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Partly cloudy tonight
and Sunday. Probably
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JULY DULLNESS LESS THIS YEAR

Federal Reserve District Reports Good Prospects for Crops and for Business in the Coming Months.

Richmond, Sept. 1.—The usual July dullness in business was less in evidence throughout the fifth Federal Reserve Bank district this year than any year since the post-war inflation period and signs of strength in the business structure are now more numerous than signs of weakness, according to the monthly review of business and agricultural conditions of the Federal Reserve Bank here which was made public today.

North Carolina has good prospects for a full fair quality tobacco crop and a better prospect for cotton than other cotton growing sections, the report states.

The fifth district Federal Reserve review follows in summary form:

"There is usually a seasonal decline in the volume of business in July, the summer needs of the people have been provided and it being too early for fall trade to open up, but on the whole the July dullness in fifth district was less marked this year than any year since the post-war inflation period. There are a few signs of weakness in the business structure, but signs of strength are much more numerous.

"Among the unfavorable factors operating against business at present is the decline in forward orders being placed by retailers and wholesalers. Many manufacturers are finding difficulties in securing enough new business to keep their plants running full time, especially in the textile trade, but few of the orders placed earlier in the year have been canceled and consequently the mills have not yet had to restrict running time very much. The uncertainty about the probable outcome of this year's cotton crop, is another deterrent factor to normal business at present, the danger of the August migration of the boll weevil minimizing the importance attached to condition reports. Labor shortage in some agricultural sections is a further handicap to be overcome.

"As previously stated, elements of strength in the business structures are far more numerous than the elements of weakness enumerated in the preceding paragraph. The most striking feature of the present situation is the great purchasing power of the ultimate consumer, and the willingness of the public to buy whatever it wants justifies confidence for the near future. Signs of this large power to buy goods and of the disposition to supply needs are visible on every hand. The volume of debts to customer's accounts in the banks of reporting cities is running considerably above the volume reported a year ago, and compares favorably with earlier months of this year, taking seasonal trends into account. Reports from retail stores show increased sales in comparison with July 1922, and some of the stores that have put on special sales are getting remarkable results for this season of the year. Consumers are displaying none of the disregard for values that was so marked in 1918, 1919 and part of 1920, and articles in the striped silk shirt class do not sell readily, but the stores offering good standard merchandise at fair prices are getting a very satisfactory amount of business. Credit is available for all legitimate needs at reasonable rates. Savings deposits in both savings and commercial banks are high, and are steadily increasing. Business failures are declining in number and importance. Household and industries seem assured of an adequate supply of bituminous coal during the coming winter. Labor is fully employed at wages that are little below the high levels of the war and post-war periods, and the workers are using their money much more wisely now than then. The volume of building operations for which permits are being issued appears to insure a continuation of full employment for several months at least. Finally the outlook for farmers of the fifth district compares favorably with prospects in any other section. The three leading crops in the district are corn, cotton and tobacco, with the growing of fruit, grain, and truck as important subsidiaries. Corn prospects are promising, with larger yields being indicated by present condition than last year. The outlook for cotton in Virginia and North Carolina is far above the national average, with prospects in South Carolina for a better yield than last year. Tobacco in South Carolina is being marketed at good prices, and the crop is better in both quantity and quality than last year. North Carolina prospects are good for a full crop of fair quality, and Virginia's crop has made excellent progress in recent weeks. The first prospects are the best for the past three years in quantity, and the quality of the apple crop in Virginia is unusually good. Grain produced satisfactory yields this year, and truck crops are in the whole good."

Debts to individual account in leading trade centers in North Caro-

Little Folks Had Most Merry Time

Kiwanians Gave Joy to Three Hundred and Forty-eight Kiddies Friday

The Elizabeth City Kiwanis Club gave a picnic Friday afternoon for 348 little guests, all of whom would be glad if the picnic were a weekly event instead of an annual affair. Mothers of some of the smaller children attended. In fact all ages were represented from babes in arms to grandmothers.

A committee made up of a lady from every church in the city and the County Welfare officer assisted G. R. Little in distributing tickets. The guests assembled at the Community House, the high school building, and Calvary Baptist church, each going to the point nearest home. The time set for assembling was 2:30 p. m., but some were ready at 1:00 o'clock. The Kiwanians gathered them from the points in cars and trucks and took them to Dawson's Beach, where almost everyone of them donned a bathing suit and took to the water for an hour's fun. There were diving and swimming contests for which prizes were awarded. Five ducks were released, but a duck didn't have a chance in that crowd and lucky boys soon captured them. The captors were awarded the ducks. At 4:00 p. m., the crowd moved to the Old Fairground, a delightful picnic spot. They played games, jumped ropes, and made the most of the see-saws and swings especially erected for the occasion. There were running races for girls and boys of different ages, and successful contestants received prizes. The guests were served all kinds of ice cream, sandwiches, and block ice cream. The Elizabeth City band furnished music during the picnic. At 6:00 o'clock, the guests were all gathered into trucks and cars and returned to their homes. They had a delightful time and the three hours of merry making did not seem to make them tired. Nevertheless, it is a safe bet that many little boys and girls went to bed earlier than usual Friday night, and probably some of them dreamed of giants with ice cream heads throwing huge bottles of pop at them.

HUNDRED SHOTS IN RUM RUNNER FIGHT

New York, Sept. 1.—Two alleged rum runners and six prisoners were captured by Federal agents in battles today at Sheepshead Bay and off Coney Island in which approximately 100 shots were fired.

GARRETT VERDICT IS EXPECTED TODAY

Cumberland Courthouse, Sept. 1.—Final arguments in the trial of Robert Garrett were completed at one o'clock today when the court recessed for lunch. The case will be given to the jury upon the reconvening of court, and the verdict is expected this afternoon.

WESTERN UNION OFFICE CLOSING AT SIX MONDAY

Labor Day is a holiday for Western Union offices all over the country and the local office has had instructions from headquarters to observe Sunday hours. However, on account of giving The Advance its regular telegraphic service, Manager Sykes will keep the office open all day until 6 o'clock in the evening. Any persons wishing to file night letters are asked to get them to the Western Union office in time to have them sent before 6 o'clock.

MOTORS 600 MILES WITHOUT ADJUSTMENT OR PUNCTURE

R. W. McPhillamy of Vandergrift, Pa., and Mrs. McPhillamy, with their five months' old daughter and Mr. McPhillamy's sister, Mrs. Jennie McCullough, motored to this city this week for a two weeks' visit to Mrs. McPhillamy's parents, Police Officer and Mrs. George W. Twiddy on Riverside Drive.

MYERS-DEISHER

Miss Daisy Dars Deisher and Mr. Frank C. Myers, both of Eagle Rock, Va., were married by Dr. S. H. Templeman Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, at his home on West Main street.

COTTON MARKET

New York, Sept. 1.—The cotton exchange is closed today and Monday on account of Labor Day.

Prices are given in the review as follows:

	August 8	July 11
Ashville	\$22,620,000	\$19,822,000
Charlotte	31,270,000	40,945,000
Durham	16,164,000	16,456,000
Greensboro	19,918,000	20,062,000
Raleigh	27,345,000	28,753,000
Wilmington	15,823,000	17,007,000
Winston-Salem	29,319,000	30,857,000

CITY OF YOKOHAMA IN FLAMES TODAY

(By The Associated Press)
San Francisco, Sept. 1.—Practically the entire city of Yokohama is afire today and numerous casualties have occurred as the result of the conflagration which broke out after a severe earthquake, according to a message from the Japanese radio station at Iwaki to the Radio Corporation of America's local station. The inhabitants of Yokohama are seeking refuge from the fire in ships in the harbor. It is feared that the earthquake shock had a serious effect in Tokio and other cities as well as in Yokohama.

GERMANY MAY ASK TO ENTER

Reparations and Whether Germany May Join League of Nations Are Questions to Come Up Next Week.

Geneva, Sept. 1.—The reparations problem and the question whether Germany is to be admitted to membership in the League of Nations are two matters, in the opinion of League assembly which opens in this city, Monday, September 3. In this connection an English delegate said recently: "I don't see how it will be possible to keep the reparations problem out of the discussion, unless it be settled beforehand." And another delegate from one of the northern Scandinavian lands, referring to the popular movement in Germany to apply for membership, said: "Certainly Germany should come in, if she applies she would probably be elected easily." These and other questions, like the problem of opium have served to create an atmosphere of unusual interest in this year's doings of the assembly.

The first business on the agenda is the election of a president and six vice-presidents who, with the presidents of six committees later elected, form with the president a bureau responsible for the general conduct of the business of the assembly.

The actual work of the session then begins with a discussion of the annual report of the secretary general, Sir Eric Drummond, on the activities of the council during the past year and with a statement of what has been done to make effective the recommendations of the previous assembly. After a debate the assembly usually divides itself into six general committees. These include constitutional and legal questions, such as amendments to the covenant of the league; the work of the technical organizations on economics, finance, transit and health; the question of reduction of armaments; the budget and other matters of internal administration; social questions, such as opium, the white slave traffic and refugee problems, and political questions such as the admission of new states.

These committees are virtually small assemblies in themselves, for each country has the right to be represented on all of them. As three committees sit simultaneously one day and three others the next, the work of the assembly is greatly expedited. Newspaper correspondents are kept busy following all these meetings. When the committees make their final reports, usually brief, the full assembly affords a final debate on any point still at issue.

The official languages of the assembly are French and English. Speeches delivered in one are translated into the other tongue. The assembly convention lasts from three to four weeks and generally marks out broad policies whose detailed execution is left to the council, which is the cabinet of the League of Nations.

In view of the late President Harding's recommendation that the United States join the International Court of Justice, of special interest to Americans will be the election of a successor to Judge Ruy Barbosa of Brazil as a member of the court. This election is carried out by the concurrent majority action of the assembly and council. The American group of the old Hague arbitral court exercised its prerogative this year, and nominated a candidate to succeed Judge Barbosa.

RENOWN, WALES' CRUISER TO BE FITTED FOR WAR

London, Sept. 1.—The battle cruiser Renown which carried the Prince of Wales on his tour of Canada, Australia and the Far East, is to undergo a refitting which will change her from a floating palace into a first class fighting ship. This ship and her sister-ship, the Repulse, were built on the theory that speed was above armament but after the performance of the similar ship, the Invincible, in the battle of Jutland, this theory has been put in the waste basket. The estimated cost of putting the Renown on a level with the best ship in her class will cost \$4,000,000. She cost originally \$15,000,000.

STRIKE BEGAN AT MIDNIGHT

Anthracite Operators and Miners' Representatives are Continuing Their Negotiations at Harrisburg Today.

(By The Associated Press)
Harrisburg, Pa., Sept. 1.—With the failure of negotiations with Governor Pinchot, the coal strike became effective at midnight, though the operators and miners will meet here today for further conference with the governor.

Washington, Sept. 1.—Refusal of either side in the anthracite controversy to accept outright the initial proposal of Governor Pinchot for a compromise has not shaken confidence of President Coolidge in the ultimate success of the negotiations at Harrisburg.

The Government's policy, it was declared at the White House, continues to embody complete support for and co-operation with the Pennsylvania executive, with the determination to use every power of the Federal authority to assure adequate fuel to the public should production cease in the anthracite fields.

REVIVAL TO BEGIN AT CORINTH MONDAY

Revival services will begin at Corinth Baptist church, near the city Monday. The pastor, Rev. R. F. Hall, will be assisted by Rev. A. C. Hamby, Supt. of Enlistment of the Baptist Board of Raleigh. Mr. Hamby is an able and forceful speaker, and is one of the leading divines of North Carolina Baptists. Services will begin Monday night at 8 o'clock, then each afternoon at 3 o'clock and each evening at 8 o'clock throughout the week. The public is cordially invited to these services.

The B. Y. P. U. Study Course which has been in progress this week at Corinth came to a successful close Friday night. There were more than 100 present for the closing night. Fifty-four young people took the examination. Of this number 32 were from the Junior B. Y. P. U. and 22 from the Senior.

The faculty consisted of home talent. Mrs. H. F. Sample and Miss Irene Bright taught the Juniors, and the pastor, Rev. R. F. Hall, taught the Seniors. Many expressed the opinion that it was the most successful Training Course ever held at Corinth. After the examination the young people enjoyed a watermelon feast on the church yard.

DR. THAYER AND FAMILY HOME

Dr. James H. Thayer, with Mrs. Thayer and James Henry Jr., returned to the city late Friday afternoon after a trip to the National Capitol, and other cities. "It was a trip," said Dr. Thayer, "which Mrs. Thayer and myself had planned for years. We thought that we might as well take in Washington, Philadelphia and New York, as well as go to the Hudson all at one time. We went off purely to get a vacation and to enjoy ourselves. Of course, we were on the go practically all of the time.

Owing to very excellent sight seeing facilities in both Washington as well as New York we were practically able to see both of these cities. "Our stop in Philadelphia was a very short one—just long enough for us to run over to Camden, N. J., and see some friends and go to Independence Hall to see the relics and the Liberty Bell.

"Our stay in New York was longer than in either of the other cities. The party came away from New York with the unanimous conviction that the folks to be envied are those of us who live where you can see more of God's handiwork and less of man's."

"I expect," concluded the Pastor of Blackwell Memorial, "to be in my pulpit both Sunday morning and evening. I'm going to be glad to see my people, and am more than ever convinced that the great need of today as far as the church is concerned is the preaching of a pure, spiritual gospel. We had the pleasure of worshipping the Sunday we were away in the famous Brick Presbyterian Church and of hearing an English Congregational minister from Southampton. There was a good congregation present, and the reverent, quiet of the worshipping congregation was a relief from the noise and hurry without."

STOCK WASTE STIRS PHILIPINOS

Manila, Sept. 1.—A request by the emergency board for a statement from government office heads, listing their unused equipment, has disclosed that about \$1,000,000 in supplies belonging to the insular government is rotting from disuse in warehouses. Efforts will be made to save the stock.

CHAPTER MEETING MONDAY

Cherokee Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons will hold their regular convocation on Monday evening. A full membership is desired.

SHEET ROCK

Sheet Rock. The only plaster board that really takes the place of plaster. E. J. Cohoon & Co.

Island Of Corfu Is Bombarbed By Italy

Greece Informed That Italian Fleet Will Leave When She Complies With Demands—Fifteen Civilians Are Killed and Many Wounded in Attack Friday

(By The Associated Press)
London, September 1.—Italy's action in bombarding and occupying Corfu in contravention of the neutrality of the island guaranteed by the Treaty of 1864 in which Great Britain ceded Corfu to Greece is considered in military and diplomatic quarters here as tantamount to a declaration of war upon Greece and as constituting a flagrant violation of international law.

GREECE CALLS ON LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Geneva, Sept. 1.—A communication from Greece submitting the Greco-Italian crisis to the League of Nations was received at League headquarters today, thus automatically bringing the conflict before the Council of the League which is now in session here.

Building And Loan Builds Many Homes

And Association Also Assists Owners To Pay For Homes Already Built

With a total of 6,000 shares already in force, the seventeenth series of the Albemarle Building & Loan Association opened Saturday and a number of applications for stock in this series were received on the opening day at the offices of W. Ben Goodwin, secretary-treasurer. The association now has in round numbers \$155,000 in loans in force, and more than 100 Elizabeth City residents through the association have been directly helped toward home ownership. Between 20 and 30 new homes in the city are directly traceable to the association, while in other cases the debts on homes already built when the association was organized have been paid off through membership in the association. Bookings are still being made of subscriptions to stock of the new series and would-be subscribers will find the offices above the Savings Bank open on Saturday night.

Many Accidents Cause Blindness

Steps Are Being Taken to Prevent Eye Accidents In Homes and Industry

New York, Sept. 1.—Because of the growing seriousness of accidents in public places and in homes, as well as in industry, as a cause of blindness, the National Committee for the Prevention of Blindness announced today that it would undertake immediately a progressive census of all eye accidents with a view of determining means of prevention. This decision, the committee declares, grew out of the recent realization that there has come about a radical change in the incidence of the various principal causes of blindness.

The committee has discovered, for instance, that whereas not many years ago the greatest single cause of blindness in children was "babes' sore eyes," the percentage of blindness from this cause has been cut in half. Blindness caused by accidents of various sorts, on the other hand, has increased to such an extent in recent years that accidents now constitute the most serious single cause of blindness.

An effort will be made to secure a record of every accident causing an injury to the eye whether it occurs in a factory, in a home, or on the street. This census will gradually be extended into every state in the Union. The results will be tabulated by principal causes and analyzed monthly. A month to month comparison of the records of this census will enable the committee and its many co-operating agencies throughout the country to learn whether—as is now believed—the number of cases of blindness through accidents is steadily increasing, and against what causes of accidents the energies of the committee should be directed.

BUYING IN NEW YORK

O. F. Gilbert, proprietor of Mitchell's Department Store, has returned from a buying trip to New York. "I have never seen so many buyers in New York in my life," Mr. Gilbert said Saturday. Mr. Gilbert has secured the agency for the Vogue hats and will co-operate in local advertising with the manufacturers' advertising in the Ladies' Home Journal.

Dr. and Mrs. I. Fearing and children, Margaret and William, have returned from Virginia Beach, after spending some time there.

The gravest apprehension is felt over possible further moves by Italy. If Italy should ignore the intervention of the League of Nations and the independent efforts of the Allied Council of Ambassadors for an amicable solution of the military crisis, military experts here see danger of war spreading throughout southeastern Europe.

In Full War Status
Rome, Sept. 1.—Italian naval units which had been stationed at Spezia and Venice now are steaming for southern Adriatic waters in full war status and eight transports are held in readiness in case there are further eventualities.

School Is Attacked
Athens, Sept. 1.—Greece has been informed by Italy that the Italian fleet will leave Corfu as soon as Greece complies with the Italian demands.

The police station and school on the island of Corfu were bombarded by the Italian fleet yesterday and a contingent of occupying troops landed. The station was destroyed by flames. A message from Corfu last night said that 15 civilians were killed and many wounded in the bombardment.

The warships fired upon the old fort as well, and it was in this building that many of the casualties occurred, the message asserted. News of the occupation caused consternation in Athens and there was evidence of extreme indignation on the part of the population.

Situation Critical
London, Sept. 1.—Italian reservists residing in London have been notified to hold themselves in readiness for the call to the colors in the event that the necessity arises.

A Central News dispatch from one says that according to advices from Athens, the Greek-Italian situation is very critical, and the position of the government is untenable. Exchange has fallen and there is panic at the banks.

Fire on Greek Steamer
Athens, Sept. 1.—An Italian submarine stationed in the Gulf of Cunitza has fired on the Greek steamer, Georgios, slightly damaging the latter.

Hawaii Finds New Uses For Molasses

Honolulu, Sept. 1.—New uses which have been found for molasses, mainly a waste product of the Hawaiian sugar plantations since the enactment of the prohibition act, are expected to exhaust the supply this year, according to an announcement by the Sugar Factors, which handle most of the Hawaiian crop.

Prior to prohibition, the plantations derived a considerable income from the molasses shipments to the mainland which were used for the manufacture of alcohol. Since then the molasses, which has a sugar content of one-fifth, has been used as fuel or thrown into the ocean. A discovery that molasses may be used as a culture medium in the production of yeast, has created a considerable demand recently. It also has been found that molasses makes a valuable food for stock, as it is said, it has about twice the energy value of any other feed tested. These two developments are expected to utilize most of the molasses produced by the plantations.

The new demand as expected to add approximately \$1,000,000 to the income of the Hawaiian plantations this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fearing and son, Bobby, have returned from Norfolk, where they attended the Tri-State Fair.

BANKS CLOSE MONDAY

The banks of Elizabeth City will be closed all day Monday, September 3, on account of Labor Day, a national holiday. First and Citizens National Bank, Savings Bank & Trust Company, Carolina Banking & Trust Co.