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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.

Frederick O. Beach, the wealthy New Yorker, who has been on trial at Aiken, S. C., charged with murderous assault upon his wife, was acquit-

lynched by a mob at Houston, Miss. He was suspected of having murdered | roadways. Mrs. John C. Williams, wife of the deputy chancery clerk. She was found dead in her home at Houston.

Guilty without a recommendation. although the jury had been out 24 hours, was the verdict in the superior court at Savannah, Ga., in the Agnes Jones diamond theft case. She was convicted on circumstantial evi-

Another interesting chapter will be added to the history of the Jamestown gavel now owned by the Atlanta chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution when Senator Bacon uses it at the joint session of the two houses to announce the election of Woodrow Wilson as president. This gavel is from the wood of a tree that grew beside the grave of Patrick Henry.

volume, according to dispatches sent out from Memphis, Tenn.

days overdue from Middleboro, Eng- loan measure in the senate at Mexland, and for which grave fears were | ico City. entertained, reached Savannah, Ga., longitude 20 west. The seas were els orders his captains to "do as their the largest he ever encountered. The conscience dictates" in disbanding cabins were half filled with water, their troops or joining the revolution. and everything movable was strip- This is the gist of a telegram receivped. The wind velocity was enor- ed at El Paso, Texas. mous and the barometer sank to 27.70.

General.

crees entered in the several courts leased, be quashed. involved.

A Constantinople dispatch says that heavy fighting has been going on for two days in Gallipoli, and that the Bulgarians have won all along the line. Five thousand Turks are reported to have been killed.

With sails snugly furled, the lifeboats in the davits, the galley plentifully supplied with provisions and water, but without a vestige of human life aboard, the Norwegian bark Remittent, Rio Grande to Liverpool, was picked up January 19 in mid-ocean by the British steamer Roumanian, according to Captain Claridge of the latter vessel, who has arrived in New York City. The strange disappearance of the Remittent's crew recalls the famous schooner Marie Celeste mystery which puzzled the maritime world for many months.

"Well, the nerve of some people's horses, exclaimed Mrs. John McCaron of Chicago, when she rushed from the kitchen to investigate a crash in the front part of her home and found a team of draught horses tramping on | the parlor carpet. The team had run away and ran into the home of Mrs. McCaron.

With her bow pointing at right angles to the shore, the Norwegian steamship Nicholas Cunco, laden with bananas and cocoanuts from Port Antonio, Jamaica, grounded upon the sleeping stretches of sand at Long Beach, on the south shore of Long

at Cienfuegos, Cuba, resulted in the ishment of persons responsible for the death of ten persons, including the recent attacks on the American legaproprietor and his wife and their two tion by the newspaper, Cuba. children. The office of the Cuban Submarine Telegraph company, on the of the cotton boll weevil during the opposite side of the street, was bad- last year on account of the unsual

heard a burglar ransacking the house department of agriculture. and, although he searched the room

nounces that the work of excavation to effect on February 15, on the canal would be completed soon.

by the enticing away of maids. With the palace of justice under a vast cowds present,

The New York stock exchange adopted a stringent resolution against wash sales." This action followed closely the introduction in the state legislature of the bills recommending stock exchange reforms as outlined in Governor Sulzer's recent message. The first death resulting from the

strike of the garment workers of Rochester, N. Y., occurred when Valentine Sauter, proprietor of a clothing shop, fired one shell from a shotgun into a crowd of strikers who were engaged in a demonstration in front of his place of business. One girl striker, 17 years old, was killed OTHER LEGISLATIVE by the shot, and three other persons were injured. Two of the wounded are women.

Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood, chief of staff of the army, has discussed at length with Representative William Schley Howard the department's plans for the enlargement and further development of Fort McPherson, near Atlanta, Ga. These plans contemplate the expenditure of \$1,800,000 for new land, buildings for barracks and quar-Andrew Williams, 35, negro, was termaster's stores, sewers, lighting, water mains and for new walks and

After the civil governor of Foo Chow, China, escaped a bomb that killed twenty bystanders, he rushed at his would-be assailant and with the help of citizens arrested the man. President-elect Wilson has declared himself in favor of radical changes in the primary laws of New Jersey to be applied not only to the nominations for United States senator, but

the governorship as well. John Paul Farrell, a discharged apartment house jantior of New York City, confessed that he had killed Mrs. Bernard Herrera by means of a bomb he had made, and that by similar means he had caused the death of Mrs. Helen Taylor a year ago and attempted the life of Judge Otto A. Rosalsky of the court of general ses-

sions, last March. "I lied to the American government The crevasse in the Missippi river for ten months, telling them that the schools were offered. levee at Beulah, Miss., is now 800 Mexican revolution would be over in feet in width, and, with the river ris- six weeks. I was forced to invest lows: ing rapidly in that section, water is my diplomatic mission with a domino pouring through the opening in great and a mask." This statement was made by Manual Calero, formerly the Mexican ambassador to the United The British steamer Fredericke, 16 States during the discussion of the

A document signed by Gen. Jose Capt. Robert Fretwurst reporting a Blanco was made public in which the terrific hurricane in latitude 44 north, former commander of Madero's reb-

Another attempt to place William R. Nelson, editor and owner of the Kansas City (Mo.) Star, in jail for contempt of court was blocked when Litigation over the bequest of \$2, Sheriff Winstanley, in the Kansas 000,000 made to the First Church of City court of appeals, repudiated a mo-Christ, Scientist, of Boston, by Mrs. tion filed in his name by "friends of Mary Baker G. Eddy, ended when her the court" of Circuit Judge Joseph A. natural heirs joined with the trus Guthrie, asking that a writ of habeas tees of the church in proposed de- corpus, on which Mr. Nelson was re-

King Menelik of Abyssinia is dead according to a dispatch received in London, England, from Addis-Abeba. His successor, Prince Lidj Jeassu, one of his grandsons, entered the capital with great pomp.

It is officially announced that hostilities have begun both at Adrianople and Tchatalja. At Adrianople the allies began bombardment. At Tchatalja an insignificant skirmish occur-The armistice lasted two months. Bulgaria turned a deaf ear to the remonstrances of the powers, and unless Turkey yields to the Balkan demands, the allies will attempt to drive her completely out of Eu-

Washington.

Storm clouds over Central America, with the signal exception of Costa Rica, caused the United States to order four warships there. Reports upon which this government took action come from many quarters and though, in most cases, they are somewhat vague and speculative, they are very as the special commission, under the strongly of the same general tenor- Justice resolution, to confer with railthat it was no longer thought wise to | road officials and report as to the pospermit American interests in Central | sibility of amicable elimination of the America to remain exposed to any

Arthur M. Beaupre, American minister to Cuba, acting under the direction of the state department at Washington, presented to Secretary of State Sanguily of Cuba a peremptory note insisting that measures be taken for An explosion in a hardware store the prosecution and exemplary pun-

Despite the check in the movement ly damaged, and several employes se- climatic conditions of the winter of 1911-12, the insect has made a net Katherine Scanlon of Pittsburg, gain of 7,300 square miles, according Pa., hid \$500 in her hair when she to reports coming from the national tion.

Reorganization of the mebile forces where she was, he failed to find the of the United States on the most elaborate scale attempted since the A message to President Taft an Spanish-American war will be put in-

Direct taxes upon the incomes of tutional amendment commission of to change the county seat of Jack-A bill has been introduced in the citizens of the United States, wheth five from the Senate, eight from the Minnesota senate making it a felony er derived from idle capital or from House and five appointed by the gov With a prison sentence for one fam- the conduct of business has been By to steal a servant girl from an- made possible by the ratification of other. The father of the bill declared the sixteenth amendment to the Fedthe family friendships were broken eral Constitution. Delaware, Wyoming and New Mexico, indorsing the income tax amendment through their heavy guard of armed troops and gen- respective legislatures, completed a darmes, the trial of twenty automo list of thirty-eight states that have bile bandits who created a reign of approved it, two more than the threeterror in Paris last year began with fourths necessary for its final adoption. Leaders in congress predict that through this authorization congress will levy a tax after March 4.

THE LEGISLATORS HAVE SECOND CONTEST ON THE STATE COURTS.

Six Days Work of the General Assembly Given in Brief Form .- Bills That Are Offered Passed and Otherwise

Disposed of.

Senate-Monday. Raleigh,-A bill introduced by Senator Weaver would regulate the use of assumed names in partnership. The following bills passed final read-

Senate bill to consolidate and amend laws relating to graded schools of Wilson.

Senate bill authorizing bond issue for Henderson Graded schools. Senate bill authorizing Huntersville school district No. 1, Mecklenburg county, to issue bonds.

House bill authorizing addition road bonds for Franklin township, Franklin. House bill amending act of 1909, relative to road bond election in Union

House bill providing for good roads county.

date road laws of Madison county. House-Monday. Several petitions for compulsory

Senate bill to amend and consoil-

education and six-months minimum Bills passed final reading as fo!-

Road law for Stokes county; sent to the Senate.

Bill for school bond issue in Scotland county. This was ordered enrolled for ratification. For building a bridge across South

River by Sampson and Cumberland Road law for Person county. con county; sent to the senate.

tor for Henderson county; ordered enrolled.

Senate-Tuesday. Petitions were received from employes of Rutherford county cotton mills against the enactment of further laws restricting the right of employers to contract for labor; from citizens of of two-wheeled log-drags on public out the state. roads; from Wayne, Durham, Madison, Forsyth, Cabarrus counties for district, Randolph county, to vote ing revenue. six-months school term.

The Nimocks amendment was lost by 7 to 40 and Bryant's by 17 to 24. Duplin county to issue bonds in aid The bill was passed on the second of railroad in the county. reading by 37 to 6, and after it passed the third reading, on motion of sue of \$250,000 in Orange county. Senator Jones, the vote was reconsidered and that motion tabled, clinching the Senate's action.

House-Tuesday. ative to six-months school terms, child petition by a number of those signing labor, for expenses of military com- the Justice petition asking that their panies to the inaguration of Woodrow names be erased from the Justice pe-Wilson to be paid by the state, against | tition. the proposed state fish commission, and for the usual appropriation to the

Oxford Orphan Asylum. Bills passed final reading as follows:

for Lillington. House bill to allow a bond issue for

district. A message came from the Governor to the effect that he has appointed Senator W. C. Council, Representative E. J. Justice and N. B. Broughton

freight rate discriminations against North Carolina shipping points so sons for cancelling the bond passed much complained of at this time. Senate-Wednesday.

A number of new bills were introduced in the senate.

passed final The following bills reading: To extend for two years the time

for the construction of the North State Central Railway.

To validate the probate of certain wills prior to 1860. To validate the probate of the will

of Maria Nixon. To amend the law relative to draw ing juries in the recorder's court of Nash County and provide compensa-

To cure certain probates made by Ambassadors and Consuls outside of the United States.

House-Wednesday.

The House passed the joint resolution from the Senate for the constiernor to formulate amendments to members were absent. the Constitution and report to an ador winter.

tion were as follows:

of the town of Elkin. To authorize the town of Franklin-

ton to issue street bonds. To incorporate the town of Drexall, Burke county.

tion in Union county. To allow Franklin township to vote on road bonds.

To authorize sewerage bonds by the town of Dunn. To increase the number of Supe-

rior Court judges and judicial districts from 16 to 20. Senate-Thursday.

The Stewart anti-tipping bill that passed the House, making it a misdemeanor and \$100 fine or 30-days imprisonment to give or receive a WORK tip in hotels, cafes and other places, or for employers of waiters to employ them with agreement as to tipping, was voted down in the Senate 21 to 19. Senator Barnes made the young flagman who was severely lone speech in its support.

> The following bills passed final Senate bill to submit to the voters of Davidson county the question of

road bond issue. Senate bill to repeal the charter of Hickory and incorporate the town.

Franklin county. House bill amending the road law of Lenoir county. Senate bill to authorize New Hanover county to issue \$200,000 road

House-Thursday.

The House voted down by a vote of 44 to 34 the Kellum bill to advance the age of consent from 14 to 16 years. This was after an amendment had been adopted to the effect that men under 21 years old should not be affected by the provisions of the

brought about the defeat. for the exemption of counties, to a select committee of five for revision, will not be so drastic as the Justice bill, and have this committee report back within seven days.

the House.

Senate-Friday. The Senate Committee on Educa-

tion will report favorably the bill providing for uniformity of examinattion, certification of graduation of teach-To encourage stock raising in Ma- ers. This is the bill as recommended sembly in behalf of the bill to annex entative Sherley of Kentucky attack-To create the office of county audi- County Superintendents Association. Town Creek township, Brunswick sentative Rucker of Missouri said he lows:

Senate bill to build bridge over Yadkin between counties of Davie the Senate and House on Education and Forsyth, one mile from Hawes

Senate bill making larceny in

House bill to permit Liberty school Senate bill-authorizing townships of

Senate bill ratifying road bond is

House-Wednesday. Mr. Justice offered a petition signed that the state-wide primary bill be There were numerous petitions rel- passed and Mr. Bowie of Ashe, a

On motion of Mr. Doughton an order was made for 500 copies of the Anti-Saloon League search and seizure bill, as reported from the Com-House bill as to the rate of interest | mittee on Liquor Traffic favorably, to to be charged for waterworks bonds be printed for the scrutiny of the legislators.

The bill to require county officers schools in a certain Cleveland County now on fees to make reports showing their revenue passed. Senate-Saturday.

> The Senate passed the House resolution appointing a commission to look into the allotment of quarters to State Department in the new state

The bill requiring bonding companies withdrawing as surety to give reathe Senate. The original bill included requiring railroads to accept any good bond, but this was stricken out The Senate bill to allow Charlotte

Park and Tree Commission to sell

part of its real estate passed final reading, as did the following: House bill to prevent use of firearms by children; makes it unlawful for parent or guardian to permit House bill to amend road law of Clayton township, Johnston county. investigate South Atlantic and West-

ern Railroad Company (Transcontinental Railway), and report to Legislature by February 25. House bill adding Cherokee county Patterson, had a difficulty with his design for the back, created by Ken tries are producers of cotton the Unito barbed-wire fence law.

House-Saturday.

There was unsuccessful effort in the House to get a vote on the bill son from Webster to Sylva, it being insisted successfully that too many

There was a lengthy discussion of journed or special session next fall the Connore bill to provide for the payment into the hands of the clerk Enrolled bills reported for ratifica- of the court of certain trust funds by trustees and mortgagees. Mr. Steph To amend and revise the charter enson advocated the bill. Mr. Grier opposed it. Mr. Connor insisted that the bill would afford trustees and mortagees much needed relief.

The bill passed final reading and was sent to the Senate.

Bill relative to a road bond elec- LAND OF THE LONG LEAF PINE Latest News of General Interest That Has Been Collected From Many

Charlotte. - Charlotte has been selected as the place for the State Baraca-Philothea convention which will be in session April 12 to 15.

Towns and Counties.

Scotland-Neck.-After frequent enquiries among the farmers it is learned that they are making good progress for another crop. One good man said he had never seen a more ideal winter for work done.

Asheville. - Walter Messer, the crushed by a train at Waynesville during the early part of January and was brouht to a local hospital immediately following the accident, died from the injuries several days ago.

New Bern,-Dr. J. B. Turlington, who has been selected to fill the position as principal of Craven County's House bill authorizing additional new Farm-Life school, will arrive road bonds by Youngsville township, here the latter part of this month to assume his duties. At present Dr. Turlington is a member of the faculty of the Georgia Agricultural and Mechanical College.

Raleigh.-Governor Craig and his personal staff will go to Washington to take part in the inauguration ceremonies when Woodrow Wilson becomes president. The party will go in a special Pullman and it may be their stay in Washington.

Raleigh.—The bill to allow justices of peace a \$1 fee for performing bill. Criticism of the amendment by marriages met death at the hands of in Robersonville township, Martin Representative Miller of Cleveland the Senate Judiciary Committee No. 1, as did the measure for solicitors to The House voted to refer the Jus- appear for defendants in suits for abtice state-wide primary bill, the solute divorce where no counsel is Doughton substitute and all amend- retained, solicitor be paid \$10, which ments, including the 40 amendments would be charged in the bill of costs.

Greensboro.-As an incentive to lit erary work among girls of the State. and the drafting of a measure that the Adelphian and Cornelian literary societies of the State Normal and Industrial college have decided to offer a loving cup as a prize to be awarded Many new bills were introduced in to the high school girl of the State who submits to the societies during Cannon declared that the states the spring the best story.

Wilmington. - A committee of Brunswick & New Hanover county | Socialist, contended that all great citizens went to Raleigh to appear before a committee of the General Asby the Teachers' Assembly and the Northwest township and part of ed the validity of the bill and Repre-Bills passed final reading as fol county. The delegation will be composed of twenty-five or thirty citizens.

Raleigh.-The Joint Committees of liquor. decided finally, at the close of a three and one-half hours' session to defer action on the six-months' school term | ed by the Senate and another would amount not exceeding \$20 a misde bill and the compulsory attendance have added a penalizing clause with Wayne county for law prohibiting use meanor instead of a felony through bill until February 12. It is then ex fine and imprisonment provisions pected that the Finance Committee which some members declared would will have submitted its plans for rais- have made the measure unconstitu-

Washington. - Senator Simmons presented to the Senate a certified copy of the joint resolution passed by the North Carolina Legislature, ratifying the constitutional amendment for the popular election of senators. In presenting the resolution Mr. Simmons stated that North Carolina had by 563 citizens of Ashe county asking been the first State to ratify the

amendment. Salisbury.-In the meeting of the Rowan County Commissioners recent ly the matter of working the public roads was considered and the question of drawing up a new road law or amending the present one discussed. Some of the main features in the proposed law are the levying of a special township tax of from 15 to 45 cents on the \$100 valuation of property and 45 cents on each poll each township to be apportioned the full amount paid in for road improve-

Asheboro.-The Board of County Commissioners at the meeting recent Bolsover coal colliery because of the ly adopted a resolution agreeing to snapping of a chain to which was sus- to prepare an official statement to secure the services of an expert engineer to make surveys and examinal of water. The bucket crashed down tions of material for building and the 500-foot shaft at the bottom of maintenance of a system of improved which the men were working. roads for the entire county. Arrangements have been made heretofore for the completion of the gravel way by Trinity college to the Guilford line.

Smithfield.—The Johnston County Good Roads Association met here and elected James A. Wellons president ordered the engraving of the plates child under 12 to have any firearms. and framed an act to be passed by for the new one-dollar treasury notes. the present General Assembly author- It will require 18 months to put into Imports from Asia and Oceania comizing the county commissioneers to circulation this new paper money, bined amounted to \$280,000,000 in 1912 House resolution for commission to call an election to vote on a bond is which will be only two-thirds the size and the export to Asia and Oceania sue of \$50,000.

stick of wood, killing nim almost in Fine Arts Commission. stantly.

Gastonia.-At the regular monthly meeting of the County Commissionof 1913.

meeting of the Board of County Commissioners, held at the court house dispensaries opened in the different tions indicating trouble. ownships shortly.

WEBB MEASURE RAN **GAUNTLET OF HOUSE**

NOW UP TO SENATE TO PROHIBIT SENDING LIQUOR INTO DRY STATES.

The Prohibition Bill Stirred Up the Most Stubborn Fight During This Session of Congress-All Amendments Offered Were Rejected.

Washington.-The Webb bill to prohibit the interstate shipment of liquor into "dry" states for purpose of sale, or in any manner used," in violation the Potomac produced in 1912 a cornof the state laws, was passed by the crop of 505,135,000 bushels, worth House of Representatives. Two hundred and forty votes were recorded in favor of the measure, while 65 Representatives voted against it.

The passage of the bill ended one of the most stubbornly fought contests of this Congress. Senator Kenyon of Iowa, author of a Senate measthat they will occupy this during ure of the same general purport, sat in the House most of the time watching the fight, which opened with a contest over the rule to bring up the Webb bill. Representatives of organized anti-saloon advocates sat in the gallaries and kept tallies on the roll

Representative Fitzgerald of New York criticized his fellow Democratic leaders for not devoting more time to essential appropriation bills. Representative Dalzell of Pennsylvania, Republican, said this Democratic House would go down in history as one of "masterly inactivity." Representative Mann of Illinois characterized as "flimflam" the bringing up of the bill at this time. Former Speaker should regulate traffic themselves. Representative Berger of Wisconsin, men from Julius Caesar down to Cannon were temperate drinkers. Represrepresented numerous constituents whose homes had been wrecked by

All amendments offered to the bill were rejected. One of these would have substituted the bill already passtional.

Troops Held in Readiness. Charleston, W. Va.-Six companies of the West Virginia National Guard are being held in their armories ready to depart to the Paint and Cabin Creek coal districts to take charge of the strike situation. Governor Glasscock according to information from persons close to the executive, will probably take some definite action in the near

Nicholas Makes Answer to Joseph. St. Petersburg.-Emepror Nicholas handed his answer to the autograph letter from Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria to Prince Hohenlohe-Waldenburg-Schillingsfuerst, who leaves for Vienna. The greatest secrecy is observed here as to the nature of the letters.

13 Killed in English Colliery. Mansfield, England.-Thirteen men were killed and a number hurt at the pended a bucket containing 800 gallons show "the necessity of irrigation."

For Block Signal System. Washington.—Compulsory adoption road from Asheboro, north to the by all interstate railroads of the block Guilford line, making two divisions signal system is the most important Mines Safety Commission and will at or near Randleman, and going di- recommendation of the block signal rect toward Greensboro, and the oth and train control board, made in its er along or near the Southern Rail- final report to the Interstate Commerce Commission.

To Have New Dollar Notes.

Washington.-Secretary MacVeagh of existing currency. The Secretary for the last year aggregated \$190. Lenoir.-A telephone message receiv gave his unqualified approval to the 000,000. One feature was the sending ed here recently states that W. T. design for the face of the note, pro- of raw cotton to India and China, Jackson, who lives four miles above duced by treasury officials and the Despite the fact that both these counson-in-law, William Thomas, and you Cox, the New York artist. Mr. ted States sent to India 35,000,000 struck him over the head with a Cox's design also was approved by the pounds of raw cotton and to China

Flutter Caused Among Legation. Washington.-Movements of the ers, held at the court house here sev United States warships to Central tion of the 50th anniversary of nationeral days ago, Mr. L. E. Rankin, of America, which has just become fully al unity were determined upon at a Lowell, was elected to the office of known, put the Central American Lecounty auditor, which was created by gations here into a state of flurry and Dr. E. A. Alderman, president of the special act of the General Assembly sent the Latin-American Ministers University of Virginia, is chairman. hurrying to assure Secretary of State | The committee proposed to have a Charlotte.—At the regular monthly Knox that all was tranquil in their countries. At last report practically bridge over the Potomac here, and all the Ministers had communicated urged upon congress and dedication \$500 was appropriated to aid the with the State Department to inquire exercises in 1915, under direction of hookworm fight to be waged in Meck | the reason for the naval demonstration | G. A. R. and United Confederate vetlenburg County. There will be five and disclaim existence of any condi-

SOUTH IS NEW CORN BELT

The Southern Railway Exploits the Southern States as the Corn Growing Country.-Folder Issued.

Columbia, S. C., February 2 .- "The New Corn Belt" is the title which has been accorded the nine Southern states east of the Mississippi and south of the Potomac. This honor is given the Suth in an attractive folder just issued by the Southern Rail-REJECT THE PARTY LINES way Company which is being distribated among visitors to the National Corn Exposition here. Figures in the folder, compiled from latest official sources, give new proof of the increasing importance of the South as a corn growing section and fully substantiate the claim given this wonder-

ful section as the "New Corn Belt." "Figures in the December number of the Crop Reporter issued by the federal department of agriculture, show that the nine Southern states east of the Mississippi and south of \$314,740,000 at prices paid farmers in that territory," says the folder. "Compared with the report of the 1900 census, when the crop of 342,464,737 bushels in the same states was worth \$137,079,603, the latest figures show an increase of 162,670,263 bushels, worth practically \$178,000,000 more than the

earlier production. "The greater yield in the Southeast has followed an increased acreage given to corn and steadily increasing acre-yield. The general development of this agricultural region, aided by federal and state demonstration work and further helped by the educational efforts of such railroads as the Southern, which maintains a corps of agricultural experts whose services are at the command of all the farmers along its 7,000-odd miles of territory, has had a large share in stimulating attention given to corn. Prominent among the reason for the increased acre-yield has been the organization of boys' corn clubs and annual corn shows in each of these nine states Comparative figures show that the increase in the average yield per acre over the 1900 record in 1912 alone amounted to \$103,981,221. Four hundred and fifty-four members of boys' corn clubs in the South in 1912 made

over 100 bushels to the acre." In addition to the wide circulation it is being given at the Corn Exposition, the folder will be distributed among farmers of the North and West in an effort to attract desirable

For Better Army and Navy.

settlers to the "New Corn Belt."

Washington.-To work for a larger Navy, an adequate Army, the improve ment of the National Guard and for all things that will better fit the Unit ed States for war, the United States Defense League was organized here recently. Representative Julius Kahu of California was elected chairman of the executive committee and the board of directors. The board of directors include prominent persons throughout the country. While the league will work to strengthen all forces which would make the country better prepared for war, it states in its constitution that it believes in "universe peace but it firmly believes that prepration for war is the best guarantee

In Defense of Irrigation Work. Washington.-Secretary Fisher, in defense of the Government irrigation work and in reply to the recent declaration before a House committee by Dr. B. T. Galloway, chief of the Bureau of Plant Industry, that "there has never been any long-continued successful irrigation agriculture in an arid region anywhere in the world," has written to Chairman Moss, of the committee, denying Doctor Galloway's assertion. The secretary also has written to Secretary Wilson asking how

of peace."

For Safety of Miners.

Washington.-H. M. Wilson, the engineer in charge of the experiment station of the Bureau of Mines at Pittsburg, has become chairman of the executive committee of the American work for the reduction of deaths in mines and quarries throughout the county and the relief of more than 160,000 injuried each year.

Much Trade With Orient. Washington.-Never was trade between the United States and the Orient as great as it was during 1912.

14,000,000 pounds. Planning For Celebration.

Washington,-Details of a celebrameeting of the committee of which national memorial in the shape of a erans, which will be a reunion of survivors of the two great armies.