

COTTON IN WEST AFRICA.

For some time the German Colonial Society, of Berlin, has been making systematic efforts to grow cotton in the German colony in West Africa. It had been grown in a small way by the natives, a coarse kind of cotton, which answered their needs but hadn't much commercial value.

These four men left New York a year or so ago with a sufficient supply of necessary tools and implements, a cotton gin, engine and everything needed to try the experiment from beginning to finish.

After describing the experiments with various kinds of seeds and the results with each, and what they had to contend against in the country, he has come to the conclusion that by planting late in the summer so as to avoid the excessive rains, and by crossing American with native cotton a variety adapted to that section can be secured and the industry established.

One hundred acres of land in all were cultivated. Up to the end of December twenty-three bales of cotton were in readiness to ship. Thirteen of these were from native seed, nine from American seed and one from Egyptian seed.

The natives grow cotton as a secondary product with yams. There is sufficient good cotton land. The expedition intends to distribute good cotton seed to the natives. In native cotton the proportion between seed and lint was 1,500 pounds of seed to a bale of 500 pounds.

The natives must be taught to cultivate more cotton on the same ground with the same labor. If possible, they must be furnished with drought animals. Although it was known that no animal could resist the climate, twenty horses and twenty oxen were brought from the interior.

Every one is glad to know that the Steel Trust is prospering, but there is another side to this question of profits. The Steel Trust is a large exporter of its manufactures and competes with the steel manufacturers of the world.

This colony is about the size of South Carolina and the soil of most of it is said to be suitable for the growth of cotton. The area is about 2,500,000 natives in the colony. If cotton can be successfully grown there the probabilities are that it can be grown on a much larger area in the same latitude, and that if a suitable seed can be matured by crossing, the industry may in time assume considerable proportions.

But the persistence the Germans show in their efforts to produce cotton in their own territory, shows that they are very much in earnest and will not abandon it while there is any hope of success. It was suggested some time ago that inducements in the way of farms and other encouragements be offered to colonies of Southern negroes to emigrate and locate in that region, which wouldn't be a bad idea and might considerably hasten the development of the industry in that section provided they got the right kind of emigrants, who understood the business and were willing to work.

It has been said that the area adapted to cotton growing in that part of Africa is quite as large as the cotton belt of the South. Whether this be so or not we know that there is a wide area of South America where cotton can be grown, and also a great area in Southern Siberia, enough in all to meet the world's prospective demands for cotton.

But he will be master of it for some time to come, and may be master of it for many years to come, if he plan wisely and do not follow his cotton farmer blindly, and see only the cotton plant. As long as he can supply the mills of the world with cotton cheaper than other cotton growers can, so long will he be master of the situation, and the way for him to do that is to study the art of producing cotton at the lowest possible cost and lower than his competitors even with their cheap labor can do it.

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CURRENT COMMENT.

The United States will now purchase, at the modest price of \$7,000,000, the real-estate holdings of the friars in the Philippines. This privilege is one of the things Spain sold us for \$20,000,000. The \$30,000,000 went for Spain's sovereignty, which didn't exist.—Norsk Landmark, Dem.

Germany has plainly withdrawn from the opposition to the projects of Russia in Manchuria. This was tolerably certain when Germany adopted in shunting a policy of exclusion closely similar to that of Russia in Manchuria. The last declaration from Berlin emphasizes this position. The Triple Alliance will take no share in the quarrel opening between the two dual alliances, England and Japan on one side and Russia and France on the other.—Philadelphia Press, Rep.

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OUR RIVERS AND HARBOR. Chamber of Commerce Committee Returns Thanks to Congressman Bellamy for His Uttering Efforts. The following letter to Hon. Jno. D. Bellamy, Congressman from this district, has been forwarded and will be read with interest here: WASHINGTON, N. C., March 29, 1903.

DEAR SIR:—As a meeting of the special committee composed of Messrs. W. J. Jacob, H. G. Smallbones, W. E. Worth and the undersigned, appointed by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce for the purpose of obtaining increased facilities for this port through a larger appropriation by Congress than has been proposed by Mr. Barton's committee of the House, your committee of the Chamber is publishing in the Standard the following resolutions for the consideration of the Senate committee. I have much pleasure, personally, in conveying to you this expression of the confidence of our community, and of their gratefulness to you for services which you have so willingly rendered for the benefit of our country.

INSURANCE RATE REDUCED. Successful Effort by the Carolina Insurance Company is Yes Cost Increase. In response to efforts of the Carolina Insurance Company, the following letter has been received from the secretary of the Southeastern Tariff Association: ATLANTA, Ga., March 28, 1903.

DEAR SIR:—Your favor of the 25th is duly at hand and contents noted. It is a pleasure to advise you that we have voted a new tariff for Wilmington so closely upon the one recently issued in order to take out the 10 cents additional charge on mercantile stocks. We will notify you as soon as the secretary of the Board, however, that the agents are authorized to omit the charge of 10 cents hereafter when the goods appear on the printed rate. We think that the same can be accomplished just as well without the publication of a new tariff at this time. Yours truly, CHAS. C. FLEMING, Secretary.

Death of Mr. John Worth. Fayetteville Observer Stet: "Mr. John M. Worth died at Morganton on Sunday evening, aged nearly 85 years, and his remains will be brought to his former home for interment to-morrow from Greensboro this afternoon. Mr. Worth was for a long time in the service of the Steamboat Company on the Cape Fear river, and his father, the late James M. Worth, an endearing friend to our people by his attractive qualities in his personal and social intercourse. He married M. S. Josephine Bryan, who survives him with three children, Mr. Addison Worth, now residing at Washington City in the service of the Southern Railway, Miss George Worth and the late Mrs. M. M. Worth, Jr., a musician of distinction in New York. The funeral took place from the Presbyterian church this afternoon." Harbor Master's Report. The monthly report for March of Capt. Edgar D. Williams, harbor master shows arrivals, of 30 vessels of 18,304 tons. Of the number, 18 were American and 3 foreign vessels. The American craft consisted of 10 steamships, 15,082 tons; one barque, 877 tons; one schooner, 1,600 tons; and 2 schooners, 2,089 tons, total tonnage, 17,818. The foreign vessels were one steamship, 780 tons, and one schooner, 124 tons; total tonnage, 904.

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Broke Up the Vessel's Furniture and Destroyed Official Records—Now in a Pitiable Condition at the Police Station—Alcoholism. Crased by drink and naturally frenzied because his vessel had been taken into the United States authorities, Capt. Harbor Nielsen, of the libelled schooner Nellie Floyd, yesterday morning made so much trouble for officer W. J. Orr, who was in charge of the vessel, that he had to be arrested and confined in the station house to prevent his doing further bodily injury to his supposed enemies, the officers.

Capt. Nielsen is suffering from severe alcoholism and is being treated in the city prison by Dr. C. T. Harper, city superintendent of health, who advises that he be sent as early as possible to the Memorial hospital for treatment. He is very violent, and soon after he was placed in a cell at the station yesterday, he began to tear up everything in sight and the handcuffs had to be placed again upon him to prevent him from doing himself injury. Even handcuffed by the bracelets on his wrists, he tore all the clothing from his person and his condition is indeed a pitiable one.

As soon as he has sufficiently recovered, he will be brought before U. S. Commissioner S. P. Collier and given a preliminary hearing as to retaining an officer and destroying official records, whose charges having been preferred against him soon after the arrest by Deputy Marshal C. O. Knox. The penalty for these offenses is very severe, ranging from \$300 fine and one year in the penitentiary to \$3,000 fine and two years in the penitentiary.

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FROM JUDGE WALTER CLARK. Response from Author of Regimental Histories to Recent Resolutions by Cape Fear Camp. The following letter from Judge Clark in regard to the resolutions adopted by Cape Fear Camp, Confederate Veterans, on motion of Col. Waddell, has been received and will be read at the next meeting of the Camp: "BALTIMORE, N. C., March 21, 1903.

"MR. DEAR COLONEL:—Allow me to thank you, and through you, the Camp for its very kind and very complimentary resolutions. But I do not assume the credit you so kindly give me. The work has been written by members of our command, frequently at much expense to themselves and always with much labor and research. In your own camp are several gentlemen who have contributed much time, and expense, and engravings, as well as articles. It is to them and other comrades like them that the credit of this work is due. It is their work. It is an honor to me to be mentioned in your article by saying it is ours.

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DOUBLE-DAILY TRAIN

Chamber of Commerce Will Consider Important Proposition from S. A. L. Officials. MEETING THIS AFTERNOON. Freight Inducements Are Offered General Manager Barry Says the Wilmington and Hamlet Additional Service Will Be Put On-Tracking.

The Chamber of Commerce will meet in regular monthly session in its rooms in the Seaboard Air Line building this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. One of the most important matters to come before the meeting for consideration is a proposition from Vice President and General Manager J. M. Barry, of the S. A. L., in regard to the double-daily train service between Wilmington and Hamlet for which strenuous effort has been made by a joint committee from the trades bodies of the city for several weeks.

The committee is in receipt of a letter from Mr. Barry, who says that after examination and careful consideration, he is convinced that the additional passenger service asked would, if provided, impose a loss upon the company as the business between the points named could not support it. Inasmuch, however, as the commercial organizations of Wilmington are so desirous of this additional service, the company will provide it, provided the associations named assure them formally of the routing by their members of sufficient additional freight business via the S. A. L., to justify the company in providing and maintaining this service.

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MUSIC TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

Greensboro Chosen as Next Place of Meeting—Officers Elected at Raleigh (Special Star Telegram.) RALPH, N. C., April 3.—The North Carolina Music Teachers' Association to-day selected Greensboro as place of meeting next year. The following officers were elected: President, Prof. J. W. Jewidine, St. Mary's School, Charlotte; Secretary and Treasurer, Prof. Clarence R. Brown, Greensboro.

CHOLERA IN MANILA. One Hundred and Seventeen Cases Reported and Seventy-one Deaths. By Cable to the Morning Star. MANILA, April 2.—Up to noon to-day 117 cases of cholera have been reported and 71 deaths from the disease had occurred.

THESE BOARDERS, since the establishment of the detention camp, has been having much difficulty in finding the whereabouts of cases of cholera. As soon as the members of a household had a case, they either sent the sick person out of the house or flee themselves.

BRITISH HAD TO RETIRE. A Sharp Rear Guard Action With the Boers Near Boschman's Kop. By Cable to the Morning Star. LONDON, April 2.—Lord Kitchener, in a dispatch from Pretoria, made public this evening, announces that the Second Dragoon Guards fought a sharp rear guard action, near Boschman's Kop, during the evening of March 31st. Four officers and ten men were killed and wounded. No further details of the casualties have been received.

THE COLUMN commander, Col. Lawley, detached the dragoons with the object of surprising a Boer laager, reported to have been located ten miles east of Boschman's Kop. The dragoons found the Boers strongly posted and the burghers were subsequently largely reinforced, with the result that the dragoons had to retreat. The heavy firing called up Colonel Lawley and his troops, who drove off the Boers. The Boers' loss is reported to have been heavy.

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THE ROME LYCHING. Coroner's Verdict—Many Persons Viewed the Body of the Negro. By Telegram to the Morning Star. ROME, Ga., April 2.—The body of Walter Allen, the negro who was lynched here last night for an alleged assault on Miss Adamson, was not taken in charge by the coroner until 9 o'clock this morning. Many persons viewed the body dangling at the top of an electric light pole, forty feet from the ground, where it was pulled early last night by a mob of four thousand. The coroner's jury rendered a verdict that the negro had died at the hands of a mob to them unknown. The local company of militia was called out last night, but too late to prevent the lynching.

CURRENCY IN MANILA. Depreciation of Silver Causing Great Loss of Business. By Cable to the Morning Star. MANILA, April 2.—The Chamber of Commerce to-night decided to cable President Roosevelt urging Congress to take immediate action concerning the currency question, owing to the present depreciation of silver and the ratio of exchange of \$3.27 Mexican for one dollar gold, fixed by the United States Philippine Commission for the currency, and the loss of business and a great increase in the local price of necessities. Many articles now cost 30 per cent more than they did last December.

MURDER AND ROBBERY. An Aged Lady Killed at Her Home in Travis County, Texas. By Telegram to the Morning Star. AUSTIN, TEXAS, April 2.—Mrs. O. L. Levy, aged eighty years and a resident of Travis county for the past forty years, living sixteen miles west of here, on Barton Creek, was murdered and robbed last night. The house was afterwards fired, and parts of the remains were destroyed. The trunk and one arm of the body were horribly mutilated before the house was set on fire. The house and two outbuildings were burned.

GREENVILLE REFLECTOR. Mr. W. M. Smith, of Falkland, was here to-day and told us he had been examining his tobacco beds and found plants very scarce. This led him to inquire of his neighbors and also of people along the road, and the same condition was reported by them. He says that in general, the farmers will not be able to have as large a crop to-bacco this year as intended. How are the plants in other sections?

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