

## 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.

Allen Fleming is suffering from a most unusual accident which happened to him. Passing a corner of a vacant lot in Athens, Ga., there was a sudden, blinding flash and explosion on the ground at his side and within a few feet from him. He threw out a hand and saved his face and eyes, but the arm was burned to a blister from the hand nearly to the shoulder. It was learned that two hours before school boys had placed a large charge of powder in a paper sack and had set fire to the paper to see the charge flash.

Looking to a reconciliation of differences now pertaining to the handling and shipping of the cotton crop of the near future, interests involved—bankers, cotton exporters, compress owners and rail and water transportation, company representatives—were in executive conference in Birmingham, Ala., with J. P. Doughty of Augusta, Ga., chairman of the general conference of cotton exporting interests, presiding.

The words, "guaranteed under the food and drugs act," on a label are no assurance that contents of a package are pure, according to Dr. Carl L. Alsborg, chief of the bureau of chemistry, who appeared before the Association of American Food and Drug Officials. Doctor Alsborg was speaking of the limitations of the federal bureau at Mobile, Ala., under the federal pure food law, appealing for closer co-operation between federal and state authorities, and for uniformity of laws of states based on the national laws.

When bystanders, their attention attracted by a stream of blood flowing from the conveyance, halted a patrol wagon in Dallas, Texas, it was found that the prisoner, a man believed to be M. Peyton of Muskogee, Okla., had slashed his throat with a razor. He died before reaching a hospital. The man had been arrested in response to a telegram from the prosecuting attorney at Muskogee, who alleged that he was wanted in that city charged with the embezzlement of \$1,000.

Lingering less than an hour after surgeons had extracted six bullets from his body, Eugene Watson, the negro desperado who stabbed and killed Deputy Sheriff Dave Yancey, in Atlanta, Ga., and later was shot almost to death when he took refuge from the police beneath a vacant house on Windsor street, near Woodward avenue, died at Grady hospital. Watson, beside having a long criminal record, was an escaped convict.

Dr. Guy V. Brinkley, a prominent young physician of Savannah, Ga., was killed by Mrs. Eugene H. Whisnant, who then turned her weapon on herself and fell dead across the body of Doctor Brinkley with a bullet in her brain. The young woman went to the office of Doctor Brinkley accompanied by a woman companion. Mrs. Whisnant and the doctor went into the private office, and the other woman remained in the outer office, leaving hastily when the shooting began.

#### General

The grand American gun tournament at Dayton, Ohio, was won by M. S. Hootman of Hicksville, Ohio.

The Australian federal premier, Rt. Hon. Andrew Fisher, and the cabinet have resigned as a result of the recent elections, in which the Liberals obtained a majority of one over the Labor party in the house.

It was semi-officially announced that former President Taft would preside over the great gathering of Confederate and Union veterans at the Gettysburg celebration. He is expected to deliver the principal oration on July 4. It was planned to have President Wilson preside, but it was announced a few days ago that he probably would not attend.

Charged with hitching his 12-year-old son, Frank, to a cultivator alongside a mule and working him in the field in a temperature of 120 degrees in the sun, John Friesmuth of La-Crosse, Wis., was sought on a warrant issued on complaint of the state humane office.

Bartow Cantrell, in jail at Gainesville, Ga., has confessed to the murder of Arthur Hawkins, near Belton, Hall county. He claimed that his brother, James Cantrell, offered him \$6 and a half interest in his still to slay Hawkins.

The money stringency is having its effect upon the stores of butter and eggs. Holdings of eggs in New York City now are short 350,000 cases, of 20 dozen to the case, of what they were a year ago.

Of the 700 members of the San Francisco Dish Washers' Union, 100 are college graduates.

Six deaths and numerous prostrations occurred at Philadelphia as the result of the excessive heat. The temperature reached within a fraction of 96 degrees, the highest point in two years.

The tragic story of how Ensign William D. Billingsley was hurled from a disabled biplane, 1,600 feet in the air, and fell, straight as a plummet, to his death in the depths of Chesapeake bay, was related by Lieut. John A. Towers of Rome, Ga., chief of the navy aviators, who clung to the hurling wreck that followed his comrade's course from sky to water, and escaped death, almost miraculously.

Fourteen American soldiers were killed in the recent four days' fighting on Jolo Island, the Philippines, when General Pershing's command finally subdued and disarmed the rebellious Moros, according to a report to the war department. On the list of dead were Capt. Taylor A. Nichols of the Philippine scouts, eleven scouts and two privates of the regular army.

An unexpected sequel to the recent burglary in the Berkeley hotel in Piedmont is the arrest of the night porter, Arthur James, charged with being concerned in stealing from the hotel safe \$35,000 and attempting to murder Gowers, the other night porter, in London, England. Movements of a big rat in the hotel dining room led to James' arrest. Employees of the hotel in hunting down the rat found its hole under the radiator and through it saw a gleam of gold.

For the first time in many years British cabinet ministers were compelled to defend their personal honesty before parliament. The attorney general, Sir Rufus Isaacs, and the chancellor of the exchequer, David Lloyd-George, excused their dealings in American Marconi shares on the floor of the house and the scene in the Marconi affair, which their enemies had attempted to magnify into a scandal rivaling the Panama debacle, was tense and dramatic.

An infernal machine sent by mail, when opened at Sherbrooke, Quebec, killed one woman and mortally wounded another. The woman killed was Mrs. Theodore Blodeau. Miss Blodeau, her sister-in-law, was hurt. The force of the explosion hurled the latter across the room and severed one arm. The house was wrecked. The package arrived about noon, and the two women were bending over it, untying the strings when it exploded. The police have no clue to the sender.

Six of the most prominent leaders of the militant suffragettes organization and one of their male supporters were found guilty of conspiracy to commit malicious damage to property in London, England. Greater interest was taken in the proceedings than in any previous stage of the trial. The courtroom was crowded. Women formed the majority of the audience. More details of the fierce fighting which resulted in the complete overthrow of the Moros on the island of Jolo in the Philippines, was continued in a delayed dispatch from Brigadier General Pershing of the American troops. General Pershing says this will probably end outlawry in Jolo for some time. The last crater stronghold was captured after hard fighting.

An epidemic of bubonic plague has broken out at the seaport of Jacmel, thirty miles from Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Numerous cases already have resulted fatally. Jacmel has been isolated from the rest of the country by a cordon of troops, and the government is taking energetic steps to prevent propagation of the disease.

Three men were killed and twenty-five prostrated, one seriously, by the heat at Cincinnati. The maximum on the government thermometer was 95 degrees. The government kiosk on the street level showed 104. No abatement of the heat was shown and the parks and playgrounds were crowded with sleepers.

#### Washington

President Wilson secured from a majority of the Democratic members of the house banking and currency committee expressions of harmony and acquiescence in the administration program of enacting a currency bill during the present session of congress.

Vigorous opposition from the new department of labor to the proposed arbitration and mediation act, prepared by the railroads and railroad brotherhoods for enactment by congress, was voiced when the measure was presented to a joint session of the house and senate interstate commerce committees. Secretary Wilson criticized the new measure as going beyond the necessities of the hour.

An additional exemption of \$500 for each child of a family in the income tax section of the tariff revision bill was determined upon by the senate finance subcommittee, of which Senator Williams is chairman, and the change will be recommended to the majority members of the committee. Having determined upon this important amendment, the subcommittee also is seriously considering recommending changing the \$4,000 exemption in the Underwood bill to \$3,000.

The "civil rights act" of 1875, held unconstitutional as to the states many years ago in a series of famous decisions, was declared by the Supreme court of the United States likewise null and void as to the territories, the District of Columbia, the navigable waters of the United States and the sea.

Without varying a dot from the principles laid down in the Minnesota rate cases, the Supreme court of the United States upheld state railroad rate legislation in Missouri, Arkansas, Oregon and West Virginia. This legislation included 2-cent passenger rates in Missouri, Arkansas and West Virginia; maximum freight rate laws in Missouri and Arkansas; and freight rates out of Portland in the Oregon cases. The only exception to the sweeping approval of state statutes was in the case of several weaker roads in Missouri. The Kentucky case was not decided.

## ANNUAL MEETING OF MEDICAL SOCIETY

ADDRESSES WERE DELIVERED BY  
DR. STUART McGUIRE AND DR.  
HODGES.

### ABOUT 350 WERE PRESENT

President Monroe's Address Was a  
Feature of the First Session of Society.—Dr. Anderson Responds to the Addresses of Welcome.

Raleigh.—A special from Morehead City stated that the Medical Society of North Carolina met in its 70th annual session in the Atlantic Hotel recently. Addresses of welcome were delivered by Mayor W. M. Webb and Dr. David S. George. Dr. Albert Anderson, superintendent of the state hospital at Raleigh, replied.

The president's address was delivered by Dr. J. P. Munroe. He dwelt largely on health matters and took occasion to make favorable mention of the splendid work of the Asheville health department and the energetic and efficient health officer, Dr. L. B. McBrayer, and recommended that other cities of the state follow the splendid methods in use in that city. He also spoke of the state institutions and said he desired to emphasize the remarks of his predecessor, Dr. A. A. Kent, in regard thereto; to-wit, that at these institutions should be conducted research work or else a special commission should be appointed to conduct research work in connection with all the state institutions or else the board of health should do it.

His report stated that through the efficient efforts of the secretary, Dr. John A. Ferrell, the membership of the society was the largest in its history, 1,100.

The house of delegates met with seventy-two counties represented, and organized and appointed its committees.

The afternoon session was given over to papers on physiology and hygiene. At the night session important addresses were given by Dr. Stuart McGuire, on hypothyroidism; Dr. J. Allison Hodges, on mental health; Dr. Witherbee, on X-ray in diagnosis of tuberculosis, and Mr. John E. Ray, superintendent of the state blind school on ophthalmic neauratomy.

#### Fourteen Postmasters Confirmed.

Fourteen North Carolina postmasters were confirmed by the senate including two who had been opposed in the postoffice department. A. H. Huss, of Cherryville, went through, as did S. S. Lockhart, of Wanesboro. Charges that Mr. Lockhart is deaf had been filed, but were successfully repudiated. The others were: E. T. McKelthan, Aberdeen; W. L. Ormond, Bessemer City; D. J. Kerr, Canton; Robert S. McRae, Chapel Hill; E. H. Avant, East Durham; H. B. Lambeth, Elon College; J. H. Lane, Leaksville; C. D. Osborne, Oxford; A. N. Bulla, Randleman; E. M. Sheffield, Spray, and G. W. Hill, Vineland.

#### North Charlotte Postoffice Robbed.

The safe in the North Charlotte postoffice was blown open by yeggmen and the burglars secured several thousands of stamps but very little money. Mr. W. V. Hall, the postmaster, was awakened and told of the affair. When seen on his way to the office to investigate the robbery he stated that the yeggmen secured very little cash there being less than \$25 in the safe. He said that there was between 15,000 and 25,000 stamps in the safe.

#### Must Also Contribute to County.

Drug stores selling spirituous and malt liquors, in addition to the \$200 required by the city ordinance, will have to contribute to the Wake county fund to the extent of \$50. The county commissioners in session made such entry on its record, and if figures are stubborn things drug stores in the city handling the "real thing" will have to pay an annual tax of \$250 for the privilege.

#### Crops in Durham County Good.

The farmers in Durham county who have cut their wheat report that the yield this year is the best they have had in years. While the crop that was planted was not so large as it has been in other years, the yield will all probably be larger. The wheat came up very finely, and all of it headed out well. Most of the farmers have completed cutting their wheat, and are now devoting their energies to their other crops. The tobacco in Durham county is looking finer than ever for this time of the year.

#### Fight For Hickory Postoffice.

Much interest is being taken here in the fight for the postoffice. Representative Webb mailed hundreds of letters to the citizens of the city asking them to help him in making a selection by writing to him personally and naming their first and second choices. The letter states that he wishes this done in order that he may make a selection that will meet with the approval of the majority of the patrons. A large number have written him personal letters endorsing their respective friends.

## WANT A SPECIAL SESSION

Petition to Get Signatures of Those Who Would Ask the Governor For an Extra Session.

Charlotte.—President Fred N. Tate, of the Just Freight Rate Association has forwarded to Mr. W. C. Dowd a copy of the petition to be circulated in this and other counties for the purpose of obtaining signatures of those who would ask the governor of the state to call a special session of the legislature at the earliest practicable moment for the purpose of taking such action as is deemed wise and expedient in the adjustment of the discriminatory rates of the railroads doing business in this state. The petition in part is as follows:

"To His Excellency, Locke Craig, Governor of State, Raleigh, N. C. "We, the undersigned citizens of the state of North Carolina, feeling as we do the great injustice and burdens resting upon our commonwealth by reason of the unjust and discriminatory freight rates as applied by the several railroads doing business in our state and believing in the sovereign right of the people to a voice in the adequate adjustment of our grievances, through legislative enactment if necessary, respectfully petition your excellency to call a special session of the legislature to meet at Raleigh at the earliest practicable date for the purpose of taking such action as may seem wise and expedient."

#### Wake County Tax Settlement.

The county commissioners in session acknowledged full settlement of taxes for the year 1912 as collected by Sheriff J. H. Sears. The settlement met the debt side of the tax books and had a margin to the good. The sheriff was charged with \$318,487.23 and he turned in \$318,600.48. The settlement according to the distribution of various sources were as follows: Schools, \$60,519.65; county, \$47,866.78; roads, \$63,371.42; special school tax, Raleigh, \$48,863.68; school bonds, Raleigh, \$2,620.70; railway bonds, Raleigh, \$1,310.14; school bonds, Wake, \$1,407.58; school bonds, Wendell, \$1,041.56; special school tax outside Raleigh, \$18,263.63; dog tax, \$3,230.84; special road tax, \$3,365.72; total, \$248,861.70. State taxes, \$60,444.31; commissions on county and special, \$7,421.40, and on state taxes, \$1,864.07; total, \$9,285.47. Total, \$318,591.41. Allowance to sheriff for making state settlement, \$9, making a total of \$318,600.48.

#### Recommends Minimum Term.

A constitutional minimum term of six months for every public school in North Carolina and a provision for a state board of education are the two outstanding recommendations agreed upon by the legislative committee of the Teachers' Assembly in session recently in the office of Dr. J. Y. Joyner, superintendent of public instruction. Accordingly these two recommendations will be advocated before the sub-committee of the constitutional committee on amendments. These measures, if passage is secured, will amend article 9 of the state constitution relating to education. These recommendations were to have been urged before the committee on amendments several days ago but due perhaps to a confusion of dates for the members failed to put in their appearance. However, when the commission assemblies in session these recommendations will be pressed unrelentingly.

#### Four Judges and Three Solicitors.

The approaching limit of time for issuing the commissions to the newly appointed judges and solicitors in North Carolina, gave cause for haste in Governor Craig's office recently, and the formal papers are being prepared. Hence four new judges and three solicitors will receive official notification that they are fully authorized to don their official robes and assume the responsibilities of judge and solicitorship. The new appointees as judges to receive their commissions are: George W. Connor, of Wilson; George Rountree, of Wilmington; T. J. Shaw, of Greensboro. The three solicitors to receive commissions are H. L. Lyon, of Whiteville; T. M. Newland, of Lenoir, and John C. Bower, of Lexington. The fourth solicitor has not been named.

#### Convicted of Criminal Libel.

On the charge of criminal libel, W. O. Saunders, editor of the Independent, published in Elizabeth City, was fined \$150 and costs by Assistant Recorder Thomas S. Long, before whom the case was tried recently. Saunders noted an appeal to a higher court. The charge was that the defendant had published false and libelous statements in his paper against E. F. Ayldett of Elizabeth City. The state was represented by Ward and Grimes, A. D. McLean and W. C. Rodman of Washington.

#### To Study Von Ruck Vaccine.

Dr. George Blaine Crow, of the medical department of the United States navy, has arrived in Asheville and will spend between six months and one year in this city making a thorough study of the Von Ruck preventive vaccine against tuberculosis. Dr. Crow has leased a house and is prepared to stay until he has thoroughly mastered the use of the vaccine and has demonstrated its value. Dr. Crow is the second member of the medical corps to visit Asheville for this purpose.

## NEWS FROM CAPITAL

### JUDGE MONTGOMERY TO GETTYSBURG TO OUTLINE CAROLINA TROOPS' POSITION.

### CRAIG HONORS REQUISITION

State Treasurer Lacy Sends Official Notices to All Sheriffs of State.—Commissioner Young Issues Checks to 50 Fire-Fighting Companies.

Raleigh.—Former Judge W. A. Montgomery as chairman of the commission for placing suitable markers at the "furthest to the front" positions occupied by the North Carolina troops on the Gettysburg battlefield has taken up the work of officially outlining the positions according to the best authorities on the matter.

He will be joined within a few days by Secretary R. D. W. Connor of the State Historical Commission, President D. H. Hill of the A. & M. College, also a member of the historical commission and W. F. Utley, member of the Gettysburg commission as recently named by Governor Craig.

Governor Craig honored a requisition from the governor of South Carolina for F. A. Landis, who is charged with getting goods under false pretenses in that he secured through misrepresentation 250 tons of fertilizers valued at \$5,000. The South Carolina authorities represent to the governor that they have located Landis in this state and ready to extradite him.

State Treasurer Lacy is sending to all the sheriffs of the state official notices that the sheriffs will be expected to give special attention to the enforcement of Section 72 of the revenue act and see to it that no agents of automobile companies are permitted to sell machines in this state unless the manufacturers of the machines offered, have paid the \$500 annual license and the agent has a duplicate of the license in his possession.

State Commissioner of Insurance Young is issuing the checks to 50 fire fighting companies in as many towns of the state for their portion of the firemen's relief fund derived from a special tax on the insurance companies. It amounts this year to \$871.

#### Appointment Officers.

Raleigh.—Announcement is made at headquarters of the North Carolina National Guard here of the appointment of Major J. Leigh Skinner of Raleigh and Major R. G. Gladstone of Reidsville as range officers on the National Guard target matches at Camp Perry, O., the period of their service being from August 12 to September 10. These appointments come as a recognition of the exceptional capability of these officers for this sort of expert service. The matches at Camp Perry are both national and international in their scope.

#### \$1,000 A Month For Roads.

Elizabeth City.—The treasurer's report shows that Pasquotank county spent last year on the public roads the sum of \$1,904, or a thousand dollars per month. The roads are worked by the convict system and the convicts are supplied from the counties of north-eastern North Carolina to the Pasquotank county chaingangs, and this chaingang is maintained by taxation. Pasquotank county has good roads, as good as can be constructed out of the material at hand, there being little or no clay in the county.

#### In Interest of Corn Clubs.

Charlotte.—Mr. A. K. Robertson, assistant on boys' corn club work in the state department of agriculture, is spending a week in the county, in the interest of the corn club organizations of the county. He will visit the various points in the county where clubs have already been organized and will seek to organize clubs in other parts of the county. Mecklenburg county, according to the official figures, already leads all counties in the state in the number of boys enrolled in corn clubs, Robeson county coming second.

#### May Ask Help From City.

Charlotte.—A debate as to whether or not the city should pay a total of \$238 for expense incurred by the Mecklenburg Drainage Commission while at work on the creek west of the city occupied most of the session of the executive board held in the mayor's office. Of this amount \$22.40 was in connection with the sewer department and payment was favored by Col. W. W. Phifer, chairman of the sewer committee. The balance represented expenses of the removal of a bridge.

#### Expects Some Sort of Move.

Washington.—Some sort of a move is expected shortly in the appointment of John Oliver as postmaster at Reidsville. As stated several days ago, the postoffice department has reached the point where it will take no further action in the matter until Senator Simmons and Congressman Stedman reach some agreement in the matter. Major Stedman has recommended the appointment of Oliver, and Senator Simmons has asked the postoffice department to hold up his nomination.

## FROM THE TAR HEEL STATE

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

Charlotte.—By unanimous vote the Southeastern District Aerie of Eagles in session at Jacksonville, Fla., accepted Charlotte's invitation to hold the 1914 meeting in this city.

Washington.—The sheriff made an important raid recently and found another violator of the state liquor law in the person of Dick Johnson, who lives about six or seven miles out in the country, at Beaver Dam.

Raleigh.—Wake county's court house become sordid when the county commissioners awarded to P. Thornton Mayre of Atlanta, and F. B. Simpson, of Raleigh, the architectural contracts.

Charlotte.—The steel has been ordered and just as soon as it arrives in the city, the work will actively begin in repairing and otherwise improving the mammoth car barn of the Charlotte Electric Railway Company that was burned several days ago.

Laurinburg.—In a communication from Washington the information comes that Mr. William M. McKenzie of the Mason Cross section of Scotland county has been recommended to the director of the census for the position of cotton statistician for this county.

Washington.—The meeting of the national forest reserve commission to decide upon the purchase of the Vanderbilt tract at Biltmore was postponed owing to the absence of the secretary of agriculture. A meeting will be held next week and it is expected that 80,000 acres of this land will then be acquired.

Kinston.—Capt. A. L. C. Hill, of this city has been appointed by Col. Wiley C. Rodman, commanding the Second North Carolina infantry, to be regimental quartermaster on his staff. The office carries the rank of captain. Captain Hill stands high in militia circles in North Carolina, and has had excellent mention for his capability.

Salisbury.—J. Frank Miller, who for a number of years was chief of police in Salisbury has been given an appointment in the revenue service under Deputy Sams at Asheville. He made a fine municipal officer and will make good in the revenue service which he will enter in a few days.

Elizabeth City.—Col. Witt and Mr. Kerr, officials of the Norfolk-Southern Railroad, held a conference here with Messrs. E. E. Ayldett, E. F. Lamb and J. B. Leigh, a committee appointed by the Just Freight Rate Association some time ago, in regard to the passenger schedules which the Norfolk Southern is operating.

Asheville.—When asked as to his stand in the case of J. R. Swann, who is a candidate for the office of postmaster at Marshall, Gov. Craig refused to make a statement as to whether or not he had withdrawn his opposition to Swann. He stated that he had nothing to do with the case and does not want to be drawn into the controversy.

Winston-Salem.—Forty-five out of the sixty-three applicants for license to practice dentistry in this state, who took the examination before the state board of dental examiners in this city, passed successfully according to a list of the successful applicants received here from Dr. F. L. Hunt, of Asheville, secretary of the state board.

Durham.—The trial of Beamon Smith and Henry Goss on the charge of engaging in "white slavery" was postponed at the request of the state one of the defendants not being in court. Beamon Smith skipped out and was caught in Raleigh. The charge is that they induced a fourteen-year-old girl to become their victim under circumstances that make the case a rather aggravated one.

Asheville.—Members of the Asheville branch of the North Carolina Pharmaceutical Association are preparing to launch a fight for a 10-hour maximum day for drug clerks in this state. The question was discussed at length at a meeting of the registered drug clerks of this city, and it was argued that a drug clerk, perhaps more than any other professional man has the lives of the people in his hands all the time.

Salisbury.—Dr. Robert S. Young, aged 50 years, of Concord, one of the most prominent physicians of North Carolina died suddenly in his auto at Landis, near Salisbury. He was being hurried from Concord to Salisbury for treatment and the end came en route.

Spencer.—Acting upon information that a shipment of liquor had reached the depot at Spencer, Sheriff J. H. McKenzie and Deputy James Krier seized fifteen gallons of whiskey in the office of the Southern Express Co. here. The shipment was addressed to John Carr and others.

Sharpsburg.—Near "Nollies" cross roads, at a barbecue, the colored people were having, Ned Harris, Wiley Cobb and John Battle, all young negroes, engaged in a shooting affray which resulted in Ned Harris shooting the Cobb and Battle negroes three times each.

Washington.—A ten-inch shell, taken from the battleship Maine arrived in the city recently. The shell was sent here by Congressman John H. Small. Application for the shell was made about a year ago. The shell weighs about four hundred pounds and stands about two feet high.

## HARMONIOUS WORK ON TARIFF MEASURE

THE FIRST DAY OF CAUCUS GOES  
BY WITH PRACTICALLY NO  
CHANGES MADE.

### THE CRITICISMS ARE LIMITED

There Has Been No Effort As Yet To Assent Binding Authorities of Party Upon the Individual Senators.

Other Work Done.

Washington.—The Underwood-Simmons tariff revision bill, as agreed upon by the Democrats of the senate committee went through a full day's session of the senate Democratic caucus with practically no change and with harmonious support for most of the alterations of the finance committee members had made in the original Underwood bill.

The tariff duties on chemicals, oils, and paints; on earthenware and glassware and on two thirds of the articles comprised in the metal and machinery schedule, had been disposed of when the caucus adjourned for the day. Democratic members of the finance committee met to finish redrafting the income tax section of the bill. The important changes to be made in this provision, reducing the exempted income from \$4,000 to \$3,000, probably will be completed within a few days and the income tax and administrative features of the bill then will be turned over to the caucus for consideration.

Criticism of the tariff bill in the party conference was limited to a few specific rates and a half dozen of the items were sent back to the finance committee for further investigation and report. The committee's report putting cement on the free list was sustained after some debate. The proposed duties on flaring arc light carbons; on stained glass and on field glasses, optical and surgical instruments and photographic lenses came in for criticism and were referred back to the Democrats of the finance committee.

Cheap automobiles as necessities of business and farming life were the object of much of the "debate."

#### Currency Reform Methods Outlined.

New York.—Methods which should be pursued in reforming the currency system of the country, according to the views of the American Bankers' Association, were outlined in a detailed statement issued by the currency commission of that organization. The statement which answers 33 questions formulated by a subcommittee of the committee on banking and currency of the United States senate which was prepared by the committee which recently conferred at Atlantic City. The commission endorsed the currency plan endorsed by the National Monetary Commission of which Senator Aldrich of Rhode Island was chairman.

#### Federals Drive From City.

Nogales, Ariz.—Reports were that the constitutionalists had driven general Ojeda and his 4,000 federals back from Ortiz to Santa Rosa, some miles nearer his base, Guaymas, and later had cut him from his supplies. Without water, and with but scant rations, the federal commander was reported to be in a desperate condition. Fifteen hundred rebels and Colonel Alvaredo have gained Ojeda's quarters, according to reports to the Mexican consul here.

#### Will of Morgan Held as Example.

Pittsburg.—Daniels S. Remsen, of the New York bar, an authority on the post-mortem administration of wealth, told the members of the Pennsylvania Bankers' Association that the wills of the late Edward H. Harriman, Albert C. Bostwick, Charles T. Yerkes, Henry B. Plant, Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy, Robert Mather and other prominent persons he mentioned were unsafe models to follow. As a type of the "safe and sound" will he cited the will of J. Pierpont Morgan.

#### Has Increased Machinery Purchase.

Washington.—South America has been increasing its machinery purchases from the United States more rapidly during the last few years than any other part of the world as shown by figures prepared by the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce. This increase has amounted during the last decade to 450 per cent whereas the entire world growth of machinery export has been only 177 per cent. The machinery shipped from America in 1902 amounted to only \$5,000,000.

#### A Fight For Freight Rates.

Washington.—An inquiry will be made by the interstate commerce commission of its own initiative on the application of the railroads east of the Mississippi and north of the Ohio and Potomac rivers for permission to advance freight rates, both class and commodity. An order was issued by the commission denying the application of the 52 eastern lines to reopen the old advance rate case. No 3,400, which was a proceeding looking to the increase of class freight rates.