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SOUTH CAROLINA NEWS ITEMS

News of Interest Gleaned From All Sections of the State and Arranged For Busy Readers

Cotton Mill Industry Growing.

Columbia, Special.—Commissioner Watson has made public the figures revised to date in regard to the cotton manufacturing industry in South Carolina for the forthcoming revised edition of the hand book of South Carolina to be issued by the department of agriculture, commerce and immigration. Although this is a dull year in all lines of business and commerce and particularly in manufacturing, the figures show substantial increases in the cotton mill industry as follows:

To August 1st, 1908.

Number of establishments 182.
Number of corporations 162.
Total capital invested in textiles \$185,826,919.
Capital stock, par value \$56,892,050.
Capital stock actual value \$50,682,234.
Number of spindles 3,776,981.
Number of looms 92,744.
Bales of cotton consumed annually 793,396.
Value of product annually \$77,019,419.
Number of employees 56,223.

To August 1st, 1907.

Number of establishments 179.
Number of corporations 159.
Total capital invested in textiles \$108,821,919.
Capital stock, par value \$54,987,450.
Capital stock, actual value \$48,677,234.
Number of spindles 3,633,761.
Number of looms 90,177.
Bales of cotton consumed annually 774,905.
Number of looms 90,177.
Value of product annually \$75,455,019.
Number of employees 54,887.

So far as the reports have been received an actual increase of 10,000 spindles has been made in the above mills.

The latest new mill to be established is the Rikard Knitting Mill, of Lexington county, with a capital of \$10,000.

Increase of capital stock in existing mills are proposed for the year 1908 amounting to \$200,000, and the new mills being organized have a proposed capital of \$310,000.

Among the textile developments and improvements, enlargements, etc. proposed for the year 1908 are the following:

Newberry Cotton Mills proposes increase from 28,000 to 35,000 spindles, and from 900 looms to 1,200 looms.

Aragon Mills, of York, proposed to double plant during year, which would mean 29,489 spindles and 560 looms.

Darlington proposed new mill of 10,000 spindles and 300 looms.

Pendleton Cotton Mills, proposed increase of spindles from 3,136 to 11,000.

Cheraw Cotton Mills, Chesterfield County, proposed new mill of 10,000 spindles and 300 looms.

Calhoun mills, Calhoun Falls proposed increase from 10,000 to 25,000 spindles, and from 400 looms to 600 looms.

Lockhart Mills, proposed increase of 3,000-horse power water power.

Manetta Mills and Highland Cotton Mills, enlargements contemplated before the end of the year.

Tyger Cotton Mills, proposed enlargements before end of year.

Wellford, new mill proposed with \$300,000 capital.

Spartanburg, proposed new mill to be known as Crescent Manufacturing Company.

Blacksburg, Blacksburg Mills, organized in 1907, with \$250,000 capital almost ready to start with 5,000 spindles and 125 looms and 700 operatives.

GOOD CROPS AROUND CHERAW.

Outlook Particularly Bright in Chesterfield County.

Cheraw, Special.—The crop outlook in this county is brighter than for several years, rains for the past week have greatly benefited crop conditions, and Chesterfield farmers are jubilant over the prospect of good crops.

South Carolina Postal Changes.

The following changes have been announced in the postal service in South Carolina: Rookton, Horace M. Rabb is appointed rural mail carrier, and W. C. Rabb, substitute; at Whimsboro, George B. McCants, carrier, and D. W. McCants, substitute; at Dillon, William S. Jackson, carrier, and Junius H. Jackson, substitute; at Ridge Spring, George W. Sawyer, carrier, and Harwell Quarles, substitute. A new route will begin at Mayesville, Sumter County, effective November 2. It will be additional service to Route 2; will be twenty-four miles long.

Tobacco Sales at Florence.

Florence, Special.—The Florence tobacco market was livelier last week than it has been in years. Heavy sales were made each day but Thursday and Friday were banner days. Planters of the leaf from far and near were here and they came, not only from Florence County, but Darlington, Sumter, Clarendon and Williamsburg counties, bringing quantities of the weed.

PRESIDENT TAKES BLAME

Announces That He is Responsible For the Discharge of the Negro Troops at Brownsville Taft Had Nothing to do With the Matter.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., Special.—

President Roosevelt in a statement issued late Friday made it clear that the entire responsibility was his for the discharging of the original order discharging the battalion of negro soldiers for alleged participation in the Brownsville, Tex., rioting and the refusal to permit a suspension of that order.

The President was shown an interview which was had in Washington with General Corbin, U. S. A., retired, in which General Corbin stated that no credit or blame in the matter rested with Mr. Taft. After reading the interview the President through his assistant private secretary, Rudolph Foster, gave out the following:

"General Corbin's statement is absolutely correct, and it was entirely proper that he should make it. The substance of the message from the President which he quoted was made public long ago. In the Brownsville matter the entire responsibility for issuing the original order and for deciding to allow its suspension was the President's."

In his interview General Corbin stated in substance that Mr. Taft was in no way responsible for the order discharging the battalion of the Twenty-fifth Infantry, and that in doing so the then Secretary of War had obeyed the direct order of the President. General Corbin then recounted the circumstances as they occurred and were published following the Brownsville affair.

PRESS COMMITTEE.

Chairman Henry Watterson Announces Members of the Democratic Press Committee.

New York, Special.—Henry Watterson, editor of the Louisville Courier-Journal, who is chairman of the newspaper committee of the Democratic national campaign committee, made public the names of the Democratic press committee of advice, among them being the following: Southern men:

Alabama—Birmingham Age Herald, E. W. Barrett; Montgomery, Advertiser, W. W. Sewers, F. P. Glass.

Arkansas—Little Rock Democrat, C. H. Harper.

Georgia—Atlanta Constitution, Clark Howell.

Kentucky—Lexington Herald, DeSha Breckenridge.

Louisiana—New Orleans Picayune, Thomas E. Davis; New Orleans Times-Democrat, Page H. Parker.

Mississippi—Jackson Clarion-Ledger, H. R. Henry.

North Carolina—Charlotte Observer, J. P. Caldwell.

South Carolina—Columbia State W. E. Gonzales; Charleston News and Courier, J. C. Hemphill.

Tennessee—Chattanooga News, J. C. Rice; Knoxville Sentinel, G. F. Milton; Nashville American, Charles H. Slack.

Texas—Galveston, John R. Hedgess, Virginia—Richmond Times Dispatch, Joseph Bryan.

Governor Smith Urges Action on Important Bills.

Atlanta, Ga., Special.—Governor Hoke Smith sent a special message to the Legislature urging action on several measures which he considers of vital importance and stating his readiness to call an extra session of the legislature if necessary, at which the conviet question can be disposed of. The measures which Governor Smith mentions as being of primary importance are the anti-lobbying bill, a law fixing the time for holding State primaries not earlier than 60 days before the date of election, a new registration law and provision of a fund for the maintenance of the State agricultural schools.

Work Train Wrecked.

Roanoke, Va., Special.—The work train on a narrow gauge road running from Roanoke, left the rails and rolled down a high embankment on the mountainside. A number of men riding on the train were caught under the engine and cars. Three were killed and several more seriously injured.

Contracts For Army Clothing.

Chicago, Special.—Manufacturers in the West are severely criticizing the methods employed in the War Department in awarding contracts for army clothing. In constituting a special board to pass on all bids it was ordered that special sample of twenty yards of cloth be used for uniforms be furnished. Manufacturers in an informal protest declare that this virtually creates a monopoly as the cost to manufacture a special sample is prohibitive for small dealers.

Woman Dies From Cat's Bite.

New York, Special.—Mrs. Jane Trumbull died last week from hydrophobia. She was bitten a month ago by a pet cat. No treatment was taken and the disease developed two weeks ago. Her sufferings have been frightful, but her composure was remarkable. She faced death almost as calmly as did Mr. Marsh, who died from the bite of a pet dog a few weeks ago.

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COMMITTEES NAMED

Chairman Mack Getting Forces Organized For Campaign

Men On Finance and Speakers

Before Leaving Buffalo For Chicago, Chairman Mack Announces the Appointment of Finance and Speakers' Committees.

Buffalo, N. Y., Special.—Chairman Norman E. Mack, of the Democratic national committee, announced before his departure for Chicago the appointment of a finance committee for the Democratic campaign with Moses C. Wetmore, of St. Louis, as chairman, and John E. Osborne, of Wyoming, as vice chairman, and a speakers' committee, with John H. Atwood, of Kansas, as chairman and Champ Clark, of Missouri, as vice chairman. The finance committee is made up of twenty-nine members, and the speakers' committee is composed of twenty-seven members.

Announcement was also made by Chairman Mack that Senator Charles A. Culberson, of Texas, had been appointed to succeed David R. Francis, of Missouri, as chairman of the advisory committee. In making known the change Mr. Mack said:

"Former Governor Francis' acceptance of a place on the committee was assured. I did not anticipate that he contemplated a stay of any length abroad, but wired him. He answers that he will be absent so much of the campaign that he ought not to be chairman, but would be pleased to be a member of the committee. Senator Culberson was asked to accept the chairmanship and has accepted."

Finance Committee.

The finance committee appointed by Chairman Mack is as follows:

Finance Committee—Moses C. Wetmore, chairman, Missouri; John E. Osborne, vice chairman, Wyoming; C. N. Haskell, treasurer, Oklahoma; W. A. Clark, Montana; Thomas L. Johnson, Ohio; Lewis Nixon, New York; Alva Adams, Colorado; D. J. Campau, Michigan; Francis G. Newland, Nevada; Willard Saulsbury, Delaware; Alexander Troup, Connecticut; Richard E. Pettigrew, South Dakota; George Turner, Washington; Martin H. Glynn, New York; Ellison Tucker, Arkansas; M. A. Miller, Oregon; Melbert B. Carey, Connecticut; George Fred Williams, Massachusetts; John H. Marval, Delaware; W. S. Jennings, Florida; W. R. O'Brien, Indiana; M. F. Dunlap, Illinois; E. C. Wall, Wisconsin; Isaac Reese, Tennessee; J. Taylor Ellison, Virginia; Thomas R. Brown, Vermont; W. E. Chilton, West Virginia; Blair Lee, Maryland and Eugene E. Reed, New Hampshire.

Speakers' Committee.

The speakers' committee is as follows: John H. Atwood, chairman, Kansas; Champ Clark, vice chairman, Missouri; C. A. Towner, of New York; R. B. Glenn, North Carolina; B. R. Tillman, South Carolina; R. E. Lee, Mountcastle, Tennessee; John H. Lentz, Ohio; Augustus Thomas, New York; T. H. Alexander, Colorado; Jeremiah Black, Pennsylvania; Henry Warren, Indiana; T. P. Hudson, Minnesota; W. H. Dunphy, Washington; W. B. Haldeman, Kentucky; Thomas H. Dowd, New York; Guy B. Tucker, Arkansas; A. A. Jennings, Florida; S. P. Donnelly, Idaho; E. L. Jones, Maryland; John Sunderland, Nevada; William Collins, North Dakota; W. T. Brady, Oklahoma; M. A. Miller, Oregon; Frank K. Nebecker, Utah, and J. E. Burke, Vermont.

The chairman of the two committees will probably make their headquarters in Chicago.

Chairman Mack left here for Chicago at 8:20 o'clock.

Cleveland Memorial Committee.

New York, Special.—Mayor George B. McClellan announced the names of the men he has asked to serve on the Grover Cleveland memorial committee. The committee is headed by Francis Lynde Stetson and its office will be arranged for a memorial meeting or other public tribute to the late statesman and former president.

Big Corner in Cotton.

New York, Special.—The entire cotton supply available for delivery on contract, is said to have been cornered by J. L. Livermore, a young broker. In the last two weeks cotton has advanced on this market \$3.50 per bale and shorts are bordering on a panic. Believing that there would be a big crop, contracts sold short, and prices were depressed. Consequently the stock was bought and shipped away, making the available supply the lowest in years. Livermore is said to have acquired every bale not under contract to spinners.

Father K'Us Son.

Salmancan, N. Y., Special.—Henry Van Arnum, who was just released from a reformatory, where he served a term for robbery, was shot and killed by his father when he went home. He had been with his father only a few minutes, when they quarreled. He struck at his father with a chair and the father shot three, killing his son instantly with the last bullet. He claims self-defense.

Late News

In Brief

MINOR MATTERS OF INTEREST

Georgia shippers filed a protest against the increase in freight rates and charged the railroad companies with conspiracy.

Commander Charles A. Gove is expected to succeed Commander William S. Benson as commandant of cadets at the Naval Academy.

Samuel Gompers is expected to make speeches to union workmen advocating the election of Bryan.

Terrified by a dream Miss Beulah G. Connell, in the Memorial Hospital Richmond, leaped from a window and was killed.

Capt. Micajah Woods, of Charlottesville, was elected president of the Virginia Bar Association.

W. W. Pendleton, an insane murderer, escaped from the Marion Insane Asylum.

Suffragettes invaded Oyster Bay, but were given little encouragement.

William Jennings Bryan consented to deliver a speech in Johnson's State, and this may delay his Eastern trip.

Martial law has practically been declared in the Alabama mining district where the strike is on.

Senator Chester I. Long has apparently been beaten in the Kansas primary by Joseph L. Bristow.

Harry K. Thaw was given an outing from jail when he was taken to defend a suit.

Maryland Pythians made a fine impression in Boston.

Count Zeppelin's great airship was destroyed through a combination of disasters when he had nearly completed his great journey.

Canadian Pacific machinists struck all across the Continent.

The Sultan of Turkey was stabbed according to report, but his shirt of mail prevented damage.

In the speech from the throne the Finnish Diet was warned by the Czar.

Jack Lee, white, shot and instantly killed Beverly Cardwell, colored, and mortally wounded his brother, Samuel, who died later, near Concord, 10 miles from Lynchburg, Va.

John A. Davis, a Western Maryland railroad fireman, was killed at Dill, W. Va., by being impaled upon a switch signal.

President Roosevelt declared he had not taken action in the case of the West Point cadet hazers.

Bryan expressed himself as suspicious of his enemies of the Metropolitan press.

The forest fire in British Columbia is still causing havoc.

E. H. Harriman in discussing rate regulation, said the railroads needed protection.

Ethel Jackson, the original Merry Widow in the New York musical production, obtained a divorce from J. Fred Zimmerman, a theatrical manager.

The Syrians in America have started a movement to present a battle ship to Turkey in recognition of the promulgation of constitutional government.

Henry Farman made three flights with his aeroplane and on the second attempt he covered 900 yards.

Miss Emilie Gardner, an opera prima donna, was badly bitten by her housekeeper's bull dog and is in a serious condition.

At least 5,000 people participated in the welcome-home demonstration at Weston, W. Va., in honor of Hon. Louis Bennett, who was nominated for Governor last week by the Democratic convention at Charleston.

Cardinal Gibbons visited the American College in Rome and was greeted by the students.

Emperor William is on a visit to the King and Queen of Sweden at Stockholm.

According to a compilation of the German Navy League the Japanese Navy will rank third in 1911.

President Castro, of Venezuela, has canceled the concessions given to two English companies.

Wheat and corn went soaring in Chicago and New York on reports of damage by hot weather and "black rust."

A lockout of 8,000 riveters in a German shipyard may cause a general strike.

Judge Parker Takes the Stump.

Los Angeles, Cal., Special.—Judge Parker took the stump last week on behalf of the Bryan ticket. His speech was devoted to the tariff which he denominated as the one great question of the hour—and the regulation of corporations.

"That new preacher you have is a pretty wideawake young man, isn't he?"

"Yep. Keeps right on preachin' when everybody else is asleep."—Cleveland Leader.

TRAIN FIRED INTO; 3 DEAD

Ambushing a Special Carrying Non-Union Men to Alabama Mines, Strikers Four a Murderous Fire Into the Car Windows.

Birmingham, Ala., Special.—Three men were instantly killed and eleven injured, two of whom will probably die, when striking miners fired into a passenger train on the Birmingham Mineral Railroad at Blocton Saturday morning about 2 o'clock. The dead are:

Conductor Joe T. Collins.
O. Z. Dent, deputy sheriff.
Willard Howell, non-union miner.

The injured:

Major F. H. Dodge, superintendent of safety, Tennessee Coal Company, wounded in hand and leg.
E. E. Cox, superintendent of mines, Tennessee Coal Company, slightly wounded in knee.

A. E. Cross, chief clerk, superintendent's office, wounded in arm and knee.

J. C. Johnson, deputy sheriff, slightly wounded in side.

A. C. Bryant, deputy sheriff, slightly wounded in side.

J. B. Cornet, deputy sheriff, wounded in back.

W. H. McAulry, soldier, slight injuries.

M. A. Pearson, soldier, wounded in left shoulder.

J. C. Martin, wounded in head, back and arm.

A. J. Myer, laborer, wounded in leg.

Robert Sigmon, wounded in arm and breast.

The train was a special bearing non-union men to the Blocton mines under guard of soldiers and cadets. On the outskirts of the town the engineer suddenly saw a log across the track and at once a fusillade was fired into the train. The engineer did not stop, but let the coal catcher throw the log from the track and put on full speed. The place where the attack was made was in a cut, the ground being on a level with the lower part of the windows. The assailants behind the rocks above poured down a murderous fire directly into the windows and at the engineer. Practically every window in the train was broken and shots struck all parts of the engine and cab. The train proceeded to Blocton and the dead and injured were returned to Birmingham. Inge was hurried to the scene and took trails through the woods directly to the union quarters. Eight negroes were arrested this afternoon and other arrests are expected.

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FAVORS RAILROADS

Federal Judge Grants Increase in Southern Freight Rates

JUDGE SPEER'S ORDER UPSET

United States Circuit Court Judge Pardee, Sitting at Asheville, Granted Superedeas Asked For by the Southern and Other Railroads.

Asheville, N. C., Special.—An important hearing was had before Circuit Judge Pardee, of Atlanta, who is here spending the summer, when counsel representing the Southern Railway, the Louisville & Nashville and other railroads interested appeared before the court and made application for appeal and superedeas in the Georgia rate case decided by United States District Judge Emory Speer last week.

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