

## 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.

Barricading himself in his cell, Will Thompson, who was being held in the county jail at first stoutly refused to make preparation for the gallows. When the death summons came to him he armed himself with lumps of coal and scraps of iron he had taken from his cot, and swore that he would kill the first man who entered to take him. Sheriff Smith, with his deputies, soon forced him into submission, threatening to shoot off his hands if he made further resistance.

The steamer Concordia, of Natchez, Miss., which was engaged in rescue work in the flooded sections of Texas and Concordia parishes, struck the iron railroad bridge at Clayton, La., and sank. Eleven negro refugees who were aboard the steamer were drowned when the boat went down.

Flood water from the levee near Gibson's Landing, La., has covered Harrisburg, but the rise is slow. The gap is now 2,500 feet wide, according to a report by Capt. C. O. Sherrill, United States engineer, who inspected the break. Government trucks, barges and the New Orleans and Northwest-ern railroad took hundreds of refugees to Natchez. The United States trucks Harengo and Tunicia alone transported 750 persons and 1,500 head of stock.

The 4-year-old child of G. L. Wallace, at Bowman, crawled into a barn next to the warehouse in Bowman, set fire in some way to the building and was cremated. Until its crisp body was found it was not known the child was in the barn. When found it had the iron rims of a barrel around it, into which it had crawled trying to get away from the fire.

Following a comparatively quiet day in the strike situation in Asheville, N. C., a mob of three or four hundred men and boys attacked the barns of the Asheville Power and Light company, whose motormen and conductors went on strike for an advance in wages of 3 cents an hour. Several windows were broken by volleys of bricks and stones. The police charged on the crowd on several occasions, making twelve arrests of men alleged to have been the ring-leaders.

Mrs. W. C. Wollenweider, who resides near Senoia, Ga., has a quilt with 5,500 patches or scraps, which she made in 1898. The scraps are, perhaps, the smallest ever put together in a quilt. Another unique relic in this community is a plush pocketbook owned by Frank Pope. The plush is covered with heads worked into leaves, fourteen colors of beads being used. The pocketbook was made by the Indians and presented to Mrs. Cobb before they left this county more than 100 years ago.

Witnessed by 1,000 spectators, Clan O'Hara, 400 strong, conducted the last rites over their loved ones who have passed over the great divide within the year just passed, and in many respects burial was the most impressive and spectacular that has ever taken place in Atlanta. Seven hearses containing the bodies of seven dead women of the clan passed in single file to West View cemetery, followed by carriages, automobiles and limousines, which contained the mourners. Loyalty to one another, and especially to their dead, is the keynote of their creed.

#### General

Mexican constitutionalists at San Dimas have forced Americans there to pay ransoms of 18,000 Mexican dollars and have confiscated their arms. Official reports from Mazatlan say great unrest prevails among American residents there, as the Hureta forces are said to be insufficient to protect property.

Ottie E. McManigal, confessed dynamiter, plans to have his appearance altered by surgery when he is released. It is reported his release from the county jail may be granted at any time, and McManigal hopes to so change himself that no one will know him as the man whose testimony sent the McNamara brothers and more than a score of labor officials to prison at Los Angeles, Cal.

erson City, Mo., the state court issued an injunction restraining 182 fire insurance companies from making contracts now in the court did not restrain them from ceasing to write new in the state.

ary Lane told Senator Kern man would be appointed commander of pensions who was not a war veteran. This would be many candidates from get appointment. Aeronaut flight of over 1,000 aeroplanes was completed in by a French aviator. Dispute is widening between the cabinet and the sending the loan of \$125,000,000 by Great Britain, France, Russia and Japan.

In Sacramento, Cal., the administration anti-alien holding bill, drawn by Attorney General Webb passed senate by a vote of 30 to 2, after nearly ten hours of debate. The only negative votes were cast by Senator Cartwright, Democrat, and Senator Wright, Republican. Governor Johnson will sign the alien bill as soon as it comes to him, reserving a "reasonable time" in which to listen to protests. "I have assured Mr. Bryan," he said, "that when the bill comes to me from the legislature I will wait a reasonable time for his protests. I cannot say how long."

Lawrence Lindbloom, a chauffeur, who is 1910 ran over and killed Joseph Weise in Chicago, was found guilty of murder and sentenced to fourteen years' imprisonment. The evidence showed he was driving about 35 miles an hour when the car struck Weise. In instructing the jury Judge Cooper said if it had been shown that Lindbloom was driving his machine in such a manner as to make it probable that he would kill a man, he would be guilty whether the killing was accidental or intentional.

The British delegation now on its way to the United States for the celebration of the Anglo-American peace centenary may encounter some hostile demonstrations. Certain leaders of the extreme Irish and labor movements are advising their American friends to express opposition to the British mission. Suffragette leaders are appealing to American women to denounce any friendly dealings between the two countries until England gives the vote to women.

At Portland, Ore., land stipulated to be worth \$30,000,000 and estimated by experts to have a value of \$40,000,000 to \$60,000,000, was ordered taken from the Southern Pacific Railroad company and returned to the federal government by Judge C. E. Wolverson in the United States district court.

A table of "Uncle Tom" Ellison's progeny, recast after the birth of a child to one of his granddaughters at Walnut, Ark., showed a surprising record. Ellison, 93 years old, has been married three times. The table showed that he was the father of fifty children; grand-father of 125 children; great-grandfather of 60 children; great-great-father of 27 children.

In Chicago Anthony Morasco was so angered by Anna Forte's refusal to marry him, that he attacked the young woman, but the struggle did not last long, for a hatchet, said to have been wielded by Anna's brother, felled Antonio. He died instantly. The uproar alarmed Anna's mother, who discharged a revolver. It went through a window and hit Frank Alfano, a pedestrian. He is said to be mortally wounded.

It was announced in New York City at the apartments of Dr. Fredrick F. Friedmann that he had signed a contract for the disposition of his tuberculosis vaccine by a company through institutes to be established in every state. The contract, it is said, provides for the free treatment of the poor in all localities. No details of the financial end of the contract were made public.

Mrs. Nellie Paugh, 36 years old, threw her two sons, Donald, 12, and Delbert, 6, from a bridge into Deer creek and jumped into the stream, at Logansport, Ind. The mother and the younger boy were drowned, but Donald swam ashore. Before throwing the boys off the bridge the mother told them she was doing so because no one loved them.

#### Washington

Presentation by Edward T. Williams, charge d'affaires of the American legation, of formal recognition by the United States of the Chinese republic was made an occasion of much ceremony in Pekin. Troops lined the streets between the American legation and the winter place. Secretary Williams drove through in a presidential carriage with an escort of Chinese troops and accompanied by the staff of the legation.

The fiscal system of the United States governing deposits of federal funds in national banks was revolutionized by Secretary McAdoo, of the treasury department, with an announcement that all government depositaries, whether active or inactive, would be required to pay interest at the rate of 2 per cent per annum beginning June 1 upon deposits of the government.

President Wilson told callers he considered the controversy with Great Britain over the exemption of American coastwise shipping from payment of tolls through the Panama canal a very debatable one. The president gave no intimation as to what his previous view had been but Democratic senators who talked with him had the idea that he opposed the exemption and favored the Root amendment to repeal it. When Mr. Wilson discussed the question he said he felt he should keep his mind absolutely open until some action was necessary.

A "war speech" in support of the proposed California anti-alien law, was delivered in the house by Representative Sisson of Mississippi. "If we must have war or submit to this indignity, I am for war," cried Mr. Sisson. "I am with the people of California in their efforts to prevent these aliens from acquiring land, I believe," said Mr. Sisson. "That no non-resident aliens should be allowed to hold a single foot of land in the territory of the United States. What would Washington say in answer to the question, war or submission? What would Jackson say? What would Cleveland say?"

## PEOPLE TO DECIDE THE RATE QUESTION

GOVERNOR CRAIG DECLARES  
CONFERENCE WITH RAIL-  
ROADS AT AN END.

### MAY CALL SPECIAL SESSION

Not Known How Soon Called, But  
the Commission Gives Up the At-  
tempted Solution of Problem.—Fea-  
tures Discussed in Detail.

Raleigh.—It dramatically earnest sentences Governor Craig declared the conference of the legislative commission and the railroads on rate discriminations against North Carolina at an end, effort at agreement being referred to the people for settlement, unless in the meantime the railroad officials find some really meritorious propositions on which the commission will be justified in reopening the negotiations. This turn in the situation, he said, seems most unlikely, judging from the statement presented by the railroad.

In the earlier hours of the conference the railroads had presented, through General Consul J. Norment Powell of the C. C. & O. a lengthy reply to the final proposal to the legislative commission. In this the railroad traffic managers reiterated their position that the North Carolina rates are not unjust or discriminatory as compared with rates enjoyed by other states in the South, and that the reductions proposed by the legislative commission would wipe out the net earnings of the railroads involved, bankrupting or seriously crippling all of them.

The features of the amended proposal of the commission were discussed in detail, including the concession as to zone Nos. 2 and 3, being consolidated to avoid putting in a lower rate to North Carolina than to the Virginia cities from the West and Baltimore. These concessions were adjudged insufficient to relieve the situation that they purported to relieve. The railroads declared that the obstacles to the acceptance of the proposal were insurmountable.

The statement suggested that the proper and lawful course now would be to get the entire issue involved before the interstate commerce commission as speedily as possible for adjudication in a manner that will put an end to the differences.

#### No Bids Taken For Bonds.

No bids were received by the board of commissioners of Macklenburg county for the purchase of the bonds in the sum of \$325,000 offered by the board for sale. The board of commissioners were not disappointed owing to the conditions which were placed upon the bonds and the stringency of the money market at the present time. This bond issue would have taken up all indebtedness and provided funds for some contemplated special improvements.

#### Attends County Commencements.

Dr. J. Y. Joyner, state superintendent of public instruction, just back from attending county public school commencements of Rockingham at Wentworth and of Alamance county at Graham, is enthusiastic over the successes scored at both places. Immense crowds were out at both places and the programs reflected great credit on the school work being done throughout the county. There were 1,250 school children in line for the Alamance school parade.

#### Union Warehouse For Catawba.

After months of talking and hard work on the part of the members of the Farmers' Union of Catawba county their dreams in regard to a union warehouse will be realized. Already the greater part of the stock has been secured by the different unions, others are subscribing and it is thought now that every local union in the county will take a part of the stock.

#### Catawba County Judge Elected.

At county commissioners' meeting a judge for the county court was elected, as provided for at the recent session of the legislature. Mr. R. R. Moore was elected to fill the place and will have jurisdiction over all the county, except Hickory township which is under the recorder of Hickory. A number of minor matters were discussed at this call meeting. The clerk of the court will appoint in a few days a successor to Mr. F. A. Yoder, a member of the board who died recently.

#### Upholds Low Court in Drainage Case.

The supreme court delivered opinion in only five appeals. The most notable was that in the matter of the drainage of Big Cold Water Creek from Cabarrus county, a case that involves the drainage of a large and very valuable territory that has of late years become almost worthless for agriculture and has generated health conditions very detrimental to the people of the section. The court sustains the lower court in upholding the drainage district and assuring the carrying out of the drainage scheme.

## HAVE SECURED WATERWAY

Government Buys the Chesapeake and  
Albemarle Canal, the Important  
Link.—Four Years Work.

Raleigh.—A special from Washington states that final arrangements for the purchase by the government of the Chesapeake and Albemarle canal the most important link in the inland waterway from Norfolk to Beaufort inlet. The canal, which cost the government \$500,000, connects the Elizabeth river on which Norfolk is located with Albemarle Sound and is part of the project which contemplates an inland waterway of a depth of 12 feet between Norfolk and Beaufort, for which appropriations of \$5,400,000 have been authorized. Ultimately this waterway will extend from Maine to Florida.

It has been estimated that the tolls paid for passage of vessels through this canal have amounted to \$100,000 a year, and the deal completed recently means a saving of that amount to shippers of eastern North Carolina.

This purchase marks the consummation of over 10 years' effort on the part of Senator Simmons and Representative Small to give North Carolina an inland waterway. Besides being an immense advantage to coastwise shippers, through a great saving in time and expense, it will also shield the state's coastwise commerce from the great risks heretofore encountered in navigation around Diamond Shoals.

Immediately following the turning over to the government of the canal route, the government engineers will begin surveys to widen and deepen the course from Norfolk to Albemarle Sound to a minimum depth of 12 feet.

#### Bonci Scores Triumph.

Alessandro Bonci, by many acclaimed as the world's greatest lyric tenor, Mme. Martina Zathella, coloratura soprano and Robert Francini at the piano scored a triple triumph at the Academy of Music at Charlotte before a highly appreciative audience recently. It was the third and last of the series of concerts in each of which the Charlotte Musical Association has brought to the city an artist of international fame. Ysaye, McCormack, Bonci—these will be long remembered as the immortal trio who made the present musical season in many respects the most brilliant in Charlotte's history. Each performance stands on a separate pinnacle, each with distinctive merit all its own, each with its peculiar claim on the admiration of this favored city.

#### Trying to Straighten Out Tangle.

The corporation commission has procured the appointment of D. M. Moser as receiver for the Bank of Claremont, one of the chain of banks that the commission closed as being illegally promoted and inadequately financed by the States Trust Company, Wilmington. Also the commission has named C. W. Stacey, of Wilmington, as receiver for the States Trust Company, this being at the instance of numerous business men who have been envigorated in taking stock in the corporation, their hope being that some assets may be found although at present none are in sight.

#### North Carolina New Enterprises.

Charters were issued three new corporations. The Neura Canning Company, North Wilkesboro, capital \$125,000 authorized and \$6,300 subscribed by J. E. Finley, J. C. Smoot and others for a general canning business; the Lumbee Hotel Company, Lumberton, capital \$100,000 authorized and \$20,000 subscribed by Dr. W. A. McPhail and others; the Linseberger Electric Appliance Company, Gastonia, capital \$10,000 authorized and \$2,100 subscribed by L. T. Linseberger, J. W. Wilkins and others.

#### Still Captured Near Hickory.

Deputy Sheriff J. P. Burns and Revenue Officers Jones and Randy banded a still near Wright Brothers store, 17 miles southwest of Hickory, and captured and destroyed a 50-gallon copper still and 1,500 gallons of beer together with fixtures. The still had been in operation for about two weeks and from appearances had been running day and night.

#### Durham County Corn Club.

Durham.—Mr. J. D. Fletcher, Durham county's farm demonstrator, announced that up until the present time, fifty-five boys had joined the boys' corn club. The prospects for a good contest are brilliant. The business men of the city will donate prizes for the club and the boys of the county are highly interested. Each of the contestants are beginning to start on their acre of land, and it now appears as if the general idea will be to get started at the earliest possible period.

#### Investigating Specimens of Clay.

Asheville.—S. B. Stevens, of Clinton, Ia., is spending several days in Western North Carolina, investigating the various specimens of clay which are found in this section of the state with a view to establishing a pottery plant at Asheville. He contemplates making pottery along the lines of the products of the famous Wedgwood plant. He has found several specimens which suit him and has gone to Dillsboro to examine the kaolin deposits, to see if it is hard enough to suit its purpose.

## STATE SCHOOL LAW

THE COUNTIES MUST ENFORCE  
COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE  
OF PUPILS.

### THE SIX MONTHS' TERM

The Superintendent of Education of  
the State Must Have Taught in Five  
Years Preceding Election.—Other  
Changes Made.

Charlotte.—Beyond the fact that women may now serve on school boards and that an elementary term of six months has been assured to the entire state, very few people know much as to the extent and purpose of the school laws enacted by the recent legislature. Mr. N. W. Walker, professor of secondary education in the university of North Carolina, has written for The State Journal the first concise summary.

The main thing in the six months' school law is the setting aside of five cents annually of the state levy, in addition to the 20 cents now levied for schools, as a state equalizing school fund to be used in lengthening the term in every district to six months, or as near thereto as possible. Cities and rural districts alike share in this distribution. It is to be used only for teachers' salaries, and a county must first provide a four months' term, by special levy if necessary, in every district; but such levy must not exceed 15 cents on the \$100, even though so high a levy should not produce the money requisite for the four months' term. A direct state appropriation of \$250,000 is made to be distributed by the state board of education to the various counties on the basis of school population.

The age limits in the compulsory attendance laws are from 8 to 12 years; the term of attendance required each year is four months; there are ample provisions for exemptions and temporary absence; the violator is guilty of a misdemeanor and is subject to a fine of not less than \$5 and not more than \$25 and costs, and may be imprisoned.

Money is now to be apportioned directly by the county to the school districts, instead of first to the townships. The county board of education may pay one half the salary of a health officer for the county, to instruct the teachers on matters of health. First, however, the six months term must be provided.

#### Disastrous Fire At Newbern.

New Bern.—Fire believed to have been started by rats in the "Old Hoss" room of the building on Craven street occupied by the Southern Express Co., caused damages estimated at \$10,000. The building is owned by Dr. Frank Hughes and is located right in the business section of the city. The blaze was discovered by a pedestrian about twenty minutes after the office force had locked up and gone home. At that time the fire had gained considerable headway and it was with difficulty that the firemen succeeded in extinguishing the conflagration.

#### Suffer From Forest Fires.

Linville Falls.—Linville Mountain has again suffered from a big forest fire, a misfortune common in this region the past two weeks. This fire started from Pitt's sawmill above Linville Falls station in North Cove, and it went up the mountain like a race horse or as one observer put it, "like a bird flying." Fire-fighting is a job that every mountaineer dreads, but understands, and this fire was not completely conquered before four days of fighting, ending Saturday.

#### Confederate Woman's Home.

Raleigh.—Col. Ashley Horne has just held a conference with Governor Craig relative to the new duties that have been imposed on him as chairman of the board of directors for the Confederate Woman's Home, to be erected in the city that offers the greatest inducements for its location. The recent legislature made an appropriation of \$10,000. Colonel Horne will call together the directors at an early date and organize for business.

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## FROM THE TAR HEEL STATE

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

Salisbury.—With the largest attendance in its history the 83rd annual session of the North Carolina Classis, Reformed Church in the United States convened in China Grove, Rowan county recently.

Salisbury.—Rowan county Confederate veterans will hold their annual reunion in Salisbury May 10. The address of the occasion will be made by Rev. Plato T. Durham, of Winston-Salem.

Winston-Salem.—The second Democratic primary in Winston-Salem for the nomination of a candidate for mayor resulted in a victory for former Mayor O. B. Eaton, his majority over Col. J. L. Ludlow being 24. A large vote was polled in every ward.

Burlington.—The board of aldermen in session recently elected Mrs. W. H. Carroll as a member of the city school board to succeed Mr. J. W. Cates, whose term has expired. Mrs. Carroll has the distinction of being the first woman to serve on the board in this city.

Wilmington.—Shipping circles in Wilmington are much concerned over a report that petitions were being circulated in the marine district in New York for removal of the Frigate Pan Shoals Lightship from the knuckle of the shoals to a point further out, without regard to its position with reference to the Cape Fear bar.

Hendersonville.—Miss Elsie Flecker, a member of the tenth grade of the Hendersonville high school, has been notified that she was the successful contestant for the medal offered by the State Normal and Industrial College to the high school girl in the state writing the best short story. Miss Flecker's story dealt with a mountain girl.

Spencer.—Engineer R. S. Sigma, of Spencer, who has completed 60 years of service as an engineer for the Southern Railway Company and was retired on a salary for life without ever having an accident or receiving a demerit, has received a letter from Governor Locke Craig congratulating him upon his long life, splendid service and excellent record.

Tarboro.—R. H. Denton, one of Tarboro's most prominent business men, was sentenced by Recorder Pender to twelve months on the roads for selling liquor, the sentence following the biggest raid ever made in the state, it is declared. Thirty-nine barrels of liquor were found at Denton's livery stable, the stuff being valued at \$2,000.

Linville Falls.—The Linville Railway just taken over by the Cranberry Iron and Coal Co. is being rapidly put in condition for better service under the direction of George W. Hardin, an experienced railway man who has long been associated with the East Tennessee & Western North Carolina Railway, running from Johnson City, Tennessee, to Cranberry.

Charlotte.—The Democratic primary for the selection of candidates for municipal offices—for mayor, aldermen, school commissioners and executive committee—was held in the various city wards recently. The voting was very light and the day passed off very quietly, save in the first, third, fifth and eleventh wards, where sharp contests were indulged in between rival candidates for aldermen.

Lincolnton.—Shelby, Gastonia, Charlotte, Mooresville and Kings Mountain chapters of the Daughters of the Confederacy met with the local chapter for the first district meeting of this division. The ladies in attendance, about 30 in number, were met at the station by a committee from the Southern States chapter and driven to the home of Mrs. R. E. Costner, where they were entertained until the time for the exercises.

Raleigh.—A summary of the condition of state, private and savings banks in North Carolina at the close of business April 4 shows \$33,889,185 aggregate resources, a gain of \$12,558,115 for the past year. The deposits total \$60,912,113, a gain of \$7,810,357 for the past year. The total capital stock is \$10,977,054, a gain of \$1,557,267 for the year. The aggregate surplus fund has increased \$523,726, undivided profits \$379,651, and dividends unpaid \$18,377.

Rockingham.—Mr. Thomas Crawford Leak, Sr., died after an illness of only a few days. He had been in failing health for several years and during the past few months had grown very feeble. Had he lived until Friday, May 2, he would have been 82 years of age.

Raleigh.—The News and Observer is preparing to bring suit against the Wake Water Company for failure to supply water properly for fighting the fire that destroyed its building. Application will be made to Judge Carter for permission for the suit to be brought against the receivers.

Elizabeth City.—Henry Grady Stevens, 23 years old, of Camden county, was accidentally killed in a lumber-woods at Corapeake. Mr. Stevens was riding on a log car and fell through the car in such a way as to be caught under the wheels and fearfully mangled.

Murphy.—Murphy voted solidly for \$70,000 bonds for hydro-electric plant a dam is to be built across Hiwassee river, four miles above town, and after furnishing the town necessary power for lighting purposes, it is estimated that there will be 800 horsepower to sell.

## ALIEN LAND BILL FOR GOLDEN STATE

PRACTICALLY ENTIRE MEMBER-  
SHIP VOTES FAVORING THE  
MEASURE.

### THE BILL GOES TO JOHNSON

Act Antagonistic to Japan Will Be Tele-  
graphed To President Wilson For  
His Opinion.—Governor Will Not  
Sign It At Present.

Sacramento, Cal.—The alien land ownership bill previously passed by the senate, was passed by the assembly and awaits only the signature of the governor to become a law.

Only three votes were cast against the measure in the lower house, one Democrat and two Republicans opposing the bill on the final passage.

Acting under suspended rules the assembly took up the land bill early in the afternoon and sent it through first and second readings in rapid order. Then followed the debate which continued until the roll call was demanded.

The assembly refused to strike out the clause permitting leases, to which the Democrats objected. Several other amendments were voted down by the heavy administration majority and in the end the bill carried with 72 affirmative votes out of 75. Five members were absent.

At no time during the course of the arguments was the result in doubt. The Democrats following the lead of their colleagues in the senate made desultory attempts to amend the measure or delay its passage.

When the body came to consideration of the main question of barring the Japanese, the debate was more virulently anti-Asiatic than in the senate.

There were many demands for a stronger bill both from Democrats and Progressives but in the end it was agreed that the act as drawn by Attorney General Webb would serve the needs of the state for the present.

A verified copy of the measure will be telegraphed at once to President Wilson who has asked for it that he may lay it before the Japanese government at Tokio.

For the present the act will lie unsigned on the governor's desk.

#### Oust Abbott As Vice-President.

St. Louis, Mo.—Dr. Lyman Abbott of New York was removed from the list of vice presidents of the American Peace Society because he signed the appeal of the Navy League for large naval appropriations. Objection to the name of Doctor Abbott among the list of vice presidents was made by Charles E. Beals of Chicago, secretary of the Chicago Peace Society. Five additional vice presidents were elected—Mrs. Philip N. Moore, of St. Louis; Jenkin Lloyd Jones, of Chicago; Hiram Hadley, of New Mexico; Edmund Stanley, of Wichita, Kan., and Mrs. Frederick Schoff of Philadelphia.

#### Report on Raw Cane Sugar.

Washington.—In the first report ever prepared by the government on the costs and processes of manufacturing raw cane sugar in the United States, just issued by the Department of Commerce, it is shown that the labor cost on the plantation is more than half the total agricultural cost, while in the factory the labor cost constitutes 46 per cent of the manufacturing cost. Wages on the plantation range from 40 cents to \$3 a day, 73 per cent of the workers getting from 75 cents to \$1.25, while 19 per cent get from 40 to 65 cents a day.

#### Battle in State of Morelos.

Mexico City.—The Zapata forces lost 180 men killed in their first important defeat since General Robles began his campaign against them. The battle occurred at the Chinameca ranch in the state of Morelos.

#### Prepares For Military Operation.

Vienna.—While it is officially declared that the international situation practically is without change, alarm has been aroused by the proclamation of a minor state of siege in Bosnia and Herzegovina. This is regarded as an indication that Austria is preparing for military operations to restore order through Albania. As the people of Bosnia and Herzegovina sympathize with the Montenegrians, it has been deemed advisable to take precautionary measures to prevent Slav outbreaks.

#### Mexican Government Recognized.

Mexico City.—President Huerta was formally notified of the recognition of his government by Great Britain. The British minister, Francis W. Stronge, with due ceremony presented the King's autograph letter, replying to that of President Huerta. The minister expressed in the name of his government good wishes for the welfare of the Mexican government. In reply the president expressed his appreciation of Great Britain's attitude.