

cases they have not realized that the abnormal conditions would not last indefinitely, and the leaders are now preparing themselves for a maladjustment of their position of supremacy under ordinary conditions.

Many members of the association favor further and more drastic curtailment of product, either by stopping night work or shortening the hours of operation for the week, or by checking the building of new mills.

Some look for lower prices of raw cotton; some favor reduction in selling cost; some favor elimination of commission houses, while there is a strong faction demanding the regulation of the exchange and the prohibition of dealing in futures in raw cotton.

Relation to Exchange. Around what is believed to be the most interesting feature of the program—the address this afternoon of Arthur E. Marsh, president of the New York Cotton Exchange, Mr. Marsh has declined to furnish even to the secretary of the association in advance some of his remarks. It will be followed by the reading of the report of the joint committee on cotton exchanges, headed by Lewis W. Parker of Greenville, S. C., one of the most active of the younger members of the organization, and the resolution of a chair of large mills in Columbia, South Carolina, and Greenville, S. C.

The enlargement of the sales market will take up much of the time of the afternoon. The members believe that the whole problem of increasing production can be solved by increasing the hold on foreign markets and improvement in selling conditions at home.

The possibility of tariff changes and the effects of the cotton industry is a topic of more or less general debate with the demand for enlarged shipping facilities under the American flag and an adjustment of freight rates.

Among the social features of the convention will be a reception tendered by the Chamber of Commerce to be held in the Jefferson auditorium to-night at 8 o'clock, when there will be informal addresses and other forms of entertainment.

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Convention Program. The complete program for this year's convention, approved last night by the board of governors, follows: 9:30 A. M.—Call to order by President D. V. Cooper. Prayer, Rev. Samuel C. Hatcher. Address of welcome, Hon. D. C. Richardson, Mayor of Richmond, Va.

10:10 A. M.—Address, "Efficiency and Scientific Management," Harrington Emerson, Boston, Mass. 11:30 A. M.—Address, "The Price-Campbell Cotton Picker from Personal Observation," H. B. Jennings, treasurer, Lambertson, Dresden and Jennings Cotton Mills, Lambertson, North Carolina. Report of committee on excess tare and cotton warehousing, John A. Law, chairman. Report of bill of lading committee, A. A. Thompson, chairman.

12:30 P. M.—Demonstration of the Price-Campbell cotton picker in operation, picking cotton, under the personal supervision of Theodore H. Price. Announcement as to location of the demonstration will be made by Mr. Price prior to adjournment.

Afternoon Session. 2:30 P. M.—Address, "The New York Cotton Exchange," Arthur R. Marsh, President the New York Cotton Exchange, New York, N. Y. Report of joint committee on cotton exchanges, Lewis W. Parker, chairman. Address, "Cotton Compression," J. C. H. Brown, Greenville, S. C. Address, "Proper Illumination of Mills," J. M. Smith, Cleveland, O. Report of committee on publicity, R. M. Miller, Jr., chairman. Report of committee on Pan-American Union Conference, Andrew E. Moore, chairman.

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NARROWLY ESCAPES DEATH. Woman in Parachute Cuts Wrong Rope and Descends at Rapid Rate. Lorenz, a triple parachute performer, associated with a visiting show, narrowly escaped death this afternoon, when he was accidentally cutting the wrong parachute cord. He fell from a height of nearly 1,000 feet. Had not her parachute caught in an air current, she would have been killed in the last half of her descent. Lorenz was virtually hanging to one cord of the first parachute. The young woman fainted, but otherwise unhurt. She later stated that she carried two parachutes, one in her hand and one on her back, and on reaching the balloon wherein she ascended, she accidentally cut the ropes of the second parachute. The ropes of the first parachute did not open. The unusual accident of the two unopened parachutes, added to one that caused her to descend at a very rapid rate.

ENDS SUCCESSFUL SESSION. Commencement Exercises at Oxford Seminary Being Sunday. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Oxford, N. C., May 17.—Oxford Seminary commencement exercises are scheduled to take place on Sunday and Monday, the 21st and 22d. Rev. J. H. Foster, D. D., of Washington, N. C., will preach the benedictory sermon at the evening of the sermon before the Y. W. C. A. will be preached by Bishop Bonholder, of Salem. On Monday morning the class exercises will take place at 10:30 P. M. The annual concert will be given at 8:30 P. M. This has been a very prosperous session of the school, and the commencement exercises promise to be very interesting. The examinations this week are in full progress.

WILL MEET IN WELDON TO-DAY. Executive Committee of T. D. C. A. to Arrive Program. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Weldon, N. C., May 17.—The executive committee of the T. D. C. A. will meet here Thursday for the purpose of arranging the program and fixing the date for the coming year in Richmond. Some of the prominent members of the association are being greeted by President Strambell, who has received numerous suggestions from leading members regarding subjects for discussion. Indications point to a full attendance.

Wife of Captain Satele. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Kaeberly, Va., May 17.—Last night about two miles from Kenbridge, President himself through the night. His body was found this morning and the circumstances at first pointed to murder, but what testimony could be found in the evidence, brought in a small boat by his own hand, led to the belief that the deed was accomplished by his own hand, containing only one blank cartridge.

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Easy sailing here for big men who like to be on the top wave. True blue serge, your size at \$15 to \$25. Sail in and bite out your choice.

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HOPE TO SIDESTEP PENSION MEASURE

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Washington, May 17.—Just how the Democrats in the House are to avoid considering the Anderson \$45,000,000 pension bill just now is one of the interesting situations here. Temporarily the bill is sidetracked, but it is bound to bob up again every two weeks, until the Democrats are eventually forced to take some action.

Contentiously the House adjourned over until Tuesday because it had little to do and its committees wanted to work. In reality, adjournment was taken to sidestep the Anderson pension bill, which stands at the head of the calendar, to discharge committees.

This calendar is in order the first and third Mondays in each month. The second and fourth Mondays are presumed to be District of Columbia days. Under the rule, therefore, the \$45,000,000 pension bill would have been called up Monday. The Democrats are out for an economy record. They don't relish the idea of putting \$45,000,000 on the wrong side of the ledger, even though one of their own number has introduced the bill and then moved to discharge the Committee on Pensions from its further consideration, thus throwing it into the House pigeon hole.

The Republicans are enjoying the situation immensely. Nearly all of them are ready to vote \$45,000,000 additional in pensions to the Union veterans. Some of the Northern Democrats must also vote that way, if they are to support the passage, or else some of these Northern Democrats will not return to Congress.

The Southern Democrats, of course, believe the Union veterans are drawing enough money as it is. They are unqualifiedly opposed to the Anderson pension measure. They are as strong as possible. If it is called up finally, they will do all they can to down it.

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Peculiar Accident at Market Street Depot of Seaboard Air Line.

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Times-Dispatch Bureau, 109 North Sycamore Street, Petersburg, Va., May 17.

An accident of a peculiar nature, but resulting in considerable damage, occurred at an early hour this morning at the Market Street Station of the Seaboard Air Line Railway in this city. A big road engine, No. 69, and the yard engine, after having the fire banked, had been left standing on the main track some distance from the station, the two chuffs together, and the yard engine in the rear. Early this morning, after firing up the yard engine, as is stated, the colored hostler left to get his breakfast. It is suspected that after the hostler had departed some person turned on the throttle of his engine, as it was afterwards found to be on. At any rate, the yard engine, with a pressure of 120 pounds of steam, started forward, and, pushing the big road engine before it, ran astrack for the rear of the station, gathering speed as it progressed.

At the end of the track, within a few feet of the station, stands a large sycamore tree. The big engine struck the side of this tree and its pilot was knocked to pieces and the large rear platform was thrown out of position. The yard engine was not injured.

A wrecking crew from Richmond has been at work all day getting the disabled engine on the track.

Judge West to Preside. Judge J. F. West, of the Third Judicial Circuit, will open the May term of the Corporation Court of Petersburg to-morrow for Judge Mullen, who is presiding at the trial of Mayor Cuthbert on a charge of bribery. Judge West will hear such cases as may be essentially necessary. The grand jury for the term will not report until Thursday of next week, by which time Judge Mullen is expected to return to make up the Commonwealth's docket.

Died in Baltimore. Information was received to-day of the death in Baltimore, yesterday, of Joseph W. Hargrave, aged thirty-three years, a former well-known citizen of Petersburg. Deceased was the son of Epps Hargrave, for many years a merchant in this city, who removed to Baltimore some years ago. The remains will be brought to this city to-morrow for burial in Blandford Cemetery.

Sudden Illness. Emmett B. Butler, a well-known merchant of Bank Street, was taken suddenly ill yesterday afternoon, and died at the residence of his son, B. W. Starke, at the South Sycamore Street. Mrs. Starke is in her ninety-third year, and is probably the oldest native-born resident of the city.

Granolithic Contract. At a meeting of the Street Committee last night, bids were opened for the laying of 16,000 square yards of granolithic pavement on various sidewalks in the city. The committee decided to recommend the acceptance of the bid of the Coleman Contracting Company, at 91 per square yard for the entire work.

General News in Brief. Willie Taylor, a Petersburg negro, is reported to have been seriously shot in Weldon, N. C., while in the act of committing a robbery. The weapon employed is regarded as serious.

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MEETINGS. GINTER PARK, MAY 18, 1911.—The stated communication of the Lewis Ginter Lodge, No. 517, A. F. & A. M., will be held THIS (Thursday) EVENING at 7:30 o'clock, in the Assembly Hall.

All Master Masons are respectfully invited to attend. By order of the Worshipful Master, GEO. R. STEELE, Secretary.

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STRONG PROTEST BY LUMBER MEN

Will Tell Committee How Agreement with Canada Affects Their Business. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Washington, D. C., May 17.—Members of the Canadian reciprocity agreement, passed by the House of Representatives, are protesting against the agreement, which they believe should not become effective until the members of the Senate Finance Committee at its forthcoming session to-morrow in Washington, D. C., have had the opportunity to express their views on the agreement.

A delegation, consisting of sixteen members of that association, has come to Washington for that purpose. They will call the attention of the members of the committee to a resolution recently adopted by the association, which would prohibit reciprocity agreement regarding lumber would be inequitable and unjust. The North Carolina delegation consists of Messrs. J. W. H. Jones, of Norfolk, representing the manufacturers of short and long leaf yellow pine, and represents an annual output of about one million feet of lumber.

They call attention to the fact that of all the imports into this country from Canada, affected by the reciprocity agreement, 75 per cent. consists of lumber and lumber products, three-fourths of this being sawed lumber. The reciprocity agreement does not recognize reciprocity between the lumber-producing industries of the two countries. It provides that Canada will continue to collect an import duty of 10 per cent. on dressed lumber, while the United States will not collect a duty on raw lumber. It will not permit the unrestricted shipment of logs into her territory.

The report shows that the cost of manufacturing news print paper in the United States varies widely. The lowest cost recorded is \$24.50 a ton; the highest is \$43. From this the tariff would strike an average of \$32.55. At the Canadian mills the lowest price recorded for producing a ton of news print paper is \$24.97, and the highest is \$30.18. Average, \$27.53.

In accounting for the increased cost of the pulp wood, it is shown that at an American mill in bulk at a mill in the United States is \$11.59, in Canada it is \$5.56; in Canada, \$5.70. The average cost of the ground wood pulp entering into a ton of news print paper in the United States is given at \$12.27; Canadian value, \$5.49. The average cost of a ton of sulphite fibre in the United States is given at \$31.39; manufacturing labor in the United States, \$2.75, and in Canada, \$3.19.

OBITUARY. Mrs. Mollie Phelps. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Norfolk, Va., May 17.—Mrs. Mollie Phelps died at her home here yesterday at 11 o'clock, after a lingering illness of pelagra. She leaves a son and two daughters, Master Russell Phelps and Miss Annie Phelps, of Norfolk, and Miss Maggie Phelps, of Newport News.

DEATHS. HUFFMAN—Died, Wednesday, May 17, 1911, at 8:30 P. M., at the residence of her son, John H. Huffman, Highland Park, MRS. MARY A. HUFFMAN, in the eighty-second year of her age. Funeral notice later.

MEETINGS. GINTER PARK, MAY 18, 1911.—The stated communication of the Lewis Ginter Lodge, No. 517, A. F. & A. M., will be held THIS (Thursday) EVENING at 7:30 o'clock, in the Assembly Hall.

All Master Masons are respectfully invited to attend. By order of the Worshipful Master, GEO. R. STEELE, Secretary.

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