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**NOT INFLUENCED BY POLITICS.**

**Taft Makes Vigorous Denial as to Trust Prosecutions.**

Chicago, Oct. 27.—In a speech here tonight, which was regarded as having direct bearing upon the Government's latest anti-trust prosecution, against the United States Steel Corporation, President Taft denied in vigorous language that the Administration was being influenced by political motives.

"I would rather cut off my right hand," he exclaimed, than to do anything to disturb the business of the country, especially with a motive of cultivating political success."

The President said he wanted it to be understood for all time that he intended to enforce the anti-trust law to the letter.

"Statements as to what I might be responsible for in bringing about business troubles, however regretful it may be that it is so, cannot turn me from the duty that lies straight before me," said Mr. Taft.

He spoke in an immense throng, in the first regimental armory hall, and his anti-trust declarations called out a storm of applause and cheering. There was no doubt as to what was in the President's mind when he said:

"I come to the subject of trusts at a time when the matter is boiling." The President had declared he believed the railroads of the country had brought themselves within the law and were conscientiously trying to keep within it.

"I hope that at some not far distant time the same thing can be said of the great industrial combinations," he said. "Merely bigness of plant, merely bigness of company or corporation does not constitute a violation of the law. It is purpose to retain trade, to suppress competition and control prices that transgresses the statute and the Supreme Court has decreed that these practices must end."

"Throughout my career," he said, "I have always conducted myself with the idea of promoting business and promoting prosperity. If there is anything that arouses disgust in me, it is the calamity howler—the man who attacks business and seeks to arouse prejudice against it. Prosperity we all need: We are all in the same boat."

It was here that the president declared he would rather cut off his right hand than disturb business for political motives.

"But," he added, "we have a condition of lawlessness to deal with. We have had it for twenty years. We have gone on organizing combinations in violation of the anti-trust law, on the theory that it either could or would not be enforced."

"The Supreme Court has held that this lawlessness must be stamped out. There is no discretion in the executive branch to suspend a single statute. It is his duty to enforce the law and to direct the prosecution of those who violate it."

"There is a vast difference between uniting plants to reduce the cost of production and uniting to suppress competition, to restrain trade and control prices. A jury could find that difference in two minutes. It is a question of evidence of fact."

"I am just now in the remarkable position of being charged with an attempt to destroy business by enforcing the anti-trust statute and of having set up the Supreme Court to emasculate that statute in the interest of the trusts."

"I am hopeful this period of strain soon will end, that business soon will square itself with the law. I believe a majority of business already is square with the law."

"There is only way that I know of to cure the corporations that are suffering from contagion and disease, and that is to eradicate the disease. The law will be enforced to the letter. Now I hope that is understood."

With the arrival of President Taft, for a stay of three days, Chicago resembled somewhat the Capital of the country. Besides the President, Chi-

cago is host to Secretary of the Interior Fisher and Secretary of the Navy Myer. A number of senators also are here because of the Lorimer inquiry.

Mr. Fisher tonight addressed the American Mining Congress. Mr. Taft's address tonight was made to a mass meeting, held under the direction of the Hamilton Club. Every faction of the Republican party in Illinois was formerly represented on the committee in charge. Mayor Carter Harrison, a Democrat, joined with Lieutenant Governor Oglesby in welcoming the President.

**BERNARD MANNING LEAVES FOR GENOA.**

Will Stop at Washington, London and Paris Before Assuming His Consular Duties.

Mr. Bernard Manning, the son of Mr. R. I. Manning, who was appointed vice-consul general at Genoa by the United States government, left here Friday afternoon for Washington from which place he will go to New York, where he will sail on November 1st for Liverpool, stopping for one week in London and spending several days in Paris before reporting at Genoa for service.

Mr. Manning stood the examination for the consular service at Washington last fall and was later appointed to the service. He left here last spring for Washington where he spent several months preparing himself for the position in the consular service which he was appointed to fill. He was first appointed to Buenos Ayres, but later the appointment was changed to Genoa, which was more acceptable to Mr. Manning.

He came home from Washington several weeks ago to see his family before leaving for Genoa. Friday he left for Washington, where he will obtain further information as to his position. He will leave New York on the Muretania, one of the largest ocean liners in existence, on November 1st. At London he will stay one week taking in the sights of the big city, when he will go to Paris for another stay of a few days. From Paris he will go on to Genoa, where he will report for service at consular headquarters. Mr. Manning will be second in command in the district to which he has been assigned.

Mr. Manning is a graduate of the Sumter high school and of the University of South Carolina. He is well known in the central part of the State and has many friends who wish him well in his new work.

**LONG STAPLE COTTON MEETING.**

Will be Held Thursday at State House—Farmers Interested are Invited to be Present.

Columbia, Oct. 31.—A conference of those interested in the growth of long staple cotton in South Carolina will be held in the office of Ira W. Williams, at the State house on Thursday. The conference has been called by Mr. Williams and Lewis W. Parker, who is one of the best known cotton mill men in the South.

According to reports that have been received at the State department of agriculture several thousand bales of long staple cotton were produced in the State last year. An attempt will be made to secure a greater production for next year. Mr. Parker has opened a market and is paying from 14 to 20 cents a pound for the cotton. The mills of this State consume about 900,000 pounds of cotton a year. About one-half of this is brought in from other States.

At the conference Thursday the cotton exhibition to be held later in the fall will be discussed. The sum of \$1,800 in cash will be given for the best cotton shown. This exhibition will be given to encourage the farmers of the State.

**AFFECTING COTTON MILLS.**

Trouble in China May Seriously Injure Industry.

Anderson, Oct. 29.—The Chinese revolution is having a serious effect on the cotton mill industry of the Southern States, according to James D. Hammett, president of several of the largest mills in South Carolina and a member of the executive committee of the American Manufacturers' Association.

In a statement issued by Mr. Hammett today, he points out that many mills manufacture goods solely for export to China and scores of orders already have been cancelled because of the Chinese war. He estimates that fully thirty mills in South Carolina alone are dependent on the Chinese trade.

"Unless a speedy settlement of the revolution is reached," said Mr. Hammett, "serious consequences are feared for both the Southern manufacturers, who supply the trade, and the cotton producers of the South. This fall indications were for a large trade from China, but as a result of the revolution the demand for cloth has been almost entirely cut off, with a disposition in evidence to cancel contracts that are now on the books of the mills."

**LAND SLIDE ON A. C. L.**

Discovered Before any Trains Came Along—Columbia Train Delayed.

Atlantic Coast Line train No. 54 was delayed for an hour Saturday morning between Camden junction and Wedgefield on account of a land slide, which left the rails without any support under them, the dirt being washed away from under the ties.

The land slide was discovered early Saturday morning by the section master, who at once ordered out his force of hands to begin work on replacing the dirt which had been washed away. This work was in progress when the morning train from Columbia came along, the train being stopped by the section master before it reached the place of the land slide. The train was delayed for about an hour before the trouble was repaired and the train enabled to pass.

**DR. MITCHELL'S ADDRESS.**

County Teachers Meet but Postpone Reorganization Until Next Meeting.

The Sumter County Teachers' Association met at noon Saturday in the Hampton school building and heard a most enjoyable lecture delivered by Dr. S. C. Mitchell of the University of South Carolina. As the day was so very bad and there were so few of the county teachers present it was deemed best to delay the election of officers of the association for the coming scholastic year until the next meeting, when it was hoped there would be a larger attendance of the county teachers.

The main feature of the meeting was Dr. Mitchell's lecture. Dr. Mitchell stated that he had not had time to prepare his lecture as he should like to have done, but he had jotted down an outline which he would follow in making his address to the teachers. His lecture, which was a "Practical Program of Success," was listened to with attention and much enjoyed by the teachers and others present.

Dr. Mitchell's points on his program of progress in the order that he took them up were good roads, improved farming, public health and sanitation, drainage, better schools, public libraries, more rigid observance and enforcement of laws, cooperation for community life, greater independence of thought and toleration of opinion and more applied Christianity in the churches. Each one of these points was taken up in an enlarged upon. The speaker showed where each took its place in a program of progress for the teacher in his or her everyday life. He showed the changes which had been brought about since he was a boy and how they all tended to bring about greater progress in the succeeding generation than in the one preceding it. He dwelt strongly on the enforcement of laws, saying that more good would come from the enforcement of laws in the next ten years than from anything else which could be done for South Carolina. The lynch law was one of the greatest menaces of the present day.

The lecture lasted nearly an hour, but was interesting throughout.

Besides Dr. Mitchell's lecture there was instrumental music furnished by Miss Chandler and songs by Miss Purdy, which added much to make the program successful.

Dr. Mitchell distributed pamphlets on which were printed a speech made in the United States senate on the universal peace tribunal. Dr. J. H. Haynsworth also distributed manuals for high school work prepared by Prof. W. H. Hand and of primary grade work by Pro. W. K. Tate.

The chairman stated that owing to the small attendance of county teachers the election of officers for the association would be postponed until the next meeting which would take place on the first Saturday in December.

**The two negroes, Weldon and Burroughs, under death sentence for the murder of Mr. Moye near here several months ago, will not hang on the third of next month, their attorneys having given notice of another appeal to the supreme court, thus staying the death sentence for the present. At the last term of court in Florence a new trial was denied them and they were resented to be hanged on Friday of next week.—Florence Times.**

It is in some sense humorous to those in position to know better to read the silly vapors of those who are trying to make a mountain out of the so-called Tillman-Richards-Jones combination. There was no meetings of these three, there is no combination between them, and no possible likelihood of there being any. The whole thing was born in somebody's imagination and is growing in like soil. This is no guess work; we know what we are talking about.—Camden News.

There were 2,527 bales of cotton sold on the local market during the past week. Nine bales were sold Saturday.

**NEW SURVEY TO BE MADE.**

Messrs. R. I. Manning and W. R. Bonsal Go Over Proposed New Route.

Mr. W. R. Bonsal, president of the South Carolina Western Railroad was in the city Friday and with Mr. R. I. Manning went over the route proposed by a number of landholders some distance west of the line which was already surveyed and accepted as the route of the road between Bishopville and Sumter.

Despite the heavy rain Mr. Manning and Mr. Bonsal spent almost the entire day on their trip and Mr. Bonsal was so much impressed with the advantage of the proposed route that he consented to have a survey made of it, and it is possible this may be the route which the road will finally take. The line is some distance west of the route already surveyed and west of the Bishopville-Sumter road. It follows practically the old route which was surveyed several years ago by Maj. W. L. Lee. The old route provided that the road enter the western part of the city and it is possible that if the new line proposed is accepted that the road will come through the western instead of the eastern part of town, as the proposed line does now.

The survey will be run in the next few days and the route to be taken by the road will be decided upon definitely after it is completed. Mr. Bonsal was Friday given a profile of the western route and considered the line a good one. The proposed route passed through the Aman and Colclough places and by Rose Hill.

**The Markets**

**New York Cotton Market.**

	Open	High	Low	Close
Jan	9 95	9 99	9 87	9 90-92
Feb				
Mar	9 10	9 11	9 97	9 99-102
April				
May	9 23	9 28	9 10	9 13-14
June				
July	9 32	9 23	9 19	9 21-24
Aug				9 15-19
Sep				9 13-14
Oct	9 00	9 01	8 92	8 95-99
Nov				8 96-99
Dec	9 15	9 17	9 09	9 11-12

Warehouse Stock, 51,913.  
Certificated, 51,024.  
Spots, 9.35—10 off.  
Sales, none.  
Opened steady.  
Closed steady.  
Port receipts today, 82,890 vs. 97,013 last year.

**Liverpool Market.**

	Open	Close
Liverpool, Oct. 30.		
Jan - Feb	491	490
Feb - Mar	494	492
Mar - April	496 1/2	494
April - May	499	496
May - June	504 1/2	494
June - July	503	498
July - Aug	508 1/2	500
Aug - Sept	514 1/2	501
Sept - Oct	52	492
Oct - Nov	498	495
Nov - Dec	490	483 1/2
Dec - Jan	488	483 1/2

Receipts, 20,300.  
American, all.  
Sales, 8,000.  
Spots, 5.20—5 off.  
Opened steady.  
Closed quiet and steady.

**Real Estate Transfers.**

The following are some of the real estate transfers which were recorded in the county clerk's office during the past week:

William M. Graham to Thomas Wilson, lot facing on Hampton avenue, \$7,500.

David C. Shaw and John W. Shaw to W. B. Wilson, lot on Church street, \$2,300.

Martha T. Joye, Mary L. Joye, and Carrie E. Joye to E. W. A. Bultman, strip on Hampton avenue, \$240.

R. E. Rumbert to C. C. Beck, one-half interest to lot at Rumbert, \$125.

**Bigger Than Ever, The Sale of Suits.**

At this store. Our manufacturers are surely treating us right too. Every week they send us new ones to fill the gaps. Large lot in today, come look! Schwartz Bros. 10-30-11

**The county supervisor reports that the recent heavy rains have not done as much damage to the roads as could have been expected. Several small washouts have been reported and the bridge at Lightwood Knot Swamp is reported to have been damaged. The roads where the washouts occurred were repaired Monday morning and Supervisor Pitts left shortly after noon for the point where the bridge had been damaged at Lightwood Knot Swamp to see the extent of injuries to the bridge and to have repairs made.**

**We Begin This Week Mighty Strong**

Again on coat suits. Today's express brought us quite a bunch of them. Some beauties in navy blue, in fact they are all good looking. See if you don't think so. Come look. Schwartz Bros. 10-30-11

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## Baking Powder

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The only Baking Powder made from Royal Grape Cream of Tartar

The Main street contractors were busy Monday putting in the foot blocks at the various places the paving ends and commences. The blocks are of granite and prevent the bricks from loosening.

A false alarm was sent in from fire box 34, at the foot of Sumter street Saturday night.

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## Excursion Rates

—Via—

# Southern Railway

Account Orangeburg County Fair, Southern Railway announces greatly reduced rates to Orangeburg, S. C. and return. Tickets will be on sale November 14th, 15th 16th and 17th, and for trains scheduled to arrive Orangeburg before noon of November 18th, limited to reach original starting point not later than midnight of November 19th, 1911.

For tickets, etc. apply to ticket agents or address

J. L. MEEK, A. G. P. A.,  
Atlanta, Ga.

W. E. MCGEE, D. P. A.,  
Charleston, S. C.

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WILL SELL TICKETS AT THE LOW ROUND TRIP RATE OF

# \$1.70 FROM SUMTER

To Orangeburg and return, and correspondingly low rates from Sumter, Pagnalls and all intermediate points. Tickets will be on sale for all trains from November 14th to 18th, inclusive, limited, returning, to reach original starting point not later than midnight of November 19, 1911. Children, five years of age and under twelve, half fare. For tickets, schedules and further particulars call on O. V. Player, Ticket Agent, Sumter, S. C.

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Passenger Traffic Mgr.

T. C. WHITE,  
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