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COTTON MEN MEET

Annual Convention of Manufacturers' Association.

TO MAKE IMPORTANT CHANGES

President Miller Declared Himself Discouraged at Lack of Spirit of Cooperation Among Members.

(Special to Daily News.) Charlotte, June 16.—The third annual convention of the Cotton Manufacturers' Association of North Carolina was convened in Charlotte this morning at 11:45 o'clock for a two-days' session.

President Miller called the convention to order this morning and remarked on some of the most vital matters to come up. The saving that might be effected in the purchase of coal and the benefits to be derived through the manner of looking after freight shipments and freight rates were especially noted.

After Mr. Miller's remarks and some other preliminary business the convention was declared to be open for business and the matter of changing the plan of organization was taken up.

The proposed changes in the plan of organization are designed to bring about a closer unity and a more thorough cooperation of the manufacturing interests of the state by forming separate departments for each class of manufacturers, soft yarns, hard yarns, knit goods, etc., while the parent organization will remain the same, having supervision over all matters affecting the general industry such as legislation, freight traffic, coal buying and other items of purchase and control of everything in general and advisory way.

The most significant feature of the annual session of the North Carolina Cotton Manufacturers' Association, which met here today was the failure of the mill men to take any official action on the matter of curtailment, as had been advertised.

The association passed resolutions condemning the rules of the New York exchange, which encourage speculation and manipulation and voted to admit Virginia mills to the organization.

Plans were adopted dividing the association in five organizations: Gray or white goods; colored goods; hard yarns; soft yarns; knit goods. The parent organization will remain intact and in control, but each department may hold separate meetings to thresh out the problems peculiar to itself.

LET HIM GET OUT

Associated Press Permits Valued Employee to Resign.

HE HAD SERVED TWO MASTERS

Greatest News Gathering Association in World Will Keep Its Methods Clear of Even Remote Suspicion.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, June 16.—Representative Humphrey, of Washington, introducer of the ship subsidy bill, today spoke in the House upon various forms of combinations among foreign steamship lines touching American ports, and referred to discriminatory rates charged for sending American products abroad.

"It having come to the knowledge of the executive officers of the Associated Press that an employe in the Washington office has been engaged under salary by two steamship lines to furnish them with certain classes of information, an investigation has been made. It has been disclosed that, while such employment did not at any time involve any act on the part of the employe which could in any way affect the integrity of the service, nor even interfere with his legitimate and proper work for the Associated Press, nevertheless, such employment is so subject to misconception as to seriously impair his usefulness, and his relation to the Associated Press has in consequence ceased by the acceptance of his resignation."

"The termination of his long, useful and honorable service does not justify any assumption that he has been consciously guilty of any misconduct, nor that in the work he has performed for the steamship companies he has done anything which one not connected with the Associated Press might not have done with perfect propriety."

"This is what Mr. Humphrey said on this subject: "The hired representative of Herr Rullin and his interests is here in Washington today on the staff of the Associated Press, the greatest news gathering agency in the world. This gentleman's name is Jerome J. Wilbur and, when you remember how close the German merchant marine is to the German navy, it is at least suggestive that this representative of the giant foreign steamship trust should also be the representative of The Associated Press assigned to our state, war and navy departments."

"When he was on the witness stand the other day he refused to testify as to the amount of money that he was being paid for his services. The next day after that Mr. Rullin, of the New York (American general manager of the Hamburg-American Packet company), was upon the witness stand, and he testified that Mr. Wilbur's compensation was \$3,000 a year. What does he do? What are the services that he renders this company?"

Mr. Humphrey's statement had reference to testimony given before the House committee which has been investigating the alleged existence of a lobby in opposition to the ship subsidy project.

Certain great American trusts, said Mr. Humphrey, received special rates and privileges from the foreign ships. He mentioned the Standard Oil company, the "steel trust" and the "harvester combine" in this connection.

WILL AND HENRY HARTIS ACQUITTED BY THE JURY

(Special to Daily News.) Charlotte, June 16.—Due, no doubt, to the remarkable handling of the case by attorneys, Will and Henry Hartis, charged with the murder of Robert Simpson on the night of November 29, last, were acquitted this afternoon.

Following a most able charge to the jury by Judge Poll, the case was given to the jury at 12:15, and in exactly two hours they were ready to report. The verdict was received by the court at 2:36 o'clock.

Present, besides the defendants and attorneys, when the verdict was returned, were the pretty little wife of Will Hartis and their three bright little children, the aged wife of old man Henry Hartis, and a courtroom full of friends and interested spectators.

Will Hartis showed the same marvelous nerve when facing the jury to hear his fate as he has shown all during the trial. Not a muscle twitched. He stood as calm and cool as if he was assured beforehand of a verdict in his favor.

His aged father was not quite so calm. Deathlike silence, broken only by the sob of the defendants' wives, pervaded the large courtroom as the words, "Not guilty," fell from the foreman's lips, following which both defendants were busy several minutes shaking hands with friends. The verdict was a surprise to a great many people.

Charged With Whisky Selling. Wilmington, June 16.—Charged with selling whisky in violation of the prohibition law, W. E. Pearson, a grocer doing business at the corner of Third and Market streets, was arrested on a warrant yesterday afternoon.

Jerry Hobbs, also a white man, is the complainant. It is alleged that Pearson sold Hobbs a pint of whisky for 50 cents, Tuesday, June 14th. There are four witnesses in addition to Hobbs. The defendant gave \$200 bond as surety for his appearance for trial.

Osteopaths' Convention. Wilmington, June 16.—The annual convention this year of the North Carolina Osteopathic society will be held at Seashore hotel, Wrightsville Beach, Saturday, July 9. It is expected that there will be about 25 delegates in attendance.

300 WERE KILLED

Hungarian Villages Annihilated by Awful Cloudburst.

MANY MAY STARVE TO DEATH

As All Wires Were Wrecked It Is Feared Late Reports Will Increase the Fatalities.

(By the Associated Press.) Budapest, Hungary, June 16.—Nearly 300 persons were killed and several villages annihilated by a cloudburst today at Krasso-Soreny, a county of Hungary, bordering on Transylvania, Roumania and Servia. The capital of the county, which is mainly peopled by Roumans, is Ligon.

It is expected that the death toll will be greatly increased when communication, which has been almost completely cut off is restored. Bridges, telegraph and telephone wires in the district have been destroyed, and it is feared that many of the survivors of the flood will die of starvation or exposure before it is possible to send assistance.

Waynesville Selected for Laymen's Chautauqua. Chattanooga, June 16.—Waynesville, N. C., was today selected as the site for the chautauqua of the laymen's movement of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The locating committee consisted of John E. Pepper, of Memphis; R. R. Davenport, of Chattanooga; Maj. A. D. Reynolds, of Bristol, Tenn.; J. P. Pettigrew, of Lynchburg, Va.; R. A. Schoolfield, of Danville, Va.; B. M. Burgher, of Dallas, Tex., and J. S. Carr, of Durham, N. C.

When the chautauqua is located it will be a meeting place for different church organizations, with Bible studies to be carried on during summer months.

FIRE DAMAGED STOCK OF SOUTHERN PANTS COMPANY

(Special to Daily News.) Charlotte, June 16.—Fire, which originated in the workshop, damaged the plant of the Southern Pants company, of this city, to the extent of several thousand dollars tonight. The fire was discovered at 10 o'clock, and from then until nearly midnight the firemen stubbornly fought the flames, which had completely enveloped the building when they arrived.

The stock of the firm, which is now in the hands of receivers, is estimated at about \$30,000, but it is impossible to state the extent of the damage of tonight's fire. This same firm were burned out about a year ago. The entire stock was to have been sold out next week, advertisements for the sale having already been given to the local papers.

About a month ago there was an alleged misappropriation by one member of the firm, but the charge has not been pushed. No work had been done in the plant for several days and the origin of the fire is unknown.

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AWAIT ARRIVAL

Mr. Roosevelt's Home-Coming To Be Great Affair.

WILL GET NATIONAL SALUTE

Final Instructions Given to Naval Vessels That Will Participate in the Great Water Parade.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, June 16.—Twenty-one guns, the national salute, will greet former President Roosevelt as he first enters the outer harbor of New York on his return to this country. The battleship South Carolina, to be stationed in the Ambrose channel, will thus notify an expectant city that the Kaiserin Augusta Victoria and her distinguished passenger are close at hand at last.

In completion of the naval demonstration that will follow, Chairman R. A. U. Smith, of the harbor display committee, announced tonight the list of vessels and the line of formation. Final instructions were also given to all captains. Eighty warships, harbor patrol boats and other steamers will take official part in the parade up the Hudson river and back to the battery. In addition a flotilla of 150 merchant steamers will carry sightseers down the bay to witness the transfer of Colonel Roosevelt and his party from the ocean liner to the Androscoggin, the revenue cutter that will bear the welcoming party and Colonel Roosevelt in the parade.

As the former President boards the Androscoggin a second salute will announce that he is once more under the American flag. For two minutes following the combined flotillas will join in a deafening blast of whistles. Escorting by revenue steamers, police patrol boats, the South Carolina, five torpedo boat destroyers and the government dispatch boat Dolphin, the Androscoggin will lead the river parade. When Colonel Roosevelt lands at the Battery the formal welcome by Mayor Gaynor will proceed. His speech and that by Mr. Roosevelt will be the only addresses and the land parade will start immediately.

New York began final preparations for the reception in earnest today. Despite rain and clouds, the decorating of the city for the event went steadily ahead. In other ways the near approach of the Roosevelt reception was impressed upon the city. One of these was in the influx of visitors, which has already begun. Hotel registers gave the best proof of this. Even far away Alaska loomed up large when word was received from Governor Clark, of that territory, that former Gov. W. B. Hoggatt will arrive here in time to represent him in the ceremonies. Tomorrow, however, is expected to bring the real out-of-town throng.

EXPRESSED SURPRISE

President McLaurin Says Wholesale Grocers' Association Is Innocent.

(By The Associated Press.) Jacksonville, Fla., June 16.—J. H. McLaurin, president of the Southern Wholesale Grocers' association, today expressed great surprise that federal prosecution should be taken against the association by the federal authorities. Mr. McLaurin believes the sole purpose of action of complainants responsible for the proceedings is to further individual litigation now pending in the courts at Birmingham and elsewhere in an effort to influence public sentiment.

"The allegations of the present complainant of the United States as reported in the newspapers," said Mr. McLaurin, "are wholly incorrect and can be proven so. The Southern Wholesale Grocers' association is simply an association for social and legal business purposes. It is not a National Wholesale Grocers' association, retail grocers, association, cotton growers' association, fruit growers' association, and like associations, which exist in practically every business and occupation in the country and unless they are all held to be illegal and in violation of the acts of congress, I do not think that the Southern Wholesale Grocers' association will be held so."

Steps have been taken by the defense to have themselves represented by attorneys when the trial comes up. Birmingham, June 16.—Federal officials today served subpoenas on Birmingham men and firms alleged to be members of the Southern Wholesale Grocers' association in the proceedings brought in the United States court to dissolve the organization on the ground that it is in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law.

STATEHOOD BILL

Senate Passes Measure After Two Hours' Debate.

SOLID VOTE FOR ADOPTION

Little Doubt Felt But That Agreement Will Be Reached in Conference Between the Two Houses.

(By The Associated Press.) Washington, June 16.—After remaining on the senate calendar for almost three months in a state of uncertainty as to its fate, the bill providing for the admission of the territories of New Mexico and Arizona to separate statehood was taken up by the Senate today and passed after a debate consuming little more than two hours.

The measure was called up by Senator Beveridge, chairman of the committee on territories, and was passed after speeches by Senators Beveridge, Frasier, Nelson, Hughes and Smoot. All the speeches were favorable to the creation of the two states, but the Democrats favored the House bill.

When the vote was reached there was a division on the Senate substitute for the House bill, but with that amendment accepted, the Senate voted solidly for the passage of the bill. The Senate substitute was adopted as an amendment to the House measure by a strictly party vote, the ballot standing 42 to 19.

As passed the bill would provide for the admission as states of the two territories, but not until after admission had been by each of them approved by the President and ratified by Congress.

Senator Nelson, of Minnesota, declared he would do all that he could to bring about an agreement with the House during the present session. "If I can't do it now, I can't do it later," he said, "and I think we can do it. We ought to dispose of the matter in two or three days."

Representative Hamilton, of Michigan, chairman of the House committee on territories, said that he had no doubt now of the enactment of the statehood bill into law at this session of Congress.

He has confidence that the House will adopt the conference report when made. Under the bill as amended by the Senate it might be two and a half years before the statehood would become operative and the House conference want to shorten the time to the spring of 1911.

Speaking for the Democratic minority of the committee on territories, Senator Frasier contended that under all the requirements both Arizona and New Mexico were prepared for statehood. He said that there was estimated to be 12,000,000,000 tons of coal in New Mexico.

TO THE COMMUNITY: OUT in Butte, Montana, two or three years ago, the city suddenly found itself without a real newspaper. They attempted to get along without one. For five weeks the town was without a newspaper. In that time the business, social, industrial, religious and educational life of the city not only came to a standstill but conditions actually stagnated, figuratively speaking. The business men finally, by employing heroically strenuous efforts, got a publisher interested, a paper started and the town became normal and prosperous. A good newspaper, that is, a real newspaper, one giving all the news, local, State and foreign, is the life of any community. By constant effort and expenditure The Greenville Daily Piedmont (and Mountaineer) has kept abreast of the times and given Greenville a good newspaper. In its progress it has forced other newspapers to improve also. Today The Greenville Daily Piedmont (and Mountaineer) would be voted leaders by the people of any of the communities it circulates in, and we are doing our part to acquit ourselves well of responsibility entailed by that leadership. A good newspaper means as much to your community as it did to Butte. The above applies to the city of Greensboro as much as it does to Greenville or to Butte.—Editor.

REPORT WAS SIDETRACKED TO PASS STATEHOOD BILL

(By The Associated Press.) Washington, June 16.—Graciously sidetracking his conference report on the railroad bill to permit the passage by the Senate of the statehood bill, Senator Elkins lost his opportunity to obtain final action on the conference report today. He succeeded, however, in getting the hour of meeting tomorrow advanced to 11 o'clock and practically obtained an agreement to vote tomorrow.

The consideration of the report today was begun at 1:40 p. m. and was continued to the delivery of a speech by Mr. Elkins. After explaining in detail the various provisions of the bill as agreed upon by the conferees, Mr. Elkins stated his convictions that it would prove wise legislation.

SEAWELL EXAMINING TITLES FOR FEDERAL BUILDING

(Special to Daily News.) Wilmington, June 16.—United States District Attorney H. E. Seawell was here yesterday from Warrington on business connected with the titles to the property on which it is proposed to erect the handsome new customs house. Back before leaving on his afternoon train for home, he stated to a local correspondent that the deeds would be forwarded to the Surveyors' department at Washington within the next few days and in a short time would be sent to the former owners of the property covering the amounts awarded by the board of appraisers in the condemnation proceedings.

The normal attorney stated that he had been advised by Judge H. E. Seawell in Warrington, Friday, announced his decision to sue on the matter, and some months ago by the sheriff that the verdict in the case of Thompson vs. Harman be set aside. Judge Lomax directed to instruct the verdict. It is not known yet whether or not the attorney for the plaintiffs will take an appeal in the Circuit court of Appeals.

DEMOCRATS AGAIN PLACE PATTERSON IN NOMINATION

(By The Associated Press.) Nashville, June 16.—The state convention which assembled in the Roman auditorium here today in response to a call from the state Democratic executive committee, nominated Gov. M. R. Patterson for a third term as governor, and former Gov. Benton McMillan for the United States Senate in opposition to Senator James H. Frank. Nominations were also made for other state officers, including the Supreme and Civil Appeal court judges.

The so-called independents or anti-administration Democrats have already put a judicial ticket in the field, and it is expected that candidates for the other offices will announce shortly. Governor Patterson accepted his nomination for a third term tonight before a crowd that packed the immense auditorium to overflowing.

NORTH CAROLINA INTERESTED IN THIS MUCH MARRIED NEGRO

(By The Associated Press.) Raleigh, June 16.—The Hon. S. W. Tucker, pastor in a flock of negro Christians at Southfield, near Richmond, has jumped his bond and disappeared and his bondsmen, American Dudley, was called upon today to pay up \$500. Seven women have come forward claiming Tucker as husband. Two more have written to the same effect from North Carolina. When Tucker was arrested he was found with a girl around the house of an another negro woman a cabinet, a bottle of gin and two bottles of cologne were found in his pocket.

Death of James F. Meier

Statesville, June 16.—James Frank Meier, died Monday afternoon at his home at Stone Point and was buried Tuesday afternoon at New Hope, N. C. The funeral services being conducted in the church by the pastor, Rev. J. Mark White. He was 82 years old. His widow and 11 children survive.

Expelled From Kieve

Kieve, June 16.—Eighty-nine persons were expelled from Kieve today. Twenty of these had been permitted to settle their affairs, while the others were given passports to a specified destination.

DEMOCRATIC CAMPAIGN IN WAKE AT FEVERHEAT

Should Contending Forces Come Together it Is Feared Something Real Serious Might Happen—However, the Windfalls Are Well Separated.

Raleigh, June 16.—Democratic primary campaigning is at red hot now, with rallies day and night by both the "insurgent" and the "regular" forces, the rallies, happily, being widely separated, as it is believed the contending forces could hardly get together in a rally without serious consequences in the matter of physical clashes.

The rallies today and tonight by the regulars were at Fuquay Springs, McCallers, Panther Branch and Garner. The insurgents held forth at Wakefield, Wendell and Neuse.

lowered of this wing of the party, and the claim that victory is sure to be theirs for the whole state ticket by several hundred majority. On the other hand, the insurgents declare that they are sure to carry the county for both the legislative and the county tickets, and that they are gaining strength every day.

The rally for Raleigh advertised for tomorrow (Friday) night by the regulars is awaited with considerable interest, as this is likely to indicate strongly just how the voters in this city and township are to line up in the primary. The regulars are boasting that they will have an immense rally that will show beyond doubt that they will have big majorities in the Raleigh precincts.

GOLF AT GREENVILLE

Wilmington and Charlotte Players Engaged in Tournament. Greenville, S. C., June 16.—The first annual tournament of the Carolina Golf club was held at this morning at the Greenville Golf club with representatives from Wilmington, S. C., Charlotte, S. C., and Greenville, S. C., participating. The playing ground this morning was an important part of the tournament. There were 31 players on hand and results at noon were that Charles A. Webb, of Greenville, won the medal for the best round with a score of 86 for 18 holes and the Charlotte players took won the team cup, defeating Greenville, the nearest competitor, by two strokes.