

### Gossett Reports on Cotton Probe Trip to Europe.

Last year Jas. P. Gossett of Williamston was sent abroad by the American Cotton Manufacturers' association to study the textile manufacturing conditions in Europe. This was at the time that a commission from congress and from the National Chamber of Commerce went abroad to study the rural credit system.

Mr. Gossett this week made the following interesting report to the association at its annual meeting in New York city:

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the American Cotton Manufacturers' association:

At the request of your president, I have prepared a report of my visit to the International Cotton Congress which convened at The Hague, Holland, June 9th, and which I herewith submit.

While The Hague was the officially appointed meeting place yet the business sessions of the congress were held at Scheveningen, a suburban town of The Hague, and one of the most beautiful and fashionable watering places in Europe.

The American Cotton Manufacturers' association, not being affiliated with the International Federation of Master Cotton Spinners and Manufacturers' association (hereafter referred to as the International association) your delegates did not participate in the deliberations of congress or take part in any of its official acts; however, they were most cordially received by the officials of the congress and were shown every consideration and courtesy, including the privilege of the floor. They were also invited and most cordially received at all the social functions given to the congress.

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feel that it will not be amiss for me to incorporate in this report my own personal views and opinions upon the subject. There can be no doubt about the wonderful results that have been accomplished by the International Federation both in England and in Europe.

This combination of associations has not only promoted harmony and good feeling among the spinners and manufacturers of the old world, but has given them a power and influence in business and in politics throughout England and Europe, and is more powerful and far reaching than was ever dreamed of by the very able and wise men who perfected the organization. In fact this organization includes practically all of the spinners and the manufacturers in the world, outside of America, and I am persuaded to believe that the time is now at hand when it should be extended to include those of America.

There has never been a time in the history of the world when its people were so close together in business, politics and in the bonds of sympathy as they are at this time, and when the completion of the Panama canal, which is but a day off, they will be drawn still more closely together.

The International Associations of England and Europe need us and we need them, and I sincerely trust and recommend that this association appoint a committee for the purpose of studying this important question, and that said committee report to this association at its next annual meeting its conclusions as to the advisability of this association's becoming affiliated with the International association of Master Cotton Spinners and Manufacturers' Association of Manchester, England.

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It will look mighty bad for the United States to go down there and fight those poor people that have fought so long for their independence. Their love of country may cause them to take their cruel president's part. But these questions are all over our depth. We can't take a broad view of such questions because we have no such sympathy for the poor women and children. People with broad minds usually lay aside sympathy, and we are going farther down hill every day. It's interesting just now to read about the old Bible wars. That must have been a righteous war old Jonah fought, when the Lord caused the sun to stand still; and there was Gideon's little army of three hundred with their pitchers in hand. What a victory they won.

This talk of the war with Mexico brings to the minds of people all they ever heard or know of war. We heard an old lady go over her trials during the war between the States. She had no slaves to do her work, and she had to plow, cook and care for her children—and what was worse than all that was afraid to stay at night with just her little children, and the rest she needed so much at night was not rest to her, because she was afraid. She told how sorry she was for little boys who had to do their father's work and concluded by saying it was all to try to keep slaves for rich folks.

The health of our community is very good.

The roads are usually so rough from Pendleton to our section the physicians don't like to travel them, and they will continue to despise any work that may be done, unless they are made wider.

The entertainment at Fante's Grove was greatly enjoyed by all present. Thirteen dollars and fifty cents was the amount received. This was the first effort of the improvement association to get up money for the new schoolhouse furnishings.

The teachers and pupils deserve praise for the splendid work, and among the many interesting features was a gun drill by several little 12 year old boys.

The little captain of the company carried the sword, that was used by his great, great grandfather in the American revolution.

Our school has closed and Miss Lela Cason, the principal, has returned to her home near Piedmont. She will be greatly missed here.

Mr. B. R. Bryant has thirteen acres of fine oats. He says they have cost him \$7, but that he is expecting several hundred bushels of oats.

Mrs. G. Duncan visited her daughter near Townville last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Gillespie visited friends above Pendleton recently.

A crop well prepared and planted is said to be half made. Our farmers are trying to get their ground well prepared.

Dewey Fant was the guest of Dewey Hixey last Sunday.

If the United States goes to war with Mexico, history will say that it was not caused by our flag no being saluted, but those who suffer may not tell the same story.

Why teach children that nations should treat each other as individuals and then go fighting and kill because of such formality. Nobody would think of killing another because they did not speak to them.

But there's always somebody wanting to be a hero and they think that this is the only way to that station. It's clearly better to be a hero, always patriotic, and we have it in our bones that no poor man will leave his family unless he is forced to do so.

But, surely God himself hates war.

for when David wanted to build the temple, God said, "You have been a man of many wars and shed too much blood, let Solomon build it."

Son—Father, what makes the lady in the special music keep her eyes shut, when she sings?  
Father—She don't want to see the congregation suffer.

### TOWNVILLE NEWS

Townville, May 4.—Rev. W. B. Hawkins, Pious Mahaffey, John Bruce, Lon Boleman, W. T. Hunt and Elias Earle anticipate attending the Southern Baptist Convention which will be held at Nashville, Tenn.

Mrs. Elias Earle and children spent last week with relatives at Greenville.

Mrs. Dick Dobbins and R. E. Gaines spent a few days last week with relatives at Belton.

Mr. Walter Dickson and Miss Elizabeth Dickson recently visited Mr. and Mrs. John Sharp at Pendleton.

Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Hubbard were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Bruce last Sunday.

We are very sorry to report that Dr. W. T. Hunt isn't improving in health.

Mrs. Walter Dickson and children are on an extended visit to relatives in Orangeburg.

Mrs. Sam McClellan, nee Miss Emile Lee Ledbetter spent last week with home folks, J. P. Ledbetter and family.

J. D. Babb has a handsome new car.

Listen for the wedding bells.

Mr. Harrison Price and Mrs. J. H. Price recently visited their daughter, Miss Alice at Limestone College.

Will Bonnar and Master Samuel Wideman made a trip to Spartanburg last week.

Medames W. N. Woolbright, Peas Mahaffey, Lon Boleman, H. H. Price, J. N. Boleman, Misses Alice Smith, Berner Heller, Jane Gaines were shopping in Anderson last Wednesday.

Miss Hanna Miller Harrison of Walhalla is the attractive guest of Mr. and Mrs. Elias Earle.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Morgan and Miss Edna Shirley attended the funeral of Mrs. Mollie Burdett of Iva last Friday. Mrs. Burdett is a sister of Mrs. Claude Shirley and J. P. Morgan.

The concert at the school auditorium last Tuesday evening was quite successful and a neat sum was realized.

Will Hunt, Jr., and Miss Fannie Mae Hunt attended the chautauque at Anderson last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Reeves were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Woolbright last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. King and W. C. Jr., and Guy Keller made a business trip to Easley and Clemson last week, having made the trip in Mr. King's handsome new car.

J. S. Smith and family of Westminster were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lon Boleman.

We are very glad indeed to report that Mrs. G. E. Smith is convalescing after a siege of pneumonia.

Miss Mary Smith is home from Limestone College at Gafney, having been called to the bedside of her mother, Mrs. G. E. Smith.

### SOUTH WILLIAMSTON

South Williamston, May 4.—Misses Selma Hiett and Flora Adams spent Saturday and Sunday with Miss Hiett's parents near Whiteford.

A large crowd from here attended the ball game Saturday afternoon between Piedmont and Pelzer at Pelzer.

Messrs. P. C. Adams, W. M. Sherard, W. L. Mahaffey, J. W. Holliday, J. R. Manly, W. T. Campbell, and R. L. Lindsay are attending the county convention.

Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Adams spent Sunday in Greenville with their daughter, Mrs. B. A. Stalaker.

The Williamston all theater will be closed until Friday night, the 22, on account of the protracted meeting which will begin at the First street Baptist church Thursday night of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lills Gambrell of Anderson spent the week-end with relatives in the city.

### LAFOLLETTE HITS "THIRD HOUSE"

Wisconsin Senator Says "Invisible Conspirators" Try to Coerce Commission

Washington, May 5.—Senator LaFollette, laid before the senate today what he declared was evidence of a widespread conspiracy to intimidate, coerce and control the interstate commerce commission, to grant eastern railroads the five per cent freight rate increase for which application is pending.

The senator spoke on his bill to make it a criminal offense to seek to influence decisions of the commission. He talked for more than two hours and produced a mass of newspaper clippings, copies of letters and telegrams which found their way to the commission in which the authors urged favorable action on the railroad plea.

He declared "the conspiracy" had made use of newspaper articles, editorials and advertising; that owners had assailed the commission by communications demanding the increase and that propaganda had been in force for months before the railroad began their presentation of the case.

The commission must find its decision on the evidence and testimony taken by it and on the evidence from such a campaign, he said.

### PRES. Z. V. TAYLOR'S PROPOSITION

The local afternoon paper Saturday printed an extract from the letter of Z. V. Taylor, president of the Southern Utilities company to the board of trustees, which letter we are informed was never given a reply. As only portions of the letter were published in the afternoon paper, we present the complete letter that the public may be informed as to the beginning of the attack on the company.

"Sometime ago, at least one month, my attention was called to an article appearing in one of our daily papers to the effect that the board of school trustees in the city of Anderson had refused to pay a bill for service rendered by the Southern Public Utilities Company on the ground that it was void and of no force and effect. This was a matter of such seriousness that I immediately went to Anderson and there our local manager informed me that the matter had been referred to the attorneys for our company and the attorneys for the board of trustees and that it would be amicably settled within a few days.

"I have waited patiently for some relief from our board, as this matter is of serious consequence to us. Under the terms of our franchise we are required to spend in the city of Anderson in improvements of your water system, a sum in excess of \$25,000, the expenditure of which does not produce a single penny of the increased revenue, but is to be made solely for the benefit of the city and its citizens. You can readily see, therefore, if the contention is to be made, that our franchise is null and void, common fairness to us requires that this contention shall be disposed of before we spend the sum of money.

"In addition to this we are offering for sale our securities all over the country to investors who are innocent of any supposed defects in our franchise and fair dealing with them requires that this be settled and settled at once, for certainly they are no parties to this controversy and should not be made to suffer on account of it.

### KRESS PEOPLE ALMOST READY

Contractors Received Finished Plans for Building and Soon Will Bid

(From Wednesday's Daily)

Some time ago it was thought that work would begin at once on the new building to be erected in this city by the Kress Company, but unfortunately the plans as submitted at that time by the Kress architect did not meet with the approval of the people who are to put up the building. For this reason it was impossible to proceed with the work and some delay has been occasioned while the architect was preparing other plans.

However, Anderson built yesterday received a complete set of the new plans, already approved by the Kress people and now it is merely a matter of getting the bids on the work. When that is done, and some bid accepted, the building will be started. This will be welcome news to Anderson people and they are in hopes that the work will start within the next two or three weeks, as now seems highly probable.

### COMMITTEES NAMED

(From Wednesday's Daily)

At a meeting of the committee on the reunion of the Confederate Veterans of the State held yesterday morning, the following sub-committees were named:

General reception—Gen. C. A. Reed, chairman; Col. J. N. Brown, B. F. Wilson, L. E. Smith, Dr. R. P. Dwyer.

Housing committee—Leon L. Rice, chairman; Glenn A. Evans, John Frank, Mrs. Theo. Watson, Miss Eubank Taylor, Mrs. W. E. Atkinson.

Decorating committee—Mrs. R. C. Webb, chairman.

Boy Scouts committee—F. M. Burnett, chairman.

Finance committee—P. E. Clinkcales, G. H. Balfes.

Ball committee—W. D. McLean, Glenn Evans, W. F. Marshall, H. A. Orr, Bond Anderson, B. O. Evans, R. J. Hammett.

Ladies' reception committee—Mrs. J. P. Sullivan, chairman.

Music committee—Miss Z. Welch, chairman; Mrs. Chas. Green, Mrs. O. L. Martin, Mrs. J. W. Quattlebaum, Mrs. W. J. Muldrow.

Registration committee—Miss Eubank Taylor, chairman; Mrs. Claude Barton, Mrs. Raymond Beatty, Miss Nell Barlow, Mrs. Eugene Watkins, Mrs. T. F. Y. Ward.

Sons of Veterans committee—J. W. Quattlebaum, chairman; T. Frank Watkins, H. H. Watkins, F. S. Crayton, F. E. McCally, Jr.

Parade committee—R. R. King, chairman and grand marshal.

Assistants to be appointed by marshal.

Tentative Program.

Confederate reunion at Anderson, May 27-29, 1914.

At 10 o'clock, a. m. at auditorium tent, Commission, Dr. R. P. Dwyer, Stephen D. Lee, Gen. Reed.

Investigation by Division Chaplain Lieut. Col. F. O. S. Curtis, D. D. of Alkon.

Address of welcome for the city—Mayor Lee O. Holliman.

Address of welcome for veterans—Dr. R. P. Dwyer.

Address of welcome to Sons of Veterans—Gen. M. T. Bonham.

The official program to be given to Gen. M. T. Bonham, commander of the South Carolina Division, by the Sons of Veterans.

Response to address of welcome on behalf of veterans—Col. Jas. Armstrong of Charleston.

Response to address of welcome on

"The franchise of a public service corporation must be above suspicion as to its legality, and I, therefore, find myself forced to take such steps in the event this position above referred to is insisted upon, as will definitely settle the matter for all time.

"As above indicated, I have waited patiently, because I did not desire to do anything which might be the subject of criticism or to place myself in the attitude of depriving the schools of Anderson of water, and yet on the other hand, you cannot but see that I am forced, in common justice to our selves and our security holders, to take such action as will determine whether or not we have any rights in your city.

"I have given this question the best thought of which I am capable, and I can see no way to bring it before the courts except by a discontinuance of your service. This will give you an opportunity of applying for an injunction and the matter will then be squarely presented for final determination. I regret to adopt this method, as some may be so unjust as to take the position that our corporation is attempting to deprive the schools of Anderson of water, but I feel that you are fair minded enough to see the purpose for which this has been done and to realize that under these conditions it is the only thing that we can do.

"If you desire, and will in writing, accept this letter as a refusal, on our part, to deliver you water without compensation on and after Thursday, April 30, 1914, and will agree to bring your action at once, we will not discontinue the service but proceed on the assumption of its discontinuance otherwise; however, the service will be discontinued on the date above indicated.

"The question here presented is not the simple question of the payment of a bill insignificant in amount, but the question raised by the board, is one that strikes at the very life of our organization and I must insist that it be determined definitely and beyond peradventure or abandonment."

### behalf of Sons of Veterans—Col. A. L. Gaston of Columbia.

Annual oration—Col. A. J. West of Atlanta.

Presentation of Gen. C. Irvine Walker, honorary commander-in-chief, U. C. V.

Presentation of Hon. Cole L. Blease, Governor of South Carolina.

Adjournment.

Business meeting at 4 o'clock p. m. Adjournment.

Presentation of sponsors, maids and matrons of honor, at 8 o'clock p. m. at Evans Vista Park, followed by musical concert and refreshments honorary to the veterans.

Second Day.

Memorial service to the Confederate dead and tribute to the Women of the Confederacy at 10 o'clock a. m. at auditorium tent.

Election of officers.

Benediction by Assistant Division Chaplain Maj. J. M. Hitt, D. D.

Adjournment.

Parade of veterans, officials, ladies, etc., at 5 p. m.

All veterans desiring automobile side over city will assemble at Chamber of Commerce immediately after parade.

Reception to official ladies and their escorts at 5 p. m. at Hotel Chiquola and to which all veterans are especially invited also. Sons of Veterans, jointly by the R. E. Lee, Dixie and Palmetto Chapters, United Daughters of the Confederacy of Anderson.

8:45 p. m.—Grand ball given at Maple Hall to all veterans, officials ladies and guests.

CONFIDENTIAL BARNES NEWS

Barnes, May 5.—Mr. J. T. Tucker and Miss Nettie Tucker of Calhoun Falls spent Sunday here.

Miss Mamie Tucker is back at home after having spent a week with her sister at Calhoun Falls.

We are glad to note in the increase in attendance at the Saturday's services here and those who were out last Saturday heard a good sermon. On Sunday the audience was good and the sermon was splendid.

Miss Claudie Herron of Starr was here Saturday and Sunday with her friend Miss Bessie Carwile.

Miss Iva Wiles and Misses May and Alma Brown were in Anderson recently shopping.

Mr. Rupert Crowther of Antreville, was here last Saturday "deer" hunting.

Mr. Horace Burksdale went to Heardmont, Ga., last Saturday to see relatives.

One town was sorely grieved to hear of the death of one who was so highly esteemed by all who knew her and so cherished by those who were close to her. We allude to the death of Mrs. R. H. Burdett, whose death occurred on the 30th inst. after an illness of about ten days with heart trouble. She leaves a husband and four children; two sisters, two brothers, namely Mr. J. L. Morgan of Townville and Mr. S. A. Morgan of this place. Mrs. Burdett associated herself with the Baptist church here in early life and ever afterward the services of the Mission and Inn assurance that death would mean to her only a glorious awakening in that home Jesus left to prepare for all who believe on Him.

The funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. H. W. Stone, in the presence of a large number of sympathizing friends and relatives. The floral tributes were large.

Mrs. Josephine Gray and Messrs. Johnnie Morgan and Charles Gray of Anderson and Miss Edna Shirley of Townville were here to attend the funeral services of Mrs. R. H. Burdett.

Misses May Brown and Iva Wiles and Alma Brown were in Anderson recently.

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