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## THREE IMPERIAL REPRESENTATIVES ARE IN KINSTON.

### THE MERRY WAR TO BE WAGED HERE.

#### Prospecting For a Stemming Plant Will Buy or Build.

Operations Here Will Be on a Scale Equal to Any Others—Will Have Local Representatives—There Will Be a Hot Rivalry Which Will Boost Prices and Kinston Will Be Benefited.

Three representatives, Mess. W. C. Reed, James McDonald and A. F. Thomas, of the Imperial Tobacco Co., the organization of foreign tobacco firms formed to contest with the American Tobacco Co. the buying of tobacco in America, arrived in Kinston this morning to make arrangements to buy tobacco on the Kinston market.

These three men have control of the Imperial Co.'s interest in America.

They are here today looking over the situation and will either erect a stemming plant or buy one of those already built.

They will also appoint a representative for this market. It is not yet known whether he will be one of the local buyers or a man from another market.

The Imperial representatives refuse to give out any of their plans until they are definitely decided upon. It is known beyond a doubt though that they will have a plant and representative on this market and with two such large corporations as the American Tobacco Co. and the Imperial Co. contesting for the weed, the farmer is expected to receive good profits on the crop next season.

While the farmers have such an encouraging outlook, it is not so with the representatives of firms that already have stemming plants erected on the local market or buyers who have heretofore been buying on orders, much of which have been from firms now composing the Imperial Co. In fact no one can figure with definite results what effect ultimately the Imperial organization will have on the tobacco industry. It is generally thought that the first result will be to raise the price and it is to be hoped that the pessimistic view taken by buyers who are not in the two corporations will not be realized.

## Local Baseball League.

Mr. M. W. Haynes, of Tarboro, was in town this morning, talking up a plan for a local strictly amateur baseball league to comprise Kinston, Goldsboro, Wilson, Tarboro, Greenville and Washington. Mr. Haynes is in town only a few hours, but several gentlemen talked encouragingly of the plan. Mr. Haynes says several of the towns have enclosed grounds and the others have good baseball fields which could be enclosed. He thinks \$250 would see each town through and that amount could easily be gotten back at the gate. It would be a short circuit and traveling expenses would be light. A strictly amateur league, the players being resident and this directly representative of the towns, will excite more interest and rivalry than a professional league. It will be a help to business too, and we hope that Kinston will show its sporting blood and enterprise by being the first and strongest in the field. If Mr. Haynes receives sufficient encouragement in the other towns a meeting will be called in about a week or ten days, at a central point, probably Goldsboro, to organize the Amateur League of Eastern North Carolina.

## BRIGHT OUTLOOK FOR THE KINSTON TOBACCO MARKET.

### EVIDENCE OF ACTIVITY EVERYWHERE

#### Building One of the Biggest Warehouses in the World.

Nearly All the Old Ones Being Enlarged and Improved—American Tobacco Company Doubling Capacity—Imperial to be Represented Here—Dealers Expect to Handle 1,500,000 Pounds.

Kinston tobacco market promises to be a hummer in every sense of the word next season.

The past season about 9,000,000 pounds of tobacco were sold on the local market. All the surrounding territory reports a considerable increase in acreage for the forthcoming season. Considering that the past season was a short crop, this increase in acreage with the probability of a good crop this year being realized, means quite a considerable increase in number of pounds, some predicting as much as 50 per cent, although the majority think it will be less. It is thought though that the Kinston market will sell at least 15,000,000 pounds next season.

Preparations are being made to handle this anticipated large increase. There will be one new warehouse, erected by Mess. Knott Bros. The dimensions and description of this have been previously published. There are only a few warehouses in the world as large as this. The building is nearing completion and will make the sixth warehouse on the local market. All the other buildings are



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ATTORNEY GENERAL KNOX AND SOLICITOR GENERAL RICHARDS.

There is great interest in Attorney General Knox's petition to dissolve the merger of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific railway companies. Solicitor General John K. Richards appears for the government. Representing the Securities company are former United States Attorney General John W. Griggs and others.

In fact, there is not probably six warehouses in any place that will foot up as much floor space as do these buildings. So it will be seen there is sufficient floor space to handle any amount of tobacco that will in all probability be brought to Kinston.

A number of additions will be made to the stemming plants. The American Tobacco Co. will increase their capacity to double. Orders have already been placed for brick and other building material and work will be commenced on an annex to the present building of this company and the building of a new storage warehouse. The storage warehouse will be erected near the Hoge Irvine Co. plant. Heretofore the company has been shipping their tobacco away as fast as ordered. The storage warehouse is built to store the tobacco in the place it is bought until needed.

The Hoge Irvine Co. will also build a storage warehouse. Several of the stemmers contemplate making additions, so it will be seen that there will be sufficient facilities for handling the weed in almost any quantity.

As to the price. That presents a rosy prospect also. It is a well known fact that no market in the State has a stronger corps of buyers than has been on the local market this past several years. Practically all these will be here next season with other additions, among which will be a buyer for the Imperial Tobacco Co. An account of this company has been published, but briefly it is an organization formed by foreign firms to contest for the weed with the American Tobacco Co. This is expected to make the price higher, certainly as long as the two big corporations fight each other. Some fear has been expressed that they will combine after fighting a short while and hurt the tobacco industry. Most of the people who make a living out of the tobacco business, however, figure that these manufacturing firms must have the tobacco, even if they combine, and that they must pay the farmers a sufficient profit to induce him to raise it, and that furthermore they cannot do away with warehouse because it would be impracticable to buy a commodity such as tobacco direct from the farmers and that the present plan is the best and cannot and will not be upset.

A meeting of the tobacco board of trade will be called in a few days to consider the question of running double sales next season. This is generally considered necessary and no doubt will be done.

Everything considered, there is a rosy prospect for the Kinston tobacco market next season.

## TIMELY TOPICS TERSELY TREATED.

Short Local Stories, Editorial Notes.

Considerably more money is being spent on THE FREE PRESS now than heretofore, and still more money is to be spent to make the paper superior to anything in the State outside the big papers in the big towns. The proprietor is encouraged in his efforts in this line by the prompt approval and appreciation of what has been done, as substantially shown by an increase of subscriptions and advertising without any effort outside being yet made. Many obstacles have been encountered in carrying out plans, the chief one being sickness among members of the force, but arrangements are being made to augment the force with several first-class printers, and when this is accomplished we expect things will run more smoothly. Then we shall begin a systematic canvass for business and we are confident our success will warrant us in going on with our improvement. Meanwhile, as a beginning we have organized a canvassing tourney for the faithful and ambitious carrier boys of THE FREE PRESS. Each boy will visit every house on his route where he does not now regularly leave a paper and solicit a weekly subscription. The boys will be paid for every subscription obtained, but in order to incite them to greater effort a very pretty watch, an accurate time-keeper, is offered as a first prize, and a beautiful pearl-handled knife as a second prize for the largest number of subscribers before the 1st of May. These prizes are attractively displayed in Denmark's show window and the people are requested to look at them, and if they have a young friend among the carriers to help and encourage him by recommending their neighbors to give him a subscription. No intelligent and progressive citizen can afford to be without THE FREE PRESS, the excellence of which has already given the town a reputation and standing second to none in the State. The improved FREE PRESS means better advertising for the town, for a town and its newspapers are closely identified, and we desire and expect the co-operation of townspeople in our efforts to make THE FREE PRESS the best small town paper in all Southdom.

## The Bargain Counter.

SPRING HAS COME. We mean, of course, our line of Bed Springs. You should inspect them. You will find them all bargains. We have a complete stock of Furniture and can supply any of your needs in that line. Give us a trial.

QUINN & MILLER. KINSTON CYCLE CO. WE LIKE TO EAT. So does every healthy person, especially when they have something nice. If you buy your groceries from us you will have it and it won't cost you more than \$3.00—some good as new, and we have a few back model new Bicycles that list at \$25 for \$15 as long as they last. Come and see them.

YOU DON'T MEAN IT! I certainly do, and it is good for either Bread or Pastry. How can he do it? He simply bought one car load at the right time and the right price, and it is right Flour—\$4.50 per barrel while it lasts—at W. M. CARROLL'S, Staple and Fancy Grocer. North Street.

IF YOU ARE once a customer of ours you will always be. We keep a full stock of Staple and Fancy Groceries and can fill any of your housekeeping wants in that line. Give us a trial. We'll treat you right. J. H. ALEXANDER, General Store. North Street.

BARGAINS IN PRINTING. We have some more of those Letter Heads, Note Heads, Bill Heads and Statements in fine quality colored bond papers, pink and blue. They are good values for price charged. If in need of some stationary examine these goods before making your selection. Letter Heads 500 for \$1.75, 1,000 for \$3.00, Note Heads 500 for \$1.35, 1,000 for \$2.35. The Old Hampshire Bond pink Note Heads 500 for \$1.65, 1,000 for \$2.95. Fine blue or pink Bill Heads, 7x24 inches, 500 for \$1.40, 1,000 for \$2.40. Statements, elegant quality bond papers in blue, pink, lemon or salmon, 500 for \$1.50, 1,000 for \$2.50.

ARE YOU ONE who is going to build or anticipate building? If so we wish to let it be known that we can furnish on receipt of order Framing and Box Boards, cut from Long Leaf Pines, also all kinds of Dressed Lumber. Come and examine our stock and get our prices before purchasing. Thanking our customers for past patronage and hoping to renew same, we remain, Yours truly, THE GAY LUMBER CO. Prompt Delivery.

## GOOD NEWS FOR THE LADIES!

Our spring line of QUEEN QUALITY OXFORDS, in all of the newest styles, just received, and we would be glad to have you come in and see them.

—GIVEN AWAY! We are giving with every pair of Shoes or Oxfords we sell a beautiful large size picture of the QUEEN LOUISE OF PRUSSIA, painted by the great artist, Leo Moren.

S. H. LOFTIN, KINSTON, N. C.

## INDUSTRIAL ITEMS.

Another cotton mill, to cost over \$500,000 is to be erected at Spartansburg, S. C.

Fall River manufacturers have voted to increase wages in all Fall River mills ten per cent.

It is estimated that over 4,000 buildings will be erected this year at Birmingham, Ala., at an aggregate cost of \$4,000,000.

The textile council has sent to the mill agents of Lowell, Mass., a demand for a 10 per cent. increase in wages, to take effect on April 1.

Notice has been posted in the Sibley mills, Augusta, Ga., that 10 cents per day will be added to the wages of the employees in the dye-house and other departments.

Glasgow has decided to seek parliamentary powers to borrow \$3,750,000 to build houses for the poor. This sum will build 400 tenements of three stories, accommodating 3,600 families.

Molting machines have been placed in the working rooms of the great cotton mill at Lawrence, Mass. The air is noticeably purer and the work is made easier for the employees.

Labor Commissioner Hatchford, of Ohio, says that the average weekly earnings of the women wage workers in the large cities of the state is \$4.85, and their living expenses \$5.23 per week.

A good authority says that 70 per cent. of the employees of the shops controlled by the cigar trust are women and children, who work for very low wages.

The present industrial activity in Mexico is hardly less noted than that of the southern United States, and among the principal enterprises are the cotton mills, which have been very successful, considering the difficulties to be overcome.

Leeds, England, has four lady blacksmiths, the daughters of a blacksmith who has taught them the trade. Four other daughters left the business on their marriage. The girls work five hours a day, during which time they make several gross of hooks.

The Trenton, N. J., Coachmen's Union has decided not to drive at Sunday funerals. In this meeting they have the support of all the undertakers but one and his driver will be expelled from the union. The agitation against Sunday funerals has been going on for some time and has the indorsement of the clergy.

Quite Proper. "I'm thinking of sending my little girl to the conservatory," said the woman next door. "All those times you hear her playing she picked up by ear?" "Then she ought to be," replied Mrs. Kostique. "Ought to be sent, you mean?" "No; picked up by the ear."—Exchange.

La Grippe Quickly Cured. "In the winter of 1898 and 1899 I was taken down with a severe attack of what is called La Grippe," says F. L. Hewett, a prominent druggist of Winfield, Ill. "The only medicine I used was two bottles of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It broke up the cold and stopped the coughing like magic, and I have never since been troubled with Grippe." Chamberlain's Cough Remedy can always be depended upon to break up a severe cold and ward off any threatened attack of pneumonia. It is pleasant to take, too, which makes it the most desirable and one of the most popular preparations in use for these ailments. For sale by J. E. Hood.

Educate Your Bowels. Your bowels can be trained as well as your muscles or your brain. Cascated Candy Cathartic train your bowels to do right. Genuine tablets stamped C. C. C. Never sold in bulk. All druggists, roc.

Kitchener Takes a Trick. London, March 27.—The results of a combined movement of British columns against Gen. Delarey have enabled Lord Kitchener to announce the capture of about a hundred prisoners, three 15-pounders, two pomps and quantities of stock, wagons, etc. Gen. Delarey appears to have successfully evaded Lord Kitchener's cordon at the offset.

Cecil Rhodes Dead. Cape Town, March 27.—Cecil Rhodes died peacefully at 5:57 p. m. yesterday. He slept during the morning and again in the afternoon, but his breathing became more difficult and his strength perceptibly diminished until he passed away.

Quick Work. "That editor is terribly slow at reading manuscript." "Think so? Why, I know the time he went through twelve stories in less than a minute."

"Gracious! When was that?" "When the elevator broke."—Philadelphia Press.

Her Explanation. "Do you mean to say such a physical wreck as he is gave you that black eye?" asked the magistrate.

"Sure, your honor, he wasn't a physical wreck till after he gave me the black eye," replied the complaining wife.—Exchange.

If the Chinese rebels keep on in their present course, General von Waldersee may have to go back to China with his asbestos house.

The gentleman who predicted a mild and short winter has the good sense to refrain from an explanation.

The war correspondents in Venezuela seem to have been taking a few days' rest.

How to Cure the Grip. Remain quietly at home and take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as directed and a quick recovery is sure to follow. This remedy counteracts any tendency of the grip to result in pneumonia, which is really the only serious danger. Among the tens of thousands who have used it for the grip, not one case has ever been noted that did not recover. For sale by J. E. Hood.

Have you begun reading "Under Two Flags"? Don't miss an installment.

Now for organized baseball. The fans have a chance. Are you in?

Well, are we ever going to have a let up on this frigidity?

Local politics are becoming more interesting every day.

Danger of Colds and La Grippe. The greatest danger from colds and la grippe is their resulting in pneumonia. If reasonable care is used, however, all danger will be avoided. Among the tens of thousands who have used this remedy for these diseases, we have yet to learn of a single case having resulted in pneumonia, which shows conclusively that it is a certain preventive of that dangerous malady. It will cure a cold or an attack of la grippe in less time than any other treatment. It is pleasant and easy to take. For sale by J. E. Hood.