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## TAR HEEL TOPICS

Items Gathered From All Sections of the State

### A Good Showing.

Raleigh, Special.—Assistant Labor Commissioner M. L. Shipman gave out some news regarding the miscellaneous factories in North Carolina which will appear in the annual report later on. He says that 587 returns were made, 46 more than last year, and that the averages give a very accurate idea of the conditions prevailing throughout the State. It is gratifying to note the remarkable progress North Carolina is making industrially. While the chief object of these reports is to get the conditions of wage-earners, yet the department endeavors to obtain also information as will give the public a good idea of the number and class of factories now in operation. The returns show an aggregate capital of \$42,085,790, by 523 of the 587 miscellaneous factories reported, 64 failing to report capital stock. The Old Fort Extract Works as usual merely as a branch of the United States Leather Company and represents only a part of the \$125,164,600 reported by that corporation. Last year the aggregate capital stock reported by 467 factories was \$31,239,510, exclusive of the Old Fort plant, so that this year's increase is \$10,846,280. Of the factories 422 report steam power, 84 electric, 25 water, 12 gasoline, 9 steam and water, 3 gas and they show a total employment of 119,836 horse-power. The number of persons dependent upon them for livelihood is 92,081, which is 16,838 more than reported last year. Six of them report eight hours as the day's work, seven report nine hours, 436 ten hours, 48 eleven hours, 69 twelve hours. There is a decided tendency toward shorter hours. Seventy-four per cent report increased wages, 69 per cent pay weekly, 11 per cent monthly, 17 per cent semi-monthly. They report 30,991 employees, against 22,438 last year, the increase being 8,553. The highest wages a day are \$2.47, increase 18 cents over last year. Lowest wages, 93 cents, increase 9 cents. Of the adult employees 84 per cent read and write and 87 per cent are children. Eighty-one per cent say that children under 14 should not work in factories; 7 per cent say they should and 12 per cent express no opinion; 82 per cent favor a compulsory school law; 9 per cent oppose it and 9 per cent fail to answer the question.

### Many Charters Issued.

Raleigh, Special.—The following new charters were issued: Greensboro Wall Paper Company, authorized capital, \$7,000; paid in \$70. W. J. Holladay, A. C. Owen, H. H. Holladay and W. J. Holladay, Jr., incorporators. Anna Cotton Mills, King's Mountain, capital, \$95,000 authorized; \$31,000 paid in; J. S. Manney, F. Dilling and others, incorporators. Greensboro Boiler and Machine Company increases capital from \$50,000 to \$200,000. Issues of \$75,000 cumulative preferred stock created. Durham & Murphy Land Company, of Charlotte, capital, \$50,000; J. A. Durham, J. E. Murphy and J. C. Murphy, incorporators. Spot Cash Store, Bessemer; capital \$25,000 authorized; \$1,000 paid in; W. H. Harris, A. B. Kimball and others, incorporators.

### Rebuilding at Cooleemee.

Winston-Salem, Special.—A citizen from Cooleemee is authority for the statement that the damage to the cotton mill at Cooleemee last week aggregated \$150,000. He says that about 100 men are at work replacing the burned building. The management expects to resume operations in about 60 days.

### Judges Exchange Courts.

Raleigh, Special.—An exchange of courts has been arranged with the Governor, whereby Judge Jones and Judge Webb exchange terms. Judge Jones will hold court in Guilford and Granville, April 13th and 27th, and Judge Webb will hold court in Anson, Moore, Scotland and Chatham, April 13th, 20th, 27th and May 4th respectively.

### Windstorm at Davidson.

Davidson, Special.—An incident of a considerable rain and windstorm here Thursday afternoon was the blowing down of several telegraph poles across the railroad track close to the Delburg Mill and not far from a sharp curve in the track. A force of workmen who had just "stopped off" at the mill building on account of the rain fortunately were able to clear the track just a few minutes before Engineer Fetter rounded the curve with train No. 27, thus preventing what might have caused a disagreeable accident to the train.

### Big Suits Against W. O. U. T. C.

Durham, Special.—Preliminary steps have been taken in two heavy damage suits to be brought against the Western Union Telegraph Company within a few days. The summons has issued and the complaints will be filed within a few days. Mr. Benjamin Lovenstein and Messrs. Manning & Foushee are bringing these suits for N. R. Sykes, of this city, and C. P. Cates, of Haw River. While the complaints have not been filed it is said that the suits will probably be for \$5,000 each, certainly not less than \$6,000 for the two litigations, which are brought on the same action. These are mental anguish suits growing out of the failure of the company to deliver messages announcing sickness and death.

### Suit Against Southern.

Wilmington, Special.—Suit was instituted in Superior Court here by Mrs. Walter R. Kingsbury and daughters, Misses Sallie and Lucile, against the Southern Railway, alleging \$15,000 damages as the result of injuries they received August 14th, 1907, in the wreck of a passenger train of the company between Hendersonville and Towaway, while they were in the mountains last summer. Herbert McClammy, Esq., is attorney for the plaintiffs. The complaint alleges defective roadbed, rotten ties and worn-out rails and incompetency in the management of the train which was wrecked. The case will be tried in this county.

### Towaway Hotel Leased.

Asheville, Special.—Word was received from Atlanta to the effect that the well known Towaway hotel, on Lake Towaway, had been leased by the Towaway company, owners of the string of famous hotels in the Sapphires country, to a company promoted by C. A. Wood of Harvey & Wood Hotel company, whose headquarters are in Atlanta, Ga. It is stated that the Towaway hotel will be opened for the season on June 11. The people connected with the new company are among the best known hotel people of New England, the Atlantic and Southern States.

### Educators of Women Adjourn.

Winston-Salem, Special.—The first annual meeting of the North and South Carolina Association of Colleges for Women, which has been in session here since Tuesday, adjourned at 1 o'clock Thursday to meet next year at Spartanburg, S. C. The visitors left for their respective homes Thursday. The closing session opened at 9 o'clock and was devoted to a discussion of various matters relating to the college work. At 11 o'clock there was an interesting contest between the senior and junior classes of the Salem Female College in a game of basketball. A complimentary concert was given in the Alumnae Memorial Hall to the distinguished visitors. The programme was in keeping with the institution's reputation for high-class musical entertainments.

### Reunion Date Changed.

Winston-Salem, Special.—At a special meeting of the Norfolk Camp of Confederate Veterans held last week it was decided to change the date of the annual reunion of the State camp from August 19th, and 20th to August 12th and 13th, as the latter dates will be more suitable for the veterans of the State. Committees from the Norfolk Camp and the board of trade are now at work making arrangements for the gathering, which is expected to number between 1,500 and 2,000 old soldiers.

### Good Work Done.

Raleigh, Special.—Grand Secretary Drewry, of the Grand Lodge of Masons, says the singing class of the Oxford Orphan Asylum last year raised over \$9,000, and that this has been one of the most remarkable features of this splendid institution. The class will make a tour of the State during the summer.

### Fayetteville to Vote Bonds.

Fayetteville, Special.—Fayetteville will shortly vote on the question of issuing one hundred thousand dollars of bonds for street paving. A meeting of citizens which was held last week requested the board of aldermen to call such an election, and that body had already signified its readiness to do so whenever the citizens made the request. The last Legislature passed an act authorizing the election. It will probably be held on May 4th, the date of the regular municipal election. The vote will likely be close, with probabilities favoring the bond issue.

## SENT INFERNAL MACHINE

A Discharged Employee of White Oak Mills Sends an Infernal Machine to Mr. Cone But, Being Warned by an Employee, the Package is Not Opened.

Greensboro, Special.—Hardin Germany, a discharged employee of the White Oak Cotton Mills, was arrested and committed to jail charged with sending through the mail an infernal machine addressed to Mr. Cesar Cone, president of the Proximity and White Oak Mills. The evidence against the prisoner is very strong, made so by the fact that he did his work in a bungling manner. The package was delivered to Mr. Cone Saturday morning, but the matter was kept quiet until sufficient evidence to warrant an arrest had been secured. Within 35 minutes after being notified by telephone that the guilty man was located, United States Marshal Millikan had caused a warrant to be sworn out and had committed Germany to jail. The suspected criminal was detained in the office of the Proximity Mills until he could be placed under arrest by Marshall Millikan, who was carried to Proximity, a distance of two miles, by Mr. E. Colwell, Jr., in his automobile so quickly as to violate the speed law several times over.

But for the fact that he had received a warning, doubtless Mr. Cone would have opened the package and received serious injuries. Mr. Cone was engaged in conversation with three of his brothers, Messrs. Sol, Julius and Bernard Cone, at his home Thursday night about 10 o'clock when the doorbell rang. The ring was answered by Mr. Sol Cone, to whom was handed the note of warning. The messenger appeared to be intoxicated, and immediately after delivering the note walked rapidly away from the Cone residence. The note, which was written in a legible hand, on wrapping paper that had been taken from the company store at White Oak, read as follows:

### The Note.

"Mr. Cesar Cone.  
"Dear Sir: I pray that you will not treat this as you usually do anonymous letters, for believe me, it is to your interest. Your life is at stake. I learned to-night that there has been something mailed to you that will explode when you open it. If you receive a package that you are not expecting, for God's sake don't open it. I have very good reasons for not giving my name. Please don't treat this with contempt, but be very careful. Do you want the man who sent it arrested?  
"Very respectfully yours,  
"WHITE OAK EMPLOYEE."

Across the face of the envelope was written: "Important. This letter or its contents must reach Mr. Cone before he receives his mail. Mr. Cesar Cone, home. His life depends upon it."

The machine consisted of a narrow box, loaded with powder, shot, etc., with matches fixed to fire the powder. It was a clumsy affair but would doubtless explode with terrific force upon being opened.

### Death of A. & M. Student.

Winston-Salem, Special.—Mr. Ernest Hines, a student of the A. & M. College at Raleigh, who was taken with a severe attack of appendicitis a few days ago, died in a hospital at Raleigh at 10:30 o'clock Saturday night. Mr. Hines was a son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Hines, of Old Town, who have been at his bedside ever since he was taken ill. The remains arrived here Sunday evening on the 7:30 o'clock train and were taken to the home of the parents at Old Town from the residence at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon and the interment will follow in the Moravian graveyard at Old Town. Mr. Hines was a most excellent young man. He was held in the highest esteem and had many friends wherever he was known.

### Negro Woman Falls Down Embankment and is Killed.

Wilmington, Special.—Twelve miles down the river Sunday morning at the foot of a steep delivity overlooking the stream near the high-tide mark, the body of an old colored woman was found, her neck broken. She visited in the neighborhood and started home and is supposed to have lost her way and toppled over the embankment into the river. Her neck was broken by the fall. A coroner's inquest was held, death being assigned as resulting from an accident.

### Movement For Another Bank For Wilmington.

Wilmington, Special.—W. B. Cooper, a leading wholesale grocer and business man, announces definitely that he is at the head of a movement for the organization of another national and savings bank here with \$100,000 capital, half of which has already been subscribed.

## PLAYED THE TRUSTS

Senator LaFollette Finishes an Able Speech

### CAPITAL TOO MUCH CENTERED

Wisconsin Senator Concludes Three Days' Speech Showing Up the Iniquities of Our Financial System.

Washington, Special.—Upon the conclusion of Senator LaFollette's speech on the Aldrich currency bill in the Senate a plan was decided upon by which Senator Aldrich will move to take up the bill and continue its consideration until it has been disposed of.

Mr. Aldrich also asked for unanimous consent to take up the bill at once and to dispose of it before adjournment Thursday, but to that proposition Senator LaFollette objected on the ground that he feared debate would be curtailed by such a procedure.

The colloquy which resulted in this announcement followed the conclusion of the third and last installment of Senator LaFollette's speech in opposition to the Aldrich bill. He spoke for two hours. Resuming his speech Mr. LaFollette declared that his statement that the industries of this country were controlled by less than one hundred men had been attacked as sensational. Declaring that such was not the case he said that he had been too conservative and that in fact a much smaller number of men dominate the industries.

"Along with this enormous increase in trust power has gone a steady process of centralization in the control of that power. Until now the entire situation is dominated by the Standard Oil-Morgan combination," he declared. "The old fights between these two great powers have been laid aside. Mr. Morgan's picture adorns the wall of the inner room of the Rockefellers at No. 26 Broadway. In combination today they are working together to gather in the smaller powers. Mr. Hill has been taught that he must not oppose the big ones. Standard Oil got in on the Great Northern ore deal. The Gould interest are being swallowed up by the combine. Morse and Heinze were neatly pocketed during the recent panic. The smaller trust was given a drubbing and started in the same direction. Vanderbilts can no longer retain their important control and themselves see the handwriting on the wall."

### Growth of Trusts.

The Senator quoted John Moody to show an enormous growth in trust consolidation and capitalization in four years. In 1904 Mr. Moody placed the capitalization of the industrial franchises and railroad trusts at over \$20,000,000,000. That amount had increased more than \$11,000,000,000 or more than 55 per cent. The \$31,000,000,000, he said, did not represent the financial combinations, banks, trust and insurance companies.

Mr. LaFollette read several lists of eminent financiers to whom he accorded various degrees of power in the control of industries. He included Senator Depew, of New York, as among those who exercised large power and held many directorships in the form of delegated power exercised by them in a mere representative capacity. Mr. Depew was in his seat and general laughter followed.

Mr. LaFollette named as next after Morgan and the Rockefellers a group of fourteen men who he said were "big operators and men of large power and interests in their own rights." These men, he said, find their best interests "in working in harmony with Morgan and Standard Oil." No combination which they could form among themselves of others could cope with that power, he declared. In this list of fourteen, he placed the following men: W. K. Vanderbilt, August Belmont, Frederick Weyerhaeuser, Henry C. Frick, J. Ogden Armour, George J. Gould, Jacob Schiff, E. H. Harriman, Thomas F. Ryan, Louis S. Swift, John Jacob Astor, James Speyer, James J. Hill and W. H. Moore.

### The Lesser Stars.

A second class of men in the list were the "stars of lesser magnitude" but men of wealth and power who work in with the combine and a few of the higher rank of attorneys and bank presidents of the system. Of the third group including the balance of the lists Senator LaFollette said: "While some of them exercised large power and held many directorships, it was a delegated power exercised by them in a mere representative capacity."

Mr. LaFollette concluded his speech with a strong appeal to the "progressive men" in the Senate to stand together and beat the bill.

He spoke of the activities of the president and Mr. Bryan in com-

batting with wrong doing among high financiers.

"Whatever difference there may be in party policy or personality between the President and Mr. Bryan they are striving, each in his own way, for certain fundamental truths. Whatever mistakes Mr. Bryan may have made in policy, whatever mistakes the President may have made in compromising legislation, they are believed in by the people because they are fighting to preserve the principle that the nation should be governed by the people."

### Hair Catches in Loom.

Spartanburg, S. C., Special.—While picking up a hair ornament from under a loom in the Beaumont Cotton Mill, Mrs. Wheeler, an operative, accidentally caught her hair in the machinery and the scalp on the top of her head was torn off. The injured woman was placed in an ambulance and hurried to the Good Samaritan Hospital, where she is in a serious condition.

### Admiral Evans to Be Relieved.

Washington, Special.—Official announcement was made Tuesday afternoon by Secretary Metcalf that Rear Admiral Evans on his own application and on account of ill health will be relieved of command of the battleships at San Francisco and that he will be succeeded by Admiral Thomas, now second in command.

### Legal Execution in Georgia.

La Grange, Ga., Special.—Ingram Canady, a negro assailant, was hanged in the jail yard Friday at 1:10 o'clock. Canady was convicted of criminally assaulting Mrs. Roxie Jones at the last November term of Troup Superior Court. The crime was committed on September 23rd at the home of Mrs. Jones, near West Point, Troup county. The evidence shows that Canady entered the home of Mrs. Jones by breaking in the house.

### A Chicago Franchise.

Chicago, Special.—After a fight that has extended through the administration of Mayor Dunne, the city council, after a fight lasting until early Tuesday voted an amended franchise to the Commonwealth Edison Company. The new franchise, its enemies declare, gives the company a virtual monopoly in furnishing electricity for light and power, giving it a right to discriminate in rates for service furnished and to charge whatever it may please for emergency service.

### Tragic Results of Dog Bite.

Memphis, Tenn., Special.—Bitten by a dog on Monday and developing rabies despite the Pasteur treatment, Andy Thompson, a machinist, escaped from his nurse and bit three women and two men before he was overpowered. He later choked himself to death in his agonies by tying a collar around his neck. All those bitten have been taken to New Orleans for the Pasteur treatment.

### Paper Excluded From Mail.

Patterson, N. J., Special.—President Roosevelt states in answer to an appeal from Mayor McBride to exclude "La Question Sociale" from the mails for the purpose of suppressing the publication, that, besides directing that the newspaper be denied the use of the mails, he has requested the Department of Justice to make every effort to prosecute criminally those responsible for the publication.

### Prisoner Burned to Death in His Cell.

Little Falls, N. Y., Special.—Lighting his pipe in his cell in the village jail, John Doherty, of Middleville, who was locked up Saturday night accidentally set fire to the mattress of his bed and before help could reach him he was burned to death. Doherty frantically tried to escape the flames, but the cell door barred the way. He was 65 years old.

### All Quiet in Hayti.

Port au Prince, By Cable.—President Nord Alexis in an interview at the palace, declared that conditions in the republic were absolutely tranquil. He said that he did not question his ability to preserve order and protect interests here. Should the powers, however, decide to keep the warships in this harbor he would not object, but he added that there was no necessity for such a thing; there was no possibility for such a popular outbreak against the foreign residents.

## WILL VISIT JAPAN

American Fleet Accepts Kind Invitation of Emperor

### MAY GO TO CHINA IF INVITED

President Roosevelt and His Cabinet Consider Long and Earnestly the Cordial Invitation From the Emperor and Decide to Satisfy His Desire to View the Big Sixteen.

Washington, Special.—The American battleship fleet is to visit Japan. The desire of the Emperor of the island kingdom to play host to the "Big Sixteen" was laid before Secretary Root by Baron Takahira, the Japanese ambassador. The invitation which was couched in the most cordial terms, was made the subject of extended consideration by President Roosevelt and his entire Cabinet. Secretary Root was directed to accept the invitation, and the acceptance was laid before the Japanese ambassador. It is regarded in official circles here as more than likely that China will be next to bid for a look at the fleet, and that should this be the case the invitation would be accepted.

Secretary Metcalf and Admiral Pillsbury, chief of navigation, are arranging the details of the new itinerary. With the exception of China, it is believed to have been determined that all other invitations, should any be received, will be declined, for at best the fleet will now not be able to reach the Atlantic seaboard before the first of next March.

The itinerary which seems to be the most direct includes stops at the Hawaiian Islands, Samoa, Melbourne, Sydney, Manila, Yokohama—should that port be selected as the stopping place in Japan—possibly a Chinese port, back to the Philippines and then home by way of the Suez canal, with only such stops as are necessary for coaling.

The fall target practice has been planned to occupy a month at Manila either before or after the visit to Japan. The desire to have the fleet return to its home station may lead to a curtailment of the month planned for Manila.

Japan will have the ships a week, according to tentative plans. The acceptance of the Japanese invitation is regarded in official circles as of considerable importance in the way of administration of the cordiality existing between the American and Japanese governments. The added trip is nearly equal in distance to a voyage from New York to Europe.

### Census Report.

Washington, Special.—The Census Bureau in its final "gimmers" report for the present year makes the total cotton ginned this season 11,261,000 bales, counting round bales as halves and including linters. Last year it was 13,290,000. In 1906 it was 10,725,602. By states the number of bales are (rounding bales)—North Carolina, 648,517; South Carolina, 1,175,375; Texas, 2,271,724; Georgia, 1,891,900.

### Force Reduced One-Half.

Nashville, Special.—Five hundred men who were employed in the Louisville and Nashville locomotive department, Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis railway shops here, have been laid off. Orders were issued to the men on account of decreased business and the intention of the road to decrease expenses on every hand. This means a saving of \$30,000 a month to the road. There are still over five hundred men in the shops. Many of the men laid off are experienced workmen.

### Negro Soldiers Arrested For Murder.

Mobile, Ala., Special.—Isam Bishop Eilrod, 29 years old, an enlisted soldier at Fort Morgan, was carried back to Tazewell, Tenn., under a charge of murder. The soldier admits the killing, claiming that a man named Harris killed his dog and that he killed Harris.

### Norfolk & Western Employees Refuse Company's Proposition.

Roanoke, Va., Special.—The employees of the Norfolk & Western Railway Company declined to accept the proposition submitted to them by the road on February 24th, which was "that in any month that the company's gross earnings are less than \$2,500,000 that their rates of pay will be computed on the rates in effect previous to the last adjustment; this arrangement to remain in effect for a period of 10 months from the date of its adoption."