

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.

Edward Schweitzer, a Macon, Ga., demonstrator for a fire apparatus company, went down to Central Park on business, and while there he sought to feed peanuts to a leopard that is a part of a circus wintering in Macon. Before he could withdraw his hand from between the bars, the leopard had seized upon it, like a piece of meat, and bit it off at the wrist.

B. E. McLin, state commissioner of agriculture of Florida, after a most strenuous day spent in inspecting exhibits at the fair in Orlando, fell dead while delivering an address in Elks' hall. Mr. McLin hesitated in his speech, then sank to the floor. He was dead when assistance reached him. For twelve years he had held office as the head of the state agricultural department and was noted as having first effected pure food inspection laws in Florida.

General.

The Hamburg-American Line steamer Alleghany, which left New York for Central America and the West Indies, sank 75 miles east-northeast of Cape Henry, off the Virginia coast, after a collision with the British steamer Pomaron, according to wireless dispatches received in New York City. The Pomaron, with the passengers and crew of the Alleghany on board, and conveyed by the revenue cutter Onondaga, is making slowly for port, the messages ran.

Another unfortunate class A submarine of the British navy, two of which had sunk previously, and on board two others of which various members of their crew had been killed or injured in explosion, went to the bottom of the sea at the entrance to Epiphany, with a loss of fourteen lives—four lieutenants and ten members of the crew. Not one of the ship's company escaped. The catastrophe was the result of a collision with the British gunboat Hazard.

A mysterious quadruple murder in which two men and two women were killed was revealed by the discovery of the bodies of the victims in a tenement house in the heart of Lawrence, Mass.

Absolute denial of alleged violations of the anti-trust law is made by the United States Steel Corporation, its subsidiaries and directors, in their answers, which were filed in the United States district court in Trenton, N. J., to the government's dissolution suit. The effect of its organization, the corporation declares, has been to cheapen production, effect economies and increase foreign trade from \$8,000,000 to \$50,000,000 annually within ten years.

That Col. Theodore Roosevelt would no more decline to take the nomination for president than he would decline to enlist, if needed, in time of war, is the opinion of Lawrence F. Abbott, one of the editors of The Outlook, contained in a letter received by Edward C. Stokes, former governor of the state of New Jersey. The name of Judson Harmon of Ohio was filed as a presidential candidate in Nebraska for the Democratic primaries, while that of William J. Bryan was withdrawn.

A curfew law for husbands was advocated by Robert B. Glenn, former governor of South Carolina, in a speech in Chicago on the subject, "The Country's Need of Sterling Men and Women." "The man who stays away from his family at night is the most contemptible creature on earth," he said. "I wish we had a curfew law for husbands—a law that would make every husband stay at home from 8 in the evening until six o'clock the next morning."

According to authoritative views expressed in Berlin, Germany, the moment has arrived in the Chinese situation when a joint agreement by all the interested powers, including Japan and the United States, pledging themselves to take no step in China, except in common, is desirable and even necessary.

Florists declare there is a famine of pink carnations, the favorite flower of the late President McKinley, and those who wished to observe his birthday were compelled to pay double price, or 10 cents apiece.

During January thieves store more than \$100,000 worth of jewelry in New York according to police report. A copyright treaty between the United States and Hungary was signed at Budapest on January 30. The American ambassador, Richard C. Kerens, signed for the United States. This is the first treaty between the United States and Hungary.

Seven of every ten cases of diphtheria among the Jews of Louisville are traceable directly to tuberculosis contracted by the wage earners of the families assisted," according to the report of charity officials. Women suffragists at a recent meeting in Chicago defeated a resolution ordering Roosevelt for president.

What is believed by the sheriff to be a triple murder and suicide, was discovered when the bodies of four persons all members of the same family, were found at the farm home of Lewis Mallahn, at Binghampton, Wis.

Reviewing the achievements of his administration before the Columbus Glee club at Columbus, Ohio, President Taft drew the line sharply between the old line Republicans and the Progressives of his party and practically declared that the time was at hand when the "denunciation" of the Progressives must cease, and when the nation will demand facts. He had not the slightest doubt, he said, the Republican party would win.

J. B. Snoddy, one of eight persons charged with whitecapping Harvey McFarland, a farmer, was found guilty in Bloomington, Ind. The penalty is a term of from two to ten years in prison. This is the first conviction on a whitecapping charge, although midnight floggings have been common in the hill country of southern Indiana. It was so apparent that a whitecap organization existed in Monroe county that Governor Marshall detailed attorneys to assist in the prosecution.

The garrison of Juarez, across the river from El Paso, Texas, rose in revolt and in half an hour the mutineers were in possession of the city. Looting and promiscuous shooting prevailed for hours. The commander of the garrison was thrown into prison with the chief of police, while other prisoners were released. An Italian surgeon holding a commission in the Mexican army, said he had counted fifteen dead, including two Americans—a man and a boy 12 years old. The boy was lying in the street, having been shot through the breast. As near as can now be ascertained, the uprising was due to a report printed in a Chihuahua newspaper, which arrived in Juarez, stating that Gen. Pascual Orozco, one of the leaders of the Madero revolution, had resigned his military position at Chihuahua, and to the discharge of 100 men of the Juarez garrison. The dismissal of these troops was taken as confirmation of the Orozco report.

It is understood that immediate abdication of the Chinese throne has been decided upon, as a result of the conference between the empress dowager, Prince Chun, the ex-regent, and Prince Ching, the ex-premier, in accordance with conditions laid down by the Republicans namely, that the imperial family and princes are to retain their empty titles.

Washington.

President Taft sent to congress his promised message on Alaska and the public domain in general. In urging the construction of a government railroad, a commission form of government and other needed legislation, the president declared there was nothing in the history of the United States which afforded such just reason for criticism as the failure of the Federal government to extend the benefit of its fostering care to Alaska.

President Taft urges an international inquiry into the high cost of living. He asks authority to invite the nations of the world to a conference in Washington or elsewhere to make plans for the investigation of the high cost of living.

Prosecution of express companies for overcharging shippers was indicated by Commissioner Lane, at the express rate hearing, to be the intention of the interstate commerce commission. The testimony and figures thus far presented by the commission's investigators tend to indicate a belief on the part of the interstate commerce commission that the express companies should adopt a flat rate applicable to various zones to be established either voluntarily by the companies or by orders of the interstate commerce commission.

The Borah child labor bill, after it had been amended so as to prohibit the invasion of private residences in quest of information, was passed by the United States senate, 54 to 20. The bill authorizes the creation of a bureau in the department of commerce and labor for the collection of information pertaining to the welfare of children and child life. Special authority is given to investigate questions of infant mortality, the birth rate, orphanages, juvenile courts, desertion, diseases, accidents, occupation, legislation and kindred subjects.

Abandonment of the program for two battleships this year brought out a statement from Secretary of the Navy Meyer. The action of the Democratic caucus also caused activity in the Democratic ranks in congress, with the result that another caucus to reconsider the matter will probably be called. Secretary Meyer arraigned the action of the Democratic caucus as "giving another illustration of government by snap judgment." He asserted that "the Monroe doctrine is as big as the navy and no bigger," and that the United States, guaranteeing the neutrality of the Panama canal, must be prepared to make good its pledge.

After lying dormant in larvae for 60,000,000 years, two mosquitoes were born in Washington a day or two ago. Also, it being ascertained that they were yellow fever mosquitoes just like the ones found in Central America, they were immediately executed. Some time ago Assistant Secretary of State Alvah Adee received a somewhat curious prehistoric deposit from Brazil. Mr. Adee is a chemist and, analyzing the rock, found two minute larvae. Under treatment the larvae promptly developed into magnificent mosquitoes.

NATIONAL GUARD ELECTS OFFICERS

CAPT. BLACK WHO WAS SECRETARY WAS MADE SECOND VICE PRESIDENT.

NEXT MEETING AT RALEIGH

The Administration of Adjutant General Leinster Was Endorsed.—A Number of Important Resolutions Were Adopted at Business Meeting

Raleigh.—A special from Charlotte states that the sessions of the National Guard Association of North Carolina came to an end after two days of interesting and profitable sittings. The chief business transacted was the election of officers which resulted in the choice of Capt. S. C. Chambers of Durham as president, Col. H. D. Harper of Kinston first vice-president, Capt. F. L. Black of Charlotte, second vice-president, Lieutenant Yorke Coleman of Rutherfordton secretary and treasurer and Capt. Dodamead assistant secretary.

The association voted its appreciation of the prence at the meetings of Capt. A. J. Dougherty, Thirtieth United States infantry, Capt. W. G. Pace, coast artillery corps, United States army, and Capt. John G. Ewing of the Delaware national guard. All these officials attended the sessions, and delivered excellent and helpful addresses on subjects of peculiarly vital interest to the work of the association.

At the session Raleigh was selected as the place for the next annual meeting. It will be held in January, the selection of Raleigh being made primarily because of the fact that at this time the Legislature will be in session and the association will be able to present its claims for needed legislation more directly and more satisfactorily. Washington asked for the next convention as well as Durham but on motion of Captain Moody the executive committee was requested to name Raleigh for the reasons set out.

City Beautiful Club Begin Crusade.

Since the organization of a City Beautiful Club in New Bern, the members of that organization have begun a crusade to save the many historic trees located at different points of the city. Many of these trees were more than a hundred years of age, and naturally the weather has had its effect upon them. In a number of cases the trunks have become decayed so badly that the trees were in danger of being blown down at any time. After a careful inquiry in regards to the best tree experts that are in this country, the club finally secured the services of a noted tree surgeon and he is now in the city making investigations and pursuing the work for which he came to do.

Fire Destroys Waynesville Plant.

Fire was discovered in the large factory of the Waynesville Wood Manufacturing Company, on the outskirts of town. When first discovered the flames were bursting through the roof of the machinery room and seemed in a fair way to destroy the entire plant. The fire company responded quickly, but could do little except to assist in saving the buildings in the immediate neighborhood, for the nearest hydrant was more than two thousand feet away.

Land Value Not Diminished.

Despite the distressingly low price of cotton during the present season, it is a significant fact and a significant tribute to the tone of business in his community that the value of Mecklenburg farm lands has not diminished and that there is no indication of any expected desertion from the fields either by white or colored tenants. Those who own farming properties that are on the market have maintained their prices, believing that the value is in the soil because the soil is in Mecklenburg county and Mecklenburg county has Charlotte as its seat of operations.

Fired Without Provocation.

News is received at Raleigh of the killing of Weston Freeman, colored, by Willie Brown, colored, at James Duke's store in St. Matthews township, 12 miles from the city. A crowd of men were grouped in the store, when Brown, it is said, entered and fired the fatal shot without any provocation. It is said that the shot seems to have been fired into the crowd with special intention of killing Freeman. Sheriff Sears has sent deputies into the section to search for Brown and gather evidence.

To Award National Guard Medals.

The bronze, silver and gold medals to be awarded to the members of the North Carolina National Guard for periods of service ranging from five to thirty years have been received by Adjutant General Leinster and will be distributed at once. Two who receive thirty-year gold medals are Col. J. C. Bessent of Winston-Salem and Col. James Matts of Wilmington. Among the twenty-five-year medalists are Gen. T. R. Robertson of Raleigh and Gen. B. S. Royster of Oxford.

WILL MOVE RUTHERFORD

Board of Education of Western North Carolina Conference Prospecting For Site For Institution.

Charlotte.—The fact that Rutherford College will almost certainly be moved within the next eighteen months to a city of some size opens up an interesting and attractive opportunity for Charlotte to add to its repertoire an educational institution which would be a distinct contribution to the city's life. It is at present situated a mile and a half from Connelly Springs, half-way between Hickory and Morganton. It is half a century old, has a record of extremely useful services and in other ways took exceptionally high rank among the state's institutions.

This is one of three colleges under the exclusive control of the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference. The other two are Davenport, for girls, at Lenoir, and Weaverville, eight miles from Asheville across the Blue Ridge. Trinity and Greensboro Female Colleges are under the joint control of the Western North Carolina and the North Carolina Conferences. At the annual meeting of the conference board of education held at Statesville 11 November it was decided to move Rutherford College to the town or city making the most attractive offer and which, together with this, seemed in all points fittest for the school. The chief reason for this is the lack of local patronage, there being but slight source on which to draw as things now are.

Rev. Gilbert T. Rowe, pastor of Tryon Street Methodist church, of Charlotte, is president of the board of education. There are twenty-four members, each district being represented by a minister and a layman.

Raleigh The Next Meeting Place.

The executive committee of the North Carolina Master Printers' Association held its first meeting since the organization here last November at the Young Men's Christian Association with the following members present: N. B. Broughton, chairman, Raleigh; Joseph J. Stone and C. G. Harrison, Greensboro; and B. R. Cates, Charlotte. The committee formulated plans for dividing the state into six districts, with the following cities as district centers and with a vice-president named for each district: Asheville; A. E. Swayne; Charlotte; A. M. Gray; Greensboro, Joseph J. Stone; Raleigh; J. W. Weaver; Greenville, D. J. Whitchard; Wilmington, J. B. Freeman; of Lumberton, Raleigh, was selected for the next meeting place of the state organization and second cost congress. The date will be announced later.

In Violation of Agreement.

H. Mack Godwin, one of the most prominent of the fifty-nine defendants who entered pleas of nolo contendere when called in superior court to answer charge of selling whiskey, was taken into custody under an instant capias issued at the instance of Solicitor Shaw, based upon the allegation that whiskey was sold at Godwin's place, which was in direct violation of the agreement entered into by the defendant.

Valentines Win Out in Hearing.

The Valentines of Richmond, Va., proprietors of the famous Valentine meat juices, won out in a hearing before the Corporation Commission, in which they demanded a reduction of the tax assessment on one hundred and sixty acres of land they own in the town of Murphy, Cherokee county. The local board of assessors and county commissioners had assessed it at \$50,000.

Southern To Build New Road.

It is rumored here that the Southern Railroad will build a road from Hamilton via Scotland Neck, to Littleton, to join the road to Atlanta, if the people in the towns through which the roads will run will supply the blue print of the route. It is understood here that the Atlantic Coast Line is contemplating building a new passenger and express depot here, and will use the old depot for freight exclusively.

Dr. Hardy For Superintendent.

Raleigh.—Governor Kitchin commissioned Dr. W. H. Dixon Ayden as a member of the board of directors of the State School for Feeble-Minded being established at Kinston. He succeeds Dr. Ira M. Hardy of Washington, N. C., who has resigned. Dr. Hardy was, as a member of the Legislature, very active in getting through the bill, carrying the \$50,000 appropriation for the institution, and has since then had an active part in the selection of the location and preparation for the erection of the buildings.

Will Plant But Little Cotton.

New Bern.—From present indications the farmers in this section of the state will plant but little cotton next season, but will raise some crop from which they can realize a profit. While in conversation with one of the leading farmers in this section he said that this the object of practically every farmer in his neighborhood. Last season the farmers in eastern North Carolina devoted practically all of their time to cotton growing, with the expectation that they would get fifteen cents for it.

May Get The State Convention.

Raleigh.—Letters being received in Raleigh from members of the North Carolina Republican Executive Committee, are regarded as being very favorable for the holding of the Republican state convention here. Charlotte is after the convention, and so is Greensboro, but Raleigh with its big and splendid Auditorium and its extra fine hotel facilities, is regarded by many of the committeemen as the place for the convention. The committee meets here on February 28, the place of the state convention.

MANY DISTILLERIES

BLIND TIGERS ARE DOING A FLOURISHING BUSINESS IN SMALL TOWN.

GAINING THAT REPUTATION

There Has Been At Least a Dozen Moonshiners Captured in the Last Few Months in the Town of Vanceboro, Craven County.

Raleigh.—A New Bern special says that Vanceboro in Craven county, is gaining the reputation of being a hotbed of illicit distillers and of retail liquor dealers. During the past two or three months no fewer than a dozen of these law-breakers have been rounded up by the revenue officers and are now awaiting the next term of the United States District and Circuit Court for the Eastern District which will convene in New Bern in April, and at which they will be tried for their offenses. The last arrest was made a few days ago shortly before daybreak, when Deputy Marshal Samuel Lilly placed Wiley Wiggins under arrest on a warrant charging him with retailing spirituous liquors without a government license, and also operating an illicit distillery. When the revenue officer called at Wiggins' home, during the week's hours, he heard a noise within the house as if someone was sliding a heavy object over the floor. When the door was opened by the prisoner's mother, the officer did not see any traces of his man. He began a search of the premises and finally found Wiggins hiding beneath one of the beds. He was hauled forth, placed on a train, and brought to this city and carried before the United States commissioner for a preliminary hearing. Probable cause was found, and he was bound over to the next term of Federal Court, under a bond of \$500, which he failed to give, and was committed to Craven county jail. The government officers are doing all in their power to get hold of every man who violates the internal revenue law in this section, and they are succeeding remarkably well.

Alexander County Teachers Meet.

Taylorville.—The Alexander County Teachers' Association met in the court house. The attendance was the largest during the past twelve months. The program arranged at last meeting was a very practical and interesting one and called forth a lively discussion. After the discussion, a business meeting was held, at which the time for holding the county commencement and general educational rally was decided upon, this being some time during the first week in March. An invitation has been extended to Governor Kitchin to be present and deliver an address.

Governor Offers \$300 Reward.

Raleigh.—Governor Kitchin issued a proclamation offering a reward of \$300 for the arrest and apprehension of a party or certain parties who have been committing depredations upon Mr. J. L. Nelson, a prominent farmer residing near Marshall. Besides the reward issued by the governor Mr. Nelson himself has offered \$300 and it is understood that the county officials will also offer some amount for the arrest of the guilty party or parties. In the petition asking for the reward it is set out that the people are very much incensed over the way this citizen has been treated and want something done to punish the perpetrators.

Is the Gun Toter Increasing?

Cleveland.—It is not clear from the annual police report exactly what relations exist between the number of arrests for carrying concealed weapons and growth of the habit itself. The largely increased number of arrests may indicate keener attention to the evil on the part of the police rather than any material increase in gun toting. At least, that suggests a pleasant explanation of the figures. Regardless of the fuller interpretation of the figures, it is hoped they may arouse public interest in a matter of deep moment to court has taken a firm stand against the carrying of concealed weapons.

Three Elements Have Combined.

New Orleans.—An alliance has been effected between Zapata, the leader of the rebellion in southern Mexico, the Reyistas of northern Mexico and leaders of last year's insurrectionary movement in Lower California, according to apparently reliable information gleaned here by secret service agents. It was stated that Col Price leader of the Lower California uprising and Col. Mosby, a well-known American soldier of fortune, held a conference in New Orleans with several prominent Reyistas and other soldiers of fortune and decided again to enter Mexico with "Viva Zapata."

Further Action Is Deferred.

New York.—Further action in the taking of depositions in the case of the International Paper Company against the Lewiston (Maine) Journal has been postponed by mutual agreement for 20 days. The paper company has pending a suit for libel against the Maine newspaper based on the allegation that: The Journal referred to it as a trust in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law. The taking of depositions from the officers of the paper company began several days ago.

Strained Rosin Is Crude.

Washington.—The United States court of customs appeals decided that rosins which has been strained to remove dirt, chips, leaves and other impurities is actually "crude rosin," and entitled to free entry into this country. This opinion was rendered in the case of G. W. Sheldon & Co., of Chicago. The collector imposed a duty of one-quarter of a cent per pound and ten per cent ad valorem on the ground that the straining of the rosin was not necessary to prevent its deterioration.

THE FREE SCHOLARSHIPS

Given By the Southern Railway to Agricultural Colleges in States Traversed By This Road.

Washington.—President Finley, of the Southern Railway Company, announced that, as a means of supplementing the extensive work being done by the Company for the advancement of agriculture in the territory traversed by its lines south of the Potomac and Ohio Rivers and East of the Mississippi, it has been decided to inaugurate Southern Railway Scholarships in the State Agricultural College in each State traversed by the lines of the Company.

Mr. Finley will take this matter up at once with the president of each agricultural college concerned, asking him to permit the Company to pay for the scholarships and to select the young men to be benefited by them. The scholarships, which are to cover the full four-year course in agriculture, are to be awarded in accordance with plans to be agreed upon between the presidents of the colleges and the Railway Company and are to be given to young men residing in counties traversed by the lines of the Company, and who would otherwise be financially unable to avail themselves of an agricultural college training.

As soon as arrangements have been definitely perfected, full details as to the scholarship or scholarships to be awarded in each State, will be announced.

Shoud Encourage Indian Memorial.

Washington.—The movement for erecting here in Washington an Indian memorial building deserves enthusiastic encouragement. Of late years the Indian question has been carefully and sympathetically considered, and after many serious mistakes it is in a way of just and humane adjustment. The Indians themselves are moving forward with the rest of the people, and it is due to them that the white citizens of the United States should cooperate to provide here at the capital a place where the story of the Indian can be told in terms to encourage further efforts on their part and in their behalf.

Will Get But a Small Share.

Washington.—It was learned here from a source believed to be entirely trustworthy, that because of the wave of economy which has spread over congress this year's river and harbor bill may be held down to the old projects and that no new ones of any kind will be had. This would probably save the country something like \$10,000,000, after the senate amendments have been added. Much work now under way would stop. There does not seem to be any doubt that even if the cur is carried to this extent, the bill will be so small that many new projects will not be considered. It is impossible to tell yet what will happen.

Crushed to Death in Ice.

Niagara Falls, N. Y.—The great ice bridge that has choked the river channel between the cataract and the upper arch bridge below the falls for the last three weeks broke and went down the river taking with it to their death a man and woman, believed to be Mr. and Mrs. Eldridge Stanton of Toronto, and a 17-year-old boy. Four other persons were on the ice at the time but managed to get ashore in safety. The bridge was considered perfectly safe. For weeks the great field of ice had been coming down the river piling up against the barrier until it was from sixty to eighty feet thick and under the influence of zero weather the great mass had become firmly anchored to the shore.

Head of Starvation Hospital Guilty.

Seattle, Wash.—The jury in the case of Mrs. Linda Hazzard, accused in the Kitsap county superior court at Port Orcher of having starved to death Miss Claire Williamson, a wealthy English patient, at the Hazzard "starvation sanitarium" returned a verdict of manslaughter.

Three Children Burned to Death.

Phillipsburg, N. J.—Three children were burned to death in a fire which for a time threatened to destroy the village of Alpha, about three miles from here. The victims were the children of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Chocorilli. The parents with two other of their children escaped.

A Burning Vessel Sinks.

Norfolk, Va.—The British steamer Consols, cotton laden from Galveston for Hamburg, flames swept in a long futile race for port, and sank forty miles south of Cape Henry. Her crew of thirty-four men, refugees on the British steamer Castle Eden, were landed at Newport News. It was another triumph for intercommunication among ocean craft, for the Castle Eden, headed from Savannah for Danish ports, picked up the wireless call for help from the imperiled crew and rushed to their assistance.

Big Fire Does Much Damage.

Philadelphia.—Fire which was discovered shortly after 5 o'clock destroyed three large factory buildings in the block bounded by Wood, Vine, Eighth and Franklin streets, causing a loss of more than a million dollars. The principal loser was the Hensel-Colladay Company, manufacturers of millinery and dress trimmings. This company occupied a six-story brick building extending from Wood to Vine street on Franklin, with a four-story annex at 711-717 Vine street. Both buildings were destroyed.

FAILED TO HEAR APPROACH OF TRAIN

MISS ELSIE LITTLE OF NEW YORK CITY RUN DOWN AND KILLED AT PINEHURST.

WARNING COMES TOO LATE

Hesitates On the Track When a Warning is Shouted to Her.—Was a Noted Tennis Player and Came From a Prominent Family.

Pinehurst, N. C.—Miss Elsie Little, the New York tennis player, was struck and instantly killed by cars one of those strange accidents which seem unaccountable. She had walked to the station with a party of friends in advance of the regular bus, and was piled up near the track, awaiting the arrival of the train. Apparently on impulse, she started to cross the track, just ahead of an engine and two cars, which were backing in, apparently totally unconscious of its approach. Some one shouted a warning to her, she hesitated, and before her companions knew just what had happened, she was beneath the wheels.

When Miss Little arrived for the tennis tournament, she was suffering from ear trouble as a result of a cold, which affected her hearing, and, it is said, confused her not only as to sound, but its definite location. For this reason, she did not participate in the women's singles of the tournament, and when she left for the station, as a precautionary measure, she had stuffed cotton in her ears. This condition would seem to be the most satisfactory explanation of the sad accident.

Coming late, news of the accident was not generally known until the next morning. The body, accompanied by Mr. Raymond Little and a party of friends, was taken North.

Ordered to Establish a Republic.

Peking.—The Empress Dowager issued an edict instructing Premier Yuan Shi Kai to establish a republic in cooperation with the southern Republicans. The edict has not yet been published and it is expected it will be kept more or less secret so far as the public is concerned until arrangements in the south have been completed. Yuan Shi Kai is now endeavoring to persuade the Nanking government to hand over the control of affairs to enable him to carry on the administration of the whole empire.

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