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MANNING URGES COTTON SUPPORT

FORMER GOVERNOR SPEAKS IN LITTLE ROCK ON COTTON EXPORT CORPORATION—EXPECT TO RAISE TEN MILLION DOLLARS FOR USE IN EXPORT—DETAILS OF PLAN.

Little Rock, Ark. Oct. 28.—Support of the \$10,000,000 cotton export corporation to function under the direction of the American Cotton association and toward which \$912,000 already has been subscribed was urged by Former Gov. R. I. Manning of South Carolina in an address at the conference of the Arkansas division of the American Cotton association here this afternoon.

The corporation, Mr. Manning explained, is expected to export for manufacture abroad the low grade cotton, which this year has proved almost a total loss to Southern cotton growers because of the extremely low prices offered for it.

The corporation, he said, will practically eliminate the middleman and although organized along the same lines as the corporation proposed last week by the American Bankers' association will not conflict with it. Stock in the corporation is being sold at \$10 a share, and an effort will be made to divide this stock between 1,000,000 persons.

Nathan Adams, of Dallas, Texas, president of the Texas division of the cotton association, said the Southern farmer must not depend on the federal reserve system to finance him but must depend on his own resources.

Other speakers today included Gov.-elect T. C. McRae of Arkansas, J. R. Alexander, president of the Arkansas division of the cotton association, and B. F. McLeod, of Columbia, S. C., chairman of the finance committee of the association.

All speakers urged the holding of the present cotton crop, reduction of acreage and organization for storing cotton so that it may be marketed over a period of 12 months.

Night riding and lawlessness in an effort to prevent ginning and marketing of cotton were condemned by the speakers.

THE COTTON MARKET.

The futures market in New York was weak today, there being little trading. December futures closed 45 points below yesterday. The closing yesterday was about 60 up from the day before. Spots in New York were down 40 points.

The local market was strong all day today. Good cotton sold freely at 22 1-2 to 23 cents.

The market appears to be ingetive on account of the approaching election and not much trading is expected until the count is made. The impression prevails among the buyers locally and elsewhere that spot cotton will gradually work higher. The time has come when the mills must begin to buy. In addition to this a great many brokers have sold cotton for future delivery. They can only deliver by buying the cotton. If the farmers stand firm and demand good prices they will get it. Everything now depends on the spot market, and that depends on the ability and determination of the farmer to hold at all hazards and against all demands.

THE SICK IMPROVE

Chief Justice Gary continues to improve from his recent attack of pneumonia. His progress towards recovery has been steady the last few days.

Mr. P. Rosenberg, who has been quite ill, has improved somewhat and his condition today was encouraging. His friends hope to see him out again soon.

The condition of Mr. Hiram W. Lawson, who is ill at the County Hospital, continues serious.

FARMERS MAY SEEK AID FROM CONGRESS

Additional Credits For Marketing of Crops is Desired—Federal Board Statement is Characterized as "Bunk"

Washington, Oct. 28.—Representatives of farming interests who met here today to consider what action should be taken to obtain additional credits for the marketing of their crops, said they might decide to ask aid of congress when it met next month. The conference received a report from the committee which remained over in Washington from the last farmers conference and received the statement of the federal reserve board's policy with respect to crop financing.

Representing the national board of farm management, Charles W. Holman characterized the board's statement as "the same old bunk, useless and detrimental." He declared that since September the prices of all essentials, except clothing and farm products, had risen and that these "had been artificially depressed."

A committee to devise ways and means of crop financing was appointed and will report later. It is headed by John Tromble of Kansas. Whether the farmers will seek another conference with government officials, has not been determined.

Frank Morrison, secretary of the American Federation of Labor, said that the federation was in sympathy with the efforts of farmers to get sufficient credits for the marketing of their crop and declared "profiteering" middlemen should be eliminated. Sterling Hillman, secretary of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, telegraphed that his organization was in sympathy with the farmers efforts.

The conference sent an invitation to the Russian co-operative society of New York to send representatives to the meeting.

THE BOY SCOUTS.

The Boy Scouts held another meeting Thursday evening at 7:45 in the City Council Chamber. Nineteen other boys joined the Scouts at this meeting.

The following were appointed as patrol leaders: Allen Long, Billy Long, Austin Roche, George Smith, Foster Barnwell, Harold Tate and Donald Harris. Allen Long was made Publicity Manager for the scouts and Fred Minshall, the treasurer.

The following are the names of the new scouts: Fred Minshall, Bruce Galloway, Bernard Roche, Willie Bradley, Renwick Bradley, Ralph Bauknight, George Wood, Emory Penney, Thomas Maxwell, Cecil Tate, John Klugh, Herbert Whaley, Fred Leslie, Fletcher Johnson, John Leslie, William Nickles, James Cox, Bryan Harrison, Claude Gambrell.

CAROLINA DOWNS CLEMSON

In the annual game between Carolina and Clemson at the State Fair yesterday, Carolina defeated the farmer boys by a score of 3 to 0, the one score being made by Gressette who kicked goal from Clemson's 20 yard line. This is the second time in recent years when Carolina has won over Clemson.

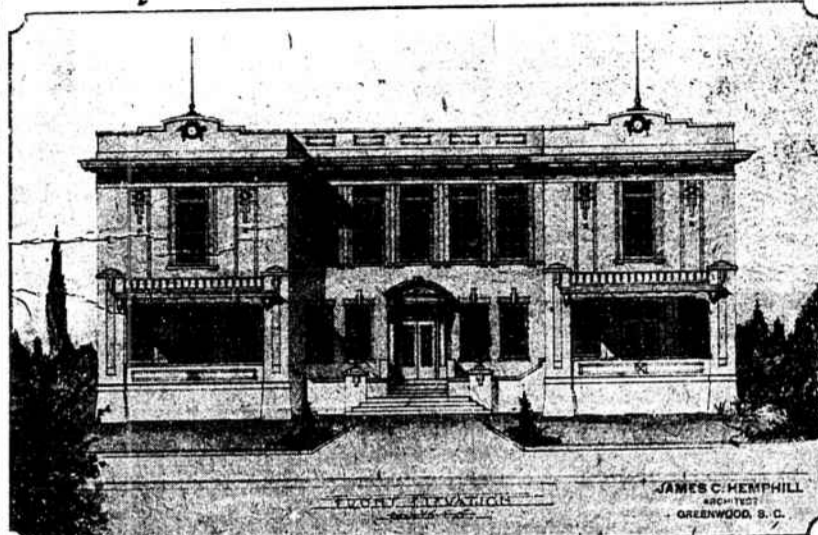
TO REORGANIZE CHURCH

At the recent meeting of the South Carolina Presbytery at Bennettsville, evangelistic powers were given Rev. as. L. Martin, D. D., of Abbeville, in order that he might reorganize the Presbyterian Church at Cokesbury. Dr. Martin has been preaching for the Presbyterians in Cokesbury for sometime and the reorganization of the church comes as the result of his work there.

REGENT OF GREECE.

London, Oct. 28.—The Greek chamber of deputies has elected Admiral P. Coundouriotis as regent of Greece by a vote of 137 to 3, says a dispatch to the London Times from Athens. Admiral Coundouriotis is minister of marine in the Venizelos cabinet.

COMMUNITY BUILDING



The Abbeville Cotton Mill is preparing to commence the erection of a Community Building, a cut of which we show above. The building is to be two stories high with a basement.

The second floor will have a large auditorium and a gymnasium. The first floor will have a Men's Lobby, a Ladies' Lobby, and a lobby for boys. There will also be a library on this floor, and a dining-room and kitchen. The dining-room will be so built as to be converted into two club rooms when occasion demands.

In the basement there will be shower baths and toilets for men, ladies and for boys. There will be in

the basement also a barber-shop, billiard rooms and a bowling alley.

The building will be erected at a cost of about fifty thousand dollars. Plans for the building are being drawn by Architect James C. Hemphill, of Greenwood. An experienced builder has been secured and some of the building materials have already been purchased.

The building is to be erected on the lot next the Community House and now used as a tennis court. When completed it will be a fine addition to the mill village, and will add greatly to the comfort and enjoyment of the people there.

POLITICAL PARTIES SPEND HUGE AMOUNTS

Republicans Spend More Than Three Million Dollars in Furtherance of the Campaign To Elect Harding and Other Office-seekers, Democrats Spend Nearly One Million Dollars.—Items Of Expense Are Announced.

New York, Oct. 28.—Total receipts by the democratic national committee up to October 25 for the conduct of the present campaign amount to \$878,831.24, according to an announcement today by Wilbur W. Marsh, the party's national treasurer.

This figure, Mr. Marsh said, was today submitted to the Kenyon committee investigating campaign contributions and expenditures in Chicago.

The sum collected, the democratic treasurer stated, is constituted almost entirely of contributions to the campaign fund, with the exception of \$150,000 which was borrowed. Other sources, which aggregated collections of only a few hundred dollars, included the sale of the campaign text books refunds from advertising and such small items.

The statement itemizes moneys received by the headquarters in New York, Chicago and San Francisco as well as the woman's bureau. Of the total \$665,481.33 was collected in New York, while San Francisco showed an aggregate fund of but \$1,763.09. The woman's bureau was responsible for the collection of \$8,544.50. Chicago collected \$53,041.51.

Disbursement by the entire organizations up to the same date, as shown by the statement, amount to \$823,345.09, with the New York bearing by far the heaviest burden. Chicago a sum slightly less than its receipts and San Francisco expense approximately eight times the amount of funds received. Running the woman's bureau for the entire campaign to date cost but \$1,339.30, the statement says.

The treasurer's office also show commitments of October 25 as follows:

Naturalized citizens bureau, \$761.19; organization bureau, \$2,348.60; women's bureau, \$12,022.60; treasurer's statistical, \$1,403.20; general, \$210.10; publicity, \$121,109.34, total commitments, \$139,854.69.

In addition to funds already received, Mr. Marsh's statement included a memorandum to the effect that two individuals had pledged \$25,000

each to pay the expenses of advertising books relating to the league of nations.

G. O. P. Campaign Cost \$3,442,892.32
Chicago, Oct. 28.—The republican national committee campaign to elect Senator Warren G. Harding president will cost \$3,442,892.32, Fred W. Upham, national treasurer of the party, notified the senate committee appointed to investigate campaign expenditures in a report filed with the committee here today.

Of this sum \$3,042,892.32 has been spent up to the close of business Sunday, October 24, and Mr. Upham estimated the expenditures in the closing week of the campaign at \$400,000 additional. The report shows that \$301,388.98 was spent between October 18, when a report was filed with the clerk of the house of representatives in Washington and October 24, the date of today's report.

The total estimated cost of the campaign—\$3,442,892.32—is considerably in excess of the republican budget of \$3,079,037.20, presented to the senate committee at a hearing here last August, but Mr. Upham explained that the disbursements covered the period from June 14 while the budget included only expenditures from July 1. About \$200,000 was spent between June 14 and July 1, Mr. Upham's office estimated, leaving the estimated disbursements from July 1 to November 2, approximately \$3,243,000, about \$162,000 in excess of the estimate budget. Contributions received since June 14 totals \$2,914,706.08 or \$128,186.24 less than the amount expended to date, Mr. Upham's report shows. Of the amount collected, \$1,293,556.54 was devoted directly to the national campaign under the direction of the national committee. The remaining \$1,121,149.54 was returned to the states in which it was raised, in accordance with an agreement whereby the national committee solicited all funds for both state and national campaign purposes. Senator Harding and Governor Coolidge, his running mate, each gave \$1,000, as did Fred W. Up-

GOV. COOPER WON'T ASK GINS TO CLOSE

Will Not Call Special Session of Assembly, as Requested—Has No Right to Ask Gins to Close—Gives Reasons.

Columbia, Oct. 28.—Gov. Cooper today stated that he would not call a special session of the legislature, as requested in a resolution adopted by the American Cotton association here yesterday, and he also indicated that he would not issue a proclamation calling on the ginners to close down for a period of thirty days. The special session of the legislature was requested for enactment of legislation which would allow the farmers to pay part of their 1920 taxes in January and the remainder next July, the postponement being desired because of the financial situation due to the low price of cotton.

The governor stated that as the legislature meets in regular session in January, and as the people will next Tuesday vote on the question of changing the fiscal year for the state government, there would be nothing gained by calling a special session.

With regard to the proclamation for the closing of gins, the governor is informed that many of the farmers are opposed to this, and he takes the position that he has no more right to use his influence for a closing of cotton gins than he would have for a closing of stores or other lines of industry.

The farmers at their meeting yesterday also adopted resolutions calling on President Wilson to put William G. McAdoo in charge of the treasury. This resolution was introduced by J. J. McMahan of Columbia.

In the resolution calling for the special session of the legislature, the farmers also requested that legislation be enacted which would impose a penalty on farmers who fail to reduce their cotton acreage next year one-third.

MORE MUSIC.

The McMurray Drug Company is preparing to open a music parlor on North Main Street at the old stand of Fred S. Hill. The new place will be the home of the Victrola, and will be in charge of Mr. J. F. Hill. Mr. Hill recently returned from Philadelphia where he took a course in Victrola lore, and he is prepared to show you and to tell you all about the good qualities of the Victor machine.

The building is undergoing extensive repairs, and when this work is completed it will be fitted up with up-to-date furnishings for a music parlor, and the McMurray Drug Company will bring on the finest exhibition of Victrolas ever shown in the South.

PARKER AND REESE WIN

Lawrence C. Parker returned from Columbia Thursday, where he has been attending the State Fair. Mr. Parker was interested chiefly in the livestock exhibits, where he was showing some of his fine cattle belonging to the Parker & Reese farm at Ellington.

Prince Real, the five year old Hereford Bull of the Ellington farm captured the blue ribbon in bull's of his class, and then again in competition with all the Hereford bulls exhibited at the Fair. Hoover Fairfax, an eight months' old bull from the same farm also took the blue ribbon every time he was exhibited.

Mr. A. B. Bosler who is in charge of the Ellington Farm took the two fine bulls to the Fair and was justly elated that they won so many blue ribbons.

ham, the republican national treasurer; John T. Adams, vice chairman of the national committee. A. E. Hert of Louisville, committeeman from Kentucky, Myron T. Herrick of Cleveland, former ambassador to France, and Charles P. Taft of Cincinnati, brother of ex-President Taft.

Mr. Upham's office estimated there were approximately 50,000 contributors to the campaign chest.

THREE SCORE MEN FACE INDICTMENT

SIXTY-FOUR RAILWAY AND EXPRESS EMPLOYEES INVOLVED—CHARGES AT MACON—CONSPIRACY TO PURLOIN AND EMBEZZLE PROPERTY OF GOVERNMENT ALLEGED.

Macon, Ga., Oct. 28.—Indictments charging conspiracy to purloin and embezzle property of the United States, conspiracy to embezzle interstate express shipments and conspiracy to defraud the United States were returned by the federal grand jury here today against 64 express messengers, express agents, railroad conductors and others.

The articles alleged to have been stolen range from furs, silk shirts, pocket knives and guns to hogs, chickens, fish and eggs.

Of the 64 persons indicted all were white and many are prominent. Most of them reside between Macon and Montgomery, Ala.

There are five counts each against the following indicted:

Messengers: F. M. Alsbrook, M. E. Bowdoin, J. A. Bradshaw, R. C. Brineon, W. E. Bruner, C. H. Conroy, Ernest C. Fields, W. C. Fields, W. C. Green, W. A. Hughes, C. E. Langford, J. C. McArthur, R. S. McMichael, C. F. McMillan, C. W. Pearce, R. E. Stanley, M. F. Stokes, Eugene C. Stovall, R. J. Gardner, and H. L. Rocker.

Conductors and baggagemen employed by the Central of Georgia: C. D. Baker, O. B. Baldwin, W. W. Barber, Walter Crittle, Lee Dix, O. E. Hall, Troup Floyd, William Hackney, King Hardy, Charley Hunter, Charlie Johnson, J. L. Johnson, W. V. Kimbrell, N. T. McKinnon, Dan McLendon, W. V. Meeks, F. J. Norris, J. N. Smith, O. L. Smith, and W. W. Woods.

Agents of the American Railway and Express Company: R. C. Chacey, E. E. Dunaway, J. O. Hood, A. G. Johnson, W. G. Mixon, L. B. Rodgers, M. A. Sheppard, W. G. Simpson, O. C. Johnson and J. R. Radney.

Others indicted, not employees: W. T. Prestweid, Marvin Pretwood, Ed Redding, Joshua Stewart, K. Ed. Knox, James Kendrick, Carlos Jordan, Henry Barlow, Charlie Burgess, L. C. Cason, C. M. Crasson, Will Griggers, W. W. Hodges and W. P. Hoesey.

The conspiracy is said to have included a password, "Will he ride?" the answer being, "Yes, he'll ride," and when given is said to have insured the person seeking to enter into negotiations for various articles that he was all right.

The thefts are said to have started with the world war when the book-keeping department of the express company was unable to keep up with the business. Messengers are alleged to have torn the tags from shipments and put on new tags, addressing the shipment to a conspirator, destroying shipping bill at the same time. A third party, the indictments charge in most of the cases, disposed of the goods and then divided the spoils. Specific cases are named in the indictments and specific sums of money are named as passing between the alleged conspirators.

S. L. Rosser, special agent for the American Railway Express Company; Superintendent R. H. May and a number of detectives have been at work on the case for two months.

NOTE BUILDS WAREHOUSE

Col. R. W. Smith was up on the Square this morning. He says the reason brother Walter couldn't find him Wednesday was that he was building the new warehouse "for Williamson and Jim Stark."

"The new warehouse is a splendid place to put cotton," Dote informed us, "but if you put it in there I don't know whether you will ever see it again or not, it will about be Jim Stark's cotton."

Dote was assisted in doing the building by Rev. Williams.