

UNCLE SAM'S HAND

Reaches Out For The "Bull"
Cotton Operators.

FUTURES COME TUMBLING DOWN

U. S. Attorney General Orders Grand Jury to Investigate "Bull" Campaign and Arrest Speculators—Cotton Mills Excited.

New York, Special.—The attorney general of the United States has ordered an inquiry into the gigantic bull movement in cotton, with which the names of James A. Patten of Chicago, Frank B. Hayne, William P. Brown of New Orleans and Eugene Seales of Texas have been popularly connected.

Never before has the government brought similar action against any pool operation in the market on either the long or the short side. Subpoenas were issued at the direction of Mr. Wickesham, commanding a dozen or more prominent New York cotton brokers to appear before a special federal grand jury Tuesday to testify in the matter of the "United States against Frank B. Hayne and William P. Brown."

The subpoenas demand the submission to the special grand jury of all records, papers, letters, memoranda and an agreement dated February 26, last, by Hayne, Brown and others. The agreement, the subpoenas state, was for the purchase of 150,000 bales of cotton for delivery in New York during the months of May and July, inclusive, at certain prices and under certain conditions. The fixing of the price and conditions, the government charges, was a violation of law.

Announcement of the government's action was followed by a very excited break in prices on the New York cotton exchange which at one time bade fair to result in almost as great a demonstration as that noted last January.

Wall street was stirred by the news and it was widely discussed also in banking circles. Much interest is taken in the case by the financial districts and the stock exchange, as well as by the entire cotton trade.

Atlanta, Ga., Special.—Southern cotton mill operators are alarmed over the action instituted in New York by the federal authorities against the leaders of the bull campaign and profess to see in it a covert effort on the part of certain New York cotton brokers to get relief from contracts with mills. They assert that the government unwittingly is co-operating with the bears in another and what they fear will prove a most disastrous "raid." Many mill men in this section wired congressmen and 26 senators appealing to them to institute an investigation with a view to uncovering the "conspiracy" which they declare appears to exist.

Washington, Special.—Attorney General Wickesham has taken up the cudgels against the pool in raw cotton which, it is alleged, already has resulted in an increased price of that staple and a curtailment of the output by manufacturers and consequently loss of employment by mill hands.

In connection with the discussion over the prevalent high prices of food and other commodities, the attention of the attorney general has been directed to the alleged existence of certain pools and combinations operating corners in various commodities and their effect on interstate commerce.

Methodists Agin' Prize Fights.

Los Angeles, Cal., Special.—The Methodist preachers association Monday adopted a resolution calling upon all ministerial associations of the State to join a movement against prize fighting with a view that at the next session of the Legislature a law be passed prohibiting the sport.

Why "Lost and Forgotten?"

Frankfort, Ky., Special.—Though a bill appropriating \$3,000 for the holding of farmers institutes among the negroes of Kentucky passed both houses of the legislature last winter, was duly signed by the speaker of the house and the president of the senate and is known to have had the approval of the governor, it is not and will not become a law. Through neglect it did not reach Governor Wilson for signature and though it has been many days since the assembly adjourned, the measure has just come to light, having been lost and forgotten in the meantime.

World's Sunday School Convention.

Hagerstown, Md., Special.—Hagerstown is preparing to send 500 persons to the World's Sunday-school Convention to be held in Washington May 18-26.

Ladies' Besiege Congress.

Washington, Special.—Suffragists moved on Capitol Hill Tuesday and presented to congress a petition from 500,000 signers praying for votes for women.

EVENTS TOLD TERSELY.

News From Everywhere Printed in Short Paragraphs.

The first quadruplets that ever went into the Canadian Northwest have passed Ottawa on their way to La-Combe, Alberta. David Grant and wife, of Wentworth, Nova Scotia, are the parents. His majesty the king gave them a present of \$500 for each of the quadruplets, two boys and two girls, aged eleven months, all alive and well. With the \$2,000 they decided to go West.

Jacob T. Barron of Columbia, S. C., was promoted to the position of imperial high priest and prophet of the imperial conclave of Shriners at the end of the session at New Orleans.

During a heavy rain and hail storm at Columbus, Ga., a trout four inches in length and very much alive was picked up in the business section of the town. Prominent citizens vouch for the statement that the fish was rained from the clouds.

Distinguished for having once escaped from the harem maintained by old Sultan Abdul Hamid, Lek Atachas, aged forty years, a comely Greek woman, was one of 1,000 immigrants who passed through Altoona, Pa. She has had a stirring life.

At a meeting of Spartanburg, S. C., council, it was decided to hold Police Court in a tent during the sultry summer months.

John H. Godwin's application for a pardon was refused by the Delaware State Board of Pardons: He is the old Addicks leader serving a penitentiary term for alleged bribery.

Two llamas, a Siamese cat and a monkey, all of which were presented to William J. Bryan by South American admirers, have arrived in New York and will be shipped to Nebraska.

James H. Hawks, vice-president and general manager of the Detroit and Mackinac Railway, has offered the National Association of Audubon Societies the use of 1,000 acres of land on the Massachusetts coast, near Gloucester, as a game preserve.

In a sermon at Nashville, Tenn., Dr. George Buggeo Lofton vigorously assailed what he termed the "damnable politics," "saloon lawlessness," and "diabolical unpunished murders" in Nashville. He also arraigned the city's political leaders.

Physicians in charge of the Pasteur institute at New Orleans may be called upon to provide a rattlesnake antidote as well as a mad dog serum. A tremendous rattlesnake was killed as it was making its way into the institute.

Gottlieb von Reneslar, of Missouri, is looking at the largest available houses in Ann Arbor, Mich. Though none of them seems big enough to him as yet, he has decided that Ann Arbor is the proper place in which to rear and educate his fifteen daughters and eight sons.

"The real reason that women can't vote is because they are cowards. They lack the courage of their desires, the bravery to demand their just rights, and the grit to stand up and fight until they get them," says Dorothy Dix.

Three thousand Gideon Bibles will be placed in the hotels of Atlanta, according to a statement made by W. E. Henderson, national secretary of the Gideons, while on a visit to Atlanta. It will take \$900 to secure the supply of Bibles that are wanted for Atlanta, one being placed in each guest room at the different hotels.

Veterans of the Civil War, both those who wore the blue and those who wore the gray at the battle of Gettysburg, 48 years ago, will meet again on that famous battlefield this year.

The fall of ancient Greece and Rome was directly due to the tiny mosquito which introduced malaria from Egypt and Asia, according to Prof. W. M. Wheeler, of Harvard University.

While excavating for the foundation of the Geiser Manufacturing Company's new building in Waynesboro, Md., workmen unearthed the skeleton of a man supposed to have been murdered in a Waynesboro inn nearly 100 years ago.

The postoffice department has ordered that all stamps, which are sold through the window in the postoffice, shall be given to the purchaser with the gummed side up.

Lawyer Seth F. Crews, of Chicago, was given \$5,000 by Judge Pinekey in the circuit court for advising Sarah Peterson that it would be legal for her to marry John R. Smith, a wealthy mine owner, on his deathbed.

A warning of impending danger, not only to manufacturing interests, but to the whole country, is sounded by W. C. Brown, president of the New York Central railroad, who believes that the high cost of living foreshadows a national crisis.

After partaking of mustard sardines, Mrs. Timothy O'Brien, of Coaldale, Pa., aged twenty-nine years, became suddenly ill and died shortly afterward in great agony.

Robbed of their mother by death, a pair of lion cubs, now with the circus in Madison Square Garden, have been adopted by a Dalmatian hound, whose puppies lived only a few hours after birth.

By a series of remarkably daring swimming dashes Everett Mason succeeded in reaching the farthest midstream point in Niagara river ever attained by a human being except in case of suicide or accident.

CHILD LABOR LAW

And Economic Conditions Send Children to School.

CAROLINA INSPECTORS REPORT

Large Decrease in Number Children Employed—Mill Men Don't Want Them—Experts Needed—Parents Take More Interest.

Columbia, Special.—The factory inspectors have up to the present time during the year 1910, completed the inspection of 76 of the textile plants of South Carolina, having thus covered nearly half of the territory. They have been giving particular attention to the enforcement of the child labor laws and incidentally have been making a comparison at each mill with the conditions existing about a month later last year, which was the first year of the operation of the factory inspection law, coupled with the enforcement of the child labor laws.

Commissioner Watson says there is a decrease of 39 per cent in the number of boys under 12 years of age and a decrease of 33 per cent in the number of girls under 12 years of age employed.

There is a marked decrease in the number of children under 14 years of age and it is only those children that the child labor laws, anywhere are particularly concerned with. There has been a decided increase in the number of children between the ages of 14 and 16 employed.

It is a curious fact, however, that the real increase among these larger children is shown in the statement as to the girls, there being 279 more girls of this age employed, than at the same time last year, whereas there has been a decrease of the number of boys of 133.

This rapidly improving condition of child labor is not a result of the enforcement of the inspection and child labor laws alone, but economic conditions are probably more largely responsible for it than anything else.

It is particularly noteworthy, too, that mill after mill on the reports this year, show no children under 12 years of age and a large number of them have voluntarily notified the commissioner's office that they never expect to again employ a child under 12 years of age. There is a strong and better sentiment also among the parents themselves in regard to the placing of their children in employment and throughout the State, we find parents in the villages beginning to have their ambition aroused for the education of their offspring and caring more and more for their physical health.

Patterson Announces Candidacy.

Nashville, Tenn., Special.—Gov. Patterson has announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination to succeed himself. In view of recent political events in Tennessee and the governor's pardon of Col. Duncan R. Cooper, convicted of the Carmack murder and sentenced to 20 years' imprisonment, the statement of Gov. Patterson is particularly interesting. Gov. Patterson represents the anti-prohibition element of the Democrats.

In a public letter the governor says: "Their case was appealed to the supreme court, and that tribunal divided, three being in favor of an affirmation of the case against Col. Cooper, while three were in favor of reversal as to the son, and two were in favor of reversal as to both."

"Senator Carmack, according to the testimony, was killed by Robin Cooper and in my judgment any fair interpretation of it shows that the killing occurred after Senator Carmack had fired two shots from his pistol at the defendant. I believe the act of Robin Cooper was in his necessary self-defense, and this view was evidently shared by the majority of the court which reversed his case. On the other hand, Col. Cooper was not in any conspiracy to kill and I do not believe any of the justices so held. If he was not in a conspiracy to kill, and did not kill, where is the law or justice which will hold him guilty of murder? Had this been an ordinary suit, tried in the ordinary way, without the settings of passion and excitement, Col. Cooper would have been acquitted almost as a matter of course. Without impugning the opinions of others, I think it was a miscarriage of justice when he was not acquitted."

New Orleans Flyer Wrecked.

Memphis, Tenn., Special.—Three mail clerks are dead and three trainmen and a mail clerk injured as a result of the wreck of the through flyer from New Orleans to Chicago on the Illinois Central railroad, five miles north of Jackson, Miss.

Law Scars Futures Downward.

New Orleans, Special.—As a result of a sharp break in the cotton future market here, two of the old crop months registered losses amounting to about \$1 a bale. The decline was brought about by the receipt of private wires from New York stating the federal grand jury there has issued summonses for several prominent bull leaders, as well as representatives of a number of large cotton brokerage houses.

CONFEDERATE CHOIR TO SING "AMERICA."

Program For Annual Reunion Contains Many Interesting Features.

Mobile, Ala., Special.—General Clement A. Evans, commander-in-chief of the United Confederate Veterans, has approved the program of the general reunion of Confederate veterans to be held here April 26, 27 and 28, made public by Chairman W. K. P. Wilson of the committee on program and exercises.

The program deals exclusively with those events concerning the veterans' three days' stay in Mobile, that of the Sons of Confederate Veterans being separate. The convention of veterans will take place Tuesday morning, April 26, deliberations being in the auditorium at Monroe park, Major General George P. Harrison, commanding the Alabama division, assembling the convention.

Following invocation by Rev. Linn Cave, chaplain general of the Confederation, the singing of "My Country, 'Tis of Thee," by the United Confederate choirs of America and the reading of a poem of welcome written by H. G. Barclay, of Mobile, by Miss Vera Williams, the veterans will be welcomed by Governor Braxton Bragg Comer on behalf of the State. Mayor Pat J. Lyons is to extend the welcome of the municipality, and Clarence J. Owen, commander-in-chief of the United Sons of Confederate Veterans, will welcome the old warriors on behalf of that organization.

Great Choir to Sing.

The program for the forenoon session also includes a song, "The Soldier's Dream," by Thomas H. Halliwell; recitation by Miss Minnie Rosse Richardson, of Alabama; an address surrendering the convention to General Clement A. Evans by General Chairman Jacob D. Bloch, followed by a response by General Evans.

At the afternoon session of the first day Hon. L. B. McFarland, of Memphis, will be the orator of the day. Throughout the sessions of the convention the United Confederate Choirs of America will render appropriate songs. Rabbi Alfred G. Moses, of the Jewish congregation, offers invocation upon the opening of the convention on the second day, followed by the report of the committee on credentials and on the committee on history. Mrs. Emma Labretta, of Mobile, will sing "The Last Rose of Summer." Then follows the report of the committee on Battle Abbey. In accordance with the custom that has prevailed for a number of years, the convention will suspend business at noon and take part in the exercises of the "Memorial Hour."

At the afternoon session reports of the committees on resolutions and on monument will be made and then officers are to be elected. Aside from the entertainment features of the reunion, this will bring the deliberations of the second day to a close. Thursday the parade of the veterans will be the one big feature. The route has been selected with the greatest care in order to make it just as light as possible upon the physical condition of the veterans.

Sons of Veterans.

The annual convention of the United Sons of Confederate Veterans will be held in German Relief hall. The program has also been completed and it is very lengthy. There are a number of addresses of welcome and responses. Mayor Lyons will welcome the Sons to the city and General Clarence J. Owens will respond on behalf of the organization.

While veterans and Sons of Veterans are deliberating members of the organization known as the Medical Officers of the Army and Navy of the Confederacy will be in session in another part of the city. This promises to be one of the interesting features of the reunion. President G. B. Thompson, of Memphis, is to preside. A local committee of the Mobile County Medical association has prepared an interesting business and entertainment program for the Confederate surgeons. This meeting promises to be one of peculiar interest and it may be of vital import, possibly involving the integrity and perpetuity of the organization.

By command of General Clement A. Evans, commander-in-chief of the United Confederate Veterans, General William E. Mickle, adjutant general and chief of staff, has issued a general order. The order concludes: "The number of our dead has been greatly augmented during the past year by the following distinguished leaders:

"Major General Robert Lowry, brigadier general, C. S. A., and commander Mississippi division, U. C. V.; Mrs. J. Addison Hayes, daughter of our only president; Major General Zimmerman Davis, commander South Carolina district, U. C. V.; Major General Paul A. Fusz, ex-commander northwest division, U. C. V.; Brigadier E. G. Willett, assistant quartermaster general, U. C. V.; Colonel J. B. Cowan, M. D., assistant surgeon general, U. C. V.; Colonel B. F. Eshleman and Colonel R. E. Park, aids on staff commander-in-chief."

Big Salary for Some Farmer.

Washington, Special.—The international Institute of Agriculture, soon to convene at Rome, meets once a year and remains in session a month, and Secretary Knox has urged upon the House an appropriation of \$3,600 as the salary of an American member of the permanent committee. The United States is entitled to five delegates to the general assembly of the institute.

CAPITAL FACTS.

Interesting News Gathered in the District of Columbia.

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"Red Cross" Sign Abused.

The passage of a bill introduced by Representative Denby, of Michigan, to prevent unauthorized and indiscriminate use of the Red Cross emblem has been urged before the House Committee on Foreign Affairs by representatives of the Red Cross Society.

Miss Mabel T. Boardman and Maj. Gen. George W. Davis, U. S. A., retired, members of the central committee of the Red Cross, told of the manner in which their emblem was being used. A representative of a manufacturing concern who uses the red cross as their trade mark protested against the passage of the bill, on the ground that their interests will be injured.

It was shown that 136 individuals and firms have obtained the right from the Patent Office to use the red cross for all kinds of articles, including shows, false teeth, horse remedies, and so forth.

Honored a Confederate Daughter.

Miss Bullock, of England, daughter of Capt. J. D. Bullock, who fitted out the Alabama, the Confederate privateer, was guest of honor at a reception tendered the Daughters of the Confederacy by the Confederate veterans at Confederate Memorial Home. Miss Bullock is also a cousin of former President Roosevelt.

Will Lecture on African Experiences.

The National Geographic Society received a letter from Col. Roosevelt, dated March 15, containing his promise to address the society on his African experiences. The date will be set later. On March 14 the society cabled its congratulations to the former President, and invited him to lecture in this city.

"Bones on Toast" Latest Receipts.

One million copies of "Uncle Jim" Wilson's cook book, issued by the Department of Agriculture, over which he presides, are ordered printed by the House of Representatives at a cost of \$10,000. Representative Cooper, of Pennsylvania, brought in the resolution.

One of the delicacies set forth in the government cook book is "bones on toast." A recipe is also given for making left-over roast beef taste like canvassack duck—almost.

Want Panama Canal Exposition.

Washington business men have decided to actively enter the field and urge this city as the site for the Panama Canal exposition. This determination was reached when the committee of the Board of Trade appointed to investigate the chances of this city reported favorably and declared the idea feasible.

Woman's Complaint Against Police.

Patrolman Edward Sutton is charged with a serious offense by a young woman named Ada Moran, of Leesburg, Va. Other policemen may be involved in what promises to be one of the worst scandals which his attached to members of the Police Department in years.

The young woman was arrested several nights ago and placed in a cell of the station house. It is said four officers were guilty of improper conduct.

Urged Decision Before Death Comes.

Shivers chased up and down the spine of some of the spectators in the supreme court of the United States when Holmes Conrad, former solicitor general of the United States, called to the attention of the court the frequency of the visits of death to that venerable bench. He was asking that a case be decided by the court before more vacancies occur.

Knights of Columbus Communion.

Two thousand Knights of Columbus, constituting the Washington councils of that organization, participated in an event which marked the public recognition of their order by the representative of the Vatican. It was the annual communion of the order.

Sergeant Williams to Wed.

Sergt. J. A. Williams has announced his engagement to Miss Maud M. Kidwell, who has been employed at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing for seven years. The bride-to-be admits twenty-seven years, and is a native of Virginia.

Col. Scott's Action Endorsed.

The Secretary of War states that the terms of Col. Hugh L. Scott as superintendent of the military academy at West Point will not be cut short because of the stand he took in the repression of hazing. Mr. Dickinson stated that Colonel Scott's administration had been satisfactory and he had sustained him in the hazing cases. At the end of Colonel Scott's term he will be succeeded by Gen. Thomas H. Barry for four years.

CHINESE MURDER

Soldiers Join Rioters And Burn Property

GOVERNOR AND HIS SON KILLED

Famine Sufferers Loot Rice Shops—Foreign Owned Buildings Destroyed—Missions Burned—American Missionaries Take Refuge in Boats.

Chang Sha, China, By Cable.—All the foreign owned buildings in Chang Sha have been destroyed by fire with the exception of the British consulate. The buildings rented by foreigners have been looted. The Chinese officers issued a proclamation that they were unable to protect life and property, and thereupon foreigners made haste to leave the city. So far as is known, no foreigner has lost his life. The governor, Hu Nan of the province of Wu Tehung-Siu, and his son, were killed and several other government officials fled.

The riots began on April 13, when the famine sufferers looted the rice shops.

The following day the disturbance became anti-foreign, this being a strong anti-foreign province. The China-Inland mission and the Norwegian and Catholic missions were burned. The other missions were destroyed on April 15. The missionaries attached to the American Episcopal mission alliance, the United Evangelical church, and the Wesleyan and Yale mission, numbering 41 in all, took refuge in boats. They left all of their effects.

The destruction of all foreign property, including the Japanese consulate and the British warehouses followed.

The official buildings were destroyed the same day, the troops joining the rioters, who numbered not less than 24,000. The British consul at Chang Sha has taken up quarters on a steamer which is anchored about a mile from the town. The British gunboat Thistle is at Luka, having failed to reach Chang Sha on account of shallow water.

Ransom Fund Contributors Relieved.

A bill appropriating \$61,000 for the relief of contributors to the Ellen M. Stone ransom fund has passed the Senate. Miss Stone, who was an American missionary to Turkey, was abducted by brigands in September, 1901.

Continue Bleached Flour Seizures.

Washington, Special.—President Taft and his Cabinet have considered the bleached flour cases and decided that the Government would continue to make seizures of this product in order to force the millers to test the matter in the courts.

Hundred Miles in 91 Seconds.

Playa Del Rey, Cal., Special.—The 100 miles race for a cash prize of \$1,000 and trophy was won by Ray Harroun in the Marmon. Nikren in a Buick was second and Oldfield in a Knox was third. The time of 1:16.21-90 establishes a new speedway record for the distance.

Meat Packers' Trial April 27.

Chicago, Special.—The National Packing Company and its ten subsidiary concerns must by April 27 plead to the indictments charging them with violating the Sherman anti-trust law.

In the State of Vardaman.

Meridian, Miss., Special.—After he had killed former Sheriff John R. Temple and barricaded himself in the basement of the county jail here, Tom O'Neal, a negro, was shot by officers. He was then seized by a mob of 200 men, hanged to a telegraph pole and set afire. His throat was cut.

North Carolina Girl Resigns.

Washington, Special.—Having served seventeen days as private secretary to Mrs. Taft, mistress of the White House, Miss Mary Dandridge Spiers has resigned and will resume her duties in the War Department. Her successor has not yet been chosen. She is a native of Halifax county, North Carolina.

Three Years for Robbing Trunks.

Washington, Special.—Three years in the penitentiary is the sentence imposed by Justice Gould upon George L. Brown, the young baggage-master of the Southern Railway, who admitted having robbed the trunks of passengers on Southern routes.

Comet's Lengthy Tail.

Chicago, Special.—What is believed to be the best photograph yet obtained of Halley's comet was secured at Yerkes' observatory at Williams Bay, Wis., Sunday. Prof. Frost viewed the celestial wanderer for more than an hour in ideal conditions. About two million miles of the comet's tail were visible.

Road Dispute Brings Bloodshed.

Lyons, Ga., Special.—Two dead, one dying and probably one or two others slightly wounded are the results of a Sunday afternoon battle in an inter-family feud of long standing, which was renewed last Sunday near Emanuel.

The battle was between the family of Collins and the family of Lewis, and was the outcome of a dispute over a public road crossing.