

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.

The heat wave under which the Southwest has sweltered the last few days pushed the mercury to 97 degrees in Atlanta, Ga., making a record for the year. The minimum through the day was 76 degrees, higher than it has been this year. Reports from points throughout the south Atlantic states indicated intense heat from Virginia to Florida. The highest temperatures were recorded in Georgia towns. No deaths were reported. Charleston, S. C., fell behind other southern towns with a maximum temperature of only 89 degrees.

Pinned beneath an overturned locomotive, Huston Fleming, an engineer, put an end to his torture by cutting his own throat when spectators of his plight refused his request to kill him. Fleming, with Floyd Hamlin, an air inspector, was testing a new locomotive in the Louisville and Nashville yards at Decatur, Ala., when it was hurled from the tracks by a switch engine and overturned.

T. Sambola Jones of Louisiana, commissioner-at-large from the United States of the Panama-Pacific exposition to be held at San Francisco, Cal., in 1915, addressed the general assembly of Georgia extolling the merits of the great exposition and of the Panama canal and urging that a proper showing be made by the state.

New rules requiring cotton bales for export to be of uniform size and condition are said to have preyed on the mind of Joseph Settegast so that he committed suicide at Augusta, Ga. He was found in his bed with a bullet hole in his right temple. He grasped a revolver in his right hand. The new rules regulating bales would have forced him to change his methods to such an extent as to cause him big financial loss.

The first scouting party sent out from Georgia by the United States government department to meet and study the deranged approaching cotton boll weevil, make a study of him so that he can be identified, and learn how the people of Mississippi and Louisiana are handling the situation this insect enemy to cotton is creating, will be projected from Athens, Ga.

For the murder on May of Aaron Campbell, his youthful son-in-law, and J. H. Campbell, the father of Aaron, at Bishopville, Lee county, South Carolina, with a shotgun, M. L. Garrett went to his death in the electric chair at the state penitentiary at Columbia. Garrett was surrounded by bloodhounds and with his daughter, whom he forced to accompany him to the swamps, was saved from lynching by the sheriff, eluding a mob by the quick use of an automobile. The man requested prison officials to kill him quickly.

General

A party of United States marines and sailors from the reserve fleet, most of the sailors wearing the name bands of the cruisers Colorado and California, started to "clean up the town," as they expressed it, by attacking the Socialist and Industrial Workers of the World headquarters in Seattle, Wash. A second party of men from the Pacific reserve fleet attacked the big industrial workers' headquarters in the southern part of the city. The contents of the buildings were dragged into the street and a bonfire made of them. A provost guard of fifty men was hurried ashore in cutters to arrest all the men ashore.

Dr. Paul S. Reinsch, professor of political economy in the University of Wisconsin, has been selected for minister to China. Doctor Reinsch is a writer of recognized authority on Oriental topics and far Eastern politics. His works on those subjects have been translated into Japanese, Chinese, Spanish and German. Doctor Reinsch was born in Milwaukee in 1869, was educated in Berlin, Rome and Paris and began his college career in the University of Wisconsin in 1899.

Miss Inez Milholland, the New York suffragist, was married in London to Eugene Boissevain, a wealthy Dutchman, whose home is in Amsterdam. Inez Milholland is the daughter of John Milholland, a wealthy New York lawyer, and is herself a practicing lawyer with offices in the financial district, New York. She has been prominent in woman's suffrage work since her graduation from Vassar. She has appeared in her professional capacity in legal cases affecting the condition of working girls.

A plot to assassinate President Huerta, General Felix Dias and General Blanquet, the war minister, has been frustrated by the arrest of one deputy and ten others of prominence. It is said the intention was to use bombs at some opportune moment when these officials were driving through the streets. Documents were found on the prisoners identifying them as supporters of Zapata and setting forth an outline of the plot. Several of the prisoners have confessed in a building somewhat remotely located they had practiced the throwing of bombs, studying the effect.

Four thousand rebels from Nan King (province of Kiang-Sue, China) who had crossed the Yang-Tuo-Kiang, to attack the northerners, met defeat at the hands of 2,000 loyal troops near Suchofu, in the northwestern part of Kiang-Su province, a short distance across the northern border of Anhwei province. Doctor Sun Yat Sen, former provisional president of the republic, finally has taken sides in the revolt by openly proceeding to Nanking, where the southerners are much disheartened by their defeat.

Both Turkey and Roumania are rapidly pushing the occupation of as much Bulgarian territory as possible, not ostensibly with a view to permanent occupation, but in order to procure for themselves a weightier voice in the final settlement. King Charles of Roumania has gone to join his army headquarters.

In response to appeals from the inhabitants who reside along Duck Creek, Ohio, covering an area of from 15 to 30 miles, a carload of provisions was sent from Marietta, Ohio. Hundreds of persons are homeless in the Duck creek valley. According to information received, about one hundred homes were washed away following the cloudburst and heavy rains. The streams are all receding now.

Richard Allen, aged 58, said to be a prosperous farmer of New Madrid, Mo., is in jail at Louisville, Ky., and will resume his journey to the state penitentiary at Frankfort to serve a two-year sentence pronounced upon him twenty-six years ago for killing Deputy Sheriff Charles Tucker at Liberty, Ky. After his conviction twenty-six years ago, Allen escaped from the jail at Liberty and had not been heard from until recognized recently in Missouri by relatives of Tucker.

Accused of buying pretty Anna Gorzo, 16 years old, from her mother for \$30 and then shipping her to Phillipsburg, N. J., Henry Herzog and Paul Boy were arrested charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor. Mrs. Margaret Gorzo, the mother, asserted that the men who boarded at her home so poisoned her mind against Anna that she was willing to sell the girl. Later Mrs. Gorzo repented and went to the police with her story.

Henry A. Agena, an ordinary seaman, was fatally scalded and James Leary, a first class electrician, was badly injured when a steam valve blew out in the dynamo room of the battleship Nebraska in the dry dock at the Charleston navy yard, Boston. Agena was working as an electrician's helper with Leary when the accident occurred and was immediately removed to the United States naval hospital at Chelsea. He died later.

Washington

President Wilson ended a lot of speculation by sending to the senate the name of Joseph S. Davis of Albany, Georgia, as marshal for the southern district of Georgia. Ever since Senator Bacon announced the selection of Mr. Davis for this place there had been very positive predictions that he would never be accepted by the department of justice or the president.

A large number of nominations of consular officers will be transmitted to the senate soon. The list will include many of the names contained in the slate which failed of confirmation at the close of the Taft administration. It is said this list will be the first demonstration of the purpose of President Wilson to continue the application of civil service principles in the consular service, as many of the officers named for promotion are either Republicans or of unknown political affiliations.

The American reply to the last two Japanese notes on the California alien land law was delivered by Secretary Bryan to Ambassador Chinda, who at once cabled it to Tokio. As in the case of the preceding notes, contents of the latest one were withheld from publication. There is some expectation in official circles that the delivery of this last note will conclude the negotiations on this subject between the two countries, for the present at least, if not altogether. The result has been reached through the exchange of five notes, negotiations beginning May 8, last.

Administration officials at Washington admitted that the situation in Mexico and diplomatic inquiries over Europe as to what the attitude of this country would be toward its neighbor on the south were engaging their deepest attention. Secretary Bryan had a conference with President Wilson and the foremost subject before them was the Mexican problem. Earlier at had been discussed at length at the cabinet meeting. It is stated that European diplomats stationed in Mexico have sent to their respective governments identical notes in which the United States' position is declared.

Representatives of the 80,000 conductors and trainmen of Eastern railroads who have voted to strike for higher wages and managing officers of the railroads agreed at the white house in Washington to submit their differences to arbitration under the provisions of the Newlands-Clayton act which President Wilson and congressional leaders promised to make law.

After a ten-year contest the government has granted permission for automobiles to enter Yellowstone National park, and army officers are now working to widen the approaches to the "loop," which constitutes the main thoroughfare through the park. As the work is being done under the direction of the war department, Secretary Garrison will visit the park in connection with his forthcoming trip of inspection of Western army posts. The approach which are to be widened are those leading to the "loop" from the south, to east and west. Thus ends a long-drawn-out controversy.

NO VETO POWER FOR GOVERNOR

LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION KILLS
PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO
CONSTITUTION.

ARE FOR SPECIAL TAXES

Governor Craig Pleads For Property
Segregation For Government Revenue.—Clark Urges Initiative.—Other Work Being Done by Committee.

Raleigh.—In session several days ago the legislative commission on constitutional amendments passed on final reading, ready for favorable recommendation to the legislature, proposal No. 2, relieving the general assembly of consideration of local, private and special acts; No. 9, on revenue and taxation, including requirement that poll tax "shall" and not "may" be levied; proposal No. 14, as to judges and courts, with the bar association amendment that the legislature may provide for emergency judges, proposal No. 17, making possible establishment of one or more appellate courts, and defeated proposal No. 5, to give the governor veto power.

This leaves 10 proposals remaining to be passed upon on final reading. Governor Craig, it was stated on the floor, has asked the commission to have its report completed for him as soon as possible and the commission will work to this end.

It is understood that the governor has in mind the possible early issuance of a call for the legislature to meet in special session in compliance with the act creating the amendment commission.

The commission first took up proposal No. 5 as to veto power for the governor and defeated it 9 to 7, after a lengthy discussion. Senator Ward favored some form of veto power, but was convinced that the commission should vote down half or two-thirds of the 14 proposals that have thus far passed second reading, this more especially because a multiplicity of proposals submitted to the general assembly and the people at the polls would tend to complicate matters and endanger the final ratification of even the most important such as the proposals to ratify reform.

Cannot Be Charged With Arson.

J. C. Holly, who has been held in jail since his acquittal on a charge of murder to answer to a charge of arson, will not again be tried for a capital offense growing out of the old Rock Springs hotel affair. Judge Rountree in superior court held that arson is the setting fire to the dwelling of another, while Holly was charged with burning his own property, constituting only a misdemeanor. It was suggested that a new bill be drawn charging house burning to get insurance, and that this be sent to the grand jury. This was done.

The first two weeks' of the campaign for the eradication of hookworm disease in Cabarrus county produced encouraging results. Doctor Jacobus and his microscopist, Mr. Riddick, have held two dispensaries at Rimer, Kannapolis, Mount Pleasant, Flowers Store and Concord. There have been 1,166 examinations, with 150 infections. Encouragement has come to the directors because of the enthusiastic advertising done by patrons and visitors.

Gain in Durham County.

In going over the lists of the taxes made for the new year, the county commissioners found that there has been a net gain of \$295,462 in the county. In Durham township the tax values for the year amounts to \$19,891,549. There has been a decrease in three of the outside townships and a gain in two of them. Cedar Fork shows the biggest gain, there being something like \$10,000 gain in the personal property of this township.

Governor Grants Pardon.

Governor Craig pardoned Robert Lee, of Johnston county, who was serving five years for attempted criminal assault. Governor Craig gives these reasons: "It is recommended by the judge, solicitor and many good citizens. It seems that the character of the prosecutrix since the trial 'developed' to be very bad. The solicitor states to me that in his opinion the defendant should not be punished by imprisonment, upon testimony of this woman. Defendant has served about three years in prison."

Fix Iredell County Tax Levy.

At a meeting of the Iredell county board of commissioners recently the tax levy for this year was fixed as follows: State tax 25 cents, general county, 20; schools, 27; roads, 25; all special, 5; total, \$1.02, an increase of nine cents over last year. The increase is seven cents for schools and two cents for roads. The increase in the school tax is made necessary by the state law for a six-months' term. The increase in the road tax brings it back to the same figure it was up to two years ago.

THE CONDITION OF FORESTS

In North Carolina.—Co-operative Study to Be Made by the National Forest Service.

Raleigh.—A special from Washington states that a co-operative study of forest conditions in the Eastern Piedmont region of North Carolina is to be made as the result of an agreement just reached by the state and Secretary Houston. The National Forest Service and the State Geological and Economic Survey will do the work, each paying half the cost.

The study will determine the distribution and proportion of forest lands and the relative value of lands for timber and for agriculture. It will take into account the present status of lumbering, the causes and effects of forest fires, and will recommend a system of fire protection and of forest planting.

The study just arranged supplements two already completed in the more mountainous regions of the state. The first, a study of forest conditions in the Appalachians, has been published as a state report. A study of the forests of the western Piedmont region was completed recently and the results are being prepared for publication. When the study of the eastern Piedmont region is finished it is planned to proceed to a similar study of the coastal plain region, so that eventually the entire state will be covered by a forest survey.

North Carolina New Enterprises.

New firms chartered to do business by the secretary of state were the following: The Reedy Fork Roller Mills Company, of Brown Summit, Guilford county, to operate a flour and grist mill, with a capital stock of \$50,000, with \$600 subscribed. The subscribers are: J. L. Haynes, C. A. Bray and J. P. Sanders, of Greensboro. The First National Taxi-Typewriter Company amended its charter so as to change its principal office from Greensboro to Wilmington. The Model Mill Company, of Altopass, Mitchell county, amends its charter so as to provide for issuance of \$50,000 preferred stock in addition to the \$50,000 capital stock. The board of directors of the Charlotte Medical Journal Company, of Charlotte, changes its charter so as to provide for the creation of 2,800 preferred stock. The location of the principal office of the Virginia-Carolina Lumber Company is transferred from Elizabethtown, in Bladen county, to Greensboro.

Will Move Case To Another County.

Out of a special venire of 75 men not a single one could qualify as a juror in the case of the State vs. Nancy Kurley, charged with the murder of her grandchild, Roberta Putnam, last February and in consequence Judge Garland S. Ferguson, who is presiding over this term of Haywood superior court, ordered the case moved to Swain county where it will be tried at the first term. The Kurley woman left the home with the child, presumably to take it to the county home. It is alleged that she placed it in a hole in a cliff and left it to die from starvation and exposure.

Just Freight Rate Association.

At a meeting of citizens held in Commercial Club rooms, Statesville, the Iredell Just Freight Rate Association was organized. The organization followed addresses by Hubert Ramseur of the North Carolina Just Freight Rate Association, Mr. E. Morrison and others. The local association is a branch of the state association. Mr. E. Morrison was elected president, Mr. W. B. Gibson vice-president, Mr. W. L. Gilbert secretary and treasurer, Messrs G. E. French and R. L. Poston, members of the executive committee.

Many Candidates For Mebane.

Representative Stedman has received application and endorsements from nine candidates for the office of postmaster at Mebane. There may be others. Those so far entered are P. M. Cheek, H. E. Wilkinson, W. S. Davis, E. Y. Ferrell, James T. Isley, William Satterfield, George E. Holt, J. A. Vincent and James T. Dick. J. A. Spence, of Asheboro called on Representative Page in the interest of E. L. Auman, candidate for postmaster.

Fogleman Released on Bond.

John E. Fogleman, the young white man who was convicted at the last term of court of second degree murder and was sentenced to 30-years imprisonment by Judge R. B. Peoples, was released from jail. He was convicted of the murder of W. H. Tucker. His bond of \$5,000 in the murder case was made by D. E. Thomas and W. S. Shaffer and C. B. Wilkerson stood security for a bond of \$2,500 required for his appearance for trial on a number of retailing cases.

A Troublesome Question Decided.

A rather troublesome question of patronage was decided when Ernest L. Auman was recommended by Representative Page as postmaster at Asheboro. Although the office is a third class one, it now pays \$1,900 with an allowance for clerk hire and not a few of Mr. Page's constituents had designs on the job. The contest recently narrowed down to Mr. Auman, Frank McDowell and Hal M. Worth. The friends of the candidates went to no little trouble to get endorsements for their favorites.

NEAR ITS SOLUTION

RAILROADS AND STATE OFFICIALS HAVE ALMOST REACHED AGREEMENT.

NO FIGHT IS EXPECTED

The Conference to Be Held at Old Point Comfort, Va., in the Near Future Will End Controversy It Is Thought.

Raleigh.—Further progress was made by railroad officials, the corporation commission and Governor Craig in an effort to reach an amicable settlement of freight rate discrimination against North Carolina shippers and the corporation commission and traffic managers will work out a joint schedule for final agreement in conference at Old Point Comfort in the near future.

The council of state participated in the conference, which was a sequel to the three conferences held recently between the railroad officials and corporation commission. Gov. Craig and members of the council of state, as well as the commission are much pleased with the progress made, and all are much more hopeful of early settlement without a legislative fight. Presidents and others of the highest officials of the railroad were here for the conference which was held behind closed doors.

Governor Craig made a five-minute talk, opening the conference, in which he reiterated the position of the state in expecting complete relief from discriminations and his determination to exhaust the resources of the executive department in an effort to obtain relief.

Chairman Travis of the corporation commission reviewed recent efforts at agreement and the demands made in the interest of Carolina shippers making it clear that nothing less than 25 per cent reduction of present rates, these reductions to apply to the most generally-handled classes of freight, could be seriously considered by the state authorities.

There was a response to these statements by General Counsel Thoms of the Southern Railway, in which he presented the matter from the viewpoint of the railroad companies.

One Brother Shoots Another.

Wilmington.—Following a general disturbance which he is said to have made at the home of his brother, on Wrightsville Sound, Archie Hanby was fired upon by Louis Hanby and wounded in the calf of his leg. Three shots were fired; but one took effect and that only slightly. Louis Hanby surrendered to Justice Harris and was recognized for his appearance. The brothers are prominent citizens of the section. It is claimed there has been a controversy between them with reference to the division of their father's estate.

Must Leave State if Released.

Asheville.—Upon a promise that he would leave the state of North Carolina and would never return to this state, Albert Hastings, a resident of Ohio, who has been spending several weeks at Black Mountain for his health, was released from serious charges instituted against him, by Superior Court Judge Frank Carter several days ago. Hastings was arrested on a warrant sworn out against him and has been held in the county jail without bond since that time.

Stacy Has Instituted Suit.

Wilmington.—W. P. Stacy, receiver of the States Trust Company, instituted suit in superior court here against the Merchants National Bank of Raleigh for \$1,500, which it is alleged the Raleigh institution agreed to lend to the company for which Mr. Stacy is receiver, but after receiving the note, properly executed with \$4,000 collateral attached, refused to make the loan and is holding the collateral to apply to an overdraft of \$251, declining to return it on demand.

Inspection of Sand-Clay Roads.

Fayetteville.—On a tour of inspection of the sand-clay roads of this part of the state, 15 Goldsboro business and professional men, trustees of the Wayne County Good Roads Association, rode into Fayetteville recently, spent the night here and left the next morning for Jackson Springs by way of Relford. These men are interested in road-building in their own county and are making a special study of the sand-clay roads, used so much in this section, notably in Moore county.

Board of Equalization.

Greensboro.—The Guilford county board of equalization of taxation assessments met recently to hear the complaints regarding the assessment. Only one complaint was made by property owners and that was about a small matter. The board heard several reports from list-takers about property they thought assessed at too low a rate. The biggest increased assessment made was the adding of \$10,000 to the valuations of the merchandise of the Beeson Hardware Company of High Point.

LAND OF THE LONG LEAF PINE

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

Washington.—Downingsville and Whitelake, both in Bladen county, be discontinued as post offices July 31. Brodie, Warren county, will suffer the same fate.

Newton.—Thomas Edwards has sold five hundred dozen ears of corn from one and one-quarter acre of land. He will have 300 dozen more from the same field. At fifteen cents per dozen this amounts to \$120.

Raleigh.—The North Carolina Historical committee has received from Maj. E. J. Hale of Fayetteville a complete file of the Fayetteville Observer from 1825 to 1864. Major Hale's father having been editor during a portion of this period.

High Point.—Guy McCullum, colored, is dead as a result of being struck by a motor cycle ridden by J. K. Greer. Greer was riding along the road from High Point to Jamestown, near the negro's home and ran into him.

Raleigh.—The state board of osteopathy has licensed four new practitioners for North Carolina. They are Charles J. Alexander, Burlington; Floyd J. Swift, High Point; Richard E. Brindle, Waynesville; F. L. Jordan, Elizabethtown.

Winston-Salem.—Morris Kelly, colored, while at work on a trolley trolley car came in contact with a live wire and was almost instantly killed. One of the bulbs of a light circuit was broken and Kelly caught hold of a beam where the circuit had been exposed.

Benson.—Darryl Allen, of this place, charged with receiving 120 pint bottles of beer recently, was tried before Recorder F. H. Brooks, at Smithfield, and convicted. He was fined \$100. The officers here are taking advantage of the search and seizure act and are keeping a close watch on the "boys."

Salisbury.—Near Whitney, W. C. Parker, foreman for the H. B. Hardaway Company, was attacked by one of the negro laborers and was forced to shoot in self-defense. Five shots are said to have taken effect in the negro while he was cutting the foreman.

Henderson.—While walking on the main line near the Seaboard Air Line station, Richard Foster, colored, attempted to avoid an approaching freight and left the track to be caught under a switching engine coming in the opposite direction, resulting in the loss of his foot and a broken leg.

Salisbury.—The Fourth Company Coast Artillery Corps is taking special instruction under Sergeant Holt of the United States army in range finding and artillery drills. This is preparatory to the encampment at Fort Caswell, in which place the company will go 70 strong August 4 for a 14-days' practice.

Henderson.—Chief of Police Parrish, Policeman Champion and Sheriff Royster ran down and captured the king of the local blind tigers of this city, when armed with search and seizure warrant they raided the restaurant of Lewis Allen, colored, down on Garrett street, near the Southern Grocery Company.

Weldon.—At a largely attended meeting of leading business men of Weldon recently a Just Freight Rate Association was organized for Weldon with the following officers: President, W. T. Shaw; vice-presidents, E. Clark, A. C. House and D. R. Anderson; secretary-treasurer, W. A. Pierce.

Winston-Salem.—J. B. Christian and Dr. E. R. Carter, both colored, who conduct drug stores in this city, were convicted in the municipal court on the charge of keeping intoxicating liquors for division and distribution among others. The judgment of the court was that each of the defendants serve a term of six months on the roads.

China Grove.—The second of August will be a great day for China Grove, if the citizens carry out their program. On this day a farmers' institute will be held. The citizens have contributed liberally and they propose to furnish music and amusement for the farmers. A publicity committee is at work advertising to get thousands of people to come.

Asheville.—At the coming tournament of the North Carolina Firemen's Association, the department of this city will be well represented and the local laddies are practicing daily for going upon the track at the state meeting of the smoke-eaters.

Elizabethtown.—The teachers' institute for Pasquotank, Camden and Currituck counties began here recently. A large number of public school teachers from these counties are in attendance upon the institute which is being conducted by Prof. Griffin and Miss Boyce. The institute will last two weeks.

Waynesville.—After being out two hours, the jury found Hardy Sorrels, who killed his cousin, Henry Sorrels, on Easter Sunday, near Fairview church, guilty of murder in the second degree. Sentence has not yet been passed.

Salisbury.—The city of Salisbury has supplied the policemen of the town with stop watches to be used in determining the speed of automobiles. Drivers making a block in less than 37 seconds will be carried before Judge Klutz, of Rowan court, who is determined to keep down the speed in this city.

PLAN EXTENSION OF PARCEL POST

THE IMPROVEMENT IN SYSTEM
AND REDUCTION IN RATES
ANNOUNCED.

IS A LONG STEP FORWARD

Postal Experts Estimate That The Proposed Changes Will Add to Revenue of Department—First Step Toward Universal Extension.

Washington.—Plans for the extension, improvement and reduction in rates of the parcel post were announced by Postmaster General Burleson. The changes, which are to become effective on August 15, include an increase from 11 pounds to 20 pounds in the maximum weight of parcels; a material reduction in the postage rates in the first and second zones, and the abandonment of the parcel post map as a means of computing rates and the substitution for it of a rate charge individualized to every postage in the United States. The plans contemplate the purchase of a large number of automobiles to be used exclusively for the delivery of parcel post matter.

While, for the present, the maximum weight limit of 20 pounds and the reduction in rates will apply only to the first and second zones, from any given postoffice—a distance of about 150 miles—the change directed constitute the first long step towards a universal extension of the system and a general reduction in the rates of postage on parcel matter.

"It is my expectation and belief," said Postmaster General Burleson, "that eventually—and it may be 15 or 20 years—the postal service will handle practically all of the small package transportation business in the United States. The maximum weight limit, extended now from 11 to 20 pounds, I expect to see increased to 100 pounds and experience may demonstrate the practicability of handling the parcel business at even lower rates than we now propose.

"In the making of extensions and reductions of rates it is necessary for us to proceed with caution, so as to afford ample opportunity to prepare for the increased business. For that reason we have made the changes proposed apply only to the first and second zones. I appreciate fully the sentiment for an increase in the weight limit, and a reduction in rates to all zones, but it is necessary for us, in a sense, to feel our way."

National Policy Toward Nicaragua.

Washington.—A new policy toward Nicaragua involving the actual control of affairs of that republic by the United States through a protectorate similar to that exercised over Cuba, was outlined by Secretary Bryan, at a private conference with members of the senate foreign relations committee. Mr. Bryan's proposal, coming as a complete surprise to most of the members of the committee, has been taken by many senators as the first pronouncement of a general policy on the part of the administration to extend American control over the countries surrounding the Panama canal, and to assure that stability of Central American republics and the domination of the United States of their relations with other great powers.

Quiet Has Been Restored.

Seattle, Wash.—Quiet has been restored in the streets through which sailors and marines of the Pacific reserve fleet swept wrecking the headquarters of the Industrial Workers of the World and radical Socialists and the police were confident there would be no serious renewal of the disorders. A number of men from the fleet were ashore supplied with money, 40 having been permitted to draw pay, but with the sailors also came ashore a large patrol, under command of one of the captains of the fleet, prepared to round up the men if any disorder was reported.

Simmons Defends New Tariff Bill.

Washington.—Debate on the tariff began in earnest with Chairman Simmons proclaiming the new bill a satisfactory answer to the demands for downward revision and Senator Cummins speaking from a progressive Republican standpoint, predicting that it would carry the Democratic party to defeat. Senator Simmons replied to contentions that the bill discriminated against the farmer. Senator Cummins asserted that the Democratic party had treated the farmer as an outlaw.

The Attitude of Japan.

Tokyo.—Disappointment is felt in Japan in connection with the American reply to the last two Japanese notes on the subject of the California alien land ownership legislation. This does not accept any of the Japanese contentions that the bill violates the Japanese-American treaty. The situation has reached a deadlock. Japan has not decided on her next step but is desirous of maintaining friendly relations that it is not believed she will adopt retaliatory measures.