

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.

Floyd Allen, first of the Hillsville mountaineers tried for the Carroll county court house murders, was adjudged guilty at Wytheville, Va. He will pay the penalty in the electric chair at Richmond. Floyd Allen was charged specifically at this time with the murder of Commonwealth's Attorney William M. Foster, prosecutor in the Carroll county court, at Hillsville, last March, when trial of Allen culminated in the killing of five persons.

Two masked bandits boarded the New Orleans Limited on the New Orleans and Northeastern, eight miles south of Hattiesburg, Miss., dynamited the safe in the express car and escaped. The robbers did not molest the passengers. One trainman received severe injuries as he lay bound near the safe when the dynamite blew it to pieces. Officials of the Wells-Fargo Express company admitted that the train robbers secured at least \$35,000.

In a state convention marked by bitter attacks upon President Taft, North Carolina's four delegates-at-large and four alternates to the Chicago Republican convention were instructed to vote for Theodore Roosevelt, "first, last and all the time," so long as his name is before the convention. There was no test of strength upon the subject of presidential endorsement, the Taft forces yielding to the Roosevelt leaders at the start.

After voting to send the state's 13 delegates to the Baltimore convention uncommitted, the South Carolina Democratic state convention adopted a resolution endorsing Woodrow Wilson for president. It was remarkable for its brevity: "Resolved, That this convention endorse Woodrow Wilson."

Protesting vigorously against excessive reclamations which Bremen cotton merchants made upon cotton shipped from Savannah, the Savannah, Ga., cotton exchange has taken the matter up with the cotton exchange of the German capital. Shippers of cotton from this port to Bremen this season have been forced to pay enormous reclamations, so large that all who have been affected on this side have appealed to the Savannah cotton exchange to protest against the system.

The entire delegation from Tennessee to the Democratic national convention will go uncommitted. The state convention, which selected all the delegates, first adopted resolutions against instructing the delegates, and then named eight delegates and eight alternates from the state-at-large, who had been agreed upon by the campaign managers of Clark, Wilson, Harmon and Underwood. The twenty district delegates were chosen by the convention.

The jury in the case of Walter D. Sutherland, former cashier of the Citizens' National bank of Clinton, Va., who has been on trial at Abington, Va., returned a verdict of guilty, and Judge Henry C. McDowell sentenced the prisoner to six years in the Atlanta penitentiary. In passing sentence Judge McDowell stated that he could not give the prisoner less than five years, and that he added on one year for the falsehoods which he had sworn in the case.

General.

Accused of being engaged in a career of burglary, which eventually led to murder at the same time that he was conducting a series of open-air evangelistic meetings, Francis West-Jey Muehlefeld is under indictment in New York City for murder, "King of the New York Auto Bandits," is the characterization of the prisoner by Deputy Police Commissioner Dougherty, in alleging the remarkable case of dual personality. Muehlefeld is charged with the murder of Patrick Burns, a saloon keeper.

The first New Mexico state Democratic convention elected eight delegates to the national convention, with instruction to vote for Clark as long as he is before the convention.

Hay Wheeler, amateur aviator, was killed and Peter Glasser, a companion, probably was fatally injured when their machine struck a telegraph pole at St. Louis. Wheeler and Glasser were thrown 30 feet.

Aviator Ralph McMillan was seriously injured during an exhibition flight at Perry, Iowa.

Victor Louis Mason, an American, at one time private secretary to the American secretary of war, Gen. R. A. Alger, was killed while making a flight at Brooklands, England, with the English aviator, E. V. Fisher. Fisher also was killed.

"Canada for Canadian workmen." This is the cry of Canadian Northern trainmen in regard to the operation of trains of the Canadian Northern from Winnipeg to Emerson by American train crews.

Salmon made into a salad has caused the illness of all the members of company A, at Fort Adams, R. I.

The public playgrounds, in the opinion of Miss Jane Addams, is the greatest agency so far brought forth for the improvement of the city boy. She says: "One of the most noticeable results has been the decided decrease in the number of defendants brought before the juvenile courts. Boys now spend their leisure time in healthful exercise at the playgrounds instead of getting into mischief in the streets."

Declarations that Sir Cosmo and Lady Duff-Gordon, who were two of the five passengers in a partly filled lifeboat, had protested against returning to the scene of the Titanic wreck to attempt the rescue of unfortunate passengers struggling in the water, were reviewed by the British inquiry board. An audience of fashionably dressed women heard the proceedings, and the Gordons, with their legal advisers, paid close attention to the testimony.

The women of California have no right to serve on trial juries, according to the opinion of Attorney General Webb. The attorney general holds the amendment to the state constitution granting the elective franchise to women death with their political rights and duties alone. The ruling was given in answer to a request from the board of supervisors, who wanted to place a woman on the panel of trial jurors recently drawn.

Dogs have become as necessary to the complete afternoon toilet of the women of Paris as panner drapery or the upright decorating of hats. The most chic conception is to have a dog to match each color of costume worn. The most extravagant development of the new style is to be seen at Ciro's, the ne w restaurant which has become the center of fashion. In lunching at the new restaurant nine out of ten women carry dogs to the tables. The Pekingeses variety seem to be the favorites.

The Michigan state Democratic convention voted to send an uncommitted delegation of thirty members to the national convention at Baltimore.

Clarence S. Darrow, chief counsel for the McNamara brothers in the dynamiting case and a widely known criminal lawyer, was placed on trial under an indictment charging him with having attempted to bribe a juror in the "dynamiting trial" at Los Angeles, Cal. Darrow said he was innocent of any wrongdoing. Prosecutor Fredericks said: "The evidence against Darrow is as strong as it was against the McNamaras."

Christian X was proclaimed king of Denmark from the balcony of the palace on Copenhagen before a huge concourse of people who had gathered in the square in front of the royal residence. In his brief speech he paid a tribute to his father and pointed out the difficulties of succeeding such a ruler, concluding: "May God give me strength rightly to rule my dear old country and may it live forever."

Dr. Ben Reitman, known as the "king of tramps," who has traveled for some years with Emma Goldman, the anarchist, was kidnapped from the U. S. Grant Hotel at San Diego, Cal., taken to LaPezquimitas ranch twenty miles north, forced to kiss the American flag and then tarred and feathered. After he had been tarred and feathered Reitman was driven northward.

King Frederick VIII of Denmark died at the Hamburger Hof Hotel in Hamburg, Germany. Christian Frederick was proclaimed king of Denmark as Frederick VIII on January 20, 1906, after the death of Christian IX. King Frederick VIII was born at Copenhagen June 3, 1846. He was as popular with the people

Washington.

Charles D. Hilles, President Taft's secretary, gave out a statement at the white house in Washington concerning the delay of the prosecution of the International Harvester company during Roosevelt's administration in 1907. The statement says "that President Roosevelt compelled his attorney general to discontinue the Harvester prosecution in the fall of 1907, eighteen months prior to the colonel's retirement from office."

That in many prohibition states the authorities make little effort to enforce the law against the manufacture of liquor, and that the United States revenue laws need a general revision to capably cover changed conditions, was stated by Royal S. Cabell, commissioner of internal revenue. Of the 2,471 illicit stills unearthed last year he said 901 were in Georgia, 420 in North Carolina, 249 in Alabama, 375 in South Carolina and 300 in Tennessee, Oklahoma and Virginia.

Plans for expediting legislation to allow congress to adjourn prior to the national political conventions of leaders of both house and senate. The house leaders outlined a program that they believe would conclude the business of the house by June 15. The senate leaders reached no definite conclusion. On the house side it was agreed that the Panama canal administration bill should be disposed of immediately following the passage of the anti-injunction bill.

Judge Robert W. Archibald's defense, in part at least, to the charges against him in the house, which will decide if impeachment proceedings shall be brought, was indicted. What appeared to have been a deliberate trap set to catch the jurist in an embarrassing transaction was revealed. It was alleged that W. P. Boland of Scranton, Pa., purposely had Edward J. Williams, the principal witness against the judge, solicit Archibald to enter the Katydid cum bank option transaction with the Erie railroad, while the cases were pending in the court.

BUILD MANY MILES OF NEW HIGHWAY

'HALF MILLION DOLLAR BOND
ISSUE HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED
BY COMMISSIONERS.

FAVORS THE SANDCLAY TYPE

Rockingham County To Be Surveyed
Inton Quadrants—Each Will Receive
Proportionate Share of Expenditure.
—Commission To Be Established.

Raleigh.—A special from Wentworth states that six hundred miles of good roads is the aim of the commissioners of Rockingham county who have ordered a popular election to be held June 13 for the purpose of voting on an issue of \$500,000 bonds. To lift the proposed improvement entirely above the plane of factional fights it has been ordered that a highway commission be established composed of two representatives of the eleven townships. To prevent the intermingling of petty politics, it has been agreed that this commission shall consist of one Democrat and one Republican from each of the townships in the county. And further, to popularize the movement, it has been decreed that two lines be run through the county, bisecting each other as near the center as possible, and in the event that the bond issue carries, each quarter so laid out will receive its proportionate part of the total expenditure. These steps which have been taken are regarded as essential, not only in the interest of giving every part of the county its share of the improvement, but to placate some present political passions that have arisen within late years and which, unfortunately, have tended towards disruption in many matters that were undertaken for the good of the county.

Rockingham is a large county and its people are cosmopolitan. Those in the west differ from those in the east. The county is made up of many Republicans as well as prominent Democrats. Its citizens have engaged in many political struggles and gone through many factional fights. Those who undertook this great system of road-building realize that the proposition must be removed at once and as far as possible from the sphere of the political and must be regarded purely, as for the good of all the people.

Hookworm Campaign in North State.
Thirty-eight counties have now made provision to have the dispensary campaign for free examination and free treatment of hookworm disease. Four counties that have just made appropriation are Wilson, Catawba, Burke and Caldwell. The counties of Duplin, Greene, Nash, Wilson and Wake now have the dispensaries in progress and large numbers of people are taking advantage of the opportunity for free treatment. Every county in a line with and east of Wake, except ten, has provided for the dispensaries.

North Carolina New Enterprises.

The Wilmington Stamp Printing Co. filed an amendment to the charter of the corporation increasing the capital to \$50,000. There are charters issued for the Fuel, Ice & Storage Co., Burlington, capital authorized \$25,000 and subscribed \$2,200. The Robeson Tobacco Warehouse Company of Fairmount, capital authorized \$20,000 and subscribed \$4,200.

Political Situation in Iredell.

Never before have the Democratic voters of Iredell county seemed so vitally concerned in a political issue and never has there been so much "politicizing" as just now. The stir is on account of the movement to put county officers on salaries. A mass meeting favoring this reform nominated ex-Lieutenant Governor Turner for the senate and Messrs. S. Frontis and T. H. Williams for the house. The old nominees are Messrs. A. D. Watts for the senate and H. P. Grier and Thomas Hall for the house.

Sheriff Captures Auto Bandits.

Six hundred Gastonia people were at the Southern Railway station when the sheriff of Gaston county brought four auto bandits whom he captured in a restaurant there after an exciting chase. Great excitement has prevailed in the town since a telephone message was received from Frank Robinson at Lowell to the Gastonia officers to look out for a stolen automobile. A few minutes later the automobile dashed through Gastonia at the rate of thirty-five miles an hour.

Republican Convention of Carteret.

The Morehead faction of the Carteret county Republicans met with representatives from 19 out of the 24 precincts in the county, and endorsed the work of State Chairman Morehead, instructing its delegation to the state convention to vote for Mr. Morehead's re-election as long as balloting continued. The delegation goes to the Raleigh convention uncommitted as to candidates for the presidency. Resolutions adopted fail to endorse President Taft, but endorsed the record of the Republican party.

NORTH STATE IS FOR TEDDY

Stormy Convention Denounces President Taft and Instructs For Roosevelt.—Colonel Sure of 23.

Raleigh.—In a state convention, marked by bitter attacks upon President Taft, North Carolina's four delegates at large and four alternates to the Chicago Republican convention were instructed to vote for Theodore Roosevelt, "first, last and all the time" as long as his name is before the convention.

A declaration in favor of Roosevelt by Isaac Meekins, one of the uninstructed district delegates from the First district, makes certain for Roosevelt 23 of the state's 24 votes in the Chicago convention. Wheeler Martin, the other uninstructed delegate from the First district, was not bound by the state convention's action.

The delegates at large are: Df. Cyrus Thompson, Jacksonville; Thos. E. Owen, Clinton, Richmond Pearson, Asheville; Zeb V. Waiser, Washington.

The alternates are: Thomas S. Cheek, Camden county; H. C. Caviness, Wilkes county; S. O. McGuire, Surry county; George Pritchard, Marshall county.

A resolution presented by Richmond Pearson, former minister to Persia, and a Roosevelt leader in the state, adopted amid great enthusiasm in the convention, declared President Taft withdrew ten North Carolina postoffice appointments from the senate March 17 for the apparent purpose of awarding them "to the factional leader who shall deliver the largest number of delegates for Mr. Taft."

"President Taft has underestimated the pride and self-respect of the Republicans of North Carolina," the resolution continued, "in supposing that we would participate in a political auction whose object is to make merchandise of men. We unhesitatingly repudiate, resent and rebuke the whole proceedings and all parties thereto."

Two More Indictments Returned.

Charging them with the alleged murder of Myrtle Hawkins the Henderson grand jury returned indictments against Nora Britt and Lizzie Shaft. The bill containing a new count, four in all, included five other persons heretofore indicted in the case. It charges first degree murder against the two women named above, George Bradley and Abner McCall, McCall's wife and Boney Bradley are charged with being accessories to the murder before the fact and Dan McCall with being accessory to murder after the fact. The new count in the indictment charges all with conspiracy. The Shaft and Britt women, who were out on bond were arrested and will not be admitted to bail. Solicitor Johnson states that new evidence was brought out before grand jury.

On Child Labor Law of The State.

At a conference of the North Carolina Child Labor Committee and a number of the cotton manufacturers of the state, it was agreed to compromise differences as to what changes the 1913 Legislature should be asked to make in the labor law and seek changes only that shall prohibit women and girls and children under 16 from working at night, to provide efficient non-political factory inspection and leave the age limit as at present at 13 years of age for day labor. Manufacturers participating in the conference were: W. A. Erwin, D. Y. Cooper, Caesar Cone, W. Entwistle, R. L. Steele, Frank Borden, W. H. Williamson and W. B. Cole. Representing the committee were: C. H. Poe, Bishop Robert Strange, Bishop Cheshire, J. S. Carr, Jr., Dr. J. L. Foust, C. Brooks, Dr. Ed Sterne and W. H. Swift.

Unveiling of Melver Statue.

The career of Dr. Charles Duncan Melver and the great uplift he gave the cause of education in this state received splendid tribute at the hands of Dr. C. Alphonso Smith of the University of Virginia. The occasion was the unveiling of the bronze statue of Dr. Melver in Capitol square. Dr. Smith sketched the career of Dr. Melver through his early efforts as a teacher and his institute campaigns from 1859 to 1902 that resulted in the establishment of the State Normal and Industrial College on a fitting basis.

Missionary Society Closes Session.

The eleventh annual session of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Western North Carolina Conference at Monroe came to a close after the most successful meeting that has been held during its existence. The attendance was larger and more interest manifested and the accomplishments greater. It may be the last session of the home society to be held, and with this in view the next place of meeting and new officers for the succeeding term were not taken up.

Sentenced To Electric Chair.

Greenville county made its first contribution to the electric chair when a jury in the court of general sessions convicted one Morris of murder in the first degree, five other negroes who were indicted jointly with Morris being acquitted. Morris shot and killed another negro at a colored frolic. The row began in the dance hall and continued into the street, where the negro was shot down. A physician who reached the wounded negro's side received from him a statement that Morris was his slayer.

BAD TRAIN WRECK

THREE KILLED AND SIX INJURED
—ASHEVILLE TRAIN HITS
SPLIT SWITCH.

THE INJURED AT HICKORY

Accident Happened Near Connelly Springs—Had Not One of Cars Been Made of Steel Loss of Life Would Have Been Greater.

Hickory.—Westbound passenger train No. 11 running from Salisbury to Asheville was wrecked at Connelly Springs 12 miles west of Hickory.

The train was running at its usual fast speed, 40 miles an hour, and as it was rounding the curve at the Connelly Springs yard, a switch split just as the engine and baggage and mail cars had passed. The second class car left the track, and broke loose from those in front, jammed into a freight engine standing on the siding and knocked the freight engineer who was on the ground beside his engine, under the same, severing his body in two and mutilating him almost beyond recognition.

Two of the colored occupants of the car were killed, a negro woman and child. These were buried in a mass of debris several feet deep. Other occupants of the car were seriously injured.

The baggage car was completely demolished, and the baggage master injured so that it is feared that he will die.

All the trunks, etc., in the car were destroyed. After breaking loose the engine, baggage and mail cars ran for several hundred yards and left the track, but were not overturned.

The pullman and observation cars remained on the track. The two first-class day coaches were filled with passengers and were derailed, but the only damage done was the shaking up and bruising of several of the passengers.

To Thin Fruit Off The Trees.

Raleigh.—Commissioner of agriculture W. A. Graham says that if there is no further injury to the fruit crops by frost or other developments it will be of the highest importance to take steps to thin the fruit off the trees to prevent injury to the trees by the weight of the yield that will so injure the trees as to prevent full crops again for several years. He says this matter of thinning the fruit is of the greatest importance as improving the present crop of fruit and as saving the trees in such condition that they will be in shape to yield to the fullest extent next season as well if given such another chance by the weather conditions.

Forty Candidates in Rowan County.

Salisbury.—The time limit for candidates to enter the Democratic race for county offices expired with one entry for sheriff, three for register of deeds, two for county treasurer, six for township tax collector, one for county judge, three for county solicitor, seventeen for county commissioners, two for surveyor, four for the Legislature and one for the Senate. This makes forty candidates in Rowan. The candidates include A. H. Boyden for the state senate; W. D. Pethel, P. S. Carlton, Walter Murphy, and T. D. Brown for the house of representatives, and for sheriff, J. H. McKenzie.

Being Pushed Toward Sunburst.

Canton.—The Pigeon River Railroad is being pushed toward Sunburst. The private car of the president of the company was brought to Canton and the hope is expressed that trains will be running to the end of the line by September. This will open 17 miles of the river valley, the richest lands and finest timber in all of the mountains.

Asheville.—Walter J. Holland, who was charged with killing J. M. Edwards here last summer, submitted to being guilty of manslaughter before Judge Long and received a nine months sentence on the roads.

Politics in Rowan County.

Salisbury.—The first political gun of the season was fired in Rowan county when Hon. W. B. Bankhead of Alabama, spoke in the interest of the candidacy of Oscar W. Underwood for the nomination for president. So far but little interest has been taken in public meetings, though politics has waxed warm in a quiet way. One of the issues in local politics will be the salary basis for county officers. A number of leading business men favor the new plan and are agitating the salary system.

Agricultural Train For This State.

Wilmington.—The Agricultural and Immigration Department of the Atlantic Coast Line announced the latter part of July an agricultural train will be run over the entire system in North Carolina and stops will be made at every county seat, town and in some counties two stops will be made. The equipment will be furnished by the A. & M. College, Raleigh, and there will be A. & M. and government experts on the trains. Mr. I. O. Schaub of A. & M. was here conferring with the Coast Line officials.

LAND OF THE LONG LEAF PINE

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

Raleigh.—In an opinion written by Chief Justice Clark the Supreme Court finds no error in the action of the Burke county superior court in the case of J. M. Smith against the Morganton Ice Company.

Rocky Point.—A negro man, name unknown, murdered his wife at Burgaw. She was shot through the body five times. The murderer was caught afterwards while attempting to fire on an officer.

Raleigh.—Negro Republicans of this state held a state convention here and named four delegates-at-large, whom they claim will be sent to the Chicago convention. Two were instructed for Taft and two for Roosevelt.

Jackson.—The "Matt Ransom" Camp of Confederate Veterans held their annual reunion at this place and they were served with a fine dinner by the ladies of the Harry Burgwyn Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy.

Taylorsville.—The heavy rain and electrical storm that passed over this section recently did considerable damage to crops and bridges. In the western part of the county the best bridges were washed away. The water courses were the highest that have been known for years.

Greensboro.—Mr. S. E. Williams, in charge of the Woodrow Wilson campaign for the state, says that he has recently been in New York and knows whereof he speaks; that the question for North Carolina to settle is: Shall it be Wilson or Clark? From what he heard he is persuaded that it is no longer the field against Wilson, that Harmon and Underwood are practically out of the running.

Greensboro.—Greensboro was chosen over Raleigh as the place for the future location of the executive office of the North Carolina Sunday School Association. The decision was made by the members of the state executive committee, who held a long session, following a luncheon tendered in the banquet room the Y. M. C. A. Chairman N. B. Broughton, of Raleigh, presided over the deliberations.

Raleigh.—J. Elwood Cox and J. A. Long of the state building commission, were here going over the quarter-of-a-million-dollar administration building now in process of construction and declare they find the progress and the character of the work satisfactory. The commission has allowed the contractors a three months' extension of time so that it will not be completed until April 1 instead of January 1, 1913.

Wilmington.—The strawberry season in eastern North Carolina is fast drawing to a close and it is thought that within another week shipments will have stopped altogether. The season's crop has been only fairly remunerative to the truckers, for a good portion of the season the prices were decidedly off, due in two instances to rains in New York, the principal market, and to the fact that the Virginia berries are being placed on the market.

Middlesex.—Pursuant to a call issued by Mr. E. T. Lewis, manager of the Aycock Memorial Association for Dry Wells township, Nash county, a meeting of prominent citizens was held in the bank hall for the purpose of organizing and electing officers. The meeting was most enthusiastic and the following officers and committee were named: E. T. Lewis, manager; W. K. Ballentine, secretary and treasurer; H. B. High, H. J. Morris, T. W. Bartholomew, E. M. Tilghman, Dr. P. B. Cone, L. N. Land, committee.

Greensboro.—The Fifth District Republican convention in session here adopted resolutions instructing its district delegates to the national convention to vote for Roosevelt for president as long as his name was before the Chicago convention.

Fayetteville.—The Cumberland county Democratic executive committee met here and appointed registrars and poll-holders for the congressional primaries to be held June 18, between Congressman H. L. Godwin and N. A. Sinclair. The committee endorsed the candidacy of John G. Shaw for lieutenant governor.

Lumberton.—Pursuant to call of Chairman G. B. McLeod, the county Democratic executive committee met here and appointed pollholders and registrars to conduct the congressional primary to be held June 18.

Concord.—By a vote of 4 to 2 the city aldermen decided to repeal the ordinance against the drug stores of the city handling liquor. A tax of \$100 was levied on drug stores which handle it. Alderman Barrier, who opposed the motion, moved that the revenue derived from this source be used to employ detectives to see that the law was enforced.

Washington.—Postoffices at Murphy, Raeford, Roxboro and Spencer have been designated as postal savings banks. The order goes into effect June 10.

Wilmington.—With a large attendance of members from this city and other points in the state the annual meeting of the Colonial Dames of North Carolina was held at Orton Plantation, the beautiful summer home of Mrs. James Sprunt, the retiring president. Following the reading of the different reports, some of which were very interesting, the election of officers followed.

ASKS TAFT TO MAKE A CLEAN BREAST

PERKINS WANTS PUBLIC TO
KNOW WHY WICKERSHAM
SUIT WAS HELD UP.

MAKES ANSWER TO HILLES

The Trust Magnate Believes That Taft and His Managers Should Come Clean With the Whole Affair—The Statement is Given Below.

New York.—Publication of all correspondence relating to the prosecution of the International Harvester Company was suggested by George W. Perkins, the New York financier who, upon his return to New York, issued a reply to the statement given out at the White House by Charles D. Hilles, secretary to the President. The statement reads:

"I have read Mr. Hilles' version of the Harvester matter and fail to find anything in it that in the remotest degree answers my letter of April 29 last, to Chairman McKinley. If Mr. Taft and his managers had at any time meant to be fair and square and frank with the public in this matter, they would have complied with the Senate's recent request and published in full all that has taken place in regard to the Harvester Company during the Taft administration, especially during the last twelve or eighteen months.

"The public is being deluded daily with the Taft version of how Mr. Roosevelt held up Mr. Bonaparte's suit against the Harvester Company and why; but great care is being taken to keep from the public all knowledge as to whether or not Mr. Taft held up Mr. Wickersham's suit against the Harvester Company and why. Full publicity regarding the whole affair would enable the public to form its own judgment and reach its own conclusion. It would also show what Mr. Hilles regards as proper favors for a private secretary to a President seeking renomination, to ask from the members of a corporation threatened with prosecution by the self-same President.

Town of Melville is Inundated.

Baton Rouge, La.—The town of Melville, threatened since the present flood began, was inundated when the levee on the west bank of the Atchafalaya river 16 miles north, broke. Captain Logan, in charge of the United States rescue corps, dispatched the steamship Minnetonka with a barge to Melville to bring away those inhabitants who desired to leave together with their live stock and household goods. Lieutenant Edwards was ordered to Opelousas to assist Captain Bennett.

Taft Denounces Roosevelt.

Cincinnati.—In a most bitter and scathing denunciation of Colonel Roosevelt, President Taft declared that, "the certainty of his defeat for the Republican nomination must be a source of profound congratulation to all patriotic citizens," declared that his predecessor in the White House would wreck the Republican party, if he is not chosen by the Republican national convention, and compared Mr. Roosevelt to Louis the Fourteenth of France, who said, "the State, I am it."

Hour of Death Draws Near.

Boston.—"I have made my peace with God; I am resigned to my fate. I wish now to go to my death as soon as possible, the quicker the better." The words spoken by Clarence G. V. T. Richeson to Rev. Herbert H. Johnson, his spiritual adviser, expressed the mental condition of the condemned man, whose tenure of life is now measured only by hours.

Man Badly Beaten and Robbed.

Baltimore.—Beaten into unconsciousness, robbed of his watch and money and probably escaping with his life only through the mercy of one of his two assailants, Dr. George B. Reynolds, chief of police surgeon of this city, was the victim of an attack on the street while returning home from a professional call.

Large Fire Does Much Damage.

Houston, Tex.—Fire destroyed about \$700,000 worth of property before it was brought under control. The losses are: Stores Furniture Store, destroyed; Mason building almost totally destroyed; Coggans Music Store, badly damaged; G. L. and Theodore Bearing building, damaged; Texas Company building, damaged; Levy building, damaged; Temple building, almost totally destroyed; Heysers drug store, destroyed; Dodge hotel, badly damaged; Capital hotel, slightly damaged. No lives lost.

Body of King Frederick Lies in State.

Copenhagen.—The coffin containing the body of the late King Frederick VIII has been placed on a high catafalque of gold and white in Christianborg chapel and here it will lie in state until the funeral May 24. The catafalque is surrounded by silver candelabra, the historical silver lions from Rosberg castle and the orders of the dead monarch. The royal standard covers the coffin, while on the floor and about the room have been arranged hundreds of wreaths sent in by every class.