

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.

Senator Benjamin R. Tillman, one of the most picturesque figures of the United States, has published a sentimental appeal to the people of South Carolina to return him to his office. His term expires March 3, 1913. "I am asking you to re-elect me, although my health is broken and I am no longer the strong and vigorous man I once was," says the appeal. "I have a strong desire to die in harness for sentimental reasons only."

The lynching of Zach Walker at Catesville, Pa., on the night of August 13, 1911, when he was burned after he had been arrested for the killing of a special policeman, will go unpunished. After a jury had brought in a verdict of guilty in the case of Lewis Denithorn, one of the six men accused of participating in the lynching who had not yet been tried, the commonwealth asked for the acquittal of the other five defendants.

Oscar W. Underwood of Alabama swept Georgia in the presidential primary, the first ever held in the state, by a plurality of approximately 8,577 over his chief opponent in Georgia, Governor Woodrow Wilson of New Jersey. Official returns from a large majority of the counties, and careful estimates where the official count could not be had, show that Underwood carried 97 counties, with aggregate pluralities of 16,997, while Wilson received 44 counties, with aggregate pluralities of 7,430, giving Underwood a plurality in the entire state of 8,577.

For the second time during the present year, President Taft participated in a celebration of St. Patrick's day. The president went to Savannah, Ga., to keep an engagement he made several months ago to speak at the centennial banquet of the Hibernian society. Mr. Taft's first celebration was in Boston more than six weeks ago, but even The Hub failed to turn out more enthusiastic crowds than did Savannah. The president was the guest of the Hibernian society and of Savannah.

General.

Ministers of the Methodist Episcopal church, in session at Minneapolis, Minn., appear to be about equally divided on the question whether the church law prohibiting dancing, card playing, gambling and going to theaters, circuses and horse races should be abolished, as recommended by the board of bishops. It was stated that the majority of the members of the church never had refrained from the attending and dancing, and a motion was made that "the rule always had been a source of constant irritation and unrest in the church." It was also contended that abolishment of the rule would give the outside world the impression that the church was tending toward laxity and was endorsing the things which it formerly opposed.

Asking that its churches throughout the world come out squarely in favor of improved conditions for all wage-earners, a special committee has prepared for presentation to the quadrennial general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, at Minneapolis, Minn., a plan to "disprove the charge that the church is not in sympathy with the poor." The report of the committee which has been at work for four years states that labor and social conditions have become such that the church may take a prominent part in them.

Colonel Roosevelt renounced his claim to the eight delegates at large to the Republican national convention elected for him in Massachusetts. He wired them that he would expect them to vote for President Taft, taking this action, he said, because of the fact that President Taft carried the state on the presidential preferential vote. Colonel Roosevelt then announced his decision in a statement, copies of which he telegraphed to each of the eight delegates at large elected recently.

Mrs. A. M. Lewis of Fort Worth, Texas, who is only sixteen years old, and who has been thrice married and divorced, has now entrusted her happiness to a fourth husband, whose name is Glass.

The United States government has sent messages to all warships to keep out of Mexican ports.

Holding that Alaska is an organized territory and not a mere district, the Supreme court of the United States decided that the interstate commerce laws extend to it. The interstate commerce commission had declined to pass on a complaint.

F. W. Green, Lake Providence, and W. P. Inley, Delhi, were elected delegates from the Fifth district, Louisiana, to the Republican national convention. They were instructed for President Taft.

Fifty-nine bodies of the unidentified Titanic victims were committed to their last resting place in three cemeteries in Halifax, Nova Scotia. A large plot of ground was purchased by the White Star company, and the graves will be marked with suitable monuments. Floral offerings were profuse. The Canadian army and navy were represented by officers of rank at each cemetery.

Floyd Allen, leader of the outlaw gang that wiped out the Carroll county court at Hillsville, Va., was in a state of collapse while his trial for the murder of Prosecutor Foster went on. He was pale and trembled in every limb when carried into court. Just as court convened Judge Staples was informed that the prisoner begged his guard to cut his throat. "I've got no chance," Allen said to the jailer. "Kill me quick and have it over with. I'm all in."

The cable ship Mackay-Bennett, which came with 190 of the White Star liner Titanic's dead into Halifax first cast gloom over the city by her mere presence as a funeral ship, then sent a shock through those waiting there for bodies with the announcement of her commander-in-chief that fifty-seven of those reported by wireless as identified had of necessity been cast again into the sea. A majority of those cast again into the sea were members of the Titanic's crew and second and third class passengers. Nicholas Biddle of Philadelphia, who accompanied Vincent Astor, in a private car, went alone to identify the body of Colonel Astor, and it was the first prepared for removal to New York. The body of Isidor Straus a few moments later was turned over to Maurice Rothschild, of New York. There are only five women's bodies among the unidentified, and as one of these appears to be that of a Swedish woman and the other four those of Italians, there is little hope apparent of recovering the body of Mrs. Isidor Straus, who stayed by the ship with her husband.

The wholesale price of beef has advanced a cent a pound to a higher record than any year since 1881. A carcass of native corned beef was quoted at Wallabout market in Brooklyn at a top figure of 13 cents, which oldtimers agreed was the highest price in over thirty years. Retailers were charging 25 to 28 cents a pound for porterhouse and 24 cents for sirloin steaks, 20 to 22 cents for rib roast, and even soup meat sold at 15 cents a pound.

Thirty embalmers worked in an improvised morgue at Halifax, N. S., preparing for inspection of more of the unidentified dead in whom centers fragile hope that relatives still searching for Titanic victims may find their kin. The unidentified list still stood at sixty when the work was resumed. Maj. Blanton Winship, U. S. A., said that he had seen the unidentified dead and had given up hope of finding Major Butt's body.

Another serious break occurred in the Mississippi river levee at Torras, La., on the west side of the swollen stream, where the flood waters from the disastrous Dog Tail crevasse find re-entry into the big river. Within two hours 300 feet of the 18-foot embankment had been carried away. A large force of workmen and material were immediately ordered to the scene by Capt. C. O. Sherrill, chief of the United States engineers, and an effort is being made to check the crevasse by "cribbing" the ends.

Chicago policemen received strict orders to watch for criminals who utilize automobiles in their attacks. The order was inspired by an assault on Marie Gorocki, a student, who was robbed of her jewelry by men who dragged her into an auto, and by the depredations of a band of three men who robbed the cashier of a banking company. Amelia Nauman, 18 years old, a domestic, says she was pulled into an automobile, abused and robbed by three men.

The steamer Texas, belonging to the Archipelago-American Steamship company, struck a mine at the entrance to the Gulf Smyrna, Turkey, and sank. One hundred and forty persons on board were drowned. The Texas was flying the Turkish flag and was engaged in carrying mails from Constantinople to the Levant. The entrance to the gulf was mined by Turkish authorities to protect the port against an attack by the Italian fleet.

Washington.

Attorney General Wickersham appointed Stanley W. Finch, chief of the bureau of investigation of the department of justice, a special commissioner to suppress the white slave traffic. Mr. Finch will begin a vigorous campaign in every state in the Union for the extermination of the vice. He will co-operate with societies and individuals interested to wipe out the traffic by a systematic and comprehensive plan of investigation and prosecution and by placing agents in every state.

A broad anti-injunction bill, such a measure as had long been advocated by labor unions throughout the country, was favorably reported to the house by Chairman Clayton of the judiciary committee. The bill provides that injunctions in labor disputes shall only be issued after the defendants have had opportunity to answer the complaint against them. It also provides that courts shall issue restraining orders for but seven days, and these only where the complainant shows that he will be done irreparable injury if the order is not issued.

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MYRTLE HAWKINS SAID TO BE ALIVE

THAT'S WHAT A TRAVELING MAN
SAID—THE CASE IS BEING INVESTIGATED.

FAMILY'S VIEW OF MATTER

He Says That He Talked With Her
and That He Met Her in Jacksonville—He Wrote Letter to Sheriff Stating Facts.

Asheville.—George Shellnaught, of Jacksonville, Fla., tells a story of having met and talked with Myrtle Hawkins recently in Jacksonville and has raised the question as to whether the mysteriously lost girl actually died.

Miss Hawkins is recalled as the young woman believed to have been murdered in a criminal operation and found in the lake near Hendersonville. The arrest of the McCalls and Bradleys caused the traveling salesman, Mr. Shellnaught, to take an interest in the case. He told the sheriff of Fulton county, of which Atlanta is the capital, about it, but it could not be kept a secret. He said that he felt he ought to say something. The attorneys were told, but Miss Hawkins had gone to Key West. The attorneys for the defendants take the story seriously and will take the statements made.

The first intimation of the alleged discovery of Myrtle Hawkins was given in a letter to the Fulton county sheriff, and he in turn forwarded the letter to Sheriff Blackwell, who turned the same over to the attorneys for the defendants. The steps already related were then taken, and the report is that a detective will be sent to Key West in an effort to determine the truth or falsity of the report. It is also stated that an attorney saw Shellnaught at Atlanta and was assured by the traveling man that he had no doubt that the girl he talked to in Jacksonville was none other than the missing Myrtle Hawkins.

It is stated that the Hawkins family at Hendersonville, has known of the disappearance of Myrtle for some time, but that they had placed little reliance thereon. It is the report that Homer Hawkins, brother of Myrtle, had employed a special detective for the purpose of locating Shellnaught but had been unable to do so. Attorneys for the defense, however, claim that they were ready to give the address of Shellnaught and to verify his statement.

Little Road Work Being Done.

W. M. Long, chairman of the Mecklenburg county board of commissioners, stated that the three convict camps had been able to do only a small amount of work on the county roads during the past four or five months by reason of the exceptionally severe winter. The greater part of the effort has been directed to preventing breakages in the roads and making timely repairs wherever they have been needed.

For Appalachian Training School.

Dr. J. Y. Joyner, state superintendent of Public Instruction, says that important steps were taken for the increased efficiency and capacity of Appalachian Training School at Boone while he was there for the exercises closing the spring term.

Plans For Road Are Progressing.

Plans for the building of an electric railway line from Gastonia to Asheville by way of Rutherfordton are progressing, according to reports from between the two towns, and there is a feeling that the plans will ultimately develop the road. A meeting of a number of the directors was held at Central Hotel at Rutherfordton at which time the situation was gone over in detail and after which each director declared he had nothing to give out but that the road will be built.

Exchange of Courts Authorized.

Governor Kitchin authorized an exchange of courts between Judge Justice and Judge Whedbee, whereby Judge Justice will hold Chatham court one week, May 6; Lee one week, May 13; Moore one week, May 21; Richmond one week, May 28; Scotland one week June 3; Anson one week, June 10, and Lee one week, June 17. Judge Whedbee will hold Craven court two weeks, May 6; Pitt one week, May 20; Green two weeks, May 27; Craven one week, June 10, and Carteret one week June 17.

Sidna Allen Seen Near Rocky Mount.

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NOT TO HAVE FAIR THIS YEAR

Officers of the Association Resign in a Body and Quit, Say Cash is Too Scarce.

Charlotte.—The prospects for a fair the coming fall faded away into mere possibility when President C. O. Kuester, Secretary C. M. Creswell and Manager W. S. Orr resigned as officials and as directors of the Charlotte Fair Association, being followed at once by Directors Z. T. Smith and A. L. Smith. The rather sensational action followed the discovery that only \$14,400 in stock had been subscribed, instead of the \$25,000 that had been expected as the result of recent canvasses. E. B. Moore, J. O. Thomas and J. O. Gardner are the remaining members of the directorate. They have made no announcement of their plans, but with so many of the leading spirits of the association, two of whom have long been identified with county affairs, out of the running, the prospect is anything but bright.

When the meeting was called to order it was found that \$13,700 in stock had been subscribed. After some discussion this amount was raised by the present to \$14,400. Of this amount Messrs. W. S. Orr and Creswell had raised \$10,000.

In tendering their resignations, the secessionists intimated that they had become wearied with continual postponement of action from meeting to meeting and with what they regarded as indifference on the part of the public. They finally took the position that if anyone else wished to promote and carry on the fair, well and good, but they themselves would have nothing further to do with it.

It had been planned to buy a site west of the city near Lakeview park, and for several months the directors have been considering offers. From the start some of the organizers have evidently been oppressed with a fear that bad weather coming just at the crucial four-day period in October would wreck their hopes.

State Creameries Are Prospering.

W. J. Shuford, in Raleigh from Hickory as a member of the finance committee of the state board of agriculture, says the regularly organized creameries in Catawba and other counties of this section are prospering, and are getting out butter and other dairy products that are fast increasing in demand in the big centers of trade in this and other states. It is a gratifying fact that the butter frauds through the use of the "merging machines" in blending butter and milk in a butter product of greatly decreased food value and keeping qualities recently exposed through a statement by State Food Chemist W. M. Allen, have no connection whatever with either of the regularly established dairy plants in Catawba, Cleveland or other counties that were mentioned.

Drawbridges For Knobb's Creek.

An inspector from the office of Colonel Patrick, United States engineer, is here making investigation into the application filed with the War Department by J. D. Winslow, a farmer and horse dealer of Elizabeth City asking that draws be required on all bridges on Knobb's creek, thus opening up the creek for navigation to farm lands above. Winslow's claim if allowed would place heavy expense on the county. Foreman-Blades Lumber Company and the Norfolk Southern Railroad Company, both of which have bridges now crossing Knobb's creek at points northwest of the city. Winslow claims that by requiring draws on these bridges, the farmers beyond can haul their fertilizer, etc., on lighters up the creek and then haul their produce back at a much lower expense and that the opening of the stream to navigation would prove a great benefit to those who are farming in that section.

Train Kills Taylorville Man.

Ray Reed, a young white man from Taylorville, was run over by a freight train in the Southern yard North Charlotte and instantly killed. Young Reed was a switchman on the Southern. He was riding in the cat of the engine which was pulling the train. Another switchman went to throw the switch at North Charlotte. He failed to change the switch right and the first car was derailed.

Educational Issue To Be Live One.

That the educational issue in Mecklenburg is to be a very live one in politics in the coming campaign is evidenced by the fact that there are didates out for the election to the county board of education. The old board, with Mr. J. C. McNeely, replacing Capt. William Anderson, who is making the race for superintendent, is out for re-election, having made formal announcement of that fact some time ago. A new board has been slated also.

Chatham Is Chosen President.

H. G. Chatham, one of Winston-Salem's most successful business men, has been chosen president of the North Carolina branch of the National Citizens League, for the promotion of sound banking system. The organization of a local branch of the league has also been perfected by the election of other leading business men as officers, they being as follows: President, Col. F. H. Ludlow; vice-presidents, Col. J. H. Fries, H. E. Fries, George W. Maslin; secretary, C. M. Norfleet.

ON THE TEST FARM

GENTLEMEN WENT TO PENDER AND WILL ALSO VISIT OTHER STATE FARMS.

GOOD WORK IS BEING DONE

They Are Revolutionizing Farming and the Work They Are Doing is Going to Continue. What is Raised on Each of the Farms.

Raleigh.—Major W. A. Graham, Commissioner of Agriculture, Messrs. W. J. Shuford, of Catawba; J. P. McRae, of Lenoir; I. H. Kearney, R. W. Scott and H. C. Carter left for Pender county where they inspect the test farms of the state and returning will look over Edgecomb.

These gentlemen, a portion of whom constitute the finance committee of the organization, held a meeting discussed a little routine and decided to go down and look over the farms. In Pender the state has a test farm of about 200 acres. This year it is raising strawberries and wants to take stock of itself. Not long ago from an acre and a quarter of lettuce, there was sold \$1,500 worth of lettuce. The cost of production was about \$300.

There are distinctive farms. Pender and Edgecomb are entirely different and everything in the trucking line can be grown on the one or the other. There will be interesting reports from these. They have been running about ten years and the state has been abundantly pleased with what they do.

When they come back from that visit, they will go to the Catawba, Iredell, Buncombe and Transylvania farms. The western section have been running handsomely the past several years. The reports after being made are printed and sent out. They are revolutionizing farming and the work that they are doing is going to continue. Its great good is the determination of soils which makes it possible to put on a piece of ground the right sort of fertilizer every time.

Offers Rewards For Murderers.

Raleigh.—Governor Kitchin offers a reward of \$300 for parties unknown who were implicated in the murder of John Dixon and wife in Cleveland county last fall, a crime for which John Ross, colored, is now awaiting electrocution August 11, having been allowed two reprieves already in the hope that he might make a statement that will bring to justice accomplices he is believed to have had in his distantly deed.

Brothers Have Been Pardoned.

Raleigh.—Jasper and Grovet Jones, two brothers of Johnston county were granted conditional pardons by Governor Kitchin, upon the recommendation of various officials connected with their trial. These brothers were convicted at the September term, 1910, for an assault with a deadly weapon, and sentenced to two years on the roads. They had yet about five months to serve before sentence was completed. Reason for pardon are as follows: "Upon the recommendation of the trial judge, the attorneys for the private prosecutor, and the justice of the peace, who bound over the defendants, as well as the recommendation of many other prominent citizens, I commute the sentence imposed to terms expiring this day, on condition that prisoners remain lawabiding and of good behavior."

Special Officer Killed by Train.

Spencer.—Caught on a railroad crossing between Spencer and Salisbury, O. F. Attaway, a special officer of the Southern Railway, of East Spencer, was instantly killed and D. M. Blackwelder, a well known farmer with whom he was riding in a buggy, was seriously if not fatally injured. The view of the rapidly approaching locomotive was obstructed by a line of freight cars and the impact was terrific. The buggy was scattered in directions and Attaway was cut to pieces, death being instantaneous.

Badly Injured By Dynamite.

Concord.—As a result of a stick of dynamite exploding in his hand while attempting to dynamite fish in Coldwater creek H. A. Goodman was dangerously if not fatally injured. His left hand was blown off just above the wrist, one eye was blown out and it is feared he will lose the sight of the other one, both cheek bones were fractured, a great gash cut in his lip and several teeth knocked out by the explosion. His chances hang in the balance, but his physicians entertain hope.

North Carolina New Enterprises.

Raleigh.—The following charters were granted by the Secretary of State: The Clark Real Estate Company, of Warrenton. Authorized capital is \$25,000, with \$225 paid in by T. D. Peck, J. J. Tarwater, W. G. Rogers and others. Kentucky Horse and Mule Company, of Goldsboro, to buy, sell, breed and deal in horses and mules, etc. The corporation will be a business with \$15,000, but may increase to \$40,000. The incorporators are Charles Lutes, W. R. Hollowell and A. H. Jewell.

NEWS OF NORTH CAROLINA

Short Paragraphs of State News That Have Been Gotten Together With Care by the Editor.

Spencer.—Gov. W. W. Kitchin was an invited speaker in Spencer, when he delivered the annual address at the close of the graded school here. His speech was confined exclusively to educational themes and he was heard by a large audience.

Asheville.—In the city police court Claud Goodlake was bound over to the superior court in the sum of \$2,000 for the alleged seduction of Euba Luther, who committed suicide by drinking carbolic acid a few Sundays ago.

Greensboro.—Hon. Locke Craig of Asheville has accepted the invitation of the Guilford chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, extended through Mrs. T. A. Lyon, to deliver the address at the Memorial Day exercises here May 10. An interesting program has been arranged.

Washington.—The following North Carolina towns are to have savings banks in postoffices after June 1: Bakersville, Bessemer City, Black Mountain, Blowing Rock, Boone, Booneville, Burnsville, Cherryville, Conover, Dallas, East Bend, Granite Falls, Grover, Maiden, Mooresboro, Pilot Mountain, Stanley, Stony Point and Yadkinville.

Durham.—E. P. Moore voluntarily came in from Richmond and plead guilty in two cases against him for soliciting orders for intoxicating liquors. He was fined \$300 and the costs and paid it and left the city, the entire time occupied in the proceedings being just a little more than one hour.

The Republican executive committee for the fourth congressional district has issued a call for the congressional convention to be held in Raleigh, May 14, for the election of delegates and alternates to the Chicago convention, for nominating a candidate for Congress and presidential elector, together with the election of district chairman and executive committee.

Raleigh.—The Supreme Court sustained the election of George W. Flynt, Democrat, as sheriff of Forsyth county in the suit contesting his election brought by D. A. Jones, Republican candidate, two years ago. The opinion was delivered and finds no error in the trial below where the evidence was that Flynt had a majority of 12 votes over his Republican opponent.

King.—The Stokes County Fair Association held a meeting here and fixed the date for this year's fair to be held at King, October 15-16. The following officers were elected: S. R. Fulp, manager agricultural department; J. T. Johnson, manager stock department; J. F. Newsom, manager poultry department, and Misses Mammie Moore and Delcena Green, managers of the ladies' department.

Raleigh.—Chairman Jack Harden of Franklinton.—Reuben Combs, who was sent up from Iredell county last August for 30 years for the murder of his wife and who escaped from the state prison at Raleigh several weeks ago, has been captured near this place and returned to Raleigh. Combs tried to appear crazy at the time of the trial and it was shown that he was of a low order of intelligence and doubtless for this reason escaped the chair as the crime he committed was a most foul one.

Spring Hope.—A terrible accident occurred here when George Mingo and his son Carl were killed in a violent storm. The two had stepped into an old house on the farm of W. R. Griffin to get out of the storm when a tree blew down on the house, killing them both. It was not until next morning that both were found dead, their brains knocked out, their skulls crushed.

Raleigh.—Commissioner of Agriculture Graham has accepted an invitation to deliver the address for the Memorial Day exercises at Greenville May 10.

Greenville.—After being out all night the jury returned a verdict, guilty of manslaughter, against William Nichols and asked the mercy of the court for him. Nichols was sentenced to one year in the penitentiary, and Knapp Burnett, who submitted to a verdict of murder in the second degree, was given 5 years. Both were being tried for killing Henry Belcher near Farmville in February.

Raleigh.—J. W. Jenks, who conducts a cafe in Apex, and his bookkeeper, Tom Derring, were given a hearing before Commissioner Nichols on the charge of using the mails for fraudulent purposes, and both bound over to Federal court under bonds of \$300 each.

Winston-Salem.—Three and a half million pounds of leaf tobacco, owned by the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, was destroyed by fire here, when the storage belonging to J. P. Taylor, of the Taylor Brother Tobacco Company, was burned. The fire was of unknown origin.

Concord.—E. R. Preston of the Charlotte bar has accepted an invitation to deliver the memorial day address May 10. The exercises will be in charge of the Daughters of the Confederacy and a most interesting program has been arranged.

Statesville.—At the meeting of Concord Presbytery of the Presbyterian church held in Salisbury a proposition presented to the members of the church in Statesville with reference to the debt outstanding on the property of the Statesville Female College was acted upon favorably, and the \$10,000 debt will be paid off.

FLOOD SITUATION EXTREMELY GRAVE

SERIOUS LOSS OF LIFE IS PROBABLE IN PATH OF ONCOMING TORRENT.

MANY HOUSES SUBMERGED

Transfer Boat Caught by Swift Current, Sinks With Its Cargo, But Crew of Twelve Escape—Much Money Needed to Aid Homeless.

New Orleans.—Large sections of fifteen Louisiana parishes west of the Mississippi are under water, four other parishes have some flood water and are bound to get more; approximately one hundred thousand persons in that territory have been driven from their homes; trains are taking out hundreds of families daily, fleets of motorboats and skiffs are being used to rescue marooned people; about a dozen lives all told have been sacrificed, principally because the people refused to heed the warnings; several hundred thousand dollars worth of rations have been distributed among the refugees, who are sheltered in all manner of houses from cabins to churches and lodge buildings.

Every day brings stories of suffering and of heroic rescues of new sections inundated by the waters from the crovasses already recorded in the levees of the Mississippi river. The funds that will be required to take care of the flood victims cannot be expressed in a few hundred thousands of dollars.

The question of protecting the remaining levees along the Mississippi river from the mouth of the Red river, south, is causing deeper concern for the moment. Millions of dollars worth of property is at stake and thousands of lives would be jeopardized if some of the biggest of the levees should give way.

Federal engineers, state and parish officials, and an army of men scattered along the river from a point 60 miles below New Orleans to the Red river are bending every energy to prove themselves equal to the task.

Reports were more reassuring and the Federal and state engineers declared they had firm faith in their ability to hold every remaining levee on the Mississippi.

Lack of labor due largely to the unconcern of negroes who have been drawing government rations, has been the most serious drawback.

Many Tributes Paid Archie Butt.

Washington.—The life of Maj. Archibald W. Butt, as a soldier, newspaper man, aide to President and lodge member and his heroic death on the Titanic were commemorated by his commander-in-chief—a President, a Secretary of War, a Senator of his native state, and the fraternity of Masonry at an impressive memorial service. The tribute President Taft paid to his late aide epitomized all that was said. "Everybody knew Archie as Archie," said the President. "I can not go into a box at a theater; I can not turn around in my room—I can't go anywhere, without expecting to see his smiling face or to hear his cheerful voice in greeting. The life of the President is rather isolated and those appointed to live with him come much closer to him than any one else."

Mexicans Ask Recognition.

Washington.—Simultaneously with the arrival of Senor Manuel Calero, the new ambassador of Mexico to this country, Dr. Policarpo Ruedo, representative of Emilio Vazquez Gomez, provisional President of Mexico, appeared in Washington to ask this government to recognize the billigerency of the provisional government. Both issued statements.

British Steamer Floated.

Norfolk, Va.—The British steamer Southport, which went ashore inside the Virginia Capes near the Riprap, was floated by the Merritt Chapman wrecking tug Rescue. The Southport was uninjured and proceeded to Newport News for coal.

Monument to Titanic Engineers.

London.—With a view to promoting a fund for the purpose of commemorating the heroism of the men of the engineering staff who perished on the Titanic, an influential committee has been formed in Liverpool. It is proposed that the memorial shall be a national one and consist of an elaborate group of statuary. Liverpool is for many reasons regarded as the most suitable place to possess such a monument. The scheme at present in contemplation will surpass the Statue of Liberty at New York.

Gomez President of Mexico.

El Paso, Texas.—Emilia Vasquez Gomez, Mexican lawyer, was appointed provisional president of Mexico by proclamation of General Pascual Orozco, now at the front with the rebel troops threatening the Federal base at Juarez. Juarez is now the provisional capital but this probably will be shifted to Chihuahua. The appointment will not interfere with the administration of the affairs of states of northern Mexico by General Orozco and by Gozalez Enrile, the rebel civil official at Chihuahua.