

Textile News.

Among South Carolina Cotton Mills.
 Correspondence to Excelsior.
 All the people in South Carolina are as clever and courteous as those to be found connected with the cotton industry. Then South Carolina has every reason to pride herself on manners. And when we consider that this courtesy goes with tremendous business vitality and that it is mingled with the whirl of the looms and the hum of the spindles, we appreciate still more.

The above remarks are in the way of an expression of appreciation for many courtesies shown me by mill men between Charlotte and Columbia on my trip of the past few days. I left Charlotte Monday morning last and my first stop was at Fort Mill, which has two prosperous mills—that of the Ft. Mill Mfg. Co. and Millfort, both under Superintendent C. H. Branson. Each mill carries 10,000 spindles and 500 looms and together they work about 200 hands. Fifty new looms are just being installed in the Ft. Mill Mfg. Co's mill and a new dryer is being installed. This mill has been making a good grade of gingham, but they have recently changed the grade and are now turning out a much finer and heavier quality of goods.

Supt. Branson showed me samples of these new goods and they were of a high grade. Mr. Branson reports himself in good shape for help and good prices are being paid. These mills have orders ahead and everything is in a prosperous condition. I drove from Ft. Mill to Rock Hill and found the cotton in that section to be in good condition. The acreage is generally about the same but immense quantities of fertilizer have been used this season in such quantities in fact, as to be equivalent to an increase of acreage.

The Rock Hill Mills tell the same tale of orders ahead, running on full time and general prosperity as do the other mills. The Highland Park has 1,000 new spindles. Electric power throughout now, and has installed a new raw stock bleach plant and has added a new system of gins to its machinery, giving a capacity of about 50 bales per day. Mr. Johnston, the courteous general manager, reports a tremendous fertilizer demand last season for the fertilizing products of their Oil Mill. Mr. C. M. Steed is the efficient superintendent of this mill and kindly showed me over the mill. Under his superintendency the production is gotten and the mill is in a healthy condition.

The Manchester Mill, of which Mr. W. W. Moore is superintendent, is running on full time. While I was in the office he turned down a large order.

The Bellvue Mill No. 2 has just finished putting in system of Mason

revolving flat cards, has installed 1 motor and will have in two more in about three days. Six Mason spinning frames are on the road for this mill and an elevator is going in. This will be the first elevator to go into the Bellvue. This mill is making a new line of goods for this section, viz. salt sack goods. They are now filling an order for 1,000 yards of 40's salt sacking and after that order has been filled, the mill will be put on 44 x 44, 5.50 sheeting. Mr. Will Harris, the president, was not there and Mr. David Clark the general manager, was in Phila. on business and I missed seeing them much to my regret.

The Arcade Mill, of which Mr. Buchanan is superintendent, is running night and day shifts. This mill makes an excellent quality of print cloths and hosiery yarns. The new improvements going on in building houses for the help. The lumber is on the ground for several new cottages.

At the Victoria Mills Mr. W. S. Adams, secretary and treasurer, took me through the mill and gave me some interesting information.

This mill has been running 52,016 spindles and 24,400 additional ones are now being put in. The mill is now working 275 hands but will increase this to 300. The Victoria turns out a fine grade of gingham, chambrays, and hosiery yarns, and has all the orders it can handle. Seventeen new cottages have been built and fibre plaster was used in them all, each is furnished with electric lights both inside and on the porch and the lights are given free by the mill. In addition to the above conveniences, hot and cold baths are furnished free to the operatives and there is a swimming pool in connection 40 x 70 x 6. Mr. C. B. Haynes is superintendent of the Victoria.

Chester.
 Chester is right up on the front seat in the way of progressive milling. The Wylie mills put in enough carding machinery during the winter to do away with running at night and also put in 13 new twistors during the same season. Two new overseer's houses and a superintendent's house will be built right away. Mr. Paul Hardin, the superintendent was out but Mr. Jno. Carroll, general all around assistant, as he put it, showed me the mill & it's a good one. This mill makes yarns 24 to 40, skein, warp, tube & cone.

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the land is very level but close to good drainage.

Mr. Frank Ward, superintendent of the Springstein Mill, came from Salisbury about 8 months ago and says he likes S. C. all right. The Springstein runs 14,112 spindles, 694 looms on standard gingham, and works from 350 to 400 hands. The train was nearly due when I went into this mill and I didn't go over it, very fortunately, as I had to go up and wake up "Neureka" my driver, who had "histed" my umbrella and gone to sleep in the shade.

There were two points which impressed me on this trip. One is that perous, and the other is that the mill the mills of South Carolina are prosperous from the general managers down are friends of The Textile Excelsior.

The Excelsior, or rather, The Textile, as it is generally known, now goes into every one of the mills mentioned above.

Under a separate heading I give a list of the overseers, etc., in these mills and note the changes that have recently been made.

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Officers in the Mills Between Charlotte and Columbia.
FORT MILL.

Ft. Mill Mfg. Co.
 C. H. Branson,Supt.
 L. M. Chance,Supt.
 O. H. Overseer Carding & Spinning
 P. L. Wagner,Overseer Weaving
 C. W. Eason,Overseer Cloth room
 John Grunn,Overseer Finishing

Mill Fort.
 J. H. Bernhill Overseer Carding and Spinning (the follows A. W. Sullivan who has gone to Victoria.)
 R. M. HowieOverseer Weaving

ROCK HILL.
Arcade Mill.
 A. B. Worthey has been promoted to be Boss Carder.
 R. E. Spencer, from Greenville is master mechanic.

Highland Park.
 C. N. Stead Superintendent
 R. H. Thompson,Overseer Weav'g
 Knox McKenzie 2nd hand Card Room
 John GreenBoss Spinner
 Knox McKenzie 2nd hand Spinning
 John BroadnaxEngineer
 A. J. Thompson,Boss Beamer

Manchester Mill
 W. W. Moore,Supt.
 J. A. Adams,Overseer Spin'g
 M. D. Haney,Overseer Weaving
 J. R. Barron,Overseer cloth room

Bellvue.
 David Clark,Supt.
 S. C. Comer, Overseer Card'g & Spin'g
 C. H. Allen,Engineer
 O. H. Wilkinson 2nd hand Card Room

Victoria.
 W. S. Adams,Sec. & Treas.
 W. J. Roddey,Acting Pres.
 C. B. Haynes,Supt.
 D. E. McHaffy
 C. R. Craven.

Chester.
 M. W. Driver,Supt.
 W. H. Haines,Overseer Card'g
 M. C. Duncan,2nd hand Card'g
 recently come from Rock Hill.
 L. W. King,Overseer Spin'g
 recently come from Rock Hill.
 W. C. Fry,
 Chief Engineer & Master Mechanic, came with Mr. Drew from Caton.

Springstein.
 Frank Ward,Supt.
 J. H. Gardner,Overseer Spin'g
 Frank Richardson, Overseer Weav'g
 look Wagner's place, who went to Fort Mill.
 A. F. Hedgepath was promoted to Card Room 9 months ago.
 J. H. Calvin,boss dyer
 W. H. Authur,master mechanic

Wylie.
 Paul Hardin,Supt.
 W. H. Hardin, Jr.,Sec & Treas.
 J. W. Carroll,Assistant.
 A. R. Long,
 J. C. Teller,
 Overseer Spin'g & Twist'g and Reel'g & Warp'g.
 John Tinkler 2nd hand in Card Room
 R. J. Wilson,Engineer

CENTRAL CHINA.

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 A Washington dispatch of June 11th says:

Special Agents Harry R. Burrill and Raymond F. Crist, of the Department of Commerce and Labor, in reporting the results of their investigation of the trade conditions of China confidently predict a constantly expanding market for American manufactures. Mr. Burrill's inquiries were confined to what may be designated as Southern China, covering the territory between Chefoo in the north and Hongkong and Canton in the south. Mr. Crist visited Tientsin, Newchwang and other distributing points for Manchuria and northern and northwestern China, and their conclusions are identical regarding the growing importance of the trade of the empire. The report was sent to Congress today.

Attention is invited in the report to the increasing purchasing power of the natives of the interior and the report points out that it is to 430,000,000, that the manufacturers must cater in order to participate in the benefits of the expansion apparently inevitable within the next five years.

For the purpose of impressing the Chinese with the superiority of American goods the report urges the importance of resident American representatives. It suggests that allied and non-competing manufacturers would unite and send representatives to the ports of Shanghai, Tientsin and Newchwang, with headquarters at Shanghai, an immense export business would result, and they point to the success achieved by other com-

peting nations in support of their contention.

The report shows that the position of the United States with regard to trade with China is steadily improving, although possibly not with the rapidity natural advantages possessed by this country would warrant.

Great Britain retains a commanding lead in commerce with China, and Germany is steadily increasing under the stimulus of her unequalled system of gathering and disseminating information valuable to her manufacturers and exporters. Japan's growing prominence in the trade of the Far East is pointed out, and her efforts not only to control the coastwise trade of China but to become an important factor in the carrying trade of the Pacific are also described.

Mr. Burrill and Mr. Crist are both impressed with the gratifying outlook for American cotton piece goods, and predict that with proper attention to details explained at length in the report, a steady expansion may be regarded assured.

In all analysis of the markets for other American products Burrill and Crist show that the United States does not hold the position to which it entitled by reason of natural advantages and point out the causes of the comparatively insignificant representation. They suggest methods which would insure a steadily increasing demand for American machinery, hardware, tools, electrical apparatus, other iron and steel manufactures, bicycles, automobiles, carriages, railway equipment, modern footwear and other commodities manufactured in the United States which could be laid down in Shanghai at a cost as low as or below the prevailing market price.


Attention is also directed to the already valuable and rapidly expanding market for buttons, soaps, candles, looking-glasses, needles, clocks, butter, meats, fruits and horses, which American is an inconspicuous and unimportant factor.

The report discusses the practically limitless market that might be opened up if American manufacturers could make articles resembling in every particular the native hand-made necessities now in use and lay them down in China at a price within the purchasing power of the consuming millions of the interior.

Attention is directed to the necessity for proper packing and prompt delivery of goods in strict accordance with specifications.

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If, moreover, something within you alternately bade you to yield to your infatuation for him, while something equally strong warned you to beware of him as untrustworthy, to which inner voice would you listen?

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