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## COTTON SPINNERS' MEETING

### Gather in Philadelphia to Talk Over Matters of Interest

### LABOR QUESTION CONSIDERED

Mr. D. A. Tompkins, of Charlotte, responded to the Address of Welcome—Only One Session Held During Day.

Philadelphia, Special.—With an attendance of nearly 2,000 members, the eleventh annual convention of the National Cotton Manufacturers' Association opened in the ball room of the Bellevue Stratford Hotel. In connection with the convention the cotton men are exhibiting all the branches of their business at the First Regiment armory. The association held a session in the morning, the afternoon and evening being given over to the exhibition and to entertainments.

The convention opened with prayer by Rev. Stephen W. Dams of West Walnut Street Presbyterian church. Mayor J. E. Reburn delivered the address of welcome and the response was made by Mr. D. A. Tompkins, of Charlotte. Two of the most notable addresses of the day were made by Mr. Theodore H. Price, who talked of his recent move against the New York cotton exchange, and Mr. E. J. Watson, of South Carolina, who spoke about immigration in the South.

**Mr. Tompkins' Address.**  
In response to the address of Mayor Reburn, Mr. Tompkins said in part:

"We have heard much of the competition between New England and the South in the manufacture of cotton goods. I have always depreciated this talk as unworthy of the manufacturers of a great and progressive nation with a world business within its reach if its people would operate to get it instead of lending their efforts to petty competition at home. The American Cotton Manufacturers' Association has charged itself with the task of developing an organization which at the same time reconciles all American interests and instead of fostering local interests against other local interests it seeks to nationalize all interests. Our association wishes to gain the co-operation of all American cotton manufacturing interests in the work of fostering industrial education at home and of developing foreign markets abroad until the general prosperity in all America would eliminate the idea of competition at home.

"It seems particularly appropriate that the American Cotton Manufacturers' Association should meet in Philadelphia to consider such large subjects as the progress of American manufactures by the development of industrial education, and the extension of the American commerce by the development of ocean transportation facilities.

"It was here the nation was born, and Philadelphia has been peculiarly a national city ever since. In both education and transportation your city has always led. It is here that is the best development of that knowledge and skill necessary to produce the finer fabrics such as lace curtains, carpets and other superior products of the spindle and loom. It is here that there has been developed the best knowledge and skill in America in the production of both locomotives and ships. Therefore, in both the realms of education and training on the one hand to make finer and better goods and of building locomotives and ships, on the other hand to promote transportation for distribution of American goods to the people of the world, Philadelphia is the leading American city, and it is a good atmosphere for this meeting.

"Representatives of the colonies assembled here to inaugurate, by joint action, the battle for political liberty.

"This meeting is not held here now without a purpose. This association wishes here at this meeting to inaugurate by joint action the battle for commercial liberty over the entire world.

"The establishment here July 4, 1776, of an independent government, cost our forefathers some money and much trouble, but the venture has paid.

"It will cost us something to accomplish over the entire nation such a system of industrial education as will make our people manufacturers of the best and cheapest goods in the world. But the cost will be a profitable investment.

"It will cost us something to put ships upon the high seas to carry our agricultural and manufactured products to the various markets of the world. But the cost will be a profitable investment."

Following the session of the convention an important conference of representatives of the New York and New Orleans cotton exchanges and of the association was held. At the meeting a protest was registered by the manufacturers against the extensive gambling in cotton which is permitted in the cotton exchanges and insisted that the method of grading the staple now prevalent should be changed.

The discussion of labor problems and the need of increased immigration was led by Commissioner Watson, whose efforts to import labor for the cotton industry have brought forth cries from agitators in all parts of the country and ended in the enactment of restraining legislation by Congress. He declared that the hour has come for the American manufacturer and the American laborer without regard to section, to join hands and eliminate the political demagogue whose mission in life seems to be to array labor against capital, and section against section, without regard to any other interest than his own petty political advancement.

### Sentenced to Hang June 21.

Waycross, Ga., Special.—The jury in the case of H. E. Lyle, charged with the murder of his wife and baby, returned a verdict of guilty without recommendation. This was Lyle's second trial, the first a few weeks ago, resulting in a mistrial. Lyle claimed that the shooting was an accident. Judge Parker passed the sentence of death, fixing the hanging for June 21st.

### Cannot Accept Third Term.

Montgomery, Ala., Special.—It is announced that Dr. Thomas M. Owen, who is serving his second term as commander in chief of the United Sons of Confederate Veterans will not permit his name to be presented for another election at the coming reunion in Richmond. While thoroughly in love with the work, Dr. Owen finds himself overwhelmed with official and personal obligations and can no longer give the time necessary to the office.

### To Prosecute Tobacco Trust.

Washington, Special.—The Department of Justice is preparing to begin a drastic movement against a large number of tobacco companies for violation of the anti-trust laws. John Wesley Gaines, representative from Tennessee, states that he has information to this effect. If the prosecutions are carried out according to the programme the tobacco companies operated in North Carolina will be affected.

### Tragedy at Jonesville S. C.

Spartanburg, S. C., Special.—Sims Gillmore, a farmer, was shot and probably fatally wounded and his neighbor, James W. Gallman had his skull fractured by Gillmore, who struck him with a hammer, following a quarrel between them in a store at Jonesville, S. C., eighteen miles from here. Gallman has only a slight chance of recovery. The tragedy grew out of the burning of two barns on Gillmore's farm, of which crime Gillmore suspected Gallman.

### Big Day For Salvationists.

Columbia, S. C. Special.—A special to The State from Greenville says: The Salvation Army citadel, the first in the South, was dedicated here. Colonel Holz, head of the department conducted services, assisted by Major Berryman of Atlanta, with other officers from Augusta, Spartanburg and elsewhere. Two thousand people were present. The citadel is complete and cost \$3,500. Many pulpits in the city were occupied by Army officers.

### Textile Council Votes for 10 Per Cent Increase.

Lowell, Mass., Special.—The Lowell Textile council voted at a special meeting Sunday to request an increase in wages of 10 per cent in all of the seven great cotton mills of the city, including the Lawrence, Tremont and Suffolk, Merrimac, Boots, Appleton, Massachusetts and Hamilton mills. It is understood that the action was unanimous. Nearly 20,000 operatives are concerned in the demand.

### Prison Repartee.

Senator Tillman was discussing a recent quarrel among financiers. "Those men threw a good deal of mud at each other," he said, smiling, "and most of the mud stuck. It was an interesting squabble. It reminded me of an incident in a Southern jail. "There were two prisoners in this jail. One was in for stealing a cow. The other was in for stealing a watch. "Exercising in the courtyard one morning the first prisoner said tauntingly to the other: "What time is it?" "Middling time," was the retort.—Washington Star.

## SOUTHERN PRESBYTERIANS

### Southern Representatives of Great Denomination

### IN SESSION AT BIRMINGHAM

General Assembly of Presbyterian Church in United States Opens at Birmingham for 10-Days Session.

Birmingham, Ala., Special.—With the election of John R. Howerton, of Montreat, N. C., as moderator the fifty-seventh annual session of the General Assembly of Southern Presbyterian Church got down to work in earnest. At the afternoon session reports were made by all standing committees. The night's session was devoted to welcoming addresses by various prominent local laymen and clergymen and reports of the various gymen and responses by the visitors.

### The Assembly Opened.

Amid strains of the time honored doxology "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow." Every seat in the church was occupied by commissioners and visitors. After Dr. Allen G. Hall, of Nashville, the moderator had called the Assembly to order, prayer was offered by Dr. James P. Smith, of Richmond, Va., Dr. J. R. Howerton, of Montreat, N. C., read a lesson from the fourth chapter of Matthew, it being the story of Christ being tempted in the wilderness after 40 days of fasting. Another prayer was offered by Dr. W. C. Alexander, of Memphis, and after a song, Dr. Howerton delivered the opening sermon. His text was from the fourth chapter of Matthew, the eighth, ninth and tenth verses, relating to the temptation of Christ.

The report which the executive commission of the alliance of the reformed churches throughout the world holding the Presbyterian system, will make to the Assembly has been made public. The report says that each year it becomes more apparent that the Christian Church at home cannot furnish sufficient missionaries for the evangelization of heathen peoples nor can sufficient physicians be sent from the home lands to supply the needs of foreign mission fields.

Three hundred thousand physicians are needed alone in China, says the report. The United Presbyterian Church has recently been appealed to send over 400 missionaries for their field in Egypt and India. Equally great need is felt in all mission fields. The report says the only possible way of meeting the need is the establishment of well equipped schools, seminaries, colleges and hospitals for the upraising of a native physicians. As to home missions, the report says that all the churches are awakening to a deeper sense of responsibility for the United States. The report gives details of what the churches are doing in continental Europe, saying that the Bohemian work needs systematic aid. The report gives a resolution adopted which depreciates "the effort in many places in our country by the Roman Catholic Church to produce sympathy for the Catholics of France by charging persecution of the Church against the French government. We believe that this charge is based upon false assumptions and that these efforts are revealing and developing a spirit contrary to free institutions and the true liberty of our land."

### Fire at Pacolet, S. C.

Spartanburg, Special.—The store building and stock of goods of G. E. Kirby at Pacolet were destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated to be between \$4,000 and \$4,500 and is covered by insurance.

### News in Brief.

Foraker men in Ohio accuse Senator Dick of betraying the senior Senator and climbing on the Taft band wagon.

More progress was made with the task of selecting the Heywood jury. A Chicago suicide gave six reasons why he desired to end his life.

Snow is reported from various points in Nebraska and South Dakota.

### Gov. Little in Bad Health.

Little Rock, Ark., Special.—Paul Little, secretary to and son of Gov. John S. Little, issued the statement saying the condition of his father's health is not satisfactory. Governor Little went to Corpus Christi, Texas, several months ago and the president pro tempore of the Senate has acted as Governor of Arkansas. Paul Little says his father will be taken to Colorado or brought to his home at Greenwook, Ark., and he will not attempt to assume his official duties until he has fully recovered his health.

## NORTH CAROLINA AFFAIRS

### Items of Interest From Many Parts of the State

### MINOR MATTERS OF STATE NEWS

Happenings of More or Less Importance Told in Paragraphs—The Cotton Markets.

### Trinity Commencement.

Invitations have been sent out to the commencement of Trinity College. Following is the program:

Sunday, June 2, 8:30 p. m., Baccalaureate Address, President John C. Kilgo.

Tuesday, June 4, 11 a. m., Baccalaureate sermon, Rev. Donald Sage Markay, D. D., New York City.

Tuesday, June 4, 1 p. m., Alumni Address, Jerome Dowd, Charlotte, N. C.

Tuesday, June 4, 8:30 p. m., Graduating Orations.

Wednesday, June 5, 10:30 a. m., Commencement Address, Associate Justice David J. Brewer, Washington, D. C.

### Crushed by a Tree.

Waynesville, Special.—At Quinlantan, seven miles south of Waynesville, Field Matthews, a twelve-year-old lad, was sent by his mother to a neighbor to borrow a smoothing iron. He had to go by where some men were cutting timber. As he got near to them they called to him to go back, as a tree was falling. This seemed to frighten the lad, and he ran directly in the path of the tree, which fell on him, crushing his life out instantly.

### A Serious Cutting Affray at Concord.

Concord, Special.—A serious cutting affray took place at a late hour Friday afternoon in the McDonald pasture just beyond the Odell Mills. One John Troutman and one Will Hudson, two white men, became engaged in a quarrel, and when the two men came together Hudson whipped out a knife and used it pretty freely on Troutman's anatomy. The man was stabbed in the side and his face was lacerated in several places, disfiguring the young man for life. Hudson is held at the police station under a bond of \$200.

### Battle Flag for Museum.

Winston Salem, Special.—Mrs. Alfred H. Belo, Dallas, Tex., who is visiting here, has the old Confederate flag that was presented the Forsyth Riflemen, of which her husband the late Col. A. H. Belo, was captain. The flag was presented to the company by Miss Bettie Lemly, of Salem, and was borne throughout the four years' struggle. While Mrs. Belo has ever prized the flag very highly, she has decided to present it to the museum at Richmond, Va., to which place it will be forwarded in a few days.

### Board of Agricultural.

The State Board of Agriculture will meet in its regular semi-annual session on Monday, June 4th. This will be the three new members of the board—Senator C. W. Mitchell, of Bertie, Representative J. J. Laughinghouse, of Pitt, and Hon. Ashley Horne of Johnson. At this meeting the board has the work of auditing and accepting the reports of the heads of all the divisions of the agricultural department and of making the appropriations for the next six months, etc.

### Twenty Years' Sentence.

Salisbury, Special.—George Fox, colored, was arranged in Rowan Superior Court here for killing Fred Muse at Spencer ten days ago, and through his attorneys submitted to a verdict of murder in the second degree. This was accepted by the State Judge Fred Moore promptly sentenced Fox to twenty years in the penitentiary at hard labor.

### State News Items.

Superintendent J. Y. Joyner has received a letter from Superintendent J. R. Poole, of Roberson county stating that an election for local taxation at Fairmont (Ashepole) on May 11th. was carried by a vote of 63 to 7. To those acquainted with the old Ashepole community this is not surprising. Mr. Poole is one of the most progressive superintendents and gives his entire time to this work.

A charter has been granted the Hardwood Novelty Company, Durham, capital stock \$100,000, William A. Erwin and other stockholders.

## PLOI AGAINST LIFE OF CZAR

### Confesses to Having Accepted Large Money Bribe to Assist in Murder of Russian Emperor—Suspicion Directed to Soldier by Fact That He Was Seen With Large Sums of Money.

St. Petersburg, By Cable.—A Terrorist conspiracy directed against the life of Emperor Nicholas, the existence of which has been suspected for some time past, has been revealed by the arrest at Tsarskoe-Selo of a soldier of the Guard Regiment, who confessed to the acceptance of a large money bribe to assist in the murder of His Majesty.

According to the details of this plot, the existence of which has been confirmed by one of the highest officials of the court, suspicion was directed to the soldier by the fact that he was seen to have in his possession considerable sums of money. The man was placed under observation. When he noticed that he was being shadowed he became panic-stricken and voluntarily made his confession, after which he begged for protection. All the threads of this conspiracy, which is radically different from former attempts of this nature, are not yet in the hands of the secret service men. A few underlings have not yet been apprehended, but the real instigators of the crime and the men who furnished the blood money have not yet been identified.

The police officials refuse either to affirm or deny the story, and limit themselves to stating that there is no indication that the men arrested last week in this city were connected with this conspiracy.

In revolutionary circles it is declared that the men apprehended last week were occupied with the reorganization of the fighting bands of the revolutionists which the police last year succeeded in breaking up, and that the authors of the present conspiracy must be sought outside St. Petersburg.

### Georgia Farmers' Union Opposes Present Immigration Movement.

Atlanta, Ga., Special.—The Farmers' Union of Georgia, went on record here as opposing the present immigration movement. The resolution opposed the movement on the ground that it would bring into the State undesirable citizens; that it would crowd native Georgians from the factories by establishing lower wage rates, and that it would increase the production of cotton and thereby lower the price of the staple. The resolution further urged upon the General Assembly at its coming session that no further appropriations be furtherance of the movement shall be made.

### No Special Delivery Stamps Will be Required After July 1st.

Washington, Special.—No special delivery postage stamps will be needed after the first of next July to insure immediate delivery of a letter. Pursuant to an act of the last session of Congress, Postmaster General Meyer issued an order that, on and after July 1st next, if there is attached to any letter or package of mail matter 10 cents' worth of stamps, of any denomination, with the words "Special delivery" written or printed on the envelope or covering, in addition to the postage required for ordinary delivery, the article will be handled as if it bore a regulation special delivery stamp.

### Nurses Meet at Richmond.

Richmond, Va., Special.—The first business session of the 10th annual convention of the Nurses' Association Alumnae of the United States, was called to order by president, Miss Annie Damer, of New York. The report of the board of directors, the treasurer, Miss Annie Davis, of Brooklyn, and the inter-State secretary were read.

### To Fight 2-Cent Passenger Rate.

Richmond, Va., Special.—The Atlantic Coast Line, Norfolk & Western and Chesapeake & Ohio Railroads filed papers with Judge Pritchard of the United States Circuit Court, indicating their purpose to appeal from the decision of the corporation commission in the 2-cent passenger rate matter. They follow the same procedure as the Southern.

### Asheville Gets Next General Conference of M. E. Church South.

Nashville, Tenn., Special.—The next General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South will be held at Asheville, N. C., in 1910, according to the decision reached here by the special committee to decide the matter appointed at the last General Conference. Delegations from Richmond, Va., Kansas City, Mo., Atlanta, Ga., and New Orleans, La., urged claims of their respective cities.

## A FATAL PREMATURE BLAST

### Results in Considerable Loss of Life

### SEVERAL DANGEROUSLY HURT

### Premature Explosion of Blast at Foot of Lookout Mountain Causes Instant Death of Three Men and Injury of Five Others, Two of Whom Will Die.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Special.—Three men were killed outright, two so severely injured that they will die and three others badly injured in addition to the crashing of a freight engine and 11 cars through a bridge into Chattanooga creek; the destruction of three residences and a pile driver nearby, as the result of a premature explosion of a blast at the foot of Lookout mountain on the Stevenson extension.

### The dead are:

Will Hyder, fireman of pile driver for Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis railroad.

Clint Shaefer, engineer of pile J. Fitzgerald, negro fireman, Southern Railway.

The injured are: Samuel Mahon, engineer Southern Railway, bruised about the head; Chris George, Greek laborer, skull fractured, other injuries; Chris Costa, Greek laborer, skull badly fractured; Peter John, injured about head and body; Styles John, Greek laborer, injured about head.

The bridge was crushed in by several tons of rock hurled by the blast just as the freight train was going on the bridge. Other pieces of rock hurled for 400 yards crashed through the pilot of the pile driver of the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railroad, which was at work driving piles in Chattanooga creek for a new viaduct, killing Engineer Shafer and Fireman Hyder instantly. Other pieces of rock hurled 500 and 600 yards struck residences on the side of Lookout mountain crashing through the roof's and floors of the buildings.

Three Greeks who were working on the new line some distance from the blast were struck by the flying pieces of rock. Two of them are at the hospital in a serious condition.

The blast was set off, it is said, by J. Ford, a powder man, employed by the contractors. He had only been employed for a short time by the company. At a late hour he could not be located.

### "God Save the Czar."

St. Petersburg, By Cable.—A telegram of congratulation on the frustration of the recent regicide plot has been sent to the Emperor by the Octoberists, whose second national convention opened here Sunday. The announcement that the telegram had been sent caused a scene of intense enthusiasm, the delegates rising and singing "God Save the Czar," which of late has rarely been heard. The convention devoted the remainder of the day to spirited debates concerning Terrorists, and adopted a resolution expressing the utmost horror of the delegates at the unceasing reign of terror and their sincere disappointment at the failure of the Douma to firmly condemn it, although the Douma was the supreme council in which the nation's hopes for constitutional liberty and order were centered. The truth of the report concerning the plot is now officially admitted, and a communication concerning it has already been prepared and only awaits the Emperor's approval before being published.

### Bonilla Expects to Go Into Business

New Orleans, Special.—Former President Manuel Bonilla, of Honduras, said in an interview here that he intends to go into business in Belize, British Honduras. He expects to become a general broker for tropical forest products and also will run a plantation of his own. Mr. Bonilla was slightly indisposed upon his arrival here today.

### Killed at Negro Ball Game.

New Orleans, La., Special.—G. G. Richardson, a plantation overseer, was shot and killed while watching a negro baseball game in Jefferson parish. A negro named Lewis was killed while trying to support the dying overseer. Jesse Clark, the negro who did the shooting, made his escape to this city, where he has not yet been captured. Richardson and a few white men, it is said, feebly upbraided a negro woman for her actions at the game, when Clark began shooting.