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## SUITS OVER COTTON FRAUD

L. & N. AND SOUTHERN SUE--  
AMOUNT INVOLVED IS OVER  
\$2,000,000

## SAYS THEY CONNIVED

Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 16.—The first suits against the Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company and the Southern Railway Company brought by English and German creditors of Knight, Yancey Co., were begun here by the filing of a complaint against the railroads by Alexander Eccles & Co., of Liverpool, and by Knoop & Fabarius and seven other merchants of Bremen, Germany, in the Morgan county Law and Equity Court of Alabama, at Decatur, Ala. The other English creditors of Knight, Yancey & Co., are expected to file similar suits within the next ten days. The total sums for which action will be brought against the railroads by English creditors is more than two million dollars; that of Germany is about \$300,000.

The papers are voluminous, but the gist of the actions is found in these allegations:

The firm of Knight, Yancey & Co. had been in the habit of obtaining money on drafts secured by spurious bills of lading similar to those upon which the present actions are brought, for the past five years. A month or two after each bill of lading was issued, Knight, Yancey & Co. would buy cotton similar to that called for by the bill, and ship it forward under the same marks as those described in the bill of lading. When the cotton arrived at its destination abroad it would be delivered upon the surrender of the spurious bill of lading, despite the fact that the spurious bill differed in date and number and in other respects from the shippers' manifest.

It is further alleged that this practice of Knight, Yancey & Co. was well known to the shippers and was connived at by the officers of the railroads, and that upon questions arising as to the propriety of a delivery of action upon a draft secured by a spurious bill of lading the matter would be referred to the railroad concerned, and the railroad would direct delivery, thus preventing the discovery of the forgeries and enabling Knight, Yancey & Co. to continue the course of dealing which led to their subsequent failure. It is alleged that more than 400,000 bales have been thus delivered on forged bills, and that when the failure came there was outstanding forged bills of lading for over 50,000 bales of cotton upon which no cotton had ever been delivered.

The creditors suing maintaining that this connivance on the part of the railroads renders them equally liable with Knight, Yancey & Co. for the losses sustained by the latter's customers.

### Timely Relief.

There was an old woman who lived in a shoe,  
She had so few children she didn't know what to do,  
But just as she thought she must surely begin  
To give up to despair, Votes for Women came in.

—Puck.

### The Individualist.

"What is Biggins' grievance against the railroad company?"  
"He has two grievances; one is that some of the trains don't stop at his station and the other that after he gets on board the train loses time by stopping at other stations."  
—Washington Star.

## Battleship Arkansas Launched.

Philadelphia, Jan. 16.—With the traditional bottle of champagne broken on her bows, the battleship Arkansas, the largest warship ever constructed in this country, was launched Saturday afternoon from the yards of the New York Shipbuilding Company at Camden, N. J. Miss Mary Macon, daughter of Representative Robert B. Macon, of Helena, Ark., was the sponsor for the ship.

The principal dimensions of the latest and largest addition to the navy are:

Length over all, 562 feet; beam over armor, 93 feet, 2 5-8 inches; draft, 28 feet, 6 inches; displacement, 26,000 tons.

The contract for the ship calls for a speed of 20 1-2 knots an hour.

When completed the Arkansas will have the greatest gun power in broadside fire of any ship afloat. The main armament will consist of twelve 12-inch breech-loading guns mounted in 6 heavy armor-protected turrets.

For defense against torpedo boat attacks there will be a battery of 21 5-inch rapid-fire guns. There will also be 2 submerged torpedo tubes and 10 small guns. The total weight of broadside fire will be about 11,000 pounds. The armor belts will have an average thickness of 10 inches.

The Arkansas will be turbine-driven and will have 28,000 horse-power. The vessel will be fitted for a flag-ship and her complement will consist of 85 officers and 1,030 men.

## NEWS ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 16.—Judge Whedbee, in Superior Court Saturday, sentenced Claude Sanders to 30 years in the penitentiary for murdering his wife and two step-children and burning their bodies in a farm house. The evidence was circumstantial, and a plea of second degree murder was allowed.

Sacramento, Cal., Jan. 16.—The blockade on the Southern Pacific Railroad which was opened today long enough to let three overland trains through from the west, has again stopped traffic as the result of a snow slide between Cisco and Crystal Lake.

Greensboro, N. C., Jan. 16.—Mary Raper, a young negro girl, was brought here from High Point Saturday to be placed in safe keeping for infanticide, the alleged offense being committed Thursday night immediately after the birth of the child. Officers Hayworth and Welch brought the woman here.

Washington, Jan. 16.—Charles A. Cline has been appointed assistant general passenger agent of the Southern Railway, with headquarters in Washington. Mr. Cline was formerly chief clerk of the passenger department and has been with the Southern about 15 years.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 16.—Col. W. J. Hicks, for 13 years superintendent of the Oxford Orphanage died there at 3 o'clock Saturday morning. Colonel Hicks retired from the superintendency some time ago, but was still there serving as "a labor of love," as the Masons expressed it. He was 83 years old and had been in feeble health for quite a while.

Roxboro, January 16.—The Roxboro Grocery Company, wholesale, was completely destroyed by fire Saturday morning about five o'clock. The origin of the fire is unknown. The loss is about \$5,000 with \$2,000 insurance. The fire department did splendid work.

## THE WEATHER

Washington, D. C., Jan. 16.—For North Carolina: Fair tonight and Tuesday; moderate north to northeast winds.

## STATE SELLS BIG LAKE

MATTAMUSKEET BROUGHT \$100,000--DRAINAGE NOW TO PROCEED

## TO RECLAIM FERTILE SOIL

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 16.—The State Board of Education sold Saturday North Carolina's interest in the Mattamuskeet Lake drainage district, Hyde county, for \$100,000 to the Southern Land Reclamation Company, which was chartered last week for the purpose of undertaking this drainage scheme, declared by Chief Elliott, of the United States Bureau of Drainage, to be the biggest drainage undertaking in the world. This lake bed, which the State sells, is 15 miles by 6 miles, with an average depth of only a few feet with a black soil underneath, expected to make intensely fertile farming lands.

The drainage district includes over 100,000 acres, half of it is owned by citizens of Hyde county. The Southern Reclamation Company assumes the State's obligations in the drainage undertaking and assumes \$300,000 of a \$400,000 bond issue for the cost of drainage system, which involves a system of canals and an immense pumping plant to convey the water to the neighboring sound, the pumps to have a capacity for 113,000,000 gallons of water per day.

The information of the drainage district is completed with J. P. Kerr, of Asheville; G. S. Mann and T. B. Gibbs, of Hyde county as the commissioners. The \$400,000 bonds are to be issued within the next 60 days, the work to begin very soon thereafter and to be completed probably within 18 months.

The Southern Land Reclamation Company that assumes the obligations of the State in the undertaking has D. N. Gaves, of Boston, for principal stockholder, with other blocks of stock held by C. A. Webb, J. P. Kerr and W. T. Mason, of Asheville.

They have \$150,000 authorized capital and \$25,000 subscribed. In purchasing the lake bed from the State, the company not only pays the \$100,000 for the 50,000 acres; but assumes about \$14,000 expense that the State Board has been to in the preliminary work for the forming of drainage district, the deal being made possible by verification of the drainage cost estimates and the withdrawal of exceptions by the Roper Lumber Company, a subsidiary corporation of the Norfolk Southern Railroad that has extensive interests in the district.

### Wright Will Enter Race.

Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 16.—The battle for the senatorial succession will assume a new phase this week when General Luke E. Wright, of Memphis, former Secretary of War and former Governor General of the Philippines, shies his castor into the ring. For two weeks General Wright has been looking over the situation and quietly bidding his time. Well authenticated information is to the effect that on Tuesday next the name of Wright will be presented to the Assemblymen. It has been common talk in the lobbies for several days that General Wright was not disposed to interfere with ex-Governor Benton McMillin's chances to win, but now it is insisted by the former War Secretary's friends, that McMillin having failed to secure the necessary 67 votes, it is not unfair for their favorite to get into the running.

With the entrance of General Wright, it is expected the Fusionists will endeavor to center on Frazier or Fitzhugh.

## LEGISLATURE AGAIN BUSY

MANY ABSENTEES TODAY--BILL TO ERECT NEW SOLDIERS' HOME

## TO CHANGE DIVORCE LAW

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 16.—The General Assembly did not meet until noon today.

The absentees from the Legislature did not put in their reappearance very promptly today and there were many vacant chairs. The work in both branches was briefly dispatched, and especially in the Senate.

"The scholar in politics," Senator Sykes, of Wake, presented a joint resolution (also Battle in the House), to pave the sidewalk on the square surrounding the Governor's Mansion.

By Barham: A bill to preserve the records of Wayne county.

The other new Senate bills were local in character or of no general interest.

In the House Connor, of Wilson, offered a bill to amend section 419 of the Revisal, relative to the venue of actions.

Kellum, of New Hanover, introduced a bill to validate certain probates and registrations.

Kellum: A petition concerning the pensions of Confederate veterans.

Other bills of interest were:

To erect a building at the State Soldiers' Home.

To increase the salary of the first clerk to the Attorney General.

For the relief of the Appalachian training school.

To permit divorce when either party has been insane as long as ten years and confined in an asylum that length of time.

The perennial salary raise germ stalked into the legislative hall again today and set about the attempt to inoculate the law-makers. Last week it was a left-over from last session, going down with many others at the hands of the Legislature of 1909, it bobbed up with the superscription "Resogam" flying with both wings. Today No. 2 joined the starter and the procession is just forming. It is an insufferable nuisance this salary grabbing scramble that takes up the time and attention of committees and members on the floor. Days were consumed last session killing off the things, or at least some of them, for quite a number pulled through. Already the cry is that of the horse leech for more clerks. At present, however, it looks like this Legislature is going to give these public servants and opportunity to resign if they can't be satisfied to perform the light duties most of them are charged with at the stipend they agreed to do it when they sought the position.

LELWAM.

### PLEAD FOR LENIENCY.

Advice of Counsel to Indicted Members Bath Tub Trust.

Washington, Jan. 16.—Attorneys for some of the indicted members of the so-called "bath tub trust" have practically abandoned their efforts to get the Department of Justice to consent to fines, and it was reported in Washington that some of the counsel had advised their clients to plead guilty and depend upon the courts for leniency.

The government's prosecutors expect to get the case to trial in the United States Circuit Court in Detroit early in March. The indicted ones have until February 1st to plead guilty or demur to the indictments. They have pleaded not guilty.

Husband—You never kiss me except when you want money.  
Wife—Well, isn't that often enough.  
—Smart Set.

### Was a Record Year.

Washington, Jan. 16.—Aggregating almost \$3,500,000,000, the total value of the foreign trade of the United States during the year which ended December 31, 1910, was greater than that of any year ever before and left a balance in favor of the country of over \$300,000,000. It exceeded the former high record of 1907 by about \$80,000,000. This great total is the value of the combined exports and imports of the country as computed by the bureau of statistics of the Department of Commerce and Labor.

Besides this new record, another record was broken during 1910 in the value of imports from abroad. They amounted to \$1,562,807,622.

The exports during the year were larger than in any year except those of 1907, the total being \$1,864,411,270, compared with \$1,923,426,892 in 1907.

The balance of trade in favor of the United States in its dealings with foreign nations increased almost \$50,000,000 over the 1909 balance. The excess of exports over imports for the year was \$301,603,648, compared with \$252,677,921 in 1909.

The share of the imports entering free of duty in 1910 was 49.23 per cent against 47.43 per cent in 1909 and 45.20 per cent in 1908.

### Expert Opinion On Tobacco Fertilizers.

The Tobacco Association of the United States in carrying out a resolution passed at the instance of a member from the New Belt tobacco territory secured the services of a representative from the Department of Agriculture at Washington, Mr. E. H. Matheson, who, during the first week in December, visited several markets in Eastern North Carolina and South Carolina and made interesting and valuable talks as to improvement of fertilizers for tobacco.

The objects sought are a better burning or smoking quality so the tobacco of this section will compare favorably with that from the Old Belt thus increasing its popularity and demand. Also to get better yields and improvement of character, which has been unsatisfactory during the past year or so.

From actual experience it is found that an increase of (sulphate) potash will not only help the smoking qualities, but it will increase the yield, and the extra expense is very small compared with results. The formulas suggested and advised are based on the amount used per acre.

1st.—To the 3.8.3. goods so much used, add 100 pounds of potash in every 800 pounds per acre used, costing \$2.50 to \$3.50. Compared to the 3.8.3 a fertilizer analyzing 3.8.10. or 3.8.7.12 would be far preferable.

Better results, however, can be obtained by either having the following formulas put up or mixed at home:

2nd. 250 lbs. dried blood (16 per cent ammonia)

400 pounds 16 per cent acid phosphate.

150 pounds sulphate potash (50 per cent potash.)

800 pounds (costing \$14.00 or \$15 to be applied to one acre.

To those who wish a less expensive fertilizer:

3rd.—150 pounds dried blood (16 per cent ammonia)

400 pounds 16 per cent acid phosphate

150 pounds sulphate potash (50 per cent potash)

700 pounds (costing \$11 or \$12) to be applied to one acre.

The experience of the best farmers was found to be along the lines proposed above. The sulphate of potash increase was strongly advised, also a fair per cent. of ammonia preferable from dried blood.

It is believed that under this plan of fertilizing that satisfactory results will follow both to the farmer and buyer.

### The Maiden's Bonnet.

My bonnet spreads over the ocean,  
My bonnet spreads over the sea;  
To merely spread over the sidewalk  
Is not enough for me.

—Chicago Journal.

## TAR HEELS FOR HARMONY

SIMMONS SEES TAFT ABOUT POTASH TAX--N. C. DELEGATION MEETS THURSDAY

## CAPE LOOKOUT HARBOR

Mr. Thomas J. Pence furnishes the News and Observer the following interesting letter:

The members of the North Carolina delegation in the next House will hold a meeting here Thursday afternoon. Representative Thomas, the retiring Democratic Congressman in the present Congress, will also be present. There is no urgent reason for the meeting, but the next members of the delegation will be here for the Baltimore banquet and the Democratic caucus, so Congressman Small, the chairman of the delegation, decided to have the old and the new get together.

Committee assignments will be considered, and it will be definitely decided what each member wants. The candidacy of Mr. Kitchin for Ways and Means and Mr. Pou for Rules and a chairmanship will be endorsed. Necessarily the older members will fare best. Mr. Page will be endorsed for appointment on the Appropriation Committee and Mr. Small on the Rivers and Harbors Committee.

Senator Simmons went to the White House and discussed with the President the discriminatory tax imposed by Germany on American importations of potash that is used in fertilizers. Mr. Taft said he was doing all that he can to have the German government withdraw the discriminatory tax. Secretary of State Knox is openly in sympathy with the position of the independent fertilizer manufacturers, who are the complainants. The administration will not go to the extreme of a tariff war to prevent the discrimination against the United States.

Monday a delegation is coming here from New Bern, Morehead City and Beaufort to urge the construction of the harbor of refuge at Cape Lookout. The report authorized by Congress for a survey of the proposed harbor has just been completed, but as yet it is a confidential document and has not been made public. It is known, however, that the report is favorable to the construction of a harbor of refuge at Cape Lookout, but it does not take a strong stand for the improvement for commercial reasons.

Charles Latham, of Greenville, N. C., who is consul at Cartagena, Colombia, is here on leave of absence.

When Senator Simmons was at the White House he called the President's attention to the fact that he has not made a decision of the Cline Shaw case. Mr. Taft said he had the case in mind and would pass upon it as soon as he is able to take it up. Not 7890\$. . . 6 . . 6 7890\$. . . 1234512

"An heirloom," explained the farmer's wife to her 13-year old boy, "is something that has been handed down from father to son, and in some instances is greatly prized."

"I'd prize these heirlooms I'm wearing," remarked the youngster, "a good deal more if they wasn't so long in the legs." —T /body's.

## COTTON MARKET

The New York cotton market opened this morning from seven to nine points down. January, 14.54; March, 14.78; May, 14.96; July, 14.96; August, 14.65. At twelve o'clock the market was practically unchanged. January, 14.55; March, 14.78; May, 14.95; July, 14.93; August, 14.65.

The market closed a few points lower: January, 14.52; March, 14.74; May, 14.93; July, 14.93; August, 14.62.