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THE COTTON PLAN DISCUSSED.

SYNDICATES OFFER EXPLANED AT COLUMBIA CONFERENCE.

Commissioner Watson to Appoint Committee of Three to Fully Examine into Proposition to Lend 50-Million Dollars on Cotton in Effort to Advance Price of Staple—Suggestions Made with View of Improving Plan—Statements Issued.

Columbia, Dec. 12.—At an informal conference of business men, bankers and cotton growers, in the library of the State House this afternoon, with Mr. W. H. Stayton, the representative of the New York group offering to advance a loan of \$50,000,000 on the cotton crop, the full details of the plan were discussed and the whole situation gone over.

A statement of Mr. Stayton, issued at the close of the conference, follows:

"At the meeting this afternoon, which was called by Col. Watson for consideration of the cotton financing plan proposed by Col. Robert M. Thompson, of New York, several of the gentlemen present made suggestions looking to improvements in the details of the plan.

In order that these suggestions may be added and all possible safeguards taken for the security of cotton growers and of those who advance money, we have requested Col. Watson as president of the Southern Cotton Congress, to appoint a committee of three leading citizens of this State, who will examine fully into the proposal and indicate all steps which ought to be taken to secure the best possible prices to the planters. This committee will consider, also, the proper method of payment of purchase money paid.

Mr. Stayton, we have asked Col. Watson to return to the city Sunday after completing a business course at Massey Business College, Richmond, Va. Mr. Bradham has accepted a position as book-keeper with the Security Life and Annuity Insurance Company of which Mr. W. B. Upshur is general agent for this State.

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"I have tonight casually considered the request that has been made of us to name a committee of three leading citizens of this State to act for our people in this matter, and after consultation with several leading men in various portions of the State, since the informal conference this afternoon, I have determined to name a committee upon the basis indicated in the brief statement of Mr. Stayton. Such a committee, of course, will be most carefully selected with the view to representation of the producing, commercial and banking interests, and the personnel will be announced as soon as I have consulted with the three gentlemen that I now have in mind. This I trust will be accomplished some time during tomorrow. As soon as the committee is appointed it is likely that the committee will open a headquarters' office in Columbia and give prompt attention to all inquiries and business matters bearing upon this proposition."

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Second: This equity receipt, which we will give you, will state the final weight and the final grade at which final settlement will be made and it will also recite explicitly just how close to the New York market prices the final settling price will be—hence, if you know the prices in the New York market at any time you will know exactly how much your equity receipt is worth on that day.

Third: We are to be paid \$1 per bale (out of the final settlement money) as the original compensation for receiving, classing and handling this cotton, after which we offer you your own selection of any one of the following plans whereby you may compensate us for our services:

- Give us one-fourth of the profit which accrues to you, if you make a profit, or
- Give us another dollar per bale and we do not share in the profit, or
- Pay us a fixed monthly charge to begin thirty days after you deliver

THE SAINT ANTHONY GUILD.

Magazine Celebrates the Completion and Dedication of St. Ann's Church in Sumter.

A very considerable part of the people of Charleston and many South Carolinians in other parts of the State will be interested in the special Sumter edition of the Saint Anthony Guild, a quarterly illustrated magazine published under the auspices of Saint Anthony's Southern Missions, with headquarters at Florence. This edition, which has just been issued, celebrates most appropriately the completion and dedication of the new Sumter Catholic Mission Church of St. Ann, a full description of which was given in The News and Courier last May at the time of the dedicatory services. This is one of the flourishing Catholic churches under the ministrations of the Rev. Charles D. Wood, of Florence, the publisher of the Saint Anthony Guild, and the magazine contains a great deal of very interesting and very readable matter relating not only to the church at Sumter, but to the churches at Georgetown, Cheraw, Florence and throughout what is known as the Pee Dee section of the State. The reading matter includes the very interesting accounts prepared for The News and Courier by Mr. E. I. Reardon, of Sumter, of the church at Sumter, and also a valuable article by the Hon. W. D. Morgan, giving a great deal of information with regard to the City of Winyah Bay. The photographs which illustrate the magazine have been selected with a great deal of care and they are handsomely printed. Every Catholic will want a copy of the magazine, of course, for it contains pictures and facts which can be had with difficulty elsewhere, if at all, but it is of interest not only to Catholics but to South Carolinians generally, and nobody can examine a copy without wishing one to keep.

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TO REDUCE COTTON ACREAGE. HOUSE WOULD ANNUL TREATY.

COMMITTEE TO MEET IN NEW ORLEANS NEXT WEEK.

Campaign to be Launched by Southern Cotton Congress—Suggested by J. G. Anderson.

Columbia, Dec. 13.—"In view of the vital importance of immediately organizing and pushing to a successful issue the matter of securing uniform pledges for a reduction of cotton acreage for 1912 from individual farmers from one end of the cotton belt to another, and in view of the absolute necessity for proper and efficient organizations to this end, action having been urged from many quarters, I have determined to call a meeting of the members of the executive committee of the Southern Cotton Congress, to be held in the city of New Orleans on Wednesday of next week, December 20." The above announcement was made last night by Commissioner Watson, president of the Southern Cotton Congress.

Commissioner Watson further said: "In addition to the members of the executive committee I will specially request each State Farmers' union president to be present with the committee or to be represented by some delegate acting for him, and I will make a special request of the governor of each State and the commissioner of agriculture of each State to be present in person or by representatives. In this way the three organizations that have been endeavoring to aid in the matter of marketing cotton will be combined into one effective meeting, for a common purpose. C. E. Barrett, president of the National Farmers' union, of course, will be invited to be present. It is our purpose to put into immediate operation an effective plan for securing pledges of reduction of at least 25 per cent of cotton acreage, somewhat upon the lines inaugurated so successfully in York county of this State by J. G. Anderson and Mr. Anderson has been invited to meet with the committee looking to this end. This will not be a miscellaneous attended conference, but a purely business meeting of a small body of men thoroughly representative, and with the interests of the South at heart. For some weeks I have been working upon these lines, and believe that I have secured sufficient assurance for the financing of this undertaking which unquestionably holds the key to next year's situation."

ATTACK ON LABOR UNIONS.

Gompers Issues Statement Regarding Dynamiting—Urges Organization.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, tonight sent to labor unions throughout the country, to high officials of the Government and to employers' associations copies of the statement issued last Saturday by the McNamara ways and means committee, following the confession of the dynamiters of Los Angeles. The salient points in the statement were made public at the time, but Mr. Gompers accompanies the copies with a letter to organized labor.

The letter declares that the McNamara affair has been seized upon by the enemies of organized labor to crush it.

"Every union member deprecates violence and crime," says Mr. Gompers, "whether committed by an ordinary outlaw, by a corporation director or agent or by a so-called union man. Labor resents the insinuation that, because one or two union members become criminally fanatical, or fanatically criminal, that the rank and file and the officers of the labor movement are responsible, either legally or morally."

The letter closes with a request that the statement be read and inserted in the minutes of every union, and adds:

"Grit your teeth and organize, organize."

MOVING PICTURES.

Boys Contesting for \$5 Prize.

The boys are already working like beavers for the \$5 cash prize offered by the moving picture committee for the largest amount of money collected from tickets sold for the Sumter Moving picture shows of the 19th and 20th. The boys who have entered this contest are John Barrett, Wiley Brazill and R. S. Randall. They believe in the early bird. A separate prize of \$5 is offered to the girl selling the most tickets, but none have as yet secured any tickets. Surely this prize is not to go by default.

RUSSIA GUILTY OF VIOLATING PACT, DECLARE SPEAKERS.

But One Dissenting Vote in House on Sulzer Bill—Senate Considering Similar Bill Introduced by Culberson—Mann Thinks Action Sufficient to Cause War—House Refuses to Soften Language of Resolutions.

Washington, Dec. 13.—The Sulzer joint resolution for the termination of the treaty of 1832 between the United States and Russia, because of the latter's discrimination against Jewish-American citizens, passed the House tonight 300 to 1. The one negative vote was cast by Representative Malby, of New York. A practically identical resolution by Senator Culberson, of Texas, is pending in the Senate. Both the Sulzer and Culberson resolutions would direct the President to give Russia, immediately, the years' notice necessary for the complete abrogation of the treaty that has been in force nearly eighty years.

An attempt led by Representative Olmstead, of Pennsylvania, to modify the Sulzer resolution so as to avoid making the direct charge that Russia has violated the treaty in refusing to recognize the passports of American Jews, was defeated, 184 to 115. Prominent Republicans declared that the House should not go on record as charging a violation of the treaty, but should adopt language stating that Russia had so construed the treaty that the United States could no longer be a party to it.

"The sentiments announced here today," declared Republican Leader Mann, "are such that if they were uttered in any other parliament body they might bring such resentment that they would provoke war."

Mr. Mann added that if the United States asserted that a discrimination against races was a violation of a treaty, it might weaken in its own attitude toward the exclusion of

The debate in the house bristled with charges that Russia's attitude was an offense against the United States and that her exclusion of American Jews who bore properly certified passports, was an affront to this Government. Representative McCall, of Massachusetts, said the matter ought not to be acted upon by the House until it had been submitted to arbitration between the two countries. Representative Longworth, of Ohio, insisted that the "time for arbitration has gone by and the time for action has come."

"This ought not to be considered in any way an affront to Russia," said Mr. Longworth. "The United States desires the friendship of Russia, but this question is above and beyond friendship; it is a question of national honor."

Mr. Mann endeavored to have the joint resolution amended so as to assert the continued right of the United States to discriminate against foreigners on account of race. All amendments to the resolution was overwhelmingly beaten.

The resolution passed declares that "the Government of the United States will not be a party to any treaty which discriminates, or which, by one of the parties thereto, is so construed as to discriminate between American citizens on the ground of race or religion," and it adds that

"The Government of Russia has violated the treaty between the United States and Russia, concluded at St. Petersburg, December 18, 1832, refusing to honor American passports, duly issued to American citizens, on account of race and religion, and in the judgment of Congress the said treaty, for the reasons aforesaid, ought to be terminated at the earliest possible time."

BARRETT CRITICISES COTTON SCHEME.

President of National Farmers' Union Says Syndicate Restrictions are Harder Than Expected.

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 13.—C. S. Barrett, president of the National Farmers' Union, in an address to the delegates to the State Farmers' Union convention which met at Wilson today, declared that the cotton holding plan submitted by the New York financiers was not in line with the proposition he laid before the syndicate, and he thought they wanted too much and their restrictions were harder than the farmers would be willing to submit to. He urged the farmers to reduce their acreage, raise their living and thus get in position to hold their cotton.

NEWS FROM CAROLINA.

Woodrow Wilson League Growing—Lectures on Agriculture—Other Items.

University of South Carolina, Dec. 12.—The first lecture of the course in architecture, which was to be given on the evening of the 8th, had to be postponed. A telegram was received from Mr. Ruckstuhl stating that he would be detained at the North for several days and would not be able to fill his engagement on the 8th. The lecture will be given at a later date.

The first lecture of the course in agriculture was given this morning in LeConte college by Mr. Ira W. Williams. This afternoon at 5 o'clock the students taking this course met with Mr. Williams at Craven Hall where the Corn Exposition is being held and here he pointed out the chief things of interest.

The representatives of the debating council from Davidson, Trinity and Carolina met in Durham last week. Carolina will meet Trinity at Durham on the second Saturday night in March, 1912, and will meet Davidson at Chester on March the 4th. Professor L. T. Baker and A. H. Williams, president of the student-body, represented Carolina at this meeting. The preliminary debate will be held on February 15th, 1912.

Law Building Committee headquarters, established in the office of Prof. A. G. Moore, dean, present active scenes these days. Those in charge are working in earnest. The letters to the law alumni are already out and those to the academic alumni also. The fund is growing materially and in order and to better handle the volume of correspondence a stenographer has been secured.

The launching of the law building enterprise has turned the eyes of the people of the State towards the law school and is but the first step towards a greater future for this branch of the University.

The Woodrow Wilson league continues to grow and is becoming more enthusiastic at this institution. Letters are constantly coming from other colleges and universities asking for instructions in regard to what is expected of them. A letter from the University of Montana was received recently, saying that a similar league, as a result of the request made by the mother of the movement (Carolina), was formed there.

To facilitate matters, the University of Virginia will be headquarters for colleges north of the Mason and Dixon line and the University of South Carolina headquarters south of this line.

The Freshman-Sophomore football game of last Saturday resulted in a tie, neither being able to score, which necessitates another game to be played. The Juniors defeated the Seniors in their game, this afternoon by a score of 5 to 0.

The members of this year's varsity team who were awarded block 'C', elected Alfred Von Koltitz of Charleston captain and Christopher Fitzsimmons, of Columbia, manager of the 1912 team.

CHARLESTON INDORSERS RACING.

About 500 Men Who Favor Horse Racing Held Enthusiastic Meeting and Heard Speeches.

Charleston, Dec. 13.—About 500 men attended a mass meeting tonight in the interest of the race track establishment, and considerable enthusiasm was developed in the cause. George H. Marjehoff presided. Speeches were made by John Marshall, W. M. Bird, E. W. Hughes, Harry Wilensky, L. A. Cassidy, M. O'Shaughnessy, Arthur O'Neill, L. C. A. Roessler and others. The keynote of the speeches was that the track will help the retail trade, and the money of Charleston is not asked. The speakers scouted the idea that the morals of Charleston would be hurt.

The fair features of the association with premiums for prize stock were featured. Mr. Wilensky declared that Rev. Howard Lee Jones, D. D., was the leader of the opposition to the track and that those associated with him in the movement were not informed and did not know what they were opposing. Resolutions were adopted favoring the establishment of the track, and petitions were circulated for signatures.

The bazaar engineered by the Ladies Aid Society of the Temple Sinai Tabernacle attracted a big crowd Wednesday afternoon and evening and the booth tenders seemed to be doing a flourishing business.

MASONIC GRAND LODGE.

GEORGE S. MOWER ELECTED GRAND MASTER.

Last Day of Session a Busy One—Officers Elected and Appointed Daily Installed.

Charleston, Dec. 13.—The grand lodge of Ancient Free Masons of South Carolina held its 135th annual convention at 2 o'clock and was called to meet again next year in the city of Charleston.

At his today the grand lodge elected officers, and these and their appointments were duly installed. The officers for the ensuing year are as follows:

Grand master, George S. Mower, deputy grand master, E. W. Berry; senior grand warden, R. A. Cooper of Laurens; junior grand warden, W. W. Wannamaker of Orangeburg; grand treasurer, W. H. Prioleau of Charleston; grand secretary, O. F. Hart of Columbia, grand chaplain, Rev. W. P. Smith of Spartanburg; senior grand deacons, J. P. Duckett of Anderson and J. F. Kinney of Bennettsville; junior grand deacons, S. T. D. Lancaster of Pauline and L. I. Parrott of Sumter; grand stewards, C. K. Chreitberg of Rock Hill and A. J. Thackston of Orangeburg; grand marshal, John Kennerly of Edgefield; grand pursuivant, J. E. Cogswell of Charleston; grand tiler, W. A. Winkler of Charleston.

District deputy grand masters are as follows: First district, W. G. Mazyck; Second, J. H. Purifoy; Third, A. Patterson; Fourth, W. A. Giles; Fifth, E. E. Nicholson; Sixth, Kenneth Baker; Seventh, W. A. Higgins; Eighth, O. R. Doyle; Ninth, A. S. Rowell; Tenth, W. E. Patton; Eleventh, Van Smith; Twelfth, M. H. Sandifer; Thirteenth, Joseph Lindsay; Fourteenth, J. B. Wallace; Fifteenth, I. S. Jones; Sixteenth, W. E. James; Seventeenth, J. C. Sellers; Eighteenth, W. L. Glass.

Grand officers of the following districts were elected:

Hall Committee—W. E. Gantt, M. B. Barkley, T. Allen Legare, T. R. Waring.

Committee on Cemetery—R. P. Evans, W. C. Miller, W. H. Prioleau, F. M. Schmetzer.

Committee on Charity—J. W. Hirsch, R. A. Sherfesse, A. L. Barton, Henry Bank, John Harleston.

"MOTHER OF METHODISM."

South Carolinians Applied This Title to Mrs. Capers Who Died in Baltimore.

After brief services at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mary G. Thomson, 2838 Parkwood avenue, at 3 o'clock this afternoon, the body of Mrs. Abathiah H. Capers, 96 years old, who died yesterday morning, will be taken to her birth place in Camden, S. C., where it will be buried in the family lot. The services this afternoon will be conducted by Rev. Dr. John T. Wightman, who was at one time a Sabbath-school student under Mrs. Capers in Camden. Services at the Methodist Episcopal Church South in Camden, will be conducted by Rev. H. B. Merowne, Rev. W. C. Kirkland and Dr. A. Weinberg will leave at 5 o'clock this afternoon with the body for Camden.

Mrs. Capers was the oldest member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South in South Carolina. Her great interest in the church work and the fact that she was so old an adherent to the faith caused her to be called the Mother of Methodism in South Carolina.—Baltimore Sun, Dec. 7.

MAINE'S SECRET STILL KEPT.

Officials Believe That Deathbed Confession Alone will Solve Mystery of Habana Harbor.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Emphatic disclaimers were made today at the state, war and navy departments of the possession of any information confirmatory of the statement of A. C. Brice, former consul, that he was warned of the approaching destruction of the Maine two days in advance by a Cuban sympathizer in Matanzas. Admiral Wainwright, who was executive officer of the Maine when the ship was destroyed, also says that no warning reached him. It is the opinion of officials that only through deathbed confession, if at all, will the secret be disclosed.

Messrs Dwight Shaw and George Reid, of St. Charles, were visitors to the city Tuesday.