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Manufacturers Of Textiles Face A Critical Situation

Resistance to Price Increases Forces Consideration Reduction of Production Costs Which Is Now Being Closely Studied in Both the South and New England

MONDAY, MARCH 24, 1924.

We are hoping we are done with last week's court. Know anything that was left out?

Well, with another utility suit disposed of, can the City Council sell its utility bonds now?

It really pays to advertise. We got our map of Pasquotank we were asking for the other day, but it doesn't show the township lines.

Beginning March 29 John B. Foster will write a series of 12 articles for The Advance on how to manage a baseball nine.

Sunday was a bit chilly and the sky for an hour or two of the day was overcast; but the weather was almost ideal for the morning services Sunday and far better throughout the day than the weather man led us to expect.

Inland water transportation, after having been put on the toboggan by the railroads, seems to be doing a comeback, with freight rates so high and with the railroads so inadequate to the transportation needs of the country.

Brightened His Corner In the hurry and rush of court week we overlooked the following paragraph in the "Convention Reactions" of the Raleigh Times of last Thursday.

Clarence Pugh of Elizabeth City has a speaking voice out of proportion to his size. Mr. Pugh is in no sense a big man; but he is earnest and resonantly soundful.

Garment and Cloth The Advance regrets the necessity of omitting the two chapters of Lawrence's story of Woodrow Wilson that would have been published today had we been able to get out an eight page issue.

New York, March 24 — Textile manufacturers, having seen their margin of profit curtailed at one end by resistance to price advances, are turning earnest attention to broadening those margins at the other by reduction of production costs.

"Uncertainty of the future in production and price fluctuations of raw cotton, together with the development of competition and specialization in manufacture, has made it absolutely essential that cotton mills develop and maintain the highest efficiency, both in machinery and labor," says D. W. Holland of the executive board of the textile operating executives of Georgia, Alabama and Florida.

They agree that in both machinery and labor, the best is the cheapest and most economical in the long run. As a result, many plants in the South and New England are being remodeled on a more efficient basis.

The great Amoskeag mills of New England are adding woolen machinery in order to take full advantage of the trained personnel on their pay rolls.

His attitude is supported by J. J. Tregoe, secretary-treasurer of the National Association of Credit Men, who is in close touch with conditions in all sections of the country.

"I have noticed in my recent travels several large enterprises where the chief executives know their men well and it was interesting to note that in businesses governed by this direct intercourse, trouble seldom arose.

At present cotton goods are moving in unusually light volume, prices are not satisfactory to manufacturers and mill curtailment is more marked. Experts attribute this not so much to lack of demand by ultimate consumers, although there seem keenly resentful of attempts to

raise prices, but to caution and conservatism on the part of the retail distributors. However, stocks in the hands of retailers and jobbers are not large and must be replenished. They look for improved business as June approaches.

Conditions in Mexico and Central America, which absorb a fair volume of American cotton goods as well as other products, have been most unfavorable recently. It is true that the Obregon troops in Mexico are rapidly scattering the rebel forces, but a period of unrest with frequent interruption of communication is to be expected for some time to come.

JONES APPEALS TO HIGHER COURT AND GIVES BOND

(Continued from Page 1.) alleged to have had was never mentioned until Jones went on the stand. Jones telling Sheriff Reid when the sheriff arrested him that he had hit the negro because the latter was impudent in refusing to leave the Jones lot.

The theory of the State was that Jones was chasing the negro with a club and that, seeing that he was going to be overtaken, Alfred Ferebee turned just in time to receive the blow above the left eye instead of on the back of the head.

This weakness in the State's case, together with the fact that the principal witness for the State was a negro who admitted that he had been active in financing the defense, led many who watched the jury closely throughout the trial to look for an

acquittal or a hung jury. Following the jury's verdict finding the defendant guilty of manslaughter, the sentence of the court was about in line with general expectation.

Mr. Jones admitted owing the negro \$10.00 which, he said, Alfred had asked him to keep until Christmas. It was the theory of the State that after Mr. Jones had told Ferebee he need not work for him any more and to get off the place and stay off Alfred brought up the matter of the \$10.00 Mr. Jones was keeping for him and that it was the negro's insistence that Mr. Jones pay him this amount that led the white man to go for the negro with a club.

Alex Jones is one of the most widely known and prominent farmers in the upper part of Pasquotank County. His home stands on the Newland brick road at the point where the State highway to South Mills joins that road, the Newland road bounding the Jones lot in front and the South Mills road bounding it on the right hand side, as one faces the Newland road.

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trial, while between the two women sat their aged mother, Mrs. W. F. Williams, widow of the late Frank Williams. It is the old Williams home at which Mr. and Mrs. Jones reside, Mrs. Williams living with them. It was suggested in the course of the plea for mercy Saturday by W. L. Cohoon that Alfred Ferebee, who had long done the bidding of the Williams family was son-in-law and so had in late years grown insolent and hard to manage, but that Mr. Jones had kept him in his employ largely for the sake of the aged mother-in-law.

Mrs. Williams did not go on the stand and was said to be quite deaf. However, when some remark during the trial was made as to her age she interrupted to say that she was a year younger.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones have been married 12 years and have five children. "It seems a pity," said Judge Devin Saturday before passing sentence, "that these innocent must suffer along with the guilty, — probably even more than the guilty, but no way has been devised to prevent it."

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