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## THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY

### ADJUSTING ITSELF TO NEW TARIFF LAW

Previous Apprehension not Justified by Developments So Far, Says National Chamber of Commerce—Manufacturing Conditions Generally in the United States Reviewed.

An Associated Press dispatch from Washington under date of the 2nd says:

"Any general statement as to the condition of manufacturing throughout the United States at present would be both misleading and inaccurate, since this condition varies according to the locality and the nature of the product," says a symposium of business conditions issued by the Chamber of Commerce of the United States on reports of one day, November 29, 1913, which were taken to be fairly representative.

"The textile industry is adjusting itself to changed conditions, resulting from decreased tariff rates," continues the report, "but the effect so far does not justify previous apprehension. The paper manufacturing business is below normal, while shoe manufacturing is good with prospects of an advance in prices. This is true, likewise, of the leather tanning business. All manufacturing connected intimately with the railroad and with the steel and iron industries is necessarily feeling the depression of these two great branches of business.

"The great increase in population and the increased demand for meat and food, coming at the same time as the decrease in the number of cattle and sheep, naturally has brought about the present high price of meat. Consequently there has come a widespread apprehension of the ultimate trend of this tendency.

"A careful study of the facts indicated that it is one of those economic problems likely to solve itself and that the number of cattle in their relation to the number of inhabitants moves rather in a series of cycles than in a straight line. For instance, the number of cattle per one hundred of population is the same now as it was in 1870 and 1900, but we are evidently facing a great change in the cattle raising industry.

"An impartial survey, therefore, of the situation seems to warrant the statement that while the price of cattle probably will continue high in the future, the various agencies mentioned gradually will work for a more abundant supply and a more reasonable price.

"Throughout the Southeastern Atlantic States, mercantile business is in good volume and this is true in general throughout the West and the south. Business varies much in these sections according to locality. Where crops were good, business was fairly active; and in sections where crop returns last year were poor, business is correspondingly quiet.

"The nation's foreign commerce for 1913 approximated \$4,250,000,000, the Department of Commerce estimates. Of that amount \$2,000,000,000 represented exports and \$2,250,000,000 represents imports, making the balance of trade in favor of the United States \$750,000,000, which exceeds the record of any previous year.

"The year's exports were the largest in the history of the country, while imports are exceeded only by those of 1912. The decline in exports is attributed in part to reduction in prices of certain articles imported. An increase in food stuffs exported was chiefly in wheat, corn, barley, oats, flour, bacon and lard; in manufactured exports increases are recorded in automobiles, ray, wavy cars, electric machinery, iron and steel commodities, lumber, copper and mineral oil."

### NEWS AMONG OUR NEAR NEIGHBORHOOD

Lincoln Locals.

The News, 2nd.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Baker, of Kings Mountain, spent several days here last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Baker.

The number of bales of cotton ginned to December 13, 1913, in Lincoln county was 7,896, against 6,465 bales for same period in 1912. Miss Lucy Hedgepeth, of Lincoln county, and Mr. Burt Huffstetter, of Gaston county, were united in marriage last Monday, the ceremony being performed by Esquire M. C. Padgett. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hedgepeth.

Mr. Sidney V. Goodson died Thursday morning, December 25th, at the home of Mr. Dave Cashion in Iron-ton township. Mr. Goodson was 77 years of age. He was never married. His home was with his nephew and niece, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Cashion. He was among the first volunteers and enlisted on the 4th day of June, 1861, in Company A, Tenth Regiment North Carolina Troops. This was known as Ramsaur's Battery, of which Stephen D. Ramsaur was captain until his promotion. He was a good Confederate soldier, an upright man and a good citizen. The remains were laid to rest in the burying ground at St. Paul's church.

### YORK AND YORKVILLE

The Enquirer, 2nd.

Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Lindsay, of Charlotte, Mrs. M. E. Auld, of Estill, S. C., Messrs. George and Gary Kirkpatrick, and Miss Adelle Kirkpatrick, of Hickory, N. C., spent yesterday with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kirkpatrick in Yorkville.

The annual cost of the York county changing is somewhere between \$2,000 and \$3,000. This information was obtained upon inquiry of Treasurer Neil this morning. Mr. Neil did not hesitate to admit the practical impossibility of absolute accuracy.

Yorkville boys and girls rang out the old year and rang in the new on the stroke of twelve, Wednesday night. There was quite a crowd of the ringers and several were stationed beneath each church bell in town, and as the town clock struck the last stroke of twelve, the church bells began to ring, and for fifteen minutes the peals of the bells were heard. The engine whistle on Southern train No. 117 was pressed into service, much steam being exhausted in announcing the birth of 1914. There was blowing of horns, shooting of fire crackers, etc., but no gates were lifted from their hinges as on former occasions, and the young folks conducted themselves in an orderly way. The snow drove the serenaders in rather early, however, and by 1:30 o'clock the streets were deserted.

Mr. R. J. Davis, of Bethel, does not belong in the old man class. He acknowledges to 60, but does not think that is necessarily old. However, he has a long memory and he was using it yesterday quite interestingly. Cotton ginning was the subject. He spoke of the fact that he had ginned something over a 1,000 bales with two gins this year, and then went on to compare the dollar a bale he receives for ginning with the \$5 a bale that the old timers used to receive. "The late A. H. Barnett once told me that the regular price for ginning in the old days was a toll of one-twentieth of the cotton. Also Mr. Barnett told me that he has received \$5 a bale for ginning. In those days the gins were operated by horse power and four bales a day was about all one gin could do. Shortly after the war the late A. H. Adams paid me \$7.50 in gold for ginning two bales. Now-a-days I can gin about 32 bales a day with my two gins. That is \$32. It would look like there should have been money in ginning in the old days but I do not know that there was any more than there is now. If so, the business has never been anything to brag on."

Woodrow Wilson was born at Staunton, Va., in 1856. Robert L. Owen, chairman of the senate banking and currency committee, was born at Lynchburg, Va., in 1856. Carter Glass, chairman of the corresponding committee of the house, was born at Lynchburg, Va., in 1856. Other men had much to do with the enactment of the new banking and currency law, but these three, born within 50 miles of each other, two of them in the same year, had the greatest responsibilities. One is president, elected from New Jersey; another is a senator from Oklahoma, a state never dreamed of in his youth; and the other, a representative, still lives in his native town. In a country so vast and so new as this Fate plays many pranks, but in all its history there have been few coincidences more interesting.

### CLEVELAND CULLINERS

The Star, 2nd.

Miss Ella Lewis, of Gastonia, was

## SHORT LOCAL ITEMS

### THE MOVEMENTS OF GASTON PEOPLE

Personal Items About Gaston Folks and Their Friends—Short Items About People and Things That Are of Interest to Gazette Readers.

—Mr. A. M. Henderson, of River Bend, was a Gastonia visitor yesterday.

—Mr. John D. McLean, Jr., of South Point, was in the city on business Saturday.

—Mr. J. D. Fronberger, of Mr. Holly, route one, was a business visitor in the city Saturday.

—Friends of Mrs. G. E. Ford will regret to learn that she has been quite ill for several days at her home on Columbia street.

—Mr. L. H. Kiser, of Crouse, route one, was in town yesterday attending the monthly meeting of the county commissioners.

—County Auditor L. E. Rankin and family have moved into their handsome new residence on South York street.

—Mr. John Underwood and his daughter, Margaret, spent the holidays with the former's mother, Mrs. W. C. Underwood, at Cho, Ala.

—Misses Verdie and Abbie Carpenter spent Saturday night and Sunday at Clover, S. C., as the guests of Miss Lola Maxwell.

—Mr. C. C. Craig, of Dallas, superintendent of the county home, attended the monthly meeting of the county commissioners here yesterday.

The Holland Realty & Insurance Co., has sold to Mr. W. M. Childers a house and lot on Chestnut street near the plant of the Coezer Machine & Foundry Co.

Miss Mae Harry returned Saturday night from Winston-Salem, where she spent ten days, as the guest of Mrs. Samuel Hutchins and Miss Stewart.

—Mr. Craig Groves left yesterday for Lenoir College, Hickory, to resume his studies after spending the holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Groves.

—Mr. George R. Patrick, of the Union neighborhood, returned Sunday to Baltimore to resume his medical studies after spending the holidays with his homefolks.

—Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Cornwell, of Dallas, have gone to Baltimore to take their little child to Johns Hopkins Hospital for treatment. They will probably be there for several weeks.

—Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Blackwood and child returned Sunday night to their home in Elberton, Ga., after spending a couple of weeks here with his father, Mr. J. W. Blackwood, of the Fiscal section.

—Mr. G. W. Daley, Jr., who has been spending the holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Daley, returned yesterday to West-Casser School, near Rutherfordton, to resume his studies for the Spring term.

### PERSONAL ITEMS ABOUT GASTON FOLKS

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the guest of Miss Lillian Stroup last week.

Mr. R. C. Warren, of Gastonia, visited relatives here during the holidays.

Mr. Dave Ray has purchased the handsome new bungalow below the First Baptist church from Mr. Hugh Wray, of Gastonia.

Deputy Maude Whitworth, of Waco, has moved into the jail and will have charge of affairs there during the remainder of Sheriff Wilkins' administration. Sheriff Wilkins and family will board for a short time until his new residence opposite the school building is finished so they can move into it.

On Christmas eve, Miss Dora Allen, the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George J. Allen, was united in matrimony to Mr. Guth Hamrick, son of Mr. W. M. Hamrick, of the Sharon community. The ceremony was impressively performed in the presence of a number of friends by Rev. John W. Suttle at the home of the bride's parents. Miss Allen is a charming and popular young lady, while the groom is a prominent young farmer. Mr. Ves Royster, a brother-in-law of the bride, came from Lincoln county to attend the wedding.

Mr. Stough Wray will move this month to Ridgeway, S. C., where he will engage in farming. Mr. George J. Allen has traded for one of the Wray farms just west of town, comprising 183 acres. Mr. Allen will continue to live at his present home this year but work the newly purchased Wray plantation.

Mr. Charlie Shafer, well-known in this county because he was engineer on the Lawndale Railroad for a number of years, sends The Star a card from Havana, Cuba, where he spent the Christmas holidays. He was recently married in Washington, D. C.

Mr. B. F. Jolly, who lives in the Bolling Springs section, has lived a remarkable life. He was 67 years old on New Year's Day and was never drunk in his life, and never used coffee, never was sick, never took a dose of medicine and never missed a roll call during his service in the Confederate army.

## IN SOCIAL CIRCLES

### LATEST EVENTS IN WOMAN'S WORLD

TO MEET FRIDAY.

The Woman's Betterment Association will meet Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the auditorium of the Central school. A full attendance of members is desired as an important matter is to come up for consideration.

D. A. R. TO MEET MISS RAGAN.

Miss Mary Ragan will be the hostess on Friday morning at 10:30 o'clock to the regular meeting of the William Gaston Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. The program is as follows: Colony at Jamestown, Virginia, Miss Matilda Carson; Customs in the Early Colonies, Mrs. R. M. Reid; Reading, Virginia, by Polk Miller, and The Lake of the Dismal Swamp, by Moore, Mrs. G. W. Ragan. Discussion of Virginia, Land and Sea front.

U. D. C. TO MEET THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

On Thursday afternoon of this week at 3 o'clock there will be a called meeting of Gastonia Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, in the chapter room at the public library. We are asked to state that the chapter room will be comfortably heated. This meeting is called to make the necessary arrangements for the celebration of Lee-Jackson Day on January 19th, and there is very special reason for every member to be present who can possibly come.

### THEORY ADVANCED AS TO ORIGIN OF PELLAGRA IN REPORT THOMPSON-McFADDEN COMMISSION.

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 2. That pellagra infection probably results from bad sewage was a theory advanced in the report today of the Thompson-McFadden Pellagra Commission before the American Association for the Advancement of Science. The report stated that no definite relation was observed between the occurrences of pellagra and the use of any particular food. In districts completely equipped with water carriage systems of sewage disposal, the report says, few cases of pellagra have been found and their origin has been doubtful. It also was found, according to the report, that new cases of pellagra developed for the most part in the vicinity of old ones or after association with them.

The report declares the exact mode of transmission of pellagra still is uncertain and urges the continued study of insects as transmitting agents, and of close personal association as possible factors in its spread.

Dr. J. S. Siler, of the United States Medical Corps, and senior member of the commission, in a statement today said he believed that "within a year or perhaps two, the exact cause of pellagra will have been discovered or the investigation will have gone so far that we can define precautions for preventing its spread."

"The commission," he continued, "believes the disease is due to an infection. We have not gone far enough to say what the agent in spreading it really is. Pellagra is not essentially a Southern disease. It is found in other parts of the country. Its symptoms appear to become more aggravated in Summer because warm weather is more favorable to them. That alone is why it is general in the South."

### STRONG PROGRAM ADOPTED.

#### State Conference for Social Service Plans Progressive Program With Strong Speakers—Dr. Graham Taylor and Dr. Alexander Johnson Expected.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the State Conference for Social Service in Raleigh on Friday last it was decided to hold the second annual meeting February 13, 14 and 15. The central idea of the conference this year will be to develop the church and social service work. To this end the strongest possible program was planned for a three days' meeting.

Dr. Graham Taylor, of Chicago, the president of the national social service organization, will deliver the principal address on Sunday afternoon, the last day. Dr. Alexander Johnson, of Vineland, N. J., former president of that organization, is also expected to address the conference on Saturday.

Gov. Craig, the honorary president, will formally open the convention the first day. Following the formal opening of the conference will come the reports of various committees. In the evening the president's address will be followed by an informal meeting of the members. Three meetings will be held on Saturday, the final meeting being a symposium on the church and social service.

On Sunday it is planned to have visiting pastors fill the Raleigh pulpits. Full details of the program will be published at a later date.

## COUNTY FATHERS MEET

### TAX RELEASING THE MAIN BUSINESS

Latest Business of Importance Transacted at First Monthly Meeting of Board of Commissioners for 1914—Forty-Eight Releases from Taxes—Disbursements for the Month—Meet Again Next Monday.

The board of county commissioners met yesterday in regular monthly session for January. Most of the time was taken up in the consideration of requests for release from double taxes, forty-eight releases being granted.

Business was transacted as follows:

Millie Whetstone was declared an outside pauper and allowed \$4 per quarter with J. H. Rudisill as agent.

Supt. of roads T. L. Ware was instructed to inspect the proposed road in Crowders mountain township as petitioned for by J. S. P. Carpenter and others and report on same at the next meeting.

Stena Abernethy and M. J. Abernethy were declared paupers and allowed to go to the county home.

A change was ordered in the route of the road leading from Bessemer City to the Crowders Mountain Mill.

D. D. Moseley was released from paying poll tax on account of physical disabilities.

Alice Pratt was declared an outside pauper and allowed \$10 per quarter for one quarter only, with C. L. Pratt as agent.

Forty-eight releases were granted to taxpayers, the majority of them from double tax.

Accounts were audited and ordered paid as follows:

C. C. Craig, salary and expenses county home, \$204.31.

State Hospital, Goldsboro, expenses of Will Pasour, lunatic, \$14.80.

T. L. Ware, salary for December and postage, \$101.

Ford Undertaking Co., two coffins for county home, \$11.50.

T. L. Ware, expenses chain gang Camp No. 1, \$1,046.86.

T. L. Ware, expenses chain gang camp No. 2, \$1,092.73.

O. P. Rhodes, interest on note to Jan. 6, 1913, \$60.

C. C. Cornwell, expense of burying L. R. Welsh, ex-Confederate soldier, \$20.

J. G. Rutledge, coffin for pauper, \$5.

C. C. Cornwell, expense of burial of James Pasour, widow ex-Confederate soldier, \$20.

Miss Georgia Connelly, court stenographer, \$67.50.

N. G. Todd, work December, \$10.

J. D. B. McLean, sheriff, salary for December, \$166.66.

J. Alonzo Rhodes, damage to crop by foraging work, \$10.80.

J. D. B. McLean, summoning jury, \$16.30.

G. R. Rhyme, salary and jail fees, \$118.49.

Thos. S. Royster, coffin for pauper, \$5.

Carl Finger, salary for December, \$100.

A. J. Smith, salary and clerk hire, rooming, stationery, etc., \$197.92.

L. E. Rankin, auditor, salary and stationery, \$100.85.

Gazette Publishing Co., publishing annual reports, \$88.62.

Carl Finger, stationery, etc., \$2.32.

W. M. Nolen, janitor, salary for December, \$40.

T. L. Ware, work on roads Cherryville township, \$70.

T. L. Ware, work on roads Crowders Mountain township, \$81.

T. L. Ware, work on roads Dallas township, \$100.43.

T. L. Ware, work on roads Gastonia township, \$421.71.

T. L. Ware, work on roads River-ber township, \$212.65.

T. L. Ware, work on roads South Point township, \$118.56.

City of Gastonia, costs in cases sent to roads and county's part in expenses of same, \$103.25.

C. C. Cornwell, stationery, postage, records, etc., \$49.30.

G. R. Rhyme, team hire for capturing Thomas Thorn, \$4.

The board adjourned to meet again next Monday.

### GIANT COFFER-DAM FOR THE EQUITABLE BUILDING.

Scientific American.

A vast reinforced concrete monolithic foundation is being built entirely around the area upon which will be erected the new Equitable building in this city, a structure which will contain one million square feet of rentable floor space, and will tower aloft to a height of 25 stories. The coffer-dam will be a solid concrete wall, six feet broad and 80 feet deep, extending 80 feet to solid rock. This will be the largest office building yet constructed. It will weigh over 200,000 tons as against the weight of 103,000 tons of the Woolworth building, 188,500 tons of the Municipal building, and 82,500 tons of the Singer building. The steel framework alone will weigh 45,000 tons, as against 25,000 tons required for the Woolworth building.

Aside from the advertisements it carries The Gazette gives its readers more than twice as much reading matter for the money as any other paper published in the county. Had you thought about it?

## NEWS OF THE COUNTY

### LATEST FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS

News Letters from Gazette Correspondents Here and There Over Good Old Gaston—What Our Neighbors Are Doing in the Various Sections of the County—Personal Mention of People You Know and Some You Don't Know.

BELMONT'S RECORD.

The Past Year Saw Many Improvements—Business Conditions Better Than Ever—Large Number of New Buildings.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

BELMONT, Jan. 5.—The year just past has been a good one for Belmont. Along every line substantial and marked improvement has been in evidence. Merchants, mill men and others say that business conditions were never better and that the outlook for 1914 trade is as good. All of the mills here are running on full time. Harmony and co-operation mark all the dealings among those interested. The fine yarns made by the Imperial and Majestic mills are always in demand. So prosperous has been the cotton mill business in Belmont that there has been talk of the establishment of another mill here in the near future. As to this nothing definite can be learned.

The merchants say that they have never known better trade conditions. The farmers have plenty of money and are not loath to spend it. All of the mercantile firms of this town are a huge volume of business, drawing their trade from the entire eastern and southern sections of the county. The year 1913 was good to them and 1914 promises to hold even more in store.

Probably the most evident substantial growth made in Belmont during the year 1913 was in the way of building operations. Churches, business houses and dwellings have been erected as if by magic. Among these might be mentioned the Baptist church building recently completed at a cost of \$7,000, the new store building of W. H. and D. P. Stowe, a new Southern Railway station, new residences, costing from \$2,000 to \$6,000, by the following: Messrs. John Elmore, J. W. Stowe, R. B. Snuggs, W. D. Crawford, A. A. Maier, J. F. Leeper and others. In addition to the above, the Presbyterian congregation has in course of erection a new \$20,000 edifice, to be ready for occupancy probably by June 1. This church when finished will be one of the most complete and convenient in the State.

Along civic and educational lines there has been marked progress during 1913. Concrete sidewalks have been laid along the principal streets of the town and new streets and sidewalks have been opened up. The early part of 1914, it is hoped, will see the completion of the bridge over the Southern Railway cut on the western edge of town and the opening up of another new street in that section. The Southern has done a good turn by Belmont in giving the town such excellent depot facilities and surroundings and it is believed that this overhead bridge which is much needed will be shortly forthcoming.

The Woman's Betterment Association, recently organized, has already done a good work in the installation of sanitary drinking fountains in the public schools. Their good work has just begun, for seats in the school auditorium are next to be furnished. The work of the Betterment Association also extends into the village and their influence for better sanitation is being felt.

Cashier W. B. Puett, of the Bank of Belmont, says business conditions are extremely good and he is very optimistic over the outlook. His bank is growing by leaps and bounds and is already one of the strongest financial institutions in the county.

### MOUNT HOLLY MATTERS.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

MT. HOLLY, Jan. 3.—It comes rather awkward to write '14, but like everything else, we'll get use to it.

The holiday season is ended; work is the order for the next 12 months.

Christmas passed off as pleasantly as could be expected, for rain fell quite all day. All the Sunday schools had trees, treats and a musical program.

The business of the town grows apace. Merchants say the season was a good one, no reason to complain. As good a year is hoped for as the one just ended.

During the past ten days a couple of casualties marred the festive season. Two negro persons, Lewis Shipp and Mary Grice got mixed up; one was shot, the other cut. A preliminary hearing last week bound them over to appear in Gastonia later.

The following students, after spending two weeks at home, have returned to college: Messrs. Frank Lentz and William Springs to Atlanta Dental College; Edwin Hutchison, to Bingham; Willie E. Rhyme, Misses Edna Lentz and Gertrude Kohn to Lenoir College, Hickory.

Mr. Bynum and family have removed from here to Paw Creek to take work in the Thrift mill.

We expect more building to be done in 1914 than was done in 1913. Houses are rather scarce.