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ACTIVITY GROWS THROUGH SOUTH

From Every Section Are Reports of Increased Business, According to Manufacturers Record.

INDUSTRIES EXPAND IN NORTH CAROLINA

Large Increase in Grain Production in Part Matched By Increase in Number of Hogs in South.

Special to the Gazette-News. Baltimore, Sept. 24.—Reviewing the industrial activities of the south for the week the Manufacturers Record gives in detail the expenditures that are being made at New Orleans in the building of a \$1,000,000 grain elevator by the municipal authorities, contractors for the foundation having been let this week, and the progress of the public warehouse system which is being built at a cost of \$3,500,000, in connection with other large enterprises planned and projected by the city and individual interests.

The Baltimore & Ohio railroad is preparing plans for a new coal pier to be built at Baltimore at a cost of \$1,500,000 and to have an annual capacity for handling 10,000,000 tons of coal. There are signs of increasing activity in the textile industry in the building of mills and the enlargements of existing plants. The West Point Manufacturing company of West Point Ga., has awarded contracts for an additional mill at a cost of about \$500,000. To be equipped with 25,000 spindles and 500 looms. P. H. Hanes Knitting company, Winston-Salem, N. C., will install 10,000 spindles with accompanying machinery to manufacture yarns for its additional knitting mill recently reported. The Hogansville Mills, Hogansville, Ga., has decided on its plans for an additional mill to be equipped with 5,000 spindles. E. C. Lineberger, Belmont, N. C., will organize a \$200,000 company to build a cotton mill. The Norcott Mills company, Concord, N. C., has awarded a contract for its proposed mill to be equipped with 12,000 spindles. The Elk Cotton Mills, Sycamore, Tenn., will enlarge an existing building and install 5,000 spindles. The Alden Mills, New Orleans, let contract for a three-story brick addition to present plant for manufacturing knit goods. The Carnegie Steel company of Pittsburgh will build a power-house and extend its warehouse at Baltimore and enlarge its facilities for storing and handling its foreign trade in steel products.

The Maryland Steel company Sparrows Point, Md., is preparing to receive bids for several of its projected improvements, including a new machine shop to represent an investment of \$500,000. The National Tube company of Wheeling, W. Va., is reported as planning an expenditure of \$5,000,000 for enlargement of its plant. The Consumers' Portland Cement company, Chicago, has been organized to build a Portland cement plant at Freeman, Ark. The Jefferson Coal & Coke company, Parkersburg, W. Va., has been incorporated with \$200,000 capital stock to develop coal properties. The Seminole Phosphate company of Croom, Fla., will build plant with daily capacity of 200 tons of phosphate rock. From every part of the south come

reports of increasing business activity. The great grain crop of the year of nearly 28 per cent. increase over last year's yield shows a percentage of gain of from 13 per cent. to 15 per cent. more than the rate of gain in population during the same period. This increase in grain is in part matched by a large increase in the number of hogs in the south, although the effect of the big grain crop will not find full expression in the increase of hogs until next year. The gain in the south in the number of hogs as compared with September of last year runs from 2 per cent. in West Virginia to 20 per cent. in South Carolina, with gains in other Southern states running from 4 per cent., 5 per cent. and 6 per cent. up to 10 per cent. The increase of 20 per cent. in South Carolina is not exceeded by any other state in the union, and is equaled by only two.

This increase in grain and meat production, added to the advancing price for cotton, with increasing demand, is bringing about a spirit of optimism which has not been seen throughout the south since the beginning of the war.

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WIFE ASKED TO REPORT HUSBAND'S MISCONDUCT

Pardon of McGraw of Wilmington Evidently Does Not Please Wife.

Governor Craig has replied to the letter of Mrs. McGraw, wife of the Wilmington man liberated by conditional pardon after a service of ten years for manslaughter, asking her to report to him any misconduct or mistreatment coming from McGraw. The letter is in fine and sympathetic spirit giving her the reasons for acting favorably upon the pardon. Governor Craig tells Mrs. McGraw that he has never received any letters from her objecting to the pardon until the one written after the kindness had been bestowed and that in looking over the pardon application file he is unable to find anything written to any other governor.

He declares that he was urged by many of the best Wilmington citizens to free McGraw and sends her a list of many very prominent men there and elsewhere who wished to see the prisoner given another chance. In addition to the letter Governor Craig is making further inquiry among Wilmington people. Major W. F. Moody has chosen his rifle team which he will take in October to Jacksonville to contest in the great shoot which will be conducted there beginning October 10. Fifteen men will be entered in that marksmanship meet and to get themselves in shape will spend a week practicing on the Jacksonville target range. The North Carolina boys hope to pull themselves from the great democratic class that shoots near the bottom of the list and expect to come into class B this time.

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PAGE AND TEACHEY GIVEN TEN YEARS IN PRISON

Submit to Charges of Having Robbed Store—Pace Had Confessed.

Raleigh, Sept. 24.—Burke Pace and John Teachey, the young white men of Raleigh who have been held several weeks on charges of store robbery, have submitted in Superior court yesterday afternoon and were given ten years each in the penitentiary. Pace's confession several days ago made impossible any defense but a fight was expected in which the two hard cases were to tell where they have been disposing of some of their booty. The contest for the freedom of two men would have been tame, but their unrestrained talk would have been entertaining.

They decided two days ago not to "peach." They accepted the load of sin that belonged to them and allowed those implicated with them to make an unhampered defense. They will begin their terms next week and will go to the state's prison where the genius of Pace will make him a valuable prisoner.

The long terms may be explained in two ways. First of all they have been lucky in escaping prison so long. Their crime, breaking into a pair of stores and stealing an automobile, was not trivial. They had been given every chance to reform. In addition it was believed that they had knowledge of the death of old man Charles Abt, the miser, who was found dead in his home in July and whose death is supposed to have been caused by murder for purposes of robbery. No charges were brought against these boys in this connection but the unfavorable talk lost them friends. Pace had been a successful railroad detective and had been able to keep out of trouble would have been promoted for the good work that he did while in that service. He comes of excellent family and is one of the most likable and accommodating fellows in town.

PERMANENT MUSIC FESTIVAL PLANNED

Asheville Musicians Are Considered an Annual Spring Musical Event.

DAMROSCH ORCHESTRA MAY BE HERE IN MAY

Present Plans to Include Chorus of 150 Voices Trained by Maurice Longhurst.

Tentative plans for the permanent establishment of an annual spring musical festival in Asheville were discussed yesterday by the entertainment committee of the Asheville board of trade. Representing the Mozart society, Dr. A. S. Wheeler asked the committee's co-operation in bringing Walter Damrosch and his orchestra here for two days in May, 1916, on which date the Mozart organization and other Asheville musicians are expected to join forces to form a chorus of 150 voices for the Damrosch performance.

As the first step toward the training of the local talent Dr. Wheeler urged the directors to aid in securing the services of Maurice Longhurst, organist and choirmaster at All Souls' church, Baltimore. Mr. Longhurst was director of the chorus that presented "Pinafore" at the Auditorium in the early summer and the success of that performance encouraged residents of this city to hope that in the near future Asheville would have a yearly festival similar to those held in Spartanburg.

Plenty of Talent. The rendition of "Elijah" later in the summer by the Mozart society and the school chorus under direction of Willis J. Cunningham, director of music in the city schools, have abundantly illustrated, it is said, that the supply of musical talent in Asheville is sufficient to warrant the plans for a permanent festival.

Those interested in music have long cherished the hope that this city would some day add to its other attractions an annual musical event that will not only help to crystallize its appreciation and talent for music but will prove a valuable asset in advertising the city to the world.

It is pointed out that the chief city of the Carolina resort region has made marked progress in music within the past few years. Mayor J. E. Rankin emphasized this side of the city's growth at the musical appreciation period held recently at the High school under the direction of Supervisor Cunningham.

To Be Considered. If the plans under consideration are carried out the chorus of local singers will be organized within the ear future and will hold regular rehearsals during the winter months with Mr. Longhurst as musical conductor. The matter will be considered further this afternoon by the directors of the board of trade at their meeting in the offices of the organization in Temple court.

PLANNING MATINEES FOR WORLD'S SERIES

A number of the baseball fans of the city are contemplating starting a movement this week for the purpose of giving baseball matinees heretofore the playing of the world's series games. Already it is stated that the Majestic theater will be available for the matinees, which begin early in the afternoon and are usually over by 4:30 o'clock. It is planned to have a leased wire running into the theater and to give the returns by play. If this is done it will be a great treat for the lovers of the game.

OFFICERS CAPTURED ALLEGED BLOCKADER

In response to a telegram from Quebec, Transylvania county, Chief Deputy Marshal John Y. Jordan went to Brevard yesterday afternoon to conduct the government's case against Alf Cantrell arrested by Revenue Officers Cabe and Galloway Wednesday on charges of operating an illicit distillery. Cantrell is also wanted in South Carolina to answer similar charges. It is expected that the United States commissioner will hold him under a heavy bond for trial in the District court.

People In Italy Panic Stricken By Earthquake

Messina, Sept. 24.—A strong earth shock was felt here at 9:15 o'clock last night. It caused a panic among the people, who rushed into the streets and squares, many remaining in the open all night. No damage was done.

Little Damage Reported. Rome, Sept. 23, via Paris, Sept. 24.—The earth shock which was felt here tonight was more pronounced than in other districts of Italy, but we far

ASSOCIATION TO ADJOURN TODAY

Successful Meeting of Southeastern Electric Light Men Closes With Election of Officers.

INTERESTING PAPERS HEARD THIS MORNING

Much Interest Shown In Golf and Bowling Contests—Automobile Trip Is Arranged for Ladies.

This is the last day of the convention of the Southeastern section of the National Electric Light association which met at Grove Park Inn on Wednesday. George H. Wycant, secretary of the organization stated this morning that the meeting closing today is regarded by the members as one of the most successful and enjoyable ever held by them. The papers read have been of an unusually high order, said Mr. Wycant, and the efforts of the management of Grove Park Inn, the board of trade, the members of the various electrical firms in the city and other Asheville residents for their entertainment have been appreciated by the visitors.

Papers This Morning. The morning session began at 10 o'clock with a paper by H. A. Orr of the Southern Public Utilities company, Anderson, S. C., on "Electric Power for Driving Textile Mills." Mr. Orr was followed by J. M. Hohl of the Cordele Electric company of Cordele, Ga., in an essay on "Efficiency in Serving the Consumer." "Advertising and Its Direct Relation to the Central Station Field" was discussed by J. J. McManus of the General Electric company of Harrison, N. J. "Distant Control of Switchboard Design" was the topic assigned to Stephen Q. Hayes of the Westinghouse Electric company, Pittsburgh, presented by Thomas W. Fuller of the Westinghouse company, W. M. Stearns of Atlanta, of the General Electric company, read a paper on "Electric Heating Devices." The members of the association followed the presentation of these subjects with great interest and interesting discussion followed.

The last address on the program was a discussion of "Present Assessment Methods of Taxation" by H. H. Carr of Raleigh.

This Afternoon. Early this afternoon the members of the executive committee met for the election of officers for the ensuing year, this being the last formal session of the convention. The rest of the day will be given over to the pursuit of pleasure.

Features of the recreation program for this afternoon include another trip to Mountain Meadows for those who have not had the pleasure of that outing and an automobile ride to points of interest for the ladies in the party. This evening dancing and other forms of amusement will be indulged in at the Inn.

A matter of much interest to the visitors will be the awarding of prizes to the winners in the golf tournament and the bowling contest. These competitive games will close this afternoon and the winners will be announced.

Yesterday afternoon a majority of the visitors drove in carriages over the Biltmore estate, those taking this trip expressing delight over the roads and scenery on the Vanderbilt property. Another party visited Mountain Meadows and greatly enjoyed the views of the mountains afforded by this trip. The golf tournament and the bowling contest gave recreation for many of the electric light men and their friends and later in the afternoon a party of the guests enjoyed a street car ride over the city. In the evening most of the delegates saw "Mutt and Jeff" at the Auditorium.

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RUTHERFORDTON BANK IS NEARLY READY FOR OCCUPANCY

Rutherfordton, Sept. 24.—The new building of the Citizens Bank and Trust company is nearing completion and will be ready for occupancy about October 1. This building is of modern design in all its appointments and is an attractive addition to the town.

Advertisement for COLUMBIA GRAFANOLAS and DUNHAM'S MUSIC HOUSE. Includes illustrations of gramophones and text: 'The New Models of the COLUMBIA GRAFANOLAS not only play beautifully but are very convenient. Demonstration Free at DUNHAM'S MUSIC HOUSE'

MAKES INVESTIGATION OF TRAFFIC OVERSEAS

The United States department of commerce is making an endeavor to find out from the shippers of the country just what trouble if any, they have been experiencing in exporting their goods, or receiving imported goods, as a result of war conditions. Letters are being sent out to chambers of commerce and like organizations of the country with a view to collecting such information;

and the local board of trade received such a communication signed by Secretary Wilson C. Redfield. The following is the text of the inquiry: "The department of commerce is investigating prevalent conditions created by the European war, affecting adversely the movement of foreign commerce. It will be helpful if you will communicate this fact to those of your members interested in foreign trade, with the request that they submit to the department, supporting details of all instances where their efforts to secure ocean freight have been hampered, and thus causes thereof. Cases where shipments have been refused ocean space, or where the

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