

NEW 50,000 SPINDLE MILL FOR KANNAPOLIS

Plant Will Be Erected By Cannon Manufacturing Co. As Part Of Its Towel Mill

ENGINEERS ARE NOW PERFECTING PLANS

Cost of Plant Will Not Be Known, It Is Said, Until Final Plans Are Drawn Up and Adopted.

\$2,000,000 IS RUMORED COST

New Plant Will Give the Mill in Kannapolis Total of 180,000 Spindles, the Largest in the State.

Plans are being made by the Cannon Manufacturing Company, it was learned here today, to erect at an early date a mammoth new addition to its Kannapolis plant which will add 50,000 spindles to the 130,000 spindles already in operation by this company in Kannapolis.

Although officials were able to give no estimate as to the actual cost of the mill, declaring that their plans were not sufficiently advanced for such an estimation, it is rumored in Concord that the approximate value of the new plant will be in the neighborhood of two and a half million dollars and possibly more.

Officials stated that it had been definitely decided that a new mill would be constructed and that it would have 50,000 spindles. The superintendent had been in conference with the engineers and had given them an idea of the plans. When they have completed their preliminary work, some idea of the actual cost could be given.

The plant is to be built on the Kannapolis-Salisbury highway just inside the Cabarrus County line. It will be a short distance north of Mill No. 6. The dimensions of the new structure are as follows: 600 feet long, 100 feet wide and three stories high. It will carry carding and spinning departments.

The proposed power plant has been considered for some time but no definite action has been taken. The entire project is still in embryo form. Experts have visited Kannapolis and have made a survey of the field with a view to making recommendations. They have been figuring on power developments but have made no report.

It is possible that a steam plant may be erected which will take care of the entire group of mills. If this is not found to be the most economical method of solving the power situation, it will not be constructed, however. The entire project rests with the reports which the engineers make.

The new mill will make the seventh in the group at Kannapolis, the other six having been in operation for several years. Mills at Concord and York, S. C., are owned by the Cannon Manufacturing Company. The capital stock of the entire chain is \$10,000,000.

The population increase at Kannapolis as a result of the construction of the new addition will be considerable, it is pointed out. Over a thousand employees are to be added to the payroll which will probably increase the total population by over three or four thousand people.

With a population of around 8,000 people at present, the new population will be in the neighborhood of 12,000 after the new building is constructed.

Although the school facilities were enlarged last year by the construction of a new building of 20 rooms, the influx of people after the present expansion plans are completed will make

the present school plant totally inadequate. Additions will have to be made to the present school buildings or else an entire new school will have to be built.

With a total of 180,000 spindles, the Kannapolis branch of the Cannon Mills will be the largest unit in any city in North Carolina, and one of the largest in the South. The next largest mill in North Carolina is the Lenoir Mill, which has heretofore led the state in spindles with 137,504.

BENJ. N. DUKE AGAIN GIVES TO DAVENPORT Will Donate \$10,000 if Friends of Institution Raise Like Amount.

Lenoir, Dec. 10.—Again Benjamin N. Duke, of New York City, has manifested his interest in Davenport College by donating to the building fund the sum of \$10,000. This comes as a conditional donation. For several months the college authorities have been engaged in raising funds sufficient for the erection of a much-needed building to take care of the culinary department, the department of chemistry and biology and music practice rooms. Last summer plans were accepted. An architect designed a large, convenient and handsome building. The funds for entering upon the erection were not in hand. Now the condition comes that places upon the alumnae, the people of Lenoir and of Caldwell county and friends everywhere to send every penny within the next 90 days to match Mr. Duke's offer by like sum. This will assure the building and its equipment.

WRIGHT BRANDS CALIFORNIA YARN No Truth in Rumor That Boomer Trained Study in Windowless Shed.

PLANS GO FORWARD FOR ARMS PARLEY

League of Nations Will Ask United States to Take Part in Plans for Proposed Conference.

Geneva, Dec. 11.—(AP)—An invitation for the United States to participate in the work of preparing for the proposed international disarmament conference under the auspices of the league of nations probably will be dispatched to Washington as soon as it is signed by Signor Scialoja, president of the league council.

Clear Way for Conference. Geneva, Dec. 11.—The day was clear today for the league of nations international disarmament conference with settlement of all the difficulties in connection with formation of the preparatory committee.

TERRORIST REPORTED LOOSE IN ASHEVILLE Charges Against Dr. J. H. Way Dismissed—Buncombe County May Get New Courthouse.

Asheville, Dec. 10.—Reports of a mystery figure that is terrorizing residents of the sections that border Victoria road were being circulated throughout the city today.

Descriptions of the figure are vague and the police say they have had no official report of the occurrence. They report that they telephoned to the Times office this morning and inquired as to the activities of the mystery man. These descriptions were given by Ora Robinson, Katy Collet and Fannie Leach, negro domestics of the Victoria road district, and were made to their employer.

Charges against Dr. J. H. Way, of Waynesville, chairman of the state medical board, growing out of the death of Mrs. W. O. Robinson, have been dropped, and the bond of \$5,000 under which the physician has been held for several months has been rescinded.

This action followed investigation by the Haywood county grand jury which failed to make out a true bill against the doctor. Mrs. Robinson was killed, and Miss Edna Phillips, a friend, injured when they were struck by the automobile of the physician last August as he was driving between Waynesville and Delwood. The physician was placed under arrest pending grand jury investigation, but the inquestorial body found that the accident was unavoidable.

That the time is not far distant when Buncombe county will have a new and modern courthouse, is the opinion of E. M. Lyda, chairman of the Buncombe county board of commissioners, in keeping with the pronounced progress achieved in recent years and made necessary by the tremendous amount of county business now transacted.

It has been learned from a reliable source that such a step be taken, is to be submitted by the Buncombe county grand jury upon its next report.

Our Vest Pocket Memorandum Books for 1926 are now ready. Come in and get one. You will find them very convenient.

Government Competition Assailed. Washington, Dec. 11.—(AP)—Government competition with private enterprise was assailed today as pre-empting a socialistic state, and the destruction of all individual opportunity by the conference on government industry which is in session here.

The conference, composed of representatives of a hundred or more industries, declared it proposed to oppose any move by Congress to increase government encroachment on business.

The Methodist College at Louisville has also been blessed with a benefactor. He has added a fifty thousand dollar gift to previous contributions which makes \$172,500 in all that he has given to the institution. His name is R. H. Wright and he lives in Durham.

Sixty-one Miners Killed in An Explosion Near Birmingham, Ala.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 10.—Sixty-one coal miners lost their lives today when a gas explosion occurred in the workings of Overton mine No. 2 of the Alabama Fuel & Iron Company in the Cahaba fields, south of Birmingham. Fifteen men escaped injury and five are in a hospital suffering from serious burns.

The explosion took place early in the day, only a short time after the day shift had started work at 8 o'clock. According to the mine superintendent 108 men checked in. At the time of the accident 77 men were performing tasks which placed them beyond the range of the explosion, leaving 31 in the danger zone. Of the 31 in the mine at the time of the explosion 15 came forth unscathed and five were hurt. The remainder are either known to be dead in the coal company's improvised morgue in the bath house or are still on lower levels and have not been recovered. Most of the lives were lost on the seventh level. Most of the bodies recovered thus far have been removed from the sixth level.

Rescue workers who have returned to the surface, many of them exhausted and struggling for breath, declare they hold no hope for any man still in the workings.

Wilford Powell and Charles Edith, members of one of the rescue squads returned to the mine mouth early today, toiling over upon reaching fresh air. Hot coffee and oxygen revived them and they pleaded for another chance to attempt rescue work.

Powell and Edith declared the explosion had played havoc with the mine interior and that their progress had been rendered slow by the noxious odors. "We could see men we knew there in the mine, some leaning against the wall, others prone on the level," declared Powell, as he related the scenes attendant on the rescue work.

"Some of the lanterns on the men's caps still were burning but we knew they were dead. We passed on trying to find a single man who still drew the breath of life but after the first few men who were injured were removed we have not found a live miner."

Accused Boys Give Convincing Alibis. Salisbury, Dec. 10.—Two white boys, around 15 years of age, who were arrested when a young married woman accused them of assaulting her, were liberated in county court. They had perfectly good alibis and the woman's story was not very convincing.

Times Dispatch Editor Sees North Carolina as a Leader. Raleigh, Dec. 10.—Douglas Gordon, editor of the Times Dispatch, was dinner guest of John A. Park, publisher of the Raleigh Times, this evening at the Sir Walter.

Mr. Gordon's fellows were newspapermen and General Albert Cox, The Richmond editor saw much in North Carolina which excites his envy. The newspaper opportunities do not, he said, for the very good reason that there is such a corporate, such a prevailing state consciousness that he wonders what the editorial and reportorial boys have which is worthy of a crusade.

He marvels at the openness of the state, its mind on public affairs and he was sure that the absence of big towns helps in making country and town of one opinion, and that for development. The state, he said, is rapidly becoming the progressive commonwealth of the whole country.

Pocketbook Swindle is Worked on Negro. Salisbury, Dec. 10.—Two slick strangers got \$28.50 out of William Partee, negro, when they pretended they had found a pocketbook full of money and offered to let him in on the dividing of the coin. Partee gave them all the money he had and later in the day he and officers tried to locate the men but failed to do so.

Grange Felling Much Better. Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 11.—(AP)—Refreshed by a night's rest, Harold (Red) Grange who was injured in yesterday's football game here, was "feeling fine" today, and will accompany the Chicago Bears when they leave for Detroit at noon, George Halas, manager of the Bears said this morning.

Whether Grange will play in the Detroit game Saturday Halas said, would depend on the advice of a physician whom the "galloping Ghost" will consult on his arrival there.

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Coolidge Speaks in Chicago



A message to the farmers of the country was delivered by President Coolidge at Chicago, where he addressed the National Farm Bureau Federation. Photo shows the president and Mrs. Coolidge on the platform with bureau officials just before Mr. Coolidge began to speak. O. E. Bradford, president of the organization stands next to Mr. Coolidge.

SOUTH AMERICA IS NAMED AT HEARING

Air Policies of Nations in Latin America Discussed at the Mitchell Court Martial Trial.

Washington, Dec. 11.—(AP)—Foreign interests have secured exclusive concessions for air operations in South America, the Mitchell court martial was informed today by Maj. Geo. V. Strong, of the navy general staff.

"In Central America," Major Strong testified, "there have been concessions granted, but they have not been exclusive."

Major Strong said Major Walsh's report had been used as the basis of the War Department recommendation to the State Department for the establishment of a United States air mail service in Central America, but that negotiations between the two departments and with representatives of the Post Office and Commerce Departments still are in progress.

In Columbia, he said, a concession was negotiated by German capitalists with the Colombian government.

Guatemala had given a concession to a French concern, but Major Strong said it was not an exclusive arrangement.

Washington Tablet Unveiled in Charlotte. Charlotte, Dec. 10.—Charlotte's D. A. R. chapters this afternoon unveiled a tablet at Cook's Inn where George Washington stopped when in Charlotte, and also planted a tree in the old Presbyterian graveyard, back of the first Presbyterian church, this being one of many trees that Mrs. W. N. Reynolds of Winston-Salem, has given the different chapters in the State for planting.

After the unveiling Mrs. Edwin C. Gregory of Salisbury, State D. A. R. Regent, made an inspiring address. The tablet was accepted by Miss Julia Alexander representing the Charlotte D. A. R. Ex-Governor Morrison made the special address of the occasion, it being especially fine.

Bankers Close Convention. St. Petersburg, Fla., Dec. 11.—The fourteenth annual convention of the Investment Bankers' Association closed here today. Three hundred of the 850 delegates in attendance departed this afternoon for Havana, Cuba, while the remainder left on special trains for their homes.

Webb Succeeds Foil in Railroad Commission. Raleigh, Dec. 10.—Governor McLean this afternoon announced the appointment of Thomas H. Webb, of Concord, as a member of the finance committee of the North Carolina railroad to succeed Major W. A. Foil, who died recently.

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All Hope Abandoned For Men Trapped In Mine By Explosion

It Is Known Now That Half of the Men in the Mine Lost Their Lives Following the Explosion.

Rescue Efforts Are Continued

More Than Two Score of the Bodies Carried to the Surface During Night of Hard Labor.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 11.—(AP)—Forty-eight bodies had today been removed from the Overton Mine No. 2 which yesterday was rocked by an explosion of gas that trapped and brought death to more than half the workers in the pit.

All hope had been abandoned that the remainder of the men would be found alive.

Rescue crews worked patiently through the night but progress was retarded by adverse conditions within the pit. Fire, gas and debris met the workers at every turn. The fire was not of a dangerous character, however, and the gaseous condition lightened toward daybreak. It was expected the last body would be removed before nightfall. Mine officials believe the death list will not pass 53.

Worried watchers kept vigil about the pit's mouth through a night of sorrow for the little community. The color line was obliterated, whites and negroes were united in a common grief and each tried to assuage the other's loss.

Rain began falling at daybreak, but women hoping against hope to find their loved ones yet alive never budged from their stand at the guard lines. As the morning wore on, the sun came peeping through the clouds, but it brought no ray of hope to the silent throng of watchers. The stretcher bearers told the story as they emerged now and then.

One little woman who heard the blast yesterday while she was about her household duties and knew its meaning, has never for a moment left the mouth of the pit. She hugged her baby to her bosom through the night to protect it from the cold.

Surrounding miners had ceased operations to give what relief they might. It was a community mourning. The coroner announced that the bodies would be removed from the temporary morgue in a company bath house to Birmingham during the day.

With a death list of 53, definitely determined, rescue workers were today making final efforts to remove three bodies remaining in Overton Mine No. 2, which was partly wrecked by an explosion of gas yesterday morning. The bodies are those of two white men and one negro miner. The bodies of the white men are pinned beneath a boulder. Of those already removed, 43 are negroes and 7 are white.

Washington, Dec. 11.—(AP)—The large Red Cross chapter at Birmingham, Ala., was today authorized to use its funds in affording relief to the families of men killed in yesterday's mine catastrophe.

In a telegram from national headquarters of the Red Cross here, Grover C. Crane, Red Cross field representative at Tuscaloosa, was ordered to Birmingham to assist in directing relief measures. Large numbers of the Birmingham chapter workers have been mobilized at the scene to aid the rescue work and care for the injured, according to telegrams received here. Trained chapter case workers are ready to aid in perfecting plans for the permanent rehabilitation of the bereaved families.

For Uniform Speed Law. Greensboro, Dec. 10.—(AP)—Coleman W. Roberts, vice president of the Carolina Motor Club, has returned from Washington, D. C., where he attended conferences regarding a uniform speed law for the entire United States and discussions relating to accident prevention.

The conference was called by Secretary Hoover's committee on unification of motor laws, and at the conference the tentative draft of the report that will be submitted at the Hoover conference in February was studied.

If the conference convened by the secretary of commerce approves the report, all the states in the union will be asked to adopt it, Mr. Roberts says.

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PRISONER TELLS IN CONFESSION ABOUT ROBBERY OF MAILS

William J. Rinker, Held in the Jail in West Virginia, Says He Looted the Mail in Charlottesville.

GOT ABOUT \$400 FROM MAIL BAG

The Man Also Says He Secured \$6,200 in Cash by Robbing a Pouch in Iowa Town.

Parkersburg, W. Va., Dec. 11.—(AP)—Wm. J. Rinker, alias Vernon Lowry, serving a term in the county jail here for highway robbery, has confessed to robbing two registered mail pouches, one near Council Bluffs, Ia., in 1919, and the other at Charlottesville, Nov. 1, 1925, according to a statement assigned by local police. Rinker is quoted by the police as saying he was riding blind baggage between Council Bluffs and Boone, Ia., on a night in August, 1919, and at Boone stole a pouch of registered mail from which he took \$6,200 in cash. He stole the second pouch at Charlottesville, Va., the police said he confessed and secured \$400.

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File Suits Against Miners' Union. Fort Smith, Ark., Dec. 11.—(AP)—Five coal companies today filed suit in federal court against District 21, United Mine Workers of America, its officers, executive board, individual members and locals in western Arkansas counties, alleging conspiracy to restrain commerce in coal and praying judgment for \$1,080,000 as triple damages under the Sherman anti-trust law.

Will Keep Present Postal Rates. Washington, Dec. 11.—(AP)—Congressional action was completed today on the resolution to authorize continuance of existing postal rates until next session of Congress convenes next December.

The House adopted a Senate resolution to continue the existing rate structure to enable a further study of its effects on postal revenue.

Bandits Repelled in Damascus Attacks. Beirut, Syria, Dec. 11.—(AP)—News came today that bandits had been repelled in two invasions of Damascus. A force of 200, after entering the city yesterday, was driven out by policemen with motorized machine guns, and the use of artillery. Seven bandits were killed. Later in the day another party of twenty men entered the city by a cemetery, but were speedily put to rout.

It is always the woman of forty who calls the woman of thirty old.

SAT'S BEAR SAYS:

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MORE SHOPPING DAYS. Illustration of people shopping.

SAT'S BEAR SAYS. Illustration of a bear.