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The same reason is given by some of the operators of mills in this State who employ children, not because they want them but because they get the parents of the children they must take the children too.

CHILD LABOR.

There has been of late much said and written about child labor on Southern cotton mills. It has been the subject of so much adverse talk by men on the other side of the line that one might come to the conclusion that the South is the only section of the country in which children are worked in factories, or elsewhere where they should not be employed. It is somewhat remarkable that the first protests that came against the employment of children in the Southern cotton mills came from the milling sections of New England, where it was in all probability inspired more by selfish business considerations than by sympathy for the children.

The New England mills have felt the effect of Southern competition, the success of which they attribute largely to cheaper labor in Southern mills, child labor forming a considerable part of it. If they could get rid of that they would thereby make labor scarce, start competition for it, run up the price, and thus deprive the Southern mill man of his advantage in this respect.

While there may be no children employed in the New England mills, the mill operators deserve no particular credit for this, for they cannot under the laws employ children under 10 years of age if they would, and probably they would not if they could, for that would not be for their profitable labor. It is not so considered in the South.

There may not be so many children employed in the mills of the North, but they are employed in other occupations, and as a matter of fact more of them are employed in various occupations than there are in the South, and notwithstanding the laws against child labor in most of the Northern States there are more children employed than there were in 1890. It would be reasonable to suppose the number would be larger if there were no laws against it, as the population increases, but the increase is out of proportion to the increase of population, as will be seen by the following figures taken from the census of 1890 and 1900, giving the number under 16 years of age employed in several Northern and Southern States:

Table showing population statistics for various states from 1890 to 1900.

Southern trade journals which have investigated this question dispute the accuracy of these figures as to the present time at least and declare that there are not nearly so many children employed in Southern mills as it is said there are by those who profess to be shocked at this child labor and at the number of children employed.

NORTHEAST GALE ALONG THE COAST

Coastwise Shipping Practically Paralyzed in Norfolk, Va., Harbor.

MANY VESSELS DELAYED.

All Communication With Hatteras Cut Off—No Disasters Reported—Wind Velocity at Kitty Hawk Fifty-two Miles an Hour.

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BEAUTIFUL WEDDING AT CURRIE.

Marriage of Miss Thyra Topping Lucas to Dr. J. R. Thomson.

CURRIE, N. C., Nov. 7.—One of the most fashionable and brilliant weddings that Currie has ever witnessed took place at the hospitable home of Dr. and Mrs. G. F. Lucas at Currie on Wednesday, November 5th, high noon.

The house, decorated with smilax, Autumn leaves and chrysanthemums, was a suitable bower for flower nymphs. Even Georgia yielded her store of blossoms to grace the occasion.

Before an altar of white chrysanthemums and smilax, kneeling under a bell of white flowers, Miss Thyra Topping Lucas and Dr. James Randolph Thomson were united in the holy bond of matrimony by the Rev. V. H. Starbuck with a most impressive service.

THE STATE'S THANKSGIVING.

Proclamation Issued Yesterday by Governor Aycock—Corresponds as Usual With the National Observance.

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They had to dispense with an election at one of the West Virginia precincts at the last election because the fellow who had charge of the ballot box had swapped it off for a dog. When found he was going around with his dog tied to a string and didn't seem to care whether election held or not.

CAPT. V. V. RICHARDSON DEAD.

Leading Citizen of His County and State Passed Away at Whiteville Yesterday—Loss to the Community.

Capt. V. V. Richardson, one of the most influential men in this section and a leading citizen of Columbus county, died yesterday morning at 9:30 o'clock at his home in Whiteville, N. C., aged about 63 years.

Capl. Richardson suffered a stroke of paralysis about three years ago and not long since while attempting to walk about the house in his feeble condition he fell and broke his hip. A short time before he suffered a second stroke of paralysis, but until the night before his death he had been steadily gaining in strength and friends hoped for his ultimate partial recovery.

BRUNSWICK SWINGS INTO LINE.

For First Time Since 1890 It is Democratic—From Other Counties.

SOUTHPORT, N. C., November 6.—For the first time since 1890 Brunswick county has swung fully into the Democratic column, as is evidenced by the following majorities officially declared by the canvassing board to-day: Bellamy, for the Senate, 198; Phillips, for the House, 176; McKelthan, for register of deeds, 97; Bourk, for sheriff, 113; Kirby, for treasurer, 120; Robinson, for Clerk of Superior Court, 213; Tharp, for coroner, 235; Leonard, for surveyor, 195; Patterson, for Congress, 347. The majorities for the State ticket are not yet obtainable but are about the same as Patterson's majority.

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THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS. Lamb, of Williamson, Made Chairman—South Dakota Board Suit.

RALEIGH, N. C., Nov. 6.—The State Board of Elections to-day made W. G. Lamb, of Williamson, chairman, instead of R. A. Dougherty, of Alleghany, resigned. The Board also appointed Lewellyn, Claywell, Freeman and Lamb a committee to canvass the State election returns with the Governor on Nov. 27.

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After breakfast, Emperor William landed, the crew of the Hohenzollern manning ship and cheering lustily and the British warships firing another salute as the Emperor boarded a train for Dover on his way to Shorecliff Camp. After the Emperor's arrival, all traffic was stopped along the route to Dover half an hour before the Imperial special train was due. Large British and German contingents were on duty at the junctions, and the approaches to the stations were closely watched and cleared of spectators during the passage of the train.

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

Sanford Express: A casino is to be built at Pinehurst. It is said that it will be one of the largest structures in the State and will be of a beautiful design.

Salisbury Sun: Disappointment in love, Vaughan Elliott, of Concord, a young machinist, about 30 years of age, took his own life Wednesday night at the door of his sweetheart's home at Forest Hill. He placed the muzzle of the pistol in his mouth and fired, the bullet going through his head. Elliott lived until 11:35 though he never regained consciousness.

Pender Chronicle: It is with extreme regret that we record the death of Mr. John Campbell, Sr., of Bannerman's, this county. The death of Mr. Campbell occurred at his late residence Thursday morning. The deceased was somewhat an elderly man of the county, being in the ninety-first year of his age. Mr. Campbell was a native of Ireland, having come to this country in his youth.

Greenville Reflector: The handsome residence of Dr. D. L. James was burned early Friday morning, and with it all the furniture above the first floor. The loss on the building in the neighborhood of \$2,600, fourteen hundred of which represents the insurance, leaving a personal loss to Dr. James of \$1,200. The furniture was scattered in the neighborhood of \$2,600, the origin of the fire being in the sitting room.

Smithfield Herald: Mr. W. J. Woodard, of Boon Hill township, raised this year a wagon load of pumpkins from three vines. One of them weighed 90 pounds, the largest being 70 pounds and there were several others nearly as large. Mr. J. A. West, of Banner township, planted a melon in the neighborhood of last Spring, which proved to be very prolific. He took from the vine twelve pumpkins which weighed 688 pounds. The heaviest weighed 79 pounds, the lightest 34 pounds.

Goldboro Argus: The mangled remains of a white man were found on the railroad track at Rose's crossing by the train crew which left here this (Friday) morning at 7:30 for Raleigh and Goldboro. The man who had been killed had been in the city from the scene report that it was Calve Talton. He boarded the east-bound train at Princeton Thursday afternoon to come to Goldboro and he got off at the crossing. He was drinking heavily and it is supposed that he became exhausted and lay down and went to sleep on the railroad track and was struck and killed by the passenger train which was passing at the time. His body was mangled and he could not be identified except by the clothes he wore.

TOBACCO IN PENDER COUNTY. Correspondent at Currie Times Warehouses Here Will Pay.

[Special Star Correspondence.] CURRIE, N. C., Nov. 6.—Mr. Joel Whaley lives about 2 1/2 miles from this place planted this year two acres of the poorest land he had on his farm in tobacco. He did not get a good stand as the weather was very dry at the time the plants were set. He sold his crop a few days ago at his price and he has to be nearer for \$147.11. It paid him better than any other crop he planted. Mr. Whaley also raises cotton, corn and sweet potatoes. He says he will not depend on any one crop. I see through the press that Wilmington is going to build a tobacco warehouse. I hope they will be nearer for the farmers to haul their tobacco to your city than to Wallace.

AGED WOMAN MURDERED. Found Dead in Bed With Skull Fractured, Her Husband Arrested. By Telegraph to the Morning Star. NEW YORK, Nov. 8.—Mary Ann McCusker, sixty years of age, was found dead in bed at her home in this city to-day. She had been killed by some unknown person with a blunt instrument. The woman's skull was fractured. Her husband, Patrick, seventy years old, is under arrest. The aged couple occupied two rooms in a tenement in which McCusker was formerly a house-keeper. McCusker was a former umbrella peddler, and had a small pension as a war veteran, went to a police station this morning and said his wife was dead.

SATISFACTORILY SETTLED. Venezuelan Government Releases U. S. Consul Bails From Whom It Attempted to Collect a Forced Loan. BY TELEGRAPH TO THE MORNING STAR. WASHINGTON, November 8.—The trip of the gunboat Marietta to Barcelona resulted in a satisfactory settlement of the case of Vice-United States Consul Bails, at that place. Several days ago Mr. Bails complained to Minister Bowler that the Venezuelan government threatened to collect a forced loan from him. Mr. Bails is a wealthy man and although a native of St. Thomas, the Venezuelan rebels asserted claims that he had citizenship of the country and attempted to take a loan from him under duress. Without consulting the Department of State, Minister Bowler placed the Marietta to sea, subsequently notifying the department of his action. To-day Commander Diehl reported from Barcelona that the Marietta returned yesterday, that the case had been settled satisfactorily and that he would send particulars by mail. Later, the State Department was notified that the guards had been removed from Mr. Bails' house and given, and assurances had been given by the authorities that he would not be molested again. The department is well pleased at what it regards as the firm and wise management of this case by Commander Diehl.

TWO MEN LOST THEIR LIVES. And Two Boys Narrowly Escaped Death. Fire in Celler of the New York Times Building. BY TELEGRAPH TO THE MORNING STAR. NEW YORK, Nov. 8.—Two men lost their lives and two boys narrowly escaped a similar fate during a fire which communicated from the subway to the mailing and press rooms in the cellar of the New York Times building to-day. The men and boys were overcome by smoke in a small room used for mailing purposes in the front of the cellar close to where the first started. The fire originated in the explosion of a gasoline lamp burning on one side of a wooden partition separating the mailing and press rooms in the cellar of the Times' building. The partition, which was covered on both sides with tarpaulin, blazed fiercely, sending fire to the ceiling and printing ink which speedily gained and gave forth dense clouds of smoke that soon filled the cellar and rose up the elevator shaft. The fire was extinguished in fifteen minutes. The damage, which was confined to the cellar, was estimated at \$5,000.

THE BOSTON MURDERS. Another Development—Negro Who Pawned the Watches in Custody. BY TELEGRAPH TO THE MORNING STAR. BOSTON, Nov. 8.—The strange case involving the murder of two young women, Agnes McPhee and Clara A. Morton, and the murderous assaults upon many others, was a step nearer solution to-day, for late tonight the police were given the custody of the young man who sold or, as he thought, pawned the watches which were taken by the so-called "Jack-the-Slugger" from the bodies of the victims. The person in custody is a light complexioned negro, eighteen years of age. His name is George L. O. Perry. He had been in the police station since he pawned the watches which he sold from a man in Central Square, Cambridge. He has given the name of his man to the police, but the latter tonight refused to state whether or not he gave the name of Alan G. Mason, the prominent Boston man who has been held at the Middlesex county jail in Cambridge, on the charge of having murdered Miss Clara A. Morton.

REPORT DENIED. That President Roosevelt Favors Reduction of Representation in the South. BY TELEGRAPH TO THE MORNING STAR. WASHINGTON, Nov. 8.—"There is no authority for copying the name of the President with the statement published to-day that the administration is in favor of a change in the basis of and a reduction in the representation of the Southern States in Republican national conventions and in the House of Representatives." Postmaster General Payne made this statement today as he left the executive office after a conference with the President. "My position on the question of the basis of representation in Republican national conventions," continued Mr. Payne, "is well understood. For many years I have believed that the present basis is unfair and an improper one. I believe so now, and expect always to believe so, and I hope to see that basis changed by the next national convention. There is no power to change the basis of representation except by action of the convention itself."

INDIANA GHOULES. Leaders of the Gang Pointed Out Graves in Cemeteries They Had Robbed. BY TELEGRAPH TO THE MORNING STAR. INDIANAPOLIS, IND., Nov. 8.—Rufus Cantrell and John McEndree, leaders of the gangs of ghouls, pointed out they said were robbed by them to detectives to-day. The ghouls were taken to the Ebenezer and Anderson cemeteries for the purpose. The detectives wanted the names of the bodies stolen in order that warrants may be sworn out. At the Ebenezer cemetery the sexton told the detectives that about forty graves in the place were empty. Cantrell pointed out the graves of a woman and her daughter as among those he had robbed. Cantrell said he saw the body of the woman by agreement with the sexton and paid him half of the \$30 which a prominent local physician paid for the body. The daughter died a short time afterward and the sexton told him he was at the grave the night after the funeral and stole the body.

MURDER AND SUICIDE. Tragedy the Outcome of a Lover's Quarrel. BY TELEGRAPH TO THE MORNING STAR. BUFFALO, N. Y., Nov. 8.—Christopher Willis, of Bath, to-day shot his sweetheart, Mary Ferguson, also of Bath, through the head and then fired three bullets into his own body. He died instantly and she survived but half an hour. The tragedy was the outcome of a lover's quarrel. Both were students at the State normal school at Genesee. The girl was sixteen and Willis eighteen years old.

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