

FARMERS' BUYING POWER INCREASED

Rise in Crop Prices Aid to Business Generally. Washington, Aug. 16.—With the important crops valued at current prices at more than a billion dollars above those of a year ago, the Government economists point out an increase in buying power will stimulate general business throughout the country to higher levels this fall.

Cotton has gained \$15 a bale since Monday's Government forecast of probable yield, which proved surprisingly small. This has added more than \$200,000,000 to the value of this season's crop. While subject to fluctuations, the tendency appears to be further upward. At the moment the prospective crop is worth half a billion dollars more than last season's at this time.

The continued upturn in general agricultural prices, including the sharp advance in cotton, has carried the index figure of the purchasing power of farm products in terms of non-agricultural commodities to a point higher than in August last year, with indications that the 1925 comparison will be passed. If the present tendency holds, the index figure will have their effects upon agricultural relief legislation in Congress appears to be a fixed opinion in Washington. The demands, it is believed, will be less extreme than if lower prices were prevailing this year than last.

But there is no thought here that conditions will arise which will sweep into the limbo of things forgotten the movement for farm relief machinery. The issue has become too pronounced to be killed by a single season of good returns to the farmers, even if all farmers were able to share in the higher prices, which they are not owing to spotted conditions. But unquestionably the situation as to the type of legislation to be pressed has become more nebulous in recent weeks.

It is emphasized by students of agriculture conditions that while current prices for farm products are favorable these ranges are subject to fluctuations before the harvests are gathered and the money pours into the pockets of the growers. Prices may be either higher or lower when marketing is in full swing. That they will be definitely higher than last year's returns, however, appears certain.

Cotton, for instance, is subject to world conditions. The forthcoming report on world carry-over of American cotton will influence the market, not to mention weather in the producing belt, with its effects upon maturity and upon pest damage. There is more wheat in Europe than last season, but this appears offset by a probable shortage in Canada. With higher prices generally assured, despite conditions yet to be met before the harvests are gathered, economists here look for a smoothing of the peaks and valleys in business throughout the country, which will tone up the situation in general, providing an impetus to manufacturing products, as well as to wholesale and retail trade.

"Gin Marriage" Law Slows Up Weddings. (By International News Service.) San Francisco, Aug. 15.—Just when they had reconciled themselves to a three-day wait in receiving their marriage licenses, prospective brides and grooms in California learned that they really had to wait four days.

The "gin marriage" law, drawn up to prevent giddy-headed revelers from marrying one day and annulling their marriage the next, provided that "three days" must pass between an application for a marriage license and the issuance of the license itself. This delay, the legislators believed, would enforce cool and calm deliberation.

Now, however, under an interpretation of Attorney General U. S. Webb the three-day period doesn't begin till midnight of the day of the application, and ends at midnight of the third day. Since few applications for licenses or marriages can be performed at that hour of the day the interpretation really places a four-day moratorium in effect.

October 8, instead of Columbus Day as in the past, has been fixed as the date for this year's national marathon from New York City to Port Chester, N. Y.

SUPREME COURT HEARS ANOTHER DEFENSE MOVE

Entire Court Hears Argument on Exceptions to Judges' Ruling. Boston, Aug. 16.—(AP)—Arguments for and against exceptions to decisions of Justice George A. Sutherland of the state supreme court, and Judge Webster Thayer of the superior court, in the Sacco-Vanzetti case were heard today by four justices of the supreme court, sitting as the full bench. The court sat in the Suffolk County court house which was heavily guarded as a precaution against possible disturbance.

Arthur D. Hill, chief defense counsel, argued that prejudice on the part of Judge Thayer, who presided at the trial of Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti had been clearly shown, and was sufficient to warrant a new trial. Attorney General Arthur K. Reading took the ground that no evidence of prejudice sufficient to require Justice Sutherland to issue a writ of error had been presented.

In connection with defense affidavits tending of a-ged statements made by Judge Thayer outside the court room, some of which asserted that the judge had used vile language with reference to Sacco and Vanzetti, Attorney General Reading remarked in his brief: "We feel it our duty to point out that the constitution of Massachusetts does not guarantee that every judge will at every time and place, within and without the court room, refrain from the use of profanity and vile language."

KANSAS FLOOD DANGER GROWS MORE SERIOUS

One of the Worst Floods Since 1903 Being Experienced in Central Part of the State.

Kansas City, Aug. 15.—Flood danger in central and eastern Kansas became greater today with reports of rainfall over night in sections where high water has been impeding since torrential rains of last week. Rivers continued to rise in southeastern Kansas and an overflow of the Neosho was feared at Iola, where rain continued to fall today. Streams in that section were more than a mile wide in places.

Marquette, in central Kansas, was entirely surrounded by flood water of the Smoky Hill river. The town was saved by volunteers who sandbagged the Missouri Pacific railroad tracks for a half mile and kept back a six-foot wall of water.

Scores of families in the west and northwest portions of Salina, Kans., were forced from their homes by high water which developed one of the worst flood situations since 1903.

Memorial to Wright Brothers.

Elizabeth City, N. C., Aug. 18.—Simple but impressive exercises attended for the dedication today of the site for the \$500,000 beacon light, which is to be erected as a memorial to the first airplane flight. The monument will be known as the Wright Memorial Beacon and will be erected at Kitty Hawk, where the Wright brothers made their first successful flight in an airplane on December 28, 1903. The monument will be erected through a Congressional appropriation and plans are being made to have it rank with such outstanding memorials as the Washington Monument and the Lincoln Memorial. It is hoped to have it completed in time to be dedicated in December of next year, on the twenty-fifth anniversary of the epoch-making flight.

Shortage of Tourists Alarms Hotel Keepers.

Paris, Aug. 16.—Paris hotel keepers, already worried by a shortage in the number of American tourists this summer, are considerably troubled over dispatches that the number of delegates to the American Legion convention in September will not reach half the anticipated 30,000. It is estimated that hotel keepers expecting a rush this year, provided at least 6,000 more rooms than last year. They say that so far the figure has been 30 per cent under the figure for the same period of 1926.

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GOVERNOR BYRD IN DECISION DIRECTS DAVIS BE RETURNED

Man Charged With Disposition of Mortgaged Car in Concord Is Ordered to Cabarrus For Trial.

Governor Byrd, of Virginia, yesterday honored papers issued by Governor McLean of North Carolina for the extradition of John W. Varadero, alias W. T. Davis, alias C. B. Brown, to Concord, where he is wanted on the charge of obtaining a car from the Standard Buick Co., on false representations.

The governor held hearings recently in the case, reserving his decision. The man resisted extradition on the ground that the transactions were strictly a civil one and consequently he was not subject to criminal prosecution.

The evidence was that he obtained the car in question by trading in another with a mortgage on it without disclosing that it was encumbered by a lien.

He was arrested recently at Alta Vista, Va., and has since been out on bond. He used the name of W. T. Davis in negotiating the deal, the governor was informed.

Governor Byrd reserved his decision so that the attorney general's office could look into the legal phases of the case. He wrote the prosecuting attorney of Cabarrus county yesterday afternoon, advising him of his decision.

It is said that Varadero passed several worthless checks while in Concord, but it has not been announced whether he will be tried on these charges after his return to this county.

NUMBER OF BETHEL PUPILS HURT WHEN BAD WRECK OCCURS

Midland School Bus Overturns After Being Side-Swiped by Large Express Truck Wednesday.

Nine Midland students, attending the summer session at Bethel school, were painfully hurt about 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon when the school bus in which they were riding, overturned following an usual accident with an express truck. The scene of the mishap was only a short distance from Bethel school.

The bus turned over when the express truck, attempting to pass the bus, cut back into the road sharply, the front wheel of the bus hooking to the rear of the truck. Glenn Misener, 18, was driving the bus. He was injured, while the other occupants of the vehicle suffered severe bruises and cuts. None, however, suffered any broken bones as far as could be learned today.

Among the students who were more badly hurt in the accident were two Fair girls, Virginia Hartzell and Claire Barrett. The names of the other students were not learned.

School had just closed for the day when the accident occurred.

CHARLES A. CANNON APPOINTED AS ONE OF BANK DIRECTORS

President of Cannon Mills Is Named Director Charlotte Branch Federal Reserve System.

Charles A. Cannon, president of the Cannon Mills, received a telegram this morning from D. B. Crissinger, governor of the Federal Reserve System of the United States, naming him as one of the directors of the Charlotte branch of the Federal Reserve bank.

The Charlotte branch will open some time during the early autumn months. Mr. Cannon notified Mr. Crissinger promptly that he would accept the directorship.

HIGHLANDERS IN 6 TO 5 TRIUMPH OVER LOU'S TEAM

Fayetteville Tallies Winning Run in Tenth Frame.—Teams Play Here Again This Afternoon.

By RADIO KING. A single and a double from the bats of Patton and Branch, respectively, the former scoring, gave the Fayetteville Highlanders a 6 to 5 decision over the Concord Weavers in the tenth frame here Wednesday afternoon. The score ran nip and tuck until the winning tally was rushed home, the fans witnessing some smart base-running, pet fielding, and superb pitching.

Concord's five runs came like an April shower—all at once—and this number was sufficient to put the Weavers out in front of the Highlander score. The Weavers tallied five markers in the fifth after Fayetteville had scored four runs in the fourth stanza. The Fayetteville players slammed the horseshoe hard for its four scores while Concord had the grace of errors and three hits to send its five scores across the pitcher.

The Lovellins held the one run lead until the seventh when Kitchen, the Highlander hurler, doubled to leftfield and scored on McKinnin's single and deep centerfield. Then the game looked like a cravat factory—it was a tie. Concord came near wrecking the tie in its half of the seventh. Smart fielding ruined the local's chance to score. Morris, Watts and Newbury, each singled in their turn to the bat with none out. Then with the bases loaded the Highlanders fielded majestically to squash a threatening rally.

For the next three innings the Weavers and Highlanders sparred with the other desperately. Concord was held hitless, while the Fayetteville batters plunked out three hits in the three rounds, two coming in the final count when Patton scored the winning run. Concord managed to get a man around to second in each of the last three innings but none could connect with Kitchen's offerings to bring home the tally.

Kitchen outpawled the locals with telling effect. The best Lovellins held off was six hits, three of which were scarcely more than scratches. Our own pitcher, Henry Newbury, lost the drive against Fayetteville's "Cook Room." He slammed out two hits, one coming in the fifth to score three runs. But the Kitcher lad knew his left arm, and strutted like a Charlotte flapper.

Beautiful Fielding. Few third-sackers with the speed and the arm of Branch have been seen in action in this neck of the woods. The Fayetteville third baseman played a stirring game, handling seven difficult chances perfectly, and getting two hits out of five times at bat. Branch has a good arm, and his throw is first in bullet-like and well-controlled. The Weavers were driving the ball like bullets in the infield, and sending line drives to the outer garden but each time the Fayetteville gang was there to grab them.

Check Outen made two difficult catches during the afternoon, making a one-hand stab while going at speed. The other high flyer was caught by the hard-hitting rightfielder after a long, hard race. Reynolds demonstrated that shoe-string catches are still in style too. He nabbed Hatley's sure-hit and left sprawling but holding fast to the ball.

Play Today. The Highlanders and Weavers now stand even in their series, each club having won and lost one game. The exhibition at 3 p. m. this afternoon will be the "rubber tilt." Lefty Morris will probably work for Concord while the Fayetteville manager did not name his probable moundman.

Table with columns: The Box Score, AB, R, H, PO, A, E. Rows for Fayetteville and Concord players.

Concord 40 6 10 30 18 4  
Fayetteville 000 400 100 1-6  
Concord 000 050 000 0-5  
Summary: Two base hits, Branch; three base hits, Reynolds; stolen bases, Reynolds; bases on balls off: Newbury 1, Kitchin 2; struck out by: Newbury 3, Kitchin 3; hit by pitched ball, Patton; left on bases, Fayetteville 6, Concord 6; earned runs: Concord 3, Fayetteville 6; umpires, Prim and Bullaby; time of game: one hour and 35 minutes.

ALDERMEN TO MEET TONIGHT TO TALK OVER THE BUDGET

It Is Possible That Tax Rate For City Will Be Determined Also at This Special Meeting.

Having as an incentive a 15 cent cut in the county tax rate, members of the board of aldermen will meet at the city hall tonight to adopt a budget and discuss a tax rate for Concord.

It is announced that final action will be taken on the budget at this special meeting but it is now definitely known that the tax rate will be adopted at this time. However, such action is probable, and the meeting is arousing much interest.

John L. Miller, tax supervisor for the county, is in position now to advise the aldermen as to the total taxable property in the city, and with these figures before them, and formal budget adopted, it may be possible for the board to arrive at the tax rate at this meeting.

ONLY FEW CRIMINAL CASES REMAIN FOR TRIAL DURING WEEK

When E. B. Leonard Case Was Called Yesterday Majority of Criminal Cases Had Been Disposed of.

The criminal docket was practically completed in Cabarrus Superior Court yesterday before the trial of E. B. Leonard was started.

With the exception of a few minor cases, Solicitor Zeb V. Long announced in court that the docket had been cleared and all witnesses except those in the cases mentioned by the solicitor were excused for the term.

Several cases were disposed of before the Leonard case was called. John W. McFarland pled guilty to transporting and possessing liquor, but was not sentenced. McFarland is the man who told Recorder A. B. Palmer several days ago that he wanted to be sentenced to the State prison.

Tom Fink, charged with seduction, entered a plea of prostitution. It was stated in court that he had paid the prosecutrix \$200 and he gave bond for his appearance at the October, 1927, and January, 1928, terms, when he will pay her \$100 and \$200 more. He was also directed to pay all doctor bills in the case.

The case against Howard Morris, charged with cruelty to animals, was continued for the defendant.

The case against Graden McAnulty, charged with assault with a deadly weapon, also was continued for the defendant.

Grover Shealy, charged with house-breaking and larceny, was freed. The court was told that the defendant, a young man, already had spent two months in jail.

Theodore Harrington, charged with the larceny of an automobile, was sentenced to serve not less than 12 nor more than 18 months on the chain gang.

Winona Cook pled guilty to assault and Edith Freeman was convicted by a jury of a similar charge, the cases growing out of a fight between the two negro women. They have not been sentenced.

368 CHILDREN IN SHOWERS KIWANIS WATER AUTO HERE

Concord Children, Ages Varying From 2 to 14 Years, Enjoy Cool Shower Wednesday Afternoon.

The number of local children enjoying a shower under the sprays of the Kiwanis water car is increasing each scheduled trip, 308 kiddies getting into the water Wednesday afternoon. Several very small children got into the showers for the first time yesterday. The ages of the children taking showers vary from 2 to 14 years. There is, however, no age limit.

The Kiwanis water car makes eight stops on its trip, pausing a period of 30 minutes at each place. The children over the city are rapidly learning the nearest "shower point" to their homes, and are always waiting for the car to come. Some of the youngsters like the water so well that they follow the car around.

The following is the number of kiddies who enjoyed showers at each point Wednesday: East Corbin street (Primary school), 14; S. Union and Chestnut streets, 21; W. Corbin and Gold streets, 43; Kerr and Guy streets, 43; Kerr and Misener streets, 92; E. Depot and Reed streets, 48.

The water car will make its final tour of the week Friday afternoon, following the usual schedule.

NEW MEMBER ADDED TO MEMBERSHIP OF THE ROTARY CLUB

"Bill" Morris Enters on the "Dairyman" Classification—Dr. Hoke Addresses the Club.

CONSOLIDATE TWO SCHOOL DISTRICTS AT BOARD ORDERS

Harrisburg and White Hall Districts to Consolidate.—White Hall Pupils Go to Harrisburg.

Consolidation of the school districts of White Hall and Harrisburg was approved Wednesday at a special session of the Cabarrus County Board of Education. The details necessary to consolidating the two districts will be given attention immediately in order that the plan become effective for the 1927-28 session.

Under the plans of the consolidation the teachers and pupils of White Hall school will be transferred to Harrisburg school. The former school is approximately four miles from Harrisburg, according to S. G. Hawfield, county superintendent of education. Bus transportation will be furnished the pupils.

With the consolidation of these districts Harrisburg school, including elementary and high school students, will have an enrollment of approximately 275 pupils during the ensuing scholastic year. A faculty of twelve teachers will instruct the pupils. Harrisburg employs eight teachers while White Hall has only four teachers.

To Open September 12. Harrisburg school as well as Wincoff and Bethel schools, all to hold eight-month sessions, will begin the 1927-28 session Monday, September 12. The County Board of Education agreed upon this date at the Wednesday meeting.

Any pupils attending either Harrisburg, Wincoff or Bethel schools from other districts will be required to pay tuition for two-months period, the other six months being free. According to the state department of education the last two months of the scholastic year are the months in which tuition must be paid. March and April will be the tuition months this coming session.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR LONG DEFENDS ACTION

Says the Ordering of Troops to Henderson Was Necessary.

Raleigh Aug. 17.—That the ordering out of troops on August 10th, during the strike of the employees of the Harriett Cotton Mills in Henderson was necessary in order to avoid rioting which might have meant the loss of life and property, and that the situation was beyond the control of local authorities, is the statement made by Lieutenant Governor Elmer Long in his formal report to Governor A. W. McLean, and borne out by signed statements from the sheriff and others in Henderson, who agree that the move was a wise one. The troops were called out by the lieutenant governor, since Governor McLean was absent on his vacation.

The sheriff of Vance county was absent from the county, having gone to Baltimore for a prisoner, the report states, and though he had taken the precaution before leaving to swear in fifteen additional deputy sheriffs, all of these but two turned in their badges, stating that they were unwilling to further cope with the angered strikers who were threatening both life and property. On his return, Sheriff D. L. Kearney wrote Lieutenant Governor Long as follows:

"I feel that it is a wise move to send troops here at the time, as from investigation I do not believe it would have been possible to have handled the situation even with fifty deputies. I feel that the timely arrival of the troops has averted a riot."

Lieutenant Colonel J. W. Jenkins, of Henderson, in command of the troops on duty, made a thorough investigation, and reported as follows:

"At the time I took command the crowd had become inflamed beyond the point of reason, and I think could not have been handled without adequate force. The fact that the troops were called out undoubtedly prevented loss of life and property." Many similar statements from county officials are cited in the report.

"My action was based on what I conceived to be proper representations from the people affected. While the method was drastic, I am convinced it would have been far worse to permit any situation to exist about which there was as serious doubt as that which enshrouded this," the lieutenant governor said in concluding his report.

FORCE MILLS TO COME SOUTH

Experts Says Massachusetts Laws Giving South Industry.

Williamstown, Mass., Aug. 17.—Massachusetts legislation is forcing cotton mills from New England to the South where long hours and cheap labor can be obtained, Professor John A. Todd, of the London Cotton Exchange, told the Institute of Politics today.



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JUNIOR ORDER TO MEET NEXT WEEK

State Council Will Hold Its 37th Annual Session in Wilson.

Wilson, Aug. 17.—The State Council of Junior Order of North Carolina will hold its 37th annual session in Wilson, August 23rd, 24th and 25th. The first meeting will be called to order by State Councilor Chas. W. Snyder, of Winston-Salem, at three o'clock Tuesday afternoon, August 23rd, in the auditorium of the Wilson high school for a regular business session.

The local committees have prepared a fine program for the public meeting and are expecting a packed house. There will be several short talks by visiting and local officials and members and the committee has been exceedingly fortunate in procuring fine local talent to furnish music, both vocal and instrumental for the public session.

It now looks as though there will be some warm contests for the State Council offices, the office of State Vice Councilor being the major prize. Several candidates are being pushed by their friends and local councils and a warm good natured contest is expected. Walter L. Cohoon, of Elizabethtown, the present vice councilor, will be elected State councilor without opposition.

The place of next meeting always brings on a hot contest as several cities are always working for it. Wilson is expecting a big meeting and expects to give the delegates a good time. On Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock dinner of Wilson county famous barbecue and fixings will be served to the visitors at Silver Lake.

EFIRD'S Men's Dress Shirts in wide range of colors attached Collars, \$1.00 value for 79c Boys' Dress Shirts attached collars 79c Men's and Youths' Pin Check and Khaki Work Pants 85c Men's and Young Men's Athletic Union Suits 25c Men's Athletic Broadcloth Union Suits, 75c value 45c Big Yank Union Suits, \$1.00 garments for 75c Men's and Young Men's Fall Hats new styles and colors \$3.45 Big Shipment of Young Men's Caps for Fall 95c to \$1.95 Clearance Prices on Mohairs, Seersucker, Gabardine and Palm Beach Suits at \$2.95 to \$8.95 Clearance Price on Straw Hats 95c