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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.

Two carpenters, J. J. Walton and Everett Thomas, were killed at Louisville, Ky., when a high wind blew down a construction tower at the Louisville railway company's repair shops. The men were at work on the structure when the crash came, and were buried under the debris.

Reports in Atlanta, Ga., are that more than ninety people were killed, scores severely injured and great property loss sustained in the disastrous electrical tornado which swept parts of Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas. Eighty-four deaths have been reported, and the total loss of life probably will be increased when wire communication is restored in remote sections devastated by the cyclone. The damage to property cannot be estimated, but probably will have to be computed in millions.

Terrible injuries and frightful hardships are reported to have been sustained by the people of the Floyd county (Ga.) district swept by the cyclone. Thirty are reported seriously injured in addition to the eleven killed outright by the force of the storm. The people of Rome have called a mass meeting to raise relief funds.

Declaring that the supreme court of West Virginia had upheld the right of the military commission to try persons accused of violating the martial law proclamation now in force in the Kanawha coal region, where a strike has been in progress for almost a year, Judge Littlepage, in the circuit court, declined to order the transfer of "Mother" Jones and other labor leaders to a civil court for trial.

A compulsory school law throughout North Carolina, a companion to another providing a minimum term of six months, passed the senate and became the first legislation of this nature North Carolina has had.

The Arkansas house of representatives has decided to dispense with the state National Guard, a bill providing an appropriation for the maintenance of the militia falling of adoption. It cannot be brought up again at this session.

For the second time within four days Harrison Neeley, negro chauffeur for Gov. Coleman L. Blease, was fined for violating the municipal law limiting the speed of automobiles to 12 miles an hour. Neeley was fined \$3.75 with the alternative of serving five days on the Columbia chain-gang. The fine was paid and Governor Blease promptly issued a pardon, which Chief of Police Cathcart refused to honor pending legal advice. The governor threatens to take the entire police department of Columbia unless the fines are remitted.

### General

According to reports from New Orleans three persons were killed in a cyclone which struck, Man, La. Several are reported injured. Thomas Goodman and his baby were killed when their home was blown away. One child of Bud Manasco was killed and several members of the family injured when their home was demolished.

King George and Queen Mary of England were targets for suffrage attacks. Vague threats had been current for several days in connection with the suffrage plans for the opening of parliament. All their attempts at interference were brought to naught, however, by the extraordinary police precautions. While the king and queen were on their way to Westminster five women attempted to approach his majesty in historic Whitehall. They carried petitions setting forth the grievances of women. Police promptly arrested them.

The mining camp at El Tigre, Mexico, 40 miles southeast of Douglas, Ariz., has fallen into the hands of 150 state troops. The 100 Federals of the garrison, fleeing toward the border, were overtaken by the Constitutionalists, who captured their arms, ammunition and artillery after a sharp skirmish.

Three boys, all under fourteen years, were arrested at Pittsburg, Pa., and according to the police confessed to robbing nearly fifty stores and ten churches in the past two months.

Official reports compiled show that there is more illicit distilling in Georgia than in Alabama, Kentucky, South Carolina and North Carolina combined. In January, 128 stills were destroyed in this state, and during February 98 were reduced to junk.

Arrangements have practically been completed for a survey of the Florida Everglades.

Those women of Massachusetts who do not cover the points of their hats with some device that will protect the public from injury will be liable to a fine of \$100. The act was signed by Governor Foss.

State Senator W. K. Oldham, who, as president of the senate at the time Governor Robinson resigned, was installed as acting governor, has been declared legally entitled to the office of governor of Arkansas by Circuit Judge Falk.

The Hawthorne mining trial, which has dragged along nearly four months before a jury in the Federal court at New York City, came to a close with the conviction of the three defendants, Julian Hawthorne, Dr. William J. Morton and Albert Freeman, and the acquittal of Joseph Quincy, twice mayor of Boston and assistant secretary of state during the Cleveland administration.

Earth tremors were felt at Dalton, Ga., the shocks being more severe than four others experienced in Dalton during the past six years.

Senora Leonidas Plaza, wife of the president of Ecuador, sailed with her five children for Colon, there to cross the isthmus and join her husband in Quito. The varied political fortunes of Senor Plaza have kept her in New York City for more than five years, an exile from her native land. Senor Plaza, who was elected president of Ecuador, after years spent in the United States as an exile, has never seen his youngest child.

State officials in Piedras Negras, the Mexican town opposite Eagle Pass, Texas, and known during the Diaz regime as Ciudad Porfirio Diaz, claimed to have authoritative information of the plight of the government forces at three widely separated points in Mexico. They declared that Durango, capital of the state of the name, has been captured by 2,000 Constitutionalists under Juan Garcia, the former candidate for governor, that General Trucy Aubert and his force is isolated in the vicinity of Reata, eastern Coahuila, and that Torreon, in western Coahuila, is menaced by 2,000 Constitutionalists under Colonel Triana.

Nestor Wilmart, former manager of the Grand Terreneuzen railroad, who fled from Brussels, Belgium, in October, 1912, after alleged defalcations aggregating millions of dollars, has been arrested at Rheims, France. A detective had been following him and placed him under arrest. Six million dollars is involved.

Ten persons were fatally injured and forty-six seriously hurt in a panic caused by the explosion of a movie picture at Verins, France. The audience numbered 120. In the rush to get out the people choked the stairs and many jumped from the windows. Fire, which followed the explosion, was extinguished promptly.

### Washington

Secretary of the Navy Daniels announces that he will seek to have the incoming congress extend the provisions of the law of 1903 authorizing the appointment of two midshipmen to the naval academy every four years by each senator, representative and delegate in congress.

Unless the supreme court restrains Postmaster General Burleson from enforcing the newspaper publicity law as it was asked to do, he will immediately do so regardless of an agreement by former Postmaster General Hitchcock to withhold action pending a determination of its constitutionality. Mr. Burleson has so announced.

Marion Capps, miner and minister of Fort Smith, Ark., has been found guilty of burning three of his five children to death, and was sentenced to be hanged.

President Wilson has issued a formal statement of his policy toward the Central and South American republics. He says that one of the chief objects of the administration will be to cultivate the friendship and deserve the confidence of our sister republics of Central and South America and to promote in every way the interests which are common to the peoples of the two continents. He asks for the most cordial understanding and co-operation between the people and leaders of America and therefore deems it his duty to make a statement.

President Wilson has sent the following nominations to the senate: First assistant postmaster general, Daniel C. Roper of South Carolina; third assistant postmaster general, Alexander M. Dockery of Missouri; fourth assistant postmaster general, James I. Blakeslee of Pennsylvania; United States judge, district of Porto Rico, Peter J. Hamilton of Alabama; commissioner of labor statistics, Charles P. Neill of the District of Columbia.

Democratic house leaders have decided definitely to present the wool revision tariff bill first at the extra session of congress, which meets on April 1. The wool schedule is admitted to be the cornerstone of the protective tariff system. Votes by Democrats on this bill will give Leader Underwood a line on all new Democratic members. Mr. Underwood, asked about the position of the president on the tariff, said Mr. Wilson desired downward revision. The house will pass the "popgun" bills, or the schedule-by-schedule revision.

The Misses Wilson may be deprived of the greatest joy of white house belshiph if the quota of military and naval aids at the white house is reduced from twelve to six and in the custom of having one of the good-looking young officers act as escort to the president's daughters abolished, as Major Rhoades plans. During the reign of Miss Alice Roosevelt, now Mrs. Longworth, one aid had two or three as her escort. Miss Ethel Roosevelt and Miss Helen Taft were two other white house belles who enjoyed the distinction of being escorted.

## STATE LAWMAKERS END 1913 SESSION

VERY FEW ARE PRESENT AT  
FINAL ADJOURNMENT OF  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

### THE WORK OF THE LAST DAY

Senator Council Says He Has "Had Good Time"—Jones Appears Regretful—Much Work Done at This Session of Legislature.

Raleigh.—The simultaneous falling of the gavels of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, sounding the close of the 1913 session of the North Carolina General Assembly, took place Wednesday in the presence of the fewest number of members and spectators in many sessions past, probably less than fifty members of both houses being present, and considerably less than that number of spectators. Final adjournment had been expected earlier in the day, but tardiness of the Senate completing disposition of calendar bills and necessary wait thereafter for the final batch of enrolled bills for ratification caused large numbers of members to have to take out-going trains before adjournment was reached.

The last hour of the Senate was taken up largely with remarks by members on impressions of the session. Senator Council of Catawba, a recognized leader, declared that in his opinion some very good legislation has been gotten through this session and that a balance sheet will prove very creditable for the Legislature. He said he had greatly enjoyed the session and his association with his fellow legislators.

Senator Jones of Forsyth commented on this session as having been a leaderless Senate, every Senator taking his own progressive or standpat course. He felt that the Legislature had not been as progressive as the people demanded in some respects.

In the Senate the motion for sine die adjournment was made by Senator Pharr, seconded by Senator Hobgood. In the House this motion was by Representative Koonce, with numerous seconds.

The Senate convened on the last day with President Daughtrich presiding. The first bill taken up was that proposing to allow the railroad companies to give free transportation to representatives of religious and charitable institutions. Senator Jones offered an amendment requiring that all the names of persons traveling on such free passes to be furnished to the Corporation Commission by the railroad companies.

There was a motion by Senator McLean to table the bill and this prevailed. A bill to allow the Attorney General and the State Department of Education a laborer each, instead of one between the two departments came up and passed second reading. Senator Jones lodged objection to third reading, on the ground of economy and prevented the measure from going on final reading, the majority for it not being sufficient to suspend the rules.

The House bill for a general raise in the salaries of the clerks of the Department of Insurance, putting them on an equal footing with the clerks of the other departments of the state came up for final reading, the measure involving an additional salary budget for the department of \$1,000. It was advocated by Senators Ward, Hobgood, Phillips, and Pharr, and was opposed by Senators Nimocks, Ivie and Little of Anson, on the ground that the state's financial condition would not warrant these allowances of increased pay for the department of state. An amendment to the bill raising the salary of the actuary of the department \$200 was voted down, and the bill passed as it came from the House and was ordered enrolled for ratification. The vote was 26 to 14.

A bill came from the House allowing an additional \$10 bonus each for the old soldier laborers that have served during the session of the Legislature. It also provided for these men to receive mileage. Senator Bellamy moved to table the bill, his motion being in line with the declared policy of cutting out the end-of-the-session bonus bills that always pour in, involving in the aggregate thousands of dollars. The motion to table failed to carry by a bare majority. Then there was a long discussion.

Senator Barnes expressed his willingness to contribute out of his own pocket if any laborers were in need, but he could not vote the state's money. Senators Bryant and Ivie spoke likewise, and the latter challenged any Senator to join him in a contribution. The bill was passed at first on second reading by 25 to 14, and went over on third reading upon objection by Senator Ivie and the failure of a motion to suspend rules. The vote on that motion was afterwards reconsidered and the bill finally passed by 23 to 13.

A resolution by Senator Ivie was adopted empowering the governor to

call together for purposes of organization the commission appointed to consider constitutional amendments.

The following bills were passed on final reading and ordered enrolled for ratification:

For relief of sheriffs and tax collectors of Wayne county.

Amending charter of School for the Feeble-Minded.

Increasing appropriation from \$1,500 to \$3,000 for the traveling rural libraries.

Amending Revisal relative to title insurance companies.

Prohibiting sale or giving away of cigarettes to minors in Alexander county.

Joint resolution requesting the National Government to aid the states in road-building.

Joint resolution providing that for the extra session no employe of this session shall be on the pay-roll except those who are especially notified by the chief clerk, President of the Senate and Speaker of the House.

Joint resolution to pay committee investigating questions of selling A. & N. C. Railroad \$4 a day and expenses not to exceed 14 days.

Authorizing the state to grant right-of-way to the United States Government for 1,000 feet on each side of the Inland Waterway, Norfolk to Beaufort Inlet.

To protect robins.

Prohibiting minors of Guilford county from smoking or using cigarettes.

Extending time for beginning work on Norfolk & Southern Railway.

Amending Wake county road law.

Amending charter of Central Carolina Railroad Company.

By 1:30 o'clock the calendar was exhausted, many bills having been tabled in the rush with very little consideration, and recess was taken, no other business but the ratification of bills to be taken up.

### HOUSE.

The House convened with Speaker Connor in the chair, to conclude the work of the final day of the session. There was a long list of enrolled bills awaiting ratification and this consumed half an hour or longer.

Representative Kellum moved the reconsideration of the bill pertaining to the state printing that had been previously tabled. He explained that its passage would mean a saving of \$10,000 or more to the state in the elimination of unnecessary printing that is now done for a number of the state departments. Mr. Wooten objected to the reopening of so important a matter in the absence of many of the members and in view of an agreement that no new matters should be brought up. He contended that to take a bill from the table was in effect to bring up new business. Mr. Kellum withdrew his motion, but gave notice that the matter would be reopened at the extra session.

A supplemental resolution came over from the Senate and was passed and ordered enrolled, giving the Governor the power to call together the Commission on Constitutional Amendments for organization.

A bill to provide \$500 toward the maintenance of the Indian Normal School of Robeson county was passed and ordered enrolled.

There was a suspension of the rules and Master Thomas J. Craig of Union county, was allowed to address the Speaker for the presentation of cigars as a token of the admiration and love the pages entertain for the presiding officer. Mr. Connor fittingly acknowledged the gift and sentiment.

Mr. Doughton, for the employees of the House, presented to Sergeant-at-Arms, Mr. Moring, a handsome cane. Mr. Alexander Lassiter, for the assistant clerks, presented to Principal Clerk T. G. Cobb a carving set as a token of their esteem and appreciation for his kindness, patience and forbearance, with the hope that he may carve for himself highest honors and fame by the exercise of the excellent virtues that he has abundantly manifested in his official duties with the Legislature.

Mr. Cobb responded most appreciatively, and assured the members of the House that his duties had received the very best effort that he could give.

There was at the suggestion of Representative Doughton a final roll call of the members of this session. There were 50 answering the roll, and others were allowed to be added as they came into the hall later, the purpose being to have on this roll call the names of all who were in the city for the final session of the Assembly.

Mr. Wallace of Beaufort addressed the House in a personal farewell, in which he expressed himself very feelingly.

The House concurred in a joint resolution from the Senate setting out that the regular clerks and employe of the present session shall be continued for the extra session to be called by the Governor next fall.

Representative Williams of Buncombe addressed the House in a feeling expression of appreciation for the consideration that the members have shown him during the session.

The ladies employed in the various departments of the House assembled in the galleries and were thanked for their work by Representative Long during a recess period of the House.

Mr. Weatherspoon, who was in the galleries at the time, responded from that position to the remarks of Mr. Long, speaking for the ladies.

The House took a formal recess to await the pleasure of the Senate and ratify the final batch of acts before adjournment sine die.

## INSURGENT TROOPS DRIVEN FROM NACO

UNDER SHOWER OF SHRAPNEL  
FEDERALS FORCE ENEMY  
OUT OF THE HILLS.

### HAVE DESPERATE FIGHTING

Little Brow, Bare-Footed Soldiers in  
Defense of the Military Honors of  
The New Huerta Regime.—Fighting  
Still Going On.

Naco, Ariz.—Instead of waiting to be attacked by nearly 1,000 insurgent state troops, General Oeda with less than 500 Federal soldiers went out from Naco and defeated the enemy. In three hours of aggressive fighting peppering the enemy's line with bullets and spraying lead from shrapnel shells over hills adopted as fortifications, the Huerta Federals drove the state forces five miles to the south-east. Later the government forces returned victorious to the Mexican border town opposite this point.

Even the victors did not believe the fighting was ended, however, nor that Naco is secure from assault. The state forces are assembling in still greater numbers to wrest the only remaining port on the Sonora border from the hands of the Huerta national government.

With the advantage of the unexpected aggression and possessing five artillery pieces, the little brown, bare-footed soldiers, defending the military honor of the new Huerta regime, fought as wild men against seemingly overwhelming odds. Protected by the artillery fire, the Federals scrambled over the hillocks and fearlessly began firing their rifles at the enemy appearing in the distance. It was the group under Elias Calles which first received the assault. Expecting to attack rather than be attacked the state troops soon fell back. The other half of the Constitutional forces under Perfecto Bracamonte rushed to the rescue from the east and with a roar of artillery and the continued rattle of rifles the battle was on. For an hour desperate fighting continued. Little by little the state troops fell back from the terrific fire of the aggressors. For a mile the Huerta soldiers pursued closely the retreating enemy, advancing the artillery from the rear of the skirmish lines. Bodies of killed and wounded state troops lie deserted on the field.

### Woman Suffrage Issue in Congress.

Washington, D. C.—A constitutional amendment giving women the right to vote for president and vice-president probably will be brought formally before Congress with the endorsement of a senate committee before the end of the present year. In the reorganization of its committees the senate took its woman suffrage committee out of the list of inactive committees, where it has remained for many years, and increased its membership from five to nine, the majority of whom are advocates of suffrage for women.

### Republicans Delay Appointments.

Washington.—Republican objections to hasty action on President Wilson's appointments again delayed action in the confirmation of several important nominations, including those of Dr. B. T. Galloway, to be assistant secretary of agriculture, John S. Williams to be assistant secretary of the treasury, Edwin F. Sweet to be assistant secretary of commerce and Franklin Roosevelt assistant secretary of the navy.

### The Colombian Dispute.

Washington.—Julia Betancourt, the Colombian minister, called on Representative Flood of Virginia, chairman of the house foreign affairs committee, in relation to the Colombian monetary claims in connection with the acquisition of the Panama Canal zone. Senator Betancourt was anxious that congressional action be pressed at the extra session looking towards submitting the Colombian controversy to The Hague.

### For True Condition of Postoffice.

Washington.—Postmaster General Burleson made plans to find out "whether the postoffice department is on a self-sustaining basis." He announced that he proposed to set at rest the reports about the matter. For this purpose he will appoint a commission, composed probably of various assistant postmasters general and the chief clerk, to make an investigation. The people of the United States declared Mr. Burleson have a right to know on what sort of a basis the postoffice department is being run.

### Pellagra is Spreading.

Washington.—Pellagra is more prevalent than is ordinarily supposed even by physicians practicing in pellagrous communities, declares Assistant Surgeon R. M. Grimm of the United States Public Health Service, in a report on the results of an investigation in several Southern states. Because of its widespread existence in certain districts, he urges a sweeping inquiry to ascertain the cause of the puzzling disease. Dr. Grimm found more cases among whites than among negroes.

## NEWS OF NORTH CAROLINA

Latest News of General Interest That Has Been Collected From Many Towns and Counties.

Spencer.—Ben Hinson, a young white man, was killed by a traction engine in a public road in Cabarrus county. The body was shipped to Marshallville for burial.

Charlotte.—A new railroad from Black Mountain to Mount Mitchell is now in full operation for hauling logs. It goes to a point on the side of the mountain about 1,000 feet below the summit.

Asheville.—The Woodmen of the World, jurisdiction of North Carolina, in their third biennial convention here recently, voted to hold the 1915 convention in Durham. The only strong competitor for the convention was Winston-Salem.

Spencer.—The automatic electric block system installed a month ago by the Southern Railway company between Spencer and Denim, near Greensboro, will be extended from here to Charlotte at once. The work of building the line is now practically complete—lacking only the installation of joints to be ready for service.

Weaverville.—At a meeting of the progressive wing of the Democratic party of Weaverville Charles R. Moore was nominated for the office of mayor. He will be opposed in the general election in May by Captain Weaver, who has been chosen to represent the conservative wing of the party.

Wilson.—Dan Newsom, the negro who shot Victoria Cooper at a saw mill near here recently, was captured at Coffee, in Herford county and taken to Ahoskie. Officer G. P. Bryant of the Wilson police force was detailed to bring Newsom to Wilson for trial, his victim having died from her wounds.

Asheville.—Although there were only 28 days in the past month, the revenue men under the directions of Internal Revenue Agent R. B. Sams, of this city, established an unusual record for the number of illicit distilleries seized and destroyed. The total number reported seized was 83, which is probably the highest record for February.

Henrietta.—Mr. James Robinson, while in company with officers who were making an effort to locate a blockade distillery in one of the isolated corners of the county fell into a ravine and broke his collar-bone. The entire party immediately gave up the search, and brought the suffering man to his home for medical attention.

Raleigh.—A compulsory school law throughout North Carolina, a companion to another providing a minimum term of six months, passed the senate. It already passed the house. The law takes effect in the fall of 1913. The house reconsidered its defeat of the bill giving women the right to sit on all school boards, both house and senate passing it.

Charlotte.—Arrangements for a charter election to be held April 18 were made by the board of aldermen the election to be preceded by a new registration. The ordinance was based on two acts, recently ratified by the legislature, one entitled "An act to revise the charter of the City of Charlotte" and the other "An act to provide a commission form of government for the City of Charlotte."

Raleigh.—The North Carolina Agricultural Society, which operates the state fair at Raleigh, held an adjourned meeting recently for the purpose of formally ratifying a bond issue ordered recently by the executive committee to an amount not exceeding \$50,000 for permanent improvements at the fair grounds. It is expected that at least part of these improvements will be completed in time for the fair next fall.

Asheville.—For the purpose of investigating western Carolina as a fruit growing country, Orlando Harrison, of the firm of J. G. Harrison & Sons of Berlin, Md., will visit the counties of Haywood and Buncombe within the next few days. He will be accompanied by this section by Prof. W. N. Hutt, the state horticulturist, who will take the visitor to various parts of the two counties in an effort to induce him to purchase property in this state.

Raleigh.—Senator George B. McLeod, of Robeson, who has been doing some work on the tax question and whose speech in the senate was referred to recently, has gotten together the counties and shown a short age in every one of the 100 in collection of special taxes.

Salisbury.—An outfit of mysterious appearance and used in a liquor joint in Salisbury was captured by Sheriff J. H. McKenzie and Deputies Kridler, Tolbert and McKenzie, when the officers raided a suspicious locality in this city. S. M. Cudahy was proprietor of the place, and was arrested.

Durham.—D. C. Christian, chief of the fire department, has made out his annual report, which will be submitted to the April meeting of the board of aldermen. There was a total loss of \$27,470.76, and the total amount of property endangered was \$162,970.

Canton.—At the regular meeting of the board of aldermen some time was spent in the discussion of a curfew law for the children of Canton. It was ordered that such a law be drawn up and brought to the aldermen at their next regular meeting for enactment as a city ordinance.

## LEGISLATIVE WORK

THE BIG QUESTION OF GENERAL  
ASSEMBLY WAS MEETING  
EXPENSES.

### MANY PROGRESSIVE ACTS

Financial Problem Overshadowed All Others in Legislature.—Six Months School Term Provided For State.—Women Allowed to Serve on Boards.

Raleigh.—The general assembly just adjourned passed and ratified 1,527 acts and 60 resolutions, compared with 1,460 acts and 55 resolutions two years ago.

Overshadowing all other questions in importance this session was the matter of finance, the legislature having to face the deficit in the treasury of approximately \$800,000. This was met by an increase in the tax levy from \$1.29 to \$1.43 on the poll and from 45 to 47 2/3 cents on the \$100 property by raising the tax on corporations from the old graduated plan to one-twenty-fifth of one per cent on the capital stock, increasing income and inheritance taxes and enacting more stringent machinery for their collection and putting on automobile manufacturers a license tax of \$500.

The recommendation of the governor and the finance committee for a reassessment of property and a special state tax commission was disregarded. Among the more progressive acts was one providing for a six-months public school term in all counties; a compulsory school attendance law, optional, however, with the various counties; an act allowing women to serve on school committees, boards of trustees of educational institutions and textbook commissions.

A special commission is conferring with railroad officials as to discriminations in freight rates against North Carolina towns, and is expected to effect concessions solving to a considerable extent this long-vexing problem. The question as to amending the constitution was settled by a resolution calling for an extra session of the legislature and the appointment by the governor of a special commission to consider all proposed amendments and report to the extra session.

The number of superior court judges and judicial districts was increased from 16 to 20, and the state re-districted. A new automobile law imposing on owners a graduated annual license tax from \$5 to \$15 in place of the flat tax of \$5, with \$1 renewal fee.

### Governor Pardons Watkins.

Raleigh.—Gov. Craig pardoned F. C. Watkins, the Black Mountain constable, whom he defended for killing John Hill Bunting, a prominent traveling man three years ago in a Black Mountain hotel. Gov. Craig relates the testimony, declaring Bunting and a banker, Mr. Paul Collins, who was seriously shot, had terrorized the hotel guests and Watkins was called after midnight to restore order. The governor says they attacked Watkins and he shot them in self-defense. "I defended Watkins, do not believe he is guilty, he ought not to have been convicted and has suffered too much," Gov. Craig says.

### Demonstrator for Rowan County.

Salisbury.—R. W. Freeman, of Summerville, S. C., has been appointed by the government as farm demonstrator for Rowan county. The appointment has been accepted and Mr. Freeman will enter upon his duties at once. For a number of years Mr. Freeman has been assistant superintendent of agriculture of South Carolina is well prepared for the work as demonstrator in Rowan.

### Wess Brewer is Released.

Asheville.—Wess Brewer, colored, alias John Huff, who was arrested more than a year ago charged with the murder of Policeman Edwin C. McConnell, who was killed July 3, 1911, was released. The sheriff was ordered to allow the negro his liberty by Solicitor Robert R. Reynolds, who will ask that the case be not pressed.

### To Help Adjust Freight Rates.

Raleigh.—Chambers of commerce, manufacturers, merchants and all other persons interested in the freight rate controversy are called upon by Chairman E. J. Justice, of the special commission on the subject of freight rates, to send to him at Greensboro, as early as possible, such data as they have in hand which they think will be helpful in adjusting the freight rate situation, such data to be tabulated for the use of the freight rate expert which the commission has determined to employ.

### North Carolina New Enterprises.

Raleigh.—The Forsyth Dining Room Furniture Company of Winston-Salem received a charter, \$225,000 capital authorized and \$19,000 subscribed by Charles Selfers, J. A. Vance and W. Lee Seifers, as incorporators for the manufacture of high-grade dining room furniture. Other charters are to the J. L. Pottle & Sons Co., Southern Pines, capital \$50,000 authorized and \$3,000 subscribed by J. L. Pottle and others; Markham & Ferree Co., of Elizabeth City, capital \$100,000 authorized and \$5,500 subscribed.