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TAR HEEL TOPICS

Items Gathered From All Sections of the State

A Good Showing.

Raleigh, Special.—Assistant Labor Commissioner M. L. Shipman gave out some news regarding the miscellaneous factories in North Carolina which will appear in the annual report later on. He says that 587 reports were made, 46 more than last year, and that the averages give a very accurate idea of the conditions prevailing throughout the State. It is gratifying to note the remarkable progress North Carolina is making industrially. While the chief object of these reports is to get the conditions of wage-earners, yet the department endeavors to obtain also information as to the number and class of factories now in operation. The returns show an aggregate capital of \$42,065,790, by 523 of the 587 miscellaneous factories reported, 64 failing to report capital stock. The Old Fort Extract Works as usual were as a branch of the United States Leather Company and represents only a part of the \$125,164,600 reported by that corporation. Last year the aggregate capital stock reported by 467 factories was \$31,239,510, exclusive of the Old Fort plant, so that this year's increase is \$10,846,280. Of the factories 422 report steam power, 81 electric, 25 water, 12 gasoline, 9 steam and water, 3 gas and they show a total employment of 119,536 horse-power. The number of persons dependent upon them for livelihood is 92,081, which is 16,538 more than reported last year. Sixty of them report eight hours as the day's work, seven report nine hours, 436 ten hours, 48 eleven hours, 69 twelve hours. There is a decided tendency toward shorter hours. Seventy-four per cent report increased wages, 69 per cent pay weekly, 11 per cent monthly, 17 per cent semi-monthly. They report 39,991 employees, against 22,438 last year, the increase being 8,553. The highest wages a day are \$2.47, increase 18 cents over last year. Lowest wages, 93 cents, increase 9 cents. Of the adult employees 84 per cent read and write and 87 per cent say that children under 14 should not work in factories; 7 per cent say they should and 12 per cent express no opinion; 82 per cent favor a compulsory school law; 9 per cent oppose it and 9 per cent fail to answer the question.

Many Charters Issued.

Raleigh, Special.—The following new charters were issued: Greensboro Wall Paper Company, authorized, capital, \$7,000; paid in, \$700. W. J. Holladay, A. C. Owen, H. H. Holladay and W. J. Holladay, Jr., incorporators. Anna Cotton Mills, King's Mountain, capital, \$95,000 authorized; \$31,000 paid in; J. S. Mauney, F. Dilling and others, incorporators. Greensboro Boiler and Machine Company increases capital from \$50,000 to \$200,000. Issues of \$75,000 cumulative preferred stock created. Durham and Murphy Land Company of Charlotte; capital, \$50,000; J. A. Durham, J. E. Murphy and J. C. Murphy, incorporators. Spot Cash Store, Bessemer; capital \$25,000 authorized; \$1,000 paid in; W. H. Harris, A. B. Kimball and others, incorporators.

Rebuilding at Coolemeec.

Winston-Salem, Special.—A citizen from Coolemeec is authority for the statement that the damage to the cotton mill at Coolemeec last week aggregated \$150,000. He says that about 100 men are at work replacing the burned building. The management expects to resume operations in about 60 days.

Judges Exchange Courts.

Raleigh, Special.—An exchange of courts has been arranged with the Governor, whereby Judge Jones and Judge Webb exchange terms. Judge Jones will hold court in Guilford and Granville, April 13th and 27th, and Judge Webb will hold court in Anson, Moore, Scotland and Chatham, April 13th, 20th, 27th and May 4th respectively.

Windstorm at Davidson.

Davidson, Special.—An incident of a considerable rain and windstorm here Thursday afternoon was the blowing down of several telegraph poles across the railroad track close to the Delburg Mill and not far from a sharp curve in the track. A force of workmen who had just "stopped off" at the mill building on account of the rain fortunately were able to clear the track just a few minutes before Engineer Fetner rounded the curve with train No. 27, thus preventing what might have caused a disagreeable accident to the train.

Star Office at Shelby Robbed.

Shelby, Special.—Last Wednesday night a burglar entered through a front window of The Star office, opened the safe, took the cash drawer into the composing room and helped himself to about \$30 in greenbacks, leaving the silver and other negotiable papers intact. A night watchman is supposed to be in the neighborhood of The Star office most of the time, but this bold thief could not only work the combination of the safe, but avoid the billy as well.

Big Suits Against W. O. U. T. C.

Durham, Special.—Preliminary steps have been taken in two heavy damage suits to be brought against the Western Union Telegraph Company within a few days. The summons has issued and the complaints will be filed within a few days. Mr. Benjamin Lovenstein and Messrs. Manning & Foushee are bringing these suits for N. R. Sykes, of this city, and C. P. Gates, of Haw River. While the complaints have not been filed it is said that the suits will probably be for \$5,000 each, certainly not less than \$6,000 for the two litigations, which are brought on the same action. These are mental anguish suits growing out of the failure of the company to deliver messages announcing sickness and death.

Suit Against Southern.

Wilmington, Special.—Suit was instituted in Superior Court here by Mrs. Walter R. Kingsbury and daughter, Miss Sallie and Lucile, against the Southern Railway, alleging \$15,000 damages as the result of injuries they received August 14th, 1907, in the wreck of a passenger train of the company between Hendersonville and Toxaway, while they were in the mountains last summer. Herbert McClammy, Esq., is attorney for the plaintiffs. The complaint alleges defective roadbed, rotten ties and worn-out rails and incompetency in the management of the train which was wrecked. The case will be tried in this county.

Toxaway Hotel Leased.

Asheville, Special.—Word was received from Atlanta to the effect that the well known Toxaway hotel, on Lake Toxaway, had been leased by the Toxaway company, owners of the string of famous hotels in the Sapphire country, to a company promoted by C. A. Wood of Harvey & Wood Hotel company, whose headquarters are in Atlanta, Ga. It is stated that the Toxaway hotel will be opened for the season on June 11. The people connected with the new company are among the best known hotel people of New England, the Atlantic and Southern States.

Educators of Women Adjourn.

Winston-Salem, Special.—The first annual meeting of the North and South Carolina Association of Colleges for Women, which has been in session here since Tuesday, adjourned at 1 o'clock Thursday to meet next year at Spartanburg, S. C. The visitors left for their respective homes Thursday. The closing session opened at 9 o'clock and was devoted to a discussion of various matters relating to the college work. At 11 o'clock there was an interesting contest between the senior and junior classes of the Salem Female College in a game of basketball. A complimentary concert was given in the Alumnae Memorial Hall to the distinguished visitors. The programme was in keeping with the institution's reputation for high-class musical entertainments.

Reunion Date Changed.

Winston-Salem, Special.—At a special meeting of the Norfolk Camp of Confederate Veterans held last week it was decided to change the date of the annual reunion of the State camp from August 19th and 20th to August 12th and 13th, as the latter dates will be more suitable for the veterans of the State. Committees from the Norfolk Camp and the board of trade are now at work making arrangements for the gathering, which is expected to number between 1,500 and 2,000 old soldiers.

Good Work Done.

Raleigh, Special.—Grand Secretary Dreyer, of the Grand Lodge of Masons, says the singing class of the Oxford Orphan Asylum last year raised over \$9,000, and that this has been one of the most remarkable features of this splendid institution. The class will make a tour of the State during the summer.

Fayetteville to Vote Bonds.

Fayetteville, Special.—Fayetteville will shortly vote on the question of issuing one hundred thousand dollars of bonds for street paving. A meeting of citizens which was held last week requested the board of aldermen to call such an election, and that body had already signified its readiness to do so whenever the citizens made the request. The last Legislature passed an act authorizing the election. It will probably be held on May 4th, the date of the regular municipal election. The vote will likely be close, with probabilities favoring the bond issue.

Whooping Cough Causes Two Deaths.

Statesville, Special.—During the past few days whooping cough has claimed two little victims in west Statesville. A 10-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Mangray died and was buried at Oakwood Cemetery, and a 14-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Josey was buried at New Athony graveyard Sunday. Both deaths resulted from whooping cough. Another child of Mr. and Mrs. Josey is at the point of death with the same disease.

SENT INFERNAL MACHINE

A Discharged Employee of White Oak Mills Sends an Infernal Machine to Mr. Cone But, Being Warned by an Employee, the Package is Not Opened.

Greensboro, Special.—Hardin Germany, a discharged employe of the White Oak Cotton Mills, was arrested and committed to jail charged with sending through the mail an infernal machine addressed to Mr. Caesar Cone, president of the Proximity and White Oak Mills. The evidence against the prisoner is very strong, made so by the fact that he did his work in a bungling manner. The package was delivered to Mr. Cone Saturday morning, but the matter was kept quiet until sufficient evidence to warrant an arrest had been secured. Within 35 minutes after being notified by telephone that the guilty man was located, United States Marshal Millikan had caused a warrant to be sworn out and had committed Germany to jail. The suspected criminal was detained in the office of the Proximity Mills until he could be placed under arrest by Marshall Millikan, who was carried to Proximity, a distance of two miles, by Mr. E. Colwell, Jr., in his automobile so tickly as to violate the speed law several times over. But for the fact that he had received a warning, doubtless Mr. Cone would have opened the package and received serious injuries. Mr. Cone was engaged in conversation with three of his brothers, Messrs. Sol, Julius and Bernard Cone, at his home Thursday night about 10 o'clock when the doorbell rang. The ring was answered by Mr. Sol Cone, to whom was handed the note of warning. The messenger appeared to be "unfrightened," and immediately after delivering the note walked rapidly away from the Cone residence. The note, which was written in a legible hand, on wrapping paper that had been taken from the company store at White Oak, read as follows:

The Note.

"Mr. Caesar Cone,
"Dear Sir: I pray that you will not treat this as you usually do anonymous letters, for believe me, it is to your interest. Your life is at stake. I learned to-night that there has been something mailed to you that will explode when you open it. If you receive a package that you are not expecting, for God's sake don't open it. I have very good reasons for not giving my name. Please don't treat this with contempt, but be very careful. Do you want the man who sent it arrested?"

"WHITE OAK EMPLOYEE."

Across the face of the envelope in written: "Important. This letter or its contents must reach Mr. Cone before he receives his mail. Mr. Caesar Cone, home. His life depends upon it."

The machine consisted of a narrow box, loaded with powder, shot, etc., with matches fixed to fire the powder. It was a clumsy affair but would doubtless explode with terrific force upon being opened.

Death of A. & M. Student.

Winston-Salem, Special.—Mr. Ernest Hines, a student of the A. & M. College at Raleigh, who was taken with a severe attack of appendicitis a few days ago, died in a hospital at Raleigh at 10:30 o'clock Saturday night. Mr. Hines was a son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Hines, of Old Town, since he was taken ill. The remains arrived here Sunday evening on the 8:30 o'clock train and were taken to the home of the parents at Old Town from the residence at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon and the interment will follow in the Moravian cemetery at Old Town. Mr. Hines was a most excellent young man. He was held in the highest esteem and had many friends wherever he was known.

Movement For Another Bank For Wilmington.

Wilmington, Special.—W. B. Cooper, a leading wholesale grocer and business man, announces definitely that he is at the head of a movement for the organization of another national and savings bank here with \$100,000 capital, half of which has already been subscribed.

Negro Woman Falls Down Embankment and is Killed.

Wilmington, Special.—Twelve miles down the river Sunday morning at the foot of a steep delivity overlooking the stream near the high-tide mark, the body of an old colored woman was found, her neck broken. She was visited in the neighborhood and started home and is supposed to have lost her way and toppled over the embankment into the river. Her neck was broken by the fall. A coroner's inquest was held, death being assigned as resulting from an accident.

Diphtheria in Loudoun.

Leesburg, Special.—Diphtheria is raging as an epidemic in Lovettsville District, Loudoun county. There have been several deaths and many cases are reported. The disease has assumed a malignant type, and the public school at Lovettsville, as well as the schools and churches in the neighborhood, have been closed. Quarantine regulations are being enforced. The disease was brought to Virginia from Brunswick, Md.

PRITCHARD UPHELD

Supreme Court Renders Far Reaching Opinion

ENDS QUESTION OF JURISDICTION

Supreme Court of the United States Adds Another to the Series of Notable Decisions During Present Term of Court by Refusing to Grant to Attorney General Young, of Minnesota, a Writ of Habeas Corpus Releasing Him From Penalty Imposed by United States Circuit Court and Affirming the Decision of Judge Pritchard Discharging Ticket Agent Wood.

Washington, Special.—An refusing to grant to Attorney General Young, of Minnesota, a writ of habeas corpus releasing him from the penalty imposed by the United States Circuit Court for the district of Minnesota on the charge of contempt of court in instituting a proceeding in a State court for the enforcement of the railroad rate law after the Federal court had prohibited such a course, and in affirming the decision of Judge Pritchard, of the United States Circuit Court for the western district of North Carolina, discharging from imprisonment James H. Wood, a ticket agent of the Southern Railway at Asheville, after he had been sentenced by the Asheville police court to serve a term on the rock pile on the charge of collecting for a ticket on that road a greater price than was permitted by the State railroad law, the Supreme Court of the United States added another to the series of decisions which have rendered notable the present term of that court.

In both cases the right of the States to fix rates for railroad transportation was the issue, and both involved conflicts between the Federal and the State courts. The decisions in each case were opposed both to the States and to their courts. The opinion of the court in both cases, was announced by Justice Peckham, and with the exception of Justice Harlan and the other members of the court stood behind him in the announcement of the court's finding. Justice Harlan read a dissenting opinion in the Young case in which he took the view that the suit was practically a proceeding against the State and therefore not permissible under the eleventh amendment to the constitution. He therefore characterized the opinion as era-making in the history of the court, and said it had the effect of closing the courts of a State against the State itself, and predicts that the result would be disastrous.

Justice Peckham's Opinion.

Justice Peckham's opinion as outlined in part as follows: "The court has decided: That by reason of the enormous penalties provided in the rate laws, by way of fines against the companies, and imprisonment of their agents and employes, the companies were in effect prevented from ever questioning the validity of those laws, as the risk of confiscation of property and imprisonment of agents in case the companies failed in their defense was too much to undertake in order to obtain a judicial decision of the question of such validity.

"Such laws are therefore held unconstitutional as they prevented the companies from resorting to the courts, and therefore deprived them of the equal protection of the laws. "The question of the sufficiency of the rates to enable the company to obtain some return to its stockholders for their investment, has for many years been held to be one for the courts to decide, as it would be a violation of the constitution of the United States to fix rates so low as to be confiscatory if enforced.

"The laws providing rates for transportation of passengers and freight in the two cases under consideration have been held by the courts below to be so low as to be substantially confiscatory, and should therefore not be enforced until after further trials. The courts had jurisdiction to make such an order."

Justice Harlan's Opinion.

"Neither the words nor the policy of the eleventh amendment, justify any order of a Federal court, the necessary effect of which will be to exclude a State from its own courts. Such an order attended by such results cannot I submit, be sustained consistently with the powers which the States, according to the uniform declarations of this court, possess under the constitution. I am justified by what this court has heretofore declared, in now saying that the wise men who framed the constitution and who caused the adoption of the eleventh amendment would have been startled by the suggestion that a State of the Union can be prevented by an order of a subordinate Federal court from being represented by its Attorney General in a suit brought by the State in one of its own courts, and that such an order would be inconsistent with the dignity of the States as involved in their constitutional immunity from the judicial process of the Federal courts (except in the limited cases in which they may constitutionally be made parties in this court) and would be attended by most pernicious results."

SEN'R BRYAN DEAD

Florida's Junior Senator Dies After Short Illness

YOUNGEST MEMBER OF SENRTE

Elected Less Than Three Months Ago to Succeed the Late Senator Mallory as Florida's Representative in the Upper House of Congress.

Washington, Special.—United States Senator William James Bryan of Florida, died at Providence Hospital at 8:39 o'clock Sunday morning of typhoid fever. It was only 73 days since he took his seat as the successor of the late Senator Stephen R. Mallory, who died December 23d, and 3 days of that time was spent in his fight against disease. Several times during Mr. Bryan's illness his friends despaired of his recovery, but as late as Saturday night the report was given out that his condition had taken a turn for the better. His death, therefore, came as a surprise and a distinct shock.

In physique Mr. Bryan was unexcelled to withstand a protracted fever. He was slight of build and of nervous temperament. He came to Washington early in January from the warm climate of Florida and from the day of his arrival was far from well. Finally he was compelled to give up and was taken to Providence Hospital. During the last few days of his illness he was attended by specialists from Johns Hopkins University Hospital, Baltimore.

In Mr. Bryan the Senate loses the youngest member by death since the adjournment of the Fifty-ninth Congress on March 4th, a year ago. They were the two late Senators from Alabama, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Pettus; Mr. Mallory, of Florida; Mr. Latimer of South Carolina; Mr. Proctor of Vermont; Mr. Whyte, of Maryland, and Mr. Bryan. Curiously enough the last two were the oldest and the youngest members of the body. Mr. Whyte was 84 years old and Mr. Bryan less than 32.

Mr. Bryan was in the Senate less than a year, but he impressed his individuality on legislation, or to take a prominent part in the consideration of matters in committee, it is conceded that he would have become a forceful part of the minority.

Mr. Bryan was born in Orange county, Florida, October 10th, 1876. He attended the public schools of his State and Emory College, Georgia, graduating from the latter institution in 1896. Three years later he was graduated from Washington and Lee University and in 1899 began the practice of law in Jacksonville, Fla. Until a short time before his appointment to succeed Mr. Mallory in the Senate he had served as solicitor of the Duval County Criminal Court. He was married to Miss Janet Allen, of Lexington, Va.

Mr. Littlefield Resigns.

Rockland, Me., Special.—A sensation was caused in political circles here by the receipt by Governor William T. Cobb of a letter from Congressman Charles E. Littlefield, tendering his resignation as a member of Congress, to take effect on September 30th next. In the same mail was a communication to the chairman of the second district Republican congressional committee from Mr. Littlefield, in which the latter gave as the reason for his resignation his desire to resume his law practice, which in a large degree, he has been compelled to abandon because of his congressional duties. The resignation came as a great surprise to Governor Cobb, and to the surprise of the Congressman's friends in this district and was received with much regret.

Pirates Surrender French Vessel.

Las Palmas, Canary Islands, By Cable.—The French fishing vessel Baleine, which was captured recently by Moors near Cape Juby, and to rescue which the French cruiser Cassard was ordered to the coast of Morocco, has been turned over to the Cassard, together with the members of the crew without ransom.

All Quiet in Hayti.

Port au Prince, By Cable.—President Nord Alexis in an interview at the palace, declared that conditions in the republic were absolutely tranquil. He said that he did not question his ability to preserve order and protect interests here. Should the powers, however, decide to keep the warships in this harbor he would not object, but he added that there was no necessity for such a thing; there was no possibility for such a popular outbreak against the foreign residents.

\$75,000 Fire at Norfolk.

Norfolk, Special.—Early Sunday fire broke out in the wholesale grocery firm of the Four Company, wrecking the establishment, gutting the clothing store of Sake & Co., and damaging the exchange of the Southern States Telephone, and stocks of E. H. Meeks & Co., electricians, and L. P. Roberts & Co., grocers. Loss \$75,000.

RUSSIAN CODE DUELLO

The Affair of Honor an Outgrowth of a Memorandum in Which General Smirnov Questioned the Courage of General Fock.

St. Petersburg, By Cable.—Lieutenant General Smirnov was seriously wounded in a duel fought here Wednesday morning, with Lieutenant General Fock. The men met in the riding school of the Chevalier Guard Regiment and fought with pistols, a distance of 20 paces separating them.

A duel was caused by the memorandum written by General Smirnov on the siege of Port Arthur, in which he questioned the courage of General Fock. The latter considered that his honor and reputation were involved and challenged the author of the memorandum.

The riding school was placed at the disposal of the combatants by the command of the regiment and the duel occurred with the full knowledge and approbation of the military authorities. It was witnessed by several officers of high rank and it was reported that several women were present.

Shortly before 10 o'clock Generals Fock and Smirnov appeared at the riding school. Without saluting they took the places assigned by their seconds were his brother-in-law, Vladimir, M. Purishevich, a member of the Duma, and Captain Schultz, of the navy, while for General Fock, Captain Sido, adjutant to General Stoessel, and Lieutenant Pedgursky, one of the Port Arthur heroes, officiated.

The duelists were instructed to open fire at the word of command and continue until one or the other was hit. At General Fock's fourth shot General Smirnov groaned and sank forward. He had been wounded in the abdomen above the right hip. He was carried in a litter to the military hospital, where doctors employed Roentgen rays to locate the bullet.

Mr. Cleveland Is 71.

Lakewood, N. J., Special.—After a quiet family celebration of his 71st birthday anniversary, Grover Cleveland, for eight years President of the United States, was able to say at night that he was in better health than for some time past. Mr. Cleveland immensely enjoyed the little affair prepared in his honor in which only those of the home circle and a very few intimate friends participated. The former President said: "I am feeling much better than I have for some time before. Already the benefit of the Lakewood climate is apparent. A little trouble with my feet had made impossible long walks during the last few weeks. Today, however, I was able to enjoy a longer stroll than has been possible before for many months."

Arson and Rape Charged.

Greenville, S. C., Special.—William and Earle Payne, father and son, respectively, are lodged in the county jail, both charged with capital offenses, of a different nature. The elder Payne, who is 65 years of age, is charged with arson, and the younger one is charged with having ravished a young negro girl. Earle Payne, the young man, was arrested on a warrant sworn out by the girl's parents, and while the latter were in this city it is claimed that the elder Payne burned their house. The evidence against both of them is said to be strong. The Paynes are white people and heretofore have borne good reputations. Both crimes were committed about four miles from the city.

Georgian Killed in Boiler Explosion.

Folkston, Ga., Special.—The boiler at the saw mill of G. W. Moore, at Homeland, blew up Wednesday killing Mr. Moore, the proprietor, instantly, and seriously scalding three other men. Mr. Moore came here from north Georgia a few years ago and was one of the wealthiest men in this section of the State.

Unknown Negro Shoots Two White Men.

Jackson, Miss., Special.—An unknown negro shot and fatally wounded Baxter and Rufus Burns at Burns, Miss., late Wednesday. Both are relatives of United States Senator McLaurin, of Mississippi. Governor Noel has sent bloodhounds from the Rankin county convict farm in pursuit. The vicinity is greatly excited and a large posse is reported assisting in the search of the culprit. The cause of the shooting has not been ascertained.

General Stoessel's Sentence.

St. Petersburg, By Cable.—General Stoessel has been granted a few days more liberty to arrange his personal affairs and then he will be committed to a fortress to serve the ten-year sentence imposed upon him for surrendering Port Arthur before he had, in the courtmartial's opinion, exhausted all means for its defense. It is likely that the prisoner's confinement will be rigorous.

WILL VISIT JAPAN

American Fleet Accepts Kind Invitation of Emperor

MAY GO TO CHINA IF INVITED

President Roosevelt and His Cabinet Consider Long and Earnestly the Cordial Invitation From the Emperor and Decide to Satisfy His Desire to View the Big Sixteen.

Washington, Special.—The American battleship fleet is to visit Japan. The desire of the Emperor of the island kingdom to play host to the "Big Sixteen" was laid before Secretary Root by Baron Takahara, the Japanese ambassador. The invitation which was couched in the most cordial terms, was made the subject of extended consideration by President Roosevelt and his entire Cabinet. Secretary Root was directed to accept the invitation, and the acceptance was laid before the Japanese ambassador. It is regarded in official circles here as more than likely that China will be next to bid for a look at the fleet, and that should this be the case the invitation would be accepted.

Secretary Metcalf and Admiral Pillsbury, chief of navigation, are arranging the details of the new itinerary. With the exception of China, it is believed to have been determined that all other invitations, should any be received, will be declined, for at best the fleet will now not be able to reach the Atlantic seaboard before the first of next March. The itinerary which seems to be the most direct includes stops at the Hawaiian Islands, Samoa, Melbourne, Sydney, Manila, Yokohama—should that port be selected as the stopping place in Japan—possibly a Chinese port, back to the Philippines and then home by way of the Suez canal, with only such stops as are necessary for coaling.

The fall target practice has been planned to occupy a month at Manila either before or after the visit to Japan. The desire to have the fleet return to its home station may lead to a curtailment of the month planned for Manila.

Japan will have the ships a week, according to tentative plans. The acceptance of the Japanese invitation is regarded in official circles as of considerable importance in the way of administration of the cordiality existing between the American and Japanese governments. The added trip is nearly equal in distance to a voyage from New York to Europe.

Census Report.

Washington, Special.—The Census Bureau in its final figures report for the present year makes the total cotton ginned this season 11,261,000 bales, counting round bales as halves and including linters. Last year it was 13,290,000. In 1906 it was 10,725,602. By states the number of bales are (rounding bales)—North Carolina, 648,517; South Carolina, 1,175,375; Texas, 2,271,724; Georgia, 1,891,900.

Force Reduced One-Half.

Nashville, Special.—Five hundred men who were employed in the Louisville and Nashville locomotive department, Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis railway shops here, have been laid off. Orders were issued to the men on account of decreased business and the intention of the road to decrease expenses on every hand. This means a saving of \$30,000 a month to the road. There are still over five hundred men in the shops. Many of the men laid off are experienced workmen.

Negro Soldiers Arrested For Murder.

Mobile, Ala., Special.—Isham Bishop Eilrod, 29 years old, an enlisted soldier at Fort Morgan, was carried back to Tazewell, Tenn., under a charge of murder. The soldier admits the killing, claiming that a man named Harris killed his dog and that he killed Harris.

Norfolk & Western Employees Refuse Company's Proposition.

Roanoke, Va., Special.—The employees of the Norfolk & Western Railway Company declined to accept the proposition submitted to them by the road on February 24th, which was "that in any month that the company's gross earnings are less than \$2,500,000 that their rates of pay will be computed on the rates in effect previous to the last adjustment; this arrangement to remain in effect for a period of 10 months from the date of its adoption."

Admiral Evans to Be Believed.

Washington, Special.—Official announcement was made Tuesday afternoon by Secretary Metcalf that Rear Admiral Evans on his own application and on account of ill health will be relieved of command of the battleships at San Francisco and that he will be succeeded by Admiral Thomas, now second in command.