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KING COTTON'S OTHER THRONE.

The English county which dominates one of the world's greatest industries is the subject of a highly interesting report to the Bureau of Manufactures at Washington from Special Agent Wm. Whittam, Jr., of Charlotte. This report, which has just been made public, shows that more than one-third of the world's cotton spindles are to be found within an extreme radius of thirty miles of the city of Manchester and that Great Britain exported \$447,657,228 in cotton goods during 1905 as against a little over \$40,000,000 for the United States—a ratio of more than ten to one.

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It is said in one report of Senator Tobacco's speech yesterday on the Evansville business: "In a voice breaking with emotion he charged President Roosevelt with reviving the race issue and with bringing about conditions more threatening than those prevailing in 1861." There is no probability for the President or anybody else to "revive" the race issue. As long as Senator Tillman is in public life he will see that it is not permitted to die.

Now they are "laying for" Count Witte. It looks as if the Russian Terrorists are determined to pick off, one by one, all of the prominent. The czar is represented as a nervous wreck through hourly fear of assassination by traitorous members of his own household. To him and to all those conspicuous in the administration of Russian civil and military affairs, life must be a living death.

A GREEN-EYED CONTEMPORARY.

"We regret to learn from the Charlotte newspapers that the lanes and paths of that town are also in bad condition. However, stills are cheap and Charlotte people have been carrying their heads high anyhow ever since the dream of the 20th of May."—Charlotte News and Courier.

What makes you mad about the 20th of May dream is that it was dreamed more than a year before the one at Philadelphia or anywhere else. As for the allegation that the lanes and paths of Charlotte are in bad condition like those of Charleston, it is not altogether without truth, but we proudly reject the suggestion of stills. The fact is, there are in Charlotte two factions on this question. One favors connecting promptly with the Catawba river and converting the city into an American Venice, with canals instead of streets, thus solving the dust problem for good and all, while the other advocates waiting for flying machines. Why build fine streets, asks this element, when we shall soon be flying like birds, and, our lower limbs shrunken through comparative disease, will probably hop instead of walking? "It argues that only a narrow roadway for heavy hauling need be considered, since the time is in prospect when a man can fly ten feet or ten miles by merely pressing the button which controls a motor-driven screw, steering himself by means of specially designed coat-tails. This is the street improvement situation in Charlotte, faithfully described. Whichever course is pursued it will not fail to provoke envious gibes from The News and Courier."

JUDGE ROBINSON, NO DOUBT.

A Bailey man and an anti-Bailey man had a fistfight while the former was making a speech at East Dallas, Texas, a few days ago, and were carried before Judge Williams, of the corporation court, who discharged them with the remark: "The situation is intense enough to make almost any man fight. I draw the line at flogging a man for fist-fighting in Texas as it now stands." This incident reminds The Norfolk Landmark of "the statement of a North Carolina judge several years ago that he always felt like giving a chromo to men brought before him for fighting in the way of nature and not with firearms and knives, by which so many thousands of husbands and fathers and other bread-winners are killed every year without cause." We don't remember that who this was but it sounds like ex-Judge W. S. O. B. Robinson, whose great big Irish heart always inclined him to leniency and who said that no man was qualified to sit on the bench in North Carolina without having first served two years on the chain-gang.

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THE BEVERIDGE BILL.

We are printing this morning the text of the bill of Senator Beveridge, of Indiana, on the subject of child labor. It should be entitled "A Bill to be Entitled 'An Act in Evasion of the Constitution of the United States.'" As will be seen, it forbids the transportation as inter-State commerce of the product of any factory or mine in which is employed a child under 14 years of age. Its intent is obvious—it is leveled at the cotton mills of the South. Doubtless, owing to one cause and another—often to the cupidity of parents—children of too tender years are at work in some of these factories; but the condition is one which the mill men themselves are gradually ameliorating and which they will, out of their own sense of wisdom, justice and humanity, ultimately bring to a basis which all must agree is wise, just and humane; but, falling in this expectation of them, there will be found in the Legislatures of the Southern States enough sensibility of any wrong done the children to correct that wrong, and with these bodies the right of regulation of the age of workers, if legislation is to be invoked, properly resides. Action by Congress would be gratuitous and an unwarranted invasion of the rights of the States.

In times past, it is conceded, there have been more or less abuses in this matter of child labor, but these have by degrees been modified by the employers themselves and in the process of time will be wholly eliminated. It is passing strange that while this evolution is in active progress, and as the day when there will remain no abuse for any one to complain of approaches rapidly, the consciousness of our friends of the East and West should have been so suddenly awakened to our wickedness.

The Observer is printing this morning the second and final installment of Col. Olds' splendid historical sketch, "The War of the Regulation," the first part of which was given last Sunday. Every reader of The Observer will find it interesting and instructive and valuable as a contribution to history. We are also reprinting from The Textile Manufacturers' Journal an excellent article on labor conditions in the South from the pen of Mr. D. A. Tompkins. In this article Mr. Tompkins goes back to reconstruction days to find a basis and cause for existing conditions and writes with special reference to child labor and steps that are being taken by Southern mill men to improve the mental and moral status of operatives.

That is a good measure introduced in the Senate by Mr. Graham, of Orange, defining the rights of railroad passengers, requiring passengers boarding a car to enter by the end nearest the engine and those leaving it to leave through the opposite end, and requiring further, that foot-stools be placed at the car steps for the benefit of passengers boarding the car, and, presumably for those also leaving the train. This bill if made a law will obviate a good deal of confusion and inconvenience and be a time-saver besides.

TO-MORROW. Though sun after sun set on dreams unfulfilled, And night after night fall in sorrow, Pain here is revived and old courage now-bruised With the promise that beckons to-morrow. She lures every pilgrim from childhood to age, She downs the tired pillow with pleasure, To the ill-guided pencil she lends a new page, She pilots the poor to her treasure, Her hand is love's land and by her still streams, Gushing her gleams and her shadows, Love will come out from the twilight of dreams.

VIEWPOINTS. Down in his dusty cellar place On a stool of triple legs, The dusty pebbler sits and drives His gleaming row of pegs. High in his sullied window nook, Above the rumbling mart, The poet looks across the hills And meditates his art. Each man bemoans the other's lot And each exalts himself; For the cobler sees one half of life, And the bard another half.

THE DREAMER. He dreams of gold and fame and power, Being poor, unknown, and weak; Of some supreme, triumphant hour, Some prize that all men seek; Of high estate and mythical folk, And garb of many a hue— Not for his selfish sake, but all, Dear heart, for you. Fortune has fenced him close within A keep of narrow walls, His answering voice is halt and thin When the great world-wide voice calls. He dares not meet the world that is; His is a world that seems; He can but breathe and claim as his A crown of dreams. Which are yet deeds undone as yet, Battles as yet unfought, Made to which no words are set, Passion unshooled by thought; Which are not much, where men compare With men whose dreams come true. But lo! he says he may wake and dare The earth for you! —JOHN CHARLES MONDILL.

Rev. James Owens Will Go to Norfolk.

Lynchburg, Va., Jan. 12.—Rev. James M. Owens, rector St. Paul's Episcopal church here, has decided to accept the call of St. Paul's Episcopal church, Norfolk, Va., to succeed Dr. Beverly D. Tucker, now bishop coadjutor of the Southern diocese of Virginia. He will begin his rectorship in Norfolk on February 25th.

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WANTED.

WANTED—Lady to do some light, pleasant work in and near Charlotte. Good pay and permanent position to right party. "Quick" care Observer.

WANTED—Experienced traveling men to appoint agents and give sales for our line of custom suits. One trunk of samples; territory in North and South Carolina open. Give full particulars. Traynor Tailoring Company, Philadelphia, Pa.

WANTED—A stenographer, male; one who writes a good hand and good at figures, to help on other work. Give "phone number, Address "Office," this paper.

WANTED—Painters and paperhangers. Only men that understand their business need apply. J. H. Sullivan, Central Hotel.

WANTED—Furnished house for two months. Good chance for any one wishing to take a rest from housekeeping. Address "House," Observer office.

WANTED—Permanent couple to board February 1st. Select location and fare, modern home. References required. Telephone 2641.

Local Cotton Figures.

The price of spot cotton on the local market advanced 50 cents a pound during the latter part of the last week. This advance was due to the issuance of the government ginners' report Wednesday, which was considered bullish.

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SIX WEEKS' instruction in traveling salesmanship. Position guaranteed upon completion. Bradstreet System, Rochester, N. Y.

AN INCOME for the family; dividends that will please you. Illustrate report with 40 photos free. Address International Lumber (assets thirteen million dollars), Drexel Bldg., Philadelphia, Pa.



EMBROIDERIES

MONDAY

We put on sale an additional lot of fine Embroidery in 4 1-2, 6 3-4 and 10-yard lengths, some pieces in the lot worth 50 cents per yard, slight imperfections in some of the pieces. While they last we make the price 10, 15 and 25 cents.

Automobile Hair Nets, colors to match your hair. Price each 10c.

36-inch White Linen Lawn. Price the yard 25c.

Mercerized Batiste 42-inch White Batiste, retains its lustre; our most popular number, Price the yard 50c.

Silks 36-inch Black Oriental Waterproof Jap Silk—spot, water and perspiration proof. Price the yard \$1.00.

27-inch Oriental Waterproof Silk, White, Black and all Colors. Price the yard 50c.

Coat Suit Department

This week will be a continuation of our White Sale in this department. Everything in Ladies' and Children's Muslin Underwear, well made of the best materials and trimmings; also a very desirable line of Dress Skirts in White Duck and Brilliantine.

Handsome line of White Wash Waists in Lawn and "Lingerie," new designs, dainty trimmings of Hamburg and lace edging and insertion. Prices from 85c. to \$4.50.

Brilliantine Skirts of good quality, pretty designs in plaited panels and tucked bands, full and well made skirts; worth \$5.00 to \$6.50. Special for this sale \$3.98.

"The E. Z. Marker"

Or dressmaker's Tracing Wheel. It is a new thing just out and is very cheap for its real worth. Price only 25c.

