

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.

Thirty-five years in the penitentiary is the penalty Sidney Allen will pay for the part he played in the shooting up of Carroll county courthouse on the 14th of last March, when five persons, including the presiding judge, the sheriff and the commonwealth's attorney, were killed and many others wounded. Allen's nephew, Wesley Edwards, will spend twenty-seven years in the penitentiary.

That Frank Holloway, bank robber and escaped convict, was in Memphis, Tenn., with several of his followers to intercept Deputy United States marshals en route from Savannah, Ga., to Omaha, Neb., with Deegas Nolen, accused of misuse of the mails, and free Nolen at all hazards, developed in connection with the raiding of a cottage in the city of Memphis, the capture of Holloway and several of his followers and the killing of another "Kinney" Bergen, ex-convict.

Declaring that there is too general use of pistols, too much shooting of human beings in Athens, Ga., and in Clarke county, the grand jury has recommended the introduction of a bill in the next legislature forbidding the manufacture, sale or carrying about the person in any manner whatsoever of any pistol with a barrel less than sixteen inches long.

General.

All the plenipotentiaries to the peace conference with the purpose of ending the war in southeastern Europe, are assembled in London. The Turkish envoys have arrived and unless the continuance of hostilities between the Turks and the Greeks should prove a hindrance, there now seems nothing in sight to prevent the conference getting down to business.

Luitpold, prince regent of Bavaria, is dead in Munich. He was 91 years old. He had been in failing health for several months. He has occupied the throne for 64 years, as he became ruler at the age of 18.

Three men, residents of Wharton, N. J., have been arrested at Dover, N. J., charged with writing a letter threatening President-elect Woodrow Wilson with death unless he caused \$50,000 in gold to be left for them in a designated unoccupied house in Wharton. The men arrested are Peter Dunn, 34 years old, his brother, Jacob, 26, and Seely Davenport, 42. United States Commissioner Stockton committed them to jail in default of two thousand dollar bail each. The letter to the governor was written November 11, and was signed "New York Gang." Postoffice inspectors ran down the alleged blackmailers and made the arrests.

Nervous exhaustion and strain and tense excitement among the people of the present day was ascribed as the cause of the enormous increase in the use of alcoholic spirits in the United States by Dr. J. T. Searcy of Alabama, president of the American Medical Psychological association, in an address at the concluding session of the American Society for the Study of Alcohol and Other Narcotics. He discussed the question, "Why do men drink alcoholic spirits?" and declared it was "the great struggle to secure relief and to attain some sort of psychic consciousness that makes alcoholic beverages a popular drink." The meeting was held in Washington, D. C.

A carefully planned attempt to kidnap and rob M. J. Wright of Chicago of nearly \$30,000 was signally successful in every way except getting the money. Wright was walking along the street with the money in a bag. Several men fell on him and threw a sack over his head. He dropped the bag containing the money because a telegraph pole. A few minutes later a young man noticed the bag and picked it up. Finding the contents valuable, he turned it over to the police. Wright, who had been taken away in an automobile, after having been searched, was set down six miles from where he had been held up.

Eleven dollars and eighty-five cents was the average weekly wage of the 21,236 coal miners in Indiana last year, according to the annual report of Frank I. Pearce, state mine inspector.

President Taft has placed 20,000 employees in the United States navy yards under civil service.

Representative Johnson of Kentucky has introduced a bill for the acquisition by the government of the farm and the log cabin in Kentucky in which Abraham Lincoln was born. He proposes the homestead be kept as a national park.

"Mansions, not stables, should be provided for cows, the artificial mothers of the race," said Dr. Cassius Way, a sanitary expert of Chicago. "They deserve more elaborate housing than a man."

Carlo Baptista, an Italian who is to be hanged at Montreal, Canada, on December 20, for murder, has confessed to the police that he was one of the gang that plotted the assassination of Joseph Petrosino, the famous New York detective, who was shot to death in Palermo, Sicily, on March 12, 1909. The prisoner revealed the names of several other members of the Camorra that engineered the assassination.

A smuggling conspiracy to which many large dressmaking establishments through the United States are parties and through which the United States treasury has been defrauded of \$1,000,000 revenue, was alleged by the Federal authorities when the first indictment in the case was obtained in New York City.

Punishment, consisting of demerits and deprivation of all privileges for the rest of the academic year, was assigned to the 400 midshipmen who were found to have violated Superintendent Gibbons' orders forbidding betting on the recent inter-service football game. It is understood that the youths practically confessed to having participated in the formation of a \$2,000 pool to wager with the West Point cadets on the result of the game.

Berry W. Parker, former vice president of the State Bank of Commerce, Winnebago, Minn., who was recently captured in Georgia, pleaded guilty to the indictment of grand larceny in the first degree, returned by the grand jury.

By the terms of a bill passed by the house, persons in Kentucky and other battleground states of the 'Civil war' who have claims against the United States for property destroyed by Union troops, will not have to prove loyalty to the Union in order to collect the money, provided the loss was sustained after June 1, 1865, the date of cessation of hostilities. Representative Heflin of Alabama introduced the bill. It is estimated that upwards of \$5,000,000 worth of Southern war claims may be adjudicated in the court of claims if this measure becomes law.

Charles H. Hyde, former city chamberlain of New York City, convicted of bribery in connection with the manipulation of city funds, was sentenced by Justice Goff to serve not more than three years and six months and not less than two years in the state prison. He was admitted to bail, however, on the ground of "a reasonable doubt."

Four midshipmen at Annapolis have been dismissed from the naval academy by Superintendent Gibbons, after an inquiry by a board of officers covering a period of a month, for alleged maltreatment of a fellow-midshipman.

Six clergymen have been put on the rolls of the police department of Los Angeles, Cal., as special officers. They have been commissioned not only to safeguard the young girls and prevent exploitation of girls, but to arrest and prosecute parents who neglect their children. Los Angeles also has police women.

Important changes have taken place in the Austro-Hungarian war department. General Auffenberg, minister of war, has resigned. General Kroaten, under secretary in the war office, has been appointed as his successor.

Washington.

Oscar Olson, an aviator at the war department in Washington, is suffering from bruises and a shock as the result of a narrow escape from diving his machine into a fast flying express train.

President Taft listened to some startling disclosures about conditions in Mexico. Four American business men with Mexican interests, two of the members of the senate and a congressman sat in the cabinet room in the white house offices and heard the story vouched for by all told to the president by one of the business men who had been in the southern republic within the last few weeks. It was a tale of outrages on Mexican women, of murders and hold-ups of Americans, of bandits who seized Americans and held them for ransom, of general lawlessness and disorder, such as seldom has come to the ears of the president since trouble began in Mexico nearly two years ago.

Great Britain and the United States have agreed upon the composition of the tribunal for the arbitration of pecuniary claims, as provided in the special agreement recently ratified by the two governments. Sir Charles Fitzpatrick, chief justice of Canada and the British member of the north Atlantic coast fisheries arbitration tribunal at The Hague in 1910, will represent Great Britain. Candler P. Anderson, counselor of the department of state, will represent the United States. These will select a third member, who will act as umpire and will be a subject of neither Great Britain nor the United States. The third member's name will be announced later.

Great Britain's formal note of protest against that section of the Panama canal act, which exempts American coastwise shipping from payment of tolls for passing through the Panama canal, has been presented to the United States Secretary of State Knox by the British ambassador at Washington. James Bryce read the note word for word to the secretary at the latter's home. It is an elaboration of the points of objection in the note presented to the state department last July. It is not known what action congress will take in the premises.

COTTON CROP WILL BE A LITTLE SHORT

INDICATIONS ARE THAT FEWER
BALES WILL BE GROWN THIS
YEAR.

BETTER PRICE FOR STAPLE

Price This Year Has Played Prominent
Part in Cotton Market.—How War-
houses Have Benefitted Farmers.—
Should Get 15 Cents a Pound.

Charlotte.—The last of the fall cotton is being marketed and from the present outlook, the crop will, in the estimation of a number of prominent cotton men, be somewhat smaller than the yield of last season. So far, the statistics show an increase of only 305 bales over the amount sold in Charlotte last year until the closing of the market on this date of December.

From the beginning of the planting season, the question of the amount that would be raised this year has been the subject of a vast deal of speculation among those interested in the market. Before planting time there was a great amount of interest exhibited in the planting.

The price this year has played a prominent part in the cotton market. For almost the entire season last year the price was from 8.50 to 9 cents a pound for the staple. This year the price has been from 11.50 to 13.50 cents a pound with an average of about 12.50 so far.

A conservative estimate made by a cotton man in this city, gives only about 900 more bales of the staple remaining to be sold this season. There was considerable talk about the warehouse benefit to farmers, but the receipts show that only a small interest was taken in the storage proposition. The farmers of the county early in the season gathered a number of prominent growers together and held several meetings, during which the question of prices for the stands were discussed strongly. It was agreed among the growers that 15 cents a pound should be the price asked for the yield of this year.

Tobacco Sales in North Carolina.

Thirty-three tobacco markets in North Carolina reported sales aggregating 25,938,129 pounds during November, 1912, as compared with 25,938,852 pounds during November 1911. Of the sales for the past month 23,840,112 pounds were first-hand for the growers. In the total sales Wilson leads with 4,690,383, Winston-Salem second with 3,599,409 and Greenville third with 2,944,229. Other markets that reported to the department of agriculture sales of one million or more pounds were: Roxboro 1,557,105; Durham, 1,695,174; Hen derson, 1,275,404; Rocky Mount, 1,187,886; Oxford, 1,110,330.

Asks Pardon For Old Indian.

The pardon of an Indian of Jackson county is being sought by Hon. J. Frank Ray, of Franklin, who is in Raleigh attending the supreme court. The Indian is Spuince Tooni, 76 years old, who was sent up for two years for manslaughter, convicted of the killing of another Indian, Lloyd Owl. Tooni is now at the state farm and has served 18 months of his sentence. Mr. Ray says that the judge, the solicitor and the jury recommend the pardon of Tooni, and the judge and jury expressed themselves as in doubt as to the guilt of the man.

War Against Hookworm in Henderson

Dr. G. F. Leonard, of the state board of health, who has been waging a campaign against the hookworm in Henderson county for several days, reports that out of 675 patients examined in this county it was found that 251 were infected with the hook worm. Dr. Leonard, who is assisted by W. S. Tuttle, has conducted examinations at Fletcher, Dana, Liberty Tuxed, Horse Shoe, Hendersonville. The work will be continued in this county until December 2.

Charter for Carolina Railroad.

A charter is issued for the Carolina Railroad Company of Kinston, capital \$175,000, for the purpose of developing and operating 35 miles of road from Kinston to Snow Hill, built as lumber road by Hunt Brothers Lumber Company. It is understood that the road is to pass to the management of the Norfolk Southern. The incorporators of the Carolina Railroad Company are C. L. Millard, J. C. Helms, Jr., M. S. Hawkins, R. A. Black and H. Hanley of Norfolk, and W. M. Hayes of Kinston.

Saving in Running of State Hospital.

During the past two years there has been a saving of exactly \$50,788.24 in the management of the state hospital at Raleigh, and this amount is a balance of the \$350,000 appropriation to be returned to the state treasurer, as outlined in the biennial report of the affairs of the hospital ending November 30. This report was submitted by Dr. L. J. Picot, superintendent of the board of directors, which was in session at the hospital recently.

TO PUT OFFICERS ON SALARY

New Hanover County Commissioners
Fix Percentage Basis For the New
County Treasurer.

Wilmington.—After considering the matter for about a week, the board of county commissioners decided upon the compensation for the county treasurer, J. A. Orrell, succeeding H. A. Green, who held the office for fourteen years. The treasurer will receive from the county one-half of one per cent on receipts, and one and one-half per cent on disbursements (the board of education voted to give him one and one-half per cent on the disbursements of the school fund. It is estimated that the once was paid about \$2,200 a year, which is a reduction of about \$2,000 over the commissions drawn the past year by the retiring treasurer. For naming the county fund the retiring treasurer received 1 1/4 per cent on receipts and 1 1/4 per cent on disbursements and received 2 per cent for disbursements.

A bill will very probably be introduced in the approaching session of the general assembly, placing all the county officers on a salary. Some are in favor of adopting the scale of salaries paid in Guilford county. The bill would likely go into effect soon after adoption and would effect the office of treasurer as well as the other county offices.

Will Not Confirm N. C. Postmasters.

There will be no confirmation of nominations for North Carolina postmasterships at this session of congress. Democratic senators have agreed that the question of confirmation be left to the senators from the states for which the nominations are made. Senators Overman and Simmons have decided that they will hold up every nomination sent in for North Carolina. Unless peculiar and exceptional features can be shown to characterize some appointment for that state, this ironclad rule will leave every North Carolina postmaster whose term expires during the winter in the "holdover" class until March 4 next, when he will be ousted by a Democrat.

Controversy in Orange County.

The face of a suit for defamation of character against the election board of Orange county, eleven members of the fifteen upheld the charges of Dr. E. A. Abernethy and E. T. Tilley against J. D. Webb, chairman of the board of county commissioners and called for his resignation for the alleged sacrificing of Allen Browning to save himself. The Orange chairman of the commissioners occupies high standing in the party and was elected again on the board of commissioners. He is the chosen head of the county's affairs by the grace of two votes, the Hillsboro story goes, and recently there grew up a controversy as to whether he had used stickers in the recent election.

Of Interest To North Carolina.

The annual report of the national forest reserve commission sent to Congress recommended the establishment of purchase areas in the Southern Appalachian and the White Mountains, containing 6,383,000 acres. The establishment of the following purchase areas in North Carolina; Boone area on the watershed of the Catawba river, 241,462; Mount Mitchell area on watershed of the Catawba, 358,720; Pisgah area on watershed of Tennessee river, 692,902.

Farmers Should Assert Themselves.

President H. Q. Alexander of the North Carolina Farmers' Union, declared that it was time for the farmers to assert themselves and get what they need in the way of legislation and protection of their interests. Constituting 82 per cent of the population of the state, they have suffered much from the impositions of other interests, he said, and they are now becoming well organized, and the time is at hand to act.

High Point.—The fight for the industrial life of High Point, which has begun here before the interstate commerce commission by the city's progressive manufacturers, is bringing to light many alleged flagrant abuses of High Point shippers by the railroads.

Real Blind Tiger at Bar.

A really "blind tiger" lined up before Judge Adams' bar of justice at Asheville and despite his infirmity, was sentenced to eight months on the county roads. His name was Frank Guthrie, an aged white man, who is said, in spite of his inability to see, to be one of the best woodchoppers in this section of the county. He deplored his guilt, but the prosecution had several witnesses who testified that Guthrie conducted a regular bar at his residence. Guthrie made a \$4,000 bond for appearance to court.

Examination For Postmaster.

The United States civil service commission announces that on January 4 an examination will be held at Hendersonville as a result of which it is expected to make certification to fill a vacancy in the position of fourth-class postmaster at Flat Rock, Henderson county. The compensation was \$76 for the last fiscal year. It is required that applications be filed with the commission at Washington as before the date of examination. It is understood that there are several applicants.

N. C. WATERWAYS

SENT PARTIAL REPORT OF NORTH
CAROLINA RIVERS AND HAR-
BORS TO HOUSE.

MUCH WORK IS TO BE DONE

Core Creek Project is Reported Un-
favorable.—The Breakwater in Bel-
haven Harbor Not Necessary.—The
South River Work is Favorable.

Raleigh.—A special from Washington says that the secretary of war sent to the house unofficial reports on a number of North Carolina waterway projects, preliminary examinations for which they were authorized in the rivers and harbors act of 1910.

Major Earl I. Brown, of the engineers' corps, who made an examination of Core creek, a tributary of the Neuse river, to determine the advisability of removing a shoal 300 feet long from the mouth of the creek, declared that the improvement would be only temporary and that the results obtained would not justify the demanded expenditure of the government's funds.

An examination was made of Belhaven harbor looking toward the construction of a breakway for protection from waves caused by the south winds. The report stated that the channel depth of Belhaven is sufficient and that the breakwater would be a convenience rather than a necessity. The division engineer considered, however, that a moderate expenditure on improvements for the harbor might be justified and recommended that an estimate be made.

Leut. Col. M. M. Patrick reported that a desired restoration of the channel depth of Edenton harbor was not necessary.

Reporting on an authorized examination of South river, the division engineer recommended that a channel seven feet deep and fifty feet wide from Aman to Royal and thirty-five feet wide from Royal to Idalia. The cost of the improvement was estimated at \$6,092 for first construction and \$800 annually for maintenance.

Governor Grants Pardon to Two.

Raleigh.—Governor Kitchin granted pardons to Riley and Elisha Gunter, who were convicted in Madison county in September, 1911, of assault with deadly weapon and sentenced to two years each on the roads. The reasons for the pardons follow: "On recommendation of solicitor, county officers and others, I pardon prisoners on condition that they remain law-abiding and of good behavior."

Allowed to Plead Second Degree.

Smithfield.—Needham Belle, colored, who was indicted for murder in the first degree, was allowed by Solicitor Norris to plead guilty in the second degree. Judge Ferguson, after hearing the evidence, and a short talk by Mr. Pou, who was representing the defendant, also one by the solicitor, sentenced the negro to thirty years at hard labor in the state penitentiary. Judge Ferguson made a very impressive talk before announcing the sentence.

Charged With Incendiarism.

Raleigh.—Deputy Commissioner of Insurance S. W. Ascott has procured the indictment by the Moore county grand jury of Jeremiah Damm on the charge of burning his hotel, Prospect Inn, at Southern Pines. He came to Moore county from Ohio, where, it is alleged, he is wanted too for burning property in that state. Damm got wind of his indictment in Moore and skipped out, forfeiting a \$500 bond.

Mecklenburg Has Two Candidates.

Washington.—Mecklenburg county has two candidates for the marshalship of the Western North Carolina district. They are Messrs. W. C. Dowd, of Charlotte and Larkin H. Robinson, of Providence township. Mr. Manly McDowell of Morganton is also in the race. The candidacy of Mr. McDowell has been known for some time, but that of Mr. Dowd came out only a few days ago.

To Close Contract For Highway.

Hendersonville.—William C. Sirrine, president of the Greenville Good Roads Association, is expected in Hendersonville soon to close a contract for the building of the Greenville-Hendersonville-Asheville highway. In order to hasten the building of this road enthusiasts met at the state line and talked over the situation as a result of which it was decided to build the South Carolina link in time to accommodate automobile tourists making their way from Southern points to the "Land of the Sky."

Progressives in Gaston County.

Gastonia.—"To oppose all that is wrong and detrimental to county growth and to aid in putting into effect all things that are good" is the way in which is described the object of a meeting of the Progressive party, which was held at Dallas. This meeting was called by a number of the leaders of the Progressive movement in the county and a permanent county organization was effected. Jno. N. Hanna of the Republican executive committee is chairman of the executive committee of the new party.

FROM THE TAR HEEL STATE

Short Paragraphs of State News That
Has Been Condensed For the Peo-
ple of the State.

Maxton.—Col. E. F. McRae, one of the most loved and highly respected citizens of Maxton was found dead in bed. For the past year he has been living at the home of his niece, Mrs. Rufus Williams.

Raleigh.—The secretary of state charters the Salisbury Metal Culvert Co., of Salisbury, capital \$50,000 by James M. Maupin and others. And The Kendall Knitting Mills Co., of Wendell, this county, capital \$100,000 authorized and \$20,000 subscribed by W. B. Whitley and others.

Wilmington.—The police a few days ago took charge of six cases of whiskey found on a dray that apparently had no owner. The drayman, Ed McNeill, at first denied any knowledge of the ownership of the whiskey, but later said that he was taking two boxes to Jim Walton and four to Son Roderick.

Raleigh.—Commissioner of Labor and Printing Shipman reports 660 miscellaneous factories in the state that have \$44,673,613 capital and an output of \$86,030,562 worth and pay \$11,086,760 wages to 25,321 employees. He expects to have the report of the cotton, woolen and knitting mills ready very soon now.

Greensboro.—With a purpose of gaining information upon which to make recommendations for the building of a state normal and industrial college in Maryland, a committee of legislators and educators from that state recently came and made a thorough inspection of the state normal and industrial college here.

Statesville.—Harvey Fortner, a negro arrested in Wilkes county, charged with horse-stealing in this county, was committed to jail in default of bond to await superior court. He admitted his guilt, but said that where he came from—Watauga county—it was considered no harm to ride another man's horse.

Winston-Salem.—The local school officials are very much interested in the proposed compulsory education law, urging that its passage will mark a new era in the commercial and intellectual renaissance in North Carolina. It is urged that no state can long make progress when so many of its children are out of the public schools.

Greensboro.—In his charge to the grand jury here after the opening of superior court recently, Judge Harry W. Whedbee told that body that it was his opinion that a large, rich and progressive county in many ways like Guilford should have a better "temple of justice." He instructed the jury that it came within their power to recommend to the proper authorities the building of a new court house for Guilford.

Greensboro.—Two young white farmers of well-known Guilford families were brought to St. Leo's hospital suffering with fearful wounds as the result of an explosion of dynamite in a well. Alfred Brown, about 23 years of age, and the most seriously injured, is badly hurt about the head, his face is horribly burned and arms mutilated. Brown will lose the sight of both eyes and there is little hope offered for his life.

Greensboro.—The burial of Dr. W. L. Vestal occurred near High Point. Vestal died at the state farm, where he and his wife were serving sentence of 15 years. The Vestal case was one of the most sensational Guilford county has had. It was shown at the trial that Dr. Vestal, with the assistance of his wife, had made a practice of performing criminal operations within his High Point residence and after a three-day trial both were sentenced to long terms.

Asheville.—Sitting in a secluded corner of a lot on College street, just off the square, is a little one-story frame building, occupied by a shoe maker, and if a movement started in this city is successful, that same little building will be bought and set aside for the edification of visitors to the metropolis of the "Land of the Sky." For that little one-story frame building is the building in which Zeb Vance, revered by all North Carolinians, the great "War Governor" of the state, first set up the practice of law.

Greensboro.—A life-sized bronze figure of the late Joseph M. Morehead, for years' president of the Guilford Battle-ground Company, has been received and will be placed and ready for unveiling at the regular battle-ground celebration next July. The figure will stand on a rough granite boulder, six feet high.

Salisbury.—Announcement has been made here that former State Senator Whitehead Klutz, of Salisbury, will be a candidate for ambassador to Brazil under President Wilson when he steps into office. Mr. Klutz was an original Woodrow Wilson man.

Charlotte.—The coming exhibit of birds by the Charlotte Poultry Association on January 10-14 is said to be the largest that has ever been planned for this city. The managers and committeemen in charge have been hard at work on the plans and arrangements for some time.

Winston-Salem.—What promises to be the initial step looking to greater Winston-Salem will be taken when the matter of the consolidation of Winston and Salem will be widely discussed at a great meeting of the board of trade, which will be held at the court house.

WHITELAW REID DIES IN LONDON

AMERICAN'S SCHOLARLY AMBAS-
SADOR AT THE COURT OF ST.
JAMES SINCE 1905.

WAS AT HIS POST OF DUTY

The English Government Will Offer
Battleship to Convey the Body to
the United States.—Physicians
Statement As to the Cause of Death.

London.—Whitelaw Reid, the American Ambassador to Great Britain since 1905, died at his London residence, Dorchester House, from pulmonary oedema. The end was quite peaceful. Mrs. Reid and their daughter, Mrs. John Hubert Ward, were at the bedside.

The Ambassador had been unconscious for several hours and at intervals during the previous 24 hours he had been slightly delirious as a result of the drugs administered to induce sleep.

Sir Thomas Barlow, physician to the King, who was called in after Mr. Reid's illness became acute and his regular physician, Dr. William Hale White, issued the following bulletin as to the cause of death:

"A fortnight ago the American Ambassador had a slight bronchial attack similar to others which he had suffered at considerable intervals. Recently asthma supervened and the asthmatic paroxysms became very severe, leading to extreme exhaustion."

"It was hoped that he might rally, as no pneumatic symptoms had appeared. With difficulty the paroxysms of asthma were got under control, but the exhaustion became extreme and he died from pulmonary oedema."

The Hon. John Hubert Ward, who with his wife had been at Dorchester House continually since the Ambassador's condition became serious, notified the staff of the embassy when the patient began to sink, and when death came he sent word to the King and Queen at Buckingham Palace, the Queen Mother Alexandra and the officials at the court.

Annual Report of Secretary Nagel.

Washington.—Charles Nagel, Secretary of Commerce and Labor, would sharply define and restrict the powers and discretion of the proposed Federal commission to regulate industrial corporations. In his annual report submitted to President Taft, the Secretary opposes the endowment of such a commission, if finally created by Congress, with far-reaching powers equal to those exercised by the Interstate Commerce Commission over railroads. He disapproves the suggestion that the commission have authority to fix prices of commodities.

Completion of Work.

New Orleans.—In announcing the satisfactory completion of the work of making the graves of Confederate soldiers who died in Northern prisons, undertaken at the suggestion of President McKinley and provided for by Congressional act, Gen. Bennett H. Young, commander-in-chief of the United Confederate veterans, says the work "reflects credit upon the United States Government and is further evidence of the bond of brotherhood which binds the sections of our great country."

Hope of Rescue Abandoned.

Los Angeles, Cal.—Hope of rescuing Horace Kearney and Chester Lawrence, who started for San Francisco by hydroaeroplane was abandoned when a pontoon believed to be part of Kearney's hydro-aeroplane was picked up four miles out at sea off Redondo beach. Glenn Martin the Santa Anna aviator who took part in the search in a hydro-aeroplane, was reported to have suffered a mishap. The Argyle reported by wireless to the steamer Yale that it had sighted Martin's machine being towed by a powerboat out point Dume.

Mexican Congress Closes Session.

Mexico City.—With a record of few more than a dozen measures enacted and about 180 still pending, the first congress elected under the Mameor administration, which was expected to carry out many revolutionary promises closed its three months' session. The more important bills passed include authorization for a 20,000,000 pesos (\$10,000,000) loan, as yet unoffered, and authorization for a 40,000,000 pesos bond issue. The budget also was approved, providing for an increase of 13,000,000 pesos.

"Gag Rule" Hurlled at Members.

Washington.—A deluge of impassioned oratory swept the house during the general debate on the Dillingham-Burnett bill, fixing a literacy test for immigrants to the United States. The measure as brought up in the house after a fight on a special rule brought in from the committee on rules which was adopted on a roll call vote by an overwhelming majority, respite complaints of "gag rule" from the opponents of the bill. After four hours of discussion the house adjourned with the bill pending.