COTTON MEN IN SESSION

ANIMATED MEETING YESTERDAY

Selwyn Hotel the Scene of Gathering of Members of North Carolina Manufacturers' Association—Resolutions Adopted Declaring in Favor of the Adoption of an Annual Holiday Week, This to Be the Last Working Week in August—Steps Should Be Taken to Collect Claims From Railroads With Reasonable Promptness—Mr. R. M. Miller's Report.

The fourth annual meeting of the North Carolina Cotton Manufacturers' Association convened yesterday morning at 11 o'clock at the Selwyn Hotel. The meeting was probably the largest attended one since the organization of the association, there being between 75 and 80 mills represented and something over a 150 members present.

It was decided at the meeting that Charlotte be chosen for all meetings of the association, as this city is more centrally located than other cities in the State for the convenience of the members.

Mr. R. M. Miller, of this city, was unanimously re-elected president for the coming year. Mr. C. E. Hutchison, of Mount Holly, was elected first vice president, Mr. A. F. Thompson, of Raleigh, second vice president and Mr. J. Harvey White, of Graham, third vice president. In the selection of the officers it is felt by the members, that those chosen have greatly aided in the success and progress of the organization. Mr. Miller received a vote of thanks for his earnest work, his able management and his enthusiastic management of the work carried on by him for the North Carolina Cotton Manufacturers' Association. Mr. A. F. Thompson is one of the oldest and most active members of the association and through his efforts much has been accomplished.

A large part of the day was taken up with the reading and discussion of reports. The report of the committee on railroad rates and service doubtless created more interest than any other of the reports presented.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Mr. D. A. Tompkins, chairman of the committee on resolutions, introduced the following resolutions:

"Resolved, That an annual holiday week be fixed and that this be the last working week in August, and that all cotton mills be requested to observe this holiday.

"Resolved, That the members of the association observe the latest Carolina mill rules in the purchase of cotton and that the secretary of the association send a copy of the rules to each member.

"Resolved, That steps be taken to collect claims from railroads with reasonable promptness and as promptly as they require to have their accounts paid. Also that demurrage be better regulated.

"Whereas, The cotton trade is subject to violent fluctuation and the depressions entail heavy burdens upon the producers of goods and particularly of yarns, therefore be it

"Resolved, That the association create committees on curtailment for each general branch of the trade and that in depressed times, those committees undertake to induce co-operation in the matter of curtailment."

Of these resolutions all were accepted, and many brought out much interesting discussion. Mr. A. F. Moore, of Gastonia, who was one of the enthusiastic members present, made an interesting talk on the unfairness of the railroads in their charges of demurrage and extreme unreasonableness in their paying and collecting of bills. He showed how in North Carolina unfairness was shown in regard to demurrage as compared to South Carolina. This State's law allows only 36 hours before demurrage is charged on unloaded freight, while South Carolina laws requires the railroads to give 48 hours' notice before charges can be made. Mr. Moore spoke of the railroads threatening to cut off service, if freight bills were not paid at given times, and spoke of the delay of months and months in the collections of claims.

Mr. D. Y. Cooper, of Henderson, made the suggestion that the members of the Hard Yarn Spinners' Association and the Soft Yarn Spinners' Association be requested to become members of the North Carolina Cotton Manufacturers' Association and work as departments of the State Association. His suggestion was received well and after being put in the form of a resolution was carried by the members. A committe will be appointed to work out the details of the amalgamation.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

A telegram was sent by Mr. R. M. Miller, president, to the North Carolina Retail Merchants' Association, now in session at Elizabeth City, asking "that they request and insist that all sugar, salt, etc., bought or handled by them be put up in cotton sacks."

Mr. E. H. Rooney, expert comber of the Whiting Machine Works, of Whiting, Mass., made an interesting talk on "Waste," for which a vote of thanks was tended him.

The association expressed its appreciation to the railroads for the presence of many of its representatives and the interest shown by them in the work of the association.

A vote of thanks was tended to the management of the Selwyn Hotel for the courteous treatment shown the members while in session in Charlotte.

The meeting adjourned at 6 o'clock. At the Southern Manufacturers' Club last night Mr. R. M. Miller gave those attending the association a smoker, which was largely attended. The club was thrown open to the visitors and a delightful evening enjoyed by them.

The meeting opened with the report of the president, Mr. R. M. Miller, which is as follows:

Gentlemen of the Association: So many matters of interest confront our industry to-day that it is difficult for me to decide on a beginning or to find an end.

First and foremost, however, is the organization of our interests and the working together in harmony of the cotton manufacturers of the State.

I regret the lack of interest shown in our association, not only by the members themselves, but also on the part of many manufacturers who seem willing to accept any good we may accomplish without contributing to or being in any manner responsible for such benefits.

Personally, I believe in such organizations, being a member of several similar associations and the practical knowledge, broadening of views and valuable information, I have been able to obtain by thus coming into contact with my fellow manufacturers, has been worth tenfold the cost of my membership.

The successful manufacturer keeps in touch with things around and about him—broad-minded, liberal and progressive—the selfish recluse is successful by accident of environment, and this species of success has little value or merit along life's journey.

As your executive officer, I must have been negligent of my duties and opportunities in failing to increase our membership or stimulate a co-operative spirit in our association, but having given my time and energy to this end without success the responsibility is now to devolve upon some of you, and to whom I pledge my earnest support and co-operation.

Every manufacturer of cotton in North Carolina should be a member of his State organization—he should be willing to share his part of its burdens and responsibilities. After enjoying its benefits—we should meet, discuss and agree upon all policies affecting our interests, and be a unit in all that pertains to our industry.

Only by such co-operation can we hope to avoid hostile and unfair legislation and prevent the necessity of being called to visit Raleigh at every session of our Legislature to protest against unjust and unreasonable laws aimed at our industry and instigated by the labor agitator and smooth-tongued lobbyist.

I know the cotton manufacturer of North Carolina to be a humane individual; he is not the cold-blooded and hard-hearted driver of child labor he has been pictured—he is fair, honest and just in dealing with his help and no interest in the State today is doing more for the education, betterment and uplifting of its laborers than the owners of the cotton mills.

We ask, and demand, a fair, just and reasonable labor law, and to have something to say and to do with the framing of such a law.

Our own help, I believe, would be willing to trust us to make laws to govern them, realizing that the mill owner is the best friend of the mill operative, and that we would pass no law injurious to our mutual interests—some of us are very best help, and whose children are just as dear to them as ours and mine are to us, are honestly in favor of a lower age limit for children during the period between school terms, feeling that they would prefer to have their children in the mill doing light work and under their supervision, than lounging about the streets learning indolence and idleness under and by authority of the law, and they helpless to prevent it.

We have a fair and reasonable labor law now, and if we desire to keep it on the statute books of North Carolina, we must act and stand together in behalf of ourselves and our help—against the common enemy—or suffer the inevitable consequences of the lack of such organization. We should all abide by and enforce the law—it is unfair that one mill should live up to it and another violate it—and conduct of this kind is justly brought reproach upon some of us. Let us all agree to report to the proper authority any known violation of our labor law and have meted out to the violator the full measure of punishment as provided or let publication of his act shame him into obedience and compliance.

The matter of freight rates is of prime importance to our association, and we have with us to-day a number of railroad friends and officials, and I hope an open discussion will be indulged in by the members and these gentlemen.

We need help along this line and I feel that we should discuss such matters frankly and from a friendly standpoint.

The railroad official and the business man keep too far apart. We really do not know each other, but each seems to think he has a grievance, and both stand off and throw stones and shoot at long range, hence never come into the cordial relationship that should be, and generally is characteristic of the buyer and seller.

If we would come together oftener in such meetings as this—see and talk to each other face to face—state our difficulties and grievances, be frank and candid, I feel that many of our troubles could be overcome and a basis of reciprocal relationship established.

We do not primarily ask for a reduction of your freight tariff, we realize you have a right to fix such rates as will return a profit on your investment—no reasonable shipper will object to paying such a rate—but what we do ask, and which we have a right, as your customers, to ask, is that you do not discriminate against us.

That rates are discriminating against North Carolina in favor of Virginia cannot be denied, and down in the bottom of his heart, not a railroad man here to day will defend the so-called basis rate to Virginia points as not being unfair, unequal and unjust to North Carolina.

You gentlemen interested in North Carolina and her welfare should take issue with your people on this matter and demand relief for your customers who are certainly pro rata supporters of your roads. Your gain does not necessarily mean our loss. It may, however, prove your loss in the end.

Some of you will recall a meeting held at Pinehurst in 1906, between a committee of this association and the officials of the Associated Railways of Virginia and the Carolinas. We discussed at length the question of rates, and especially the coal rate into this territory and asked for a reduction. I submitted some figures bearing on this traffic and little interest was manifested by the railroad representatives, but just now they begin to realize the conditions as predicted by those figures. Since that meeting there has been installed in this contiguous territory some 75,000 horse-power of electricity, and during the same period some 50,000 horse-power of steam has been superseded by electricity. I prophesy that this is only the beginning, unless the railroads do something to stem the tide.

You gentlemen can easily figure this loss of tonnage to your roads, but I am going to do a part of it for you now—75,000 horse-power means the consumption of about 225,000 pounds of coal per hour, or, for one day of 10 hours, of 2,250,000 pounds, or for 300 working days in a year, of 675,000,000 pounds—all of this practically replaced by electricity. Nor is this all, add to this amount the night consumption of power, which will average—say 25 per cent, and we have the enormous total of 843,750,000 pounds of freight being lost to the railroads annually.

Nor is this all. This electrical development is increasing rapidly in Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Alabama, until within a short time, the power will be available for every user through this long stretch of territory, rich, progressive and unlimited in its possibilities.

If you railroad people are content to remain silent and continue your past methods of freight rate making, sustaining this tremendous and increasing loss to your freight traffic, then it is not to be wondered at—that your passenger department claims that the passenger rate is too low—that the roads cannot earn a dividend when they are actually losing a million dollars or more annually on one single item of freight.

Do not wait, gentlemen, until "the horse is gone before the stable is locked."

Since you did not think well of my prediction made in 1906, I will guess again for your consideration and say that in the near future the cotton mill interests alone, contiguous to this hydro-electric development, unless coal rates are reduced, 90 per cent of all new power will be electric and eventually 100 per cent of steam power now used will be superceded by electricity.

These matters, gentlemen, of proper organization, reasonable labor laws and lower freight rates are of vital importance to us and should receive careful consideration by this association.

The matter of the tariff is important, and I hope it will be discussed during our meeting and such action taken as you deem wise and prudent.

The old, old question of consigned goods, and especially of yarns, should also receive your attention. This policy of some of our mills of continually allowing the commission merchant to hold the whip handle over his mill is ruinous and suicidal. If you want and really need a clubbing and will furnish your adversary the club, why should he not gratify your desire and use it? He should do so and use it so effectually that you would never again ask to be chastised with your own whip.

If you feel that you just must operate your mill and accumulate stock on a dull and depressed market, then hold it in your own warerooms at your mill and transact it through your own banks at home.

I would like to see the association adopt a uniform holiday or period of rest, for the officers as well as the help, make it a week in August of every year. You need it, the machinery needs it and the help needs it. All closing the same week, no inconvenience would result in one mill losing its help to another.

I would also be glad to see an agreement with forfeiture for violation, not to solicit help, advance transportation from one mill to another or pay any back debts.

We are well provided just now with good, reliable, contented labor, but it may not always be just so, and in times of abundance of riches it is well to prepare for possible poverty.

In conclusion I urge all our members, when possible, to adopt the Carolina Mill Rules in buying cotton. These rules have proven valuable to all who have used them and a loss to some who have not adopted them.

I trust the members will discuss and act upon any measure that will tend to advance the good of the association and further the welfare of our great industry in North Carolina, and that your stay in Charlotte will prove pleasant and profitable.

THE DEATH RECORD.

Trinity Student Dies in Colorado.

Special to The Observer.

Oxford, June 17.—News has been received here of the death of Mr. J. Arch Ferguson, of Reidsville, which occurred at the Fern Hill Sanitarium, Denver, Col., Saturday, June 12. Mr. Ferguson was a brother of Mrs. W. L. Peace, of this place, and was a student in the sophomore class of Trinity College, Durham, until January last, when failing health caused him to leave for Colorado. He was prominent in Y. M. C. A. work at his college and will be greatly missed. His remains will be cremated and sent to Oxford for burial.

Mrs. E. A. Harrison, of Enfield.

Special to The Observer.

Greensboro, June 16.—Her friends and relatives here were shocked today at the announcement of the death of Mrs. E. A. Harrison, which occurred suddenly at her home in Enfield this morning. She was 69 years of age and a woman of rare culture and deep Christian piety, being a devout member of the Episcopal Church. She is survived by five children. A son, Mr. William B. Harrison, died in Greensboro ten days ago. The funeral and interment will take place at Ringwood, the Harrison family home in Halifax county, Friday morning. Mr. Charles G. Harrison, of this city, a grandson of Mrs. Harrison, goes to Enfield tonight.

BRANDENBURG'S TRIAL.

State Introduces Witnesses to Prove That Letter, Sold as Grover Cleveland's, Was a Forgery.

New York, June 17.—Broughton Brandenburg showed little concern to-day as the State, in a business-like way, continued its attempt to prove that the article sold to The New York Times for $5.00 as Grover Cleveland's, and widely published over the country, was a forgery and that Brandenburg knew it when he sold the article.

Late this afternoon the State began to introduce witnesses in rapid succession, first to identify the typewriter on which the article is said to have been written and the stenographer to whom it was delivered. Then, the typewritten sheets of the article itself and their correspondence with the published text. By this testimony, the prosecution hopes to prove that the article was dictated in part from notes and in part written in long hand by Brandenburg and passed over by him to the stenographer to transcribe on August 10, 1908, more than a month after Grover Cleveland had died.

Alleged Members of Black Hand Organization Arrested.

Cincinnati, June 17.—In a spectacular raid led by Postoffice Inspector Oldfield to-night, a dozen inmates of a house on Sixth street in the downtown district were placed under arrest. It is stated that the arrests are a result of previous arrests made in Marion, Columbus and other Ohio towns in connection with the black hand organization. All of the men are foreigners.

A THRILLING RESCUE.

How Bert R. Lean, of Cheny, Wash., was saved from a frightful death is a story to thrill the world. "A hard cold," he writes, "brought on a desperate lung trouble that baffled an expert doctor here. Then I paid $10 to $15 a visit to a lung specialist in Spokane, who did not help me. Then I went to California, but without benefit. At last I used Dr. King's New Discovery, which completely cured me and now I am as well as ever." For Lung Trouble, Bronchitis, Coughs and Colds, Asthma, Croup and Whooping Cough it's supreme. 50c and $1. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by all druggists.

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Monday night the newly-selected theatrical company engaged to give nightly performances at Latta Park will make its first appearance. The management has spent much money in securing the cast for the summer engagement and every assurance is given that the productions will surpass all other engagements at Latta Park during summer months.

Manager J. L. Cruvo is exceedingly anxious that the public be squarely dealt with as far as his productions are concerned, and it was for that reason that the company first engaged for the Latta Park shows was sent back to New York, after three performances. With the present company large crowds will be attracted and good clean shows produced during the entire summer.

The following well-known people have been engaged for the company: Mr. William G. Warren, formerly associated with David Belasco in the producing of his plays; Crossman Sedley Brown, last season with Henrietta Crossman in "Mistress Nell," Verne C. Armstrong, with Blanche Walsh in "The Test," Otto Neimeyer with Charles B. Hanford, Oscar Lackstone with the Rogers Brothers in "Panama," Miss Marjorie Elinson with David Higgins in "Captain Chas. of Missouri," Barry Melton with "The Country Chairman," Amy Hawthorne, of the famous Hawthorne Sisters, Margaret Seddon, with the Columbia Theatre Stock Company, Washington, D. C., and William Burns, formerly of the Home Stock Company in Cincinnati.

Tired of Supporting Man, Woman Hits Him.

Charged with striking a paralyzed man in the forehead with a piece of iron, according to his statement, Sadie Johnson, colored, was locked up last night. "Yes, he hit me and I hit him back. I ain't going to support him any longer," she said. The man, who is paralyzed on his left side, lives at her house, No. 513 West First street, though she says he is not related to her. He was brought to police headquarters in a wagon that the warrant might be sworn out. He killed a colored woman several years ago and served a four-months' sentence for it.

The Matinee To-Day.

The matinee will be in progress this afternoon over the Gem at 4.30 o'clock. Brazelle will be in the game for Charlotte and a new twirler whom Manager Bernse has just signed will do the sending-off for Spartanburg. Cosmo, who has been sick for several days, will probably be in the game to-day. The fans expect the Hornets to take the next two games. Ought to get that one yesterday, and with a little more science in the ninth inning would have won in a great finish.

C. C. & O. Trip Winning Subscribers.

Interest is constantly growing in the great Pullman excursion which The Observer Company is to run July 17 over the new Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio Railroad to Dante, Va. Especially is the subscription offer being seized upon. "It is a cinch," wrote one, enclosing eight names. Hundreds of subscribers to The Observer, The Chronicle, The Semi-Weekly Observer and The Sunday Observer are being secured every day.

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Southpaw Finn has gone to Goldsboro for the remainder of the season and quite a number of fans regret the passing, temporarily, from this league of this twirler, who is, without question, one of the best left-handers in the circuit. For some unexplainable reason Finn could not win anything for Charlotte, no matter how good a game he would pitch, being one of those unfortunates who suffered the bad end of the break of luck. He is a mighty good pitcher and with a team that could win him some games he would be a star. For the present Schultz, Brazelle and Hazelton will do the work.

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