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Southern.

The two "good road days" in Arkansas are attracting nation-wide attention. It is stated that over three hundred miles of good roads were built in the two days, in which the governor of the state himself took active part.

Three men, each armed with two revolvers, held up two employees of a construction company of Columbia, S. C., and a deputy sheriff at Parr Shoals, twenty miles from Columbia, and took from them \$16,000 in currency which had been intended to meet the pay roll of the company, which is building a huge power dam at Parr Shoals.

Fire, which started in a negro's cabin at the foot of West Mountain, the southern extremity of Hot Springs, Ark., reduced to a smouldering mass of wreckage an area more than a mile in length and from seven to ten blocks wide in the eastern section of the city. An accurate statement of the monetary loss is not possible, but is roughly estimated at ten million dollars. Governor Hayes is in Hot Springs, and will order a military patrol of the burning district.

After two years of research by a corps of scientists, the Thompson-McFadden Pellagra commission still is ignorant of the cause of the disease. This was announced by Dr. Ward J. McNeal of the New York Post-Graduate hospital, a member of the commission, at a conference at Spartanburg, S. C., of Southern physicians. Nearly two hundred physicians, students of the disease, were there for the conference.

Matthew and Luke Duncan, brothers of Frost Bottom, in Anderson county, Tennessee, preachers of the Baptist persuasion, fought and went home over an argument about the Bible. This occurred after they had fought, both took to the woods. Matthew was captured and taken to Oil Springs. He fought savagely when men, knocking several men down, were being overpowered. During the fight at Oliver Springs he was lashed to a post for safe-keeping. He was committed to the State Hospital for the Insane at Lyon's View. His brother, Luke is still at large in the woods.

J. B. Harter, chief of police at Alameda, S. C., was shot to death at Lena, a short distance from that city. A. L. Walker is confined in the Hamlet county jail, charged with the killing. While the tragedy occurred on the platform of the railway station, there were no witnesses, and as Walker refused to make a statement, nothing is known as to how or why Harter was killed.

General.

Harry K. Thaw has worked a coup in Canada. He obtained a double writ, habeas corpus and prohibition, at Montreal, Canada, and whirled in a special train to Coaticook, where not long before the immigration authorities had ordered Thaw's deportation from the Dominion. Thaw was wildly cheered whenever the public got a glimpse of him.

With the arrest at Terre Haute, Ind., of George Reed, John Collins and Hugh McGinnis of Indianapolis, on complaint of Cary Shaw, president of the Second National bank of Houston, Texas, the police declare they have ended the operations of a gang that in the last year has swindled wealthy men out of nearly a quarter of a million dollars.

The thrilling maneuver of turning a seaplane in the air with an aeroplane flying at rapid speed was successfully repeated by the French aviator Pegoud over the Aerodrome at Buc, France. Pegoud had promised that his performance at Juvizy was not the result of an accident, but was proof of proper control and also of the aeroplane's stability.

Capitalists of Chicago and Denver announce through the Mobile chamber of commerce the acquisition of 8,000 acres of land on Mobile river, Alabama, upon which they propose to erect a \$5,000,000 steel plant. They propose to incorporate as the Southern Steel company with a capital of \$50,000,000. Their own fleet of vessels will bring iron ore from Cuba and coal from the Alabama fields. The 8,000 acres of land were purchased several months ago at a cost of \$320,000. Work is already in progress in clearing off this land and in getting ready for the erection of the plant.

Death claimed a heavy toll in the Labor Day automobile speed races at the State Fair at Nashville, Tenn., when four of the six high-powered cars entered in the 25-mile free for all were wrecked and rendered into a mass of twisted steel and splintered wood on the far side of the mile track opposite the big grandstand wherein were packed five thousand expectant people. Four of the dare-devil drivers were killed, two instantly; two received minor injuries, while four escaped without injury of any sort. Two of the cars flashed through the wreckage at a speed of sixty miles an hour.

The plan of the treasury department for placing money in various banks to aid in moving crops was criticised severely at the national convention of the Farmers' Union and the convention in session at Salina, Kan., adopted a report of the legislative committee which declared "it could not see a single benefit in the crop aid plan." The administration currency bill also was criticised on the ground that it would force farmers to sell at harvest time and that speculation would follow.

Business was forgotten in Arkansas while the people worked the roads. It was two "good roads" days proclaimed by Gov. G. W. Hays and it was a success. Everywhere citizens wielded the shovel and pick and the banker put in as long hours and worked just as hard as the hired laborers. As a result, hundreds of miles of the state's highways are in better shape than ever before. Governor Majors of Missouri, who came to Arkansas to "give an exhibition of plain and fancy shoveling," put in a good day's work.

Ex-President William H. Taft was elected president of the American Bar Association at the close of the annual session, defeating Gen. P. W. Meldrim of Savannah, Ga., by one vote on the second ballot at Montreal, Quebec. It had been generally understood that General Meldrim would be chosen as president, but the nomination of former President Taft complicated matters. On the first ballot, which was by states, Taft and Meldrim tied. On the second ballot one vote changed to Mr. Taft and General Meldrim was defeated.

Twenty-six persons were killed and nearly fifty injured, some of whom may die, in a rear-end collision shortly before seven o'clock in the morning on the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad, six miles north of New Haven, Conn. President Wilson, returning from his summer home, stood on the observation platform of his train and saw the wreckage burning. The first section of the White Mountain Express bound for New York, speeding along at probably forty miles an hour, in a thick fog, rushed by a danger signal, it is said, and crashed into the rear of the second section of the Red Harbor express, standing 100 feet beyond the block signal.

The last remaining barrier at the Pacific end of the Panama canal has been blown out by dynamite. It was an intensely interesting spectacle. At exactly 9:30 o'clock an electric switch was turned on and the fifteen hundred spectators were rewarded by a wonderful sight. Hundreds of tons of mud and stone were thrown high in the air and the thunderous roar of the explosions re-echoed in the nearby hills.

That General Bravo, federal commander at Torreon, Mexico, refused to recognize the United States consular agent when he protested against the execution of six Americans in that city, is the declaration of the three Americans, Frank and Milton Chism and Andrew O'Dell, who arrived at Piedras Negras, "constitutionalist" headquarters, from Torreon. Bravo told them: "Your government does not recognize the government of Mexico, and I shall not recognize you."

A wave of patriotism appears to be sweeping over Mexico, and from many states and from all classes, it is announced, assurances of allegiance and offers of service are being received daily by President Huerta.

Washington.

Two Southern men have been nominated by the president for foreign posts—Joseph E. Willard of Virginia to be ambassador to Spain and John Ewing of Louisiana to be minister to Honduras.

Defalcation of \$130,000 in the State National bank at Fort Worth, Texas, was reported to Thomas F. Kane, acting comptroller of the currency at Washington, by National Bank Examiner Van Zandt. The shortage will not affect the solvency of the bank. The whereabouts of the vice president of the bank is reported unknown.

Developments in the Mexican situation probably will await the arrival in Washington of Manuel De Zamacona y Inellan, personal envoy of the Huerta government, to continue with the Washington administration the negotiations begun by John Lind, personal representative of President Wilson.

Reopening of the Pensacola naval station, with construction of a mammoth dry dock and repair facilities capable of caring for ships in the Caribbean sea and the Atlantic side of the Panama canal, has been recommended to Secretary Daniels by the naval board. The board says Pensacola is the best and only site on the Gulf of Mexico for a naval station of the first class, and that such a station adequately protected "is most desirable in peace and absolutely necessary to the success of the fleet in time of war."

The Republican congressional committee organized and outlined its general plans for the coming campaigns. Representative F. P. Woods of Iowa was elected chairman. He announced that the committee's work from now on would be in furnishing information to the voters of the country.

A penalty of \$1 a bale on each bale of cotton which does not conform to the standard 47 by 54-inch size, will be assessed by the railroads and steamship companies. Notice of this penalty was given six months ago, and hearings have been held by the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce, of which Representative Adamson of Georgia is chairman, with the view of securing an agreement among all parties as to the size and density of cotton bales. Many senators believe the uniform bale is a good thing, and hence ginners are expected to take notice.

WANT SOME OR ALL OF FEDERAL FUNDS

CITIZENS OF COUNTIES CONCERNED ASK AID FOR THE CENTRAL HIGHWAY.

PRESENT CAUSE TO CRAIG

Delegations From Three Counties Put Matter Before Governor.—Change of Central Highway is in the Hands of the General Assembly.

Raleigh.—Seeking to have a new proposed link of the Central Highway aided with the \$40,000 of funds of the United States government allotted for good road work in this state, there were delegations here from three counties, Forsyth, Iredell and Davie, to present their cause to Gov. Craig.

In this delegation were Messrs. P. H. Harris, E. B. Jones, Ed Mackey, chairman board of county commissioners; W. K. Stafford, and D. W. Harman, of Forsyth, C. G. Bailey, chairman, board of county commissioners, T. B. Bailey, E. L. Gaither, T. J. Eyerly, A. T. Grant and J. Hampton Rich of Davie, H. R. Grier, R. K. Feunster and Zeb V. Lang of Iredell.

The case was stated with earnestness, Davie asking to be put in the section to use the government fund and citing its recent issue of \$175,000 in bonds for road building. The delegation urged the new route proposed as being shorter than the proposed route of the Central Highway east to west by some 35 miles. The change proposed is to direct the Central Highway to Greensboro, leaving out Rowan and Davidson, and have it pass to Winston-Salem, Mocksville, Statesville, and rejoin the present here in Catawba county. The placing of the \$40,000 is in the hands of Governor Craig, and the sections which get it are to furnish two dollars for each one dollar in the fund. The change in the Central Highway route is in the power of the general assembly and the directors of the highway commission.

Production of Mica in This State.

For many years North Carolina has been the largest producer of mica in the United States, according to a report made by the U. S. Geological Survey. Prior to 1895 the output came chiefly from the larger mines and consisted of big sheets of fine quality. At that time large quantities of small sheet mica that would cut plates less than three inches square were thrown on the dumps as waste. After the small sheet or scrap mica became valuable, the dumps at the larger mines were worked over and the quantity of mica produced was thereby greatly increased.

Request Will Be Granted.

At the regular meeting of the Haywood county commissioners, the request of the farmers and business men of the county for the completion of the Southern National Highway through this county was granted. Chairman James R. Boyd says this county will rush the completion of the road from Cove Creek to the Tennessee line and will connect with the highway from Knoxville, Newport and other Tennessee cities within the next few months.

Rate Experts in Conference.

A conference was held between corporation commissioners and a number of rate experts from important shipping points in the state at Raleigh relative to pending efforts to settle the interstate freight rate differences between North Carolina shippers and railroad companies. In the conference were J. L. Graham, of Winston-Salem; J. T. Ryan, of High Point; W. S. Creighton, of Charlotte, and J. C. Forester, of Greensboro. No statement was made as to the end of the conference.

Crops in Caldwell Doing Better.

The corn crop in Caldwell county is looking much better now than it did a few months ago. In this section for the past few weeks the season has been more favorable. The dry weather retarded the corn considerably, but the recent rains have done a great deal toward bringing the crop up to the average. Fall apples are better than first reported, although the apple crop is much shorter than last year in this county. In Watauga and Avery counties apples are scarce.

13,017 School Children in Gaston.

According to Census Takers Abernethy, Henderson, Kiser, Rudisill, Stowe and Patterson, there are 13,017 children of school age in the six townships of Gaston county. These gentlemen have just filed their report with County Superintendent F. P. Hall. These figures include the statistics of both white and colored children. The totals in River Bend township were 1,409; in South Point, 2,677; in Cherryville, 1,595; in Crowders Mountain, 1,675; in Gastonia, 4,918; in Dallas, 1,562.

NEW RAILROAD PROPOSITION

Stirs Considerable Interest Among North Carolinians.—Where The Proposed New Road Will Be.

Raleigh.—A special from Washington states that considerable interest was created among North Carolinians in Washington recently by the circulation of a report of a tentative proposition advanced by western promoters to build a railroad from Roanoke, Va., to Wilmington, by way of Danville, Va., and Raleigh.

This would give all Southwest Virginia and Northern North Carolina another outlet to the sea and be of immense advantage to shippers of that territory who now use the port of Norfolk as a gateway to the southern coast. It is pointed out that such a railroad would tap virgin country a good portion of the way between Roanoke and Raleigh.

Several old railroad projects and some completed lines are open for consideration in working out such a road as is proposed. Three or four years ago there was a great deal of agitation looking to the construction of a railroad from Roanoke to Mount Airy by way of Floyd court house. It is said the line practically was surveyed the entire distance but no actual work was done beyond this. The project was apparently dropped.

It is contended that the opening of the Panama canal will bring a boom in freight traffic on lines having good harbor facilities on the Atlantic coast. Wilmington is now some distance below Hatteras, the "graveyard of the Atlantic," and vessels not required to come north of that treacherous coast in storm seasons would have a distinct advantage over those compelled to call at Norfolk or North Atlantic ports for cargoes.

It is understood here that an effort is being made to interest commercial bodies in Raleigh, Wilmington, Danville and Roanoke in the matter.

Watts Hands Out Three Official Plums

Three Democrats were given federal positions in the revenue service through appointments by Collector A. D. Watts, of Statesville. J. S. Robinson of Franklin, Macon county, was appointed division deputy for the extreme portion of this internal revenue district to succeed J. B. Enslay, of Jackson, resigned. Mr. Robinson is appointed with the understanding that he may be transferred to service with Revenue Agent Sams, of Asheville and another named as division deputy, Mr. Mark L. Reed, of Buncombe county, who has for some years been chairman of the board of county commissioners of his county, is appointed a deputy collector under Mr. Sams, to succeed J. McKinley Pritchard, who has resigned. R. L. Church, of Wilkes county, was named as deputy, to succeed Mr. D. V. Nichols, of Wilkes, in the service under Mr. Sams.

North Carolina New Enterprises.

The following charters were issued: Paris Photo Play Company, of Winston-Salem, to operate motion picture shows; authorized capital, \$100,000, with \$10,200 paid in by J. W. Lambeth, of Thomasville, R. D. Craver of Chatham and A. F. Sams of Winston-Salem. The Gentry Company, of Thurmond, Wilkes county, to do a general merchandise business, authorized capital is \$5,000, with \$3,000 subscribed for by C. C. Gentry of Elkin, C. W. Smith, of Laurelbranch and J. H. Thompson, of Thurmond. Fairmont Light and Power Company, of Fairmont; authorized capital \$50,000, with \$6,000 paid in by A. L. Jones, E. V. McDaniel, J. B. Brown, L. E. Ricks, N. A. Andrews, E. G. Floyd, O. I. Floyd, R. O. Pittman, C. A. Floyd, J. R. Gibson and others.

To Be Tried Third Time For Murder.

The case of Waldo McCracken and Roberson Rogers, charged with the homicide of Lee Wells, at school commencement at Clyde, the 29th of March, 1912, will be tried the third time at the September term of Haywood county superior court, which opens September 15th, with Judge G. S. Ferguson on the bench. McCracken and Rogers were first tried at the July term of 1912, the jury being out four days and standing two for acquittal and ten for conviction and failed to agree.

Want A Special Appropriation.

The state board of public charities is out in an endorsement of the efforts of the management of the state school for feeble-minded for a special appropriation by the legislature at the approaching special session in order that the institution may open in approved condition without further delay. The board urges that provision be made as speedily as possible for a special building at the Central hospital for the insane here for treatment of acute cases, to include an up-to-date laboratory.

Is Freed of Arson Charge.

"Not guilty" is the verdict rendered in the case of the State vs. Jasper Grantham, charged with setting fire to the plant of Pitt county oil mill company at Greenville last fall. The case was the longest trial during the present term of court, it occupying the time of the court for about eighteen hours, and being hard fought on both sides. The two attorneys who defended Grantham, as well as the three who prosecuted him, all spoke in the case, each man presenting his side of the matter as he saw it.

THE SECRETARIES

NORTH CAROLINA COMMERCIAL SECRETARIES TO MEET IN CHARLOTTE.

IN SESSION MAY 18 AND 19

A Recent Meeting Was For Purpose of Considering Organization of a State Association.—Some Are Opposed to This Plan.

Charlotte.—The North Carolina Commercial Secretaries will meet in Charlotte May 18 and 19 of the coming year, according to Managing Secretary Leake Carraway of the Greater Charlotte Club who has returned from a conference at Asheville.

The meeting was for the purpose of considering the organization of a state association, but a number of the secretaries, including the local man, Secretary Forrester at Greensboro, Secretary Branch of Wilmington, Secretary Greighton of Durham and others opposed an organization but favored get together meetings at least once a year and preferably twice a year for the purpose of conferences, exchange of ideas and the like. This plan was agreed to and it was decided to hold a winter meeting in December at a place to be decided later and a spring meeting here during Charlotte's big month of conventions.

The secretaries adopted a resolution favoring the efforts of Governor Craig and the business people looking to the securing of adequate freight rates for North Carolina, a copy in part herewith appears:

"Whereas, the railroads operating in North Carolina are apparently making an honest effort to rectify the discrimination existing against the people of this state in favor of those of other states,

"And, whereas, Governor Locke Craig is endeavoring to bring these efforts to an efficient conclusion, therefore be it

"Resolved, That we commend the action of the governor and urge the members of the general assembly to assist in every possible manner to secure an adjustment of freight rates for the people of North Carolina."

Is Jailed on Serious Charge.

Asheville.—John Ramsey, a fourteen-year-old white boy, who has appeared in court on numerous occasions, now faces a serious charge, having been arrested charged with setting fire to the store room of a furniture store here. The fire was under control within a short time after the arrival of the members of the department. An investigation by the police led those who were familiar with the situation to believe that the fire was of incendiary origin and the Ramsey boy was arrested. The father of the child is said to be a stockholder in the furniture store.

Charged With Firing Building.

Lumberton.—W. D. Baggett, whose hardware store was damaged by fire here about a month ago was arrested recently charged with having fired the building. Deputy Fire Insurance Commissioner Jordan has been at work on the case, and as a result of his investigation the grand jury, now in session, found a true bill against Mr. Baggett. Bond in the sum of five hundred dollars was made and Mr. Baggett released.

Governor Pardons George King.

Raleigh.—George King was pardoned by Governor Craig from the remainder of a 17-year sentence to the penitentiary for manslaughter in Mecklenburg county. He was sentenced by Judge T. J. Shaw in 1903, who now reports to Governor Craig that he has re-investigated the case and is convinced that King already has been sufficiently punished. Judge J. I. Webb, solicitor at the time of sentence, also recommends pardon.

Lenoir.—A two-pound rock thrown at least 150 yards by a charge of dynamite used in tearing out a stump fell upon the head of Joe Pressnell, killing him.

Yadkin County Farmers Meet.

Yadkinville.—The second annual picnic of the Farmers' Union of Yadkin county was held at Center, three miles west of Yadkinville recently, and was quite a success from every point of view. The principal address of the day was delivered by State Superintendent of Public Instruction Joyner, who spoke on the subject, "Co-Operation in Education." The crowd began to arrive early and by noon the people present were estimated at from 3,000 to 4,000, mostly farmers, their wives and children.

Sequel to Killing Near Yadkinville.

Yadkinville.—As a sequel to the killing of William Biting, colored, by Township Constable J. E. Shugart, a trial was held before Justice of the Peace J. H. James of the negroes alleged to have forcibly taken a prisoner from Mr. Shugart after the latter had arrested him for the theft of a coat. Tom Hamlin, Tom Martin, Sam Biting, Sarah Long and Mandy Hendrix, all colored were tried and all but the two negro women were bound to superior court in bonds of \$600 each.

NEWS OF NORTH CAROLINA

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

Gastonia.—Dr. Enos Franklin Glenn, one of the most prominent dentists of this section of the state and one of the best known citizens of this city, died at his home here, following an illness of about six weeks of paralysis.

Charlotte.—Charlotte may be designated as one of the regional parcel post depots proposed by the postoffice department. Several clerks would be stationed here to give their entire attention to these shipments for South Carolina and a part of North Carolina.

Statesville.—Justice Lazenby sentenced three hoboes, Fred Gill, J. Turner and Walter Raley, to serve 25 days on the chain gang for beating rides on trains. The three, all young men, were taken from a train by officers. All claim their homes are in other states.

Goldsboro.—The worst storm in the history of Goldsboro, suddenly broke over the city recently, accompanied by a wind of cyclonic proportions which littered the streets with telephone poles, limbs of trees, fences and electric light wires. The storm seemed to be a general coastwise disturbance, reaching far inland.

Blowing Rock.—There is a report here, pretty well credited, that the Norfolk & Western has bought the Grandin Railroad, the deal having gone into effect recently. Railroad officials are reported as saying that the completion of the road from Cumrock, Va., to Wilkesboro through Boone will be pushed rapidly. This news is received with rejoicing.

Greenville.—Though failing to get his man Sheriff S. I. Dudley nabbed the goods recently when he captured six gallons of booze after a long chase across the river, bridge and around one of the city blocks. The chase occurred just as Sheriff Dudley was on his way to his suburban home immediately following the adjournment of the long session of court.

Fayetteville.—For the purpose of inspecting road building machinery recently purchased by Cumberland county and traction engine work on farms in this county, N. E. Edgerton of Selma, member of the state prison board; J. S. Mann, superintendent of the state's prison; C. J. Rhen and C. N. Christians, supervisors of state farms, came to Plymouth recently.

Wilmington.—Walter McAllister and W. T. Morton, leading negroes of Pendleton county, have been bound over to next term of superior court in that county and in default of bond went to jail, on a charge of burning the colored industrial school building at Atkinson two weeks ago. The case is being prosecuted by the state insurance department which has employed C. D. Weeks of Wilmington as counsel.

Charlotte.—Although the board of county commissioners were in session from early morn to sultry eve, the subject of the \$110,000 bond issue was not mentioned even once and adjournment was taken subject to the call of the chairman. No representative of the architectural firm of Bellonby & Whaley appeared to furnish \$1,000 certified check, according to agreement.

Raleigh.—The awarding of fifty convicts for the Madison county roads made necessary a meeting of the council of state and the prisoners will be sent there as soon as they can be gotten together. The council made this order following a legislative enactment which provided for the state's aid to the road after the Western North Carolina Railroad took the old right of way across the county of Madison.

Asheville.—Dr. W. S. Rankin, the secretary of the state board of health, spoke to the members of the Buncombe County Medical Society at their monthly meeting. Dr. Rankin dealt with the subject of "Sanitation in the Canal Zone" and was heard with rapt attention. He recently has returned from a trip to Panama, where he made exhaustive study of the methods employed by the public health service.

Raleigh.—Collectors Merritt and Stell are back in Raleigh from Durham county where they destroyed 150 gallons of blockade whiskey found buried in a cornfield three miles from Durham, on the Chapel Hill road. No one would claim the whiskey.

Raleigh.—Charged with the murder of Rastus Warren, in Johnston county July 27, Arthur Hodges and Joe Bryan, two white men, were brought to the Wake county jail here for safekeeping. The removal to Raleigh is on account of the unsafe condition of the Johnston county jail.

Charlotte.—Two persons were killed and four slightly injured when an interurban electric car struck a wagon carrying a picnic party at a crossing near here several days ago. The dead are: Miss Emma Sandford, aged 19, and Isaac Brimer, aged 20.

Rockingham.—It now appears that Geo. S. Nance, the wife-murderer, will hardly be brought to trial before the January term of Richmond county criminal court. It will be recalled that on Friday night, August 15th, Nance beat his wife to death in a room of a Hamlet hotel, and having done so set fire to the dead body.

MEXICAN OFFICER SHOT BY AMERICANS

LIEUTENANT ACOSTA CROSSES INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE AND BEGINS FIRING.

TROOPS ARE ORDERED OUT

There is Bitter Feeling Against the United States in Juarez By the Salazar Federal Troops Following the Shooting.

El Paso Tex.—Lieutenant Acosta, an officer in General Salazar's Federal command at Juarez, crossed the Stanton street international bridge and was killed by United States Customs Inspector T. F. Jonah and Immigration Inspector Thomas N. Heifron, after he had opened fire on them with a rifle.

He was shot through the mouth and arm and his horse, from which he had dismounted, was shot through the side. The American officers were uninjured. Before crossing the bridge the Mexican had remarked that he was "going to kill a gringo."

Heifron was standing at the American end of the bridge when Acosta first opened fire on him. He fired back using an automatic pistol. Jonah hastened to his assistance and began firing at the Mexican. The Mexican officer was within 30 feet of the American before he was killed.

Two troops of the Thirteenth Cavalry were ordered to the bridge following the shooting, in order to restrain the 1,000 Mexicans who had gathered on the Mexican side of the bridge.

General Hugh Scott, commanding the United States troops, was notified of the shooting and he ordered all troops to be prepared for movement to El Paso from Fort Bliss in case of trouble.

A detachment of cavalry was stationed at both international bridges and Army officers and troops have been ordered to remain at quarters in case of an outbreak among the Mexicans.

A bitter feeling against Americans was manifested in Juarez by Salazar's Federal troops following the shooting.

Powers of Consul Broadened.

Washington.—The United States Government broadened the powers of its consular representatives in Mexico to such a degree that it is believed there will be no further obstacle to a more general withdrawal of American citizens from the danger zones of the Southern Republic. American Consuls in Mexico, who previously had been instructed to furnish first class transportation to any who desired it, on condition that they later would reimburse the State Department, received supplementary instructions to give Americans whatever transportation they desired and they would be expected to reimburse the Government only if they were able.

Goes Into Plans for Currency.

Washington.—The Senate Banking Committee wandered from the provisions of the Administration reform bill and dived into theoretical discussions of plans for currency revision which has found favor with some of the members. Plans to refund the entire present issue Government notes with a general Federal currency secured only by 50 per cent gold reserve, and proposals to amend the present Aldrich-Vreeland emergency currency act, framed the basis for much of the questioning of James B. Forgan and George H. Reynolds of Chicago, Sol Wexler, of New Orleans and Professor Sprague of Harvard.

Decrease in Bank Deposits.

Washington.—Individual deposits in National banks of the United States decreased \$190,000,000 between June 4 and August 9 and loans and discounts increased \$20,000,000, according to preliminary figures of the last call by the Comptroller of the Currency just made public. Detailed figures will be made public about ten days later.

Hot Springs Makes Appeal For Help.

Hot Springs, Ark.—Hot Springs, fire swept, six million dollars of property destroyed and 2,500 of its people homeless issued the following: "While we do not wish to be placed in the attitude of asking for outside assistance the cry of suffering humanity suggests the propriety of accepting any assistance that may be offered by a generous public. Thousands of people have been rendered penniless and homeless. The destitution is acute and the need of assistance is imperative and immediate."

Regrets Jerome Was Arrested.

Coaticook, Que.—Harry Thaw regrets that William Travers Jerome was arrested in Coaticook charged with gambling, and denies that he or his lawyers instigated the arrest. Moreover Thaw would have been glad to furnish Jerome's bond. This was the statement made by Thaw as given by Andre Rousseau, the hotel proprietor who serves the fugitive's meals and who was one of Jerome's bondsmen. Thaw thinks the arrest was a joke but a mistake, said Rousseau.