

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.

A train order which was misread was the cause of the wreck on the Georgia railroad, on the main line at Social Circle, Ga., according to the investigation made by railroad officials who went to the scene in the wrecking train which left here immediately following the news of the disaster. W. C. Vaughan, engineer of the passenger train and one of the oldest trainmen in Georgia, died from a fracture at the base of the skull. Four negroes were killed in the crash. Asserting that he is retaining his seat "contrary to the wish and will of an overwhelming majority of the people of the state," the Mississippi legislature adopted a resolution demanding that United States Senator Leroy Percy resign his office. In the senate the resolution was adopted by a vote of 36 to 13 and in the house 94 to 39. The vote was along strictly factional lines, and is in direct sequence to differences within the state Democratic party.

Inspired by sentiment for the "lost cause," students composing the senior class of the medical department of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte firmly refused to dissect the corpse of a hero of the Civil War—the late Capt. Edward Benton of Raleigh. The hat was passed around for a collection, and later, followed by the student body, the remains of the gallant veterans were borne to the Confederate lot in the Chapel Hill cemetery and given a Christian burial.

The department of justice has ordered Grant Victor, United States marshal in eastern Oklahoma, to enforce the Federal prohibition law in the old Indian Territory, the same as prior to statehood. Under this law it is a penitentiary offense for a man to carry a flask of liquor across the state line, the same as introducing or selling it. All liquor will be seized and confiscated and all persons in possession of it arrested. Oklahoma has a statewide liquor prohibition law.

General.

Senator LaRoupe's silence on the candidacy of Colonel Roosevelt was broken by the published declaration "that in the presence of great personal attacks on candidates should have no place. The statement is called forth by the declaration that Colonel Roosevelt urged LaRoupe as the ideal man to make the fight against Taft." "It is not a matter of great importance to the public why I became a candidate," said the senator.

A rumor is published in a London paper that Capt. Robert F. Scott, the British Antarctic explorer, has reached the South Pole. Mrs. Scott declares that she has heard nothing from her husband and there is no confirmation obtainable from any source. Capt. Roald Amundsen, the Norwegian explorer, has reached Hobart, Tasmania, on the return from his South Polar expedition.

Comparative quiet has been restored at Peking, China. The action of the American minister, Mr. Cahoon, in calling to Manila for further troops for Tien Tsin, it is stated, was not due to the fear of a concerted attempt against foreigners, similar to the Boxer rising, but, owing to the belief that it was unwise to take any chance, in view of the fact that the Chinese troops cannot be depended upon and disorders are sweeping the north, with little prospect of prompt government control.

American Secretary of State Philander C. Knox and his party traveled from Corinto to Managua in Nicaragua on a special train which was heavily guarded in consequence of an anti-Knox and anti-American propaganda which had been industriously circulated. These persons represented that the visit meant further American domination. A pilot train, carrying fifty soldiers, with a machine gun, preceded the special, while a third, carrying 100 soldiers, followed.

Enraged because his sister refused to leave an alleged disorderly resort in Terre Haute, Indiana, of which she was an inmate, Harry Rambo of Peoria, Ill., shot and probably fatally wounded the young woman.

Hudson Maxim, the inventor, declares that in a short time there will be only three countries in the world. "Feed the children Boston baked beans if they like them, administer corporal punishment if necessary," and "let them go barefooted," are some of the suggestions given by Dr. Charles E. Putnam to mothers in an address to Harvard Medical school.

An attempt to shoot Leopold De Rothschild was made by a man as Mr. Rothschild was entering a motor car in front of the bank in London. Mr. Rothschild was not hit.

A 25 per cent. reduction in Texas cotton acreage was forecasted by the president of the Farmers' Union.

Two Christiana, Sweden, newspapers received dispatches from Capt. Roald Amundsen announcing that he reached the South Pole December 14, 1911. The dispatches were sent from Hobart, Tasmania, where Amundsen arrived, and read: "Pole reached, fourteenth-seventeenth December." This evidently means that he remained three days in the vicinity of the pole probably for the purpose of taking accurate observations as to his position.

The national political situation assumes a more harmonious appearance than it has had since Colonel Roosevelt announced himself as a candidate for the presidential nomination. This condition was induced by the acceptance of Roosevelt's challenge to a national primary by the Taft managers. The proposition was not taken up in its entirety, but was endorsed for application in the 41 states which have legal provision for such action. The Michigan legislature passed a law providing for presidential primaries, the measure to take effect immediately. On the Democratic side, Woodrow Wilson's manager issued a statement favoring the primaries.

An extraordinary outburst of anti-American feeling at Managua, Nicaragua, led to the arrest of fifty of the more prominent ringleaders who are being held in detention until Secretary of State Knox has departed. This is the first indication publicly expressed of opposition to the Central American trip of the secretary of state. The persons arrested include the whole of the editorial staffs of the Diario de Nicaragua and of the Diario Moderno, which had published a number of letters and placed headlines over them suggesting that dynamite should be used against the state secretary.

Henry L. Stimson of New York, secretary of war, and the Roosevelt candidate for governor of New York in 1912, said that while he remained the "sincere friend" of Mr. Roosevelt, he could not support him for the presidential nomination. In a speech before the Taft Club of Illinois he declared his belief that President Taft's administration represented the highest expression of progressive Republican policy.

One hundred and fifty Americans, mostly women and children, from the American lumbering town of Madera, Mexico, were brought into El Paso, Texas, by the Mexican Northwestern railroad from Pearson, their first stopping place after leaving Madera. With the exception of a small hospital staff at Pearson, every American woman and child in the towns of Madera and Pearson, Mexico, is on United States soil.

"The utterer of a cry of jingoism relative to China or Mexico, is going to be responsible for the slaughter of an untold number of innocent foreigners in those countries," declared War Secretary Stimson in a speech at Chicago.

Washington.

Summing up the action of the senate in stripping the proposed arbitration treaties with France and Great Britain of their vital features, government officials who followed the negotiation of the two pacts agreed that participation by the United States in general arbitration of international difficulties was a dead issue so far as this session of congress was concerned and probably for many years to come. There is little thought that President Taft will submit the treaties.

John Mitchell, vice president of the American Federation of Labor, declined to give to Judge Wright of the District of Columbia supreme court any assurance that he expected "hereafter to lend adherence to the decrees of the judicial tribunals of the land." "To do so, he declared, would be an admission that he had heretofore failed to comply with lawful decrees. Mr. Mitchell said he had rather be convicted of contempt than be acquitted on any other ground than the facts in the case.

The house passed a joint resolution authorizing the secretary of war to accept from citizens of Tennessee approximately 5,000 acres of land near Tullahoma, in that state, for use as a maneuver camp and training ground for the state militia of Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, North Carolina and South Carolina. The resolution, offered by Representative Bynum of Tennessee, now goes to the senate.

Representative Clark of Florida made a sensational attack on Governor Gilchrist in the house. It was in reply to a purported interview from the governor in which he is alleged to have expressed surprise at the attitude of Representative Clark in the Everglades investigation. Said Mr. Clark: "It remains for the governor of Florida—God pity the state—to travel all the way from Tallahassee to Washington to insinuate now that I am working in the interest of Western railroads. I brand that as a malicious, gratuitous and unqualified falsehood."

Advices to the government from points along the Mexican border, as well as in the interior, continue to paint a picture of brigandage and anarchy, hitherto unparalleled in the republic below the Rio Grande. Though organized the spirit of revolution, from dispatches received here, seems to pervade the entire republic. In the state of Chihuahua the situation is most serious. The report of Gen. Pascual Orozco's desertion of the Madero standard was confirmed. Apprehension now is felt for the safety of numerous foreigners in the city of Chihuahua.

THE REVENUE RECEIPTS LARGE

THE INCREASE OVER FEBRUARY OF LAST YEAR IS VERY CONSIDERABLE.

A VERY FEW LICENSES SOLD

Business and Not Whiskey Consumption Either—Department Doesn't Give Out Figures Other Than the Record—No Falling Off in Revenue.

Raleigh.—The collections in the Internal Revenue Department for the month of February in the Eastern District No. 4 have been figured up and show that the amount is \$369,372.90.

This is an increase of \$67,992.66 over February of last year and is a fair month, though the two days' deficit makes a considerable difference. The month of January showed \$400,000 and December \$402,000 in round numbers.

The increase in revenue, which has so much been confused from a distance with the whiskey business, isn't attributed to that department at all. If there is any booze in the state, the department isn't able to locate it, and when it does it proceeds to confiscate and to annihilate it. Thus, there is hardly any revenue from that source, perhaps less than ten per cent of the tribute paid the government coming from whiskey at all. There are a few licenses or special taxes sold to men who somehow turn up, later in the courts, but this is infinitesimal in the general revenue.

Of course, the department doesn't give out figures other than the record and what a man may find from it. The increase in revenue comes along with the general prosperity of the country. Durham's tobacco has been paying a tremendous portion of it. The increase in corporations and in the businesses which pay tribute to the government at Washington, accounts in big measure for the steadily growing business in the Raleigh office.

In that connection it is observed that although whiskey business has been very largely eliminated, there is no falling off in the revenue receipts. They grow larger each year. It proves the point of the advocates of prohibition that where distilleries die, something better springs up.

Not Much Farming Being Done.

The windy month is right here on us; one-sixth of the year is gone, and less farming work done than has been known in the past twenty-five years. This is the first open sunshine week of the year, and the spring plowing and other field operations to date are seriously behind. The Irish potato crop will be three weeks behind—none planted yet, and the strawberry situation looks decidedly worse than for years. Winter oats and rye are badly hurt by cold. Even the proud collar that raised its haughty head so erect in the gardens is laid low.

Agree On Third Bridge Over Catawba.

The board of commissioners of the Mecklenburg county, in monthly session agreed to co-operate with Gaston county in the erection of a third bridge over the Catawba, the work to be done this year at a cost of not more than \$20,000. Messrs. A. P. Rhyne, Egbert Hutchison and J. W. Tucker appeared before the board in the interest of the bridge which is to be built at Mount Holly. The Greater Charlotte Club was represented by Mr. Clarence Kuester and Messrs. C. P. Moody.

Man Falls in Vat of Lye and Dies.

Sam Sydenham, a boiler-maker in Spencer shops, died at Salisbury as the result of a terrible accident. The man in some unaccountable way fell into a vat containing boiling lye used to cleanse old iron. He was horribly scalded over his entire body. Sydenham was a stranger, having begun work in Spencer only a week. His body is being held awaiting word from his sister, who is in Montreal, Canada.

Governor Grants Two Pardons.

Governor Kitchin has granted pardons for J. H. Cheek, Yadkin county, serving since 1910 on a 17 years sentence for second degree murder; Eugene Fox, Ashe county, who has served eighteen months on a three years' sentence for larceny and Oscar Potat, McDowell county, who has served eighteen months on a ten years' sentence for highway robbery. All these pardons are on recommendation of the trial judge and the jurors and where the solicitors are living, with the recommendation of these officers.

Taylor Tenders Resignation.

Col. John D. Taylor, clerk of the New Hanover superior court for the past twenty-two years and having served one term some years prior to that time, tendered his resignation to Judge Oliver H. Allen, resident judge, who is holding court at Jacksonville. Colonel Taylor has been in failing health for some time and recently suffered a fall and since then has not been able to leave his room. Mr. W. H. Harris, who has been deputy clerk for the past six years, will likely be appointed to fill the term.

SPEND HUGE SUM ON ROADS

Progress Being Made in Iredeell County—\$400,000 to Be Spent On Road Improvements.

Statesville.—The people of the state generally, especially citizens of counties contemplating road improvement on a large scale, will be interested in the progress being made in Iredeell county, which will spend \$400,000 in road improvement this amount having been voted in bonds last spring. Chairman N. B. Mills, of the board of county commissioners has prepared a statement of the work done up to March 1st, which contains some interesting figures which are gratifying to the good roads enthusiasts and all progressive citizens of the county.

The statement shows that the bonds so far sold—\$125,000—and the premiums on the bonds amounted to \$131,214. The banks pay three per cent interest on monthly balances and for the month of October, November, December and January this amounted to \$1,081,552, making the total receipts of the road fund \$132,295.52. Deducing the funds on hand March 1st, \$82,332.29, as shown the Treasurer Sloan's report just issued, it is shown that \$49,963.23 has been spent in connection with the new road work.

Of this amount the total expended in equipping six camps was \$21,889.78 and it is estimated that the cement, terra cotta pipe, grain, hay, etc., now on hand amount to \$1,785. Deducing these amounts from the total amount expended it is seen that the actual expenditure for roads and bridges is \$28,288.45. The outfits of each camp consist of seven mules, eight wheeler road scrapers, one road plow, one road machine, two wagons, tents for mules and camping outfit, stump puller, axes, shovels, etc., the average cost of each outfit being \$3,848.23.

North Carolina New Enterprises.

Among the charters was one for a new bank in the state and the same will be situated at Sunbury, in Gates county. It is to be known as the Farmers Bank of Sunbury and will begin business when \$9,600 has been paid in. Incorporators are Cross & L. M. Pitzer, J. E. Corbit and others. Another charter was for The McCormick and Paul Company of Pembroke, to do a general merchandise business with M. A. Pate, J. R. Burke, E. M. Paul and J. A. McCormick as incorporators. Capital stock is \$25,000, with \$2,000 paid in.

Woman Kills Her Husband.

While apparently suffering from a spell of melancholia, Mrs. W. A. Harrison shot and almost instantly killed her husband, at their home on Bartlett street, Asheville. She had only recently come from a sanitarium for mental treatment. Mr. Harrison was a freeman on the Southern, and had lived near Salisbury. His wife was Miss White, whose home was in Hickory. She declared that she did not mean to kill him, that she was trying to kill herself and he tried to get the pistol when it was discharged. She is in jail.

Successor to Sheriff Hinson.

The board of commissioners of Richmond county met at Rockingham for the purpose of selecting a successor to the late Sheriff M. L. Hinson, who died several days ago of heart failure. There were five or six strong applicants before the board and it required a half-dozen ballots before Mr. H. D. Baldwin received a majority. Mr. Baldwin will be sheriff of Richmond county at least until January 1, 1913, which is the unexpired term.

Two Children Burned To Death.

A report from Yost, Rowan county tells of a horrible tragedy that was enacted on the farm of Mr. Adam Wensil, when two colored children, 6 months and 3 years old, were incinerated in a fire that destroyed the tenant house occupied by their father, Andy Smith.

Winston-Salem.—During the commencement exercises of Nathan's Creek Academy, in Alleghany county, Monroe Hall, while intoxicated, stabbed Fred Pennington, and also carved up Robt. Poe. Pennington died instantly and Poe's wounds are regarded as serious.

Driver and Team Drowned.

A terrible accident occurred at Broadhurst's bridge, across Neuse River above Seven Springs, when a double team of mules, belonging to Hardy Croker, backed off the bridge and into the swift flowing current. The negro driver and the mules were drowned. A son of Mr. Croker, who was in the wagon, managed to get to shore, but the driver and the animal went down in the deep water and could not be saved. Young Croker and the negro were returning to their homes in Wayne county.

Political Pot is Simmering.

The political pot is beginning to simmer in Iredeell. National politics and the senatorial candidates have been talked for some time and now the local officers and would-be officers are coming in for their share. Mr. R. M. Gray has announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for county superintendent of schools, which office has been held by Mr. O. L. White, who is a candidate to succeed himself. It is generally understood that a legislative ticket has been arranged.

MAKING PROGRESS

STATES MAKES A WONDERFUL SHOWING IN EDUCATIONAL MOVEMENT.

EXPENDITURES ON INCREASE

During the Last Decade Many New School Houses Have Been Built in North Carolina—People Must Construct a Complete System.

Raleigh.—A decade of educational progress in North Carolina is the title of a bulletin just issued from the state department of education that makes really wonderful showing for the state in this respect. It shows that expenditures for elementary rural schools has increased from \$1,108,157 to \$2,126,659; value of rural schools and grounds has increased from \$1,146,000 to \$3,094,446; the average rural schools terms from 76 days to 98 days, the decade being 1901 to 1910. During this time 8,456 new school houses were built, more than one a day for the time estimated, this being from 1902; salaries for white school teachers increased from \$621,927 to \$1,126,069; average salary of white teachers from \$25 to \$34 and over 60 per cent in annual salary 22 per cent to \$30.121, while the total school population has increased 11 per cent; average daily attendance has increased 41 per cent; special school tax districts increased from 10 to 1,167 with amount raised thus from \$300,000 to \$900,000; number of rural schools having more than one teacher from 831 to 1,355; rural libraries increased from 474 to 2,772 containing over \$96,000 worth of books.

In the bulletin Dr. J. Y. Joyner declares that "if our people are wise and just they must construct a complete educational system."

Investigating Hawkins Mystery. Asheville.—The grand jury sitting in the March term of Henderson county superior court took up the consideration of the case of Myrtle Hawkins, whose body was found floating in the waters of Lake Osoceola last September. This action is the result of persistent report that additional evidence has been discovered since the finding of the coroner's jury to the effect that Myrtle Hawkins came to her death at the hands of a person or persons unknown. Solicitor Hall Johnson, who is conducting the case in behalf of the state, stated that the examination of witnesses by the grand jury had brought out much new evidence.

Six Months And Costs of Case.

Gastonia.—In Gaston superior court Judge Lyon sentenced Christy S. Hager, former chief of police of Bessemer City, who killed Earl Lockman last November, to serve 6 months on the roads and to pay the costs in the case. The jury in the case returned a verdict of guilty of manslaughter at the close of a three-days trial. When the judge asked the attorneys for the defense what they had to say for their client, Mr. O. F. Mason, who with Mr. S. J. Durham admirably conducted the defense for Hager, made a strong plea for a new trial for the defendant.

Report On Listed Property.

Raleigh.—The Corporation Commission has prepared the report of all listed property in the state and the figures show the total value to be \$741,034,345 for the year 1911. For the year 1910 the total value was \$617,690,386, showing an increase for the past year of \$123,343,959. The per cent of increase is 19.7. These figures are based on official reports from all counties.

Has Increased Reward to \$400.

Raleigh.—Governor Kitchin has increased the reward for the apprehension or arrest of murderer or murderers of Myrtle Hawkins from \$250 to \$400, the same being done at the request of Sheriff A. M. Blackwell, of Henderson county.

Trip-Hammer Case Settled.

Greensboro.—It is learned that the famous trip-hammer case has been settled for all time, though the attorneys will not divulge the full details of the settlement. Judge Cook set aside the \$2,500 verdict allowed J. R. Moorefield and it is now learned counsel later reached an agreement whereby the Standard Boiler & Machine Co. bought the Moorefield property, adjoining the plant outright and that Mr. Moorefield thereby agreed to stop all of the court proceedings.

Governor Issues Commission.

Raleigh.—A commission was issued by Governor Kitchin, through Adjutant General R. L. Leinster to Dr. R. S. McGenchry of Raleigh as a first lieutenant in the medical reserve corps of the North Carolina National Guard. Adjutant General Leinster received at the headquarters of the North Carolina National Guard the first list of questions that will be propounded to the officers of the guard in the correspondence school that will be conducted under the direction of the War Department.

FROM ALL OVER THE STATE

A Column of Short Paragraphs That Were Collected With Very Much Care by the Editor.

Wilson.—Hugh Hamilton, who has been running a shifting engine on the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad here, was arrested on advice from the authorities of Rocky Mount on the charge of abduction, and not to be released unless he gave a thousand dollar bond. He was taken back to Rocky Mount by an officer of that town.

Durham.—The Durham county board of education has been compelled to abandon temporarily the plans for the erection of a new school building at West Durham on account of a decision of the state supreme court, which would make it unlawful for the board to borrow the necessary funds for the erection of the building.

Raleigh.—James Stokes and J. M. Blake, car inspectors for the Southern Railway Company, are being held in the city prison here awaiting result of injuries to Engineer Carr Bradley of the Raleigh & Southport division of the Raleigh, Charlotte and Southern Railroad, whom they struck over the head with a piece of iron in the Raleigh & Southport yards.

Kinston.—A. J. Kilpatrick is Kinston's new police chief, to succeed Carl M. Beasley, resigned. Chief Kilpatrick who goes into office soon was the oldest patrolman of the force, and a particularly efficient officer. The new chief was opposed for the office by only one applicant, a member of the force. The selection met with universal approval.

Jacksonville.—In the Onslow county court house in Jacksonville, the annual oratorical contest between representatives from the Onslow and Jones county schools was held. This was the occasion too of an educational address delivered by N. W. Walker, professor of secondary education in the University of North Carolina and state high school inspector.

Raleigh.—"The Carolina Warehouse, Incorporated" is the name of the central organization which the advisory committee of the state farmers' union decided to work under in the coming scheme of systematic distribution. New Bern, Charlotte, Raleigh, Greensboro and Wilmington sent delegations here to speak before the body in the senate chamber asking them to locate the colossal warehouses here.

Raleigh.—The Raleigh, Charlotte & Southern Railway Co. has filed with the corporation commission a tariff of joint-haul discounts that will in future apply to the four roads recently taken over in the company's projected through line from Raleigh to Charlotte, which means that the patrons of these roads will in future enjoy a 25 per cent reduction in the freights that come where other roads participate in the transportation.

Winston-Salem.—The appropriation of the county to the Winston city school fund was increased to \$18,000 at a meeting of the Forsyth county commissioners. The board read the petition recently presented by the Forsyth County Teachers' Association asking that no more one-teacher schools be instituted, but that rather should the smaller schools be consolidated with the larger ones. No action was taken.

Asheville.—Of vast importance to the fruit-growing industry of this section is the establishment by the state and federal departments of agriculture of several "orchard experiment stations" throughout the western part of the state in an effort to determine whether there is a thermal belt in the mountains and if so at just what altitude it is in various sections. This has been a mooted point for several years and its settlement will be very valuable.

Charlotte.—It would require an expenditure of between \$350,000 and \$400,000 to meet the demands for good roads that are arising throughout the county of Mecklenburg just now according to the estimate of Chairman W. M. Long. The board of commissioners within the past few months have been confronted with an unusually large array of requests for new roads or for improvements on macadam roads that are already constructed. The county can by no means approximate what its present income the needs that are being presented now.

Charlotte.—J. R. Watkins, chairman of the Central Market committee of the Winston board of aldermen, charges that Charlotte meat dealers charge more for the same class of meat than is charged in Winston, and presents figures in support of his contention.

Troy.—The trustees of the Troy graded school have awarded to a Graham contractor the contract for the construction of a new school house in Troy, the price being fixed at \$16,000 and a Charlotte firm is given the contract for heating the building at the price of \$2,000.

Durham.—George Vernon, a young white man of this city, was convicted in the recorder's court of conspiring to rob a girl of her virtue. He was found guilty and sentenced to the roads for twelve months. Vernon appealed.

New Bern.—The revenue cutter Pamlico went to the assistance of the schooner Susannah, which had been capsized about one and a half miles east of Otter Creek beacon. The schooner was righted and towed to the wharf at this city. The boat is now on the ways at one of the shipyards receiving repairs.

COUNTRY OF CHINA NOW A REPUBLIC

YUAN SHI KAI IS FORMALLY INAUGURATED FIRST PROVISIONAL PRESIDENT.

A VERY PATHETIC CEREMONY

Many Foreigners Were Present But the Legations Were Not Officially Represented—Republicans and Imperialists Still Waging Warfare.

Peking.—In the new foreign office, Yuan Shi Kai was formally inaugurated provincial President of the republic of China in the presence of a great gathering of delegates, province envoys, military and naval officers and other prominent personages. Many foreigners attended the ceremonies but legations were not represented. Yuan Shi Kai, who was in military uniform, read a declaration promising faithfully to develop the republic, observe the constitutional laws and restore when the National Assembly appointed a permanent President. The ceremony was solemn—almost pathetic and typical of China's transition.

A report has reached Peking that Tung Kwan, the famous pass on the borders on the Shensi and Honan provinces, has been captured by Gen. Shensi, before whom, if the report is correct, the provinces of Honan and Chihli are now open country.

The report says also that 1,000 republican cavalry and infantry have deserted to the Imperialists and a large part of the republican army in the north is showing strong symptoms of reaction and may be seriously affected.

If the report is true it is probable that the differences between the north and south will be brought no nearer a settlement because of the inauguration of President Yuan Shi Kai.

Are Revamping Ohio's Laws.

Columbus, O.—Far reaching changes in the organic law of the state will be submitted to the voters of Ohio next fall for their adoption or rejection. Delegates to the fourth constitutional convention of the state now in session here, estimated that probably thirty amendments to the charter of the Commonwealth would be submitted. In the nine weeks of deliberation by the convention since January 9, four important propositions have been approved for submission. Chief among the amendments so far prepared was one providing for woman's suffrage.

Grace is Gaining Strength.

Atlanta, Ga.—Eugene H. Grace, the young business man, who charges that his wife drugged and then shot him at their home in Eleventh street and then left him to his fate, passed a good day, but indications are that the preliminary hearing of Mrs. Grace, set for Wednesday, again will be postponed. He is rapidly regaining his strength, but the bullet which is believed to be lodged near the spinal cord, has not been removed and he is still paralyzed below the waist.

They Will Curtain the Program.

Washington.—Curtailment of the Democratic tariff revision program, with a view to "speeding up" Congress to permit adjournment before the national conventions, is now the expressed aim of the Democratic majority in the House. Republicans and Democrats in the Senate and House are chafing over delay in actual legislation that threatens to crowd Congress later on.

Mexico Starts Peace Movement.

Mexico City.—A monster demonstration in favor of peace and in support of the constituted government was held here. Perfect order prevailed. President Madero for nearly three hours reviewed the demonstration from the balcony of the palace and from time to time replied to impassioned speeches by the speakers.

Thinks Scott Also Reached Pole.

Hobart, Tasmania.—Capt. Rolando Amundsen, the discoverer of the South Pole, said that he thought quite possible that Capt. Robert F. Scott, the British explorer, had also attained the Pole. He hoped so at least. His own base, he said, was 500 miles from that of the British party and his winter camp was nearer the Pole than Scott's. He had no idea at the time that Captain Scott had started for the Pole. Captain Amundsen has received thousands of congratulatory messages.

Lawrence Strike Nears End.

Lawrence, Mass.—Although leaders in the textile workers' strike express the belief that the end is close at hand, with a considerable victory for the strikers already assured by the granting of general increases in wages, there was a let-up in preparations for continuing the struggle. Speakers at nearly a score of meetings laid stress upon the necessity of maintaining their strength. The leaders planned to have more pickets on duty than at any time since the strike was begun, two months ago.