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COTTON INDUSTRY

Under Control of One Great Organization

CONFERENCE ADOPTS PLAN

Will be Composed of Planters and Spinners

Middle Man to be Dispensed With—Sharp Fight Over Heflin's Resolution—No Action Taken on Cotton Speculation—Government Crop Reports Criticized—Other Subjects Discussed.

Atlanta, Ga., October 9.—When the plan adopted this afternoon by the international conference of cotton growers and spinners goes into effect the cotton industry of the world, from the time of planting of the seed to the time the mills turn out their goods, will be under one great organization of planters and spinners to be known as the "International Committee of Cotton Growers and Manufacturers' Organization." This body will consist of fifteen members, two from each of the five organizations composing this conference and two representing the spinners of continents Europe and Asia from the sea island cotton growers' association, which was admitted to membership in the conference this afternoon. In addition to the two organizations just named, the international committee will therefore, be composed of delegates from the Farmers' Union, the International Cotton Spinners Association of Europe, the Association of Cotton Manufacturers and the American Manufacturers Association. The fourteen members or delegates forming the committee will select a chairman from one of the associations represented. The opinion was expressed by several of the leaders tonight that Jas. R. Macoll, of Providence, R. I., chairman of the present conference and representing the American Association of Cotton Manufacturers will be chosen chairman. Each organization will send the names of its nominees to Secretary C. J. H. Woodbury of Boston, and when all have been named the chairman will be formally elected.

The conference at its meeting today took action that is believed will soon result in a vast improvement in the methods of putting raw cotton into shape for handling by the spinners with a consequent saving to them of fully \$25,000,000 a year now lost, it has been asserted by reason of slipshod methods of baling.

A sharp fight was made over Congressmen Heflin's resolution calling on the United States congress and the British parliament to regulate cotton speculation but the matter was finally referred to the different bodies for independent action.

Two of the affiliated bodies, the farmers' union and the Southern Cotton Growers' Association, later took favorable action on this resolution.

The spinners, while admitting that cotton speculation was an evil, yet did not see how it could be eliminated altogether, and the vote of the International Conference was four to one against conference recommendation.

Government crop reports came in for their share of criticism and the conference refused to unite in putting the powerful influence of the great organization behind the movement favoring the discontinuance of the government reports.

Closer trade relations between grower and spinner were discussed at the morning session. A committee report on the subject which was debated yesterday at some length was finally sent back to the committee for revision.

The report at the afternoon session was finally adopted. The conference goes on record as favoring the square bale, as it is preferred by most spinners. The paragraph relating to the housing of freshly picked cotton read: "Every gin shall be put in the best order possible for the reason that much of the cotton when first picked is green and immature. We commend all such cotton shall be housed in a good condition pen at least thirty days before being ginned. By this process of curing, the immature fibre continues to grow, evens up in style and by the absorption of oil is given a rich creamy color, is much stronger, more flexible and has a much greater commercial value."

The European delegation will depart

tonight on a special train for a tour of the cotton states, going through Texas and returning to New York by way of St. Louis, Chicago, Niagara Falls and Toronto.

TO FIGHT SALOONS.

Governor Glenn Goes to Snow Hill to Aid Prohibitionists

(Special to The Messenger)
Raleigh, N. C., October 9.—Governor Glenn left this afternoon for Snow Hill to speak in favor of prohibition, in the great fight against saloons. He takes with him the prestige of the big victory over the saloon at Asheville yesterday. He has favored state prohibition. It is believed by many that recent occurrence have been made very greatly in favor of the latter movement. The governor said that he feels ready to take the field and stump the state for it. He expects to see other places run whiskey out. It is only sold at 27 places now.

A charter is granted the Lincoln Lithia Club, incorporated, at Lincoln this taking over the noted springs there. There are to be many cottages, club building and sporting privileges and R. F. Hoke Ed Chambers Smith and many others are stockholders, the capital stock being \$40,000.

SHOULD HAVE HEARING

Opinion of State Railway Commissioners in Regard to Rates.

Washington, Oct. 9.—Contrary to expectation little evidence was adduced at today's sessions of the nineteenth annual convention of the association of the state railway commissioners to indicate that the members were opposed to the national legislation enacted or to the policies of the national administration as they are understood to be toward the railroads of the country.

The nearest it came to antagonize the ideas of President Roosevelt was in the report of the committee on the "powers, duties and work of state railway commissioners."

The report of the committee on "amendment to the act to regulate commerce" created some discussion and finally was amended so as to express the views of the convention that no rate should go into effect until a hearing had been held to determine its justice and reasonableness.

Statistician Peabody of the Santa Fe system urged that it would be necessary for the interstate commerce commission to put into effect a system of uniform classification. He declared that the present system of classification was based on inequalities and absurdities.

CONDITION OF CROPS

Report Issued by the Department of Agriculture

Washington, October 9.—The agricultural department today reports the condition of corn on October 1st as 78 per cent, as compared with 80.2 per cent. last month, and 80.1 on October 1st, 1906. The average yield of spring wheat is 13.1 bushels per acre as compared with 13.7 bushels for 1906, and 14.7 bushels for 1905. The production of spring and winter wheat combined is about 626,567,000 bushels, compared with 735,260,970 bushels as estimated for a year ago. The average yield of oats is about 23.5 bushels per acre as compared with 31.2 bushels for 1906.

The average condition of buckwheat at time of harvest was 80.1 as compared with 77.4 September 1st, 84.9 a year ago, 91.6 in 1905, and a ten year average of 82.9.

The average condition of tobacco at time of harvest was 84.8 as compared with 82.5 September 1st; 84.6 a year ago, 85.8 in 1905, and a five year average of 81.7.

The average condition of rice on October 1st was 88.7 as compared with 87.2 October 1, 1906, 89.3 October 1, 1905, and 87.3 October 1, 1904.

L'AGILE GERMAN CLUB

Annual Meeting With Election of Officers, Last Night.

The annual meeting of the L'Agile German Club was held at 6:30 o'clock yesterday evening at the Masonic Temple, a large attendance of the members being present. The election of officers resulted as follows:

President—Mr. Emmet Crow.
Vice-President—Mr. S. A. Stockard.
Secretary and Treasurer—Mr. E. P. Bailey.

Governing Board—The officers and Messrs. Norwood Huske, Jr., Paul Cantwell and Rob James.

Leader—Mr. P. L. Cantwell.

The question as to the time of holding the first dance was left with the governing board and this will be announced later.

We will be glad to have you present with Fall or Winter shoes and please you with the price. Mercer & Evans Co. Oct 9-5t

DISASTROUS FIRE IN NEW YORK

Car Barns of Street Railway Destroyed

Hundreds of Lives in Peril—Thousands of Persons Thrown into a Panic—125 Cars Burned—Service on Street Car Line Hampered

New York, October 9.—Hundreds of lives were endangered, thousands of persons were thrown into a panic, 125 electric cars used on several cross town lines were destroyed and a property loss to the extent of \$400,000 was caused by a fire in the Fourteenth street car barns early today. As a result of the burning cars service on all the cross town lines was greatly hampered today. Three hundred and fifty horses which were quartered in one section of the big barn were taken out in safety.

The fire had gained great headway when it was discovered and when the firemen arrived the wall separating the big structure from adjoining tenement houses were smoking hot. Instantly the word was given to clear the tenements and the occupants poured into the streets in a panic. From that time on the police were as busy trying to control the frenzied hundreds most of whom were foreigners as the firemen were in fighting the blaze which was gaining headway with startling rapidity.

It was not until several priests attired in all their robes appeared on the scene and walked through the crowd imploring the people to calm themselves that any thing like order was restored.

MARRIED IN BALTIMORE

Miss Rosa Parsons the Bride of Mr. John P. Moore, Jr.

The following announcement in the Baltimore Sun of Tuesday, will be read with interest in this city:

"Mr. John P. Moore, Jr., and Miss Rosamond Passano were married at the Episcopal Church of St. Michael and All Saints by the rector, Rev. John Garner Murray at 4 p. m., yesterday. The bride and groom both being in mourning, the ceremony was witnessed by a few intimate friends.

"The bride is a daughter of Mrs. Louisa Passano, and the groom is the only son of State Senator John P. Moore or Snow Hill, Md. After the ceremony the bride and groom left for a wedding tour. They will make their home at Wilmington, N. C., where the groom is engaged in the lumber business."

Both of the young people are well known in Wilmington where they have a large circle of friends who will congratulate them on their wedding. Miss Passano formerly lived here and since moving away she has frequently visited friends in this city. Mr. Moore is engaged in the lumber business, the plant of which he is manager being located near Scott's Hill. The newly married couple are expected to arrive in the city in a day or two and will live at the Carolina Apartment House.

MARRIED AT PARSONAGE

Mr. John R. Morris and Miss Mary Karr Made Man and Wife

The news of the marriage of Miss Mary Etta Kerr of Cape Fear township, and Mr. John R. Morris of this city, will come in the nature of a pleasant surprise to the many friends of the young couple here. The wedding occurred yesterday afternoon at four o'clock at Grace church parsonage on Second and Walnut streets, being performed by Rev. N. M. Watson, pastor of Grace M. E. church.

The young couple will make their home in this city, residing at No. 520 North Third street.

Miss Kerr is an attractive young lady who has many friends in Wilmington. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Kerr, who live at Acorn Branch. Mr. Morris is a well known young citizen, holding a position with Candycaps, on Princess street.

NEGRO PROBABLY DROWNED

Supposed to Have Fallen Off Deck of River Tug Sea King.

It is feared that William Leonard, alias Bill May, colored, who for some time past has been employed as a deck hand on the river tug Sea King, has been drowned, the negro not having been seen since late Monday night. After that time, however, his shoes, hat and trousers were found on the deck of the boat.

Leonard or May has been in the habit of sleeping on the deck of the boat and he was last seen alive about 10 o'clock Monday night by another boat hand. The supposition is that he fell into the river off the tug and was drowned. The Sea King at the time was tied up at the wharf near the Springer Coal Company.

INTENSE INTEREST

Marked Day's Session of Episcopal Convention

MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE

Bishops Vote Against Making Any Change in Canon

House of Deputies Spend Entire Day in Discussing Dr. Huntington's Preamble—Was Approved by Committee—Many Amendments Offered—Action Postponed Until Friday.

Richmond, Va., October 9.—The sixth day's session of the Episcopal convention was one of intense interest for important matters were discussed in both the upper and lower houses, while an interesting missionary meeting was held by the woman's auxiliary. The most important action taken by the house of bishops was in voting down the motion made by the bishop of Albany, making still more stringent canons on marriage and divorce. The bishops decided that during this convention no change would be made in the canons on this subject which have now in effect.

Hardly had the house begun its business this morning when word was brought to the president, Dr. McKim, of Washington, that Dr. L. M. Blackford, one of the most distinguished members of the general convention and head master of the Episcopal high school, the church school near Alexandria, Va., had been fatally injured, by a motor car owned by Deputy Robert C. Pruyn, of Albany. The president at once ordered that all business cease and the prayers of the house were offered for Dr. Blackford's speedy recovery. Later in the day it was officially announced that Dr. Blackford was not seriously injured.

The entire day was spent in a discussion of the now famous preamble offered by Dr. Huntington, of New York, and approved by the committee on canons. Amendments without number were offered to this preamble, the most important of which was the substitution of the words: "The word of God" instead of the words as offered in Dr. Huntington's preamble "The Record of God's Revolution of Himself in His Son."

A delegate from North Carolina attempted to amend the preamble by striking out the words "in Virginia," as the place where the church had its first foundation in America, insisting that the church was first founded in North Carolina in 1587. This amendment was overwhelmingly voted down by the deputies.

During the discussion of the phrase "the word of God," Dr. Thomas Nelson Page, the author, and Dr. Cyrus T. Brady, another author, took a prominent part. Dr. Brady created a sensation by his criticism of one of the bishops and was called to order by the Rev. Dr. Grosvenor, of New York. Dr. Brady, however, was able to continue his criticism by alluding to the bishop as a high church dignitary and he kept with in the rules.

Rev. Dr. Wilmer of Georgia, created another sensation when he placed himself on record as being in sympathy with the doctrines of the bishop of Michigan, and was roundly hissed a number of times by certain deputies and by people who were seated in the galleries. At the end of the day's session the preamble had been so amended that a vote was ready to be taken, but on account of the objection of the Rev. Dr. Roberts, of Fond du Lac, this important matter was postponed until Friday morning at 11 o'clock in order to allow Dr. Huntington opportunity to be present.

At the missionary meeting held under the auspices of the woman's auxiliary, Miss Emery of New York presided. Among the speakers were Miss Packard of Brazil, Mrs. Kinsolving wife of the bishop of Brazil, Mrs. Jenkins and Mrs. Evans, of Alaska, Mrs. Funston, wife of bishop of Boise, and Deaconess Drant of the Chinese mission of San Francisco.

The men's offering which was announced at a great men's meeting tonight amounted to \$775,000.

Raleigh News Notes.

The United States government sends M. O. Eldridge of the good roads department to this state, where he will do special work. He and a number of other experts have been in the congressional district in Georgia, of which Savannah is the center, conducting meetings, these covering forestry, plant industry, soil tests, good roads, etc.

Manager Eugene Maxwell says that everything will be complete at the Buckhorn Falls plant by December 31. It will furnish power to many industries and light to Fayetteville and several other points.

COTTON CONDITIONS IN SOUTH

Interview With Reporter of Big New Orleans Firm

Georgia, South and North Carolina Crops Well Up to Average—Big Falling Off in Texas Crop—Effect of Holding of Cotton by Farmers.

Mr. D. C. Fitts, reporter of cotton conditions for the big firm of deBuys and LaBoulle, cotton merchants of New Orleans, spent yesterday in the city. Mr. Fitts is making a trip over North Carolina to study conditions at first hand, basing his reports to the company on facts as he sees them. He has made a well earned reputation of being accurate in his statements and predictions and his figures are always regarded as reliable and trustworthy.

Mr. Fitts would not be quoted specifically in regard to figures or amounts but he talked interestingly of the general crop situation throughout the south.

In Texas where he spent quite a long time, Mr. Fitts says the season is poor and that there is a very large falling off in the crop, estimated by some authorities to be as much as a million bales. The Gulf states also show a falling off, though in some sections very fine crops have been raised.

The Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina crops are said to be up to the full average. The weather conditions in this section have generally been favorable. The South Carolina crop, it is expected, will be as large as any crop ever produced in that state.

Mr. Fitts said that cotton was being marketed very satisfactorily in this section, but in certain portions of the south the farmers are holding for higher prices.

Without desiring to be quoted two prominent citizens, who kept posted on cotton conditions and who heard Mr. Fitts' statement that many are holding for higher prices, remarked that in their judgment this was a mistake and that the present prices should be regarded as satisfactory. They considered it very unfavorable that there would be any further advance and they regarded the idea of fifteen cents cotton as beyond the remotest chance of being brought about. All the gentlemen stated that in their opinion holding cotton at the present time will later prove an element of weakness in the market, which will redound to the injury of all interested in the marketing of the crop under the best conditions.

Mr. Fitts will leave today for other sections of North Carolina and then he will go to Virginia to view conditions in that state.

BRYAN DAY CELEBRATION

Invitations Issued to Attend Gathering in Fayetteville.

Invitations for the Bryan Day Celebration at Fayetteville, on Tuesday next, have been received, reading as follows:

Bryan Day
Fayetteville, North Carolina
Tuesday, October 15th 1907.
We are glad to announce that
Hon. William Jennings Bryan
Will deliver an address in this city
Tuesday afternoon, October Fifteenth
at 2 o'clock

We will be glad to have you present on that occasion together with many others of the state's foremost citizens. Please advise us whether you will attend.

Respectfully
C. J. Cooper F. H. Stedman
J. G. Shaw L. B. Hale
Invitation Committee.

CAPE FEAR GOLF CLUB

Mixed Foursome Tournament to be Played Saturday Afternoon

The formal beginning of the golf season for the year will take place on Saturday afternoon, at the grounds of the Cape Fear Golf Club near the city, and it is expected that there will be a very large attendance of the members.

The event to mark the opening of the season will be a mixed foursome tournament, with a cup for the ladies and prize for the gentlemen players.

After the tournament has been ended, a luncheon will be served in the club house to all members who are present.

Mr. W. P. M. Turner to Practice Law in Lexington

Mr. W. P. M. Turner, formerly city editor of The Messenger, more recently with the Raleigh Evening Times, has resigned his position with that paper and he will soon move to Lexington where he will locate for the practice of law. Mr. Turner got his law license at the last examination held by the state supreme court.

Before removing from Raleigh to Lexington, Mr. Turner accompanied his wife, who was Miss Lucy Baldwin, of this city, will come to Wilmington to spend a short time with relatives.

There is not a better shoe sold on earth for the price than our Boy's \$1.50 shoe. Mercer & Evans Co.

PENNANT WINNERS DEFEATED

Chicago Wins Second Game by Score of 3 to 1

Slow Pitching and Several Slight Accidents—Caused Game to Drag—More Steady Playing by Both Teams Than on Previous Day—Spectators Numbered 21,901.

Chicago, October 9.—The Chicago National League team defeated the Detroit pennant winners of the American League in the second game of the series for the world championship this afternoon. The score was 3 to 1. Slow pitching and several slight accidents caused the contest to drag out over two hours, the hours the delays trying the patience of the big crowd which again filled almost every inch of seating room.

Both teams played more steadily than on the opening day. After the first four and a half innings had dragged through an hour and thirty-five minutes some sparkling fielding and sharp hitting and base running hastened the contest to an end.

Mullin and Pfeister were the pitchers and Payne went behind the bat in place of Schmidt. Otherwise the teams lined up as on the preceding day.

Playing conditions were improved for the second game, the crowd numbering 21,901 as against over 24,000 yesterday, while warm sunshine and the absence of the chill breeze of the first day kept spectators and players in more comfort.

Rossman, whose hitting was the real feature of the contest, scored the first run of the game in the second inning. He hit a grounder toward Tinker which bounced away from the short stop and rolled far out to left field, the batsman making three bases on the hit. Coughlin struck out but Payne lifted a short fly to left field which Tinker might have caught but left it to Sheekard. The ball fell safe and Rossman scored.

Chicago tied the score in its half of the inning, Mullin giving a queer exhibition of poor and good pitching. Kings, Evers and Sheekard batted in succession, filling the bases with none out. Then Tinker drew a base on balls, forcing King home. Right there Mullin suddenly regained control of his curves, striking out Pfeister and Stagle, while the best Sheekard could do was a puny grounder to Schafer.

The winning runs came in the fourth. Tinker's hit bounced off Mullin's glove. He went to second on a sacrifice and stole third. O'Leary fumbled Stagle's grounder, Tinker scoring. Stagle stole second and came the rest of the way on Sheekard's two base hit past first base. After Chance had popped out, Sheekard was caught trying to steal third.

After that fast fielding prevented further scoring O'Leary cut off two hits by marvelous stops and throws in the fifth and repeated the feat in the sixth. Sheekard caught a low fly off his shoe tops in the seventh and the three Detroit runners who reached first base were cut down by King's fine throwing.

The teams will play here again tomorrow and then, unless a postponement or tie game intervenes, will move to Detroit for two games, returning here Sunday.

CHICAGO	AB.	R.	B.H.	P.O.	A.	E.
Stagle, cf.	3	1	1	3	0	0
Sheekard, if.	2	0	1	2	0	0
Chance, 1b.	3	0	1	6	0	0
Steinfeldt, 3b.	3	0	0	3	1	0
Kling, c.	4	1	1	5	4	0
Evers, 2b.	4	0	2	2	0	0
Schafer, rf.	4	0	1	1	1	0
Tinker, ss.	2	1	1	5	4	1
Pfeister, p.	2	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	28	3	8	27	10	1
DETROIT	AB.	R.	B.H.	P.O.	A.	E.
Jones, if.	4	0	2	1	0	0
Schafer, 2b.	4	0	1	3	3	0
Crawford, cf.	4	0	0	1	1	0
Cobb, rf.	3	0	1	0	0	0
Rossman, 1b.	4	1	1	1	1	0
Coughlin, 3b.	4	0	2	1	0	0
Payne, c.	4	0	1	5	1	1
O'Leary, ss.	2	0	1	0	6	1
Mullin, p.	3	0	0	1	2	0
Totals	32	1	10	24	15	2

The receipts for today's game, as announced by Secretary Bruce of the National Baseball Commission tonight were \$26,430. The players will receive \$14,272.20 and each club is enriched to the extent of \$4,760.40. The National commission gets the rest, 2,443.

Fire Early This Morning

Fire was discovered in the building at the northwest corner of Second and Market streets early this morning and an alarm from box 22 rushed the department to the scene. The building, which is owned by Mrs. E. Voliers, is occupied by the Elite market on the first floor and by Mr. G. W. Grimstead, as a residence, on the upper two floors. The fire was discovered in the doorway leading to the second story and was due to defective chimney or to some one dropping fire at that place. The damage will amount to about \$100.

Hotel Company Organized

(Special to The Messenger.)
Fayetteville, N. C., October 9.—The Hotel LaFayette Company was organized this afternoon. C. Gresham, Charlotte, president; C. J. Cooper, Fayetteville, secretary and treasurer; M. McL. Matthews, Fayetteville; C. Gresham, C. J. Cooper, directors. The hotel will be steam fitted throughout and probably enlarged.

Stylish and serviceable shoes for Girls and Little Misses are prominent features of our Fall stock. Mercer & Evans Co. Oct 5-6t