

NEWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Short Paragraphs of State News That Have Been Gotten Together With Care by the Editor.

Now it's the cold storage cure for hay fever.

Almost any candidate is a promising candidate.

The air continues to be a poor place in which to do fancy work.

Our idea of nothing to feel sad about is losing a job as an aviator.

The excursion girl now sweetly changes into the matinee maid.

It will be Thanksgiving day for Italy if she finally saws a limb off Turkey.

Tight-skirted women hobbling to catch a car are as funny as a sack race.

The slaughter of an aviator now and then has almost ceased to be a matter of news.

Soon the lover of lake sports will wish to exchange his bathing suit for a pair of skates.

Bohemia has a woman member of parliament. Showing the true Bohemian spirit, as it were.

Do you suppose the government will get any nearer the telephone trust than a long-distance call?

Canada sold 50,000,000 lobsters last winter. New York will have to hustle to live up to its reputation.

The girl with the coat of seashore tan now looks sympathetically at her pale-faced, stay-at-home sisters.

A python in the New York zoo eats but one meal a year. This reduces housekeeping costs to a minimum.

If it were not for the old warships that would the young warships have to shoot at in target practice?

Lemons are becoming more expensive, but it is probable that many of them will still be handed around.

Antiquarians have discovered another Venus, doubtless without first getting the consent of their wives.

Tobacco is now grown in Kansas, and several new brands of Havana cigars will soon be put on the market.

London telegraph company is hiring girls to replace messenger boys. Leave it to a girl to carry messages.

Baltimore policemen must not play dominoes on Sunday. Probably it is the one game that they don't play at all.

A New York man is reported to have borrowed \$3,500 from his laundress. If she had it it is quite possible.

Any movement to restrain the activities of the genius who designs freak shoes for men will deserve public approbation.

Among all the adjectives that have been applied to the costumes that the girls are wearing now we haven't noticed "modest."

An artist who painted \$10 bills has been arrested. Painting \$10 bills does not seem to be any more profitable than gliding lilies.

In Philadelphia all women under thirty are "girls." Philadelphia, the chivalrous and altruistic, is proving itself the City of Brotherly Love to the lone sisters.

An English actor who wore a corset has died as the result of tight lacing. Evidently the manager declined to give him a fat part.

While a Kansas woman was trying to kiss a bulldog the animal bit her lip. It seems difficult for some Kansas bulldogs to acquire good manners.

Playing cards has been traced back to the year 800 A. D. It is safe to presume that the police of those days gathered in their graft just as merrily as now.

A Kansas City man who went to bed one night, leaving \$1,700 in his trousers pocket, has registered a vow that he will not be so careless again. He is trying to accumulate another \$1,700.

Fluffy skirts saved a woman from drowning in the Chicago river. The moral is that women who feel that they must wear tight skirts should avoid falling into that historic stream.

There were fourteen billion telephone calls in the United States last year. Do you wonder that the lines were sometimes busy?

Sound proof floors in apartment buildings are a grand institution, but until the sound proof baby is invented somebody is sure to complain.

Now it appears that the English beauty who planned to see the United States in two days is an actress. Score another point for the alert press agent.

A person with a highly metaphorical taste has called Central America "the neck" of this hemisphere. Which, of course, makes Niagara the boil on it.

"After the wife, the husband is the most important person in the house," declares a London police magistrate. Another jolt for the mother-in-law.

Dictionaries explaining foreign languages can now be brought into this country free of duty and the mystery of the French bill of fare should eventually be cleared up.

Columbia.—H. Witcover, was appointed master of Marion county to succeed the late J. D. Lucas.

Sumter.—The position of C. M. Young, rural policeman, was declared vacant and October 8 set as a date on which a successor will be elected.

Columbia.—The governor issued a proclamation offering a reward of \$100 for the apprehension and conviction of Frank Green, a negro, charged with criminal assault in Marlboro county.

Barnwell.—Gus Sanders, a negro, was arrested and lodged in jail, charged with having robbed the drug store of C. N. Burchhalter. An entrance was effected through a rear door and about \$50 stolen from the safe, which was unlocked, only the day check being on.

Florence.—Mayor Herbert K. Gilbert has arranged to have Mayor Gibbs, of Columbia, visit Florence within the next few days and address the voters of the city on the subject of "Commission Form of Government."

Newberry.—The county Democratic executive committee ordered a second primary for county officers to be held on Tuesday, October 16. There are second races for county superintendent of education, supervisor, House of Representatives, county commissioners and magistrates of two townships.

Columbia.—The governor paroled Millage Byers of Columbia during good behavior and on the further condition that he refrain from intoxicants. Byers was convicted of assault and battery with intent to kill at the last term of court in Richland and sentenced to four months imprisonment or a fine of \$150.

Orangeburg.—The state conference of the Woman's Home Mission society of the Methodist church will be held in this city at St. Paul's Methodist church, beginning October 9. Nearly 100 delegates will be here for the conference and will be entertained by members of the home mission society and Young Ladies' society.

Newberry.—City politics is becoming interesting. Several candidates for aldermen have already been named. So far only two men are out for mayor, J. J. Langford, the incumbent, and Z. F. Wright, president of the Newberry cotton mills. The friends of both men will make a hard fight for their favorites. The primary will be held some time in November. There is talk of another candidate for mayor, but it is likely that the two named will have the contest to themselves.

Newberry.—The Drayton Rutherford chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy, has elected delegates to the general and the state federation of women's clubs, as follows: To the former which meets in Washington in November, Mrs. J. A. Burton and Mrs. James McIntosh, with Mrs. R. D. Wright and Mrs. E. P. Scott, alternates; to the latter, which meets in Charleston, also in November, Miss Cora Dominick and Mrs. John M. Kinard, with Mrs. C. A. Bowman and Miss Fanny McCaughrin, alternates.

Columbia.—Room 23 at the Columbia hotel will be the headquarters of the Progressive party in South Carolina until after the national election on November 5. B. Sherwood Dunn of Aiken, provisional national committee man, and W. P. Beard of Abbeville, state secretary, will be in charge. They will have a corps of stenographers at work and will send Bull Moose literature to all parts of the state in the effort to elect the Progressive electoral ticket which will be in the field in the national election on November 5.

Pageland.—In place of W. H. Woods, who died recently Governor Blease has appointed J. E. Gill as supervisor of Jasper county. Mr. Woods was renominated in the second race for county supervisor over M. Gill by a majority of four votes, and had made an efficient officer. Mr. Gill will hold office under his appointment until January. For nominations for the next term, the state executive committee has advised another primary to be held on October 15, and much interest is being manifested in this election.

Columbia.—Although petitioned by the association of county school trustees to increase its appropriation from \$750 to \$1,500 for use in getting up a county road map the commissioners declined to do so.

Yorkville.—A bill was passed at the last session of the legislature which provided that the question as to whether or not York county will issue \$75,000 in 20-year bonds to be used in purchasing a suitable site and erecting a new court house in Yorkville, shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the county at the general election in November.

Aiken.—L. C. Boone, who has accepted the position of civil engineer to the Aiken county highway commission, in place of Mr. Benson, resigned, arrived in the city recently, and has assumed charge of his duties.

Aiken.—George Wolfe, who last May shot T. D. Fulmer to death in North Augusta, and whose trial came to an end after consuming a day and a half, was convicted of murder, but the recommendation of mercy incorporated in the verdict reduced the sentence of the court from death in the electric chair to life-time imprisonment.

St. Matthews.—While attempting to shoe an obstreperous mule, Lewis Campbell, a negro blacksmith, was kicked over the heart by the mule. Death was immediate.

Spartanburg.—A campaign to raise \$15,000 annually for three years for the Spartanburg chamber of commerce, 10 per cent of which fund will go to the state chamber of commerce provided the other cities of the state agree to support the state organization upon a similar basis, was organized here at a mass meeting of the citizens of the city, and the campaign is to be waged in three days.

PAPERS TO TEST PUBLICITY LAW

SUIT AGAINST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS FILED IN NEW YORK CITY.

SAY LAW UNCONSTITUTIONAL

Petition Charges That the Law is Unconstitutional and Prays for an Injunction.

New York.—Suit to test the right of the government to enforce the Federal law of August 24, 1912, requiring newspapers and periodicals to publish their circulation figures twice a year and imposing other publicity requirements, was filed in the United States district court here by The Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin company, publishers of the Journal of Commerce.

The suit is directed against Postmaster General Hitchcock, Attorney General Wickersham, United States District Attorney Wise and Postmaster Morgan of New York. The petitioner charges the law is unconstitutional, and prays for a temporary injunction restraining its enforcement until final adjudication. It also requests that the defendants be required by subpoena to answer.

Back of the action, according to Robert C. Morris of counsel for the complainant, is the American Newspaper Publishers' association. The association decided recently to file a test suit, and the Journal of Commerce, Mr. Morris said, in filing its petition, has the sanction and co-operation of the association.

The petition alleges there are upward of 25,000 newspapers and periodicals in the country affected by the law. It charges that the law is void because it violates the Federal Constitution and particularly the first and fifth amendments, and abridges the freedom of the press. The law is characterized as of no benefit to the post office or any other department of the government, inasmuch as obedience by the periodicals and newspapers would not "aid or assist in the operation of the postoffice department or in the carrying of mails or the regulation thereof."

In its petition the complainant announces it will not comply with the law, for the reason given, and declares the defendants are about to enforce the law by denying the complainants the use of the mails. With reference to that portion of the law which requires that all printed matter for which there is any compensation received shall be labeled "advertisement," the petition says:

"It is not within the power of congress," the complainant continues, "to enact said act, and it is an usurpation by congress of powers expressly reserved to the several states, and is legislation affecting matters with which the several states of the United States alone have the right to treat."

TRAIN WRECKER CONFESSES

Tom Tankersley Says He and Two Others Opened Switch.

Atlanta, Ga.—Tom Tankersley, a simple-minded youth of 18 years, is locked up in the Fulton county jail, having confessed to participating in wrecking the Southern train near Cornelia last week when two lives were lost.

According to the boy's confession, he and two others, whose names he does not remember, are responsible for the wreck, and their motive was to rob the mail after the train was derailed, but no robbery was attempted, he says.

Tankersley was arrested for stealing a horse with which he rode away from the scene of the wreck. His knowledge of how the wreck occurred caused the arresting officer to suspect him and the detectives of the Southern road were notified.

When the train came dashing in, their nerve for robbing the mail vanished, and they fled in fright. One left on the first freight train to pass, he says, he left on a stolen horse, and he doesn't know what became of the third man.

Mrs. Eddy's Will Void.

Boston.—A trust estimated at \$2,000,000 created by the will of Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy, founder of the Christian Science church, for the benefit of the denomination, was declared void by the Massachusetts supreme court. The court holds, however, that a charitable trust has been created, and that new trustees may be appointed to administer. The trust was to have been administered by the directors of the mother church in Boston, but the court decided that the trust provisions were nullified.

Noted Mountaineer Slain.

Ellijay, Ga.—Charles Tipton, a noted mountaineer moonshiner of the north Georgia mountains, is dead. A coroner's jury has been unable to clear up the mystery of just when and by whom he was killed. The general impression here is that Tipton, who was known as a desperate character, was shot to death by mountain clansmen who had some hidden grievance against him. Tipton was famous in this section for his exploits as a moonshiner. He had been frequently arrested for illicit distilling.

Bank of Wesley Robbed.

Wesley, Ga.—The Bank of Wesley, seven miles south of Swainsboro, was entered by burglars, the safe completely demolished and all the funds taken. About \$1,000 was secured. Sheriff Field and a posse left immediately for the scene and have some clues which they are following. All trains have been well guarded and every effort is being used to apprehend the yegmen. The bank is protected by a burglary policy. This robbery occurred just a week after the robbery of the bank of Register.

LADY REID



Lady Reid is the wife of Sir George Reid, high commissioner of Australia in London.

BECKER PLACED ON TRIAL

Prosecutor Promises Chair for Assasin of Zelig Unless He Confesses.

New York.—Two hundred and fifty talesmen jammed the court room of Justice Goff in the criminal branch of the supreme court when Police Lieutenant Charles Becker was called to trial on the charge of murder in the first degree for instigating the assassination of Herman Rosenthal, the gambler who was shot to death last July.

In addition to these men, there was another panel of 50 from which Justice Goff was to select a special grand jury of 23 to devote its time to the Rosenthal investigations.

Motion by Attorney John F. McIntyre of the defense presented at the opening of the court that the trial be postponed was denied by Justice Goff. District Attorney Whitman asserted that he could prove his charges, despite the assassination of "Big Jack Zelig," the gangster who was slain. Zelig was to have been an important corroborative witness for the prosecution.

Long before the hour set for the convening of court the criminal courts building was surrounded by a great crowd and police reserves from two stations were added to those on the scene.

Throughout the trial extra police will be kept in the court room to prevent any gang outbreak such as has been anticipated ever since Jack Rose, Sam Schepps, Harry Vallon and Louis Webber pledged their aid to the prosecution. East Side gangsters are declared by attaches of the district attorney's office to have vowed to "get" these men.

While Philip Davidson, alias "Boston Red Phil," reiterated his story that his murder of Zelig was on personal grounds and not connected with the trial of Becker, District Attorney Whitman was said to have evidence showing beyond any doubt that the "system" which brought about the death of Rosenthal as he was about to divulge graft secrets also accomplished the murder of Zelig to prevent his appearing as a witness against Becker.

ITALIANS ATTACK CITIZENS

One Man Shot by Laborers Working on Tallulah Dam.

Clayton, Ga.—Two hundred Italians employed at Mathis Shoals in the construction of the Georgia Power company's new dam across Tallulah river, after imbibing a little too much of the "overjoyful," attacked a young man named Grover Shirley. They knocked him into the river, then fired several pistol shots at him.

A difficulty growing out of the same transaction was renewed in which a dozen or more of the citizens of Rabun were accosted by the foreigners with rifles, pistols and shotguns. They quickly retreated, taking shelter behind buildings, rocks and trees, until they reached safety behind a nearby hilltop. More than one hundred shots were fired at the fleeing citizens.

Plotted to Blow Up Canal.

Indianapolis, Ind.—Pages from the careers of the McNamara and Ortie E. McManigal, as leaders of "the flying squadron of dynamiters," with conversations in which they are said to have plotted to send McManigal to Panama to blow up the locks of the Panama canal, were read by District Attorney Charles W. Miller before the jury at the trial of the accused "dynamite conspirators." The incident in reference to Panama, Mr. Miller said, occurred just before the arrest of the Los Angeles dynamiters.

Will Not Be Deported.

Washington.—Prince Ludovic Pig-natelli d'Aragon, son of Don Jaime, pretender to the throne of Spain, who has been held at New York, threatened with deportation, will be released and authorized to enter the United States, unless information is soon received from France justifying his rejection by the immigration officials at Ellis Island. The department of commerce and labor instructed the commissioner of immigration at New York not to hold the prince an unreasonable length of time.

\$67,824 Spent by LaFollette.

Washington.—From a half-dozen witnesses heard by the senate campaign expenditures committee drew a small amount of information bearing on the campaign expenditures. Charles R. Crane of Chicago denied the statements of E. H. Hooker that he had given \$70,000 each to Senator LaFollette and Governor Wilson and swore that his gifts to the LaFollette campaign totaled \$26,684.40, and those to Governor Wilson's pre-convention campaign \$10,000. John D. Archbold, had been recalled to testify.

WAR IS DECLARED AGAINST THE TURKS

MONTENEGRO BEGINS HOSTILITIES—SERVIA, BULGARIA AND GREECE TO FOLLOW.

FORESTALL GREAT POWERS

Moved Against Turkey Before Great Powers Presented Note in Effort to Keep Peace.

Paris, France.—A general conflagration in the Balkans is expected by officials here.

Montenegro's declaration of war against Turkey is regarded as the beginning. It is believed other units in the Balkan coalition will follow suit as soon as the mobilization of their armies is complete.

The action of Montenegro in declaring war on Turkey has forestalled the great powers who were moving for peace and a general conflagration is expected in the Balkans in a short time. Bulgaria, Serbia, and Greece will follow Montenegro's lead and the four Balkan states will fight out their long standing quarrel with Turkey. It is feared that hostilities may involve some of the great powers and engulf all Europe in war.

Austria and Russia both have interests in the Balkans, and they in turn may involve the other great powers. Besides their mutual hatred of Turkey and their desire to extend their territories, all the Balkan states, it is now pointed out, have quarrels with Turkey arising out of the chronic disorder in Macedonia and Albania. It is a matter of general knowledge that there have been frequent outrages against the subjects of the Balkan states on Turkish territory, and along all the frontier the guards have been at each other's throats at every opportunity.

Each blamed the other for being the aggressor. Besides Serbia's desire to annex the sanjak of Novibazar, Bulgaria, diplomats aver, want a slice of Macedonia, Greece wishes for Crete and Montenegro has designs on Albania. All the four Balkan states have said they would be satisfied with the introduction of reforms in Macedonia. Turkey has promised reforms, but they have never materialized.

Constantinople.—Prior to receiving his passports from the Turkish government, the Montenegrin charge d'affaires, M. Plamenatz, handed the following note in behalf of his government to the Porte:

"With the authorization of King Nicholas I I have the honor to inform you that from today the government of Montenegro ceases all relations with the Ottoman empire, leaving it to the arms of the Montenegrins to secure recognition of their rights and the rights which have been ignored for centuries of their brothers in the Ottoman empire."

DYNAMITE KILLS 45 PEOPLE

Twenty More Will Die From Hurts Received in Mexican Fire.

Tampico, Mexico.—Three hundred persons are suffering from injuries and 45 mangled bodies are in the morgue as the result of an explosion of dynamite in a store house here.

Of the injured twenty will die. An investigation by the authorities led to the discovery that the explosion occurred during a fire which had evidently been set by an incendiary. Many of the killed and injured were spectators attracted by the burning building. Suddenly as they pressed close there was a terrific detonation, which shook the earth and sent flying embers for many yards through the air.

1,750 Hookworm Cases.

Pineville, Ky.—As a result of an investigation of the hookworm disease in this section it was announced here that 1,750 cases had been discovered in Bell county alone in the last twenty-eight days. The investigation was conducted by Wickliffe Rose, executive secretary of the Rockefeller commission for the eradication of hookworm, in conjunction with an officer of the state board of health. All cases discovered are under treatment.

Husband and Wife Die in Cemetery.

Birmingham, Ala.—The dead bodies of Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Natfel of Woodlawn, a suburb of Birmingham, were found in the Woodlawn cemetery, a bullet through the woman's temple and one in the brain of the man. A pistol was found in the man's hand, and all indications point to his having killed his wife and then himself. The couple left the home of Mrs. Natfel's parents to go to a drug store. It is believed the husband induced his wife to go to the cemetery, where the double killing took place.

Milk Records Broken.

Brockton, Mass.—All records for milk and butter have been shattered by Creamello Vale, a Holstein cow owned by Earl Upton. The cow has given 26,300 pounds of milk with a monetary value of \$1,300 since November 15, 1911. An average cow gives, according to the department of agriculture statistics, about 3,000 pounds of milk a year. Creamello Vale in one month has given 3,200 pounds. At her best Mr. Upton's Holstein has given 108 pounds of milk a day, which is at the rate of 4 1/2 pounds an hour.

Bank Robbers Secure \$900.

Statesboro, Ga.—Bulloch county had its first bank robbery when the Farmers' State bank, at Register, 10 miles from here, was entered by professionals, who took away \$900, leaving about fifty dollars in gold and silver. The sheriff at Statesboro was phoned. F. P. Register, president of the bank, lives near the building and, hearing the explosion, got up to investigate. As he struck a match to light a lamp he was ordered to "put out that light," which he promptly did.

GRAND DUKE DMITRI



Grand Duke Dmitri Pavlovitch, son of the Grand Duke Paul and cousin of the czar of Russia, is to wed the Grand Duchess Olga, eldest daughter of the czar. The grand duke was born December 6, 1891.

MARINES KILLED IN BATTLE

FOUR BLUEJACKETS SLAIN AND SEVERAL WOUNDED IN STORMING REBEL STRONGHOLD.

Capture of Leon Completes Campaign Planned by Admiral Sutherland.

San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua.—The town of Leon has surrendered to the American forces.

Washington.—In their march upon Leon, the last stronghold of the rebels, the American forces, under Lieutenant Colonel Long, ousted a rebel mob at Chichigalpa, killing thirteen and wounding many more. Five Americans were slightly wounded. Chichigalpa is on the Nicaragua National railway, midway between Leon and Corinto.

In reporting the engagement to the navy department, Rear Admiral Sutherland said Lieutenant Colonel Long and his command were trying to take arms and dynamite bombs in Chichigalpa, when they were suddenly surrounded by a mob of rebels and their sympathizers well armed with machetes and rifles. Disregarding the order of their officers, several rebels fired upon the Americans. The fire was promptly returned, and the killing of thirteen and wounding many more, the Americans took four dynamite bombs, which it is believed were intended to be used against them or to cripple the railroad.

In a gallant assault American marines and bluejackets drove the Nicaraguan revolutionary leader, General Zeledon, and his forces from Coyote and Barranca Hills, near Masaya, after 37 minutes of fighting, but in the action four privates of the United States marine corps were killed and a number were wounded.

NINE JOY RIDERS ARE KILLED

Auto Turned Turtle as It Fell From Bridge.

Philadelphia.—Nine young men lost their lives when an automobile in which they were joy riding crashed through the railing of the side of the new Thirty-third street Boulevard at Master street and fell into a coal yard 75 feet below. The machine, a fast touring car, turned turtle in the descent and the occupants were found crushed and mangled in the hood of the machine.

Edgar M. Shaw, 19 years old, a son of James Shaw, a lumber merchant, who owned the car, was taking a party of his friends home after an evening spent in various cafes. Nine young men were in the machine and six others were in a smaller automobile when the party came at terrific speed down Thirty-third street. In turning to avoid the smaller automobile, which was in the lead, Charles I. Spady, who was driving an automobile in the opposite direction, collided with the rear wheel of the Shaw machine.

\$5,000 in Jewelry Stolen.

Chicago.—The hotel apartments of Col. James Hamilton Lewis, Democratic candidate for United States senator, were robbed. The police have been notified that jewels to the value of between \$5,000 and \$10,000 were stolen. Col. and Mrs. Lewis had been away for a week, campaigning in the interests of Colonel Lewis' candidacy for United States senator. Fifty-five articles of jewelry, nearly all of unique design, were included in the list of stolen ornaments furnished to the police by Colonel Lewis.

Girl Attacked by Catamount.

Mobile, Ala.—Crazed with hunger, a fullgrown wildcat attacked the 13-year old daughter of Edward Bosarge of Coden, Ala., as she was returning to her home with her father. Mr. Bosarge was not armed. The catamount had torn the dress almost from the little girl when Mr. Bosarge sprang at the animal waving his hat and shouting at the top of his voice. Frightened at the black object in front of him and the shrieks of his assailant, the cat fled into the swamps. The girl's flesh was not torn.

Two Aviators Lose Life.

Berlin, Germany.—Aviation Week at Johannisthal was concluded after two more deaths had been added to the long list of fatalities among European aviation during the last two months. A monoplane driven by Ernest Allig and carrying a mechanic, suddenly fell from a height of 600 feet when a wing collapsed. The mechanic was thrown from the machine at a height of 450 feet and his body landed on the ground clear of his wreckage. Allig fell with the monoplane and was killed instantly.

MONSTER REVIEW OF AMERICAN NAVY

THE HUGE WAR DOGS STRETCH FOR 15 MILES OUT OF NEW YORK HARBOR.

IS LIKE MODERN ARMADA

President Taft and Secretary Meyer Will Make Inspection Tours—The Greatest Array of War Vessels Ever Seen in This Country.

New York.—The flower of the United States Navy lies at anchor on the Hudson River, an armada whose like has never been assembled in the Western World before. For 15 miles

—from the armored cruiser Tennessee off Thirteenth street to the Ajax, last of the fuel ships, far north of Spuyten Duyvil Creek—it stretches in a double line.

Simultaneously with the mobilization here there will be a mobilization at Manila of available warships of the Asiatic fleet. Thirty vessels of the fleet are now in Philippine or Chinese waters and from them Rear Admiral Nicholson has selected those which will participate. Most of the fleet is composed of cruisers, torpedo boats and destroyers, submarines and colliers. Thus, practically the entire American navy will take part in double mobilizations, half-way round the world apart.

For more than a week past the ships have been steaming into New York harbor. Perhaps never again will such an aggregation of sea-fighters be assembled. Some naval authorities predict that the limit of big battleship construction is fast being reached. A few years hence may find the navies of the world relying on smaller ships in greater numbers.

One hundred and twenty-seven ships of war of all classes, with a total displacement of 741,590 tons, have been picked by the Navy Department for this mobilization. Officers and crews total approximately 28,000 persons. Thirty-two first-class battleships fringe the Manhattan shore from West Forty-ninth street to Fort Washington. These, the backbone of the navy, vary in size from the super-dreadnaughts Arkansas and Wyoming, twins of 28,000 tons, displacement each, to the Indians, and Massachusetts, babies of the battleship fleet with 10,000 odd tons each.

Ask Wickersham to Decide. Washington.—The question whether President Taft has the power, through the Comptroller of the Currency, to call upon National banks for information to aid House "Money Trust Committee" in its investigation has been referred to Attorney General Wickersham for an opinion. Samuel Untermyer of counsel for the committee, recently asked the President to procure a mass of data from the banks. Mr. Taft was undecided as to his power under the law to have National banks reveal their loans and other transactions and took up the question with the Attorney General who is expected to render an opinion soon.

A Petition For Clemency.

Louisville, Ky.—An appeal to American Christians, asking that they write individual letters to the Emperor of Japan petitioning him for clemency for the Korean Christians convicted and sentenced to long imprisonment for alleged plotting against the government, was issued by Rev. D. M. Sweets of Louisville, editor of a Presbyterian weekly published here. Readers are asked to pray for providential opening of the prison doors.

Wreck on Elevated Train.

New York.—Twenty-two passengers were injured in a rear end collision of elevated trains at the 104th street station. The failure of the brakes on the second train is said to have caused the accident. The forward car of this train and the last car of the train in front were telescoped. Two of the injured will probably die.

Witness in Becker Trial.

New York.—Thomas Ryan, a chauffeur and an eye witness to the murder of Herman Rosenthal, refused when called to the stand by the prosecution at the trial of Police Lieutenant Charles Becker to identify any of the gunmen involved. They were lined up before him but the witness declined to swear that he had seen any one of them fire a shot. He even repudiated a story he is alleged to have previously told Assistant District Attorney Moss. Justice Goff was unable to jog the witness' memory.

Bandits Caught in Hold Up.

Fort Smith, Ark.—Four masked bandits were bungled in an attempt to hold up and rob a northbound Kansas City Southern passenger train between Hatfield and Mena, Ark. One was wounded and captured and the other bandits escaped after a battle with Express Messenger Merrill Burgett, of Kansas City, Mo., in which Burgett exhausted his ammunition and was badly beaten about the head and shoulders and refused to disclose the hiding place of valuable packages.

Minor and Cereal Crops Large.

Washington.—The country's minor crops as well as the big cereal crops are exceedingly large, the Department of Agriculture's crop reporting board announces. They are from 5 per cent to 32 per cent bigger than last year's. The composite condition of all crops on October 1st or at the time of harvest was better than last year in all States except North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Michigan, Tennessee, Alabama, New Mexico, Arizona, Idaho and California.