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Value of Our Manufactures is **Beyond Comprehension**

\$15,000,000,000, EXPERTS SAY

Chief Carson Makes This Estimate in the Annual Report of His Bureau, Which Was Made Public Sunday.

Washington, Special.-Fifteen billions of dollars represent the value of the annual production of manufactures in the United States. After careful estimates were made by experts, Col. John M. Carson, chief of the bureau of manufactures, was able to make this statement in the annual report of the operations of his bureau, made public Sanday. The figures do not represent finished products entirely, but include products in various stages of progress. Last year the aggregate value of domestic merchandise exported was \$1,854,000,000, an increase of nearly \$136,000,000 over the preceding year. In this classification "manufactures ready for consumption" are credited with \$480,-000,000 and these figures are generally accepted as the extent of the exports of manufactures. The report of the bureau, whoever, groups this elassification with those of "food stuffs partly or wholly manufactured," and "manufactures for further use in manufacturing," the aggregate exports of which last year were \$606,-000,000 and this amount added to "manufactures ready for consumption" make the aggregate value of manufactures exported in the year ended June 30, \$1,086,000,000 or more than 58 per cent, of the entire exports for that year. Special significance is attached to the increase of nearly \$20,000,000 in the exports of completed manufactures, in view of the fact that the exports of cotton cloths declined more than \$21,000,000, this loss being entirely in the cotton trade with China. The populah feeling aroused in that country growing out of alleged outrages against Chinese residents in the United States is assigned as a contributory cause for this decline.

Cotton Seed Products. The cotton seed product exports for the year were upwards of \$40,500,-000, an increase of \$9,500,000 over 1906. In commenting on these figures

the report says: "Aside from its intrinsic value the relatively new industry has an economic value and importance to the country, the beneficial results of which are especially felt in the several States in which cotton in indigenerous, and in which the cotton seed

industry is naturally located." The success attending investigation by experts sent abroad has led to the adoption of the policy of speculizing investigation of trade conditions in for-

eign markets.

One of the obstacles to the enlargement of export trade is the uncertainty of transit between places of production and the scaboard. Merchants in the Orient especially complain that calculation cannot be made as to when goods ordered in the United States will be delivered, and in conseonence orders to European houses that should come to those of this country. The bureau has been in correspondence with managers of railway and ocean steamship companies with a view to securing more reliable.

stined to foreign countries. Demands made by business men for the extension of the pareels-post to foreign countries is discussed. It is claimed that this extension would open markets now closed to American business men for lack of transportation facilities, but which are open to their competitors who have advantages of the percels-post system.

and rapid transit for merchandise de-

New Masonic Temple.

Shelbyville, Special.—The new Ma sonie Temple, at this place, is very near complition, and will soon be ready for Masonic purposes. It stands on the west side of Court Square, and presents an imposing appearance. ed it will be one of the finest Ma- have been already detected. some building in the State,

Distiller Indicted.

Danville, Special.-The Federal grand jury, which has bear investigating for the past ten days the frauds on the government returned three inof Henry county, charging him with make proper returns on the books dicted on several counts for collusion | friends in traveling circles. to decraud the government.

Reading of the Appointments Winds Up Profitable Session.

Greensboro, Special.-The annual conference of the Methodist Protestant church closed here Monday. The session was one of interest and was harmonious throughout,

Appointments were read as fol-

Alamance-W. C. Lassiter. Albemarle-To be supplied. Anderson-C. J. Edwards. Asheboro-T. M. Johnson. Asheville-J. S. Williams. Broad River-J. E. McSwain. Muneombe-G. L. Curry. Burlington-William Porter. Caldwell.—Unsupplied. Chatham-W. D. Reid. Chesterfield—Unsupplied. Cleveland-H. S. B. Thompson. Concord-B. A. Braswell. Davidson-J. H. Hulin. Denton-G. L. Reynolds. Fairfield-W. E. Totten. Fairview-T. F. McCullock. Flat Rock-A. L. Hunter. Forsyth-E. T. Lowdermilk. Gastonia-T. A. Williams. Graham-C. L. Whitaker. Granville-T. W. Holmes. Greensboro-T. J. Ogburn.

. Fogleman. Guilford-O. A. Highfill. Halifax-W. L. Harris. Haw River-J. R. Hutton. Henderson-A. T. Dixon. High Point-J. D. Williams. livey-W. A. Lamar. LaGrange—J. F. Dozier. Lebanon—J. H. Morton. Liberty-J. W. Frank. Lumberton-J. A. Burgis. Littleton-Unsupplied. Mebane-R. M. Andrews. Mecklenburg-T. A. Plyler. Mocksville-T. H. Matthews. Monroe-H. D. Garman. Mount Herman-O. P. Ruth. Oak Ridge-W. R. Loudermilk. Orange Unsupplied.

Greenville and Spring Church-W.

Pinnacle and Mount Zion-W. F. Randleman-J. H. Bowman. Randolph-W. R. Ashburu. Richards-J. H. Stowe. Roanoke-C. L. Whitaker. Rockingham-H. W. Braswell. Rocky Mount-R. W. Taylor. Saxanaw-W. M. Pike. Stanley-A. O. Lindley. St. Paul-C. E. M. Raer. Tabernacle-H. L. Powell. Moharrie-W. J. Hackney. Vance-J. E. Hartsell. West Lexington—Edward Suits. Whynott-J. A. Ledbetter, Winston-Salem-G. T. Mihoway.

plied. Taboro-W. G. Bethea. Superannuated-J. W. Heath, P. D. Moore, W. C. Hammer, W. C.

Winston-Salem Circuit - Unsup-

Kennett, J. N. Garrett, C. A. Pickens, G. E. Hunt. Without appointments, at their own request-J. J. York, J. H. Tur-

ner, C. A. Ceeil, G. H. Biggs. Loan to the seminary-C. E. Forlines. Editor of Our Church Record-J.

F. McColloch. In hands of the president-J. H. Abernethy, J. R. Newlin, J. T. Dunn, J. L. Giles.

Educational work-S. Simpson. After the reading of the appointments the conference arjourned sine

One Effect of Scarce Cash.

Raleigh, Special.—Letters received from several persons who had avranged to come South for the winter say that owing to the money stringency they will be forced to change their plans and stay at home this time. Raleigh, like Charlotte, Wilmington, Henderson, Fayetteville and perhaps some other towns, has certainly stood stout against the storm. as none of these places have issued serip. Serip comes in here, into the various banks, and is handled just as checks and is sent for collection to the banks of issue. A lot of this serip is very cheaply printed, and hence there is danger of its being counterficited. A bank official here said he heard it stated that in States outside of North Carolina a number When entirely completed and furnish- of forgeries or counterfeits of scrip

Fine Hotel Is Sold.

Southern Pines, Special.-After considerable delay the fine botch property, the Southern Pines House, has been sold to settle the estate of W. E. Giles, the former owner, W. dictments Friday afternoon against J. McAdams was the buyer, and be G. W. Richardson, a large distiller gets the property for considerable less than \$10,000. While he lived, reasoving and concealing spirits, il- Mr. Giles was a most energetic hotel licit distilling, and for failing to man, and had made a good name for his house and was handling a large at his distillery. B. L. Howard, the patronage. The prospects look good storckeeper and guager, was also in- for the new owner, who has a lot of

Figures Show 7,311,202 Bales Ginned

to November 14th-The Report by Washington, Special.-The census

bureau issued its report on cotton ginned for the growth of 1907 to No vember 14th showing a total of 7,311, 202 bales, counting round as half bales, compared with 8,562,242 bales for 1906 and 1,501,180 for 1905. The number of round bales included is 142,609 for 1907, and 200,866 for 1906, and 209,006 for 1905. Sea Island included 42,708 for 1907, 30;671 for 1906 and 64,103 for 1905. The number of active ginneries were 26,-571 for 1907.

Following is the report by States, giving running bales counting rounds number of active ginneries:

ginneries; Arkansas 368,770 bales and 2,042 ginneries; Florida 35,565 bales, and 237 ginneries; Georgia, 1, 375,111 bales, and 4,439 ginneries; Kentucky 766 bales, and 2 ginneries; Louisiana 349,840 bales and 1,729 ginneries; Mississippi 792,127 bales and 3,398 ginneries; Missouri 15,102 bales and 70 ginneries; New Mexico 24 bales and 1 ginnery; North Carolina 401,852 bales and 2,603 ginneries; Oklahoma 491,274 bales and 924 ginneries; South Carolina 847,455 bales, and 3,119 ginneries; Tennessee 140,-921 bales and 629 ginneries; Texas 1.709,583 bales and 3,925 ginneries; and Virginia 3,674 bales, and 83 ginneries.

The distribution of the Sea Island cotton for 1907 by State is: Florida 14,492; Georgia 22,681

South Carolina 5,535. There was ginned 6,128,562 bales to November 1st, 1907. The statistics of this report for November 14th are subject to slight corrections when checked against the individual returns of the ginners being transmitted by mail.

Attempted Bribery.

Norfolk, Va., Special.—A great sensation was created in the American Federation of Labor Wednesday afternoon by President Gompers in his speech replying to the attacks upon him and other officers of the federation by the Manufacturers' Association, when he told of an alleged attempt to bribe him at the Victoria gathered data from all the States fix-Hotel in New York, in October by a ed the 1907 crop at 11,412,829 runyoung newspaper man, giving his the name as Charles Brandenberg, latter President Compers said, having declared that he represented the National Manufacturers' Association and was prepared to offer him immunity from all exposure and make him financially secure the remained of his life, if he would sign a certain paper and otherwise aid in the "exposure" of the other leaders in the American Federation of Labor, with the idea virtually of destroying the influence of organized labor of the

The paper, President Gompers said purported to have been signed when he (Gompers) was ill in 1895. This paper, Mr. Compers said, he had preserved and, while death-like, stillness prevailed in the convention, President Gompers drew forth the original document and read it.

Mr. Gompers, during his recital of the alleged attempt at bribery, called upon different delegates present who were with him at the time of interviews with Bredenburg, to verify his statements. This the delegations did, rising in their seats. At the close of President Compers' speech there was a great demonstration, even Victor L. Berger, of Milwaukee, the Socialist opponent of Mr. Gompers, rising and with uplifted arms declaring that although he had at convention after convention, bitterly opposed the re-election of President Gompers, he would be the one this year to move to make his election unanimous, with a vote of confidence not only to President Gompers but to all the officers of the American Federation of Labor. "There," declared Mr. Berger, "is the answer of the Socialistic to the Maunfactuerers' Association."

Shoots Wamon and Suicides.

Tampa, Fla., Special. Karl Christian, 24 years of age, shot and instantly killed Mrs. Florence Williams then turned the revolver on himself, inflicting a fatal wound. R. W. Williams, the husband, arrived on the scene of the tragedy in a few minutes and had to be fereibly prevented from killing himself. Mrs. Williams was formerly Miss-Floredch Simmons, of Summerville, S. C., and Christian has a mother living in Palatka, this

M. P. CONFERENCE ENDS | GENSUS BUREAU REPORT | ESTIMATE OF COTTON

Made By State Commissioners of Agriculture

AT THEIR COLUMBIA MEETING

Committee Appointed to Canvass the Returns From the Southern States Makes Its Report to the Columbia Convention of State Commissioners of Agriculture.

Columbia, S. C., Special.-The third and final day's session of the Southern States commissioners of agriculture and agricultaural workers was held, closing at 3 o'clock. Just prior to the conclusion of the meethalf bales and excluding linters, and ing, after two ballots between Atlanta, Asheville and Nashville, the lat-Alabama 761,138 bales and 3,370 ter place was chosen as the next place of meeting.

Commissioner T. H. Hudson of Atlanta, Ga., was unanimously elected president, with Commissioner Blakeslee, of Jackson, Miss., as first vice president, and Hon. R. E. Rose, of Florida, as second vice president.

Dr. B. W. Kilgore, of North Carolina, was re-elected secretary, and Dr. Maegruder of Virginia, was reelected assistant secretary and treas-

During the session the special committee appointed to canvass the report received from the several States of the cotton belt estimating the 1907 cotton crop of the South, reported through Commissioner Hudson, of Georgia, who in presenting the report, stated that the material difference between the 1906 and the 1907 crop rested in the telegraphic estimate of Commissioner Milner, of Texas, who had reported the Texas erop at a maximum of two and one-half million bales, with a minimum of two and one-quarter million, against over 4,-000,000 in 1906.

Estimate of Crop.

Commissioner Hudson stated that Texas was the one State in the South having a complete system of reportning bales, against 13,439,734 running bales as reported for the crop of 1906.

The chief feature of the final session was an elaborate address upon the subject of immigration by Mr. J. H. Patton, secretary of the American immigration restriction league, whe dealt with this broad subject as affecting the South in the most exhaustive manner. He suggested changes that he considered absolutely necessary in the Federal laws. In this connection he said:

"First and foremost, the Federal law should not only allow absolute freedom for the State selection of immigrants, but should aid and assist, instead of hamper the work along the lines of a picked immigration. As conceived and demonstrated by the able commissioner of this State, what ever the ultimate effects upon New York City as an exporting and importing cotton commission speculation port. In my opinion., State supervision is the only plan if the South would escape immigration evils frem which the North is suffering."

Agricultural Betterment.

Another feature of the convention was the address of Commissioner Wilkinson, of Alabama, along the line of the work not now undertaken by State departments of agriculture for the betterment of the agriculture of the several States. Commissioner Wilkinson, urged in the strongest terms co-operation at every point with the Federal government looking to the improvement of these condi-

During the afternoon session there was a vigorous debate in regard to the endorsement of the bill pending in Congress as to intermediate agracultural education proposed by Congressman Davis, of Minnesota. Finally a resolution urging the passage of this bill by Congress was adopted.

Resolutions were also adopted eudorsing in heartiest terms the Appalachian forest reserve.

The association re-enacted its hearty endorsement of the policy of selection of immigrants at their own homes, and of the effort being made to open trans-Atlantic service between the cotton belt and Europe for the purpose of putting the agricultural product of the South on direct export. These resolutions have been adopted by the association for the last three years.

The draft of the uniform pure food law was submitted and approved, the

association referring such draft to the different States for their consid-

Beacon.

Uses of Fertilizers.

There were numerous addresses relating principally to uses of fertilizers in the Southern States.

The association reached an adjournment sine die at 3 p. m., and the balance of the day was devoted to a ride over the City of Columbia and her suburbs, the guests being en tertained informally at the Country Club by Commissioner Watson, of South Carolina.

The estimates for this year's cotton crop in running bales, by States, follows:

Alabama, 1,135,000; Arkausas, 900,000; Florida, 45,000; Georgia, 1, 750,000; Indian Territory, 400,000 Kentucky, 3,500; Louisiana, 750,000 Mississippi, 1,500.000; Missouri, 50, 000; North Carolina, 532,645; Oklahoma, 436,677; South Carolina 1,090,-507; Tennesce, 305,500; Texas, 2,500, 000; Virginia, 15,000; total 11,412, 829. The total for 1906 was 13,439,

Foraker Endorsed by Ohio Republicans.

Columbus, O., Special.—Senator Foraker was formally endorsed for re-election to the Senate and for the Republican nomination for President at a meeting of the executive and advisory committee of the Ohio Lague of Republican Clubs. The meeting was held at the Neil House and about 85 members from all over the State were present.

Five Killed in Explosion.

Norfolk, Va., Special.—Five men were killed, one fatally injured and a number seriously injured, as the result of the explosion of a boiler in found. Mr. Mack Fesperman, conplaning mill No. 2 at the John L. stable of that township, and a posse Roper Lumber Mills at Gilmerton, were in the woods all night. Sheriff Norfolk county, at 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon. The dead:

F. E. Ferrell, carpenter. R. A. Sorrell, plainer. A negro fireman. A negro carpenter.

Armed Men Guard Virgin Gold.

Seattle, Wash., Special.-Ope million, two hundred thousand dollars on Thompson Pass, just back of Valdez, on its way from Fairbanks, Alas ka, to Seattle. Several armed guards are watching the gold day and night. ing the cotton crop. The report esti- Of this amount \$450,000 is in dust mated upon the basis of carefully and the rest in bricks. It is the largtrail from Fairbanks to Valdez.

Kills Father in Defense of Mother.

New York, Special.—In defense of Frederick, and during the scuffle the elder man was shot and killed. Young interfered and he was attempting to take the revolver from his father boy sarrendered bimself.

Governor Opens Race Meet.

Beaumont, Texas, Special.-Governor Tom Campbell was the guest of horse show and racing meet. The racing meet will continue through the week and will consist of one harness event and five running races each day. An exceptionally good string of horses is here to contest for the liberal purses offered.

Vesuvius Emitting Dense Clouds of Smoke.

Naples, By Cable-Mount Vesuvins after two months of inactivity, is emitting clouds of dense smoke, accompanied by considerable roaring French Slaughter Moors and Arabs. from three fissures around the old erater. Some alarm is felt by the population in the surrounding towns in view of the recent earthquakes in Calabria, it being recalled that the great eruption of April. 1906, follow- Said in punishment for the ambush-

Special School Tax.

Durham, Special.-The special school tax election held in the Redwood district, this curry, close to purposes held in this county in the last week. There is another election ern part of the county.

Consul I. A. Manufug, of Cartagena, reports that a recent census of the Colombian State of Bolivar shows a and are in the Province of Cartagona, of Enflolk, and Cavin Rawls,

Young Woman Near Charlotte, N. C., Murdered

SHOT BY AN UNKNOWN PARTY

Miss Ella Pryor, of the Gilead Neighborhood, Near Huntersville, Shot From Ambush and Slain In-

Charlotte, N. C., Special.-Ella ryor, an 18-year-old white girl, iving with her mother, Mrs. Neely Pryor, near Gilead church, six miles west of Huntersville, on the Beatty's Ford road, was called out of the resilence Monday night and shot to death by an unknown person. The ragedy took place some time beween 6 and 7 o'clock, just after-

Two minutes before the gun fired ome one knocked on the front door ad one of the smaller girls went the near, but saw no ones. She vas followed by her sister, Ella, who as fired on with a shotgun from e road and instantly killed. title girl could not tell whether the seasan was white or black. Some caber of the family thought that be heard a voice calling Ella, and recognized it.

after the young Immedially woman was slain the alarm was given and a hunting party organized, but no cine to the guilty one was Wallace and Coroner Gresham went to the secue of the homicide.

The Fryors are poor tenant farners. It was said later that the slain girl had many admirers of a questionable sort, and it is believed that some lover, in a fit of jealousy, shot her to get her out of reach of the effect fellow. The father of the cirl who lived on the farm of Mr. A. J. Derr for many years, died some worth of gold is now lying at Summit, time ago. He was considered a good man of his class.

Thirteen Lost in Fire.

New York, Special,-Thirteen perous are dead and seven were injured est shipment ever sent out over the in an incendiary fire that Monday swept the five-story tenement at Secand avenue and 109th street. The fire started in a saloon on the first floor, shot up through the air-shaft and stairway and trapped the families his mother, Peter Lindermeier, aged on the upper floors before they could 17 years, grappled with his father, be aroused. When the firemen arrived the whole building was ablaze. Panic-striken men, women and children chocked the narrow stairway and Lindermeier had seen his mother the crowded fire-escape and fought knocked down and fired upon when he with each other in a frenzy to escape. Thirteen bodies were found in one room at the top of the house, hudwhen the weapon was discharged. The | dled in an indescribable heap, so badly burned as to be almost beyond recognition. They had tried to make for a window near the fire escape, only to fall, overcome by the smoke and flames. Most of them were women and children. Had those who died honor and delivered an address at in the room together kept the door the opening day of the Beaumont closed until the firemen arrived they would have been rescued, but it is believed they were so badly frightened they did not know what to do.

\$300,000 In Scrip For Lynchburg.

Lynchburg, Special. - The local banks Thursday began the circulation of \$300,000 scrip, which is guaranteed by the clearing-house association, with \$450,000 collateral security. The script is accepted by practically every interest in Lynchburg.

Oran, Algeria, By Cable.-French troops have killed thirty Moors and wounded many more and are shelling Arab villages in the vicinity of Port ed the Calabrian carelequake of 1905, ing of a reconnoitering party in a gorge some distance from the town. Another Durham District Votes a The inhabitants are fleeing to the mountains.

Old Dominion Wesk at Jamestown. Jamestown Exposition, Special .-This week will be known as Old Dothe county line, was carried by a minion Week, the towns of Suffolk majority of eight votes. This was and Smithfield and Isle of Wight and the second election for special tax Southampton counties celebrating. Although the weather was bad, numhers of people were present from set for one day next month. This is those places. Exercises were held in for a special school tax in the west- the Auditorium, Elicry's Italian Band making its appearance here in connection with them. Exposition President Tucker and Lieutenant-Governor Ellyson made addresses of welcome Responses were made by E. H. Wilpopulation of 287,259, of which 46, liams, of Smithfield; J. U. Burgess,