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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.

In Birmingham, Ala., one man was killed and two injured by the explosion of a pot of molten slag at the Alice furnace of the Sloss-Sheffield Steel and Iron Company. The dead, Ernest Corley, a a negro switchman. Injured, R. L. Montgomery, engineer, badly burned about shoulders; J. A. Rogers, fireman, burned on arms. The molten slag spread over the negro, and the men on the engine saved themselves by uncoupling the pot car and running the pot engine out of danger.

The United States mail boat Laporte, a gasoline launch which carries mail to the St. Johns river towns in Florida, sank while off Arlington. The boat was overloaded with mail and parcels post matter besides some cargo and went down in 19 feet of water, 200 feet off shore.

In New Orleans several hundred panic-stricken school children fled from the Amesville school building in a blinding rainstorm when lightning struck an oil tank belonging to the Texas Oil company and set fire to the more than 2,000,000 gallons of crude oil which it contained. There was no explosion, but the flames burst forth in an instant and enormous volumes of black smoke ascended to a height of more than a thousand feet.

Two men are dead and a third mortally wounded as a result of two pistol battles near Vienna, Ga. The first encounter was between Oscar Blow and P. P. Sangester, the latter being killed. When Sheriff Bennett and his deputies cornered Blow he opened fire, shooting the sheriff in the stomach. The officer killed Blow as he fell.

One hundred thousand dollars' damage was done, and several hundred men and women thrown out of employment when fire destroyed four cigar factories, three sponge houses, two lumber sheds and several smaller buildings in Key West, Fla. The fire was discovered in the factory of the Key West Cigar company, and spread rapidly, for a time threatening the lower business section of the city.

J. W. Williams, 64-year-old slayer of his wife, Mrs. Henrietta Williams, of Rome, Ga., was sentenced to life imprisonment at the state farm. The jury bringing a verdict of guilty, with recommendation to mercy after the minutes' deliberation. The defense's plea of insanity and the age of Williams were the contributing factors to the lienency.

Raving just before dying of consumption, William Fine, aged 50, of Newport, Tenn., is alleged to have claimed that he had the blood of four persons on his hands and that he could not expect forgiveness.

General

William Jennings Bryan, speaking at a dinner given in honor of the foreign members of the international conference that is arranging the celebration of 100 years of peace among English-speaking peoples, in New York, declared that "the new peace plan offered by President Wilson to all nations is the latest and longest step toward peace. It contemplates time for investigation and deliberation," he said, "and this makes the possibility of war remote."

James P. Thompson, James E. Hussey, John J. Murtha and Dennis Sweeney, the four demoted police inspectors, charged with a conspiracy to obstruct justice in New York, were convicted by a jury in the supreme court. Only 38 minutes were taken by the jurors to reach their verdict that the defendants were guilty of a misdemeanor in plotting to keep a prospective witness against the "system" from making graft disclosures before the grand pury.

In New York a despondent east side paper cutter released such a quantity of gas when he turned on the jet in committing suicide that the fumes filled the tenement building where he lived and an explosion occurred, in which more than a score of persons were injured, two of them probably mortally. The explosion and resultant fire caused a panic in the neighborhood, a crowded section on Madison street.

Hauling vegetables with play express wagons, wheelbarrows and tricycles, 6,000 Spokane school children will take part in a vegetable parade in which several thousands boys and girls are causing as many backyards to blossom and produce real money.

Fourteen convicts, some of them life termers, escaped from a stockade near Largo, Fla. Guards discovered the break and headed off the rest. One bloodhound was killed during the night by the fugitives.

Contracts have been placed for the construction in Japanese yards of three dreadnaughts.

The Italian foreign minister, Marquis Di San Giuliano, and the Spanish ambassador have signed an agrement whereby Italy and Spain reciprocally grant in Morocco and Lidya the most favored national treatment.

At Los Angeles Lieutenant J. D. Park, a military aviator, who started from San Diego on a flight to Los Angeles, was killed at Olive, nine miles north of Santa Ana. Lieutenant Park met his death in a fall of less than fifteen feet.

Professor Hugo Munsterberg, a German citizen, told the American committee ararnging for a celebration of 100 years of peace among English-speaking peoples in New York, that there were many "non-English people" who regarded the movement a forerunner of an alliance between England and the United States antagonistic to Germany.

Aleko Schinas, who assassinated King George, of Greece, on March 19 at Saloniki, committed suicide by flinging himself out of a window of the police station in Athens. Schinas gave as an explanation of the crime that in 1911 he had applied for assistance at the king's palace and had been driven away.

In Syracuse, N. Y., determined efforts were made to settle the strike of building laborers which developed a series of riots in which twenty-five persons, nine of them policemen, were wounded. The strikers met with Sessare Sconfetti, Italian consular agent at Rochester, who came to Syracuse and appointed a committee to wait on the employers with a view of arbitrating the wage dispute. The contnractors have signified their willingness to arbitrate.

When the new submarine torpedo boat H-1 was launched at the Union Iron works, in San Francisco, Cal., an American naval tradition was shattered. For the first time in the country's history a United States warship was christened by a subject of a foreign country. Miss Leslie Jean Meakin, who stood sponsor for the new craft, was born in Montreal and is a subject of King George.

In London the fate of the woman's suffrage bill was sealed by the votes of more than fifty Irish nationalists, who voted against it. The bill, whereby it was sought to enfranchise 6,000,000 women, was rejected by a majority of 47; the vote stood 266 to 219.

The rebel committee received verification of the report that General Trucy Aubert had surrendered to the Carrazana insurgents at Lampasas, below Laredo, Tex., The verification was brought to the border by Major Salcador Gomez, of the state forces, who says he saw the surrender of Aubert and 700 federal troops.

Washington

Keen interest is being displayed by the government and the public generally in what action the United States will take as a consequence of the virtual repudiation of Ambassador Wilson by President Huerta. The president has made no statement either to Ambassador Wilson or to the public qualifying his statement that Mr. Wilson, "diplomatically, has no standing" but foreign. Minister De La Barra displayed an eagerness to minimize the incident.

Charles C. Glover, the Washington banker, who recently attacked Representative Sims, of Tennessee, on account of a speech delivered in the house, was brought before the bar of the house in Washington and reprimanded by Speaker Clark for violating the privileges of the house. A resolution authorizing the banker's arrest had been adopted with only four dissenting votes. When brought in by the sergeant at arms, Glover read an apology, saying that his act was committed under great stress of feeling and that he did not know he was affronting the house.

All fourth-class postmasterships, except those paying less than $180 a year, were thrown open to competitive examination by an order issued by President Wilson at Washington. These positions are retained in the classified service, but about 50,000 incumbents who were "covered" into the classified service by executive orders of previous administrations, will have to meet all comers in competitive examinations to hold their positions with civil service protection.

Approximately 93,000 acres of mountain land in Virginia, Tennessee, North Carolina and West Virginia, was approved for purchase by the national forest reserve commission. This will make almost 600,000 acres bought by the government up to date for the Appalachian and White mountains forest reservation.

By a vote of 41 to 32 the senate refused to accept an amendment to the sundry civil bill by Senator Gallinger striking out a clause exempting labor and farmers' organizations from prosecution under the anti-trust law with funds appropriated by the bill. Three Republican senators, Jones, Lafolette and Norris, voted with the Democrats against the Gallinger amendment and two Democrats, Pomer and Thomas, joined the Republicans in supporting it.

Representative Thomas M. Bell's nomination of A. S. Hardy, editor of the Gainesville Eagle, to be postmaster at Gainesville, Ga., was turned down and President Wilson sent in the name of Mrs. H. W. J. Ham, widow of "Snollygoster" Ham, to succeed Mrs. Helen D. Longstreet.

The Japanese embassy was supplied by the state department with a copy of the alien lan-owning bill passed by the California legislature and the ambassador will employ the time between now and Secretary Bryan's return to Washington in preparing a formal protest against the measure. Apparently the embassy has no hope that any word President Wilson may send after Secretary Bryan returns will influence Governor Johnson to withhold his signature from the act, so the only object of the protest will be to acquaint the American people with the Japanese contention.

POSTMASTERS FOR NORTH CAROLINA

PRESIDENT WILSON SHAKES OFF EIGHT PLUMS FOR THE TAR HEELS.

A FIGHT FOR WADESBORO

S. S. Lockhart is Opposed on Charge That He is Too Deaf For the Job.—Wilson Member of N. C. Society of the Cincinnati.

Raleigh.—A special from Washington states that President Wilson in sending in 200 postmasters' nomination relieved a situation that had become acute. Almost ap open break had been caused between the president and congressmen over the failure of nominations made six weeks or two months ago to come through. Whether the president's friends told him of the anxious state of feeling is not known, but he relieved much apprehension by bringing to the capitol the plum tree with 200 postoffice plums.

North Carolina gets eight new Democratic postmasters. All of these were recommended by the congressmen from the districts in which they are located. They follow: Newton, F. M. Williams, recommended by Mr. Webb; Hamlet, R. B. Terry; Hocksville, R. E. Hunt, Sr.; North Wilkesboro, James G. Hackett; Mount Gilead, Richard A. Bruton; all recommended by Mr. Page; Lenoir, Virgil D. Guire; Albemarle, J. D. Bivins, recommended by Mr. Doughton; Greenville, David J. Whitehead; recommended by Mr. Small.

Word reached Congressman Page through the postoffice department that charges have been filed against S. S. Lockhart, recommended as postmaster at Wadesboro. The principal charge is that Mr. Lockhart is too deaf to properly discharge the duties of the postmaster. The matter was a complete surprise to Mr. Page and he was unable to learn who had preferred the charges. The fact that papers are urging the appointment of W. M. Morton, who was a contestant against Mr. Lockhart, would seem to indicate that the action was taken by Mr. Morton's friends.

President Wilson was presented with a gold insignia of the North Carolina Society of the Cincinnati. A committee composed of Col. W. G. Lamb, of Williamston, president; J. C. Davis, vice-president, and Col. Benehan Cameron, of Stagville, called at the White House to inform Mr. Wilson that he was elected an honorary member at a meeting held in Greensboro recently.

Women on Henderson School Board.

Repudiating time-honored customs and joining the ranks of the new counties in North Carolina adopting the more progressive educational methods the Henderson count board of education in special session here announced the first appointment of ladies to serve on school committees, expressing the hope that sufficient applications would be made for the appointment of women to fill half the vacancies on school committees in this county.

North Carolina New Enterprises.

A charter is issued for the Gibsonville Insurance & Real Estate Co., Gibsonville, capital $50,0000 authorized and $5,000 subscribed by W. E. Sharpe and others of Burlington. There is an amendment for the charter of the Mutual Aid & Banking Co., Newbern, changing the status of shares and stocks by order of the stockholders.

New Drainage District.

Stewarts Creek drainage district, comprising about 7,000 acres of fine land situated just across Cape Fear River from Dunn, is now an assured fact. All the preliminary legal steps have been taken and the district declared formed and the drainage commissions appointed.

Caldwell Singing Association.

The annual meeting of the Caldwell County Singing Association met at New Collier's church in the Bush settlement of the county. The entire day was taken up by the association. In the morning the devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. J. O. Fulbright, pastor of the First Baptist church, at Lenoir, after which officers were elected for the ensuing year. At the noon recess a feast was served and an old-fashioned picnic dinner was enjoyed by the large crowd which had gathered.

Many Blockade Distilleries.

As a result of raids made by Sheriff Stafford and his deputies on blockade distilleries, the court house green at Greensboro was graced with two big stills, in the corridor of the building were several bags of meal and malt, vessels containing over 700 gallons of liquor, and in the jail reposed one white man in the person of James Bayle. The officers captured a still near Brown Summitt, near the Rockingham county line, poured out about 200 gallons of beer and confiscated twenty gallons o fliquor.

CRAIG ISSUES COMMISSIONS

For the Naval Brigade Officers on Recommendation of Commander C. D. Bradsham.

Raleigh.—Governor Craig issued a number of commissions to naval brigade officers on recommendation of Commander C. D. Bradsham of Newbern as follows:

F. P. Shipp, lieutenant commander and chief of staff; R. Duvall Jones, surgeon and lieutenant commander, Newbern; E. E. Williams, chief engineer and lieutenant commander, Newbern; J. H. Crawford, paymaster and lieutenant commander, Newbern; A T. Willis, gunnery officer and lieutenant; Newbern; B. F. Husk, chaplain and lieutenant, Newbern; J. C. B. Ehringhaus, judge advocate and lieutenant, Beaufort; J. B. Green, aide and lieutenant, Newbern; E. H. Baker, Raleigh, aide and lieutenant; J. R. Grade, Raleigh, lieutenant.

Commissions are also issued to a number of officers elected by cavalry troops as follows:

R. M. Phispatrick, first lieutenant Troop B, Asheville; Bert Nichols, second lieutenant, Troop B, Asheville; L. S. Bynum, second lieutenant Company I, second infantry, Edenton.

Three Important Hearings.

There are three important hearings set by the corporation commission for this month. The first is in the Rockingham case for May 16 in which there is demand for the physical connection of the Seaboard Air Line and the Rockingham railroads. This will be in the offices of the commission at Raleigh. May 20, at Greensboro, there will be the hearing on the petition for improved train service on the Southern from Sanford to Mount Airy and for better passenger station facilities at Mount Airy. On May 23, at Raleigh there will be the hearing in the case of 75 central and western Carolina shippers against the Southern Railway for the refunding of excessive rates on freight charges on interdivisional shipments into and out of the western Carolina divisions of the Southern, on which high divisional rates are allowed because of high cost of maintenance and operation. This is an especially important hearing. The amount involved is hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Medical Students Given Degrees.

Twenty-six graduates of the North Carolina Medical College received their degrees of Doctor of Medicine, the exercises being held in the auditorium of the Presbyterian College. The exercises were simple, yet pretty and the evening was featured by an address delivered by Dr. C. R. Harding, professor of Greek at Davidson College. The large auditorium was filled with friends and relatives of the graduates and by a large number of Presbyterian college students many of whom assembled to see Miss Mary Montreville Parker, an alumna of the Presbyterian College, receive her degree in medicine, and incidentally be presented with a case of surgical instruments won by having led her class.

Mecklenburg Drainage Commission.

The Mecklenburg Drainage Commission met at the county court house, with Dr. James R. Alexander, presiding, and with Mr. W. S. Pharr acting as secretary. The meeting was for the most part taken up in routine business, though there were several petitions coming from farmers throughout the county asking that various creeks and branches be drained at the earliest possible time. One dredge is now near Pineville and will soon reach the county line, when it will then be moved alsewhere. The second dredge is near the grist mill of Long & Beattie, six miles southeast of Charlotte, where condemnation proceedings are now going on with regard to altering the site of the above mentioned mill.

Purchase of Land Approved.

The purchase of 5,465 acres of land in the Nantahala region of Macon county, North Carolina, was approved by the National Forest Reservation Commission, the price ranging from 50 cents to $10 per acre and an average of $7.50.

Millions Lost in Forest Fires.

Millions of dollars of losses have resulted from extensive forest fires that have raged in western North Carolina mountains the past three weeks. The oldest residents say that no such forest burning has occurred before for more than 20 years. Beginning about 25 miles south and east of Linville Falls, the fires have extended from 20 to 40 miles north and east. Not all that territory has been burned, but much of it. All of Linville Mountain, within two miles of Linville Falls, has been burned.

Organize to Fight For Just Rates.

Twenty-one North Carolina cities through their representatives, met in the Selwyn Hotel at Charlotte, and organized the Just Freight Rate Association of North Carolina, effecting a permanent organization and calling a meeting for next Thursday, May 15, in the legislative halls at Raleigh to elect officers. The officers were not elected at last meeting because, having had only 48 hours in which to gather, the towns in the far eastern part of the state were represented by telegrams only.

SHAM AND PRETENSE

OVERMAN SAYS CIVIL SERVICE LAW HAS BEEN USED TO PAY POLITICAL DEBTS.

HAS STARTED AN INQUIRY

Thousands Now Holding Office Who Have Never Taken Examination.—Senator Overman of This State Author of Resolution of Inquiry.

Raleigh.—A special from Washington states that a determined purpose to rid the civil service rolls of those who do not belong there, has been shown by the Democrats in congress.

This inquiry presages a big shake up in all the executive departments. Senator Overman, of North Carolina, the author of a resolution of inquiry, says the law has been a sham and a pretense and that the old spoils system is better than a law that clothes political deceit.

Senator Pomerene of Ohio has also expressed positive views on the subject. He is chairman of the committee on civil service and retrenchment which will conduct the investigation either under a resolution he has introduced or that of Senator Overman. The committee will meet to make plans for the investigation.

His committee will not be a merely ornamental one, but will undertake a really gigantic task. Persons who have obtained a place on the rolls in the last 20 years through nepotism and political favoritism will be denied the protection of a law with which they have never complied Thousands of government employes have been covered under the civil service by executive proclamation, as was done in the case of 40,000 fourth class postmasters by President Taft.

Senators Pomerene and Overman both declare they have no disposition to disturb employes of the government who have won their places by taking examinations in good faith and who have been certified through the civil service commission in the regular way. But they do object to extending the protecting arm of the civil service to men and women who were appointed through irregular methods by executive order waiving the civil service examinations and requirements, by influential relatives, who ignored civil service barriers, r by blanket orders issued by the executive at convenient seasons by which groups of persons on temporary rolls came into the service without taking any examination whatsoever.

Overman on Cotton Schedule.

Raleigh.—Senator Overman discussed the cotton schedule of the tariff bill with President Wilson and when he came away expressed himself as very well satisfied with the interview. He believes that the president will look with sympathy upon certain amendments in the Underwood bill correcting certain inequalities in the cotton schedule. He said these charges will be in accordance with the Baltimore platform and the president's own public promises.

Good Roads Meeting in Davie.

Mocksville.—A good roads meeting was held in the court house recently. Nearly every part of the county was represented. A number of good speeches were made on good roads by Mr. Cobb, of Cooleemee, T. J. Byerly A. T. Grant, Jr., B. F. Stonestreet, Rev. W. E. Wilson and R. B. Sanford of this city and M. J. Hendricks of Can. Speakers will stump the county thoroughly between this time and the bond election, which occurs May 31.

Lumbermen Kick On Rates.

Asheville.—Western North Carolina lumbermen are preparing to register a kick against the recently announced increased freight rate of the Southern Railway Company, applying to certain grades of lumber. Already the lumbermen are beginning to take the matter up with the various lumbermen's organizations to which they belong and it is expected that the matter will be taken up to the interstate commerce commission.

To Start Drainage Work.

Concord.—The drainage commissioners of Cold Water Creek district, Messrs. Paul Kimminger, N. M. Barnhardt and John A. Scott have decided to begin at once on the work. The commissioners and their attorney met and advertised for bids. They will receive bids until 12 o'clock Saturday, May 24, for ditching the creek. It is estimated that the work will require the excavation of 237,000 cubic yards of dirt. The contract will require that the work be done in eight months.

Jury Returns Unusual Verdict.

Asheville.—"We, the jury find Horace Melton not guilty, but recommend that he leave the state." This was the unusual verdict delivered in the superior court by the jury which heard the evidence in three cases against Melton, charging him with selling whiskey illegally. It was charged that Melton "boot-legged" whiskey, although the defense claimed that the alleged sales were made more than two years ago and that Melton was not liable to punishment through the statute of limitations.

ELECTIONS FROM OVER STATE

Brief Accounts of the Town Elections From Many Sections of the Tar Heel State.

Spencer.—The municipal election in Spencer passed off quietly with the following men chosen to office: Mayor, C. G. Theiling; aldermen, J. D. Carter, D. Fulk, E. B .Burgess, M. L. Kiser, W. G. Hrne and H. A. Huffines. The ticket was elected without opposition.

Weaverville.—The Weaverville city election was unusually interesting, the candidate of the "Progressives" for mayor winning over the "Conservatives" by seven votes. The successful ticket follows: Charles R. Moore, mayor; J. J. Reagan, W. F. Mack, W. M .Ragan, F. E. Blackstock and T. W. Blackstock, aldermen.

Raleigh.—Returns from the city election show that James I. Johnson defeated Franklin McNeill for mayor and commissioner of finance by a vote of 1,234 to 933. O. G. King defeated Williard McDowell for commissioner of public safety, 1,153 to 999, and Richard B. Seawell defeated John S. Jones for commissioner of public works by a vote of 1,369 to 787.

Monroe—An election was held here to confirm the nominations for the city officers. Very little interest was shown, as the officers were practically known. Those elected are: Mayor, J. D. McRae; aldermen, first ward, T. C. Lee; second ward, S. O. Blair; third ward, W. E. Funderburk; fourth ward, W. H. Norwood; at large, J. W. Fowler.

Fayetteville.—John Underwood was re-elected mayor of Fayetteville over his independent opponent, S. M. Campbell, by a vote of 328 to 51. Only the Underwood tickets bore the names of the Democratic aldermanic candidates, all of whom were elected. They are E. W. Peoples, D. S. McRae, John L. Wade, S. W. Cooper, J. B. Buckleigh, B. M. Jackson, L. N. Webster and T. G. McAlister.

Wilmington.—P. Q. Moore was elected mayor of Wilmington by a majority of 205 over W. E. Springer, after one of the warmest political fights the city has known in many years. The result was in doubt until the bulk of the returns had come in from the four wards. For councilmen, D. N. Chadwick, Jr., W. F. Jones, C. C. Loughlin, T. W. Wood and B. A. Merritt were elected by good majorities, Merritt leading all candidates.

Concord.—By the skin of their teeth, by the tighest of squeezes, with the scantest of margins the opponents of the straight Democratic ticket elected three aldermen and the mayor in the recent municipal election, leaving three aldermen for the Democrats, but keeping the control of the town. By seven slim votes A. F. Hartsell goes in as mayor, defeating W. W. Flowe, Democrat.

Mocksville.—The municipal election passed off very quietly in this city. There was but one ticket in the field, and less than 100 votes were cast. The ticket elected is Democratic and is composed of the following gentlemen: Mayor, V. E. Swaim; aldermen, T. J. Byerly, C. C. Sanford, J. B. Johnstone, J. P. Green and G. E. Horn; school trustees, O. L. Williams, Dr. J. W. Rodwell and L. G Horn.

North Wilkesboro. — The North Wilkesboro municipal election passed off very quietly. There being no opposition to E. B. Barkley for mayor, he was elected by a handsome vote. The real excitement of the campaign came last week when, in one of the largest and most enthusiastic mass-meetings ever held in the town, Mr. Barkley was nominated over present Mayor S. E. Absher. The board of aldermen selected at this time were also elected without opposition.

Burlington.—In the municipal election here several days ago J. Edward Moore was elected mayor over J. H. Freeland by a majority of 190. There were only 500 votes polled, so it will be readily seen that Mr. Moore's majority was overwhelming. The entire Democratic board of aldermen was elected, three of whom are old members, W. P. Ireland and Dr. T. S. Faucette, first ward, and H. C. Stout, third ward. The independents polled a very light vote.

Thomasville.—The municipal election passed off quietly, the nominees chosen in a recent mass-meeting being elected without opposition. The officers are as follows: Mayor, Chas. M. Hoover; commissioners, J. W Boyles, R. C. Harville, C. F. Finch, A. W. Hughes and John R. Myers.

Reidsville.—The town election resulted in the defeat of the old administration with the exception of Mayor Womack, who had no opposition and Recorder Humphreys, who had a majority of 222 over A. J. Burton. E. H. Wrenn defeated P. W. Glidewell for solicitor by a majority of 48.

Murphy.—The town election passed off quietly here. Col. J. D. Mallonee was elected mayor over his opponent, Mr. Woods, by 106 majority. Town Commissioners elected are John E. Fain, A. Y. Brown, P. C. Hyatt, R. R. Beal, R. M. Fain and D. W. Deweese. These won by large majorities.

Lenoir.—The town had an election recently, but it passed off so quietly and the interest shown was so little that it would have been hard to tell that anything unusual was taking place. At this election Mark Squires was elected mayor and a board of town commissioners was elected.

WILSON CONFERS WITH UNDERWOOD

PRESIDENT ANXIOUS TO KNOW LINE-UP ON THE CURRENCY QUESTION.

CONTEST OVER HEARINGS

Interested in Organization of Committes.—President Believes Make-up of Committees Should be Decided on Soon as Possible.

Washington. — President Wilson discussed with Majority Leader Underwood the general situation in congress and the prospect for currency legislation, which the president is anxious to have passed at this session if possible. The president was particularly interested in the organization of the committees of the house. He was anxious to learn the complexion of the Democratic side of the banking and currency committee which the ways and means committee, acting as a committee on committees for the Democratic caucus is now preparing to select.

Mr. Underwood told the president that Representative Carter Glass of Virginia, ranking remaining member of the banking and currency committee of the last house, would be selected as chairman. Representative Glass was chairman of the sub-committee on banking and currency which made an extensive investigation last session of currency reform measures with particular attention to the so-called Aldrich currency plan endorsed by the national monetary commission.

The President believes the make-up of the house banking and currency committee should be finally decided upon as soon as possible so members may begin work on a currency bill to be brought in soon after the house resumes active sessions early in June. The committee has been tentatively selected by Mr. Underwood and his committee colleagues but the names are still subject to shifting before finally announced. As now shaped up, these members who were on the committee in the last congress will remain:

Hepresentative Glass of Virginia, chairman; Korbley, Indiana; Bulkley, Ohio; Neeley, Kansas; Byrnes, South Carolina; Brown, West Virginia, and possibly Stephens, Mississippi, Democrats, and Hayes, California, and Guernsey, Maine, Republicans.

Threshing Out Japanese Objections.

Washington. — Secretary of State Bryan formulated a message to Gov. Johnson of California, setting forth representations of the Japanese government and views of the administration here as to what was considered discriminatory in the Webb anti-alien bill, passed by the California legislature and now awaiting action by the governor. Mr. Bryan conferred with President Wilson an hour, discussing in detail the formal protest filed by Ambassador Chinda.

G. A. R. Reunion at Chattanooga.

Chattanooga, Tenn.—The reunion of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held in Chattanooga next September, the invitation having been accepted by the organization by telegraph. The committee appointed a week ago to consider the advisability of inviting the veterans to meet in this city decided to extend the invitation and this was done by telegraph, the message being signed by ex-Senator Newell Sanders, chairman.

Amend Tariff Bill Now Seems Likely.

Washington.—Chairman Simmons of the finance committee, sees merit in an amendment to the tariff bill suggested by Assistant Attorney General Denison, and Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Curtis to authorize the secretary of the treasury to proclaim valuations on imports. It is claimed that it would prevent undervaluations and to avoid confusion resulting from fluctuating foreign market values and ad valorem rates.

Loss on Both Sides Heavy.

Nogales, Ariz.—After an estimated loss of 4,000 men on both sides in fighting which lasted from 3 o'clock in the morning until after nightfall, 2,500 Federal soldiers were driven back into Guaymas, the California gulf port, by 3,000 insurgents Sonora state troops. Heavy cannonading reported from Ortax indivated that the attack on Guaymas proper had begun. The official insurgent reports that 150 Federal soldiers and 35 officers were captured and 10 machine guns abandoned to the state troops.

Submarine Fleet to Norfolk.

Washington.—The little fleet of submarines has started from Newport, R. I., for Norfolk, to execute in Chesapeake Bay and off the Virginia Capes some of the drills and exercises they omittted when last in those waters. The "hurry up" orders given to th officers at Newport were intended merely to test the readiness of the officers and men to respond to an emergency call and probably would not have been issued had it been known at headquarters that the submarine ball had been set.