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COTTON MEN MEET.

Gathering of Manufacturers in City of Atlanta.

SENATOR M'LAURIN MAKES SPEECH

At a Banquet, in Which He Advocates Some Measures of Economic Legislation.

Atlanta, Special.—The Southern Cotton Spinners' Association met in annual convention here Thursday. This is the fifth yearly gathering of the association and the attendance was large, many people from New York, Pennsylvania and the New England States inscribing their names on the register. A business session was held in the morning, and the afternoon was given over to sight-seeing, the delegates being the guests of the Southern Railway on a trip around Atlanta. In the morning Dr. J. H. McAden, president of the association, delivered his annual address. He recommended a declaration by the spinners in favor of a merchant marine "upon a basis that will give all American citizens an equal chance, prevent favoritism to entrenchment interests and recognize the producing classes in the reduction of freight rates." He also favored the building and construction, as soon as possible, of the isthmian canal. On reciprocity, Dr. McAden said: "The immense balance of trade in our favor creates the necessity of our finding a market for our surplus products. We should do all that we can to advance both the letter and the spirit of reciprocity. We especially desire closer commercial relations with South America and the Orient."

At a "smoker" in the Kimball House at night, Hoke Smith spoke on "Development of Our Home Talent," and United States Senator John L. McLaurin on "Extension of Our Foreign Trade." Senator McLaurin said: "We are at the dawn of a new day of progress in the history of the world. A better era is fast approaching when all peoples will have a more perfect understanding of the brotherhood of man and the inter-dependence of nations. For two thousand years the policies of the world have been conducted upon the inhuman idea of shedding blood. This has served a useful purpose in the civilization of mankind, awful as it is to contemplate; but that purpose has now been accomplished. Until very recently commerce was not deemed a proper subject for governmental consideration. There is no direct department of commerce in any government except that of Germany. The moving considerations prompting the settlement of the Chinese trouble are commercial. The time will come when the best minds of every country will be called upon to adjust the complicated questions of foreign trade and the consular officers at the leading ports of commerce will equal in importance the diplomatic ambassadors."

In connection with the extension of the Southern foreign trade, Senator McLaurin advocated an American merchant marine. "Our weakness upon the sea is the one great danger that confronts the nation," said the Senator. "If ships could be built in the United States as cheaply and operated under our flag as cheaply as they are under other flags, it would be unnecessary for our government to do more than to offset the subsidies, bounties, naval reserve retainers and other methods with which foreign governments attract capital into merchant ships built and managed by their own people. We must not imagine that America is dependent upon national legislation in order to make ship-owning pay. We have ample evidence of large American investments in foreign built ships, manned and operated by foreigners in our foreign trade. However much our people may have invested in foreign ships, they are unavailable under the international law when at war as naval auxiliaries. Another thing we should remember. These very ships and the men employed on board of them, may be turned against the United States in the event of our becoming involved in war with the nation whose flag they fly."

"The object of extending government aid to the upbuilding of our merchant marine is to secure adequate protection for the nation upon the sea, and the mere fact that the investment has been made attractive to American capital is an incident of the transaction."

"We do not want to see the isthmian canal become merely a foreign highway of commerce," said the Senator. "We do not want our millions expended merely to become a bounty to foreign shipping. It should be an American highway, and we should so develop our mercantile marine that with the opening of this great canal our own flag shall predominate at the masthead of a majority of the ships that it accommodates. The South will be the immediate beneficiary of that great waterway when it is constructed."

THE VETERANS DINED.

Old Soldiers Fare Sumptuously At Comrade's Dinner.

A sumptuous dinner to 47 Regiment veterans was given by Capt. J. J. Thomas in Dorsett's cafe at Raleigh last Thursday, at which fifteen of these valiant veterans were present.

The special object of the meeting was to draw up resolutions regarding the original of the Regimental General Orders of Col. G. H. Fairbault and Adjutant T. C. Powell of the Forty-seventh, under date of May 17, 1862, and thanking Mr. E. R. Hyatt of New York for them. Mr. A. C. Green was made chairman and Mr. J. Rowan Rogers secretary. Resolutions prepared by Capt. J. J. Thomas were adopted, and Mr. Rogers was requested to prepare an article incorporating the resolutions and giving the names of the veterans present. When all business had been disposed of and a motion to adjourn was declared to be in order, Captain Thomas arose and extended an invitation to his comrades to take dinner with him. Of course there was unanimous and very hearty consent, and the company then proceeded to Dorsett's cafe, where Captain Thomas had previously left an order for the very best and most complete dinner and elegant service that Mr. Dorsett could provide. And this is calling for a "whole lot," so to express it, for Dorsett cafe has a most enviable reputation for serving these special dinners.

The spread was in the private dining room, and the veterans seemed to enjoy the repast most heartily.

After the regular courses there were brief and in several instances feeling remarks by various guests present, notably Mr. Green, Captain Thomas and Mr. Rogers.

A note was read from Dr. Lankford of Wake Forest, who was also a member of the old Forty-seventh, regretting that he was unable to attend the meeting.

Staggers in Horses.

New Bern, Special.—According to the October bulletin of the Board of Health, the "staggers" among horses prevails in but two counties of the State. It would seem that the board might get some nearer to the facts in this matter, and if they had noticed the reports sent by your correspondent from time to time regarding the disease among the horses they might have learned more about it, in that way, if in no other.

The Board of Health is hereby informed that the disease now prevails in the counties of Craven, Pamlico, Carteret, Onslow and Duplin. Horses have died in several of these counties of the disease within a few days. It also probably exists in several other counties, namely Dare, Hyde, Beaufort and Pender. There was a spasmodic effort to locate and furnish a remedy for the disease, but it does not seem to have been very effectual or well planned. Appeals have been made in the press from several points for aid and advice, but the farmers complain that little has been done to help them in their extremity.

The talk of a railroad from New Bern to Washington with a branch line to Aurora is creating considerable interest. The promoters of the enterprise are from Pittsburg, Pa., and it is stated that they have purchased large bodies of timbered land in Beaufort and Craven counties. The distance would be about thirty miles the course the road would run, and the spur to Aurora would be near twenty miles. If the road is built it will greatly benefit Washington, but it would greatly damage the traffic of the A. and N. C. railroad. Our people want to see the road built.

A Negro in Her Room.

What may have been an attempt at a most dastardly crime took place in Raleigh Friday night. This was the finding of a negro in her bedroom by a young lady, who, fortunately went to her room at an early hour and by her sudden appearance frightened the scoundrel away. The occurrence took place at the home of Mrs. Stunkel, who resides on West Hargett street, near Harrington, next to the residence of Mr. R. L. Lumsden. Mrs. Stunkel is a widow and there resides with her three children. One of these, her daughter, Miss Marie, who is about twenty years of age, heard a noise in her room and went into it about 8 o'clock. As she entered the room she saw a negro man, who, as she screamed, made a break for the open window, out of which he leaped and ran off in the darkness.

Carnegie Honored.

London, By Cable.—Vice Chancellor Donaldson, of the University of St. Andrews, has announced the unanimous election of Andrew Carnegie as lord rector. The students greeted the announcement with cheering and singing of "He's a jolly good fellow." The vice chancellor remarked that Mr. Carnegie's election would meet the approval of the whole nation.

ARMIES ARE FACING

Warlike Arrangements in South America.

REPUBLICS AT DAGGER POINTS.

Sixteen Thousand Men Under Arms and Conflict Imminent—A Tempest in a Teapot.

Marcalbo, Venezuela, By Cable.—A correspondent of the Associated Press has just had an interview with General Urbe-Paibe. He found the general strongly encamped in the Cordillera Mountains on the frontier line between the Venezuelan State Tachira and the Colombian province of Santander. His headquarters were at a hamlet called of Louisiana, half a day's ride from San Cristobal, the capital of Tachira. His command, numbering several thousand Colombian Liberals, was holding the extreme left of the Venezuelan line of defence, covering the approach of San Cristobal and Encerrados Railroad from the direction of Cucuta. General Chabant Cordone held the centre with General Modesto Castro at the extreme right. On the Columbian side, General Valencia, a former minister, and Juan Bertiand Rangel Garibras, the Venezuelan rebel, are in command. Altogether, some 16,000 soldiers stand face to face on the frontier. Skirmishes and raids across the frontier are of daily, or rather, of nightly, occurrence.

ALABAMA ELECTION.

Constitutional Amendment Carried By Big Majority.

Montgomery, Ala., Special.—Alabama voted Monday on the question of the adoption or ratification of the constitution framed by the recent convention and from the returns so far received it is evident that the new instrument has carried by a majority ranging between 25,000 and 35,000. The negroes voted in much larger numbers than had been expected, but were unable to control the result. This was the last opportunity they will have to vote and in many counties they turned out en masse. The election passed off quietly, no trouble being reported up to this hour.

Duel Between Farmers.

Macon, Ga., Special.—John Goolsby and Charlie Fullerton, two prominent farmers of Hillsboro, in Jasper county, near here, emptied their pistols into each other at close range Monday afternoon. Fullerton was killed instantly and Goolsby is dying. They had quarrelled about a piece of land. Goolsby raised his shot-gun and Fullerton seized it. Each held it with his left hand and drew their pistols. Thus they fought until Fullerton fell dead and Goolsby staggered a few paces, fell and then raised up on his elbow and emptied both barrels of the gun into the dead body near him.

The Turpentine Industry.

Washington, D. C., Special.—A preliminary report on the turpentine and resin industry of the United States was issued by the Census Bureau showing the extent of the industry in the census year of 1900 as compared with 1899. According to this statement the total value of these two products for 1900 was \$20,344,888, against \$8,077,379 for 1899. The number of establishments was 1,502, against 670 in 1899, the capital employed \$11,832,845, against \$4,062,375; the average number of wage earners 41,864, against 15,265; the total wages paid \$8,390,632, against \$2,906,547 and the cost of materials used \$5,196,595, against \$6,874,693.

Dead Man Comes to Life.

Louisville, Special.—Newell C. Rathbun, who was supposed to have been dead in Jeffersonville, Ind., hotel last Thursday, was arrested in Louisville Tuesday. According to Rathbun the corpse which was shipped to Little Rock for burial as the body of Rathbun was the body of W. L. Ten Eyke. The police say Rathbun has confessed to desertion from the United States army and to having formed a plan to fraudulently collect \$4,000 insurance on his life, but that he denies having killed the man who died in the Jeffersonville hotel.

Killed His Lover.

Elizabethtown Tenn., Special.—Frank Kidwell, aged 23, shot and killed his sweetheart, Ada Thompson, aged 16, and then committed suicide. The cause of the tragedy is said to be the refusal of the girl's father to allow Kidwell to visit his daughter and her declination to marry him. Both are members of prominent families.

VARILOID AT TRINITY COLLEGE.

Quite a Little Excitement Over the Matter.

Durham, Special.—Some excitement was occasioned when it became known that there was a case of small pox or varioloid among the student body at Trinity College. The excitement was not that our people are especially scared of contracting the contagion but that there might be a spread among the students.

As soon as Dr. N. M. Johnston, the county health officer, decided the nature of the disease P. W. H. Pegram, chairman of the faculty, issued a statement giving a clear statement of the facts in the case. This was furnished to the press for publication as follows, no attempt being made to conceal the facts:

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"Mr. R. O. Lawton, a student of the college, was discovered to be sick, and yesterday Dr. Graham was called to see him. He showed some symptoms of smallpox, and Dr. N. M. Johnston, county health officer, was called in. As soon as the case was suspected an immune was secured to attend Mr. Lawton. Today the physicians decided that Mr. Lawton has a mild case of varioloid and he was moved to the house of detention. All precautions have been taken, and it is not thought that there will be any further trouble. I issue this statement so that all may know the true state of affairs. The following statement was made by Mr. N. M. Johnston, health officer of Durham county:

"Mr. R. O. Lawton, a student at Trinity College, has been found to have a case of varioloid, and has been moved to the house of detention. Every precaution has been taken to prevent the spread of the disease. The case was detected in time, and I do not apprehend any danger of the disease spreading. It is not known where the disease was contracted. Mr. Lawton is from South Carolina. There are no cases in the county so far as I know.

"As a precaution, I advise all students who have not been successfully vaccinated within the last two years, to be vaccinated.

"N. M. JOHNSTON,
"County Health Officer."
"In the absence of Dr. Kilgo I issue this official statement.

"W. H. PEGRAM,
"Chairman of Faculty."

Jail Breakers Caught.

Greensboro, Special.—Ernest Causey, one of the prisoners who escaped from jail here about two weeks ago, has been arrested and jailed at Cumberland, Md., where he was passing under the assumed name of Joe Grady. The proper papers were made out and an officer will go to Raleigh at once to obtain from Governor Aycock a requisition on the governor of Maryland for the return of the prisoner. Causey is one of the most daring criminals this country has known for some time. He has repeatedly been in trouble and has always been regarded as a desperate character. A few months ago he was arrested and confined in jail for breaking into a house near Jamestown and stealing a number of articles. Just before court he escaped from jail, but was later captured at Charlottesville, Va. At the last term of Guilford Superior Court he was convicted and sentenced to the county roads for three years. About two days before he was to have been taken to the roads he and another prisoner, Lee Ragan, broke jail under cover of darkness. Sheriff Jordan immediately offered a reward of \$50 for their capture. Monday word came from the chief of police of Charlottesville, Va., that Causey was in Cumberland, Md., where he was known as Joe Grady. The chief of police of Cumberland was instructed to capture the escaped convict, and word came that he was in jail.

Died From a Splinter.

Statesville special says: Mrs. Carrie Feimster, wife of Mr. A. L. Feimster, of Concord township, died in Statesville Monday afternoon. Her death was due to blood poisoning resulting from accidentally running a splinter into one of the fingers some days ago. The finger pained her to such an extent that she was brought to Statesville for treatment but the poison had reached such a point that medical aid could avail nothing. Mrs. Feimster was about 40 years old and is survived by a husband and two children. The remains were interred at Connelly's chapel this afternoon at 3 o'clock, the funeral exercises being conducted by Rev. R. B. Shelton.

Shipbuilding Plant on Mock's Bay.

New York, Special.—The Times says that the New York and Southern capitalists who incorporated the Gulf Ship-Building and Dry Dock Company in the State of Alabama have formulated plans for the establishment of a large ship-building plant on the shores of Mobile Bay, Ala., and a dry dock and ship-repairing plant at New Orleans.

LIVE ITEMS OF NEWS.

Many Matters of General Interest in Short Paragraphs.

At The National Capital.

President Roosevelt is expected to urge new laws to strengthen the Interstate Commerce Commission's work.

The cost of coaling the United States Navy the past year was over \$2,273,111.

Orders have been issued in regard to the transmission of Christmas boxes for the foreign possessions of the United States.

Senator H. C. Lodge being generally regarded as spokesman of the Administration, the speech delivered at Boston is attracting much attention.

George E. Bowden and Park Agnew are in Washington endeavoring to secure the appointment of an organization man to the vacant Virginia judgeship.

The Sunny South.

A statue of Thomas Jefferson was unveiled in Louisville, Ky.

An accidental explosion of powder at Davy, W. Va., killed three miners.

Army Paymaster Stevens reports at Pensacola, Fla., that \$4,800 in greenbacks was stolen from his satchel.

Quarreling over family affairs, T. M. Harrington was killed and Robert Taylor seriously stabbed by Walter Bailey, at Fayette, Miss.

A Jessamine, Miss., dispatch says: "Morgan Harrington, and Robert Taylor were attacked near Fayette by Walter Bailey, Frank Peoples and another man, whose name is unknown was killed and Taylor mortally wounded."

At The North.

Snow fell briskly in Troy, N. Y., Tuesday afternoon.

Proposed buildings for the St. Louis Exposition will cover 126.53 acres and cost about \$6,250,000.

Escaped convicts from Leavenworth captured the Sheriff and his deputy of Shawnee county, Kansas.

William Travers Jerome will have about \$250,000 in salaries to disburse as District Attorney of New York.

The project of opening saloons on Sunday during certain hours in New York seems to be received with favor.

In connection with the case of Jane Toppin, under arrest at Barnstable, Mass., two bodies will be exhumed for a chemical analysis.

Gen. James H. Wilson, of Delaware, addressed the American Free Trade League in Boston on "Trade with the Tropics."

It is reported the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will establish the largest freight yards in the country in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Official returns from Ohio show last Tuesday's vote to have been about 100,000 less than the total cast for Governor two years ago.

A water-tower, holding 383,000 gallons of water, burst Saturday, at Fair Haven, Mass.

The New England Free Trade League has changed its name to the American Free Trade League.

Secretary of War Root has given Hamilton College, Utica, N. Y., a 300-pound cannon captured in the Philippines.

From Across The Sea.

The Russian Government is adopting vigorous measures for coping with the famine.

The Sultan having acceded to all the demands of France the latter country has resumed diplomatic relations with Turkey and the French fleet has been ordered to leave Mitylene.

A dispatch from The Hague says that the administrative council of the arbitration tribunal will meet November 20 to decide on the appeal of the Boers against the ruling that the war in South Africa is not subject to the court's consideration.

Dispatches to the London Daily Mail announces that the Cape Town Guard has again been called out and that Kitchener has issued an order directing that all Boers captured in British uniforms are to be shot.

Miscellaneous Matters.

The brigands who hold Miss Ellen M. Stone captive in the Balkans plan to kill her when the ransom is paid.