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## TAR HEEL TOPICS

Items Gathered From All Sections of the State

### Cotton Men Visit Charlotte.

Charlotte, Special.—The party of prominent foreign and Northern spinners who are touring the South spent a few hours here Saturday.

The party was composed of the following named eminent spinners from various foreign countries.

From England: Richard J. Allen, Thomas Ashton, Albert Ashworth, Stanley Ashworth, Mr. Banks, H. P. Bannerman, Edwin Barlow, J. R. Barlow, P. R. Barlow, R. H. Perry, George Buckley, Charles A. Byrom, T. H. Chadwick, Walter Chadwick, Samuel Clough, Thomas Coates, Frank Dickens, William Dood, John Emery, T. H. Forgan, Oscar Griffiths, T. H. Haggas, Thomas Hallam, R. Holden, William Howarth, H. O. Hutchinson, William Hutchinson, R. H. Jackson, W. H. Killick, E. Latimer, James Lawrence, J. O. Lees, J. Lonsdale, Jr., J. L. Lord, H. W. Macalister, C. W. Macara, W. C. Macara, Miss Macara and Miss A. Macara, G. R. Marsden, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McConnell, S. H. Milnes, W. C. Nation, G. B. Newton, Samuel Newton, W. J. Pearson, James Prestwick, Aro Schmidt, F. R. Sewell, C. R. Shaw, John Shaw, John Semthurst, John Smith, Randolph Smith, Ernest Stott, Harry Stott, J. B. and Miss Tattersall, J. M. Thomas, George Whitehead, Hendel Whittaker.

From Germany: Arthur Arnold Moritz Brugelmann, Herman Burkhardt, Mr. and Mrs. C. Clauss, Erich Fabarius Max Goll, J. B. Haefele, Berthold Kahn, Herman Laurenz, Moritz Schanz, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Schmidt, Felix Schwartz, L. Steingger, Jr., Willi Supt, Adolf Waibel.

From Austria: Mr. and Mrs. O. Anninger, Herman Broeh, Karl Fischer von See, E. Frieser, J. G. Haebler, Franz Knappe, Sr., Arthur Kuffler, Robert Mitscherlich, Hugo Moller, Mr. and Mrs. A. Raudnitz, Mr. Riecken, C. Schindler-Doer, Felix Wolf.

From France: Poul Anceel-Seitz, G. Duville-Motte, A. Fremaux, Camille Lion, Mr. and Mrs. A. Mabire, Fernand Motte, R. Nicholle, Albert Pingle.

From Belgium: Albert Buysee, Marcel Buysee, Adolph Hebbelnonek, Carlos de Hemptinne, O. Vanderhaegen.

From Italy: Piero Bogni, Dr. Tullio Fosti, A. Sutermeister, Ettore Vallesi.

From Portugal: H. R. Taveriera, Henry Thurmann.

The editor of The Manufacturers Record comments to-day on the significance of the tour in the following language: "As pleasant and as profitable as the two weeks' trip in the South will be for the foreign spinners. It will give them only an inkling of that section's wonderful capacity for manufacturing cotton. There will not be lacking for them evidence of what the South has already accomplished in textiles, but to acquaint themselves with the many opportunities still awaiting the manufacturer they should after they have made their swing around the circle, return to the South study carefully some of the representative mills there and investigate some of the great water-powers now under development, the coal resources and other elements entering into success in cotton manufacturing. Their knowledge unless they visit other cities than those included in their itinerary. For that the best arrangements possible in the time allowed were made, but other cities would be well worth a visit."

### Matters to Receive Attention.

Particular attention will be made by the gentlemen composing the party to growing, picking, baling and marketing the South's crop and suggest and advise ways and means by which improvement can be made along these lines. Besides being, therefore, beneficial to the foreign visitors themselves, the tour is bound to result advantageously for the manufacturers and cotton-producers in the South.

### Negro Drowns in Eight Inches of Water.

Wilmington, Special.—Seated on a small bridge over a running branch in the eastern part of the city where he was engaged in washing some bottles George Chavers a middle aged negro fell into not more than eight inches of water and was drowned before help could reach him. He was found some hours later with his face buried in the mud and water. The negro was an epileptic and it is supposed that he fell in a fit. The coroner was summoned to review the extraordinary occurrence but he deemed an inquest unnecessary.

### To Be Held In Charlotte.

Charlotte, Special.—The second annual convention of the North Carolina Sabbath Association which is the State branch of the American Sabbath Union will be held in Charlotte beginning on November 20 and continuing for two days. Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Asheville is president of the association and Rev. W. H. McMaster is the field secretary. The programme of the convention is being arranged and prominent speakers have already been secured. The work of the American Sabbath Union is entirely in the interest of Sabbath observance and it is making commendable progress in many States. A business meeting of the North Carolina Association will be held in Greensboro early in November for the purpose of fixing some place as headquarters of the State Association, (2) of taking steps looking toward making the work self-supporting and (3) of establishing a depository of Sabbath literature, etc.

### Desperate Man Killed.

Asheville, Special.—Deputy Sheriff Pink Case of Hendersonville who Sunday night on a local train of the Southern shot and killed Clingman King a negro was exonerated by the coroner's jury here last week. The shooting occurred just prior to the departure of the Hendersonville train. The deputy sheriff had come here for the negro a desperate character who was wanted in Hendersonville for housebreaking. The officer had his man on the train when King made a dash for liberty, running out of the passenger coach with the officer in hot pursuit. The deputy sheriff overtook his prisoner along side the train when the negro made a determined resistance. The officer drew his pistol during the scuffle and according to an eye witness King caught the officer's arm and attempted to wrench the weapon from Mr. Case's grasp. At that instant the pistol fired and King fell dead at the officer's feet. King was a bad negro. He had served a term in the penitentiary and had just completed a term on the roads of Buncombe county. About forty people from Hendersonville came in to attend the coroner's investigation.

### Will Celebrate October 22d.

Greensboro, Special.—It was officially announced by the president of the Greensboro Alumni Association of the University of North Carolina, Dr. J. E. Brooks that the date for the celebration of University Day, which is October 12th, has been changed for this year and will be held on Tuesday, October 22d. University Day is celebrated over the State and other States where there is an alumni association on October 12th, but the change of the date for the celebration in Greensboro was made necessary by the fact that this date falls on Saturday and immediately preceding the opening of the Central Carolina Fair in this place.

### Linemen on Live Wire.

Gastonia, Special.—Vernon Fogle, a lineman of the Piedmont Telephone Company, had a narrow escape from death when he, while at work on a crossbeam on a telephone pole in this place, came in contact with a live wire of the city lighting system. The line carried 23,000 volts, but the full charge did not affect him. He was strapped to the pole, this preventing him from falling to the ground. He was rendered unconscious and for a time was in a bad shape, but he is better and is expected to recover. Strange to say, his body was not burned to any extent. Mr. Fogle is about 20 years of age.

### Murphy's Successor Chosen.

Charlotte, Special.—At a special meeting of the board of directors at Morganton Dr. John McCampbell was elected superintendent of the State Hospital for the Insane to succeed Dr. P. L. Murphy the noted alienist, who died 10 days ago. Dr. McCampbell was first assistant physician of the institution.

### To Have New Building.

Raleigh, Special.—It is learned that the management of Rex Hospital here has decided to begin work on a new building early next spring. The cost will approximate \$75,000, of which \$30,000 is in hand. The hospital was established in 1884 and the main building is what used to be the town house of Governor Manley, one of the oldest places in the city. This is to be moved to the rear of the spacious grounds and will be used during the construction of the new building.

## WILL PROTECT BIRDS

To Interest Cotton Growers in Propagation of Birds.

Greensboro, Special.—Secretary T. Gilbert Pearson of the Audubon Society has gone to Atlanta to attend a meeting of the Cotton Growers' Association at that place. Representatives of the Audubon Society from the Northern States will be present. The object of the bird protector's visit to the meeting of the association is to enlist the support of the cotton men in getting appropriations from the government for the propagation of birds. It is said that there are sixteen varieties of birds that are fond of boll weevils for breakfast and it is hoped to interest the cotton growers in their welfare.

### Asheville Warm Over Liquor War.

Asheville, Special.—A monster prohibition parade probably the largest ever held in Asheville marched through the streets of this city Saturday. It was estimated that there were about 7,000 men, women and children in line with bands and banners and much enthusiasm was displayed as the long line passed through the various streets, between immense throngs which lined the sidewalks. A unique feature was a large number of women wheeling baby carriages in which were many lusty infants. As the long line reached the auditorium at 1 o'clock the expected speakers had not arrived and calls were at once made for Judge Pritchard who has been most enthusiastic in his efforts to secure prohibition in Asheville. Messengers were at once dispatched to the United States court where the hearing in the Southern railway case was in progress.

### Almost Fatality at Wilson Moving Picture Show.

Wilson, Special.—At the Lyceum Theatre here while a moving picture and cowboys was in progress showing a fight between Mexicans and cowboys was in operation, Johnnie porter, who made realistic effects behind the curtain, came near fatally shooting several persons in the audience, when in some way a loaded cartridge which was mixed with blanks was fired, injuring two in the audience. The ball passed through Victor Brown's hand, went through the back of the seat and grazed the arm of Miss Hattie Rice, the injured were carried to the hospital. The theatre was crowded when the accident occurred.

### Girl Chased by Negro.

Asheville, Special.—An exciting incident occurred on Beaneatcher mountain. Miss Gracie Cook, a girl 15 years of age, was strolling on the mountain not a great distance from her home, when a negro suddenly stepped from behind a clump of bushes and told her to stop. The girl was badly frightened and started to run. The negro picked up a rock and hurled it at her and then gave chase. The girl ran a distance up the mountain and then, striking a path, out-footed the negro down the mountain side. The negro followed the girl to within a short distance of her home and then fled.

### Express Agent Resigns.

Concord, Special.—Mr. John C. Correll who has had charge of the Southern Express office in this city for the past several years has tendered his resignation to take effect at once. It is the understanding that if the company will relieve him Mr. Correll will begin work Monday morning for J. A. Skipwith & Co., cotton buyers. Mr. Correll asked for relief some time last fall but inducements were offered which caused him to reconsider and continue his work. This time however Mr. Correll has fully determined to leave the express business.

### One Story Jail Wins Out.

Warsaw, Special.—In the primary ascertaining the sentiment of our people on the much agitated two-story jail question the vote was light, only 84 votes being cast in this precinct 7 for and 77 against a two-story jail. The election passed off without incident no one evincing any special interest in the outcome of the vote. The vote was light in the other precincts of the county so far as could be learned a very decided majority of the votes cast however being against the two-story jail.

### Five Years in For Arnold.

Newbern, Special.—The criminal term of Superior Court closed Saturday. The docket consisted of 150 cases most of them being indictments for selling liquor without license. Judge Lyon has been very expeditious in clearing the docket and there are but few cases continued to the next term of court. One of the important cases was the State vs. J. M. Arnold for attempted criminal assault. The defendant was found guilty and sentenced to five years in the penitentiary. Arnold had able counsel and a strong effort made to set aside the verdict but it was unsuccessful.

## COTTON MEN MEET 4 HORRIBLE DEATHS

Gathering in Atlanta of Users and Producers

### WILL FIGHT THE SPECULATORS

A Lively Fight Over the Regulation or Prohibition of Speculative Dealing in the Staple Promises to Be the Chief Feature of the International Conference.

Atlanta, Ga., Special.—With delegates present representing every phase of the cotton industry from the time it leaves the planter's hands to the time when the product woven into fabrics is sent to markets of the world, and including representatives of many foreign countries, the international conference of cotton spinners and growers met at the State Capitol building in this city for a three-day session. More than 500 delegates were present, nearly a hundred of these representing the great mills of Germany, Great Britain, France, Italy, Spain and Portugal, with an aggregate wealth in farm lands, cotton crop and mills of nearly four billions of dollars.

During the sessions questions of the greatest importance to grower and spinner alike will be taken up for discussion and action, and it is hoped that this meeting will result in a better understanding between the men who produce cotton and those who weave the staple into fabrics.

That this will result was indicated by the talk of many of the delegates after the addresses at this session, in which the great losses to spinners by reason of poor methods of handling and shipping the raw product were shown and the great saving that would be effected to both grower and spinner if more system and care were used in the initial handling of the products of the fields.

A lively fight for regulation or prohibition of speculative dealing in cotton was also indicated before the committee on buying and selling when Congressman Heflin, of Alabama, introduced a resolution asking the conference to memorialize Congress and the British Parliament to stop speculation in cotton except that actually owned. But the fact that an investigation following a similar resolution had resulted in a refusal by the British law-making body to disturb existing conditions was brought out, and a favorable report by the sub-committee to which the matter was finally referred will undoubtedly be accomplished by a vigorous minority report against any such action.

Governor Hoke Smith, of Georgia, in his address of welcome to the delegates, caused much applause by advocating the ginning, compressing and baling of cotton on the plantation and abolishing the manipulation of the middle man, and undoubtedly this feature of the cotton industry will receive much attention.

The morning session was taken up largely with addresses of welcome and responses and the appointment of committees. In his opening address Mr. Macoll outlined the objects of the conference and made suggestions for the elimination of differences between grower and spinner, and methods of increasing the value of the product of the grower. He said that the planter, if he wants to sell direct to the spinner, must in some way do the work of the middleman and have the same financial responsibility; he must grade, carry and finance the cotton as the merchant does now. He added that gin-compressing would effect an enormous saving in transportation and insurance, and enable the overburdened railroads to move more expeditiously the ever-increasing crop. He made a plea for a uniform bill of lading and expressed himself in sympathy with the report recently issued by a committee of the New York cotton exchange on the certification of cotton and improved classification as to grade and staple. Mr. Baell requested earnest consideration of the question of trading in futures and speculation resulting therefrom. He concluded by urging the formation of a permanent international organization of growers and spinners.

### Cannot Pay Immigrant's Fare.

New Orleans, Special.—Louisiana cannot legally pay the fare of immigrants to this country, according to a ruling received from the immigration bureau. The decision was rendered in the test case of Geronimo Garcia, whose fare the State paid from Cuba. The grounds of the ruling have not yet been received.

### Engineer Killed in Wreck.

Rocky Mount, Special.—Passenger train No. 82, ran into a shifting engine Sunday morning on the outskirts of South Rocky Mount at 2:20 o'clock and Engineer George Boney, on the passenger train was killed instantly. His fireman was badly injured. The train crew on the shifter jumped. Both engines were demolished and the mail coach was broken into shreds. Five mail clerks were slightly wounded. The baggage and one passenger car were demolished. No passengers were injured.

The Victims Literally Cooked Alive.

### 30 OTHERS SERIOUSLY INJURED.

By the Upsetting of a Metal Pot in a Pennsylvania Steel Plant Four are Killed Outright and Thirty Will Die.

Butler, Pa., Special.—An explosion caused by the upsetting of the metal pot in the No. 1 cupola of the Standard Steel Company here late Saturday caused the death of four men, fatally injuring 20, and seriously injuring 10 others. Nearly all of the men were foreigners.

The large wheel plant, 150 by 100 feet, was demolished, causing a loss estimated at \$100,000.

The dead are:

Nick Dorna, Nicholas Blotar, John Vereck, Unknown man.

The condition of the 30 men injured is pitiable. Although still alive the features of a majority are mutilated beyond recognition. The hot metal was showered over them, causing horrible injuries. Arms, fingers and ears were torn, while a number of men had their eyes burned out. Several men are in the hospital with their legs burned to a crisp. At midnight the physicians attending the injured said that at least 20 of the men would die.

The explosion was caused by the upsetting of a metal pot in the cupola, which contained 5,000 pounds of molten metal ready for casting. A span in the pot broke, allowing the liquid iron to spill over the wet sand. An explosion followed so quickly that none of the workmen in the building had a chance to escape. Streams of the burning metal poured out on the workmen who were literally cooked. Twenty men near the cupola had every shred of clothing blown off by the force of the explosion. Many were buried under the wreckage and were not rescued for an hour after the catastrophe. When the flames shot from the burning ear works fully 10,000 people rushed to the scene blocking streets and interfering with fire companies and ambulances. Through lack of room many of the injured were compelled to lie for an hour on cots in street cars before it was possible to take them to the hospital a mile and a half away. Members of the fire department and citizens assisted in caring for the men who were totally naked and suffering intensely with the cold.

### The Rowlands Acquitted.

Raleigh, N. C., Special.—The trial of Dr. and Mrs. Rowland for the murder of engineer Strange, closed on Saturday night after one of the hardest fought legal contests in the history of the State's criminal prosecutions. The work of counsel for both the State and the defense was particularly able. The trial closed on Saturday night and after the judge's charge the case went to the jury. Sunday morning a verdict of complete acquittal was reached and the prisoners were dismissed. They received the cordial congratulations of their friends.

### Dr. H. T. Inge Buys Shreveport Franchise.

Mobile, Ala., Special.—Dr. H. T. Inge, president of the local baseball organization holding the Cotton States League franchise, announced the purchase of the Shreveport Southern League franchise conditional on being able to get out of the Cotton States League next season. Dr. Inge appears to think there will be no trouble about this.

### Nashville Warehouse Destroyed by Fire.

Nashville, Tenn., Special.—The warehouse of Byrd Douglass & Co., grain dealers, was destroyed by fire early Friday night. Loss \$100,000, fully insured. The electric power plants of the city and of the Nashville Railway & Light Company are nearby and both were, for the time, put out of business. The city was in darkness and street railway traffic suspended at a time when thousands were seeking to return from the State fair where the largest crowd of the week was in attendance.

## Late News In Brief

MINOR MATTERS OF INTEREST

Nearly a hundred cotton manufacturer's from Europe have come to attend the cotton convention in Washington and Atlanta.

The annual fish fry and squirrel stew in the wilderness near Fredericksburg was attended by a great crowd.

A bad freight wreck occurred on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad near Martinsburg, W. Va.

President Roosevelt spoke at Cairo and then proceeded south to Memphis.

Col. R. M. Thompson will spend \$500,000 in nine months entertaining 15 guests on a world tour on a chartered liner.

Four Italians were hanged together at Lancaster, Pa., for the murder of a countryman.

Testimony in the Standard Oil case showed that the trust sells lubricating oil to practically all the railroad at its own price.

Hartford stockholders of the Illinois Central Railroad bolted the Hariman ticket and gave Fish \$3,000.

Percy C. Digby, Pittsburg's missing law librarian was found dead in the Alleghany river.

Shipments of whiskey into prohibition districts of Kentucky were upheld by the State Court of Appeals.

Mr. Charles England of Baltimore was given a loving cup by the National Grain Dealers Association upon his retirement as president.

No protest is to be made now by the United States Government against the appointment of Wang-tang as Chinese minister.

The mystery of the murder of a woman whose dismembered body was found among some baggage at Mont Carlo has been solved by the confession of the murderer.

Great interest is shown in the tennis match between President Roosevelt and the Bishop of London which is expected to take place.

Rev. J. E. Tripolett who has been for some years rector of the Presbyterian churches at Duffield and Shenandoah Junction has resigned. He will continue as pastor of the Presbyterian church at Kearneysville.

The Baptist church at Charlotte has extended a call to Rev. L. E. Dutton, of Easton, Md.

The Tuna glass plant at Clarksburg, W. Va., will start its fires. It is the largest industry in the industrial addition of Clarksburg. The plant includes six handsome buildings.

The Fairmont Coal Company which is controlled by the Consolidated Coal Company of Baltimore is making provision for a future supply of mineral timber and during the year will set out 10,000 young trees on the various properties of the company. Oak saplings will be planted chiefly. Timber for props, etc., used in mines becoming very scarce.

Ambassador Charlmagne Tower has written to the President, asking to be relieved next spring.

American Mormons were driven out of Saxony for proselyting.

There has been serious circling in Calcutta.

The Makado's mother is said to be seriously ill or dead.

Pennsylvania day was observed at the Exposition.

Nine miners dropped with a cage into 70 feet of water in an English mine and perished.

Col. Charles S. Smith, Ordnance Department, is to be made a brigadier-general.

All preparations have been made for the Presidential bear hunt in the Louisiana canebrakes.

It was shown in the Standard Oil hearing that the trust got rates about half as low as competitors to Africa.

Fish is out with another statement charging that the Illinois Central reports were padded.

It is said that Governor Cummins of Iowa, may be named to succeed Bonaparte as Attorney General.

Senator Platt filed an answer to the suit of Mae Wood denying that he married her and declaring that paper purporting to support the claim were forgeries.

President Moffett of the Standard Oil subsidiary company, was shown before the Chicago grand jury to have no proof to back his statement that rebates were given to many other concerns.

Norfolk, Special.—Rev. Dr. Howard formerly rector of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church at Wheeling, Va., arrived here with Mrs. Howard.