

LIVE ITEMS OF NEWS.

Many Matters of General Interest in Short Paragraphs.

The Sunny South.

The Charlotte, N. C., postoffice fight is still unsettled.

At the hearing in the case of the United States against ex-Captain O. M. Carter, at Savannah, testimony was introduced to show that Carter had conducted the work in Fernandina harbor with great extravagance, James H. Bacon, a civil engineer, testified that the Fernandina jetties built in 1896 lost 90 per cent. of their volume by 1900. The attorney for Carter made frequent objection to the introduction of testimony.

At The National Capital.

The confirmations by the Senate Friday were: Thomas F. McGourin, marshal northern district of Florida; Marcus C. McLemore, United States attorney, southern district of Texas; John M. Holzendorf, collector of customs, district of Saint Mary's, Ga.

No vote has yet been reached on the anti-trust bill in Congress.

In the Senate Mr. Quay (Rep. Pa.) creates a mild sensation by saying he owned stock in corporations that "might be classed as trusts."

The Senate passed the Naval and Military Academy Appropriation bills.

President Roosevelt sent a special message to Congress asking for the passage of the Philippine Tariff bill.

Another stormy session of the House occurred as a result of the Democrats' determined to use obstructive tactics.

In a report to the State Department Mr. R. F. McWade, United States Consul at Canton, China, says marvelous results have been accomplished by an American physician in the treatment of Chinese lepers.

Republican leaders in the Senate are making strong efforts to secure the ratification of the Cuban reciprocity treaty and the treaty with Colombia in order to avoid an extra session.

The Congress of Daughters of the American Revolution discussed proposed changes in the constitution of the order.

The Agricultural and Postoffice Appropriation bills were passed by the Senate, the Statehood riders to these bills being withdrawn.

The House of Representatives passed the bill to establish a union station in Washington.

From Across The Sea.

Czar Nicholas has personally intervened to aid the famine sufferers in Finland.

Chinese rebels killed 500 Imperial soldiers in ambush at Yang-Uing pass.

A gale of almost unprecedented violence has been raging in England.

An accidental explosion in the Imperial palace at Vienna injured several workmen.

Port de Paix, Haiti, was destroyed by fire.

King Edward promised President D. R. Francis, of the St. Louis World's Fair to send the collection of Queen Victoria's jubilee gifts to be exhibited at the fair and to aid all he could in securing a great exhibit from Great Britain.

It is reported that King Leopold will send exhibits from Belgium and the Congo State to the St. Louis World's Fair.

Mr. John Redmond spoke in the House of Commons on the Irish Land bill.

The amendment in the House of Commons to admit Canadian cattle to Great Britain was defeated.

It is reported that the powers have arranged to compel the enforcement of Macedonian reforms in case the Sultan procrastinates.

Russia has issued a warning to the Balkan States that it will not aid them in any effort to change existing conditions in the peninsula.

Miscellaneous Matters.

Regular Republican members of the Delaware Legislature made a proposition to the Democrats, including the election of a Regular to one of the United States Senatorships, leaving the other vacant.

Isaac Hagaman, in an affidavit in New York, makes further charges of fraud in connection with his brother's estate.

Albert Knapp, the confessed multi-murderer under arrest at Hamilton, Ohio, gave further details of his crimes.

E. L. Burdick, a wealthy resident of Buffalo, N. Y., was found mysteriously murdered.

Subscriptions of \$250,000 for an American Academy of Dramatic Art were offered at a dinner in Philadelphia.

Mr. W. Latimer Small, a prominent resident of York, Pa., is dead.

A report is current in York, Pa., that Italian laborers dug up a chest containing \$3,500 while they were moving the ruins of an old house.

A New York newspaper states that a convention of anarchists is soon to be held in Paris.

STILL ANOTHER KILLING.

Young Man Shot While Defending His Aunt.

Maxton, N. C., Special.—Mr. W. J. Thompson was shot three times, and mortally wounded, by Mr. E. N. McLean in this place Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock.

The shooting occurred in the dining room of Mr. Thompson's residence. Thompson had been drinking slightly, and in her fear to be in the house with him alone under the circumstances, Mrs. Thompson sent for McLean, who is her nephew. McLean had his lodging apartments in the house, but when he appeared as the protector of his aunt, Mr. Thompson resented his presence, and an altercation ensued between the two men. McLean remonstrated with Thompson in regard to his treatment of Mrs. Thompson. Thompson finally drew his pistol and fired at him, the ball barely grazing his left side, passing through the waistband of his trousers and glancing off. McLean then, he says, returned the fire. The best evidence now obtainable is that he emptied three chambers of his revolver, a No. 32 Iver & Johnston, at close range. One ball entered Thompson's body just under the left nipple; another entered exactly on the median line immediately below the sternum, and is embedded in the flesh of his back; yet another grazed the side of Thompson, inflicting no injury. The physicians have scarcely any hope that Thompson can recover. They say it is barely possible that he can live throughout the night.

McLean surrendered to a magistrate and claims self-defense. He is a son of Mr. G. F. McLean, a lawyer of this place, and his mother is postmaster here. He is 21 years of age and unmarried. He has been studying medicine, but poor health has interfered with the completion of his studies. Mr. Thompson is about 37 years old. He has been a commercial traveler for a Louisville house, but at present has no fixed employment. He has no children.

Colima Belching Fire.

Mexico City, Special.—News from the region surrounding the volcano of Colima continues alarming. The people, terrified by the belching flames, and pouring lava are seeking shelter in distant towns and villages. The city of Tuxpam, in the State of Jalisco, continues under a heavy cloud of smoke. The volcano is alight with flames. The new eruption yesterday afternoon has increased the general fear. An American who slept near the volcano on the night of the eruption was awakened by a tremendous explosion and saw the mountain ejecting flames to an enormous height. He waited till morning, enjoying the magnificent spectacle and then deemed it prudent to leave the vicinity. There is not much alarm in the city of Colima, but fears are felt for the farmers in the neighborhood of the volcano.

Lost His Life.

Fordyce, Ark., Special.—At New Edinburg while W. D. Atwood, a prominent merchant, was placing a tombstone over his child's grave, C. R. Kilgore, an old man whose two sons were killed last year while resisting arrest at the hands of Atwood and another man, both of whom had been specially deputized, appeared armed with a pistol and ran Atwood from the graveyard. Atwood armed himself with a shot-gun and returned. Kilgore said: "That is not fair; you have a gun and I only have a pistol." Atwood ordered him to drop the pistol, but instead of doing so, Kilgore began firing. Atwood then shot and killed him.

Dr. Davis Killed.

Birmingham, Special.—Dr. W. E. B. Davis, one of the most prominent physicians in the Southern States, was run over by an Alabama Great Southern passenger train at the Twenty-fourth street crossing and instantly killed. Dr. Davis was formerly president of the Tri-State Medical Society and had held other high positions in the medical world. He had a national reputation as a surgeon.

Dr. Thomas Dead.

Thomasville, Ga., Special.—Dr. T. Gaillard Thomas, of New York, a specialist of note in women's diseases, died suddenly at the Piney Woods Hotel, Saturday morning, of heart disease. Dr. Thomas, with his wife, was spending the winter here. He was in apparently vigorous health up to Friday night. During the night he complained of feeling ill and two physicians were called. He continued to sink, and this morning died. His body will be sent to New York.

May Be Removed.

Richmond, Special.—The committee of the General Assembly which has been investigating the charges against Judge Campbell, of the Amherst County Court, decided, it is understood, to recommend the adoption of a joint resolution providing for the removal of the judge from the bench. The majority of the committee will make a report recommending censure. The charges against Judge Campbell grew out of the widely reported horse whipping by the judge of Rev. Dr. Crawford of the Anti-Saloon League.

SOUTHERN INDUSTRIAL.

The Gluck Mills.

Announcement was made by the Manufacturers' Record on January 15 of the incorporation and temporary organization of the Gluck Mills, Anderson, S. C. This is the enterprise which R. S. Hill has been promoting. Arrangements have been perfected ensuring the establishment of the plant, and permanent officers have been elected. They are: R. S. Hill, president; J. R. Vandiver, vice-president; J. B. Loflin, superintendent, and G. B. Walton, secretary. The company will erect buildings and install 25,000 spindles with 750 looms for producing a fine grade of cloth. Virtually all textile machinery has been contracted for except looms, and these have not been ordered because a final decision has not been made as to the exact character of the product. Frank P. Sheldon, of Providence, R. I., is engineer-architect in charge. Capitalization of company is \$500,000.

Increasing Kessler Mill.

Mention was made last week that the Kessler Manufacturing Co., of Salisbury, N. C., has purchased additional building and intended to install 5,600 additional spindles. Besides making this improvement, the company will install 3,500 more spindles in its present building, expending altogether about \$100,000 for the betterments. Contract for all the required machinery has been awarded. These additional installations will increase the Kessler equipment to 20,000 spindles. Its product is yarns.

The Cotton Movement.

In his report for February 13 Col. Henry G. Hester, secretary of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange, shows that the amount of cotton brought into sight during 166 days of the present season was 8,489,24 bales, an increase over the same period last year of 150,161. The exports were 4,737,018 bales, a decrease of 63,774 bales; takings by Northern spinners, 1,508,266 bales, an increase of 17,148; by Southern spinners, 1,110,064 bales, an increase of 119,341 bales.

Boyd-Mangham Mill Completed.

Boyd-Mangham Manufacturing Co., Griffin, Ga., has completed its plant and begun manufacturing last week. This enterprise was announced last year. Its equipment is 10,000 spindles and 320 looms, producing daily 15,000 yards of light-weight fancy weaves. About 265 persons are employed. Lowell (Mass.) Machine Shops furnished the entire equipment of machinery. Capital is \$200,000. J. J. Mangham is treasurer. Allen Little is superintendent.

To Add 7,000 Spindles.

At the annual meeting of the Woodruff Cotton Mills, Woodruff, S. C., held last week, it was decided to expend about \$90,000 for additional machinery. August W. Smith was re-elected president, and the management was given authority to proceed with the betterments. Contract will be awarded for about 7,000 spindles and 210 looms additional. At present the Woodruff plant has 11,000 ring spindles and 250 looms, manufacturing sheetings.

Textile Notes.

Massachusetts Mills in Georgia's additional mill at Lyndale, Ga., is nearing completion, and expected to be in operation by May 1. The machinery, first instalment to be 35,000 spindles and 3300 looms, is now being put in position. The product will be standard sheetings and shirtings. The mill is built under the direction of the Massachusetts Mills by the Flynt Building & Construction Co. of Palmer, Mass., with plans furnished by Lockwood, Greene & Co., of Boston.

Sweetwater (Tenn.) Knitting Mills has been organized, with capital stock of \$25,000, and will build plant. A high grade of hosiery will be manufactured, about 200 persons to be employed. John M. Jones is president; W. L. Magill (of Chattanooga), vice-president, and John M. Jones, Jr., secretary-treasurer. Directors are Messrs. Jones and Magill, W. M. Patterson, F. A. Carter, J. H. McCaslin and James May. Site has been chosen, and the plans are being prepared.

Opelika (Ala.) Cotton Mills has called a meeting for March 9 to vote upon increasing capital stock from \$100,000 to \$150,000 in order to make the additions reported last week. This new capital is to be expended for spinning machinery if the stockholders vote in favor of it. A call will also be issued to authorize \$100,000 cumulative 7 per cent. stock, \$60,000 of which will be used to take up present bonds and the balance in buying new machinery.

Lane Mills, New Orleans, La., will make important improvements and enlargements. The exact character and extent of the betterments are not ready for announcement, but will be stated as soon as matters have been definitely arranged. (It is rumored 2000 looms will be added and that denims will be manufactured.) At present the plant has 17,000 spindles and 363 looms.

Messrs. Alexander Fish, H. A. Weill, J. B. Killebrew, L. R. Campbell and Gilbert Dudley have incorporated Fish White Goods Co. of Nashville, Tenn., with capital stock of \$15,000, for manufacturing handkerchiefs. The company acquires plant of Fish & Wells on Church street, daily output 1000 dozen daily, and will increase the facilities.

Liberty Silk Co. of New York City, recently reported to erect \$100,000 mill at Newport News, Va., has found it inadvisable to locate the industry at present. J. L. Patton, president of the Chamber of Commerce, which promoted this enterprise, expects to arrange for establishing a silk mill by the aid of local capital.

Messrs. J. R. Nicholson, George Phillips and W. T. Wills have incorporated Indian River Fiber Co., with capital stock of \$25,000, to manufacture palmetta fiber, extracts, etc., at Tallahassee, Fla.

Messrs. John B. Henderson, Henry M. Gaski, Elmore B. Jeffrey, Frederick T. Hellman and Joseph W. Hellman have incorporated Phoenix Bag Co. at Baltimore, Md. Company's purpose is stated to be manufacturing bags, bur-lap, etc., and capital stock is placed at \$10,000.

United States Cotton Duck Corporation of Baltimore expended \$79,000 during 1902 for the renewal of the water-power plant at its Tallahassee (Ala.) mill. In addition to this amount, there was about \$204,000 expended for general renewals and repairs at various mills.

Woman Shoots Her Betrayer.

Lincoln, Neb., Special.—Jennie Thomas, a stenographer, 24 years old, went to the room of Fritz Broderson, clerk in a Lincoln commission house, and shot him dead. She then shot herself and probably will die. The young woman says Broderson, who is 30 years old, ruined her a year ago and refused to marry her. There were no witnesses to the killing. Miss Thomas' parents live in a Lincoln suburb and are much respected.

Dr. Curry's Will.

Washington, Special.—The will of Dr. J. L. M. Curry, of Richmond, Va., dated Madrid, Spain, December 28, 1887, was filed. Dr. Curry leaves all his property except a life insurance policy, to his wife, Mrs. Mary W. Curry. The life insurance, the amount of which is not stated, is for the benefit of the children of Dr. Curry. The will contains the request that Mary W. Curry be appointed executrix and that she shall not be required to give bond.

Fatal Battle With Miners.

Charleston, W. Va., Special.—At Staniford City, Raleigh county, a terrible battle took place at dawn Wednesday, between the joint posses of Deputy United States Marshal Cunningham and Sheriff Cook on one side, and rioting miners on the other, as a result of which three miners were killed, two others mortally wounded and a number of others on both sides more or less seriously hurt. The dead are: Dick Taylor, Dobsen, an unknown miner. Mortally wounded: John Heiseh, Irwin Lawson.

Movement to Stop Emigration.

Vienna, By Cable.—With the object of stemming the wholesale immigration of young girls to America, which is occasioning the Hungarian government considerable concern, Premier Deszely has sent a circular letter to the local authorities of Hungary, calling their attention to what he describes as "this melancholy fact." He directs that the authorities only permit minors to emigrate when sanctioned to do so by their parents or guardians, and when they travel in charge of adults.

Bowen's Proposition.

Washington, Special.—Mr. Bowen, the Venezuelan plenipotentiary, has proposed to the allied powers that the Czar of Russia be asked to name three arbitrators who, as "The Hague" tribunal, shall decide the question of preferential treatment. The suggestion has been approved by the State Department. Mr. Bowen submitted to the allies the representatives the copies of the proposed protocols submitting the Venezuelan case to The Hague tribunal.

Judge Tompkins Dead.

Atlanta, Ga., Special.—Judge Henry B. Tompkins, a well-known lawyer and jurist, died at his residence here aged 57. He served in the Confederate army and after the war practiced law in Memphis and Savannah before locating in Atlanta. Judge Tompkins served on the Superior Court bench for five years.

Mistaken Notion About Leaves.

It is true that people often say that the turning up of leaves is a sign of rain, but the sign does not seem to be a very true one, declares the Monthly Weather Review. There are many kinds of trees like the silver-leaf poplars, in fact all the poplars, the maple and some of the oaks, which turn their leaves up whenever there is a fairly strong steady wind, but they do it as much in clear weather as in rainy. Possibly the belief may have arisen from the fact that winds capable of turning leaves over very often precede or follow rainstorms.

STORM AT GASTONIA.

Two Girls Seriously Hurt—A Cotton Mill Wrecked.

Gastonia, N. C., Special.—As the result of a storm which swept over this place Saturday morning a large section of the wall of the Avon Cotton Mill was blown down and four or five of the operatives injured. Two of these, girls twelve and fifteen years of age, were dangerously hurt and may not recover. The mill was damaged to the extent of about \$5,000. Other less serious damage also resulted.

The storm, in its greatest force, struck the Avon Cotton Mill in the eastern part of the town. The operatives, whose ears were filled by the din of spindles and thunder of looms, were unaware of the storm that raged without until it crushed the southern wall of the eastern half of the mill and lifted one side of the roof and folded it over on the other half. The destruction came in a moment. One hundred and fifty feet of the wall enclosing the second story collapsed without warning and fell inward upon the operatives and machinery, as the roof with its enormous rafters and beams, shafts, countershafts, belts and pulleys went flying off like so much paper. The water connections with the tank in the tower were torn and twisted like green withes and torrents of water pouring in from above were added to the confusion of the awful wreck, the darkness and the roaring storm.

Only four or five operatives were hurt. Of these two little girls are dangerously injured and may not recover. One is Sadie, the twelve-year-old daughter of Jeff Beatty, and the other is Bessie, the fifteen-year-old daughter of John Lay. The little Beatty girl worked on the day shift and had just come in to clean up her spinning frames. She was found crushed against the frame by the falling wall. Her hair was twisted on the spools and blood was flowing in jets from her nose, mouth and gashes on her head. Miss Lay's jaw and one hand were broken and the back of her head was crushed. A little girl named Smith and other operatives were hurt, but none so seriously as the two named, whose chances for life are painfully slender. The reason more were not caught in that fatal wall alley is that the mill was short of night hands.

The damage to the mill by wreck, wind and water is about \$5,000 and it will likely be six weeks before it is running to its full capacity.

A Great Flood at Pittsburg.

Pittsburg, Special.—With every tributary of the Allegheny and Monongahela rivers emptying swirling torrents into the banks of these two streams and rushing down to the point where they converge to form the Ohio, Pittsburg was given a visitation Sunday which forced hundreds of families either to abandon their homes, or seek escape from the water in the upper stories, while mud and water speed discomfort below. Mills in the low-lying levels throughout the county, numbering between 50 and 60, were flooded and 38,375 men are thrown out of work for four or five days with a loss of wages of more than \$26,700. The flood was general throughout western Pennsylvania. The streams everywhere overflowed their banks, causing more or less damage to houses and farms that lay in their course. Downtown in Pittsburg, cellars and basements of business houses which are in the general flood belt, were inundated, while in Allegheny two railroads were temporarily paralyzed owing to the water which covered their tracks. People in the first and third wards of Allegheny, had to adopt Venice methods of going to and from their homes. Ample warning had been received by most of the residents and business firms threatened, in time for them to make preparations to minimize losses. The highest stage reached by the swollen rivers at Pittsburg was 23.4 feet at the government dam at Herr's Island. This was at 6 o'clock in the evening. It became stationary at that mark and gradually began to subside. The cold weather which set in last night served to check the flood and prevented more serious proportions.

Body Recovered.

New Orleans, Special.—Missing for six days, the body of Stephen Fitzgerald, agent of the American Cotton Company, in this city, was taken from the old basin canal. Mr. Fitzgerald was last seen on Saturday night, when he boarded a car to go home. His family suspected foul play and his brother, John Fitzgerald, came from St. Louis to assist in the search. There were no marks of violence on the body and no money had been taken from his pockets. It is probable that he fell into the canal by accident and was unable to get out. Mr. Fitzgerald was from Memphis, where his aged mother and sister live.

Gen. Gordon to Quit Lecturing.

Jackson, Miss., Special.—General John B. Gordon, commander-in-chief of the United Confederate Veterans, who suffered a severe attack of acute indigestion, while en route to this city Thursday night, left for Texas. It is reported that after General Gordon has filled this season's lecture engagements he will retire from the platform.