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A MENACE TO CIVILIZATION.

Concerning the necessity for expending every effort for the discovery of some means to lessen the damages done by the boll weevil, the Manufacturers Record, in its current issue, states the case strongly and truthfully when it says:

"Cotton is in many respects the most important single industry in the world, when we consider it from its production as a raw material to its manufacture and its wide ramifications in world trade. It represents an aggregate investment in lands, in mills and cognate industries of \$25,000,000,000 or over. The South alone has about \$1,000,000,000 invested in cotton mills, knitting mills and kindred interests, and many billions in its production.

"The development of the cotton industry during the first half of the last century was the greatest business achievement during that period in the world. Beginning with a production of a few bales in the early years of that century, cotton-growing developed in the South to a point where it largely dominated the finances and politics of this country and of Europe.

"During the Civil War the famine in cotton endangered the welfare of millions of people in England. The poverty in the Lancashire district during that four-year period stands out as one of the awful records in the life of an industrial center. A few months ago one of the foremost cotton manufacturers of England wrote to an American friend that the inability of England to secure its usual supply of American cotton, in any one year, would cause greater distress in the Lancashire district than did the War. Millions of people in Lancashire are wholly dependent on the manufacture of cotton. Millions of people throughout the world—hundreds of millions, indeed—are dependent for clothes upon the production, from the South's staple, of the finished cloth. Millions of people in this country are directly dependent upon the growing and handling of cotton, while the financial interests of the nation would be shaken to their foundation by the loss of the cotton trade. The South could weather the storm better than any other section, because the South could turn its farm lands into the production of diversified agriculture, once more regaining the prosperity which never would have been lost if this section had not by force of circumstances unwisely centered its agriculture upon the production of cotton.

"This great industry, without which the world could scarcely maintain its civilization—for without cotton clothes we would sink back into barbarism—is menaced by the boll-weevil. This is not merely a menace to the South, for the South could stand the shock of its cotton crop being destroyed, better than the world could stand the loss of cotton goods. It is a menace to the nation—a menace to civilization itself.

"It is, therefore, incumbent upon every agency of this Government and of all other civilized governments, upon chemical manufacturers, cotton manufacturers and financiers, to spend money with the utmost freedom in encouraging chemists and others to find a remedy for the boll-weevil. Various remedies are being developed; some of them are more or less successful; but the task is very great. The danger of the destruction of the cotton industry is so vast that until the whole nation realizes the extent and importance of that industry and the seriousness of the menace the task will not be tackled on a scale commensurate with the magnitude of the problem to be solved.

"The world faces a cotton famine; civilization may be at stake by the loss of cotton. But we believe a rem-

edy will be found. We believe that this crop—in many respects the most important single crop ever given by a beneficent Providence to humanity—will be saved from the destructive power of the boll-weevil, but we believe that the utmost energy of the nation must be concentrated upon the solving of this great problem."

As we have suggested before, it is not to be hoped that any remedy for the present evil will be found which will entirely eradicate it. The most to be hoped for, certainly in the next few years, is that some means will be found of so lessening the damages done the cotton crop in this section that people on the farms may be enabled to make a living, and the people of the world may secure necessary wearing apparel.

The necessity that every effort looking to this end be expended by the United States government and every other agency is so apparent that we cannot understand on what ground an appropriation for investigation in this state could be denied by the legislature.

What controls the weevil in one section does not control it in another. So that we not only need general knowledge on the subject, but we need a knowledge of the evil as it affects the people of South Carolina. We cannot afford to sit idle and allow the chief, and almost the only, money crop of the state to be destroyed.

TRIBUTE TO JUDGE GARY

The court of general sessions of Spartanburg county was adjourned all day Saturday out of respect to the memory of the late Judge Frank B. Gary, who died in Charleston on Thursday and was buried at Abbeville on Saturday. Special Judge Ramage paid a high tribute to the deceased judge, which was spread on the journal of the court.—Carolina Citizen.

ALLENDALE HONORS MEMORY OF JUDGE GARY

Last Place Late Judge Held Court. Number Speeches Made and Court Adourns

Allendale, Dec. 19.—The court of general sessions which convened here yesterday morning held memorial exercises at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon in honor of the late Judge Frank B. Gary, who died in Charleston a few weeks ago. It was at Allendale that Judge Gary, held his last term of court, being forced to adjourn court here on Tuesday of what was to have been a full week of civil court in September, after having been stricken during court hours. He never recovered from the attack and spent the greater part of the time between when he left here and his death in the hospital.

A resolution was offered to the court by James M. Patterson, president of the Allendale Bar association, expressing the high regard felt for the late jurist by the local bar. Mr. Patterson spoke to the resolution, speaking in general of the arduous duties of the lawyer in general and of jurists in particular. He said the average life of a lawyer was only ten years and that of the jurists considerably less. The bench, Mr. Patterson said, had suffered an incalculable loss when it lost Judge Frank B. Gary and in evidence of the high regard in which he was held by the local bar he offered the following resolution:

"Resolved, That in the death of the Hon. Frank B. Gary the state has lost one of its most useful citizens, the bar one of its most earnest students and clearest thinkers and the bench a most conscientious and learned member, a man devoted to his duties, clear and concise in his ruling as well as vigorous in the enforcement of the laws.

"Be it further resolved, That a copy of the resolutions be spread on the minutes of this court and there-in suitably inscribed and that a copy be forwarded to the widow, Mrs. Frank B. Gary, and to the distinguished brother of the deceased, Chief Justice Eugene B. Gary of the state supreme court."

passed away, and South Carolina had lost one of her noblest, best and proudest sons, said Senator Johnson in conclusion.

Solicitor Randolph Murdaugh of the Fourteenth circuit, who is handling the state's legal affairs here this week, also spoke to the resolution, giving in a few well chosen remarks his high opinion of Judge Gary resulting from his association with him in the courts of this district. "I have never been associated with any judge who more closely cooperated with me as his associate in the application of justice than the eminent jurist whom we seek to honor this afternoon," said Solicitor Murdaugh. He said further that the late judge was a man of upright character and one of South Carolina's noblest and most highly revered jurists.

Special Judge Mendel L. Smith, who is presiding here this week, in ordering the adoption of the resolutions made some eloquent remarks upon the resolution. He stated that the office of circuit judge offers the greatest opportunity in his opinion that is offered within the realm of public duty or service to one's country. He recited the arduous duties that devolve upon the circuit judge and lauded in the highest terms that office. "I know of no man who had a clearer conception of the spirit of the law and its enforcement than the late Judge Gary, and I hold him high in my memory as a man of culture, learning and a most elegant gentleman and scholar."

Court was adjourned until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning as a further mark of respect to the memory of Judge Gary.

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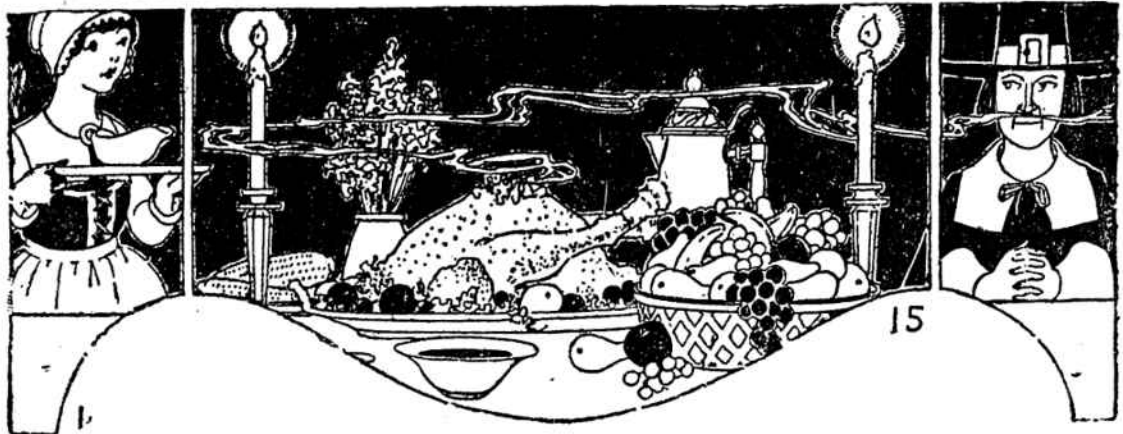
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