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## EDITORIAL COMMENTS

**I**N HIS message to Congress last December, President McKinley said, "Our plain duty is to abolish all customs tariffs between the United States and Puerto Rico and give her free access to our markets," and the Secretary of War said that "the highest considerations of justice and right demands that this step be taken at once," and yet on last Wednesday by the vote and influence of the Republican party a tax of 15 cents was put upon all exports from Puerto Rico to this country, thus doing away with the free trade which even the President declared should be, a few months ago, but afterwards "changed his mind." All of this is the result of the influence of the sugar and tobacco trusts who were afraid the imports of sugar would injure them! What right have we to deny free trade to a people over whom our flag floats—our proteges. Congressman Bailey in closing his speech against the tax said: "When emotional statesmen were asking who would haul down the flag, I dared to say that I would take it down from any place where the constitution could not follow it. Do you desire to present the anomaly of a government restrained by the constitution in one quarter of the globe and possessed of despotic power in the rest of the world? How long is the constitution to shield us and our children, if its protection is withheld from the humblest inhabitant? Let me borrow the words of Lincoln: "This republic cannot endure one-half free and one-half slave." We must be all citizens, or in time we will be all subjects. I did not want to assimilate these alien and inferior races and I pray God to deliver us from the task. But if you will take them they must share our destiny with us."

The South has entered upon a period of cotton mill building which bids fair to continue for a long time to come. The industrial situation of the South is on a solid foundation

and is commanding wide attention on the part of outside as well as local capital, and she is destined to be the manufacturing centre of the world. The South now has 5,774,361 spindles, and it estimated that within the next ten years, if the present rate continues she will have added 20,000,000, making a total of 25,774,361 spindles ten years hence. In round numbers, it is said that there are 100,000,000 spindles now in the world. The South furnishes enough cotton to run 75,000,000 of these—or three-fourths of all the spindles of the world, and yet has now, including all the mills now in course of construction only 6,000,000 spindles. If the South should add 100 mill each year it would be a long time before she could consume all of her cotton, and if she should ever reach that point, by that time the world will be demanding not the present 10,000,000 or 12,000,000 bales of cotton but probably 30,000,000 bales. So we see the field of cotton manufacture in the South is inexhaustible. With care in the organization and management of mills there is no better field for investments, and one which will be more readily entered than the cotton mill business in the South.

THE fencing up of eight thousand Boers by a force of five times their number and starving them into submission, was a great victory and of course reflects great credit on British arms. Although it was very much like drowning a rat in his hole, there is great rejoicing in England, and when Lord Roberts returns home he will no doubt be the recipient of diamond set swords and houses and lots galore.—Durham Herald.

Throw up you hat boys, 40 000 of us have whipped 3,000! John Ball.

No soul is desolate as long as there is a human being for whom it can feel trust and reverence.—Geo. Eliot.

## Immense Sums of Money in Cotton Manufacture.

**N**ORTH CAROLINA promises to "beat the world" in cotton mill building. Last week there were developments which attracted attention to three new mills (among many others) soon to be built in which about four or five million dollars will be invested, and nearly all of it in North Carolina money, too.

One of these mills will be built in Durham and will cost about \$500,000. Gen. Julian S. Carr (who has done so much to build up his State industrially, educationally and religiously) is the principal stockholder, and other Durham gentlemen are interested, but some of the stock was sold in New York, I hear.

Another is the "Loray" mill incorporated last week, to be built at Gastonia by Messrs. George A. Gray and others. The initial capital stock of this company is \$1,000,000.

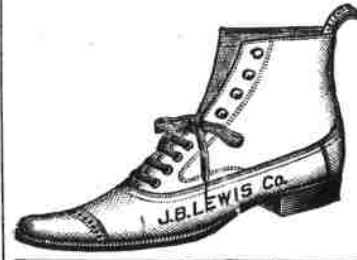
The third one will be built at or near Statesville by the Coolemeec Company, composed of North Carolinians, and it is said two or three millions will be invested in this plant. North Carolina already has more mills than any state in the union, and more looms and spindles than any Southern state.

Chairman Simmons has completed and will send out this week to the various county chairmen the plan of organization of White Supremacy Clubs. Mr. Simmons says that these clubs will be organized throughout the State this year and by the middle of June he expects to see at least two thousand of these clubs in full blast in North Carolina. He predicts that before the election there will be such a coming together of the white people of North Carolina in support of the amendment as has not been in the State in any previous election.

Many receive advice, only the wise profit by it.—Publius Syrus.

As we advance in life we learn the limits of our abilities.—Froude.

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