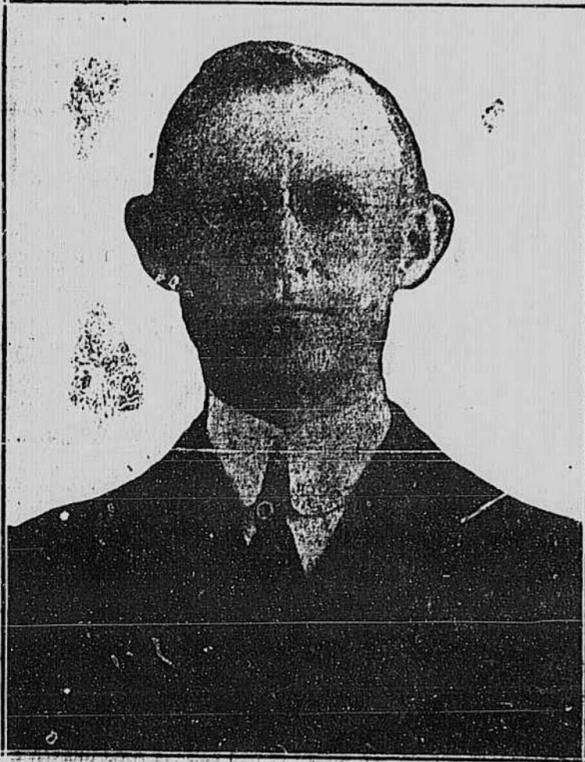


# W. M. HAMER

## The Man Who Evolved and Put Into Practice the Plan of the Cotton Mills Buying Direct From the Planter



MR. W. M. HAMER.

Several years ago an enterprising merchant-farmer in a small Eastern Carolina town slipped away to Liverpool and had a quiet conference with the president of a large cotton manufacturing establishment. When the merchant-farmer returned home he exhibited to his fellow merchants and farmers a contract, whereby he was to purchase cotton on his local market, ship it to the nearest compress and then bill it direct to the European manufacturer. It was the first time in the history of the cotton industry that a European manufacturer and a local cotton buyer had been brought together. It was the first attempt that had ever been made to eliminate the middlemen in the handling of the world's greatest crop. In that contract the European manufacturer and the American producer had been brought closer together than ever before in the history of the cotton industry. Able lawyers who passed upon the provisions of the contract said that it granted an equal measure of protection to both buyer and seller. Financiers who looked it over said it was the beginning of a new and better era in the handling of the cotton crop. In that it brought the Southern cotton field to the threshold of the European spinning room. But the Fates so willed it that before the plan could be put into practical operation death stilled the heart and hand of this far-seeing merchant and farmer, and that contract which no doubt would have meant so much to Southern cotton planters became an inactive asset of a litigated estate.

establishment of a closer relationship between the manufacturer and the farmer.

Mr. Hamer is a modest man and it is extremely difficult to get him to speak of any of his successes or achievements in life. It was with reluctance that he consented to the use of his name in connection with this article, but the only way the people can judge of a man's fitness for public office is by knowing what he has accomplished as a private citizen, and it is nothing but fair to the people of South Carolina and a matter of simple justice to Mr. Hamer himself for these facts to be given the widest publicity.

Mr. Hamer was born on the farm and is the son of a farmer. He is one of four sons, all of whom are prominent farmers of the Pee Dee country. His father before him was a successful farmer, a wealthy man for his day and time, and could have reared his sons in ease and luxury, but being a man of sound, practical judgment he taught his boys the art of farming in the hard school of experience. After graduating from the South Carolina College Mr. Hamer went back to the farm where he combined his technical knowledge with practical experience, and made his lands produce abundantly. When still a young man his extraordinary business talent attracted the attention of men of capital and he was called from the farm to the management of a cotton mill. So great was his success as a mill man that it was only a short time before he began the erection of another mill, and later acquired the Hamer Cotton Mills, all three being consolidated under the name of the Dillon Mills.

Mr. Hamer is not a politician; he is a plain, practical business man who seeks public office because he believes he can be of some service to his fellowman. Having been raised on the farm and knowing how to sympathize with the tillers of the soil, he thinks the government should assist agriculture, the source of all wealth, as much as possible, while he strongly advocates an equitable distribution of taxes, "placing the burdens on those most able to bear them, and who enjoy most the benefits of government."

Mr. Hamer is endorsed in writing by every officer in Dillon and Marlboro counties.

By the farmers for services already rendered;

By the merchants of Dillon and Bonnettsville for his progressive business methods.

By the bankers of both Marlboro and Dillon for his integrity and business ability.

By his former mill operatives for his kindness and friendliness.

By many others for his good citizenship.

### ONLY LEFT PAIR OF SLIPPERS

Reason for Curious Monument in Amsterdam Over Burial Place of Eccentric Individual.

There stands in a church in Amsterdam an ancient and curious monument of white marble which always attracts the attention of visitors, and their curiosity is usually heightened by its inscription. On the monument are engraved two slippers of a singular shape, with the inscription, "Effen Nyt," which, in English, would be "even nothing," or, more colloquially put, "nothing else." The story that is told of this strange device is as follows:

A certain rich man, who was very extravagant in his tastes, because possessed of the idea that he had just so many years to live and no more, and he calculated that if he spent a stated portion of his principal every year his life and his property would expire together.

He was lavishly generous to others, as well as indulgent of his own whims, and it so happened that he died the very year he had prophesied would be his last. He had, furthermore, brought his fortune to such a low ebb that, after his few debts were paid, nothing remained of all his possessions, aside from the clothes in which he was to be buried, but a pair of curious old slippers.

Some of his relatives, to whom he had been kind in his life, erected this strangely decorated monument to mark his burial place.

### WHITE GARMENT IN DEMAND

Pressing Need for "Coat" That Cricket Umpire Was Wearing to Comply With Regulations.

John J. McGraw was talking at Camp Marlin about his recent baseball trip abroad.

"King George liked the game," he said. "All the English liked the game, in fact. It's a superior game to their cricket, you know."

"I heard a lot of cricket stories in London. A cricket umpire wears a long white coat. Well, I heard a good story about that."

"The Hellions Bumpstead team was to play a match, and orders went out that the umpire must wear the white coat—but that was an innovation in that backwoods village."

"The umpire, anyhow, appeared in white at the game all right."

"The teams were lurching—you lunch and have tea and sleep in a cricket game—when a little girl came and said she wanted the man in the white coat."

"The man in the white coat" said a player. "Well, you can't have him. He's busy carving a turkey."

"Oh, is he busy carving a turkey?" said the little girl. "Well, please tell him, then, that mother's busy havin' a fit, and we want the nightie he's wearin', 'cause she's got to go to bed."

### CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS

A magicians' club of 200 persons has been recently formed in London.

The oldest account of a chimney place is in Venice in 1347.

An ostrich feather which cost \$50 a few years ago is now worth \$75.

The value of imports into Chile by parcel post during 1913 amounted to \$1,992,334.

Oleomargarine imports into Germany during the first five months this year totaled 22,800,000 pounds.

Japanese soldiers are nearly all gymnasts, and every barracks has a gymnasium. So well trained are they that in less than half a minute they can scale a wall 14 feet high by simply leaping on each other's shoulders, one man sustaining two or three others.

The educational buildings in the United States are valued at \$225,000,000.

Cigarettes imported into China at Tientsin increased 87 per cent in 1912.

A \$3,000,000 telephone cable is to be laid between England and Holland.

It has been estimated that British Columbia has an area of about 253,000 acres, of which about 1,600,000 is composed of lakes in the interior. There are 100,000 acres of timber land of no value for farming other than for stock purposes, and while it is estimated that 3,000,000 acres is either under cultivation or partly so, statistics show that the actual yielding average, other than for grazing purposes, is not more than 250,000 acres.

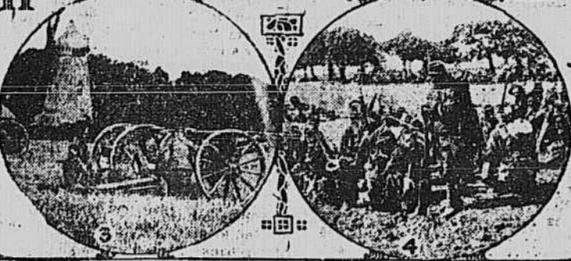
Says Moon is Oval Shaped.

Astronomers will await with interest details of the "experiment" carried out by Professor Statten at Bologna by which he claims to have demonstrated that the moon is oval shaped.

The moon is more easily measured than any other heavenly body, but though it has been measured thousands of times no difference has been detected between its polar and equatorial diameters. A clergyman recently put forward the theory that the side of the moon always turned away from the earth is of the same size and shape as the great pyramid which, according to Revelations, forms the "New Jerusalem." Eventually, he asserts the author of the theory, the moon will fall on the earth, and the hemisphere turned earthward will bury itself in our planet, while the pyramidal New Jerusalem will project above the rack and ruin of the elements as the Celestial City, where the faithful are to spend eternity.

This remarkable lunar theory has been published with a preface by the bishop of Bresce.

## War of the Great Races, Teuton Versus Slav, Means Slaughter



Photos by American Press Association.

ON the brink of the most terrible war in the history of the world Europe quickly put its armies on a war footing. Types of the various armies are here shown. Top (1) is a regiment of Russian Cossacks, in center (2) are crick German troops on review; left (3) type of English artillery in action and right (4) French soldiers at rest during maneuvers. The principal nations of the old world fighting each other, Teuton arrayed against Slav, means an international horror never before equaled.

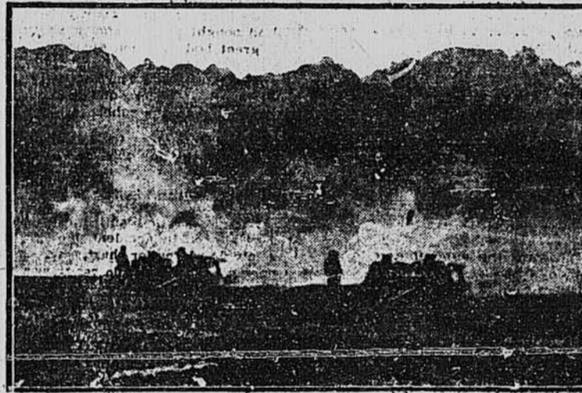


Photo by American Press Association.

### French Artillery In Action

The artillery of France is one of the most efficient branches in the nation's army. The gunners are well drilled, and the guns are of the latest type. Field practice has always been insisted on by officials, and the result has been the high standard of efficiency that has been established. In the picture is shown the latest type of guns in action.

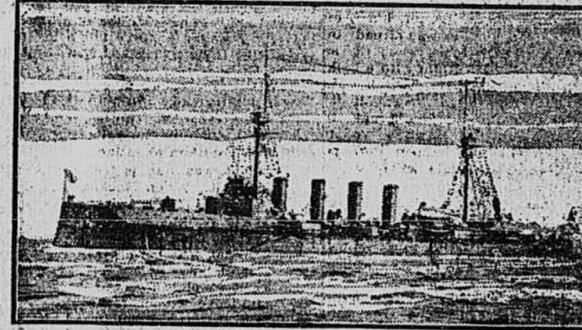


Photo by American Press Association.

### The Armored Cruiser Achilles

THE armored cruiser Achilles has a displacement of 15,000 tons and is a swift oil burning vessel. She is a sister ship of the Cochrane, Natal and Warrior. She carries six 9.2-inch and four 7.5-inch guns and twenty-four torpedoes.

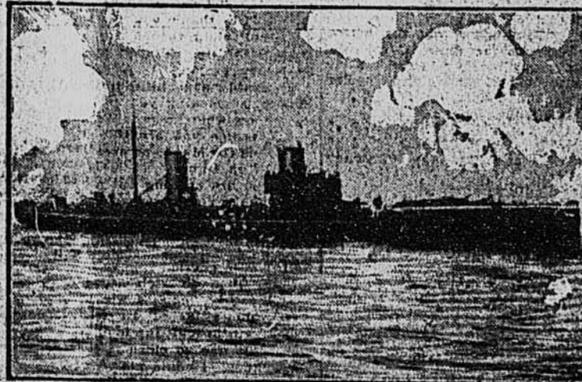


Photo by American Press Association.

### The Kaiser's Torpedo Boat Destroyers

THE torpedo boat destroyers of the Kaiser's navy, in left, having 125 horses of the class shown in the picture with nine buildings. The Germans are still far behind the English, however, the latter having 151 afloat and thirty-eight building. These vessels were intended originally to destroy torpedo boats, as their name indicates, but they are also sent on other fighting missions.

### GETS PROMOTION

Attorney General Promoted to Supreme Bench by President.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, August 18.—Attorney General McReynolds will be nominated by the president to the vacancy on the supreme bench within the next few days, according to definite information in official circles today.

Mr. McReynolds' nomination is expected to be confirmed during the present session of congress in order that he may go on the supreme court bench at the next term.

The president has not selected a man to fill Mr. McReynolds' place.

### WILL FIND OUT WHY

Federal Grand Jury Investigating High Cost of Living.

(By Associated Press.) San Francisco, August 18.—Robert O'Dearn, American sugar beet man; A. A. Brown, of the California-Illinois Sugar Refining company, were ordered today to appear before the federal grand jury investigating the high prices of foods here. Managers of the foremost hotels of the city will bring their bills to show what increased prices they have paid since August 1.

# Glenn Springs Hotel

## GLENN SPRINGS, S. C.

We beg to offer to our friends and patrons of Glenn Springs all the comforts, courtesy and attention that years of practical experience has taught us. Absolutely nothing will be left undone to make you feel that the memories that you carry away of a summer spent at Glenn Springs will always live in your memory as a green spot.

Our automobile Passenger Bus with Pneumatic Tires meets the trains at Spartanburg and the ride will only take you thirty minutes to the hotel for one dollar for each passenger. Our automobile baggage truck will give you quick service for fifty cents per trunk.

First Floor rates are \$17.50, single or double.

Second Floor Rooms are \$17.50, and \$15.00 per week, also single rooms at the same rate.

J. Geo. Verhauer, Mgr.  
Stulb & Verhauer, Prop's.  
GENESTA HOTEL, Augusta, Ga.

## Anderson City Is "My Town"

## Anderson County Is "My County"

## What About Anderson College?



### Lower Prices on Ford Cars Buyers to Share in Profits

Effective August 1st, 1914 to August 1st 1915 and guaranteed against any reductions during that time. All cars fully equipped f. o. b. Detroit.

Runabout ..... \$440  
Touring Car ..... 490  
Town Car ..... 690

(In the United States Only.) All retail buyers of new Ford cars from August 1st, 1914 to August 1st, 1915 will share in the profits of the company to the extent of \$40 to \$60 per car, on each car they buy, PROVIDED: we sell and deliver 300,000 new Ford cars during that period.

(Ask for Particulars)  
**TODD AUTO SHOP**

## When you want ENGRAVED VISITING CARDS WEDDING INVITATIONS STATIONERY

THE ANDERSON INTELLIGENCER JOB PRINTING DEPARTMENT  
HARCOURT & CO. Louisville, Ky.  
MANUFACTURING ENGRAVERS  
Prices Quite as Reasonable as Consistent with Quality.

## Attention All Machinery Owners

When you install Machinery you need a chain block. We have them from 500 lb. capacity to 5,000 lb. capacity. Sell you a 2,000 lb. capacity for \$10.00. Give Six Floor and Gammery in stock. Files \$25.00. Delivered by Express.  
COLUMBIA SUPPLY COMPANY, 823 West Gervais St., Columbia, S. C.