

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.

Emanuel Nichols, aged 35, a farmer living ten miles northwest of Clayton, Ga., and his two-year-old baby girl are dead, while his son and daughter have been bound over to the grand jury for voluntary manslaughter, as a result of a general shooting melee in the farmer's home.

The second annual convention of the Southern Labor Congress has closed at Nashville, Tenn. The congress voted to allow negro laboring organizations to affiliate with the Southern Labor Congress. The next meeting will be held in Birmingham, Ala.

The Southern Christian Citizenship Congress, under the auspices of the Civic League of America, opened at the auditorium to the accompaniment of near sensationalism revealed in the address of A. J. Orem of Boston, who, in his treatise, styled "From Theocracy to Theocracy," all but put outright Socialism into the book of good citizenship. During his presence at the Georgia capital, where the conference is being held, Gov. Slaton was unable to preside at the gathering in Taft hall.

J. V. and W. H. Hogg, brothers, of Kline, S. C., eight miles from Allendale, were shot and killed by J. W. Hogg, a third or fourth cousin. The load entered the right shoulder of one and the left shoulder of the other. One shot ended the life of both men. J. W. Hogg, the alleged assailant, is now confined in the jail at Barnwell, S. C., where he went and give himself up to the sheriff.

More than eleven inches of rain fell in Mobile, Ala., in forty-eight hours, according to the Mobile weather bureau. Lower portions of the city were flooded and monetary damage will be many thousands of dollars. Damage in rural districts in the vicinity of Mobile is very heavy. Rivers are out of their banks and a number of the bridges have been carried away.

Bent upon their first peaceful invasion of the South, thousands of Union veterans arrived to attend the forty-seventh annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic and allied organizations at Chickamauga, Ga. In honor of the occasion, Chattanooga, Tenn., is in gala attire. Survivors of the Union army are greeted with the same cordiality shown the United Confederate Veterans whose annual reunion was held in Chattanooga last May.

General.

The deaths of the late President Francisco I. Madero and Vice President Jose Maria Pino Suarez were not brought about by a punishable crime, according to a decision pronounced by a military court in Mexico. The investigation last six months. It was started by the military commandant of the federal district immediately on the conclusion of the ten-days' battle in the streets of Mexico last February, which resulted in Provisional President Huerta coming into power.

That Hans Schmidt, the Jekyle-Hyde priest, whose double life was exposed when he was arrested and confessed the murder of Anna Amuller, the house girl, after killing her and dismembering her body in a Bradhurst avenue flat, hired another apartment in which he planned to conceal himself, was developed from police discoveries. In ransacking his rooms detectives found evidence that Schmidt had stolen \$400 from the Easter collection at St. Joseph's church and that he had robbed a visiting priest, who spent a night at St. Joseph's rectory.

Counsel for Harry Kendall Thaw laid the foundation of plans to carry his case to the Supreme court, of the United States—if such a step is found necessary. When the governor of New Hampshire passes on the matter of the extradition of Thaw to New York, at the hearing to be held at Concord, the findings, if adverse to Thaw, will be reviewed by the United States district court, and, if a decision against then be rendered, successive appeals will be taken until the case reaches the highest court land. This is the announcement made by the Thaw lawyers.

Francis Stronge, the retiring British minister to Mexico, has arrived in Vera Cruz from the City of Mexico in President Huerta's private car. He declined to discuss the relations between Mexico and the United States, but ventured the opinion that relations were growing better.

A man believed by the police to have been John Hawkins, 68 years old, of Erie, Pa., committed suicide by jumping into the Niagara river from the lower steel arch bridge that spans the river just above the start of the whirlpool rapids. It is two hundred feet above the water. Two women standing on the Canadian cliff saw the man climb on the railing. He sat astride the rail several minutes, looking down at the turbulent waters, then hunched forward, and his body shot downward and struck the water headmost. He was dashed to instant death.

Residents of "Millionaire Row" in New York City estimated that burglaries of houses in their section during the summer had cost them \$200,000. Many of them did not know they had been robbed till they returned from their summer vacations.

The body of Alice Hopper, 16 years old, who had been missing from her home in Kearny, N. J., for some time, has been found in the Passaic river, at Harrison, her skirts weighted with stones.

Guarded by a sheriff who sat in the front row of the large church gathering, Rev. Roy Hudson, evangelist and former pugilist, held a farewell revival at Mexico, Mo. He had been arrested during the day on a charge of wife-abandonment at the request of the authorities at Terer Haute, Ind. The presence of the sheriff did not in the least dampen the ardor of the evangelist. He will return without extradition procedure.

Gen. Harrison Gray Otis, owner of the Los Angeles Times, received an infernal machine by mail. It was the second time in three years that General Otis' life had been attempted by a bomb. Any chance of his being killed or injured by the bomb was foiled by the watchfulness of General Otis' Japanese servant, who became suspicious of the package and called his employer's attention to it.

Provisional President Victoriana Huerta delivered his semi-annual message of the opening of the second session of the Twenty-seventh Mexican congress. In it he promised to spare no efforts to bring about the unrestricted election of the president and vice president of the Mexican republic next month, declaring that it would constitute the greatest triumph of his career to turn over the office to his successor with the country at peace as he hoped to do.

Thunderstorms of exceptional violence have swept over France, doing great damage. At Marseilles the streets were transformed into torrents; hundreds of cellars were flooded; the quays were ruined or washed in the sea. All traffic in the city was suspended for a time. A boat containing a fishing party of six was capsized in the harbor and five persons were drowned; at St. Agrieve, in the department of Ardeche, and other places, houses were struck by lightning with some loss of life.

Several lives were lost and much property destroyed by a cloudburst in Goldfield, Nev. Goldfield is located in a basin with the Malahla range to the south and two deep gulches striking the east and west sections of the town. Within an hour these gulches were roaring rivers, and all houses in their path were swept away. The dead are Mrs. L. E. Carmo and child, a laundress, two unidentified persons

Washington.

Attorney General McReynolds is making a vigorous effort to expedite pending anti-trust investigations and to keep abreast with all current complaints of violations of the Sherman law. The plan is to reinforce the staff of special anti-trust lawyers in the department with the services of the United States attorneys.

News that Gen. Felix Diaz, nephew of Porfirio Diaz, had been recalled to Mexico to become the candidate of the Huerta faction in the coming presidential election aroused much interest at Washington in official circles. The feeling was that the return of Diaz meant a compliance with President Wilson's principal demand that General Huerta should not be a candidate.

So far as the Washington administration is concerned, it became known that no move is contemplated in the Mexican situation at present. The elections of October 26 are awaited in Washington with keen interest, and the next step in the policy of the United States is likely to make its appearance thereafter. Administration officials read long excerpts of General Huerta's message to the Mexican congress, but made no formal comment. It is understood that the administration does not attach much importance to the document.

A delegation representative of Louisiana and particularly of New Orleans business men, headed by Senator Ransdell of Louisiana and M. K. Trezevant, general manager of the New Orleans chamber of commerce, conferred with Acting Secretary Post of the department of labor, with a view to diverting part of the tide of immigration through the port of New Orleans, which, it was stated, now had superior facilities for handling immigrants.

The cost of living on June 15 was approximately higher than the average between 1890 and 1900, more than three per cent. higher than it was a year ago and nearly fifteen per cent. higher than it was two years ago. Investigations of retail prices in 40 cities conducted by experts of the bureau of labor show prices practically at the same level as last November, when the high records of the last quarter century were reached. Fourteen articles of food were investigated. Every one except sugar showed a marked advance; bacon, which led in the soaring, went up 12.85 per cent.

Reform of the present first class rate rather than the abolition of the exchanges will probably be brought about through an amendment to the tariff bill being urged by Southern members of congress. This amendment has been framed by Senator Hoke Smith of Georgia and Representative Asbury F. Lever of South Carolina, after a conference with officials of the department of agriculture and with Mr. Durlison, the postmaster general, who took an active part in the legislation to curtail exchange gambling while a member of the house of representatives.

RAILROADS' TERMS WORTH ACCEPTING

THE CORPORATION COMMISSION
RECOMMENDS TAKING WHAT
IS OFFERED.

HOLD ANOTHER CONFERENCE

Governor Craig and the Legislative
Commission Expected to Settle Mat-
ter.—Mr. Travis Had Conference
With Clark.

Raleigh.—Judge W. B. Council advised in Raleigh and E. J. Justice remained over in Raleigh for further conference with Governor Craig on the pending amended proposal from the railroad companies for the settlement of the interstate rate difference with North Carolina shippers. The full legislative commission on freight rates, consisting of Judge Council, from the senate, E. J. Justice from the house, and N. B. Broughton appointed by Governor Craig is here to go over the amended proposal with the governor.

Governor Craig and the legislative commission have been in conference considering the latest amended proposal of the railroads. Chairman Travis of the corporation commission is having a detailed statement of the latest concessions worked out as they will apply in rate reductions.

Mr. Travis says that railroad companies have never offered any state as great reductions in rate adjustments as have now been offered North Carolina in this case. The corporation commission will recommend both to the governor and to the legislature that the proposition as it now stands be accepted.

Before he left Washington with the proposal Mr. Travis had a long conference with Chairman Clark of the interstate commerce commission and after a thorough examination of the proposal, Chairman Clark recommended unequivocally that the proposal be accepted. Chairman Travis estimates that shippers of the state will be saved at least \$2,000,000. The Southern Railway officials insist that the reductions will cut that company's revenues at least \$1,000,000 and, if this is the case, the revenues of the other interstate carriers, the Seaboard, Atlantic Coast Line, Norfolk & Western and Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio will certainly be reduced considerably more than this amount.

Good Roads Meeting in Harnett.

The good roads enthusiasts and the leading citizens of the county are proud of the board of county commissioners for taking an aggressive step, when at called meeting for the purpose of hearing a resolution from the Harnett County Good Roads Association asking that the commissioners contribute from the general county fund the sum of \$2,000 each for four roads leading out from Lillington to different parts of the county, this money to be available when the citizens through whose communities the roads would go, would raise \$1,500 by private subscription. This will make a sum total of \$14,000 to be spent on those four roads.

North Carolina New Enterprises.

The following charters were issued by the secretary of state: Keystone Land and Lumber Company of Scott's Hill, Pender county; authorized capital, \$50,000, with \$13,700 paid in by W. A. Marshall and Joseph Lytle, of Mongahella, Pa.; James L. Grable and S. E. Grable, of Washington, and E. K. Bryan, of Wilmington. United Order of Abraham of St. Pauls, Robeson county, fraternal and insurance; N. S. Gillespie and others, in corporation.

New Hanover To Have Corn Show.

So many boys having entered the corn club contest in this county and such fine results having been secured it is now proposed to hold a corn show in Wilmington in December so as to give the boys an opportunity to display their choice corn.

Secretary of State Bryan Will Speak.

Secretary of State William J. Bryan definitely promised Representative Webb that he will speak at Kings Mountain October 7, on the occasion of the celebration of the 137th anniversary of the battle at that place. Several weeks ago a delegation from Kings Mountain came to Washington to urge Secretary Bryan to attend the celebration, and he promised to do so if it could be conveniently arranged. Naturally any engagement he makes of that sort is contingent on the necessity of public business.

First Mile of Good Roads.

The first mile of good roads that Yadkin county has ever possessed has just been completed near Jonesville. This road is scheduled to run from the Yadkin River at Elkin through Jonesville and through the townships of Buck Shoals and Knobs to J. P. Howards store in Iredell county, a distance of 12 miles. At Howards Store the Yadkin road will connect with the Iredell sand-clay road, giving Elkin, Jonesville and that part of Yadkin a splendid road direct to Charlotte by way of Statesville.

LATEST NEWS FROM CAPITAL

Case of Usher Charged With Anson
Results in Mistrial.—Gov. Craig
Issues Requisition.

Raleigh.—Insurance Commissioner Young was advised that an Anson county jury had made a mistrial in the case against S. T. Usher, charged with burning property. Usher is a very old man and a Confederate veteran.

The petition of Elkin and Wilkesboro citizens for a change of the mixed train between Winston-Salem and Wilkesboro to a straight passenger was heard in Winston-Salem recently. W. J. Grandin, president of the Watauga & Yadkin Railroad, appeared before the governor and the council of state with reference to the bond for convicts working on that road. The line is being built from Wilkesboro to Boone and is in operation a part of the distance.

Governor Craig issued a requisition on the governor of Georgia for Claud Burns, who is wanted in Cleveland county on the charge of abandoning his wife and children. He is under arrest at Monroe, Ga.

The compulsory attendance law, according to reports reaching the state department of education, is working without friction in all parts of the state and is resulting in increased attendance. Doctor Joyner left for Bladen and Cumberland counties.

Unusually Big Crop in Yadkin.

The tobacco crop in Yadkin this year is something enormous. From all indications at present the crop is the largest that this county has had in many years. The farmers were not only encouraged to put out larger crops by the good prices last year but the season was such in the spring that plants were available for all who wanted to put out the weed. It seems too that the grade of the tobacco this year will far exceed that of the past few years, this, it is said, is due to the fact that no very hard rains have come during the growing season to wash the "gum" from the leaf, and consequently the leaf will be heavier as well as of a better grade. The season for cutting tobacco is now at its height and the cutting and curing will occupy several days yet.

For Change in Homestead Law.

In response to a request for united action on the part of the merchants' association of the state on the desired legislation at the extra session of the legislature, President Luther B. Markham and Attorney J. W. Barbee, of the Durham association, have been appointed delegates from Durham. The special object of the delegation that will visit Raleigh during the special session of the legislature is to get a change in the homestead law of the state, making it possible for merchants to collect accounts from people who use the homestead law as a barrier behind which to hide when the collector makes his rounds in vain and the account is turned over to the courts.

For Good Roads in Warren County.

A large number of the voters of Warren county, estimated at from eight to twelve hundred persons, assembled at Norlina recently for a public speaking and barbecue in the interest of the proposed \$200,000 bond issue for good roads in this county. The speakers were: Dr. J. P. Macon, of Warrenton, who introduced the speakers and incidentally labeled as false and libelous many of the arguments advanced by the opponents of the proposed bond issue for the county.

Just Freight Rate Association.

A large gathering of business men and citizens from over Harnett county who had come to Lillington to discuss good roads, heard Hubert Ransau, organizing secretary of the Just Freight Rate Association, on the various discriminations against the state and organized the Harnett county branch, electing Charles Ross, secretary; J. F. McCoy and C. J. Smith, vice-presidents; J. R. Baggett, secretary; K. A. Stewart, treasurer.

Watts Makes Appointments.

Statesville.—Collector A. D. Watts appointed M. P. Alexander of Statesville deputy for field services in this division, to succeed J. M. Davis of Statesville, resigned. The division is composed of Alexander, Davidson, Davie, Iredell, Rowan, Stanly and Yadkin counties. The appointment is temporary, Mr. Alexander not having passed the civil service examination but the hope is that deputies will be removed from the civil service, in which event the appointment will stand.

Farm Demonstrator for Craven.

New Bern.—Craven county has secured the services of Prof. J. Walter Sears, a noted agriculturist, to come to this county and act as farm demonstrator. Prof. Sears will arrive about the first of October to take up this work. For years it has been the thought that the farms of this section could be made to produce much larger crops if the farmers were more thoroughly familiar with the selection of seeds, fertilizers, etc., and it will be Prof. Sears' duty to instruct them.

Interesting Exhibit at County Fair.

The industrial exhibit of the boys and girls enrolled in the rural schools of Mecklenburg county is to be one of the most interesting exhibits at the county fair. The teachers and the boys and girls of the rural schools are getting ready for this exhibit. It was designed to stimulate interest in work that the children may do at home. A number of the merchants have been generous in offering prizes. A number of public-spirited men in the county are offering to subscribe for prizes.

THE STATE SYNOD

NORTH CAROLINA PRESBYTERI-
ANS TO MEET IN GREENS-
BORO THIS YEAR.

HOLD SESSION OCTOBER 6-9

To Be an Important Gathering.—On
Account of Observance of Centen-
nial Date of Meeting is Changed
From Fourth Tuesday in October.

Greensboro.—That the annual session of the Presbyterian Synod of North Carolina to be held in Greensboro, October 6 to 9, will be one of the most important and progressive gatherings that body has ever held is promised. According to the standing rules the synod meets on the fourth Tuesday in October, but on account of the proposed observance of the centennial of the Synod at Alamance church on October 7th in this county the standing rule was suspended and the date changed.

There will be a great gathering on October 7th at Alamance Presbyterian church, six miles southeast of Greensboro, where on a hundred years before that day the Presbyterian synod of North Carolina was organized. The Alamance church had asked that the synod be held this year with that church, but on account of local conditions the congregation had to forego that honor.

Alamance is one of the oldest Presbyterian churches in the state, and is also one of the most modern and progressive county churches to be found anywhere. History has been made in that community. Not far away is the famous Alamance battlefield, where the first contest at war was made for American independence. The people of the community are intelligent, thrifty and devoted to the ideals and traditions that have come down to them for more than a century through church and state.

The exercises to be held at the church on October 7 will be very appropriate and fitting. There will be addresses by four ministers, two of whom are from Richmond. These will deal with the history of the denomination in North Carolina, before and since the organization of the synod a century ago.

Expect A Good Cotton Crop.

New Bern.—Although the cotton crop in this section was set back by recent storms, cotton buyers are expecting the first bale to make its appearance some time soon and are anticipating a large quantity of the fleecy staple to be brought in before the close of the month. In Craven county the damage to the cotton by the storm will not average over fifteen per cent. In Pamlico county the damage was greater and it is expected that at some points the crop has been damaged at least fifty per cent, but taken as a whole, it is believed that the average amount of damage in that section will not be over twenty-five per cent.

Big Farm Life Conferences.

Charlotte.—Mr. E. S. Millsaps, district manager of farm demonstration work of the department of agriculture of the United States, was in the city recently, in conference with Supt. William McClusky, county superintendent of education, with regards to the big farm life conferences which are to be held in this county November 4 to 7 inclusive. Mr. Millsaps is anxious to have agriculture and domestic science taught in the county schools of Mecklenburg and the other counties comprising his district, the western part of the state, and is therefore most interested in the "Educational Week" referred to above.

Cold Blooded Murder Near Farmville.

Farmville.—Charlie Foreman killed Henry Nobles in the public road, about three miles from this place with a single-barreled breech-loading gun. The affair was cold-blooded and grew out of some trouble the two negroes had had previous to this time.

Wilmington.—The Wilmington and Greensboro chambers of commerce have asked the Atlantic Coast Line and the Southern Railway to continue the operation of the parlor car on the A. and Y. passenger train between Wilmington and Greensboro, leaving Wilmington at 8:45 a. m.

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Kinston.—Rev. C. W. Blanchard, pastor of the First Baptist church here, raised more than \$15,000 in 10 minutes at a meeting of his congregation when he urged them to donate to a new edifice to be erected at McLewain and Gordon streets.

Kinston.—The new court house at Kenansville, Duplin county, where recently a term of court over which Judge O. H. Allen presided, oil paintings of two of that county's great men, were placed upon the walls in the courtroom is said to be the finest for a county of Duplin's population and wealth in North Carolina.

NEWS OF NORTH CAROLINA

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

High Point.—An important meeting was held recently of the city council for the purpose of cleaning out all classes of lawlessness in High Point.

Lenoir.—The Lenoir graded schools opened several days ago with a large increase in attendance over last year. Many of the patrons were present and enjoyed the opening exercises.

Raleigh.—During the month of August J. N. McCrary, keeper of the city market, examined daily four hotels, 20 cafes, refrigerators in the markets and examined three times per week freight depots of the city.

Raleigh.—Declaring that the bid on the contract for heating the state buildings was \$3,000 too low and that the company could not make expenses on the deal, the American Heating Company, of Charlotte, was released by the council of state from the terms of the bids.

Spencer.—The semi-annual foot-washing took place at Piney, a noted Primitive Baptist church, in Davidson county near Spencer. While cool weather interfered to some extent with the attendance, there was a large crowd present, coming from all parts of the countryside and many from Lexington, Spencer, Salisbury and other places.

Fayetteville.—A statement that none of the professional men of Fayetteville last year paid the license tax which a state law requires of that class and which was made publicly by Capt. James D. McNeill last June, has been corrected in the publication of correspondence between Dr. C. B. Patterson, of this city, and State Auditor W. P. Wood.

Elizabeth City.—News is received here that the coroner's jury in the Leon White murder case in Currituck county has rendered a verdict that White was murdered by his wife and that she is being held in the custody of the sheriff while her counsel is trying to arrange for bail. It was also learned that the verdict of the jury was based on circumstantial evidence.

Statesville.—In an address delivered at a meeting of farmers, dairymen, business and professional men held here in the interest of a co-operative creamery for the county, Mr. Allison J. Reed, state dairymen advised the farmers to first show that they can support a local creamery by shipping cream from 500 cows to the Catawba Co-Operative Creamery of Hickory.

Monroe.—Thinking to do what he had often done before himself and seen others do, Mr. Ellison H. Bivens, local manager of the Southern Cotton Oil Company, caught hold of the chain of a sputtering arc-light in front of his home, intending to shake the lamp and cause the carbon to burn more freely and was instantly killed. It was estimated that fully 2,300 volts of electricity passed through his body.

Fayetteville.—Thirty-six motor cars will leave here October 15, to carry the Fayetteville Boosters through the lower counties of South Carolina. This was settled at a joint meeting of the chamber of commerce and the city recently. Almost twice as many Cumberland County Automobile Societies have been promised by the Automobile Society as made the trip last year.

Asheville.—After having selected another state as his home in lieu of going to the roads in the county, Wiley Black, who has appeared in many courts within the past two years and whose cases have gone to the state supreme court, is to be brought back to Asheville and made to pay court costs aggregating \$100, provided he can be located by the county authorities.

Raleigh.—With fifty entries a month before the North Carolina fair opens fifteen ahead of any former exhibition, Secretary J. E. Pogue was ecstatic on the prospects. In the list who will be attracted this year because the association has buildings worthy of fine stock, are two of the richest and most prominent North Carolinians, Col. P. H. Hanes, one of the great tobacco pioneers, and General Julian S. Carr, another are going to bring the best cattle that they have and they have the best.

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STARTLING REPORT OF SLAVERY EXISTS

CHARGE THAT SAVAGE FAMILIES
SELL CHILDREN IN PHILLIP-
PINES VERIFIED.

PROBE MADE BY AUDITORS

Secretary Garrison Receives the Find-
ings of Inquiry That Was Carried on
For Months By Phipps.—Informants
Names Not Given.

Washington.—Secretary Garrison had before him a Philippine slavery report by W. H. Phipps, auditor for the islands, practically backing up the startling charges of Dean Worcester.

It cites details of many cases of boys and girls sold into slavery at prices ranging from \$60 to \$100, and that heads of savage families sell their daughters and regard the practice as a right.

"I have no hesitancy in saying that I think that the charges of Secretary Worcester that slavery in the Philippines are sustained," says Mr. Phipps. The Phipps report is based upon investigations conducted under the direction of the Philippine auditor by district auditors. It is accompanied by a list of names of sixty-seven persons held as slaves, some being held outright and some under the so-called "debt" system, the fallacy of which is shown by the fact that some of the slaves so held are more than 60 years of age and have been held by the present owners since birth.

All of the district auditors who assisted Mr. Phipps were obliged to promise their informants that the source of the information would not be made public. The names of the officials who helped in the preparation of the report also are withheld.

One investigator stated in his report: "There is a considerable traffic in girls. I personally have had a number of offers of this kind, and it is a generally known fact that a large percentage of the Chinese who have Filipino wives actually bought them, at a stipulated price. A recent instance in which I was offered boys and girls for the small amount of 20 pesos, 30 pesos and 40 pesos was in August of last year at Cebu."

Sulzer Intends To Fight Case Out.

Albany, N. Y.—With rumors current that Governor William Sulzer would resign in event that his attorneys lose their fight to prevent him from being forced to defend himself before the high court of impeachment, statements forthcoming from his counsel seemed to indicate that he has every intention of fighting the case out to the end, be it bitter or sweet. The statements were inspired by the general interpretation placed on the letter which Mr. Sulzer sent to Lieutenant Governor Glynn, turning over to him for signature requisition papers for the extradition of a prisoner.

Senate Committee To Hear Bankers.

Washington.—The Banking and Currency Committee of the Senate, preparing to continue its hearing on the administration currency bill as passed by the House, decided to invite Frank T. Vanderlip, president of the National City Bank of New York, to discuss the measure before the committee. Later Vice President Talbot, of the same institution, will be invited to appear. The committee has decided to have in attendance an expert from the office of the Comptroller of the Currency to keep the committee straight on technical questions during the examination of witnesses in the future.

Lucero Charged With Bribery.

Santa Fe, N. M.—J. P. Lucero, Representative of the first State Legislature, was put on trial in District Court here charged with the solicitation of a \$500 bribe in connection with the election of A. B. Fall to the United States Senate last spring.

Conferees Take Duty Off Bananas.

Washington.—The Tariff Conference Committee of Congress voted to leave bananas on the free list. After a controversy, in which the influence of President Wilson was thrown in favor of the continued free importation, the Senate conferees receded from their amendment, which would have imposed a duty of one-tenth of one cent a pound. The Senate gave way as to duty on lemons, limes, grapefruit and similar fruits, leaving the rates as fixed by the House, based on the measurement of packages.

Defense Procedure Undecided.

Concord, N. H.—A mass of information bearing upon extradition precedents in New Hampshire lay before counsel for Harry K. Thaw, ready for presentation before Governor Felker in an effort to defeat the attempt to have the slayer of Stanford White returned to Matteawan. The order will be decided soon. It had been hoped to submit an outline of the plans to Thaw's mother and sister, Mrs. Geo. Lauder Carnegie, but at last report no member of the family except Harry are here.