

EVERYBODY TALKING ABOUT BIG TRADING EVENT FOR CONCORD

Event Stars Thursday of This Week and Will Run Until Six O'clock on the Night of June Second.

BOOSTER TRIP IS TAKEN BY MANY

Number of Cities and Towns Visited by Caravan—Two Autos to Be Given Away Are Purchased.

Everybody is talking Trade Week now. Even those pessimists who are afraid of everything out of the ordinary are beginning to feel now that this event is going to be the biggest ever held in this county, and one of the biggest ever held in the State. Everywhere one goes he finds business men making preparations for the event, and that hundreds of fine bargains will be offered is a certainty.

The autos to be given away by the merchants of the city are two of the most popular on the market now. The Ford sales continue to increase and more of these cars are sold than all others. During the past two years, during which time many improvements have been made to the car, the Chevrolet has grown in popularity, and its sales are increasing each month now. Each \$1 paid for a purchase or paid on account will entitle the buyer to a ticket and the duplicates will be deposited in the store in which the purchase is made. On Saturday night, June 2, at 7 o'clock all of the tickets will be placed in one big box and the lucky numbers drawn.

The Chevrolet touring car will be the first prize and the Ford the second prize. Persons holding the lucky numbers for the cars will have to be present when the drawing takes place if they get the car. If persons holding the duplicates of the numbers drawn first are not present, the drawing will continue until some person present holds the number corresponding to the one drawn.

The booster trip, planned for the purpose of advertising the big event throughout this and adjoining counties, was made this morning. About a dozen cars were in the party, and each car was decorated with a big banner giving the dates of the trade event and inviting bargain lovers to this city while it is on.

The boosters visited Kannapolis, Landis, China Grove, Salisbury, Mooresville and Davidson, in addition to various community centers in this county. They had dinner at Mooresville.

Fifteen members of the Jackson Training School had accompanied by the boosters, who were under the command of J. E. Davis, chairman of the advertising committee. The band boys drew large crowds in each town and city visited.

The two autos to be given away have already been secured. They will be kept at the garages where purchased until time for the drawing on June 2nd, when they will be driven to Central Grade School, where the drawing will take place. The persons winning them will be allowed to drive them home that night. The cars are the latest models and have not been used except on the booster trip.

Special prices will be found on practically all goods in the stores of the city for the big event. The merchants are planning to make it worthwhile for shoppers to visit their stores while the big trade event is on, and if attractive prices on reasonable goods will be an incentive thousands of shoppers are certain to trade here during the ten days the event is on.

The big event begins Thursday morning with the opening of the stores and business houses. It will continue through 6 p. m. June 2nd. The bargains will be here in abundance and the wise shopper will be here for them.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Firm at an Advance on Reports of Heavy Rains in Texas and Oklahoma.

(By the Associated Press.)

New York, N. Y., May 22.—The cotton market opened firm at an advance of 14 to 28 points on reports of heavy rains in Texas and Oklahoma, which naturally promoted talk of probably low end-May condition figures. There was active covering at the start, with Liverpool, Wall Street and western interests credited with buying, but the advance to 25.35 for July and 23.19 for October ran into reactions of 8 to 10 points during the early trading.

Cotton futures opened firm: May 24.55; July 25.50; Oct. 23.15; Dec. 22.77; Jan. 22.55.

Regular "Shiner" Almost Extinct.

Washington, May 21.—The oldtime moonshiner in the Mountains of eastern Tennessee has practically disappeared. Prohibition Commissioner Haynes was told today by W. A. Smith, prohibition director for Tennessee, that distilling in the Tennessee rural districts, the State director said, had been reduced 75 per cent within the last two years. Many who formerly engaged in moonshining, he said, had found it unremunerative to the risk taken and were now engaged in farming. The moonshining in eastern Tennessee, the director reported, now is carried on principally in the cities.

BANDITS CONTINUE TO SHOW DISFAVOR WITH NEGOTIATIONS

Will Pay No Attention to Demands and Unless Their Wishes Are Granted Will Not Free Captives.

WANT ALL TROOPS WITHDRAWN NOW

Chinese Officials Send Proposal, But Conditions of Captives Said to Be "Terrible" At Present.

Tientsin, May 22 (By the Associated Press).—Latest advices from Tsoochang today confirmed the complete headlock reported in negotiations conducted by the Peking government in an effort to obtain the release of the foreigners held by the bandits in a Shantung mountain stronghold.

Conditions under which several foreign captives were held at the summit of Popoquin Mountain were described as "terrible."

The only real peace offer put forth by the Puchun of Shantung province, was said to have been rejected by the bandits with the ironic retortation: "Withdraw the troops to their original stations." The Puchun offered to withdraw some distance from the Paozuku simultaneously with the release of a third of the prisoners conditionally. On release of another third he said he would comply with all the demands for withdrawal, the remaining third to be liberated when the bandits, as they have stipulated, were formed into brigades of the regular army.

The outlaws, however, refused to believe the Puchun sincere and so notified the foreign consuls at Tsoochang.

Most of the captives have been removed to the summit of Paozuku, and it is believed the others will follow. Messengers now are forbidden to ascend the mountain, so that it is difficult to verify the reports, but letters from the captives still reaching the outside establish something of their movements.

No Report of Executions.

Shanghai, May 22 (By the Associated Press).—"The zero hour" for the Szechuan bandits has passed, and no announcement has been received from the brigands' stronghold of any executions. Government troops are withdrawing as the bandits demanded. The nearest soldiers to Paozuku, the captives' mountain prison, now are six miles distant.

Must Follow Advice.

Washington, May 22.—President Harding in consultation with the cabinet today decided that the American government must be guided by advice from Minister Schurman at Peking and consular officers in China in its efforts to secure the release of United States and other foreign citizens held captive by bandits in Shantung province.

Only as a last resort, it was said, by a white house spokesman, will the United States government participate in direct negotiations with the bandits or take any action which would relinquish the Peking government from responsibility of action.

Advises Negroes to Remain in the South.

Henderson, May 22.—Stray South is the advice to colored people given by J. A. Henderson, principal of the Christian College for colored youth here. He has issued a statement headed "A Warning to My People." In part this statement is as follows:

I am of the opinion that all of us who will listen to what labor agents may have to say about leaving the South will make a great mistake. The South is the place for us. We understand the white people of the South; they understand us, and wherever the colored man has built up a character and is truthful, honest and industrious, he is respected and is given whatever help along the line is needed. Nine tenths of those who go North will regret it in less than a year. You may, for a few months, get higher wages—but listen friends: House rent is higher; wood and coal are higher; bread and meat are higher; cabbage and watermelons are higher. And after a few months, when this great rush of work is over and the terrible northern winter is on and the work has closed down what are you going to do then?

Here we have a mild climate the year round, plenty of food, water, wood, melons, potatoes, fish, fruits, flowers, mocking birds; plenty of work with steady wages, good schools and churches for ourselves and children, and no better people to live with and near you.

Now friends listen to me for our own good, every one of us who listens to the seductive stories about social equality, and great riches are acting as did Lot when he pitched his tent toward Sodom, and afterwards was very sorry that he did. But it was too late.

Will Appear Before Labor Board.

(By the Associated Press.)

Philadelphia, May 22.—President Samuel Res. of the Pennsylvania Railroad today wired the railroad labor board at Chicago that he would appear before the board next Monday afternoon in the matter of the complaint before the board of the brotherhood of railway and steamship clerks.

Associate Justice Platt D. Walker Dead at His Home in State Capital

(By the Associated Press.)

Raleigh, May 22.—Associate Justice Platt D. Walker died at his home here at 10:05 this morning, following an illness of one week. The cause of his death was kidney complications.

The Supreme Court was sitting in official session when advised of Judge Walker's death, and an adjournment was taken until 12 o'clock.

Associate Justice Walker was born at Wilmington, N. C., the son of Thomas E. and Mary Vance (Pickinson) Walker. He received his early training at George E. Jewett's school at Wilmington, and later entered Horner's Military Academy at Oxford. From Horner's Judge Walker went to the University of North Carolina. He finished his collegiate course at the University of Virginia where he studied law, receiving his L. L. D. diploma at this institution.

Judge Walker was a representative from Richmond county in the General Assembly. He has been Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina since January 1903.

Funeral Thursday.

Funeral services for Associate Justice Platt D. Walker, who died at his home here this morning following an illness of one week, will be held at 11 a. m. Thursday from the residence of Mrs. N. N. Davis, 353 Orange street, Wilmington. Burial will take place in the Wilmington cemetery. The body will leave Raleigh over the Southern Railway at 12:40 p. m. tomorrow for Wilmington.

COMMENCEMENT DRAMA AT MT. PLEASANT A SUCCESS

Presentation of "Esmeralda" Witnessed by Large Audience—Declared a Great Success by All.

The largest audience that has attended any of the commencement exercises at Mt. Pleasant this week was present Monday evening for the presentation of the commencement drama, "Esmeralda" was the drama offered this year, and judging by criticisms made by those present, the entertainment given this year ranks with the best ever presented, and many declare it the best ever seen in Mt. Pleasant.

Elaborate costumes, appropriate setting and background, and impressive presentation of the various parts by the actors, served to make the entertainment one of real pleasure and interest. The play was presented before an audience that filled the auditorium and was loud in its praise for the excellent acting.

The following was the cast of characters:

Mr. Elbert Rogers, a North Carolina farmer—Gen. B. Johnston.
Mrs. Lydia Ann Rogers, his wife—Mabel McAllister.
Miss Esmeralda Rogers, his daughter—Mrs. C. B. Smithfield.
Dave Hardy, a young North Carolina man—C. B. Smithfield.
Mr. Estabrook, a man of leisure—H. H. Alexander.
Mr. Jack Desmond, an American artist in Paris—B. L. Allen.
Miss Nora Desmond, his sister—Miss Kate Desmond, his sister—Helen James.

"Marquis" De Montessin, a French adventurer—L. G. Russell.
George, an American speaker for—L. G. Russell.
Sophie, a maid—Wilma Thacker.

The drama was directed by Mrs. D. D. Barrier and Prof. W. W. Holman, and much of its success was due to their personal supervision not only of the rehearsals, but also of the costumes and scenery.

While all of the persons taking part in the drama were generously and justly praised, the following received special praise for their excellent work: George B. Johnston, Miss Mabel McAllister, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Smithfield, H. H. Alexander, B. L. Allen and L. G. Russell.

The Maroon and Gray Orchestra, of Roanoke College, Va., is furnishing the music for the commencement exercises. The orchestra is in charge of Carl W. Selzer, of Savannah, Ga., the author of many of the novelty acts which have added to the popularity of the college orchestra.

The college musicians provided the music on Monday and Tuesday. Tuesday night they fill an engagement for the American Legion at Charlotte, return to Mt. Pleasant for the final exercises of commencement on Wednesday morning, and then jump to Salisbury to furnish the music for an American Legion Celebration.

During the present year, the Roanoke College orchestra has won more than ordinary distinction for itself and has played at numerous Rotary and Kiwanis dinners, church socials, dances, entertainments, and community gatherings.

NEW TREATY OF AMITY AND COMMERCE WITH SPAIN

Pact Has Been Sent to Madrid to Be Negotiated With the Spanish Government.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, May 22.—A draft of a new treaty of amity and commerce between the United States and Spain has been forwarded by the State Department to Alexander P. Moore, American ambassador at Madrid, to be negotiated by him with the Spanish government.

Commencement at Meredith College.

Raleigh, N. C., May 21.—Dr. Nevell Dwight Hillis, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Rev. George W. McDaniel, of Richmond, Va., will be the principal speakers at the annual commencement exercises of Meredith College, the program extending from May 23 to May 29.

The exercises will be opened with a play by the seniors on Friday night, May 25, to be followed by society exercises on Saturday. The baccalaureate sermon will be preached by George W. McDaniel on Sunday morning. Rev. Mr. Daniels also will deliver the missionary sermon on Sunday night.

Class day exercises will be held at 10:30 o'clock Monday morning, while in the afternoon there will be an exhibition of art. On Monday night the annual concert will be staged.

The commencement exercises will be held Tuesday morning. Dr. Nevell Dwight Hillis will deliver the literary address.

The pulp and paper industry in Canada represents an aggregate investment in excess of \$400,000,000 and gives employment to more than 32,000 persons.

Confess to Robbery of Many Distilleries.

Three Men Being Held After They Are Alleged to Have Made Confessions.

(By the Associated Press.)

Waukegan, Ill., May 22.—Three men who, according to Lake county officers, confessed they were members of a band of twenty, which has robbed numerous Kentucky distilleries, were arrested last night after one of them had sought medical attention for his two wounded companions.

They gave their names as Marion Hall, Peter Walker and W. A. Roby, the last two wounded with buckshot. They were taken at Highland Park, Ill., upon information given by Dr. Florence Stoner, woman physician, after they had left here en route for Chicago.

The bandits' last attempted robbery was that of Les Samuels' distillery at Deatsville, Ky., according to the reported confession. It was in that effort that Walker and Roby were shot.

STANLEY BALDWIN IS CHOSEN PREMIER TO SUCCEED BONAR LAW

Premiership Offered to Him This Afternoon by King George and He Accepted It at Once.

HAS HELD MANY IMPORTANT POSTS

Has Been Serving for Some Time as Chancellor of the Exchequer Under Regime of Bonar Law.

London, May 22 (By the Associated Press).—Stanley Baldwin is Great Britain's new prime minister. He accepted the premiership offered him this afternoon by King George.

Sir Stanley Baldwin, the new British Prime Minister played a conspicuous minor part in British politics until the advent of the Bonar Law regime, after the resignation of Premier Lloyd George, and the breakup of the coalition which guided British destinies during the war.

Under Mr. Lloyd George he was financial secretary to the treasury and later president of the board of trade, and it was in recognition of his abilities in the field of finance that he was named to the important post of Chancellor of the Exchequer by Bonar Law.

Possibly Sir Stanley's most notable achievement as chancellor was the negotiation of the war debt settlement with the United States, in the course of which he visited Washington at the head of the British debt mission. His handling of the current budget which makes possible various reductions in taxes, notably the levy on incomes, also brought much favorable comment.

Since Mr. Bonar Law's illness had incapacitated him from personal participation in the parliamentary debates, Sir Stanley acted as government spokesman in the House of Commons. He is fifty-five years of age, was educated at Harrow, Trinity College and Cambridge, is married and has two sons and four daughters.

WANTS THE PRESIDENT PLEDGED AGAINST DRINK

Bryan Would Have Cabinet Members and All Public Officials Total Abstinences.

Kansas City, Mo., May 20.—To secure the enforcement of the prohibition law, a pledge of total abstinence for the President of the United States, his cabinet, members of Congress and other public officials was urged by William Jennings Bryan in an address before the annual convention of the Southern Baptists here last night. Mr. Bryan also included members of churches and faculties and students of colleges.

"There was a time when I supposed that law enforcement would never be a problem in this country," Mr. Bryan declared. "If thought it was the ideal of our Government that the minority should acquiesce to the will of the majority."

Mr. Bryan attacked the Darwinian theory of evolution, declaring it was based entirely on a guess. He asserted that it ought not to be taught in any Christian institution.

Referring to his defeat for the office of Moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly at Indianapolis, he remarked:

"I might have appeared officially as a representative of another great Christian assembly if I had had only 26 more votes."

LABOR SILENCER HELD BY GREENSBORO POLICE

Was Charged With Soliciting Laborers For North Without Paying State License.

(By the Associated Press.)

Greensboro, N. C., May 22.—Charley Hampton, negro, charged with "soliciting" entering negro laborers to leave Greensboro to take employment in the steel mills in Harrisburg, Pa., is temporarily at least no longer an exodus taker from the rural negro exodus from the South to industrial plants in the east. Today in municipal court the negro was fined \$500 and taxed with the costs for violating the North Carolina law governing labor agents, it being proved that Hampton had no license to solicit labor.

BRYAN WINS FIGHT

Carries the Question of Total Abstinence to Presbyterian General Assembly.

Indianapolis, May 22 (By the Associated Press).—Wm. Jennings Bryan today won his fight in the General Assembly of the Northern Presbyterian Church here for a demand that every Presbyterian minister, church official and church member, and the faculties and students of denominational schools controlled by the assembly, sign a total abstinence pledge.

An effort to limit the pledge-signing to church members and students was rejected by the General Assembly.

COMMENCEMENT AT SCOTIA WOMEN'S COLLEGE

Preparatory Entertainment Monday Night a Great Success—Other Exercises Today and Tomorrow.

The Preparatory Entertainment Monday night, given in the Coliseum of Scotia Women's College, was witnessed by a large and appreciative audience. "Brown Eyed Betty," a rural comedy in three acts, was well rendered by members of the class. The story, which deals with distinct types in the life of a village, was visualized with wonderful and pleasing effect to the delight of the audience and to the credit of the students who represented the different characters in the plot.

The following is the cast of characters:

Jonas Hutchings—Mary Johnson.
Violet Hutchings—Frances Houser.
Miranda Hutchings—Alice Johnson.
Rev. Cyrus Hardy—Esther Ripple.
Hiram Whitcomb—Benah Pharr.
Marry Leon—Beatrice Click.
Jim Blinn—Maggie Bolden.
Sam Munson—Inez Devane.
Lettitia—Starbird—Vernelle Harrison.

Lucinda Mason—Lassie Devane.
Hilda Griffin—Hattie Herndon.
Betty—Robbie Wylie.
Congregation—Several Others.

This evening at 7:30 the Annual Address will be delivered by the Rev. Geo. Luccock, D. D., of Wooster, O., at Westminster Presbyterian Church. The Commencement exercises take place Wednesday at 10 a. m.

The following program of the graduation exercises will be rendered on Wednesday morning at 10:30 o'clock:

March—Höngroise de Concert—H. Kowalski.

Invocation.

Chorus: Over the Water—Es. S. Hosmer—College Class.

Essay: Whither Bound?—Helena Newby.

Semi-Chorus: Gloria—A. B. Peele—Seminary Class.

Essay: The Bible and English Literature—Laura Sartor.

Essay: Tannhauser—Annie Mae Sutton.

Piano Solo: Pilgrim's Character—Wagner—Danetta Sanders.

Essay: Friendship and Character—Eloise Miller.

Chorus: Come Where the Fields Are Beaming—Kinkel.

Essay: Ramabal, the Hindu Widow's Friend—Bessie McKinney.

Essay: Service, the Watchword of the 20th Century—Edna White.

Chorus: With Heart and Hand—Mondelssohn.

POLICEMAN KILLED BY ALLEGED HOLD UP MAN

Man Finally Arrested in Home, After Police Officers Used Gas Bombs.

(By the Associated Press.)

Jersey City, N. J., May 22.—Two policemen were shot to death and two other seriously wounded today in a gun battle when they tried to arrest Frank Sayes, a holdup suspect, at his residence. Sayes and a woman companion were caught finally by police reserves after being driven from the house with gas bombs.

Detective Sergeant John Black and Patrolman Clarence Ware were killed outright, while Lieut. Harry Otis, and detective James Walton were wounded.

Six officers went to the house to arrest Sayes in connection with a recent holdup in which \$9,000 was stolen from the Public Safety Corporation which operates public utilities throughout the State.

Sayes saw them coming and opened fire from a rear window. Detective Walton dropped.

Lieut. Otis, Sergeant Black and Patrolman Ware rushed the building, and after they had been inside for a minute or so there was a volley from the second floor. The two officers outside gained entrance and found Otis, Black and Ware, the latter two dead, lying outside the door of Sayes' bedroom.

SAN ANTONIO TO GET PRESBYTERIAN MEETING

General Assembly of Southern Presbyterians to Be Held in That City Next Year.

(By the Associated Press.)

Montreal, May 22.—Disapproval was stamped on the overture of the Presbytery of St. John's, Fla., asking that at least one woman be placed on each executive committee, in the majority report of the standing committee on bills and overtures, prepared for the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church today.

While no announcement was made, it was expected a minority statement requesting places for women on the executive committees also was to be submitted. The overture has been considered by the commissioners as one of the most important of the session, marking another step in the long fight of the women for representation in the highest court of the church.

San Antonio, Texas, was selected over Montreal, and Staunton, Va., for the annual General Assembly.

Get 50 Years Each in Pen.

(By the Associated Press.)

Toledo, Ohio, May 22.—Eddie O'Brien and James Colson, convicted on Monday of being members of the gang that robbed the Toledo postoffice of \$10,000,000 on February 17, 1921, were each sentenced today by Judge Killits to 50 years in the federal penitentiary at Atlanta.

Turks Destroy Important Bridge.

Athens, May 22 (By the Associated Press).—Turkish troops are reported to have blown up the bridge over the Maritza river, connecting Adrianople and Kavagath. The news caused consternation here.

The most valuable carriage in the world is preserved in the palace of the Trion at Versailles. It is a total obituary pledge.

An effort to limit the pledge-signing to church members and students was rejected by the General Assembly.

Y. M. C. A. CAMPAIGN

State Library

ENTER WITH A GREAT WHOOP

A Total of \$22,363 Was Reported at the Final Meeting, \$863 in Excess of Original Sum Sought.

ARMY DIVISION WAS IN THE LEAD

The Last Luncheon Held at the Y. M. C. A. Monday Evening Was an Occasion of Great Joy and Jubilation.

The Y. M. C. A. campaign went over the top with a big whoop when the workers made their final reports at the Y. M. C. A. Monday evening at the last luncheon of the campaign. A total of \$22,363 was reported which was \$863 in excess of the original goal of \$21,500.

The Army division, under the leadership of General Hoard, led both in the number of subscriptions secured and in the total amount subscribed. They secured 202 subscriptions for a total of \$5,286. The Air division, under the leadership of Commander A. R. Hoover, came second in the number of subscription secured and the total amount pledged—151 subscriptions—\$4,437. The Navy, under Admiral C. S. Smart, secured 129 subscriptions for a total of \$3,564. The Hi-Y club secured 27 subscriptions among the High School boys and girls for a total of \$3,333. The executive committee accounted for the remainder of the 510 subscriptions.

Captain Odell's team of the Air forces took first place in the teams with a total of \$2,404.50. Captain Tharr of the Navy came second with \$2,305, while Captain Hartwell of the Army followed with \$1,755.

At the luncheon Monday evening after the reports were all in, Chairman Webb called on W. R. Odell, who thanked Mr. Ackley for his splendid work in heading up and directing the campaign. Mr. Ackley responded complimenting the fine spirit of the workers.

Mr. H. I. Woodhouse was then called upon to thank the women for their fine work in preparing the luncheons during the campaign.

Chairman Webb then called upon Mr. Cameron McRae, who expressed the thanks of the workers and their appreciation of the fine work Mr. Niblock had done. He then presented him with a Howard watch as a token of the high esteem in which he was held by the workers and of their appreciation of his wonderful work in behalf of the Y. M. C. A.

A male quartet, composed of Messrs. Prindle, Verburg, Patterson and Ackley, rendered two numbers during the luncheon. This quartet was introduced as the Pan-American quartet.

Bill Gibson presented Cameron McRae with an old clock and told him that if he would hook his mouth to the clock it would run forty-eight hours a day. Maury Richmond also presented "papa" Bob Eldenbush with several gifts for the new "Y" worker.

The spirit of the entire crowd was one of joy and jubilation. The fact that the job was a hard one made the victory all the sweeter, and the entire corps of workers joined in giving praise to God.

Y. M. C. A. CAMPAIGN JABS

This is the last jab for the job is done and no little credit is due the editor for the generous space furnished the jabs and the campaign articles. The front page every day is an evidence of the interest the editor has had in the success of Concord's greatest undertaking. It was a great moral and civic victory and all who have contributed to it either in time or money must feel a great satisfaction in a job well done. It has been a delight to work with the people of Concord; they have shown a spirit of co-operation of civic pride and concern for the good of all that is essential if a city is to become better as fast as it becomes bigger.

S. A. ACKLEY,
Campaign Director.

Peace Institute Commencement.

(By the Associated Press.)

Raleigh, N. C., May 21.—The commencement exercises at Peace Institute which begin on May 25 and continue through May 29, will be featured by a pageant, "The Progress of Peace."

The 1923 commencement will be the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the school.

The pageant will depict the life at Peace Institute during the administrations, beginning with the presidency of Rev. Robert Burwell in 1872, through the administration of Miss Mary Owen Graham, the present head of the school which began in 1916.

Life at Peace Institute during both the Civil and World wars will be shown. During the war between the States, the school was turned into a hospital for Confederate soldiers. One of the pictures of the pageant will show the girls of Peace giving welcome to the world war soldiers on their way through Raleigh to debarkation points.

The largest pencil factory in the world is in the German city of Nuremberg, which has been the great center of the pencil-making industry since 1700.