

# Southern Textile Progress During 1910

(From Manufacturers' Record.)

During October, November and December particulars were announced of new plants to have 135,000 spindles and 850 looms, and of five mills to be increased by 20,236 spindles and 1,000 looms in the South. That will result in an investment of about \$3,375,000 for new mills and \$5,818,490 for additions to established plants—a total of \$9,193,490 and 4915 looms, or an increase of \$3,382,400 for the fourth quarter of the year. The total for all of the mills reported to be built and enlarged is 456,732 spindles and 13,000 looms, which means an expenditure of \$11,418,300 as the result of plans announced during the year. Most of these enterprises have already commenced for buildings, machinery and accompanying improvements. The record for 1910 is a little less than half the record of 1909, and the decreased activity is doubtless due largely to market conditions for cotton goods, decreasing the demand to such an extent that many mills both North and South were restricting production. Notwithstanding these conditions there was considerable progress in the building of mills and the enlargement of existing southern plants. That this continuation of activity is warranted can not be doubted when one considers the cotton's natural advantages for cotton manufacturing, the fact that the general demand in this industry is re-energizing with improved business conditions generally, and that the demand will increase throughout the world.

From week to week during the year the Manufacturers' Record has presented statements containing details of new plants to be located and of established plants to be improved and enlarged. This mill news has been prepared from reports received from the various mill managers and owners. It has been summarized every three months and the fourth quarter of the year shows gratifying conditions, not only as to the total of spindles and looms, but also as to interesting announcements of large plants to be built and of plans for two mills completed and of plans for 12,000 spindles and complement of looms for manufacturing a fine grade of cotton goods not heretofore produced in the South, and of another fine grade mill that will be capitalized at \$500,000. The million dollar mills mentioned will be located at Greenville, S. C., and one of them is to manufacture hosiery and knit goods, while the other is to produce a fine grade of cloth not as yet announced the exact character of its output, except that it will be a grade of cloth not now manufactured anywhere in this country outside of New Bedford, Mass.

Features of the year's news have been the continuation of the movement toward the production of finer grades of cloth, the use of electricity as motive power, and an increasing interest in southern and New England cotton manufacturers in Southern cotton spinning. For instance, the two big Tennessee mills mentioned are being made possible largely through the investment of New England capital to the extent of \$600,000 and \$700,000, respectively. The lawn and linen plant will be known as the Westervelt Mills and its active manager is J. I. Westervelt of Greenville. For many years known as a successful cotton manufacturer in the South, the other Greenville mill will be known as the Duncan Cotton Mills and its principal promoter is Capt. Ellison A. Smyth, another well known Southern cotton manufacturer. Another instance is a Georgia mill capitalized at \$200,000 almost entirely by Northern manufacturers, who will ship the plant's product to their Northern mills for conversion into cloth. Still another instance is the \$500,000 mill, with about 25,000 spindles and 750 looms, which O. A. Robbins, of Charlotte, proposes to build in the Piedmont section. Mr. Robbins is a well known mill engineer and machinery contractor, and he recently returned a representative of the Manufacturers' Record that he intends devoting his entire time and attention to this enterprise. It is therefore seen

that the greatest progress of the Southern cotton mill industry is due to the experienced cotton manufacturer, the man who is fully acquainted with Southern conditions and knows how to build mills to produce marketable goods at a minimum cost, and to take advantage of the possibilities of the markets both in buying raw materials and in selling the manufactured product.

An important announcement of 1910 is the entrance of outside capital into the Southern mill industry was that of last June, when Marshall Field & Co., the great dry goods merchants of Chicago, secured control of the group of Spray (N. C.) mills and other plants near that thriving city. These plants have a total of about 56,000 spindles and 1800 looms, besides including a finishing company capitalized at \$1,400,000. Telegraphing to the Manufacturers' Record regarding this transaction, Marshall Field & Co., stated: "During the past few years the mills at Spray have been manufacturing merchandise for us in such a satisfactory manner that we felt it wise to acquire a controlling interest in order to further extend our operations. The capitalization of the mills is \$3,000,000. The firm intends to enlarge the mills as the demand arises, and the finishing plant is now being added to. It is also believed to be financing the \$300,000 high grade gingham mill to be built at Meadow Summit, recently briefly reported in the Manufacturers' Record.

Among the Southern mills announced during the year as to be erected and now in course of construction were the following: Republic Cotton Mills, Great Falls, S. C., capitalized at \$600,000 and building a 25,000 spindle and 1000 loom plant, while planning the erection of two more mills to have about 75,000 spindles and accompanying looms, which means a further investment of about \$1,300,000; Alice Mills, Eastley, S. C., a \$250,000 company to have 10,000 spindles and 300 looms; Parola Cotton Mills, Greenwood, S. C., capitalized at \$300,000, and to have 10,000 spindles, with 300 looms; Pickett Cotton Mills, High Point, N. C., capitalized at \$250,000 for 12,000 spindles and 300 looms; Simpsonville Cotton Mills, Simpsonville, S. C., an additional plant costing \$300,000, with 16,000 spindles and 400 looms; Meritas Mills, Columbus, Ga., a \$200,000 proposition, with 10,000 spindles and 170 looms to begin with, while contemplating an increase to 25,000 spindles and 425 looms; Alta Vista Cotton Mills Co., Alta Vista, Va., a \$300,000 enterprise to have 13,000 spindles and 200 looms; Chesnee Mills, Chesnee, S. C., a \$400,000 company, building for 20,000 spindles and 460 looms; Oakland Mills, Newberry, S. C., a \$400,000 project that will have 20,000 spindles and 600 looms.

There were a number of mills of importance, because of their character or extent, completed during 1910. They included the following: Erwin Cotton Mills No. 4 plant at Durham, with 50,000 spindles and 1500 looms, the cost being \$1,600,000; P. H. Hanes Knitting Co., Winston-Salem, an 8500 spindle mill to furnish yarns for the company's big knitting plant, the cost of this addition being \$250,000, because of general mill village improvements accompanying the establishment of the plant; Iversness Mills Co., Winston-Salem, an 8000 spindle and 200 loom mill, capitalized at \$200,000; Columbus Manufacturing Co., Columbus, Ga., a \$500,000 addition, including 30,000 spindles and 600 looms; Entwistle Manufacturing Co., Rockingham, N. C., a \$500,000 plant, having 20,000 spindles and 500 looms; Martinsville Cotton Mills Co., Martinsville, Va., a plant of 18,000 spindles and 450 looms, the investment being \$400,000; Hamrick Mills, Gaffney, S. C., building an addition to contain 25,000 spindles and 400 looms; Priscilla Mills, Meridian, Miss., an addition of 10,000 spindles that will furnish yarns for the company's knitting mill.

The list of mills announced during the fourth quarter of the year, together with the totals for all of 1910, is as follows:

Name	Alabama	Location	Spindles	Looms
Tallassee Falls Mfg. Co.	Alabama	Tallassee	500	
Durson Mills	Georgia	Lagrange		
The Arts Gingham Mfg. Co.	North Carolina	Meadow Summit	10,000	400
D. A. Robbins		Charlotte	25,000	750
Majestic Mfg. Co.		Belmont	4,064	
Howell Cotton Mills		Lowell	10,000	200
Newton Cotton Mills		Newton		65
			49,064	1,515
Duncan Cotton Mills	South Carolina	Greenville	50,000	1,500
Westervelt Mills		Greenville	50,000	1,200
Abnada Cotton Mills		Rock Hill	6,272	200
			106,272	2,900
W. J. McGill	Tennessee	Shelbyville		
			155,336	4,915
Total			143,500	4,500
Total for first quarter of 1910			82,896	2,334
Total for second quarter of 1910			75,000	1,340
Total for third quarter of 1910			155,336	4,915
Total for fourth quarter of 1910			456,732	13,089

\*Established mills enlarging.

**Small Boy Sent to Pen.**  
By Associated Press.  
Jefferson City, Mo., Jan. 6.—The smallest and youngest prisoner ever sent to the Missouri penitentiary was delivered to Warden Andrew Greenwood in their prison of Henry County, of St. Charles county. The boy, 15 years old, in knee breeches and weighing 80 pounds, was convicted of murder in the second degree and sentenced to 12 years.

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**Search for Aviator Grace.**  
By Associated Press.  
London, Jan. 6.—Word was received today that the aviator cap and glasses picked up in the North Sea off Mariakerke, Belgium, have been identified as those worn by Cecil Grace, who was lost while attempting to cross the English channel from Calais to Dover in December 22. A diligent search of the coast in the vicinity of Mariakerke is being made in the hope of recovering the aviator's body.

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## Burgess Gives Figures On Food Product

Special to The News.

Raleigh, Jan. 7.—State Agronomist J. L. Burgess in a supplementary bulletin just issued from the state department of agriculture gives some very valuable and significant estimates of food products shipped into North Carolina that ought to be grown by the farmers of the state. It shows that not less than 80,500 tons of mill feed valued at \$1,368,000 came into the state; \$4,227,686 worth of wheat and flour; \$6,877,148.66 worth of cured meat; \$1,123,166 worth of corn and oats; \$221,875 worth of hay; \$49,655 worth of butter. This special investigation by State Agronomist Burgess shows that every farmer should make it a point to at least raise his own home supplies no matter to what special crop his lands may be adapted. He says he would not expect all counties to raise all of their home supplies but sees no reason why the crop development should not be such as to enable the average to be brought to that point where the home supply products should not be sufficient to eliminate the heavy drain to which the state is now being subjected in purchasing these supplies elsewhere.

## Children's Reading Room.

A children's reading room will be fitted up at the Roney Public Library by the Woman's Club of Raleigh. A special librarian is to be in charge to direct the practice of systematic reading on the part of the children.

## Winter Course in Agriculture.

The winter course in agriculture has opened auspiciously at the North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanical Arts. This is to be an eight-weeks' course and President Hill says 50 men have already entered to take special training in farming methods.

## Farmers' Institute Work.

The state department of agriculture has just issued a bulletin carrying the annual report of the Farmers' Institute work, as directed by Capt. T. B. Parker and the principal addresses of the workers. The bulletin contains valuable information of all the important phases of farming and those by the ladies on farm home management and the work of farmers' wives and daughters. There is also a recent bulletin on stock feeds that will prove valuable to the farmers.

## Want Gambling Games and Dancing Girls Cut Out at State Fair.

Secretary Pogue, of the North Carolina State Fair, strongly urges that the management of the 1911 fair be instructed to rigidly cut out all shows in which dancing girls appear and games in which there is any element of gambling. Mr. Pogue declares in his report to the executive committee that there are plenty of decent shows and innocent games of skill with fixed returns after cutting out all unworthy ones that apply. The last state fair was a record-breaking success.

## Cupid Completes Romance.

By Associated Press.  
New York, Jan. 7.—Cupid completed a pretty romance here Tuesday afternoon when Col. E. W. Hayes, millionaire stockman and rancher of Santa Ana, Cal., and Miss Vivian Mitchell, a prominent society girl of St. Louis were united in marriage at the Jesuits church.

The groom, who is 48 years old, came here to meet his bride and will take her on an extensive honeymoon trip before returning to California.

## Insurrectos Busy.

By Associated Press.  
El Paso, Tex., Jan. 7.—A letter to the Herald from Guaymas, Sonora, received from a stout correspondent, says insurrectos have appeared in the Sahuaripa and Mayo river districts in that state, but have in no way interfered with mining or other industries there. They have captured Yecera and Trinidad, in the Sahuaripa district, also a few other smaller towns, but have retained the same city officials in power, merely tearing up their old commission from Diaz, and issuing new ones from Madero.

## Must Not Read Papers.

By Associated Press.  
Grenoble, Spain, Jan. 7.—The bishop of Grenoble has issued a decree forbidding the reading of two local newspapers on the ground that they are hostile to the Catholic Church.

## Prohibitionists Want A Search Law

(From Asheville Gazette-News.)  
At an enthusiastic meeting of the executive committee of the Law Enforcement League last night it was decided to call a mass meeting for January 12 at 7:30 o'clock at the county court house to consider many matters of importance in regard to the enforcement of laws; paying especial attention to the enforcement of the prohibition laws.

Among the desired amendments is one giving to the police the right to search suspected places and to seize any liquors that may be found in the place. The advocates of the search law believe that this will add very materially to the enforcement of the prohibition laws. In other words, some of the Asheville people are inclined to believe that the state laws need more "teeth" to enable the officers to be able to oust successfully the alleged violators of the laws.

A strong protest is going to go forth to the proposed abolition of the police commission. This was discussed last night and it was decided that a committee composed of Zeb F. Curtis and Guy Weaver draft petitions protesting to the proposed abolition of the commission. These petitions are to be liberally circulated in both the city and county, setting forth that the commission has been an invaluable factor in the enforcement of the prohibition laws and that if it is abolished the work of Col. Lusk in running down the alleged "tigers" will be seriously crippled. The committee to take charge of the proposed search law petition is composed of Col. Lusk, W. R. Whitson, Judge G. A. Shuford, T. J. Rickman and Zeb F. Curtis. Petitions will be liberally circulated in both city and county asking for the enactment of the proposed search law.

## Agreement On Pension Affairs

By Associated Press.  
London, Jan. 7.—An evening paper publishes what purports to be the text of an agreement between Russia and Germany on Persian affairs and supposed to be a result of the meeting of Emperor William and Emperor Nicholas at Potsdam last November.

According to the text printed Germanly disciplines any political interest in Persia and recognizes Russian interests in Northern Persia. Russia, on her part, agrees to co-operate in building the long proposed Bagdad railway and its branches and to give German commerce in Persia equality of treatment.

This important pact quite likely will be resented by France and Great Britain as dilatory on Russia's part to their entente.

The sequel of the visit of the Russian monarch to Germany has augmented jealousy in England, where it was believed the not too cordial relations between Germany and Russia would be found to have been followed by a better understanding, possibly to the disadvantage of this country.

## Wool Growers Close Meeting.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 7.—The National Wool Growers' Association will conclude its annual convention here today, but when the president adjourns the meeting, the biggest day's work of the four will have been accomplished. Dr. J. M. Wilson, of Wyoming, probably will be elected president for the ensuing year. Omaha seems to have no opposition for the 1912 convention.

## Death of Mrs. Mason.

By Associated Press.  
Durham, Jan. 6.—Mrs. James B. Mason, wife of Cashier Mason, of the Citizens National Bank, died near noon today after a short illness. She was a member of one of the city's most prominent families and wife of city alderman, wealthy and influential. The funeral will be held tomorrow.

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