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## "King Cotton" Will Hold Full Sway

### The Thirteenth Annual Meeting of the American Cotton Manufacturers' Mill Association Opens at Richmond.

### Thousands of Delegates From Many Sections to Be Present—Noted Speakers to Be Present—An Elaborate Program.

Richmond, Va., May 24.—"King Cotton" will hold full sway in this, the capital of the Confederacy, this week. The session will be the thirteenth annual meeting of the American Cotton Manufacturers' Association which will hold its sessions here tomorrow and continue its work on Wednesday.

One of the greatest of all Southern staples will be the all-absorbing theme which thousands of delegates from many sections of the country will gather here to discuss. Although this industry is as old as the South itself, it is a subject regarding which the Southern mind rarely, if ever, grows weary of hearing.

Valuable contributions to the world's knowledge concerning cotton spinners, of which there are now millions in the Southern states, where once they were a scarce product, and how cotton goods are manufactured in the great mills of the country, will be revealed at this year's convention.

The American Cotton Manufacturers' Association is a body which embraces all branches of the cotton goods trade, and which has in its membership the leading manufacturers in this industry in the Eastern and Southern part of the United States. It is expected that several thousand of those interested in the cotton industry will attend this convention.

To the Richmond chamber of commerce belongs the credit for having secured this year's convention. It originally had been decided to hold the meeting in New York city, but when Richmond's claims were presented by the chamber of commerce as a convention city, the board of governors of the association reconsidered their action and decided to meet here this time. This city possesses the additional advantage over New York of being centrally located between the cotton growers and the mills of the South and the manufacturers and markets of New England and the North.

As a result of a program replete with interest, the social features incident to the accommodation will prove quite attractive. In addition to a smoker to be given in honor of the delegates at the Jefferson hotel, the various commercial organizations of the city have organized for an interesting trip down the historic James river to Jamestown Island. The journey will be made on the steamer "Peachontas."

The convention formally will be called to order at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning at the Jefferson hotel by T. H. Rennie, president of the association, following which an invocation will be pronounced by the Rev. Dr. George W. Shelton. An address of welcome will be delivered by the mayor, D. C. Richardson, to which a response will be made. Then President Rennie will make his annual address in which he will review the strides which the cotton industry has made during the year.

### Castro's Brother Has Been Driven Out

Willemstad, Curacao, May 24.—Celestino Castro, brother of the deposed president of Venezuela, was today served with a notice of his expulsion from the island of Curacao. This action was taken under the advice of the advocate general of the colony, and it indicates that Celestino is no more welcome in the West Indies, at least in Curacao, than his brother would have been. Señor Castro must leave the island within six days.

### Columbus Has Fee Scandal

Columbus, Ohio, May 24.—Several Mahoning county officials are charged with taking illegal fees, according to the report of Examiners H. B. Sage and J. L. Fecke made public by the State Accounting Bureau today.

Illegal and unauthorized fees approximating \$22,000 are alleged to have been taken by the officials, and it is charged that more than \$4,000 was improperly expended, making the grand total of alleged irregularities nearly \$27,000.

The examination covers the period from January 1, 1905, to October 9, 1907.

—Ruth Vincent, the attractive young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Vincent is quite ill at the home of her parents on North College street.

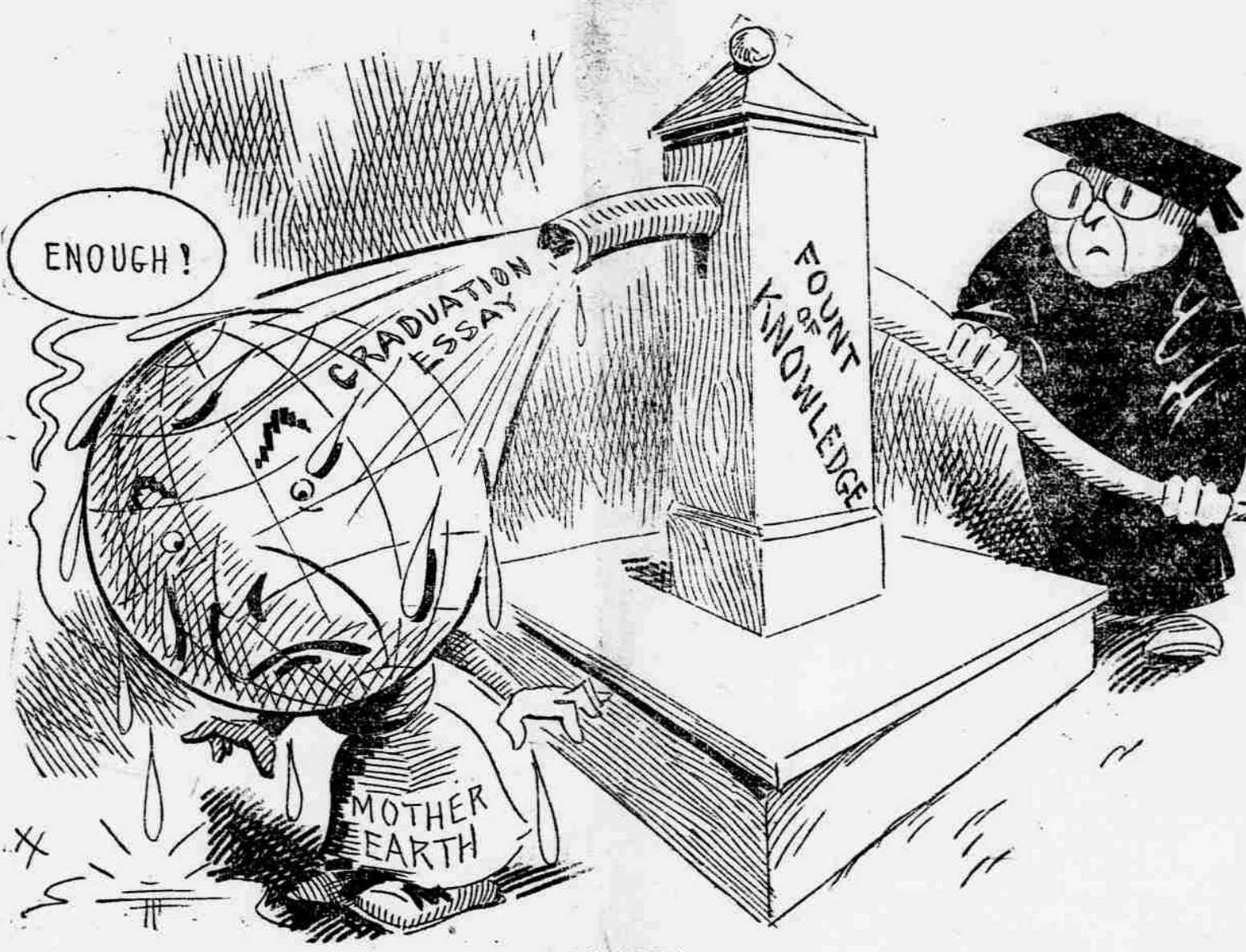
### Increased To \$1,000 City Attorney Maxwell Appears Before Recorder and Asks for Heavier Bond in the Case of J. Lamont

At the request of City Attorney W. C. Maxwell before the recorder this morning, the bond of Lamont, the alleged pickpocket, was increased from \$500 to \$1,000. Mr. Maxwell asked that the bond be made \$2,000, stating that the object of a bond is to bring the defendant to trial and that it was evident that a very heavy one would be required to hold the defendant in the present case. He said that he had been reliably informed that today's mail would bring the necessary amount for the present bond of \$500, under which Lamont was held.

Mr. Frank Shannhouse, attorney for the defendant, made a strong plea for his client and stated that he did not think the escape of one of the defendants should serve as a prejudice against the other. He thought that the original bond should stand and asked that the court make no increase.

Recorder Smith, after hearing both sides, stated that he would increase Lamont's bond to \$1,000, and instructed Chief Christenbury to inform the sheriff accordingly. This was the even amount of both the original bonds and, as Davidson has made his escape, the entire amount now rests on one man.

Fred Crosby, a colored boy, faced three charges this morning, one for carrying a concealed weapon and the other two for assaults. It was alleged that he slapped Bessie Torrence and shot at her sister, Katy. For the alleged slap he was taxed with the costs. The evidence in the shooting case tended to show that the defendant did not shoot with the intention of hitting the woman, but only of scaring her, and for this he was fined \$25 and costs. The same fine, \$25, was imposed in the case of carrying the concealed weapon. Recorder Smith remarked in rendering his verdict, "This is the standard fine down here for the first offense."



## SCANDAL IN SUGAR SHOCKS JAPANESE

Tokio, May 24.—Day by day the scope of what is now known as the sugar scandal increases, and the arena of the law is being stretched into places high and low to arrest and expose those responsible for the most gigantic series of irregularities ever brought to light in Japan. Aroused by public sentiment, the government is leaving no stone unturned and is showing no mercy in the expose. One member of parliament after another is placed under arrest. The constitutional party, which carried everything before it in the last session of the diet, has been the chief sufferer and will find it extremely difficult to rally under the blow.

There have been arrested so far twenty members of parliament and six directors of the company. A determined effort has been made for the last two sessions of the diet to nationalize the sugar company, that is to say, to get the government to make it over from the stockholders.

It appears from confessions alleged to have been made by the arrested directors that in order to bring this about a sum of \$60,000 was spent in bribery, and the names of 50 members of parliament, it is understood have been mentioned in this connection. Even the upper house suffered a certain loss of prestige.

The charge against the directors are fraud, falsification of private documents and disgracing their office. Among other things, dividends were not paid out of legitimate funds but were distributed for the sake of throwing up the value of the stock to benefit speculators. A large number of foreigners lost money.

The whole thing, however, has brought about a somewhat hopeful condition in Japan, where hitherto the loose conduct of business in which the public was invited to invest was not considered as much a reproach on the reputation of men of high standing as in the case in western countries. This last development has involved so many foreigners as well as Japanese that the widespread public and the outcry of the foreigners is likely to have an exceedingly beneficial result. The newspapers of Japan are loud in their praise of the action of the government in arresting the offenders.

—The Durham-Murphy Land Company sold a house and lot on South Boulevard to Mr. J. M. Wooley.

### For Contempt Of U. S. Supreme Court

Washington, May 24.—The case of Sheriff Shipp, of Hamilton county, Tennessee, and nine others, charged with contempt of the Supreme Court of the United States in connection with the lynching of a negro at Chattanooga, in 1905 was finally disposed of by that court by an opinion which directed an attachment to issue for Shipp, his Deputy Gibson, and defendants Williams, Nolan, Padgett, and May. The information as to deputy Sheriff Galloway, and Justice Ward, three of the defendants was dismissed.

Peckham Dissents. Washington, D. C., May 24.—Justice Peckham delivered a dissenting opinion declaring there was not "slightest testimony to support the charge against Shipp." He therefore did not believe officials should be subjected to possibility of a disgraceful imprisonment, and made earnest plea against such course.

Fuller Reviews Case. The chief justice presented a complete review of the Johnson case. He concluded that neither Shipp nor his deputy, Gibson, had made any effort to prevent the removal of Johnson from the jail to prevent his killing after he was taken out, nor to discover the participants in the lynching after it took place.

A rule was made returnable on Tuesday, June 1, when it is supposed that Shipp and his co-defendants will be arraigned in court and receive sentence.

It will lie with the court to determine the degree of punishment that may be inflicted upon the men found guilty. A term of imprisonment for each is among the probabilities as the tone of the opinion of the chief justice indicated no diminution of the original indignation of court regarding the lynching after the court's intervention in the Johnson case.

### Presbyterians At Savannah

Savannah, Ga., May 24.—Rev. Frank Foster, field secretary of the American Tract Society, delivered an address before the Presbyterian General Assembly upon the society and its work this morning.

At noon Rev. A. M. Frazer, D. D., of Staunton, Va., delivered an address on the subject, "How may principles of Calvinism be rendered most effective under modern conditions."

## SCENES OF VIOLENCE IN PARIS

Paris, May 24.—The strikers in Paris made several attempts last week to invade the factories and buildings where the men had refused to quit work. Minor riots and a number of arrests resulted.

Following the advice of their leaders, the strikers are beginning to destroy property. A number of telegraph poles were thrown down last night and a valve in the air reservoir of the subway under the Seine was unscrewed. Fortunately this was discovered and remedied, else the workmen entering the caisson would have been subjected to great danger.

The government has published reassuring statistics showing that of the nine million workmen in France only 900,000 are unionists and that less than one-third of these belong to unions affiliated with the general federation of labor.

### Body of Meredith Has Been Cremated

London, May 24.—The body of Geo. Meredith, the English novelist, who died May 18th, was cremated at Dorking this morning in the presence of a few members of the family.

### Famous Grand Opera House Has Been Sold

New York, May 24.—The famous old Grand Opera House at 23rd street and 8th avenue has been sold by the executors of the Jay Gould estate to a company specially formed to purchase it for a stated value of \$1,000,000.

Many memories of Jay Gould and "Jim" Fisk and incidents of the late sixties and the early seventies are linked with the famous theatre. It was here that Jay Gould and Fisk took refuge from the mobs on "Black Friday" in 1873. In the building is a vault of heavy masonry, extending from the basement to the roof, the floors of which are reached by a narrow circular stairway in the stone.

## Would Settle The Strike of Train Firemen

### Will Go on Hunting Trip to Turkestan

St. Petersburg, May 24.—Benjamin Chew and George Harrison of Philadelphia, are at present in St. Petersburg engaged in purchasing an outfit for a hunting expedition in the Tian Shan mountains. They will travel by rail to Tashkent, whence they will start on their journey through the wild country. They will have to organize a complete expedition with pack horses and an escort, and they plan to go gone until next fall. The American embassy has secured for them the necessary permission to travel in Turkestan.

### Three Men Drowned

Buffalo, May 24.—The Detroit passenger steamer, Western States, while entering this harbor this morning, sank the tug Princeton, drowning three men.

### Old Time Physician Displaced by Nurse

Chicago, May 24.—That the place of the "old school" doctor who at once was physician, adviser, friend and confessor to his patients, has been taken by the trained nurse in the modernized profession of medicine, was the contention made by Dr. William A. Evans, health commissioner of Chicago, in an address before the graduating class of nurses in the Sherman hospital at Elgin.

### Statesville Calls Mr. Raynal

Atlanta, Ga., May 24.—Arbitration to settle the Georgia railroad strike was proposed by Governor Smith who suggested a commission of six, three to be residents of Georgia, three to represent each side of the controversy. Governor Smith's proposal was made in telegrams to General Manager Scott of the Georgia railroad and to Vice-President Ball of the Locomotive Firemen, who is conducting the strike.

### Officers Hot After Band of Train Robbers

Omaha, Neb., May 24.—In spite of vigorous for the Lane Cat train robbers, authorities as yet have obtained no tangible clues.

### Miss Taft Will Unveil Gettysburg Monument

Washington, May 24.—Miss Helen Taft, daughter of the President, has accepted an invitation to unveil the monument erected at Gettysburg, Pa., in memory of the soldiers of the regular Union army who participated in the Gettysburg campaign. The ceremony will take place on the 31st instant, and 2,000 regular troops will attend.

### ENORMOUS INTERESTS AT STAKE

Washington, D. C., May 24.—That the total wages affected by the tariff amount to \$2,277,848,537 and that the values of products involved in the consideration of tariff revision reach the sum of \$12,270,192,088, is the statement made by Senator Money in showing the vast importance of the question now being considered by the senate.

### Federal Board of Mediation Appealed to Settle Strike on Georgia Railroad—Commissioner Neill Will go to Ga.

Washington, D. C., May 24. As the result of appeals to the Federal Board of Mediation to use its efforts to settle the strike of firemen on the Georgia Railroad, Commissioner of Labor Neill, member of the board, will leave for Atlanta tonight. This decision followed a conference here today.

### Decision Followed Conference Held in Atlanta To-day—Trouble Grew Out of Employment of Negro Firemen by R. R.

The conference was between Dr. Neill and Chairman Knapp, of the interstate commerce commission and other members of the board of Mediation under the Erdman act.

By both sides to the controversy the board was applied to with a view to adjusting if possible the difficulties which have grown out of the employment of negro firemen by the railroad.

### Unanimous Invitation From Congregation to Meeting to Him to Become Pastor—Mr. Raynal at Gen. Assembly.

Atlanta, Ga., May 24.—Governor Smith's offer of arbitration of the railroad strike was declined by General Manager Scott of the railroad.

### Sugar Trust Under Fire

Washington, D. C., May 24.—The so-called sugar trust was the subject of an attack in the senate by Senator Owen, of Oklahoma, today. With an extended plea for differential duty on dressed lumber was made in connection with the consideration of the tariff by Senator Root.

### Patterson Seeks Renomination

Nashville, Tenn., May 24.—According to Hon. John Thompson, commissioner of agriculture, and a strong administration man, Governor M. R. Patterson will be a candidate for reelection next year. Mr. Thompson says.

### Cotton Brings 11 Cents

Cotton brought 11 cents today, the high water mark of the season. Eighteen bales were sold. On the same date last year six bales were sold at 11½ cents.

Miss Holliday, and Messrs. W. H. and Alex Sprunt were at the Selwyn Saturday on their way to Davidson college commencement which is now in progress.

### New Branch for Great Northern

Seattle, Wash., May 24.—Great Northern railway officials have announced that a branch line of the road will be built from Wilson creek south to Council, the junction of the North and Pacific and Oregon Railroad and Navigation Company. The move is one that has been projected by the local offices to mark the first step in territory between the Hill and the Oregon, Milwaukee and St. Paul lines.