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Mr. J. B. Hutson
Tobacco Associates, Inc.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir-

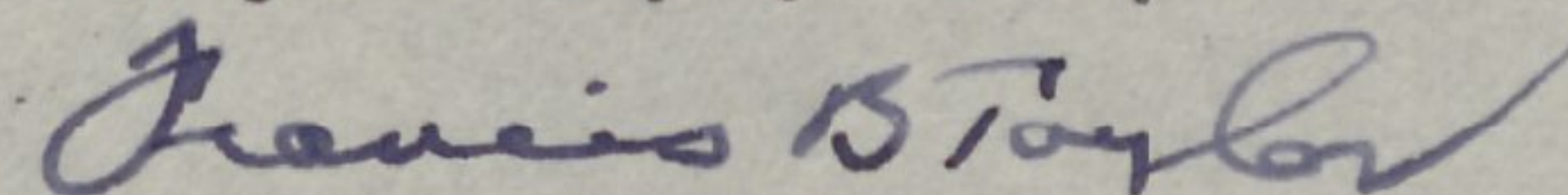
The News and Courier is planning a tobacco supplement to run sometime before the selling season opens. I am not certain whether it will be July 17 or July 24.

I wonder if you would have prepared for it a brief statement of the aims, aspirations and accomplishments of Tobacco Associates. I am interested in having it present as authoritative a forecast as possible of the export outlook for the new crop. I understand that this picture is clouded. Nevertheless, most of the 30-odd thousand planters in eastern South Carolina will be keenly interested in the prospects.

Since the supplement may run before your referendum (or the day after it) I reckon prospects are about the best basis for the piece, unless, of course, you have a better idea.

In any event, I think about 700-800 words should do it; and it would be needed by July 7.

Very truly yours,



Francis B. Taylor
State News Editor