

ROCK HILL TEXTILE WORKERS VICTORIOUS

Textile Workers of South Carolina Town Reach Agreement With Mill Management.

Rock Hill, S. C., Sept. 30.—The strike at the Arcade and Aragon mills, which has been in progress several weeks, has been brought to an end, and an agreement entered into by the management of the mills and the striking operatives.

H. E. Thompson, of the State Board of Conciliation, and J. L. Davis, of Columbia, secretary-treasurer of the South Carolina Federation of Labor, who spent several days here, using their efforts to bring about a reconciliation of differences, have returned home, their labors here successfully concluded. They held numerous conferences with both strikers and management in their work of bringing the two factions together.

Under the terms of the agreement a local union of the textile workers will be organized at the two villages, being composed solely of the operatives of the two mills. When the local is organized, the management will meet with the duly constituted committee as often as desired to discuss matters needing attention.

The agreement entered into by employees and mill owners follows:

"Agreement entered into between the officials of the Aragon Cotton Mills and Arcade Cotton Mills and Local Union of the United Textile Workers of America, to be organized in said villages composed of employees of said mills:

"No. 1.—No discrimination shall be made by either party for or against any person now or hereafter to be employed by said cotton mills on account of his or her affiliation with or membership in any organization whatsoever. Every employee shall have equal treatment, whether member of an organization or not.

"No. 2.—That a leveling-up in wages will take place in the various departments that are now, to the knowledge of the company, underpaid.

"No. 3.—That 55 hours shall constitute a week's work, day run; 50 hours night run.

"No. 4.—That all overtime required by the mill be paid for at time and a half time, but if run at request of employees, to be paid for as straight time.

"No. 5.—That the present bonus system of paying loom fixers be abolished and said hours be figured as straight wage.

"No. 6.—Hereafter the above companies agree to meet with the chosen representatives of Aragon Cotton Mills and Arcade Cotton Mills local union of the United Textile Workers of America, when same completes its organization."

News that the strike had been ended was received with much satisfaction by the people of Rock Hill, the business interests having lost thousands of dollars in trade as a result of the disagreement at the mills.

STRIKE CALLED OFF AT WILMINGTON

Men Agree to Return to Work Pending Adjustment by Government.

Wilmington, N. C.—At a meeting of the Federated Crafts of Shipyard Workers, held in this city last Wednesday, the membership of all unions involved voted unanimously to return to work, pending investigation and adjustment of grievances by a representative of the Emergency Fleet Corporation.

Following adjournment, the committee issued the following statement:

"We, the Metal Trades Committee of the Employees of the Carolina Shipyard, now on strike, do hereby agree to return to work, pending an investigation and adjustment of our grievances by a representative of the Emergency Fleet Corporation.

"(Signed) Edgar L. Penney, Boilermakers and Iron Shipbuilders, Chairman; Jack Morrison, Blacksmiths, Chairman; John Cosgrove, International Association of Machinists; L. L. Hearner, Blacksmiths; E. C. France, Stationary Engineers; M. J. Crumpler, Electricians; James Brennan, International Association of Machinists; J. E. George, Sheet Metal Workers; W. J. Reardon, Boilermakers and Iron Shipbuilders."

As a result of the above, 1,700 workers filed into the Carolina Shipyard in most orderly manner, and the wheels of progress were in motion in short order.

The workmen in the erecting department, who went on strike 100 per cent strong, returned in the same manner.

The chippers and caulkers and the test gang also went out 100 per cent strong, and everything seemed all right with them until they were ordered to return to work, as they had counted on a month's vacation, and they were slightly disappointed on account of the rapid action.

The men in the pneumatic tool-room went out 100 per cent strong,

including foremen, and returned in solid phalanx.

The marine pipe fitters and helpers, who are always on the job, went out with the other crafts 100 per cent strong, and, of course, when the Federated Committee acted, they went back in the same order.

And, of course, Jack Morrison and his doughty clan of sledgers "went up the hill and then back again." They were 100 per cent, also.

Yard Steward Speed says the piece counters and checkers are still counting and were very sorry to have the workers walk out. All they lacked of a 100 per cent walkout were three men—J. M. Monk, J. M. Wilson, and J. M. Croom.

LABOR CONDITIONS NEARER NORMAL

Columbia, S. C., Sept. 30.—Labor conditions are gradually improving in South Carolina, and the supply and demand are nearer equal than at any time since the ending of the war, according to officials of the United States Employment Service in Columbia. Business men are beginning to build homes, stores and plants, and this is giving many men jobs who were not heretofore employed. Much construction work is going on, men needing positions are getting them, while contractors wanting laborers are finding their wants readily filled.

Farm labor is still scarce, but conditions are expected to improve in this class of work the coming winter and spring. Men seem to be deserting the farms for city work, and farmers are having a hard time getting their crops gathered. In many counties local situations are not good, but the general status over the State indicates that labor is rapidly going back to a pre-war basis.

Another angle that has cleared up is the supply of clerical workers. For some time past there has been a surplus of these men and women, but since the opening of the colleges throughout the country many boys and girls have left their positions to attend school. This makes room for many jobless men and women who have stepped into the vacancies. For the first time in months the Columbia office of the United States Employment Service has calls for men and women clerks.

STATE SUPERINTENDENT CAMPS REPORTS MANY WAREHOUSES ORGANIZED.

Farmers, bankers and other business men in at least eleven of the cotton-growing counties of North Carolina are planning to build co-operative warehouses for the storage of cotton and other produce, reports Mr. W. R. Camp, State Warehouse Superintendent and Chief of the North Carolina Division of Markets. Beginning in the northeastern section of the State, a co-operative organization is being formed in Pasquotank County. Near by, in Hertford and Bertie Counties, a company of farmers has already been organized with \$100,000 authorized capital, and with \$50,000 having been paid in. This warehouse company will be known as the Chowan Co-operative Warehouse Company.

In Northampton County, farmers, bankers and merchants, realizing the seriousness of the situation, are co-operating to organize a warehouse company to operate a chain at Jackson, Seaboard, and Rich Square. The whole chain will be under one company and a high-priced man secured as manager. They now plan to pay this manager a minimum salary of \$2,000, with a percentage of the net profits made by the houses. These will be used to market peanuts and cotton. The houses at Jackson and Seaboard will be made of cement, brick being unobtainable.

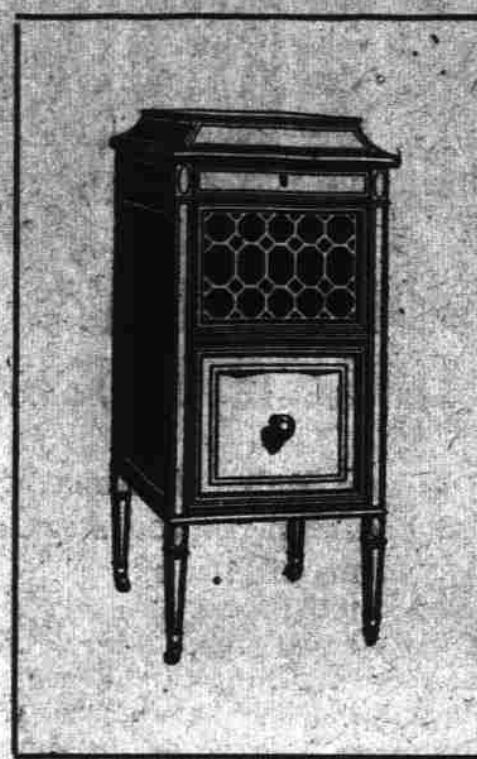
MOST SOLDIERS REPORTED AS "MISSING" ARE ALIVE

Washington, D. C.—As a result of a special investigation conducted under a military commission into the number of men listed during battle as wounded in action, it is announced that only 23 per cent or about 6,000 of the 25,905 recorded as missing were actually dead. The commission investigated every missing report, and on evidence obtained succeeded in listing all but two men, who have been finally classified as "presumed to be dead." Of the others it was found 25 per cent were lost from their outfits and later returned, 16 per cent were prisoners and 36 per cent were found sick or wounded in army hospitals.

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