

**MILL MEN SUSPECT DEMOCRATIC TARIFF.**

(Observer Bureau.)

Washington, May 1.—Southern cotton mill men still complain of bad business. Many of them do not feel the improvement in trade indicated by the reports received by the Department of Commerce.

"There is considerable unrest among cotton manufacturers," said a young North Carolina mill man who has made considerable money during the last two decades manufacturing cotton goods. "Mill men are saying very little, but they fear the Democratic Administration is partially responsible for the condition existing in cotton milling centers. Many of us have weathered the worst of the storm and will be able to keep on. Personally I have lost nearly \$100,000. That was a hard blow to me. I never voted anything but the Democratic ticket and I don't believe that I will change although I have a suspicion that the tariff has been lowered too much, and throws us into close competition with cheap foreign labor.

"Some of my associates in the mill business think, as I do, but are saying nothing, hoping that something will come to convince us that we are wrong in our apprehensions. We are waiting and watching and hoping.

"Cotton manufacturers are concerned about a bill that would regulate the employment of 14 and 16-year-old boys and girls in their mills, which is now pending in Congress, would become a law then we would have to quit mill business."

These statements were thrown out in a hurried motel lobby conversation between the mill owner and The Observer correspondent, but they are typical of what one hears here several times a week from Southern mill men.

The manufacturers as well as other clear-thinking men, do not criticize the President. The truth is, President Wilson is becoming more popular every day; the people realize that he is pure gold, and rings clear whenever and wherever counted. The suspicion is against the Democratic tariff—the tariff for revenue only—many business men doubt the wisdom of a low tariff so long as the United States pays high wages, has short hours, and demands more luxuries than other countries.

The protest against the child labor bill is directed at the Palmer bill which passed the House last Congress and is absolutely certain to become a law within the next two years. The bill would have passed the Senate last March had it ever come to a vote. It may be modified but in some form it will pass. The mill men if they would change it had better get together and agree upon amendments. The measure may be amended but never killed outright, for Democrats as well as Republicans are supporting it, and it will hit the South harder than any other section. Some of its friends support it because it strikes the South. There is a paid lobby here for the bill.

H. E. C. BRYANT.

**Divorced Husband Kills Four of Wife's Family.**

Little Rock, Ark., April 28.—Samuel Bell, alleged slayer of four members of his wife's family, near Morrilton last night, surrendered to Conway county officials early today and was rushed to the state penitentiary here for safe keeping, the officers fearing mob violence. The victim was Dick Fryer and Amos Fryer, Bell's father-in-law and brother-in-law, respectively; Mrs. Earl Bearden, his sister-in-law, and the latter's husband. Bell is said to have blamed the family for the estrangement of his wife, from whom he is divorced.

**JOHN HICE IS KILLED IN CALDWELL COUNTY.****He Was Murdered in His Home And Robbed of Several Hundred Dollars.**

Lenoir, April 30.—John Hice, a white man about 50 years old, was found dead in his home near the Catawba river, in the southwestern part of the county on Wednesday afternoon about 4 o'clock. The evidence points to the fact that he was unmistakably robbed and murdered sometime Tuesday night.

The murdered man was last seen Monday afternoon, when he was at the home of a neighbor, Mr. Whisnant, who lives about one mile from him, and made arrangements with the latter to help him plant corn on Wednesday. As he did not show up on the day appointed, Mr. Whisnant went to his home about 4 o'clock that afternoon and made the horrible and gruesome discovery recited above. The door of the home was partly ajar and on the inside lay the body of Hice, cold and stiff, with the face and head disfigured and clogged with blood.

Several ugly wounds, upon examination, were found on the right side of the head above the eye while the back of the head was badly crushed in by the blows from some blunt instrument. Nearby the body were an old-fashioned stove shovel and a heavy rough chair with hair and blood on them, leaving no doubt even in the mind of the most casual observer as to the instruments used in delivering the death blows.

When discovered the body was dressed in a rough skirt and overalls, and the bare feet, indicating that Hice had retired or was fixing to retire for the night when attacked. There were many blood stains on the floor and wall of the room, which tended to show that the murdered man put up a game and valiant fight for his life before he was finally overcome and received his death blow.

Hice lived alone, his wife having died about one year ago, in a small two-room house, and is believed to have had on his person some \$400 or \$500 when he was sent to his doom by the fiendish robber and murderer. It was known that he usually carried his money around with him, and the fact that he lived alone in a rather secluded place made him an easy mark. His pocket book, empty and blood stained, was found near his body, testifying silently but unmistakably as to the cause of the deed.

**MOTHER AND WIFE DISAGREED; HE DRANK CARBOLIC ACID.**

Hickory, May 1.—Adolphus McGuire, aged about 35 died at his home in Highland late last evening just 18 minutes after a self-administered dose of carbolic acid, about two tablespoonful of the deadly drug being swallowed. Physicians who were summoned reached him just after he had passed away.

The deceased was a hard-working man with a family, holding a position with the Martin Furniture Company. He quit work there last evening, telling his superintendent that he would be back the next morning to finish up a small job, the shop not running on Saturday. On going home it seems that he found his mother and wife having some trouble about the children, which according to reports has been going on for some time. He ate supper and then rushed to the state penitentiary.

Talking freely to a friend after having committed the deed, he expressed himself as being tired of the trouble, which he had stood as long as he could; that he was prepared to die and willing to do so. He then gave his watch to one of his children and lapsed into unconsciousness. He and his wife were always on the best of terms.

**MORTONS TOWNSHIP ENTHUSIASTIC OVER THE OPPORTUNITY TO SECURE THE INTERURBAN RAILWAY.**

These wide awake citizens have appointed a committee of six of their most active business men, who have gone actively to work to see that all poll taxes are paid, and that all of her voters are qualified to vote on this great question.

They realize the importance of securing trolley car connection, both freight and passenger, to the larger trading centers. The farmers realize the advantage of being able to market, every morning, the small perishable things that now go to waste because there is no now cheap, prompt and frequent means of getting these things to market. The merchants and manufacturers appreciate the opportunity to eliminate their present significant drayage accounts, and their opportunity to take their supplies more frequently from the wholesale and larger retail establishments of Burlington. These people are enthusiastically alive to their opportunity and are going to take advantage of it by a large majority "for subscription" on the first Tuesday in June.

**SALE OF REAL ESTATE.**

By virtue of the power contained in a certain Mortgage executed by Will Burton and wife, Catherine Burton to the undersigned on the 16th day of May, 1914, and duly registered in the office of the Register of Deeds for Alamance county, State of North Carolina, in book No. 64 of Mortgage Deeds, pages 493-495 to secure the payment of a certain bond, conveyed certain real estate, and whereas default having been made in the payment of said bond and interest, I will expose to public sale to the highest bidder for cash at the courthouse door of the county of Alamance, on Monday, May 10, 1915, at twelve o'clock P. M., the land conveyed in said mortgage deed to-wit:

A certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in Alamance county, State of North Carolina, in Graham township, and defined and described as follows:

It being lot No. 133 in plat recorded in the office of Register of Deeds of Alamance county, in deed book No. 35, page 455, reference to which is hereby made for a more complete description. This deed conveys all of said lot except a front of 25 feet extending back the full length of the lot and adjoining lot No. 132, upon which is situated a three room new cottage dwelling.

This the 31st day of March, 1915.

M. E. HOFFMAN,  
Mortgagee.

**JAIL YAWNS FOR LAWYER.**

Wilmington, April 29.—K. C. Sidbury, Esq., member of local bar was today sentenced by Recorder Emple to thirty days in jail with such provisions, however, as will enable the lawyer to remain at liberty if he choose to abide by the judgment.

The lawyer was found guilty of violating terms of a previous judgment by returning to a parcel of land in dispute and entering upon it. The land is in Pembroke Park, Wrightsville sound. Sidbury represents the plaintiffs in land suit and his actions are part of his plan to retain possession of the property.

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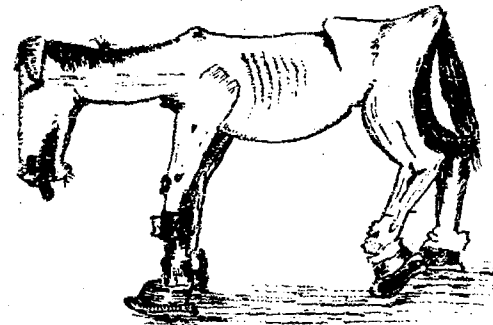
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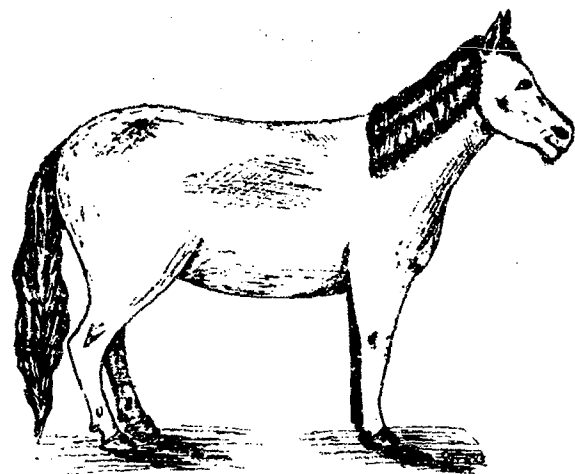
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