

## 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 New Orleans cotton exchange, through its president, E. J. Glenn, issued a very strong appeal in the form of a letter addressed to bankers, shippers and others interested to renew the fight against the bureau for the validation of cotton bills of lading which grew out of the Liverpool conference last year.

Charles W. Morse, New York financier, who has served two years of a sentence of fifteen years in the Federal prison at Atlanta, is now a free man. It is extremely doubtful whether Morse will ever leave Georgia alive. He is suffering from three diseases regarded as incurable, and the end may come at any time. However, he may live for a year under favorable conditions. Mrs. Morse came to Atlanta as the special messenger of the government bearing the official communication papers which make her husband a free man.

In the opinion of many economists of Alabama, the best task that the senate of Alabama could undertake would be to institute or establish a school for the turning out of legislators. It is considered that perfect familiarity with the laws will enable the state to have passed such bills as will be both beneficial and wise.

Senator Hoke Smith and Representative Bartlett, both of Georgia, are working on what they believe to be a brand new plan for helping the cotton farmers of the South through the regulation of the New York Cotton exchange. They propose to introduce a bill in congress, and press for its passage, requiring the exchange to deliver the same grade of cotton that is sold on future contracts in the exchange.

Harmony reigns with the Democratic organizations in Tennessee. The Vertrees and Barton state committees reached an agreement. The Vertrees overtures to the Barton committee were accepted with some amendments. Under the compromise plan the state primary of April 27 will be held under a primary board of three members named by the Vertrees committee, three named by the Barton committee, and a seventh named by the other six.

Nurserymen attending the Texas Land Exposition, which is being held at Houston, Texas, say that young citrus fruit stock in Texas was killed by the recent cold weather, while the more mature—more than a year's growth—was but slightly damaged. The damage was far less than expected, they say. The permanence of the orange industry in Texas has been successfully demonstrated in the recent cold weather, the nurserymen declare.

#### General.

The dispute in the cotton trade at Manchester, England, which culminated in a lock-out affecting about 300,000 men on December 27, has been settled. The question was the employment of non-union labor. The operators by a two to one vote agreed Explanation of the rise in the price of fresh meat following the period of financial depression in 1907 was given in the trial of the ten Chicago packers. It was shown by the government that the practice of crediting the beef account with the value of the hides, amounting to about \$3.60 an animal, was discontinued. The result was to increase the test cost of beef and to make it possible for the packers to show excessive profits.

Sixty cents a pound for butter was said to be the price to which retail dealers in Chicago looked forward. Quotations reached 47 cents, the highest in the city's market history. This additional burden on the cost of living was blamed by the storekeepers to scarcity resulting from the recent severe weather conditions, but other persons were not slow to ascribe the advance to an alleged trust, which has been under investigation by the Federal authorities.

Dr. George A. Zeller, superintendent of the Illinois state hospital at Bartonville, expressed the belief in a lecture that a great psychic wave of conscience and remorse is sweeping the country.

W. C. McDonald, Democrat, has just been inaugurated governor of New Mexico.

Major Bruce, an American attached to the gendarmerie, was fired upon as he was proceeding from the barracks to his residence, says a dispatch from Teheran, Persia. His assailant was concealed in a house. The bullet went wide.

Ira Webb, the oldest voter in the United States, is dead at Binshampton, N. Y., in his one hundred and sixth year. Mr. Webb always cast a Republican ticket. He was acquainted with many of Great Britain's twenty-eighth dreadnaught battleships has just been laid.

A statement given out by the Persian government denies that it has threatened to punish the American customs officials. A copy of a letter shown by M. Mornard, the treasurer-general, to Mr. Cairns on the subject is appended. This alleged copy, however, bears a different signature from the original and differs in other respects. It is generally believed that the government is trying to induce Americans to leave the country.

Col. Theodore Roosevelt declared that he was not "discussing pipe dreams" when he was asked about a report from Indianapolis to the effect that he was favored by steel interests for the presidential nomination. "That is a depth of tomfoolery to which I cannot go," he said. "Have you read Mr. Carnegie's testimony before the house committee?" he was asked. "I did not know he testified," Colonel Roosevelt replied, smiling.

Horrible conditions prevailing among the peasantry of southeastern Russia are depicted in a telegram from a doctor in Orenburg. The doctor says the starving peasantry in the government of Orenburg, on the river Ural, are selling their children to the Khirgez nomads in the government of Saratov. Many of the people in the vicinity have died.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., will this week sever his connection with the campaign against white slavery, in which he has been actively engaged for more than two years. He plans, it is said, to turn his attention to another kind of public service.

#### Washington.

Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, chief of the chemistry bureau of the United States department of agriculture and storm center of the food administration last summer, is given a clean bill of health in the report of the house committee that investigated the charges and countercharges. The committee sustains Doctor Wiley all along the line, except on some unimportant details.

For the first time in history the way has been opened for state banks and trust companies to become "United States depositories." Owing to the view of the treasury department, any financial institution in America—national or state bank or trust company—holding postal savings deposits or other government funds, may assume that title without legal impediment.

How the people of the United States may have saved for themselves millions of dollars annual in the operation of their governmental machinery was outlined by President Taft in a message to congress on "economy and efficiency in the government service." "What the government does with nearly \$1,000,000,000 each year," said the president, "is as of as much concern to the average citizen as is the manner of obtaining this amount of money for the public use."

Probably the most radical proposal advanced by the president in the message was that all administrative offices of the government in the departments at Washington and in the field be put under the civil service.

Whether Senator Albert J. Cummins of Iowa will be a candidate for the Republican nomination for the presidency will be discussed and very probably determined at a meeting of the Iowa delegation in congress which will be called immediately upon the return of Senator Kenyon from the West. Mr. Kenyon is said to be in Chicago in connection with the packers' trial, and probably will be in Washington within a few days. Senator Cummins meantime refused to discuss the reports.

The state department has served notice on President Gomez that the United States will intervene in Cuba if further attempts are made by the veteran organization to nullify the law prohibiting interference of the military in political affairs in Cuba.

The news of threatened intervention by the United States in Cuban affairs, coming without the least warning, caused intense excitement in the clubs and cafes of Havana, while in all places of public gathering it was the absorbing topic of discussion. Astonishment and resentment against American interference were mingled with very general incredulity. President Gomez, seen at the palace, said: "I am convinced that no occasion has yet arisen for any intimation of intervention. I believe that the Washington governments attitude is based on an erroneous view of conditions in Cuba, arising from distorted and greatly exaggerated reports from Havana."

The sight of a Democrat presiding over the deliberations of a Republican senate probably will be a common sight during the remainder of the present session. This peculiar situation was virtually insured when Senator Gallinger announced that he would not at this time press his motion for the election of a president pro-tempore of the senate. Senator Bacon has been occupying the chair during the absence of Vice President Sherman.

Secretary of Commerce and Labor Nagel wrote to Chairman Henry of the house of representatives rules committee that he had no facts that would aid in the inquiry into the so-called shipping combine. He referred to reported combinations of foreign steamship lines with certain railroads.

## TRIBUTE TO NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOLS

MARVELOUS PROGRESS IN STATE AS DEPICTED BY GERARD COLLEGE PROFESSOR.

### TALKS TO SUPERINTENDENTS

Professor Harold Barnes of Girard College, Philadelphia, in an address at Greenville, Pays Our State High and Deserved Compliments.

Raleigh.—A special from Greenville states that at the meeting of the Northeastern Division of County Superintendents and State High School Principals held there, Prof. Harold Barnes of Girard College, Philadelphia, was there and delivered several addresses. He was interviewed for the purpose of seeing how educators outside of the state looked upon our work. He hesitatingly gave out the following summary of our educational progress as is seen by a stranger and a man who has made some investigation of what we are doing.

North Carolina is making a marvelous advancement in the line of education at the present time. From a historical standpoint she has had a vast amount to overcome, much more than nearly any other state in the Union. Her condition at the close of the Civil War was such that it was absolutely necessary to look after the material side of life before the educational side could be considered.

It was about 1877 during the period that Governor Jarvis was governor of North Carolina, and Mr. Scarborough was state superintendent of public instruction that a beginning was made in the line of educational advancement.

It was only in 1909 North Carolina had the lowest per capita for power per capita of any state in the Union with the exception of one. It was the poorest state in dollars and cents, and the most illiterate with one exception.

### Trinity Will Take Part in Contest.

It has been definitely decided that Trinity will take part in the inter-collegiate oratorical contest for the state of North Carolina. This decision was reached at a meeting of the joint committee appointed from the faculty and the two literary societies. A first prize of \$75, and a second prize of \$50 will be offered for the two best orations on a subject dealing with war or arbitration. The contest will be held some time during the month of April and will be under the auspices of the inter-collegiate peace, which is an organization existing for the purpose of promoting interest in the settlement of international disputes by arbitration.

### J. W. Fisher Dies From Injuries.

James W. Fisher, of Spencer, who was fatally injured under a locomotive at Spencer died at a hospital in Salisbury where he was under treatment. One arm and one leg was cut off by the engine, and he was otherwise mangled. Pneumonia developed and ended his life. He is survived by a wife and five young children. The interment takes place at the old family home at Mt. Pleasant.

### Poultry Show At Henrietta.

The Western North Carolina Poultry Association has just held at Henrietta in the spacious halls over the Henrietta store its second annual show. The classes were generally full and the association rejoices over a splendid exhibit, notwithstanding the weather was almost unpropitiously "polareque."

### The Bond Election Carried.

The election held at Hendersonville to vote \$24,000 in bonds to pave Main street and Sixth avenue to the Southern depot with asphalt carried by a 40 majority. The work will begin at once.

### The Pine Beetle Is Still Alive.

A report having been circulated at several points in the South to the effect that the extreme cold the past week has killed the Southern pine beetle which has done millions of dollars worth of damage to pine timber. A. D. Hopkins, of the bureau of entomology, in charge of forest insect investigations denied the rumors. "If it gets down to 25 degrees below zero, it will kill the pests," he said, "but there has not been any weather like that in any part of the South, as far as I have been able to learn."

### Frank Wineskie Has Won Out.

Superior Court Judge C. M. Cook held that the magistrate's proceedings under which Frank Wineskie of High Point was indicted and held for the alleged embezzlement of \$30,000 from the Standard Mirror Company, were void and he ordered the release of the prisoner. This was in answer to a writ of habeas corpus instituted by the defendant, who raised the point that a special legislative act creating a recorder's court for the municipality of High Point gave that court exclusive jurisdiction.

## HAS GRANTED FOUR PARDONS

Governor Kitchin Gives These to Prisoners of Iredell, Nash and Guilford Counties—Reasons Given.

Raleigh.—Governor Kitchin has granted four conditional pardons as follows:

Winfield Jefferson, convicted in Iredell county in July, 1911, of assault and sentenced to one year on the roads. The reasons for the pardon given by the governor are:

"While working on the roads under the court's sentence a tree fell on him, badly injuring him. County physician says owing to the injury he will not be able to resume work before his sentence expires. The judge, solicitor and many other officials and citizens recommend pardon. Aaron Fox and Willie P. Baxter, convicted in Nash county in March, 1911, of store-breaking and larceny and sentenced to eighteen months on the roads. The reasons for the pardon given by the governor are:

"The judge, solicitor, county officers, the private prosecutor whose goods were stolen and many other citizens recommend pardon—for the reason that the punishment has already been sufficient for the offense under the circumstances. Pardon on condition that he remain hereafter law-abiding, industrious and of good behavior. I also pardon the other boy who pleaded guilty at the same time and to the same offense under the same bill of indictment under same conditions, Willie P. Baxter."

Easley Hamblin, convicted in the recorder's court of Guilford county in August, 1911, of f. and a., and sentenced to nine months on the roads. The reasons for the pardon given by the governor are:

"The judge who tried and sentenced the prisoner recommends that he be pardoned and says that since the trial he has learned more about the case, and had he then known what he knows now about the case he would not have imposed as great a punishment. The chief of police and other officials also recommend pardon."

### North Carolina New Enterprises.

Charters are issued for five new corporations in Pender, Forsyth, Davidson, Pitt and Bladen counties. The Bank of Atkinson, Pender county, is chartered with \$10,000 authorized and \$5,000 subscribed by J. T. Hobgood, E. E. Murphy and others; The Vogue Inc., Winston-Salem, with \$25,000 capital by N. G. Fletcher, W. L. Reid and others; James H. Clark Company, Elizabethtown, Bladen county, capital \$15,000 authorized and \$6,000 subscribed by James H. Clark and others; the Hooker & Anthony Co., Greenville, capital \$25,000 authorized and \$10,000 subscribed by C. M. Warren and others, all of these for mercantile business; the Davidsonian Publishing Co., of Thomasville, capital \$2,250, subscribed by D. C. McRae, Archibald Johnson and others.

### To Discuss Strawberry Growing.

Following a movement started here last year by Dr. L. S. Bladen and other well-known and successful agriculturists, a meeting will be held in Elizabeth City, February 1, for the discussion of strawberry growing. At this meeting there will be present some of this section's most prominent planters and talks will be made and discussions engaged in by well-known men. The object of the gathering will be to create an organized effort to put out a large strawberry acreage in the Elizabeth City district.

### Appointment of Biddle Confirmed.

A telegram received in New Bern stated that the appointment of Mr. John Biddle as Collector of Customs at the port of New Bern had been confirmed. Mr. Biddle was appointed to this office several months ago, but for some reason the confirmation of the appointment was twice held up.

### Distressing Accident at Gibsonville.

Parties at Greensboro from Gibsonville tell of a distressing accident at that place, when, in some unexplainable manner, Miss Matilda Geringer caught fire and was burned to death before her screams for aid brought assistance.

### Bond Issue Carried In Lee County.

At the election held in Lee county for good roads bond a bond issue of \$100,000 was carried by about 40 majority. On account of the extreme cold weather, the ground being covered with snow and ice, the people of Sanford had hard work to overcome the opposition in the southeastern end of the county. The good roads advocates are jubilant over their success which they claim will enable them to build eight or ten good roads. The town of Sanford will also improve its streets.

### History of Western North Carolina.

Western North Carolina, that section lying between Virginia and Tennessee and west of the Blue Ridge mountains, is to have a history, a full complete, comprehensive intimate history, covering the period from Colonial days to the present. The undertaking to collect and collate data for this history is to be assumed by the Edward Buncombe chapter Daughter of the American Revolution. Announcements of this very commendable undertaking are now being printed and will soon be distributed.

## VOTE SCHOOL BONDS

A \$50,000 ISSUE TO BE DEVOTED TO THE ERECTION OF NEW SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

### WON BY A MAJORITY OF 74

There Had Been No Militant Work by the Opposition.—All of the Work Done Was in Favor of the Bond Issue.

Durham.—School bonds carried in the election here by a majority of 74, there being 651 registrations and 399 votes for school bonds. Those who did not favor the measure so expressed themselves by remaining away from the polls, as a majority of the registered voters was required to carry the measure.

There has been no militant work by the opposition. Practically all of the work that has been done has been in favor of the bond issue. There are eight voting precincts and all of these had a majority, excepting one. This was Brady's store, in the extreme eastern section of the town, and situated in one of the school districts where the building is most crowded, and the expected increase in attendance next year the largest. There was probably less than fifty votes cast against the measure, the others against the bonds contenting themselves with merely remaining from the polls.

The carrying of this election means that the city school board will have another \$50,000 for use in the erection of new buildings or the enlargement of old ones before the opening of the next school year. It is another step forward that the people of the city have taken along educational lines, and means that the already well equipped school system of the city will have their facilities for work greatly enhanced the coming year.

The school board will decide at an early meeting just what disposition will be made of the money. They will either erect a new building altogether, or add to some of the present buildings. Some of the money will be spent on the negro schools.

### Wants The General Warehouse.

Wilmington.—Wilmington is going to make a strong bid for the location of the central or general warehouse to be built at some point in the state by the Farmers' Union of North Carolina. In fact, it has already asked for the warehouse, and Mr. B. F. Keith, collector of customs at this port, representing the Chamber of Commerce, told the committee in Raleigh, of the advantages Wilmington has to offer as a distributing center. Clearly, he said, it would not be economical, for instance, to ship cotton by rail into a central portion of the state, and then reship it when it is decided to place it on the market.

### Inspection of State Guard.

Raleigh.—Orders were issued by Adjutant General R. L. Leinster, these general orders No. 1, for the annual inspection of the companies of the North Carolina National Guard. The inspection will include all United States and state property with the organizations and in the state arsenal. It will be made by the officer representing the United States and the inspecting officers of the North Carolina National Guard. The strength of the North Carolina National Guard, just given out by Adjutant General Leinster and reported to the War Department, is 2,514 officers and men.

### Synod Ends a Two-Day Session.

Salisbury.—The extra session of the North Carolina Lutheran Synod, called to consider the future of the female college, Mont Amoena at Mount Pleasant, which was burned several months ago ended a two-day meeting in St. Mark's Church, China Grove. Several places submitted bids for a college. It was found that the charter of Mont Amoena would not permit of the removal of the school from Mount Pleasant, and much discussion followed. Finally, it was decided to build a woman's college, which will have another name, at some point in the bounds of the synod.

### A Near Wreck On The Seaboard.

Lumberton.—Quick work on the part of Engineer Crosby on Seaboard Air Line train No. 44 narrowly averted a wreck which would surely have been accompanied by a large number of fatalities. While crossing the bridge just west of the station, Mr. Crosby discovered, a short distance ahead of the engine a mule which had walked several feet out on the bridge before its feet went down between the ties. The emergency brakes were applied and the train was less than ten feet from the animal when stopped.

### Gets Away From Two Deputies.

Raleigh.—Spurgeon Yancey, a 20-year-old negro youth, is missing from the Wake county jail and Sheriff Sears and especially two deputies, who are handling the prisoners connected with the superior court, would be mighty glad to get up with him. He disappeared from the jail after he had marched into the prison from the court house. He hid in some corner of the jail corridor while the other thirteen prisoners were being placed into their cells and then slipped out.

## FROM ALL OVER THE STATE

A Column of News That Has Been Collected and Condensed With Care By the Editor.

Asheville.—At the regular weekly meeting of the board of aldermen steps were taken to try and abolish the smoke nuisance of the city. This nuisance has been a sore spot to the city for a number of years and many suggestions have been made to stop it but heretofore no official action has been taken in the matter.

Concord.—The board of aldermen held a called meeting for the purpose of considering the plans for the new depot. After thoroughly considering the plans and specifications, the board decided that the proposed station was entirely inadequate to serve the needs of a municipality of the size of Concord.

Winston-Salem.—No arrest have been made in the case of the negro who attacked Mr. Norman V. Stockton, a prominent young merchant, in his place of business, cutting him severely on the arm. Mr. Stockton is resting easy at his home. The force of the negro's blow was such as to fracture a bone in Mr. Stockton's arm, which he threw up to save himself from a vicious lunge which the man made at his body.

Raleigh.—The Wake County Bar Association met in called session to pay its tribute to Judge Stephen C. Bragaw, who is trying the docket to fix the calendar's date here, to take action upon the Webb bill, now pending in congress, and to secure for the Wake county a stenographer. The first matter taken up was the passage of a resolution complimenting Judge Bragaw for the splendid work he has done.

Newbern.—Losing his foothold on the ice and snow which covered the track along which he was walking, Mr. Charles H. Jackson, who lived on Pembroke road near this city, was struck by the incoming eastbound train on the Norfolk Southern Railway yards, and received injuries from which he died a short while later after he had been carried to Stewart's sanatorium and everything possible had been done to save his life.

Raleigh.—A great number of corporations in the state are being notified just now by the secretary of state that he is, in compliance with the law, reporting them to the sheriffs of their respective counties as having failed to make annual reports in accordance with the requirements of the state law and that the sheriffs must proceed to collect from each of the delinquent corporations a penalty of \$25 and costs.

Winston.—Counsel for Lonnie Milligan, Jim Britt and Nick Joyner, the three negroes convicted here of house burning in La Grange, resulting in damage of more than \$25,000, and sentenced in the Superior Court by Judge Ferguson—thirty years each in the State Prison, have appealed the case to the Supreme Court. The counsel profess belief in the innocence of the men, and say they will exhaust every effort to secure a new trial.

Greensboro.—Mr. Paul W. Schenck has returned from Washington City, where he went in the interest of the Guilford Battle Ground Company, of which he is president. He together with Senator Overman and Congressman Stedman, form a committee on the selection of a model from those submitted for the memorial statue of Gen. Nathaniel Greene and his generals, which is to be erected by the government at Guilford Battle Ground.

Newton.—Alonzo Bynum and his 16-year-old son, Yee Bynum, were tried before Justice H. H. Caldwell and Doc Hemitt on Route No. 2, at the Rowe schoolhouse, on a charge of having broken out all the windows of the schoolhouse. The evidence adduced was entirely circumstantial, but was considered sufficient by the justices to warrant binding the defendants over to superior court in the sum of \$200 each.

Asheville.—A movement has been started here by some of those interested in education to establish a summer school, and a meeting was held in the office of Superintendent A. C. Reynolds, where tentative plans were discussed. Five or six men were present. No definite action was taken, nor were the plans discussed in detail, but it is believed that the chances for the school are good.

Raleigh.—Postmaster Willis G. Briggs, of the Raleigh post office, finds that the receipts of the Raleigh office for the calendar year of 1911 was \$125,780 compared with \$112,337 for the year of 1910, this being a gain of \$13,444 for the year just closed.

Raleigh.—Governor Kitchin has issued a requisition on the Governor of New York for Frank Murphy, wanted in Rockingham county for a well-known fatal assault upon D. M. Vernon, near Leaksville, last May. At the time Governor Kitchin offered a reward of \$200 for Murphy, who is now under arrest in Utica, N. Y.

Concord.—Mr. G. Ed. Crowell, a young business man here, is making a vigorous canvass to raise funds for rebuilding Mount Amoena Seminary in Mount Pleasant. Mr. Crowell is making an effort to raise \$1,000 in Concord for that purpose.

Lexington.—The Lexington board of trade has set Monday, February 5th as sales day and arrangements are being made to draw to town a tremendous crowd. The board will provide an expert auctioneer free of charge and will advertise the articles which the farmers and others will have to sell without any cost to the sellers.

## CHINESE PREMIER IS READY TO FLEE

SPECIAL TRAIN IN READINESS TO CARRY HIM FROM THE DAN GER ZONE.

### CHINA'S SITUATION SERIOUS

His Plan Is To Transfer The Provisional Capital To Tien Tsin.—The Country Is Divided Against Itself.—Some Troops Still Loyal.

Peking.—A special train has been held in readiness to take Yuan Shi Kai to Tien Tsin. It was evidently the Premier's plan to transfer the provisional capital to that city where the danger from Manchus was slight. Apparently he intended to escape from Peking as soon as the edict of abdication was signed, but the reactionary Princes gained the upper hand temporarily and prevented the issuance of the edict. Meantime the Republican ultimatum arrived, resulting in a considerable change of program. This ultimatum demanded the abdication of the throne and the surrender of the sovereign powers and set forth the refusal of the Republicans to permit Yuan Shi Kai to participate in the provisional government until the republic had been recognized by the foreign powers and the country restored to peace.

Premier Yuan may still have need of the special train, because it is expected he will refuse to carry on the government at Peking without abdication, after which he and his troops will be subjected to the gravest Manchus hostility. The ex-War Minister, Yin-Tchang, and the ex-President of the board of war, Tieh-Liang, are mentioned as possible successors to Yuan Shi Kai. Both are Manchus and, therefore, should the throne appoint either of them, it would be a breach of one of the nineteen constitutional pledges, but national exigencies might be considered a substantial excuse for such action.

Many of the Chinese troops are at present loyal to Yuan Shi Kai.

### Honey Creek Heroine Is Dead.

Boone, Iowa.—Kate Shelley, heroine of the Honey Creek flood disaster in 1881, died at her home a quarter of a mile from the Moingona bridge across the Des Moines river, the scene of her heroic act. Six months ago she was operated on for appendicitis and before she recovered Bright's disease set in. During a violent storm thirty years ago Miss Shelley, who was station agent at Moingona, crossed the bridge over the Des Moines river on her hands and knees at midnight to flag a passenger train on the Chicago & North-western Railroad and save it from plunging into Honey Creek over which the bridge was washed away.

### Nomination of Hook Likely.

Washington.—Among friends of President Taft it is generally understood that the nomination of United States Circuit Judge Hook of Kansas to the Supreme Court succeeding the late Justice Harlan, would be sent to the Senate. Objections to Judge Hook referred to Attorney General Wickersham, it was said, have not proved convincing to the president.

### Roosevelt Gathers Moss.

Chicago.—Political leaders here expressed belief that by action taken Theodore Roosevelt was assured of his first two delegates to the Chicago convention. The move was made in the first Illinois congressional district which in 1908 was the initial one in the state to take an open stand for the nomination of President Taft and which formally instructed delegates in his behalf.

### Plot To Involve Uncle Sam Falls.

Teheran.—A plot to kill one of the American officials has been discovered and this explains the attempt against the American Ambassador, attached to the treasury gendarmerie who was shot at while leaving the barracks January 16.

### Royal Family To Visit Us.

Ottawa, Ont.—Canada's Governor General, the Duke of Connaught, accompanied by the Duchess and their daughter, the Princess Patricia, left for New York, to be the guests of Whitehall Reid, the American ambassador to Great Britain, and Mrs. Reid. The dual party left on the car Cornwall and York and were attended by Lieutenant Colonel Lowther, military secretary; Captain Rivers-Bulkeley, aide de camp, comptroller of the household; Miss Pelley, lady in waiting, and several servants.

### Was A Bad Year For Crooks.

Washington.—Promoters of fraudulent schemes who had obtained \$77,000,000 from the public were put out of business during the fiscal year, ended June 30 last, according to the annual report of Robert S. Sharp, chief inspector of the Postoffice Department. This showing is the most remarkable in the history of the department. During the fiscal year, 529 individuals were indicted on the charge of using the mails in furtherance of schemes to defraud. 196 persons were tried and 184 convicted.