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NORTH STATE HAPPENINGS

Occurrences of Interest Gleaned From All Sections of the Busy Tar Heel State

Thirty Years for Jap.

Newton, Special.—Henry Yamokuchi, the Japanese showman who killed his fellow showman and countryman in Newton October 11th, was found guilty in Catawba Superior Court of murder in the second degree, and was sentenced by Judge Murphy to thirty years in the penitentiary at hard labor. Sympathy was very strong for the accused man throughout the trial on account of the general belief that the quarrel which brought on the homicide was over the cruel treatment of the two little Japanese girls by Kikuchi, the man who was killed. The bearing of the little Jap on the witness stand also helped him. He did not plead self-defense or endeavor to explain how he came to shoot the man in the back, only claiming that he was so much excited that he could not remember how the killing occurred. He was ably defended by W. C. Feimster, of Newton, and W. A. Self, of Hickory.

Lonnie Rader, who killed Miss Ballinger in the Startown Baptist church in September, was declared insane by a jury and sentenced to the department of criminal insane in the State penitentiary.

The Governor's Thanksgiving Proclamation.

Raleigh, Special.—Governor Glenn's Thanksgiving proclamation was issued last week as follows: "We have much to be thankful for, no pestilences or famine or other dire evil, save rains and floods in certain districts, have visited our people; but with this one exception our crops have been abundant, bringing fair prices; and in spite of a panic producing distress in other States North Carolina to a great extent has been entirely free from want, employment paying profitable wages. Not a single instance of mob violence has occurred during the year, but all have acquiesced in and obeyed the law. Tremendous progress has been made along all lines of industry and thrift. The State is out of debt and prosperous and aggressive in business activity. Educationally we have made greater advancement than ever before and are spending in the education of our youth as large a per cent., according to the value of our property as any State in the Union."

A Good Showing.

Raleigh, Special.—B. C. Beckwith, of the State board of internal improvements, the duty of which is to inspect and report upon the various State-aided institutions, railways, etc., said that everything is progressing without trouble at these and that there are no complaints as to management. Most have been inspected and all will be by the end of the year. The number of pupils at the State school for the white blind and the school for colored blind and deaf mutes reached 50, 25 more than ever before. Next Thursday the contract will be let for the 5,000 library building at the school for the white blind. It will face to the south and will be between the main building and the auditorium.

Handsome Building for Fayetteville.

Fayetteville, Special.—At a meeting of the executive committee of the Southern Life Insurance Company here last week, it was decided to immediately erect a handsome building for home offices of the company at the corner of Hay and Burgess streets. The building will cost \$30,000, and will stand directly opposite the Federal building to be erected soon.

North State Notes.

Charters are granted the Burroughs Company, capital \$125,000, the North State Realty Company, \$150,000, and the Burroughs Inter-urban Company, \$500,000. All these companies are intended to develop the three towns of Burlington, Graham, and Haw River. The purpose is to connect these by an electric railway, furnish power and heat and to develop real estate at all the points.

R. W. Bishop, patent attorney,

Washington, D. C., reports the issue of the following patents on the 19th instant to residents of North Carolina: J. T. Denby, Cromartie, safe; L. N. Davis, Charlotte; cultivator, Al J. Compton, Cedar Grove. The Governor offers two rewards, each of \$50, for murders at Durham which there have been four homicides in the past three months, one being for Charles Merritt, who killed his wife with a razor, and the other for Susanah Hinton, alias Ray, who killed Rosa Harris, colored.

W. K. C. Conference at Asheville.

Asheville, Special.—The Methodist conference at Asheville have completed arrangements for the entertainment of the annual session of the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference. It is expected that there will be between 400 and 500 ministers and lay delegates, and convention visitors present and homes for all this number.

Four Convicts Pardoned.

Raleigh, Special.—Governor Glenn pardons conditionally four convicts as follows: Edward Horton, larceny, Durham county, nine years, the Governor not believing him guilty and having no confidence in the prosecutor; John Atkins, larceny, Stanley, one year, on account of his age and good behavior in prison; William Davis, Beaufort, larceny, one year, he having been seriously and permanently injured on the chingang; William Wilcox, secret assault, Mitchell, four years, because if guilty he had great provocation, the prosecutor having wronged him fearfully, causing him and his wife to separate. The Governor refuses pardon in six cases: William Lay, larceny, Catawba; J. C. Black, Jr., forgery, Columbus; Charles Horey, larceny, Duplin; Ernest Murray, assault, Buncombe; William Zeigler, gambling, Mecklenburg.

Thanksgiving Day Orphans' Day

The good people of North Carolina have chosen Thanksgiving Day as a time for special offerings to the orphans' home of our State. We have abundant cause for gratitude to God. Can we in a better way express our thanks to Him than by heartily joining in to care for and train aright homeless, orphan children?

When, impelled by a spirit of gratitude, we do for those little ones, does the great Father of the fatherless not accept it as done for Him?

At present the demands upon and needs of the orphans' homes of North Carolina are unusually large. The Thanksgiving offering will be a great factor in enabling these institutions to continue their beneficent work. The cause appeals to our sympathies, to our reason, to our sense of justice.

We hope even a larger number of our people will unite this time in the interest of this work and that the gifts will be, in all respects, greater than any of the offerings of former years. We believe the interest of our people in this cause is deepening and we look for even more liberal support to our orphanages.

Apology Met With Bullets.

Asheville, Special.—James Moody, son of ex-Congressman Moody, shot and probably fatally wounded Dave B. Vaughn, a traveling salesman, at Waynesville early Thursday evening. The affair occurred on the main street just at dusk. The difficulty leading up to the shooting is not definitely known, but it is stated by eye-witnesses that Vaughn stopped Moody on the street for the purpose of apologizing for an alleged insult that Moody called Vaughn a d-d rascal and immediately shot him, and then made his escape before he could be apprehended. The bullet penetrated the abdomen. Bystanders picked up the wounded man and medical aid was given him. Later several physicians were called to the wounded man from Asheville.

Big Snow in Haywood.

Waynesville, Special.—Sunday morning Waynesville and Haywood county are in the grip of another seemingly premature snowstorm. It commenced Saturday about noon and continued until about 10 o'clock p. m. when it turned into a rain. For two hours the rain came down, when it turned into a regular northeast snowstorm which raged the remainder of the night. Sunday morning it was snowing heavily with about three inches upon the ground on a level and some ten inches in the mountains.

Big Fire at Henderson.

Henderson, Special.—The second largest fire in the history of this town for thirty years occurred Sunday morning at 4:30 o'clock, when the Parham Bros.' four-story brick building bagging factory was totally destroyed, with its adjoining buildings on Wynder avenue. By strenuous efforts the residence on the opposite side of the street was saved.

Receiver for Daily News.

Greensboro, Special.—In the United States Court Judge James E. Boyd named W. L. Underwood as receiver of The Daily Industrial News, the appointment being made on the petition of certain creditors presented to the court by G. S. Bradshaw as attorney. The receiver is ordered by the court to continue the publication of the paper, and be "directed to employ any and all necessary help in the advancement of his trusts." The subpoena on the bankrupt corporation is made returnable next Saturday.

Morris Hase a Suicide.

San Francisco, Special.—Morris Hase, who shot Francis J. Heagy committed suicide at the county jail by shooting himself through the head. One report says that the pistol with which Hase shot himself was concealed in his shoe where he hid it before shooting Heagy. Another report says that Hase was shot by Heagy.

THE CUBAN ELECTION

Gomez, Liberal Candidate, Elected President By Large Majority.

Havana, By Cable.—At the close of an election which was conducted with great enthusiasm and complete absence of disorder, it appears practically certain that General Jose Miguel Gomez and Alfredo Zayas have been chosen President and Vice President respectively of the new Cuban republic, with strong liberal majorities in the Senate and House. Throughout the island, according to the reports, an extraordinary heavy vote was cast, vastly in excess of that cast in the August election where 182,000 failed to vote in a total registration of 450,000. This was especially so in Havana City, where the vote probably will reach 56 per cent of the registration against 49 per cent in August. The heavy vote was due, not only to the prevalence of fine weather, but the strenuous efforts made to bring out the silent vote. The slow incoming of the returns is attributed partly to the heavy vote and partly to scratched ballots on Representatives. Incomplete official returns from the precinct of Havana indicated that the city was overwhelmingly liberal. Few returns have been received from the provinces but estimates give the island to General Gomez by from 25,000 to 30,000. The Conservative leaders generally admit the defeat of their party.

Negro Kills Eight.

Okmulgee, Okla., Special.—Eight persons were killed and ten others were wounded Sunday in a fight between James Deckard, a negro desperado and officers.

The Dead.

Edgar Robinson, sheriff of Okmulgee county.

Two negroes named Chapman, brothers.

Three unidentified negroes. The wounded: Steve Grayson, Indian boy, probably fatally wounded; Victor Farr, chief of Sioux, shot through shoulder; Deputy Sheriff, arm broken. Seven others, slightly wounded.

President-Elect Taft Invited to Spartanburg Banquet.

Spartanburg, S. C., Special.—President-elect Taft has been invited by the chamber of commerce to be the guest of Spartanburg upon the occasion of a banquet to be given November 20th, celebrating the building of the Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio Railroad to this city. A committee of citizens from the chamber of commerce, the city council and the board of trade will go to Hot Springs and extend the invitations. The banquet will be attended by the Governors of five States and the presidents of half a dozen railroad systems.

Taft Renders Tribute.

New York, Special.—While cannon boomed, awakening patriotic memories of those sailor and soldier heroes who died in British prison ships in the revolutionary war, the city of Spartanburg on the occasion of a banquet to be given November 20th, celebrating the building of the Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio Railroad to this city. A committee of citizens from the chamber of commerce, the city council and the board of trade will go to Hot Springs and extend the invitations. The banquet will be attended by the Governors of five States and the presidents of half a dozen railroad systems.

Pushing Work on C. C. and O. Road.

Spartanburg, Special.—The contractors are pushing the work on the C. C. and O. Road. They are receiving steam shovels and all sorts of road machinery and the noise of the blasting is like the cannonading around Charleston in 1864, only it is not so constant and dangerous.

Passenger Trains Collide.

Jacksonville, Special.—Passenger trains Nos. 39 and 10, of the Atlantic Coast Line, came together in a head-on collision near Camden, a small station about ten miles from this city Saturday morning, killing James A. King, of Sanford, Fla., and Alexander A. Bell, of Palatka, both negro mail clerks, and slightly injuring several others. A relief train was sent out from here and the dead and injured brought to Jacksonville. The trains, it is said, had orders to meet at Camden, but No. 39 ran by with the fatal results.

Industrial Education to Be Promoted.

Atlanta, Ga., Special.—The second annual convention of the national society for the promotion of industrial education, the membership of which includes some of the most distinguished educators in the country, will be held in Atlanta Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week. Ex-

CHINA IS AFFLICTED

Emperor and Empress Die On Same Day

THE PEOPLE TAKE IT QUIETLY

Shortly After 5 O'Clock, Saturday, the Emperor Breathed His Last—Prince Chun, His Brother, Now Regent, May Be Accepted as Successor.

Peking, China, By Cable.—The Emperor of China died shortly after 5 o'clock Saturday evening. As early as 3 o'clock in the afternoon, it was reported that the Emperor was so low that his death was regarded as imminent. The Foreign Board of the government has confirmed the report circulated Friday that the Dowager Empress is also mortally ill.

The Emperor had been ill for a long time and during recent audiences with foreign representatives he was unable either to sit up on the throne or even in an erect position. It was evident for a long time that he would be unable to withstand a crisis which sooner or later must develop in the disease from which he was suffering. Recent climatic extremes caused the development of fatal complications that resulted in his death.

At the moment of death the Emperor, the Dowager Empress' own death chamber chair was waiting in the courtyard. She, too, had been in a serious condition, and word that was brought her earlier in the day that the Emperor was dying, caused her to collapse. This has prevented her from assuming the relationship of grand-mother to the successor to the throne, which, according to the Chinese system would enormously augment her authority.

There is little indication of emotion among the people over the events which have been transpiring. The Emperor's death and the probable death of the Dowager Empress within a very short time have had but little effect upon the Chinese, who are pursuing the even tenor of their way without signs of mourning.

Kuang-Hsu's later life was a pitiable spectacle to his attendants. His feebleness had rendered him a mere puppet and he had suffered long from ill health, which was combined with fear and despair. Latterly he showed marked signs of mental disturbances, and even went so far last August as to declare himself mad.

The foregoing dispatch from Peking sets at rest the conflicting rumors of the past two days that have originated in Peking and been published around the world. The Emperor of China is dead. The report from London of his improvement probably referred to a temporary condition only. The Peking message is the first unqualified statement to come from the Chinese capital and it specifically gives the time of the passing away of His Majesty.

The regent is Prince Chun, the Emperor's brother, and if he is accepted by the government before the Dowager Empress dies, the likelihood of any revolutionary outbreak in China will be materially reduced.

Dowager Empress Dead.

Peking, By Cable.—Tse Hsi, An, the Dowager Empress of China, the autocratic head of the government, which she directed without successful interference since 1861 and without protest since 1881, died at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

The announcement of the Dowager Empress' death was official and followed closely upon the announcement that Kuang-Hsu, the Emperor, had died Saturday at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, but it is believed that the death of both the Emperor and the Dowager Empress occurred a considerable time before that set down in the official statements.

An edict issued at 3 o'clock Sunday morning placed upon the throne Prince Pu-Yi, the 3-year-old son of Prince Chun, the Regent of the Empire, in accordance with a promise given by the Dowager Empress soon after the marriage of Prince Chun in 1903. An edict issued on Friday made Pu-Yi heir presumptive.

Prominent Confederate Veteran Dead

Washington, Special.—Albert G. Holland, a member of the first company organized in Washington to fight for the Confederacy, died suddenly in this city Sunday. Mr. Holland took part in the first battle of Manassas, fought valiantly until captured and sent to Camp Chase, where he was released at the close of the war. He was a member of the firm of Copeland & Co. and it was said manufactured flags for the Federal government while it was his aim to destroy them during the war.

Historical Case of Postmaster.

Norfolk, Va., Special.—The jury in the case of James T. Reed, former assistant postmaster at Newport News, Va., charged with the embezzlement of \$9,502 in money orders, announced the hopeless dis- agreement and was discharged. The jury stood out for conviction and Reed's counsel had asked for a mistrial.

FUNERAL OF MR. CARMACK

Deep Gloom Pervades His Native City—Business Entirely Suspended and Public Buildings Draped. While the Distinguished Son is Laid Among His Fathers.

THE PEOPLE TAKE IT QUIETLY

Business was entirely suspended and the people of this city and county, together with large delegations from many other Tennessee counties turned out in force to do honor to the memory of the late Senator Carmack. Public buildings were draped out of respect to his memory and a deep gloom pervades this entire community.

The funeral was held at 11 o'clock in the Methodist church. The services were very simple, but impressive, and the scenes at the church and at the grave where the distinguished statesman was laid to rest were such as will never be forgotten by the assemblage present.

The funeral services at the church were in charge of Rev. W. T. Boah, pastor of the First Christian church here, the church of which Senator Carmack was a member. Rev. Lin Cave, of Nashville, delivered the address at the church. At the grave the burial was conducted with Masonic honors, the deceased being an honored member of the Masonic order. These Masonic exercises were presided over by Major John Williamson, of this city, past grand master.

Floral offerings were sent from all parts of the State. The offering from the citizens of Columbia and Maury county was a magnificent pall, which covered the entire casket.

When the funeral train reached the church shortly after 11 o'clock, there was a deathlike hush over the great congregation. For a full hour before the time for the funeral great crowds of sorrowing friends began to gather at the church and the auditorium was packed to overflowing by 10:30 o'clock, while hundreds were turned away, being unable to gain admission.

Within the chancel was a large likeness of Senator Carmack draped in black.

There were prominent men present, representing all sections of Tennessee leading supporters and personal friends of the dead Senator.

Held on Murder Charge.

Nashville, Tenn., Special.—A State warrant charging him with the murder of former United States Senator Edward W. Carmack was served on Robin Cooper at a hospital. Cooper is now in charge of three deputy sheriffs. He will be removed to the county jail as soon as his condition permits. It developed, according to the physician who is attending young Cooper, that two shots were fired at the young man, one penetrating his shoulder, the other going through his coat sleeve.

The excitement in this city over the terrible tragedy Monday afternoon in which Edward W. Carmack, former United States Senator from Tennessee, this city, was shot and killed by Robin Cooper, a young attorney of Nashville, and son of Colonel B. Cooper, a close personal and political friend of Governor Malcolm R. Patterson, has to a certain extent abated, yet the tragedy is still the sole topic of conversation in political circles, both in this city and throughout the State.

Colonel Cooper, who was with his son when the latter shot Mr. Carmack, has been remanded to jail without bond, charged with murder. Young Cooper remains under guard at a local hospital where his wounded arm is being treated. His preliminary trial on the charge of murder will be held as soon as he is able to leave the hospital. Both the Coopers and Senator Carmack have many friends here and throughout the State. Cooper's statement is that the affair was merely a street duel in which both sides met and both began firing.

The friends of the Coopers claim they had tried to avoid a meeting with Carmack, it is said, and they were on their way to the State capital in response to a telephone message from Governor Patterson when the tragedy occurred; that Senator Carmack had been warned and was expecting trouble.

Friends of Senator Carmack strenuously claim that the killing was the result of a conspiracy, pure and simple; that when Senator Carmack left the Tennessee office for his boarding house the fact was telephoned from a house near The Tennessee office and the Coopers were notified that the Senator was on his way and to be on the alert.

It now develops, according to friends of Mr. Carmack, that there was a third party with the Coopers just before the shooting, a former county official who is a close personal friend of both the Coopers and Patterson. Friends of the dead Senator intimate that there will be sensational developments within the next day or so regarding the affair.

GREAT YIELD OF CORN

A Total Production of 2,642,687,000 Bushels Indicated in the Preliminary Estimate of the Department of Agriculture.

Washing, Special.—An average

yield of 26.2 bushels of corn per acre and an indicated total production of 2,642,687,000 bushels of corn are preliminary estimates announced in the report of the Department of Agriculture, summarizing corn and five other crops. The yield of corn per acre in 1907 was 25.9, as finally estimated and averaged 25.6 for ten years while the production is compared with 2,592,320,000 bushels finally estimated in 1907. Quality of corn is 86.9 per cent, compared with 82.8 in 1907, and 84.3 ten-year average. About 2.7 per cent, or 71,124,000 bushels, is estimated to have been in the farmers' hands on November 1st, against 4.5 per cent, or 130,995,000 bushels a year ago, and a ten-year average of 4.5 per cent.

The preliminary figures for important States, giving in bushels the yield per acre and total production, respectively, include:

Missouri 27 and 203,634,000, Texas 25.7 and 201,848,000; Kentucky 25.2 and 84,823,000; Tennessee 24.8 and 74,747,000; Georgia 12.6 and 56,438,000; Alabama 14.7 and 44,835,000; Virginia 26 and 48,828,000; North Carolina 18 and 50,166,000; Arkansas 20.2 and 52,540,000.

The preliminary estimates of potatoes, tobacco and rice growing average yields per acre and comparisons with final estimates for 1907 and for periods of years as follows:

Potatoes—yield 85.9 bushels against 95.4 in 1907 and ten-year average 88.6. Production 274,660,000 bushels against 294,929,000 in 1907. Quality 87.6 per cent, against 83.3 last year, and ten-year average of 87.6.

Tobacco—yield 825.2 pounds against 850.5 pounds in 1907 and ten-year average 797.6. Production 629,634,000 pounds against 698,126,000 in 1907. Quality 87.9 per cent as against 90 a year ago and a ten-year average of 85.8.

Rye—yield 34.7 bushels against 29.9 in 1907 and a ten-year average of 30.6. Production 22,718,000 bushels in 1907 and a ten-year average of 30.6. Production 22,718,000 bushels against 18,738,000 in 1907.

Cotton Ginned to November 1.

Washington, Special.—There were 26,295 active ginneries and 8,199,752 bales of cotton ginned from the growth of 1908 to November 1st. These figures, announced by the Census Bureau are against 26,069 ginneries and 6,125,562 bales at the corresponding date in 1907; 27,370 ginneries and 6,906,395 bales in 1906; and 27,802 ginneries and 6,457,595 bales in 1905. The report counts round bales as half bales and includes 149,340 round bales for 1908; 125,785 for 1907, and 169,741 for 1906, and 183,870 for 1905. The number of Sea Island bales included for 1908 is 45,495; for 1907, 33,331; for 1906, 21,706 and for 1905, 49,161. The corrected figures of the quantity of cotton ginned this season to October 18th are 6,296,166 bales.

The number of bales and active ginneries respectively by States on November 1st, 1908, follows:

| State | Bales | Ginneries |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|
| Alabama | 894,123 | 3,363 |
| Arkansas | 43,065 | 241 |
| Florida | 43,065 | 241 |
| Georgia | 1,385,816 | 4,321 |
| Kentucky | 954 | 4 |
| Louisiana | 290,099 | 1,559 |
| Mississippi | 893,540 | 3,309 |
| Missouri | 30,409 | 69 |
| New Mexico | 954 | 4 |
| North Carolina | 373,188 | 2,606 |
| Oklahoma | 219,860 | 941 |
| South Carolina | 822,369 | 3,133 |
| Tennessee | 199,621 | 605 |
| Texas | 2,504,836 | 4,046 |
| Virginia | 4,607 | 82 |

Great Playwright Sardon Dead.

Paris, By Cable.—France's greatest playwright and one of the greatest of the world has ever known is the general verdict heard regarding M. Victor Sardou, who lies dead at his Paris apartments. Sarou died Sunday of congestion of the lungs. He was 77 years old. For fifty-eight years Sarou wrote plays for the French stage.

Wants Tariff on Jute Bagging Reduced.

New Orleans, La., Special.—The New Orleans exchange passed resolutions calling upon Congress to reduce the present tariff on jute bagging used for baling cotton. "This tax is a direct burden on the cotton raising industry of the South for the benefit of a few manufacturers who are enabled to thrive at the expense of the most important class of agriculturalists in this country," declares the resolution.

The Case of H. Clay Pierce.

Austin, Tex., Special.—Arrangements have been made for the trial of H. Clay Pierce, head of the Waters-Pierce Oil Company, a Standard auxiliary, who was indicted in this county on the charge of false swearing. The case will be called before Judge Calhoun of the 17th district.

Tug Sinks in Family Boat.

Norfolk, Va., Special.—News has reached the city of the sinking of the tug Hampton in Pamlico Sound, N. C., during the prevalence of a severe northwest gale, and of the loss of Captain W. J. Ravley, commander. The crew escaped. The tug was carrying a cargo of lumber.

A 10-CENT MINIMUM

Set By Convention of Southern Cotton Growers

"NIGHT RIDING" IS CONDEMNED

Governor Patterson, of Tennessee, Welcomes Delegates to Memphis Officers of Conference Chosen.

Memphis, Tenn., Special.—The Southern Cotton Conference was called here last week. Gov. M. R. Patterson welcomed the delegates. The responses were made by Charles S. Gay, of Montgomery, and Harvie Jordan, of Atlanta, president of the Southern Cotton Growers' Association. Governor Noel, of Mississippi, also spoke. Harvie Jordan was made permanent chairman, and George Hoppe, of Memphis, and W. H. Gilbert, of Chiclet, Ark., were chosen secretaries.

An address by Bishop Thomas F. Gainer, of the Episcopal Diocese of Tennessee, on "The Keynote of the Conference" concluded the formal addresses of the opening session.

Mr. Jordan, in his remarks as chairman, said it was fitting that the conference should be assembled in this, the largest interior cotton market in the world.

"We have assembled," he continued, "to safeguard and protect the great staple crop of the South from the artificial and depressing influences of federated interests which operate to the detriment of every business interest in this section of America. We face a serious condition, and whether we will rise equal to the emergency and protect our interests as men of brain and business sagacity, or indifferently accept the situation and parade before the world our voluntary weakness, is the issue which presents itself to this convention."

Mr. Jordan said raw cotton is the only great staple commodity in the world today which is selling below the cost of production, notwithstanding the fact that it represents one of the world's greatest necessities.

"That this great staple should ever sell at a price to the cotton growers of less than 10 cents a pound," Mr. Jordan continued, "is a reflection upon the manhood and intelligence of the Southern people. If the cotton growers, bankers, merchants and allied business interests of the South will determine that the price of spot cotton must and shall go back to 10 cents before November passes, that price will be protected the financial future of the South will be saved, and not a spindle in the world will be injured."

Mr. Jordan strongly condemned "night riding" and urged that the convention give its attention to the boll weevil menace. He also recommended the formation of a chain of warehouses wherefrom receipts could be issued which would be acceptable as collateral for short-time loans by the leading financial institutions in this country and in Europe.

Ten Cents as a Minimum.

Memphis, Tenn., Special.—Denunciation of "night-riding" and a firm defense of the "night-riders" were the convention of the Southern Cotton Growers' and Ginners' Association into disorder and nearly terminated the session before the program had fairly begun. While excited delegates hurled charges and counter charges, T. U. Sisson, of Mississippi, moved that the convention adjourn sine die.

President Jordan finally brought a semblance of quiet and made a plea for order.

The general committee on resolutions presented their report, which was unanimously adopted, recommending that so far as possible in each individual case, none of the crop of 1908, still in the ownership of the producer, be sold below 10 cents per pound for short staple cotton, and urging growers to hold the crop as to prevent selling in excess of one-tenth per month of the remaining crop of 1908. The cotton growers are urged to apply to the local banks for loans secured by warehouse receipts representing cotton to be held for the purpose of being marketed only when demanded for actual consumption.

Over 300 Men Entombed.

Hamm, Westphalia, Germany, By Cable.—The greatest mine disaster in many years in Germany occurred Thursday morning in the Radolf mine, about three miles from this place. There was a heavy explosion in the mine about 4 o'clock and almost immediately the mine took fire. There were 380 miners working on the ground at the time and only 80 escaped without injury. Thirty-two were taken out slightly injured and 37 were dead when brought to the mouth of the pit. The remaining 263 have been given up for lost.

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