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FRANCE IN EARNEST

Determined to Compel Castro to Act in Better Faith

PATIENCE IS FINALLY EXHAUSTED

Venezuelan Dictator Must Disavow Offensive Attitude Toward French Charge of Affairs at Caracas or Negotiations Will Be Broken Off.

Paris, By Cable.—The offensive attitude of Venezuela toward M. Taigny, the French chargé d'affaires at Caracas, has aroused indignation in official quarters here. Although the Ministry has not yet taken definite action, it is said in the highest quarters that Premier Rouvier undoubtedly will demand that Venezuela disavow the offensive action and adopt a course conformable with the usual courtesies of diplomatic intercourse. The Venezuelan authorities are now seeking to show that their action was directed against M. Taigny personally, and not against the French government, but officials here do not accept the distinction between M. Taigny's personal and official capacity.

The semi-official Temps Friday printed a leading article reflecting the official sentiment on the subject. It said that M. Taigny has been ordered to insist on Venezuela's withdrawing her positive refusal to deal with him. If the withdrawal is made and President Castro makes an apology, then the negotiations will continue. If Venezuela does not accede it will be unwise to immediately break off diplomatic relations by the withdrawal of M. Taigny, since this would leave French interests unprotected. The best course would be for France and the United States to make a joint naval demonstration, similar to that in which Great Britain, Germany and Italy took part. The authorities here say that exchanges will occur at Washington relative to the mutual interests involved in the pending controversy.

M. Jusserand, the French ambassador to the United States, will sail for New York.

Slain in Political Clash.

Havana, By Cable.—Official dispatches received Friday afternoon from Cienfuegos announced the killing of Congressman Enrique Villuendas, leader of the Liberal party and the most able orator of the lower house, and the chief of police of Cienfuegos, during a conflict between the two political parties, the Liberals and the Moderates. The government authorities say the police had information that within the hotel in which Villuendas resided a quantity of arms had been deposited, and they went to the hotel to investigate the matter. As the police ascended the stairs they were met by a party of Liberals, who fired on them, killing Chief of Police Hlancé. The police returned to the hotel, where Villuendas and wounding several others. Intense excitement prevailed at Cienfuegos and Havana. The government authorities fear the result which the affair may have upon the election of members of the election boards, which will be held Saturday. As the news spread throughout Havana, the Liberals and Moderates are rapidly gathering in their respective clubs, and it is feared that unless the leaders give wise counsel a clash may result. A dispatch from Cienfuegos says that about six persons were killed and 25 wounded during the conflict.

Out For Governor of Alabama.

Montgomery, Ala., Special.—Dr. R. M. Cunningham, of Ensley, Ala., Lieutenant Governor of Alabama, announced his candidacy for Governor of the State in a letter which he addressed to the press. The Lieutenant Governor, in his communication, shows his position on all the public questions now being agitated in State politics, and points to his own political record.

Ex-Governor O'Farrall Dead.

Richmond, Special.—Former Governor Charles T. O'Farrall, of Virginia, died in this city at 10 o'clock Friday morning from nervous prostration. He had been in failing health for about a year, but prior to his death had been confined to his bed for only a month. The last three days of which he was unconscious. Owing to paralysis of the throat he was unable to take nourishment. Governor O'Farrall served in the Confederate army, rising from the rank of private to that of colonel and was for six terms Representative in Congress from the seventh Virginia district. He was 65 years old.

Mikasa's Commander Attempts Suicide.

Tokyo, By Cable.—A special to the Siji from Sasebo says that Captain Ichiji, commander of the ill-fated Mikasa, made an attempt to commit suicide after an address to the survivors of the warship, by jumping from a window. He was severely wounded about the head, and is now reported to be in a critical condition in the Sasebo naval hospital.

Waiting For Lower Cotton.

Fall River, Mass., Special.—Sales in the print cloth market for the week will amount to about 75,000 pieces. The demand continues quiet for all classes of goods. The future course of the market will depend largely on the new cotton crop. Manufacturers are believing in lower prices for the raw material, and are only purchasing enough to cover necessities. Samples of the new crop are being shown and are said to be of a good quality.

YELLOW JACK GAINS SLOWLY

Progress of the Yellow Fever From Day to Day.

New Orleans, Special.—Official report to 6 p. m.: New cases, 46; total to date, 2,808. Deaths, 6; total, 365. New foci, 11. Cases under treatment, 310; discharged, 2,133.

Saturday ended the tenth week of the fight against yellow fever in New Orleans with a record of cases and deaths for the day higher than expected. While there have been a considerable number of new foci in the past week, an examination of the maps in the office of the Marine Hospital officer does not disclose any extensive spread of the disease. Many of them represent merely the crossing by the disease from one side of a street to the other. As the cases are promptly reported, however, the inspectors are able to tag them immediately and take due precautions to prevent a spread of the infection.

If the present rate of progress is kept up, the State board of health believes that yellow fever in the country parishes will disappear almost as soon as in New Orleans.

Lake Providence, which was a hotbed of fever two weeks ago, is rapidly driving out the disease. For the fourth day, all the new cases at Tallulah are negroes. Seventeen cases are under treatment in the Barataria district.

In central Louisiana picking and moving of cotton is somewhat handicapped for the want of sufficient labor. Owing to fumigation, requirements, ginners are having some trouble in getting cars.

Work was resumed Saturday on the levee front. The settlement decided on by Adam Lorch, the arbitrator, was accepted by both sides and there will be no more cotton labor trouble during the present season.

The country reports were not different from the usual run. Dr. Shayot, of Plaquemines parish, reported the troubles he was having with the Italians on Pointe Celeste plantation and said that they had barricaded themselves in their houses and warned all doctors that they would kill the first one who attempted to enter. The civil authorities were consulted and it was decided to put the whole plantation under strict quarantine until the fever had disappeared and then proceed against them criminally.

Against Greene and Gaynor.

Montreal, Special.—A decision against Colonel J. F. Gaynor and Captain B. D. Greene, the American contractors wanted in the United States on charges of defrauding the government, was handed down by Judge Ouimet in the Court of the King's Bench. It is the general belief among legal men that Greene and Gaynor have reached the limit of their resources in fighting against extradition. The defense still has two weeks in which to bring another proceeding to act as a stay. The decision given today was on a writ of habeas corpus based upon the content that Judge La Fontaine, the commissioner who held them for extradition, had no authority to act in the case.

Judge Ouimet's decision quashing the writ of habeas corpus holds the original order for extradition issued by Judge La Fontaine.

Donald McMaster, acting on behalf of the United States authorities, has notified Judge La Fontaine to make every preparation for extradition.

Rock Island's Mexican Extension.

Mexico City, Special.—It is rumored in railroad circles that the Rock Island Company is seeking an outlet to the Pacific coast of Mexico and is contemplating the extension of its road through the State of Sonora with that idea in view. The Sierra Madre road, toward the coast, it is said, may be taken over by the Rock Island people, thus giving them the desired outlet.

Associated Press Directors.

New York, Special.—At the annual meeting of the Associated Press held at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, the following directors were re-elected for the ensuing three years:

Messrs. George Thompson, St. Paul; Charles H. Grasty, Baltimore; W. L. McLean, Philadelphia Bulletin; W. R. Nelson, Kansas City Star; Adolph S. Ochs, of the New York Times, was also elected for three years to take the place of Whitelaw Reid, New York Tribune, who declined re-election on account of absence abroad.

After transacting some routine business the meeting adjourned.

Stole Large Sum.

Philadelphia, Pa., Special.—Having confessed the embezzlement of \$5,000, Andrew G. Dunlop, the local selling agent of the Mobile Cotton Mills, of Mobile, Ala., was sentenced to one year's imprisonment. He was arrested through the efforts of the Fidelity and Deposit Company, of Maryland, which was on his bond. Between May and August Dunlop sold \$5,000 worth of thread and kept the money. He admitted his guilt.

Escorted Himself to Penitentiary.

Nashville, Tenn., Special.—W. A. Barfield, convicted in Lauderdale county of manslaughter and sentenced to serve one year in prison, arrived in Nashville and went at once to the penitentiary. At Ripley, Barfield got the price commutation ticket to prison, bought his railroad ticket and came to Nashville unattended.

A REIGN OF TERROR

Bomb Throwers Get in Bloody Work in Peking, China

FOUR CHINESE OFFICIALS KILLED

Deadly Missile Exploded Inside Private Car Conveying Part of the Missions Ordered Abroad to Study Foreign Political Methods Kill Four Minor Officials and Wounds Ex-Minister and Prince Tsai Tche.

Pekin, By Cable.—At the Peking railway station as a train carrying one of the four missions ordered abroad to study, a bomb was exploded inside a private car, killing four minor officials and wounding over 20 other persons. The wounded include Prince Tsai Tche, who heads the most important of the mission, and Wu Ting Fang, former minister to the United States, both of whom received slight bruises. The perpetrator of the outrage, who was in the car, was blown to pieces.

The affair has created a profound sensation and causes apprehension regarding the safety of members of the court and leading officials of the government.

The government offices and railways are now strongly guarded.

Million Dollar Fire at Butte.

Butte, Mont., Special.—Fire causing a loss of \$1,000,000 consumed the entire business portion of Butte lying between the Shodair block and Renshaw street, and half destroyed the public library.

The fire started in the forenoon in the Symons store, and by noon the public library and several other places were burning simultaneously.

A geyser of sparks and burning shingles spouted across the roofs of other buildings at a distance, starting fires that were, however, quickly extinguished.

The Symons building was allowed to burn and the firemen confined their labors to saving adjoining property.

It was long after noon before the flames were extinguished, leaving a mass of charred and crumbling ruins. The following are the large losses:

Symons store, Maule and York blocks, owned by the New York Realty Company, \$600,000.

Library building, \$70,000.

Ogdon block, \$50,000.

Atlantic building, \$10,000.

Barrett block, \$50,000.

Woodworth, \$30,000.

BEATEN AND STONED TO DEATH.

Masked Mob Takes Negro Under 60-Day Sentence From Jail at Wilmington, W. Va.

Wilmington, W. Va., Special.—Breaking into the jail here Sunday an armed and masked mob of "white ribbons" took out Moses Lovern, a negro serving sixty days for assaulting James Butler. Taking Lovern and James Blackburn, the only other prisoner, across the river in a boat, upon landing, the mob beat, whipped and stoned Lovern until he was presumably dead. Both prisoners were returned to jail. Lovern will die. Blackburn gave the names of eight men in the mob, and Prosecuting Attorney Shepard has issued warrants for them.

City of Birmingham Floated Uninjured.

Savannah, Ga., Special.—The steamer City of Birmingham of the Ocean Steamship Company's line, which went ashore near the mouth of the river here Saturday, was floated Sunday and came to her dock in this city. The vessel is uninjured. She was coming from New York to sail on Tuesday with a cargo of cotton for Boston.

Court House Burned and Six Murder Indictments Lost.

New Madrid, Mo., Special.—The court house here was burned at an early hour Sunday morning. The fire is thought to have been incendiary. Many tax and drainage records were destroyed, but the other records were saved. Six murder trials are pending, but all indictments returned to this term were burned, which make continuances necessary.

George Dixon Knocked Out.

Philadelphia, Special.—George Dixon, the former feather-weight champion, was knocked out in the second round of what was to have been a six-round bout by Tommy Murphy, of New York, at the National Athletic Club. The contest was spirited while it lasted, although it could be seen that Murphy was master of the situation from the start. The first round was a sparring contest, but in the second Murphy assumed the aggressive, and succeeded in flooring Dixon early in the round. Later, after an exchange of blows, Murphy drove a left to the solar plexus and Dixon went down and out.

Railroad Security.

Dallas, Texas, Special.—The general attorneys of Texas railroad companies secured an injunction against the railroad commission of Texas forbidding the putting into effect of an emergency rate on dry goods. The rate was much lower than the usual tariff and gave several Texas jobbing points an advantage over the big jobbing points of the country. The legal action is expected as a result of this temporary order.

NORTH STATE NEWS

Many Newsy Items Gathered From all Sections.

Charlotte Cotton Market.

These figures represent prices paid to wagons:

Good middling	10.00
Strict middling	10.00
Middling	10.00
Tinges	9 to 10
Stains	7 to 9

General Cotton Market.

Galveston, firm	10 1/4
New Orleans, quiet	10 1/4
Mobile, firm	10 1-16
Savannah, steady	10 1-16
Charleston, firm	10 1-16
Wilmington, steady	10 1/2
Norfolk, steady	10 1/2
Baltimore, nominal	10 1/2
New York, quiet	10 5/8
Boston, quiet	10 5/8
Philadelphia, quiet	11 1/10
Houston, steady	10 1/4
Augusta, steady	10 5-16
Memphis, firm	10 1/4
St. Louis, quiet	10 1/4
Louisville, firm	10 1/2

Asheville's Apple Fair.

Asheville, Special.—The Western North Carolina apple fair opened with an excellent showing of fruit. The exhibits are tastefully arranged on tables prepared for the purpose. The committee room of the board of trade, where the exhibits are displayed, has been handsomely arranged. The walls are festooned with Spruce pine, while corn stalks are used as a wainscoting. The tables containing the fruit are draped in red bunting, giving a splendid color effect to the entire room and surroundings. The exhibit of Mr. Guastavino, proprietor of the "Rhododendron Farms," is elaborate. The showing of vinegar, cider and cider champagne, manufactured on the farms, is splendid. Apple raising in Western North Carolina is becoming annually a more pronounced industry. According to information received here the apple crop this year will amount to thousands and thousands of barrels. The fruit is of a superior quality and good prices are being obtained. Apple growers in Buncombe and Haywood counties as well as other counties in the western section, have commenced shipping their fruit and some difficulty is experienced in securing barrels. A small barrel factory near Waynesville with a capacity of only 300 barrels per day, is disposing of the product faster than the barrels can be made. A gentleman returning from there said that Haywood county farmers were crying for barrels and that the Waynesville factory was unable to supply the demand. There is said to be an excellent opening in this section of the State for a barrel factory and already several parties have the matter of establishing such a factory under serious consideration.

To Buy Singapore Docks.

London, By Cable.—The government's intention to purchase the docks at Singapore has been an open secret for many months, and according to good authority the British government is simply facing the result of the new strategic situation in the far East, and providing her navy with convenient docks at Singapore, which is the centre of the far East.

The Japanese alliance permitted the withdrawal of five battleships from the China seas, and there is no intention in time of peace to despatch any battleship to the far East. The three cruiser group—the China, the East Indies, and the Australia squadron—will remain as before.

Meanwhile the extensive docks of the Tanjong Pagar Company will be purchased at a price to be fixed by the arbitrators now in the far East, of which Lord Sir Michael Hicks-Beach is the umpire, and Great Britain will have one of the finest naval bases in the world and one which in the event of war, would be of the highest strategic value.

N. & I. Opening.

Greensboro, Special.—The State Normal and Industrial College opened its fourteenth annual session last week with the usual large attendance, and still others are arriving on all incoming trains. The opening exercises were held in the assembly hall of the main building, the devotional services being conducted by Rev. Harold Turner, pastor of the Spring Garden Street M. E. church. President Charles D. Melver is enjoying a vacation of a few weeks on a trip with State Superintendent J. Y. Joyner to Europe, and in his absence Prof. J. I. Foust, dean of the college, made a brief, appropriate address, incidentally remarking that this was President Melver's first vacation in over thirteen years.

Tar Heel Notes.

H. B. Barnes has been appointed deputy collector for the western district and has taken the oath and assumed the duties of his office. He succeeds one of the recently indicted and dismissed collectors. Mr. Barnes has been deputy marshal for the western district for the past few years, and has made an excellent officer.

The woolen mill of F. H. Fries at Winston-Salem, was damaged by fire and water to the extent of several thousand dollars. The mill was built before the war. The damage is a complete loss, there being no insurance.

Mrs. William Partridge, formerly of this State, had a narrow escape from death recently in Baltimore. In getting off a street car her dress caught and she was dragged almost under the wheels before the car was stopped.

The evidence in the Nall case at Raleigh was completed Thursday and the entire matter was referred to the governor for action.

Rev. W. T. Capers, rector of Trinity Episcopal church, at Asheville, has accepted a call to become dean of the Cathedral at Lexington, Ky. Mr. Capers is a son of Bishop Capers, of South Carolina.

In an election held last week the town of Wadesboro voted wet, both bar rooms and distilleries being voted for by a small majority.

Fire did some damage to the new Carnegie library at Winston-Salem last week.

A RIOT IN CHICAGO

Meeting Broken Up and Stormy Time at Synagogue

GRY "DOWN WITH M. WITTE"

While Adolphus Kraus Was Reporting an Interview With M. Witte Meeting Breaks Up in Riot.

Chicago, Special.—The police were called to quell a riot Monday night in the Russian synagogue, Clinton and Judd streets where Adolph Kraus was addressing a Jewish meeting. Several persons received slight wounds and 19 men and women were arrested. Mr. Kraus was giving an account of his interview with M. Witte, the Russian envoy at Portsmouth, at which he asked justice for the Jews through Mr. Witte's good offices.

"We may trust the word of Mr. Witte that he will do all within his power to ameliorate the suffering Jews. Mr. Kraus was saying, when suddenly a member of a Jewish society sprang to his feet.

"Do you trust a Russian politician?" he shouted.

Before Mr. Kraus had time to answer there was a shout from several hundred men and women in the audience.

"Down with Witte!"

"Down with tyranny!" came the shouts. While the excitement was at its height, the doors of the synagogue were locked and some one telephoned for the police. In a few minutes several patrol wagons filled with officers were on hand. The leaders were arrested and the meeting was dispersed by officers with drawn clubs.

Building Collapses.

Buffalo, Special.—With a crash that could be heard for blocks, a three-story brick building under course of construction on West Ferry Street collapsed this afternoon, carrying down with it thirty bricklayers and carpenters who were at work in and on top of the structure. A score of the men were injured, eight of them seriously. The men were working on the third story when the west wall went down, carrying with it a portion of the front of the building and a section of the rear wall. That there was not serious loss of life was due to the fact that the mass of bricks fell out towards the street.

Attempt to Explode Jail.

Somerville, N. J., Special.—An attempt was made for the second time in a few weeks, to release the prisoners in the county jail here. A charge of dynamite was exploded on a window sill, blowing a hole in the wall, through which two prisoners were about to crowd, when they were frightened back by a shot fired by an outside watchman. All the prisoners in the jail were promptly secured in cells.

An Attempt Assault.

St. Louis, Special.—A negro attempted assault on the wife of Deputy Sheriff A. J. Shores, at Clayton last night. The assailant was shot by Shores and badly wounded. The shooting attracted a mob of negroes who attempted to lynch the negro, but were prevented and the fiend was lodged in jail. Shores was on a trolley car when he heard a scream. He saw the negro running and fired and the negro fell. Afterwards Shores learned that his wife was the victim, who was found in a faint on the sidewalk.

Negro Trouble in New York.

New York, Special.—After entering the house of Mrs. George Crossman, at 523 West One Hundred and Forty-second street, for the fourth time within four days, an unknown negro brutally attacks Miss Irene, Mrs. Crossman's fifteen-year-old daughter, and escaped before he could be caught. The police believe the man's intention on each occasion was robbery. Several detectives and police are hunting the negro.

NORTH CAROLINA CROP BULLETIN

Weather Conditions Given Out by the Department Observer.

The North Carolina section of the Department of Agriculture issues the following official bulletin of weather and crop conditions for the past week:

The weather has been generally dry and warm during the greater portion of the week, and favorable for farm work, except in a few counties in the eastern district where heavy rains interfered with cotton picking and haying. Rain was quite general on the 20th and 21st and was very beneficial to growing crops. Rain is needed in the Piedmont plateau, in the extreme western counties, and in a few localities in the eastern portion of the State. The temperature in the extreme western counties, and in a few localities in the eastern portion of the State. The temperature in the western district has been about normal, and in the central and eastern districts about 4 degrees above normal.

There has been little, if any, improvement in the cotton crop during the week; it has continued to open rapidly, and in some counties the bulk of the crop is open; in Balden, Duplin, Halifax and Northampton counties, where the rainfall was deficient, the warm, dry weather has caused the bolls to open prematurely, while in the extreme northeastern portion of the State and in Sampson and Anson counties the heavy rains have done some damage to open cotton and retarded picking; it is generally reported that the bolls are small and the lint short, and that there will be no top crop, owing to shedding. No further reports of damage by army worms have been received. The crop will everywhere be below the average, and in some places very light.

Tobacco is about all out, and curing continues; it is generally reported as only a fair crop, and of inferior quality; much of it is burnt and specked, and the remainder lacks weight, but has good color and texture.

Peas, turnips, sweet potatoes, and late corn were benefitted by the rain, but in places are needing more rain. Corn will be a light crop in the eastern district, and an average crop in the central and western districts. Much fodder has been cut and saved during the week; a little has been ruined by rain in the eastern portion of the State. Much of the pea-vine hay crop has been cut, and good yields are being secured. While potatoes are in good condition, and there are fewer reports of rotting; sweet potatoes are doing well. In the Piedmont region and in the extreme western counties it has been too dry for plowing for small grains, but where the soil is in condition some oats, rye, and wheat have been sown. Clover is in good condition; cabbage is a failure, peanuts are ripening and a good crop is expected; apples are specked and falling, and will be only a fair crop.

The following rains have been reported: Raleigh .05; Goldsboro .14; Greensboro .20; Lumberton .04; Newberne .24; Weldon .24.—A. H. Tebesen, Section Director.

South State News.

The people of the State will be interested to know that the number of students now registered in the University is greater, by nearly 50, than the attendance has ever been before at this time in the fall term. The total registration is 620. Of this number about 180 are freshmen, this being one of the largest freshman classes ever enrolled in the institution. The fact that there are so many new students has made it necessary to employ, since the opening of the term, an additional instructor for the department of mathematics, and also one to assist in teaching Latin.

The negro who was killed by a freight train at Newton several days ago was known as "Saley John." His skin had a rattlesnake hue and always peeled off in the springtime.

The trustees of Livingstone College, of Salisbury, have purchased a portrait medallion of Andrew Carnegie to be placed in their library. The institution was recently given \$12,500 by the philanthropist.

The Spartanburg Northern will be the name of the new road to be built between Spartanburg, S. C., and Rutherfordton.

Mr. McIntire, proprietor of the Mock House, at Thomasville, is dead.

The new Central Methodist church of Asheville is to be dedicated Sunday, November 4th.

A novel damage suit has been brought against the city of Asheville by Joseph Metz, administrator for William Smith. The complaint asks for \$15,000, alleging that Mr. Smith contracted fever and died through the city's negligence in emptying sewerage within 100 feet of his residence.

Mr. A. A. Boggs, of Waynesville, who owns the "Brookshire Orchard," has already shipped 900 bushels of apples, and has contracted for practically the entire output of the barrel factory near his farm.

The 16-months old child of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bech, of Goldsboro, was poisoned by matches. The child, while alone, found a match box and put matches in her mouth, swallowing the heads. Death followed in a few hours.

TEXTILE NEWS OF INTEREST

Notes of Southern Cotton Mills and Other Manufacturing Enterprises.

MAXTON, N. C.

The Observer's correspondent learns from a very reliable source of an out-of-town capitalist who is very much interested in building a large cotton mill at this place, if a good site can be had and some stock taken by Maxton people. This, we are confident, can be arranged, as there have been several land owners who have offered sites for this purpose, gratis, and this means a mill in the near future. One of the locations mentioned above is adjacent to with the Seaboard and Atlantic Coast Line tracks, which would make shipping easy over either line. We hope to report something definite on this soon.

NASHVILLE, TENN.

Joe B. Morgan and his associates have obtained a charter of incorporation for the Warrenton Cotton Mills, with capital stock of \$200,000. This company will take up its proposition for purchasing and modernizing the Nashville Manufacturing Company plant, which it has bought under certain conditions pertaining to the present lease. The general plan is to have an equipment of 10,000 spindles and 300 looms. The company was incorporated by Mr. Morgan, Joseph H. Thompson, William Nelson, Edwin Warner and M. J. Smith.

FAYETTEVILLE, TENN.

The Elk Cotton Mills, are understood to have planned the erection of a dam to develop power which will be converted into electricity and furnished to operate a \$60,000 cotton factory which the company intends adding to its present plant.

Charles Leeman, the well-known cotton mill manager, living at McCall, S. C., is interested in plans which are being formulated at Cheraw, S. C., for the organization of a cotton mill company there.

CHARLOTTE, N. C.

A charter has quite recently been obtained for another cotton mill here with a capital of \$300,000. The incorporators are Messrs. E. A. Smith and A. H. Washburn, of this city, and T. G. Cox, of Taunton, Mass. Mr. Smith is president of the Chadwick and Hoskins mills and Mr. Washburn is the Southern agent of the Saco-Pettie Machine shops, the Crompton & Knowles Loom Works, and other enterprises and is a man of affairs. It is an enterprise whose success is assured.

HOUSTON, TEX.

Inquiries have been received from parties connected with two cotton mills that are desirous of locating here, provided the proper encouragement is received. One company is anxious to erect a \$250,000 mill if \$150,000 is invested by local capital, and the other is a \$100,000 concern, with \$25,000 capital, anxious to receive assistance from local capital. An investigation of the propositions is being made, as it is admitted that Houston needs a large cotton mill.

GASTONIA, N. C.

The new Moneta Mill is now complete, as far as outward appearance are concerned. It has added considerably to the attractiveness of the other two mills—Modena Nos. 1 and 2—though the best street on the hill had to be crossed by the building. The windows and the roof are now completed and there remains nothing to be done but to put in the machinery. This is being brought in now and will soon be installed. The mill will be ready for operation by the time its promoters had planned for it to begin.

SPRAY, N. C.

It is announced that the American Thread Company will be organized for the purpose of establishing a mill for the manufacture of fine cotton and woolen yarns. An equipment of the latest improved mule spindles will be installed. B. Frank Mebane and his associates in the cotton mills of Spray are interested in the new enterprise.

Textile Notes.

The Colleton Cotton Mills, at Walterboro, S. C., were sold at auction in that city recently under order of the United States District Court, for \$53,050. John F. Lucas, president of the Colleton Banking Company, being the purchaser. The upset price was fixed at \$45,000 by the court. There were two other bidders.

The Monroe (N. C.) Cotton Mills will add looms and discontinue making yarns. It is hoped to have the changed condition in operation by February 15th.

The Eastman, Ga., Cotton Mills have recently been enlarged, and will be given every advantage possible. On October 1 they will open up under reorganization, and their domestic and export facilities will be augmented because of the fact that they have confidence in the approaching price of cotton.