

SHORTER WORKING DAY FOR COTTON MILLS

Manufacturers Association Recommends Fifty-five Hour Day for All Cotton Mills in South Carolina.

Spartanburg, Feb. 27.—A schedule of fifty-five hours of working time per week for the cotton mills of South Carolina, replacing the present schedule of sixty hours per week, was recommended in a resolution adopted by the South Carolina Manufacturers Association in session here this afternoon. The new schedule is to begin on March 17, and without doubt will be put into effect in virtually all the mills of the State on that date.

Seventy-five cotton mill men attended the meeting of the association, representing four and one half million spindles, and nearly all the cotton mills of the State. The meeting of the association was held in the ball room of the Cleveland hotel, and adjourned at 7 o'clock, after which luncheon was served, and many of the cotton mill executives left for their homes tonight.

The meeting was executive, but Victor M. Montgomery, president of the association, of Spartanburg, gave out a statement at the conclusion of the meeting relative to the business as transacted.

Three important recommendations were made to the members of the association:

First—The adoption of a fifty-five hour week; instead of the sixty hour week.

Second—The re-employment of every returned soldier and sailor to his old position.

Third—Appropriation of \$500 unsolicited, to aid in furthering the movement to reduce the cotton acreage in South Carolina, and for the stabilization of cotton prices.

The text of the resolution for the fifty-five hour week reads as follows:

"Resolved that this association recommends to the cotton mills of South Carolina a schedule of fifty-five hours per week, and not to exceed ten hours in any one day, beginning March 17, 1919."

The sixty-hour week has been in effect for about eleven years. The change will cut nearly one hour from each working day in the cotton mills. No indication was given by the cotton mill men as to how this new plan will affect the pay of the employees.

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NEGRO CONFESSES TO ROBBERY VAULT

Into Vault of Richland Treasurer. More Than \$12,500 of Stolen Money Recovered.

Columbia, Feb. 24.—Odell Thompson, negro janitor at the Richland county court house confessed late this afternoon to robbing the vault in the office of the county treasurer here yesterday when something like eighteen or more thousand dollars were stolen.

Thompson has been janitor at the court house about twenty-five years. He says he was assisted by another negro helper, Henry Park, who is also under arrest.

The authorities immediately recovered more than \$12,500. Of this amount \$10,185 was found in packages under the steps of the court house here, then \$2,000 was found in the basement of the home of J. Frost Walker, clerk of court of Richland county where Thompson had placed it, Thompson also being janitor at Mr. Walker's house.

Park has thus far not divulged where he put his part of the money.

After punching a hole through a brick wall four feet in thickness, robbers gained entrance into the vault of the treasurer's office at the Richland County court house some time between Saturday afternoon at seven o'clock and seven o'clock this morning and procured between fifteen and eighteen thousand dollars in cash.

The brick vault is in the office and how the robbers gained entrance or made exit cannot be determined as the one door to the office was locked this morning and the iron barred windows had not been tampered with. The aperture through the wall through which the robber crawled into the vault was slowly battered with a heavy nail puller, made from an old buggy axle. The hole thus drilled through the brick, mellow with years, was nearly two feet square.

The manner in which the robbery was executed would indicate that the party or parties were well acquainted with the arrangement of the packages of money and interior structure of the vault. The opening was driven through the wall at a place so as to miss entirely any obstruction on the inside. Also the robbers brought to the office in the equipment a fish pole, with a loop on the end, with which to drag out the packages of bills which were piled in the vault. The bills were made up in \$500 packages, and there were between thirty and forty of these packages.

LINES TO THE ADVERTISER.

Editor The Advertiser:
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We are glad to hope that Captain Lee will soon be home. Doubtless he will give us some of his trans-Atlantic experiences. Although we are on the Spartanburg side of the river, yet we are so near Laurens that we can't help liking you much. What a mistake Laurens made in refusing to meet the conditions in the construction of the Enoree Manufacturing plant. It might have all been on the Laurens side, and would now be a good source of revenue for the county. We know Laurens would be proud of Enoree, for Enoree is not an ordinary place. One of the finest manufacturing plants in the state, well capitalized with a wise management; men of large and liberal views, making rapid and substantial improvements, overhauling the homes of the people, and bringing them up to date. Last year the company completed a school plant at a cost of twenty-five or thirty thousand dollars, modernly equipped, and furnished with a care of teachers second to none. A first class bank with a first class business man at its head, a good Drug store operated by an efficient pharmacist of your own production. Our Merchants are men of good business qualifications and integrity. We have a splendid Church (should have two). Every thing is orderly and moving on without an apparent friction. We have a fine neighbor town (Lanford) two miles out in Laurens, but you won't give us any roads without plowing through the mud at the risk of one's life. Surely you don't want us to come to Laurens!

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MAY THROW BERLIN INTO STRIKE THROES

Soviets Inform Assembly of Disapproval of Effort to Abolish Workmen's Councils.

Berlin, Saturday, March 1.—The next 48 hours are likely to determine whether Greater Berlin is to be plunged into a general strike primarily for political motives. The Greater Berlin soviets have adopted and telegraphed to the assembly at Weimar a resolution protesting against efforts to abolish the soldiers' and workmen's councils and the general hostility encountered by the revolution among the state military and the municipal authorities. The resolution calls for the soviets everywhere to fight for existence. At the meeting the convocation of a national soviet congress on March 18 was demanded.

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The Socialists are charged with having grossly disappointed the hopes of the workers by neglect to enact even the most elementary emergency legislation bearing on promised social reforms.

The Vossische Zeitung complains that Germany is drifting towards a heap of wreckage while the speeches delivered at the Weimar assembly deal with the interior decorations of a house not yet built.

Other newspapers comment on the

drift of the Majority Socialists toward the Left under pressure from the Independents.

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