

# Attorneys Write to Sheriff; His Reply

REGARDS APPOINTMENT OF OFFICER AT BROGON MILLS

BOTH LETTERS INTERESTING

Messrs. Bonham, Watkins and Allen are Attorneys for Mill and Bring Matter to Sheriff's Attention

The following correspondence passed between Messrs. Bonham, Watkins and Allen, attorneys, and Sheriff Ashley yesterday in regard to protection to the mill property at the Brogon mill:

"Anderson, Sept. 15, 1915. Hon. J. M. H. Ashley, Sheriff, Anderson, S. C.

Dear Sir:— We understand from Mr. Gossett that you feel yourself unable to afford protection to the property, officers, agent and employers of Brogon mill because you have not sufficient force to cope with the strikers, who threaten injury to them. This situation always confront a sheriff when a mob defies him, but the law provides help for him. You have only to call on the governor for assistance and you will get it. As the attorneys of Brogon mills we feel it our duty to remind you that this mill is engaged in interstate commerce, and if forced to do so will appeal to the federal courts and authorities for protection. It prefers however to appeal to you as the highest peace officer of the county, and to the state authorities, for that protection to which it is entitled. You are fully aware of the danger to which the property of the mill and the lives and persons of the officers, agents and employers thereof are subjected. You have removed without cause the efficient peace officers who were there, and declined to appoint in his stead any one of those suggested by the officers of the mill. It is all the more incumbent therefore on you as sheriff to give the protection asked for. We ask that you notify us at once of your purpose and plans to afford this

protection; as in the event you fail or refuse to give it our duty will be to take steps to secure it otherwise. We wish to co-operate with you and through you, to uphold the law, preserve the peace and protect the property, persons and lives, and as the legal representatives of the mill, we call upon you to take immediate steps to effect these purposes.

"Kindly give us an immediate answer.

"Yours very truly,

"Bonham, Watkins & Allen,"

"The Sheriff's Reply.

"Anderson, Sept. 15, 1915.

"Messrs. Bonham, Watkins & Allen,

"Anderson, South Carolina.

"Dear Sirs:

"Your letter of September 15, received. I did not tell Mr. Gossett that I was not able to afford protection to the employers of the Brogon mill and to the Brogon mill property, and was unable to manage this strike. I have seen no mobs defying the sheriff and not until the people of the Brogon mill do defy the sheriff shall I call upon the governor for any assistance.

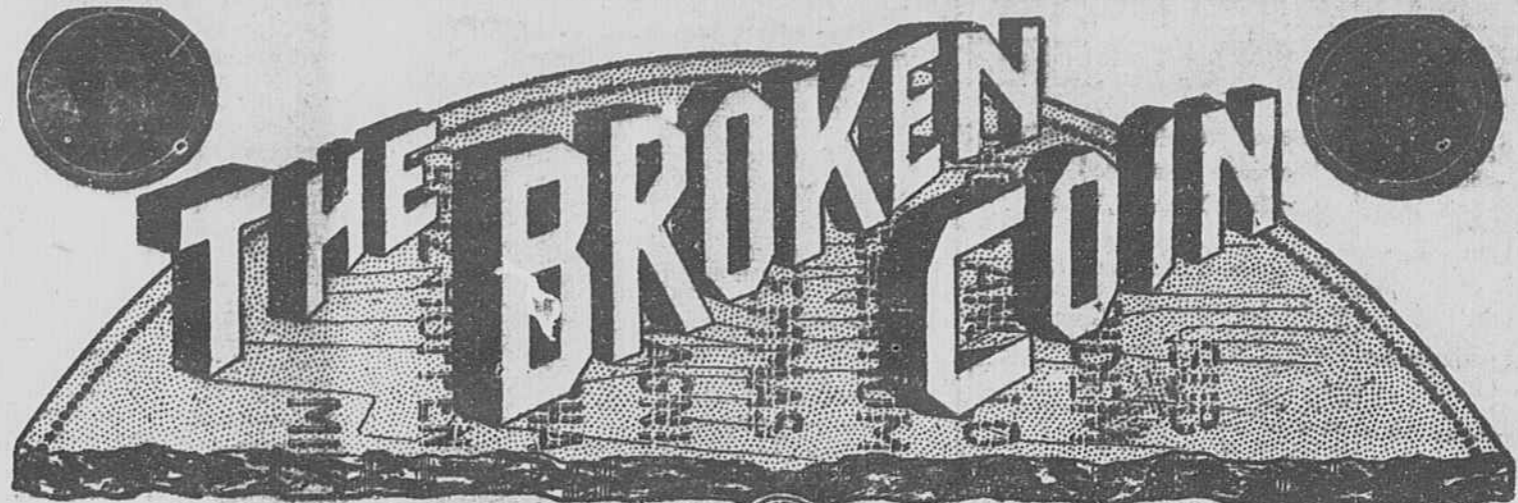
"As to the Brogon mill being engaged in interstate commerce, and as for you calling on the federal courts for protection does not worry me in the least. Now, as to the Brogon mill and the lives of the officers, agents, and employes thereof being endangered, I don't think there is one bit of danger as I have just returned from there, and I found everything peaceful.

"As for the removal of the efficient peace officer whom you speak of and who you say was removed without cause. I removed him because of the fact that during this previous trouble at the Brogon mill, he ignored the sheriff's office, and called in those whom he knew would cause trouble, and he came very near having firing him out and will not appoint another who I think will aggravate and cause trouble with the operatives. If the mill authorities want a man there all the time and will pay him, I will appoint one or two, and will station them there. Then if anything arises that can't be managed, they may call on me, and I will come, but as for me to stay there all the time, I cannot do it, as I have other work to do. I hope now, if you want protection through the sheriff's office that you will follow my suggestions here as the law provides, otherwise you may call on the governor, United States government, or anyone else you want.

"Yours very truly,

"Joe M. H. Ashley,

"Sheriff Anderson County."



15 WEEKS UNIVERSAL 30 REELS

FOURTH Episode of THE BROKEN COIN

# TONIGHT at THE BIJOU

## Mill Management Issues Statement

REGARDING STRIKE NOW ON AT THE BROGON MILLS

ARTICLE GOES INTO DETAILS

Of the Trouble or Differences Now Existing Between Management and Operatives.

The following statement regarding to the strike was prepared by the management of the Brogon mill yesterday afternoon for the press:

Statement by Management.

At the beginning of the strike at the Brogon mill on Tuesday morning, a large crowd assembled on the mill ground at an early hour, and blocked each entrance. Mr. Causey, the superintendent, was the first of the officers to arrive on the scene, and as he attempted to enter the mill he was surrounded by the crowd and told that he could not enter. He told them that he was custodian of the property, that his place was in the mill, and that he was going in. After considerable argument, they advised him to see the committee in charge of the strike and perhaps they would give him permission to go in. He declined to do this; whereupon one of the party went away, stayed a short while, and upon his return Mr. Causey was allowed to go into the mill. Afterward Mr. J. T. Crawford, paymaster, appeared and attempted to enter one of the mill doors. The crowd told him that he could not enter, and as he made an effort to do so they took hold of him and prevented him from going in. Mr. B. B. Gossett, vice president, Mr. J. P. Gossett, president, and Mr. McGregor, secretary, upon their arrival were allowed to enter without molestation. However, Mr. Cason, the shipping clerk, Mr. Coffield, the overseer of the cloth room, who has charge of making up shipments, and others, were prevented from entering. Thereupon the management of the mill appealed to the sheriff for protection. It was their earnest desire that the matter should be handled by the sheriff's office entirely. The sheriff readily went to the scene, and at his instance the paymaster, the shipping clerk, and the overseer of the cloth room were admitted to the mill. The sheriff went into the mill and conferred with the president, and while there the shipping clerk and the paymaster took out a case of goods and loaded it into a car for interstate shipment. As soon as they were seen loading the shipment a large crowd rushed up, brandishing sticks, and began cursing and threatening them. The crowd stated to Mr. Coffield that he had no business in the mill, and that the sheriff had only agreed to let the office force in, and that they did not intend to allow any goods shipped. Whereupon, Mr. B. B. Gossett spoke to the crowd, and told them that Mr.

Coffield was in the mill by the sheriff's authority. They replied that he could not go back in the mill, whereupon Mr. Gossett stated that that was a matter between them and the sheriff. He then appealed to the sheriff, who came out and stated to the crowd that they could not prevent anyone from going into the mill; that the management had assured him that they had no intention of running the machinery for the present, and that if they attempted to do so it would take a hundred men to keep you boys out of here." Mr. Coffield was afterward allowed to go in the mill. Afterward, both on Tuesday and Wednesday, a number of persons called at the mill on business, and were held up by the crowd. On Wednesday morning, the assistant to the shipping clerk, Mr. Cosby, was twice refused admission, but afterward got in. A large crowd, armed with sticks, is constantly menacing people who attempt to enter the mill. In fact, a force armed with sticks continually stands on guard at each entrance of the mill. During Wednesday, the overseer of the cloth room was again refused admission and threatened with violence in the event he attempted to go in. The parties again announced that they did not intend to allow any work of any kind done at the mill. Finding that the entrance to the mill was again guarded by men armed with sticks Wednesday morning, and that the threats and interference continued, the president of the mill again appealed to the sheriff, telling him that the mill was virtually in a state of a siege and that they were unable to transact any business except ordinary routine business in his immediate office, and that he wanted that menacing crowd removed from the entrances to the mill in order that those employees needed in the discharge of the legitimate business of the mill might enter. He stated the situation fully to the sheriff, who said he would go over. The sheriff again went to the mill, and after a while returned, stating that everything was quiet at the mill. Notwithstanding, it is a fact that the people who were debarred before he went there are still debarred before entrance to the mill, and as a consequence the business of the mill is practically at a standstill. Crowds are still guarding the entrances to the mill, and are still armed with sticks. The sheriff has been fully informed of the situation. The mill is obliged to ship its goods in order to fulfill its contracts. It was in view of the overt acts of the strikers and of their menacing attitude and threats that the sheriff was appealed to; it was hoped that he would cheerfully take the situation in hand and prevent trouble being brought either upon the mill authorities or those who wished to continue their work, or upon the strikers themselves. All that we have asked is that the law be properly enforced, and that is all that we desire.

## BIG FOOTBALL GAME SCHEDULED OCT. 16

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Efforts are being made for Anderson to have a big football game between Auburn and Clemson colleges on October 16. Last fall, Mr. Porter Whaley, secretary for the chamber of commerce, entered into an agreement with the Clemson authorities for this game to be played here and Clemson arranged the schedule accordingly. Since Mr. Whaley left, the directors of the chamber of commerce have not been willing for the organization to be responsible for the agreed guarantee. Several men of the city, however, realizing that the good faith of the town was pledged with Clemson college to have the game here, have taken up the matter with the proper authorities and steps will be taken soon to get up a list as guarantors for the necessary funds to have the game played here.

Men who are in a position to know state that Clemson college will have the best football team this season it has had since 1907 when its playing was the sensation of the southern colleges.

Auburn, as is usually the case, will have one of the best teams of any of the southern colleges, and since both of the teams scheduled to play here will be very strong and equally matched, Anderson will have an opportunity of having one of the best games played in the south this season. Clemson college wants this game to be played in Anderson and so do nearly all of the representative people of the city. The game will attract many people from all over this section of the country to Anderson and will in an advertising way alone means a great deal to the city. In addition to this, if the Auburn-Clemson game is played here, and the attendance is large, and it is a success from a financial standpoint, the authorities of Clemson college will use Anderson in the future as a place to stage many of their big football games. The people of the city, will no doubt, be glad to give the committee all assistance needed in making this scheduled game a success.

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## GIVE RECEPTION AT ANDERSON COLLEGE

COLLEGE ASSOCIATION IS NOW MAKING PLANS FOR IT

## TUESDAY NIGHT

Is the Date Set and the Public is Invited to Attend—Details to Be Announced Later.

The ladies of the Anderson College association announced yesterday that they were making arrangements for a public reception at Anderson College on next Tuesday evening at 8:30. The college opens this morning and by Tuesday everything will be in good running order.

It is the intention of the association to make the reception on Tuesday evening the largest affair ever held at the college and one of the grandest that will be held this year. The invitation is given to the public to attend, meet the students and members of the college faculty and welcome them to Anderson.

The committee on arrangements has not yet planned the details but these will be announced in The Intelligencer later.

Some Owners of Real Estate. (From the Philadelphia Public Ledger.)

Three individuals pay taxes on about one-thirtieth of all the real estate in Philadelphia. Mrs. Penfield, wife of the American ambassador to Austria, heads the list. John Wanamaker is second and P. A. Widener third.

Together they own more than \$60,000,000 of property in this city. In Manhattan, 18 persons of estates own one-fifteenth of all the taxable real estate on that island; but it will be noted that their holdings are proportionately much smaller than those of the three great property owners here.

Philadelphia has more landowners than are found in New York, despite the immense concentration in the three hands mentioned. A large proportion of the 375,000 homes are owned by those who live in them, and this wide diffusion of proprietary interest is the largest single factor in making Philadelphia the most patriotic and loyal of American cities.

High-Browed Help. I see where there is a plan on foot to make every servant girl an "educated household scientist."

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