completed its first year's history and during the past year has made its influence felt in the town. At a recent meeting the efficient secretary, Capt. W. O. Burgin, tendered his resignation, which was accepted, and Hon. Don't C. McRae was elected as his successor. Permanent headquarters for the chamber will be in the future established on the third floor in the Bank of Thomasville building.

Wilmington.—Mr. J. B. Whyte, formerly of Richmond, Va., but now of this city, has been selected by the committee in charge of arrangements as the speaker of the exercises to be held in the Academy of Music Friday, January 19 in honor of the birthday anniversary of General Robert E. Lee. The exercises will take place at 12 o'clock and the dinner to the Confederate veterans will be served by the Daughters of the Confederacy in the Masonic Temple immediately following.

Raleigh.—Enforcement of the state prohibition law came in its special phase when treatment by Judge Stephen C. Bragaw of Washington, N. C., in the charge to the jury convening his first court here. He said good men differed as to the wisdom of writing state prohibition on the statute books, but having been passed, it has become the burden duty of the officials and the court to enforce what might have been their view as to enactment of the laws.

Durham.—Mr. Paul C. Graham was elected judge of the Durham recorder's court at a joint meeting of the boards of aldermen and county commissioners called for that purpose. The opponent of Mr. Graham was Mr. R. H. Sykes, who has held the position for several years.

Fayetteville.—Dr. Frederick A. Cook made his appearance in North Carolina here when he described to an audience in the LaFayette theater the polar explorations upon which he based his claim to the discovery of the North Pole. He was introduced by Mayor James D. McNeill.

Raleigh.—The ceremony that unveiled the beautiful bust of Samuel Johnston, one of North Carolina's greatest sons, was the most unique in which the Masons have yet figured and was magnificent, without a hitch.

Greensboro.—Mr. W. O. Burgin, of Thomasville, the new secretary of the chamber of commerce has been elected and taken up his work, succeeding Mr. C. C. McLean, resigned. The annual meeting of the chamber will be held in a few days at which time Mr. Burgin and together they will discuss plans for next year.

Washington.—Acquisition of the telegraph lines of the United States by the government and their operation as a part of the postal service will be recommended to Congress in a short time by Postmaster Hitchcock.

For a year or more Mr. Hitchcock has had this recommendation under consideration. After a thorough study of the operation of government-controlled telegraph lines and postal telegraph systems of foreign countries he has decided to urge the matter upon Congress.

"Should this recommendation be adopted," said Mr. Hitchcock, in a statement of his intention, "I am convinced it would result in important economies and very materially lower telegraph rates than now are exacted. In approximately fifty countries of the world—notably Great Britain, France, Germany, Austria, Italy, Spain, Russia and Japan—government-controlled telegraphs now are in successful and profitable operation. In many of the countries they are operated in connection with the postal service. These telegraphs serve an aggregate population of 90,000,000 and in every instance they have been found to be of immense practical benefit to the people, in both promptitude and cost of the service.

## SHOULD OWN THE TELEGRAPH WIRES

GOVERNMENT ACQUISITION OF TELEGRAPH IS URGED BY HITCHCOCK.

### AS PART OF POSTAL SERVICE

The Postmaster General Will Send a Recommendation to Congress in the Near Future—Is Operated Similarly in Other Countries.

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"In this country, postoffices are maintained in numerous places not reached by the telegraph systems and the proposed consolidation, therefore, would afford a favorable opportunity for the wide extension of the telegraphic facilities.

Six Are Killed By a Train. Philadelphia.—Six persons, five women and a man, were killed when an express train on the New York division of the Pennsylvania Railroad crashed into a light station wagon at the Linden avenue grade crossing in Torresdale, a suburb. The dead women were all employed as servants in fashionable homes in Torresdale, and were being conveyed to church when the accident occurred. Davidson was the driver for a local liveryman and had been making the trip every Sunday for the past two years. The Linden avenue crossing is usually guarded by a watchman, but the regular man was on leave of absence, and his substitute had not appeared when the coach reached the crossing. Davidson waited for a freight train to pass and then drove directly in front of the approaching express.

Spanish Cabinet Has Resigned. Madrid.—The Spanish Cabinet, of which Jose Canalejas y Mendez was Premier, resigned. The Cabinet resigned as the result of a divergence of views with King Alfonso as to the advisability of commuting the death sentence of one of the riders, who murdered a judge and wounded several court officials in the town of Cullera, province of Valencia, last September. The general strike at that time at Valencia and other provinces involved a plot to assassinate General Weyler, and the King was compelled to suspend the constitutional guarantees.

Wilson Is French Ambassador. Washington.—Huntington Wilson, Assistant Secretary of state, is to succeed Robert Bacon as ambassador to France, according to persistent rumors in diplomatic circles here. Thomas C. Dawson, resident diplomatic officer of the State Department, whose name was mentioned prominently in connection with the post of ambassador to Brazil, to which Edward W. Morgan was named, will be made Assistant secretary of state.

A Big Fire at Birmingham. Birmingham, Ala.—Fire which raged for several hours resulted in an estimated loss of between \$250,000 and \$300,000 to the Cable Piano Company and Southern Bell Telephone Bell Telephone buildings on Second Avenue, and indirectly was responsible for the death of one man. The Bell telephone service in this city is demoralized. The fire originated in the Cable Piano Company building and after having been gotten apparently under control burst forth anew, leaping to the building of the telephone company.

Nashville, Tenn.—Rev. Joseph R. Smith of Swannock was brought to Nashville after having been bound over to the April term of Federal court on a charge of making moonshine whiskey. At the preliminary hearing Rev. Smith pleaded guilty to the charge. Rev. Smith has for several months been the regular pastor of three small churches near Swannock. His "wild cat" still was located in the smokehouse a few yards from the parsonage and less than a quarter of a mile from his principal church.