

## 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.

Simplicity marked the funeral of Henry M. Flagler, when his body was laid in a mausoleum in the yard of the Flagler Memorial church. Thousands from all parts of Florida participated in the services at the church and viewed the body as it lay in state in the rotunda of the Ponce de Leon hotel, at St. Augustine, which he built.

John Matthews and Louise Seagers were drowned in the Ogeechee river, 14 miles from Savannah, Ga. There were four others in the party and three of them were saved by Will Farry Clay, the fourth member, who also tried to save May Jackson. The party were in a flat-bottomed bateau.

Up to his last moment of consciousness the young real estate man of Macon, Ga., whose tragic mistake, taking bichloride of mercury instead of a headache remedy, which cost him his life, Sanders Walker was calm and cheerful, comforting his grief-stricken wife and parents, and showing that the indomitable will which characterized his college days and his business life since has stood the final great test unbroken.

Henry M. Flagler, wealthy railroad builder and owner, died at West Palm Beach. Mr. Flagler had been sick for three months, although it was thought several weeks ago that he would recover. Mr. and Mrs. Flagler went to West Palm Beach in February. At that time he was suffering from excessive nervousness. A general breakdown followed.

Six persons are believed to have been killed and a number injured when a Chesapeake and Ohio train was swept down a steep mountain side by a landslide at Hinton, W. Va. The train, composed of an engine, three freight cars and a caboose, the latter carrying passengers, had been stopped between Sewell and Landisburg, so that debris deposited by a cloudburst, might be cleared away. While this work was in progress another slide occurred and the train was thrown from the tracks down 300 feet of the mountain side.

Late in April it was reported from Senoia, Ga., that there was a quilt in Coweta county containing 5,000 patches or scraps. Butts county has since been casting about endeavoring to find one with a larger number. The search is completed, and that Mrs. F. M. Allen of Jackson is the owner of a beautiful quilt of many colors, containing not only that many pieces, but nearly four times as many, will interest quiltmakers. The one in her possession has 20,152 pieces, each about half an inch square, and was made in the year 1886.

### General

Richard Curtis Smith, oiler, and H. F. Beck, chief machinist's mate, are dead and Alma Miller, oiler, who risked his life in an attempt to save Beck, is in a dying condition as the result of an explosion on the United States torpedo boat destroyer Stewart, at San Diego, Cal. The accident occurred 28 miles off port during a speed test, when a steam pipe in the engine room blew out.

Peter Bradovitch, an insane Austrian, confined in the Southern Idaho insane asylum at Banckfoot, Idaho, killed his five roommates by beating them on the head with a table as they lay asleep. Bradovitch was committed to the asylum two years ago from the state penitentiary, where he was serving a life sentence for murder. An investigation of the killing of five patients was held and the asylum officials were exonerated from blame. According to the testimony the institution was overcrowded, making it necessary to keep several patients in one room. Testimony also was given tending to show that in the two years which Bradovitch had been confined he had never shown any signs of violence.

A bomb exploded in the west dome of the royal observatory in Edinburgh, Scotland. The astronomical instruments were badly damaged, but the building itself escaped serious damage. The police declare that militant suffragettes committed the outrage.

In the presence of Major General Wood, chief of staff, and other army officers, President Wilson presented to Captain Louis J. Van Schaick, sixth infantry, the congressional medal of honor for distinguished gallantry in the Philippines.

In Philadelphia, over 10,000 union workers, men and women, employed in various industries in the city, are on strike for increased wages, reduction in hours of labor and the recognition of the unions.

Emperor William has granted a pardon to three English spies undergoing long sentences in German jails. The Senate passed a bill in Washington by Representative Kettner of California, providing for the exemption from duty of exhibits for the Panama-Pacific Exposition at San Francisco in 1915.

In a battle near Sacramento in north-east Mexico, 100 federals were ambushed and killed by constitutionalists, according to reports circulated in Eagle Pass, Texas, by constitutionalists. Huerta's opponents claim to have captured the cities of Tactatecas, Parras and San Pedro de Colonias, near Torreon.

Walter Hines Page, United States ambassador to Great Britain, parried all attempts of newspaper men to obtain an interview when he arrived there from New York. He contacted himself with the remark that his constant endeavor while holding his office would be to "maintain the more than friendly relations between the United States and the United Kingdom which had, happily, continued for such a long time."

The Mexican congress gave its sanction to an agreement for a loan of \$100,000,000 at 6 per cent. interest. The amount is to be placed at ninety and will run for ten years. It is guaranteed by 33 per cent. of the customs receipts. The Mexican National bank is named as the representative of the bankers in the supervision of the disbursements.

The state railways of Belgium sustained a net loss of a million dollars from the 'ten days' strike for equal suffrage in April. The port of Antwerp lost 250,000 tons of trade in April as compared with the same period last year, and 78 fewer vessels called during the strike.

Under a bill approved by Governor Tener, ten verses of the Bible must be read daily without comment in the public schools of Pennsylvania. All teachers who violate the law are subject to dismissal.

It has been announced that Louis F. Post of Chicago has been selected as assistant secretary of the department of labor; Anthony Caminetti of San Francisco for commissioner general of immigration and John O. Densmore of Polson, Mont., for solicitor of the department of labor.

The United States torpedo boat destroyer Cassin, a 1,000-ton ship, took her maiden dip. Miss Helen Cassin Carusi of Washington, granddaughter of that late Rear Admiral Cassin, broke the bottle of champagne. The Cassin is a sister ship of the Cumming, which will go overboard early in July. Her contract price was \$761,500 and a maximum speed of 30 knots an hour will be required at the official trials next month.

Seelye Davenport and Jacob Dunn, mountain woodchoppers at Wharton, N. J., were convicted by a federal jury of sending threatening letters to Woodrow Wilson while he was president-elect. In the case of Davenport the jury recommended mercy. The communications mailed to Mr. Wilson were received by his secretary, Joseph P. Tumulty, in May and November, of last year, and demanded money in the sums of \$1,000 and \$5,000 under a penalty of death.

### Washington

In addition to conducting hearings and digesting the answers to questions which are to be propounded to bankers and financial experts, the senate banking committee and currency committee will discuss numerous bills proposed to reform the financial system of the country, before a measure is presented to the senate.

Government officials have received word of the death in London of Louis A. Gourdain, who swindled the public out of several large fortunes, which he squandered, and whose success drove him mad. Starting twenty-two years ago as a clerk for the Louisiana State Lottery company, Gourdain organized a rival concern which netted him \$750,000, it is estimated. The money came so fast his mind was affected, and he was sent to a hospital for the insane, after driving through New Orleans in a bath robe and attempting to make street speeches.

Responsibility for price agreements among manufacturers furnishing armor plate for American warships was placed directly upon the navy department itself by Secretary Daniels. In a statement following his announcement of his intention to submit a plan for a government armor plant the secretary declared the policy of the department in dividing plate contracts among all bidders at the lowest figures offered "makes all pretense of competitive bidding to get the lower market price a farce that cannot possibly deceive anyone acquainted with the facts."

Amid scenes of intense patriotic enthusiasm, Gen. Mario G. Menocal was inaugurated as the third president of the Cuban republic. The ceremony took place in the historic palace of the Spanish captains-general in Havana and was attended by a brilliant assemblage.

Artificial contraction of waterways by bridges, causeways and other structures so placed as to make it impossible for the channels to carry away the enormous amount of water resulting from an unusually heavy rainfall, was blamed for the devastation wrought by the recent Ohio floods in a preliminary report filed by the commission of army engineers appointed by Secretary of War Garrison to investigate the floods and recommend preventative measures.

A railroad is not warranted in exacting increased rates merely because it has not direct facilities for delivering shipments, the interstate commerce commission held, in effect, in a contested case involving freight rates on ice from the channels to Chicago. The "Soe" line has no terminal facilities in Chicago, "if it cannot afford to pay for terminal services," it was held by the commission. "It will doubtless have to retire from competitive traffic. It may not either by itself or in conjunction with other carriers maintain unreasonable or unjustly discriminatory charges."

## PRESIDENT TATE AFTER RAILROADS

BUSY GETTING ORGANIZATION IN  
HAND TO FIGHT EXORBITANT  
RATES.

## VERY INTERESTING LETTER

To Shippers and Members of Association.—Gives Advice and Offers Light on Work of Securing Proper Adjustment of Freight Rates.

Charlotte.—The freight rate situation is by no means being overlooked even between formal gatherings of the shippers and other men interested in the work.

President F. N. Tate having but recently returned from Raleigh where he attended the meeting of the Just Freight Rate Association has sent out a letter of interest to shippers and members of the new association, in which he gives some salient advice, and at the same time offers new and additional light on the work of securing a proper adjustment of freight rates as they are applied to this state.

In President Tate's letter, which is dated May 20, is to be found in the following of interest:

"Dear Sir: Since the Raleigh meeting I have been very busy in getting the organization perfected, and have lost a few days waiting on different gentlemen who have been appointed to serve in various capacities.

"Everything is now in fine shape, however, for a most vigorous campaign over the entire state; some counties have already begun the canvass for funds as agreed upon at Raleigh and Mr. Herbert Ramsauer, the organizing or field secretary is out on the job.

"What we need in your locality is a red hot local campaign to be started immediately by yourself and the other gentlemen who have shown interest in the undertaking. Please get yourselves organized as quickly as possible and by personal talk, stump speeches, mass meetings, newspaper publicity and every other conceivable and attractive method, get every man in your section of the state literally on fire with a desire to do something for the cause."

### Odd Fellows Elect Officers.

The Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows in session here selected Durham as the next meeting place for the annual session, over Hendersonville, Hickory and Salisbury, who contested for the honor. The following were elected grand lodge officers: Grand Master, M. L. Shipman, Hendersonville; Deputy Grand Master, W. F. Evans, Greenville; Grand Secretary, B. H. Woodell, Raleigh; Grand Treasurer, Richard J. Jones, Wilmington; Chas. Dewey of Goldsboro was re-elected a member of the board of trustees of the orphan asylum.

### To Vote On School Bonds.

Approximately 1,600 persons have registered for the election to be held in New Hanover county for the purposes of determining the questions of issuing \$175,000 of school bonds and \$100,000 of road bonds. While the elections are held on the same day they are separate and distinct. There was a rush to the books Friday and Saturday, the closing day of the registration, and this is taken to mean by those in favor of the bond issues that they will carry with a safe margin.

### Good Roads in Catawba County.

At a meeting of the road commission at Newton it was decided to put down the next sand-clay on the proposed route towards Maiden, the right-of-way being already secured. Work will begin in front of the Virginia Shipp Hotel and lead out by way of Catawba College. On the completion of this road Hickory, Newton, Conover and Maiden will all be on a splendid sand-clay highway.

### To Inspect Rowan Court House.

Upon request of Capt. H. C. Trotter, chairman of the Rowan county board of commissioners, Senator Overman has secured the services of an expert from the supervising architect's office who will come to Salisbury in the near future to inspect the new \$125,000 court house recently commenced by the grand jury. The report of this government official will determine the action of the county commissioners who will soon have a special meeting to consider the report.

### Eliated Over Interest Shown.

The people of the two Wilkesboros and those who live along the line of the proposed railroad that would connect the towns with Taylorsville, are greatly elated over the interest that was shown by the citizens of Statesville and Charlotte and Alexander county at the meeting which was held at Taylorsville. Those who have shown such a generous disposition to aid may rest assured that these people have taken up the work in earnest and are determined to help make the movement a success.

## FRUIT CROP NOT FAVORABLE

The Prospects Are Lessened Since the Last Announcement.—"May Drop" Is the Great Cause.

Raleigh.—State Horticulturist W. N. Hutt does not make a favorable promise for North Carolina fruit. The last bulletin sent out until recently was very good, but the prospects have been greatly lessened since his earlier report. The intermittent cold was bad, the cold spring coming upon the warm winter did much harm but "May drop" has done the work, it seems.

The report of Mr. Hutt said: "Since my report of April 29th of the fruit prospects of North Carolina for 1913 there has been an extended period of drought over almost the entire state. This has caused an exceptionally heavy "May drop" on nearly all classes of fruit and it has very materially lessened the favorable prospects of two weeks ago.

The mountain fruit suffered severely from heavy cold spells in March, also from the cold wave of April 26th. There has been a good deal of injury reported from cold, blinding winds on certain slopes, while in coves and sheltered places some heavy crops are reported. The average of a large number of reports sent in by growers from all parts of the state gives the following percentage estimate of the fruit crop for 1913 as based on the crop of 1912 taken as a full crop.

Fruit prospects for entire state:  
Apples—40 per cent. of full crop.  
Pears—15 per cent. of full crop.  
Peaches—30 per cent. of full crop.  
Grapes—68 per cent. of full crop.

A further analysis of reports for mountain, piedmont and coast gives about the same average as that for the whole state.

### Senate Confirms Eight Postmasters.

A number of North Carolina postmasters ran the gauntlet of the Senate several days ago. The list confirmed included J. D. Bivins at Albemarle; David J. Whitchard, Greenville; R. B. Terry, Hamlet; Virgil D. Guire, Lenoir; E. E. Hunt, Sr., Mocksville; Richard A. Bruton, Mount Gilthead; F. M. Williams, Newton, and James Gordon Hackett, North Wilkesboro. C. C. Clement, the negro editor of The Star of Zion, published at Charlotte, is here in behalf of his candidacy for appointment as registrar of the treasury. Representative Doughton has recommended to the commissioner on pensions the appointment of Dr. A. A. Kent, of Lenoir, as a member of the board of examining surgeons of Lenoir. Col. J. C. Mills of Rutherfordton, Hugh Love of Waynesville, W. C. Feimster of Newton, Mrs. W. F. Utley of Apex and Miss Charlie Westbrook of Wallace were visitors here recently.

### North Carolina New Enterprises.

Charts were issued for the Sterch-Tillery-Rich Company, Wilmington, capital \$25,000 authorized and \$20,000 subscribed by J. M. Tillery, J. G. Sterch and A. D. Rich for a furniture business; the Castle Hayne State Company, Castle Hayne, New Hanover county, capital \$100,000 authorized and \$10,000 subscribed by C. H. Keys, John Feenan and others for making staves and for other wood-working and construction purposes; the Farmers' Bank & Trust Co., Stoneville, Rockingham county, capital \$25,000 authorized and \$10,000 subscribed by B. A. Stone, C. R. Joyce and others.

### Must Obey Superior Officers.

Private M. B. Farmer, Company C, Second Infantry, Rocky Mount, will pay a fine of \$25 for behaving with disrespect toward his commanding officer and for disobedience of orders to attend drill, and First Lieutenant Edward B. Parrish, Company B, Third Infantry, Raleigh, will be publicly reprimanded and made to apologize to his commanding officer, Capt. W. F. Moody in the presence of his company for uttering "profane and indecent language in the presence of and relating to his commanding officer." These findings were announced by Adjutant General Young.

### Raleigh.—The Seaboard Air Line

Railway Company has filed with the corporation commission a schedule of greatly reduced rates for freight on ground lime for agricultural purposes.

### Delegation From Cleveland County.

An even dozen citizens of Kings Mountain, together with O. Max Gardner, of Shelby, were in Washington besieging the lair of William J. Bryan, secretary of state, whom they wish to secure as their principal speaking attraction at the celebration of the 133rd anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain, to be held October 7 of this year. Mr. Bryan received the delegation with the utmost cordiality, but made no promise to attend, not wishing to make an engagement so far in advance.

### New Hanover Commissioners Meet.

With the single change, which was the increase of the pay of six sanitary policemen from \$60 to \$65 a month, the board of county commissioners has approved in the budget prepared by the county board of health for the health department under the consolidation of the city and county health work. The total budget is \$19,500 for the health department, \$61,440 of which is salaries, and including the scavenging, garbage collection and maintenance of the incinerator it is \$32,160 for the year.

## THE CLANS GATHER

AT RED SPRINGS FROM A SCORE

OF STATES—THREE NATIONS

REPRESENTED.

## DR. McDONALD IS PRESIDENT

More Than Two Thousand People

Witness Annual Reunion Exercises

of Scottish Society of America.—

Meet Next at Fayetteville.

Red Springs.—Three distinct countries of the English-speaking race, a score of states of the Union from a wide range of territory and many counties in North Carolina were represented in the annual session of the Scottish Society of America recently in the main auditorium of the Southern Presbyterian College.

More than 2,000 people witnessed the annual reunion exercises of the sturdy descendants from "Bonnie" Scotland, who began their migration to the land of the free more than a century ago, chiefly settling in the counties of Robeson, Scotland and Cumberland.

An address by Canada's first citizen and far-famed editor of the Toronto Globe, Dr. James A. McDonald, the presentation of the Canadian flag, the gift of the mayor of Toronto to the Scottish Society, and resolutions favoring the establishment of a \$100,000 training school at Red Springs for the training of the "Highlanders" of the South, were the notable events recorded on the minutes of the 1913 session.

Fayetteville was selected as the meeting place for the session of 1914 and officers for the coming year were chosen as follows:

Dr. James A. McDonald, of Toronto, Canada, president; J. W. McLaughlin, of Raeford; Rev. N. J. McLean, of Jasper, Ala., and Col. A. C. McAlister, of Asheboro, vice-presidents. Miss Eloise McGill, of Fayetteville, was again chosen secretary of the society. Dr. J. W. McNeil, of Fayetteville; H. W. McLean, of Lumberton; J. H. Currie, of Fayetteville, and A. D. McDonaid, of Carthage, were elected members of the executive council.

### Charlotte's Great White Way.

Charlotte.—Charlotte, the City of Electrical Energy and Electrical Illumination! Justly is the title here, though the rightfulness of the claim is but a few days old. Under the touch of some magician's hand a transformation was wrought on the night of the 20th as completely, and as beautiful as it was surpassingly swift. Gloomy streets choked with expectant people, became, in the twinkling of an eye, long brilliant avenues of living light and simultaneously Charlotte, the Queen City, arrayed herself for the first time permanently in 'ber queep's attire, wondrous though it be, of fire.

### Sons of America End Session.

Salisbury.—The state convention of Patriotic Sons of America have closed their annual meeting here after selecting officers and deciding to meet next year in Winston-Salem. Officers for the year were elected as follows: President, S. R. Swink, of High Point; vice president, Camel Barton, of Winston-Salem; master of arms, J. O. Jamison, of Marion; state secretary, Fred O. Sink, of Lexington; treasurer, H. H. Kooz, of Lexington; conductor, P. G. Cook, of Concord; inspector, J. L. Taylor, of Statesville; guard, J. M. Peeler, of Falth; trustee, Allman, of Albemarle; representatives, M. T. Ray, T. Ivey, T. D. Brown.

### To Improve Road in Henderson.

Salisbury.—With the sale of bonds to the amount of \$95,000, the proceeds of which will be used for the construction and improvement of roads, the board of commissioners of Henderson county announce that they will complete the Asheville-Hendersonville road in time for the summer tourist travel. This information will prove to be very interesting to the residents of the two cities and tourists who spend their summers in Asheville and Hendersonville.

### Store Breaker Given Ten Years.

Kinston.—Henderson Williams, with several aliases, and the alleged leader of the most troublesome aggregation of store-breakers that has ever operated in eastern North Carolina, was convicted in the superior court and given 10 years in the state prison. Williams was the leader of the gang which broke into depots, clothing, hardware and other stores in Mount Olive, Maysville, Jacksonville, Wilmington, Caswell, Dover, New Bern, Goldsboro, Kinston and other places.

### Improved Method of Farming.

Raleigh.—The department of agriculture has started a campaign for improved methods of farming and reaching the individual farmers and their help and contemplate having neighborhood meetings at which the department will have one good man as speaker on approved farm methods, especially soil improvement. State Agronomist Burgess has already launched an effort in this direction and very fine compliments come for him in this work from Duplin where he led such a meeting recently.

## NEWS OF NORTH CAROLINA

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

Raleigh.—Dr. P. P. Claxton, United States Commission of Education, delivered the address recently at the graduating exercises of Peace Institute commencement when diplomas were presented to 12 young women.

Concord.—Policeman P. L. Sloop, who has been a member of the police force for several years, tendered his resignation to Chief of Police Bager recently, Chief Bager and Mayor Hartcell accepted the resignation, which took effect at once.

Weldon.—Weldon sold \$40,000 of waterworks and sewerage bonds to Harris, Forbes & Co., of New York, for \$41,316.80, and accrued interest and bonds free. There were twelve bidders, the lowest being \$40,000 and accrued interest.

Spencer.—The newly elected mayor and board of aldermen: for Spencer were inducted into office several days ago. The ceremonies were held at the mayor's office where a goodly number of interested citizens gathered to witness the event.

Mount Airy.—Garret Low, 14 years old, and a mail carrier between Dobson and Low Gap, and the mule he was riding were killed by lightning while on his route near Cox's Mill. He was the son of J. W. Low and a bright young fellow.

Kinston.—Isaiah Sparrow, a negro who has given trainmen on the Norfolk and Southern lines much trouble by tampering with anglecocks and other mechanism on cars, was arrested by Detective W. W. Morrison after he had caused the derailment of a locomotive and two cars on the northern division.

Elizabeth City.—The permanent organization of the Pasquotank County Just Freight Rate Association was perfected here recently, with the following officers: F. V. Scott, president; W. H. Weatherly, first vice-president; Wesley Foreman, second vice-president; A. S. Daniels, third vice-president; George J. Spence, secretary and treasurer.

Asheville.—Mayor J. E. Rankin, Aldermen A. G. Barnett, W. E. Johnson and Fergus Strikeleather were sworn in in the presence of several Ashevilleans who went to the city hall for the ceremony. Messrs. Rankin, Strikeleather, Patterson and Johnson were re-elected in the recent election and Mr. Barnett is the only new member of the aldermanic board.

Asheville.—Members of the sheriff's department are making efforts to find Charles McColeen, who is charged with having attempted criminal assault on a young girl in West Asheville. Considerable excitement has been caused as a result of the alleged attempt assault and the sheriff's deputies are scouring the county in automobiles in an effort to locate the man who is wanted.

Warsaw.—By an overwhelming vote, Kennansville township carried a bond issue to be used for constructing a railroad from some point on the Atlantic Coast Line to some point on the Atlantic coast. Great credit is given L. A. Beasley, a prominent attorney of Kenansville, who has labored on the proposition for two years moulding public sentiment in favor of a railroad to the county seat.

Charlotte.—Fire which originated in one of the machines, and owing to the inflammable material quickly spread to all parts of the building, destroyed the yarn mill of George A. Howell here recently, causing a loss of \$30,000. Owing to the high rate no insurance was carried on the machinery and equipment and a very small amount on the building. This is the second time this mill has been destroyed by fire in less than two years.

Chadbourne.—Strawberries continue to go from this section at a lively rate. The past week something over 67 cars have been routed from here, and it is predicted that not less than 75 cars will be shipped this week. The much needed rain of recent date will help shipment 50 per cent. The prices hold up well and the farmers generally are well pleased. As evidence of this, something over a hundred thousand Missionary plants have been put out, and plants are coming in on nearly every train.

Salisbury.—The "graduating exercises of the Salisbury Graded School were largely attended the building being packed to overflowing. The annual address was by Prof. J. A. Matheson of the State Normal College, who was heard with much interest.

Asheville.—A special two weeks' term of the Superior court for the trial of criminal cases, immediately preceding the regular term of criminal court which convenes July 7 will be asked for by the board of county commissioners, at their next meeting. The request will be made of the governor during the early part of next month.

Asheville.—Claude Tucker, a young white man, was removed from the Buncombe county jail, and was taken to the State hospital at Morganton. He has been in jail for the past several weeks, having been taken from his home following actions which indicated that he was mentally unbalanced.

## 34 KILLED WHEN PIER COLLAPSED

TEN THOUSAND PEOPLE HURLED  
DOWN CHUTE OF SHATTERED  
WOODWORK.

## WAS BRITISH EMPIRE DAY

Accident Occurred in City Auditorium  
During Celebration of Queen Victoria's Birthday.—Over Crowding of  
Pier Was Cause of Collapse.

Long Beach, Cal.—Too weak to uphold the burden of nearly 10,000 human beings assembled for the festivities of "British Empire Day," the land end of the big double-decked municipal pier in front of the city auditorium collapsed. Hundreds of persons on the top deck were plunged down on the heads of other hundreds crowded on the second deck. The lower deck then gave way, and all were dropped down a chute of shattered woodwork to the tide-washed sands 25 feet below.

Thirty-four persons, mostly women, were killed by the shivered timbers, or crushed to death by the falling bodies of companions and friends. Fifty more were seriously injured, while hysteria and fright caused the disabling of scores of others.

The victims were subjects, or former subjects of Great Britain, residents in southern California.

All of the seriously injured are residents of Los Angeles and vicinity. The Empire Day parade, the principal feature of the celebration in honor of the late Queen Victoria's birth anniversary, had just ended and the participants, with thousands of other visitors, were crowding up the steps of the pier and surging toward the auditorium, when the pier floor sagged. An instant later the supports gave way and the crack and groan of breaking timbers mingled with the shrieks and cries of the victims as all went down into a mass of broken wood and writhing human forms on the sand.

Virtually the entire landing of the pier was wrecked and a portion of the auditorium front fell.

Plans to Rebuild Party.

Washington.—Leaders of the Republican party laid preliminary plans for the congressional campaign of 1914 and the national political battle of two years later to regain control of congress and possession of the White House. As a result the Republican national committee will meet 60 days after adjournment of the extraordinary congress and an election is expected not later than year hence. Changes in the basis of representation in national conventions and reform of methods of party procedure, which have been subject to criticism, will be disposed of through these agencies.

### France to Borrow Large Sum.

Paris.—The draft of a bill authorizing the French government to borrow \$200,000,000 for twenty years in order to meet military expenses was submitted to the cabinet by Charles Dumont, minister of finance and approved. M. Dumont explained to his colleagues his plans for increasing the government's revenues by \$40,000,000 annually.

### Home For Confederate Veterans.

Washington.—Headed by Mrs. Geo. Dewey, wife of Admiral Dewey, women of the Southern Relief Association opened their new home for Confederate veterans in reception to the public was one of the features of the dedicatory exercises.

### Japanese Professor to California.

San Francisco.—Dr. Shigo Fuyuhito, professor of International law at the Imperial University at Kyoto, will leave Japan for California soon to analyze the anti-Japanese sentiment, according to a dispatch received by the Japanese American, a newspaper published here. He expects to remain in California six months.

### Nevada Strikes Mines and Sinks.

Smyrna.—The steamer Nevada, with 200 passengers on board, struck three mines in succession in the Gulf of Smyrna and sank. The mines were strewn on the coast waters by the Turks to prevent attack by the Greek fleet during the Balkan war. The Nevada was leaving the Gulf of Smyrna when a Russian steamer was coming in and to avoid a collision the first named vessel struck the channel. The Nevada struck three mines and each exploded. The last was followed by an explosion on the ship.

### Lewis Chairman of Labor Committee.

Washington.—Representative Lewis of Maryland was agreed upon by the house ways and means majority for the chairmanship of the committee on labor, Secretary of Labor Wilson, Representative Lewis, Secretary Frank Morrison, and other members of the American Federation of Labor had a conference at the Capitol at which the committee chairmanship was discussed. The ways and means majority was in session adjusting the committee personnel of the house.