

IMPROVEMENT IN COTTON CONTINUES FORECAST SHOWS

Government Forecasts Cotton Crop at 12,183,000 Bales

Condition August 25 Sixty-Seven Per Cent

Condition of Crop in North Carolina 79 Per Cent of Normal Aug. 25. Report Shows Increase in Prospective Yield of Quarter Million of Bales; Boll Weevil Damage.

Washington, Sept. 1.—Continued improvement in the cotton crop through August, amounting to an increase of more than a quarter of a million bales in the month, was announced today by the Department of Agriculture in its forecast of 12,783,000 bales, based on August 25 condition of 67.5 per cent.

Remarkable growth took place during August officials said, but the crop is from two to three weeks late and a late fall is necessary for favorable termination of the crop. Boll weevil damage will be greater than usual they said.

Production was forecast last month at 12,519,000 bales and the condition of the crop July 14.1 per cent, while the forecast made in July was 11,450,000 bales based on a condition of 70.7 on June 25. Last year's production was 11,239,756 bales and the condition of the crop on Augus 25 a year ago was 61.4. The ten-year average condition on August 25 is 68.2.

Condition By States

The condition of the crop this year on August 25 by States was:

Statement on Conditions

In a statement commenting on cotton conditions the department said:

"The cotton plant has grown wonderfully during August over the entire belt as a result of almost constant rains, but this growth during the past two or three weeks has been largely at the expense of fruit and plants, although large and vigorous, as the crop in the normally dry states of Texas and Oklahoma, where ample rainfall was beneficial, and the northern portion of the has shown absolute or relative improvement for August. Generally speaking, the early set of bolls was satisfactory and while the bolls are now present in proportion to the size of the plant there is a fairly satisfactory set of bolls."

"The cloudy, wet weather and cool nights with large growth has prevented the plant from overcoming its initial lateness and it from two to three weeks late over most of the belt."

Boll Weevil Active

"The moist August conditions have been very favorable for the boll weevil, which is very active in all infested regions from central Texas to central South Carolina. The loss of a large part of the squares not setting and a considerable proportion of the small bolls and many large ones as a result of the weevil damage is reported throughout this area. Boll worms also active to a damaging extent in the same territory. For a favorable termination of the season a late fall is necessary. Early frosts would do great damage. The harm resulting from boll weevils will be in greater proportion than ordinary, because the damp weather tends to rotting of the entire injured boll instead of the jock affected only. Much rotting is reported in the central areas."

"The abandonment of planted fields since the date of the bureau's acreage estimate of June 25 has been slight and probably less than average."

Labor Conditions

"Labor conditions may become serious late when the rains permit picking, especially if dry, hot weather should force quick maturity, but no acute shortage exists at present although labor is generally higher and insists on shorter hours than formerly."

"More fertilizer has been used than last year and still more than two years ago, although the quality is still inferior from lack of sufficient potash and much of the benefit has been lost from leaching or from growing into plant growth rather than fruit."

Draper Buys Interest In E. J. Hudson Business

E. T. Draper, until September 1 an officer of the State Bank and Trust Company, has purchased half interest in the electrical business heretofore conducted by E. J. Hudson. Henceforth the firm will be known as the Hudson-Draper Electrical Company, with its principal offices at 107 East Broad street.

With the addition of Mr. Draper to the firm it will materially enlarge its activities. Besides selling and installing the Deleco electric lighting system in farm homes the concern will do general electrical contracting in town and will carry a complete line of accessories for electric lights and electrical appliances.

Mr. Hudson has been in the electrical business here for several years. His business and his work are well known. Mr. Draper came to Dunn several months ago and has made many friends during his connection with the bank. Both are young men of energy and ability and are expected to build up one of the largest businesses of its kind in Eastern Carolina.

John Hodges Building New Furniture Factory

John W. Hodges will begin the erection of a new furniture factory on the banks of Black River, a short distance west of town on the Duke road, within a few days, according to an announcement made by him yesterday. He will specialize in one design of porch and living room suites of furniture, he said.

Mr. Hodges probably will continue to occupy his present shop near the municipal water tower, but he will discontinue the general repair business he has engaged in for the last several months.

Furniture manufactured in the new plant will be known as the "Cathedral" brand. The name was chosen through sentiment. Several years ago when the promoter left the employ of Newberry Brothers and Cowell, furniture manufacturers his total capital was so small that his venture was taken as a joke by Will Newberry. But he put up a little sawmilling plant near the site of his new factory and prospered. Occasionally he would come over to see his former associates and invite them to visit him.

Whenever John would extend the invitation he would tell the fellows that if he could find nothing else for them to eat, he was right on the banks of the Black and could catch plenty of catfish for them. From that John's plant became known as the Cathedral Lumber company. He was proud of the name and is going to perpetuate it with his new furniture.

Cox Will Visit Dunn If He Comes to State

Governor James Middleton Cox, Democratic nominee for President of the United States, will surely speak at the Dunn Fair Tuesday, October 12, if he can come to North Carolina at that time. This information was communicated to T. L. Riddle, secretary of Chamber of Commerce, yesterday by Elihu Goldstein, who is in New York.

Mr. Goldstein stated that he had just visited Democratic national headquarters and had been assured that every effort would be made to allow the nomination to visit Dunn during the Fair. The date was so far away, however, that it could not be definitely stated that he would come.

Governor Cox will end his speaking tour of the West on October 3 at St. Louis. Then he will begin a swing through the South. That will give him six days to cover six Southern states east of the Mississippi before reaching North Carolina.

Chairman Warren, of the State executive committee, has been assured that Governor Cox will visit North Carolina in October. Altogether it appears that the chances are excellent to have him here.

Southbound Train On Coast Line Is Wrecked

Ten Persons Receive Minor Injuries When Cars Leave The Track

Wilson, Sept. 1.—This afternoon No. 89, southbound passenger train on the Atlantic Coast Line railroad while going at a high rate of speed left the tracks just after crossing Toano swamp on the outside of the corporate limits of Wilson. The cause of the accident was spreading rails said to have been caused by rotten cross-ties. The engine and tender, express and mail cars passed over safely but five passenger coaches and one Pullman left the track and were more or less damaged.

Harvey H. Parker, of Tarboro, lost his head and jumped through an open window. He rolled down a twelve foot embankment and was buried about the head and body. Ten others received minor bruises. All of the day coaches were crowded and the only thing that saved them from perhaps horrible deaths is the number of passengers aboard was the holding together of one.

Cotton in N. C. Makes Excellent Progress

Generally Unsatisfactory Progress Reported From Other States, However

Washington, Sept. 1.—Cotton continued to make unsatisfactory progress during the past week, due to the lack of sufficient rainfall and dry sunshiny weather, according to the national weather and crop bulletin issued today by the Weather Bureau.

Progress was hindered in Oklahoma by insect pests; in Texas by heavy rains, causing short fruiting; in Arkansas by lack of sunshine and continued showery weather; in Mississippi, outside the delta counties, and Louisiana by unfavorable moisture and insect ravages, and in South Carolina, outside the Piedmont district, through rot, shedding and rust.

Reports of some improvement were received from Georgia, but the condition is still poor and the plants are not fruiting well, the bulletin said. The crop made excellent progress in North Carolina, except in the Southwest, which experienced heavy rains. Picking is progressing in Georgia and Southern Alabama, the report said, and has started in South Carolina.

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Chaperon Maids of Honor

Fort Worth, Texas, Aug. 31.—Appointment of Mrs. C. M. Richard, of Lake Charles, La., as chaperon for the maids of honor at the confederate veterans' reunion in Houston in October, was announced today by General K. M. Van Zandt, of this city, commander-in-chief.

"Are we or are we not going to keep faith with the boys who died and who sleep in France?"—Governor Cox at Wheeling.

North Carolina Gets \$2,279,053 Additional Federal Road Money

Last Apportionment Available July 1, Reaching \$100,000,000, Large Certified

Washington, Aug. 31.—During the next two years the federal government is ready to match North Carolina dollar for dollar in the construction of good roads and for that purpose there is available here the sum of \$2,279,053.80. That apportionment will round out the North Carolina quota under the federal good roads act.

The bureau of public roads, department of agriculture, has prepared a final statement of the sum allotted to the various states to be expended before July 1, 1922. Thomas H. McDonald, director of the bureau, said today that all states should exert every effort to utilize the federal appropriation, or to make agreements with the department of agriculture for its use before that date.

Figures at the federal bureau showed today that North Carolina is entitled to an additional allowance of \$569,763.46 under the original good roads act of 1916 and that of the amount authorized in 1919 the state is entitled to receive as a final allowance \$1,709,209.35—making more than two million dollars available during the next two years. These sums must be matched with equal appropriations by the state.

UNITED STATES MAY ASK FOR AID FOR MAYOR

Washington, Sept. 1.—P. Walsh, chairman of the American commission for Irish independence, after a conference today with Secretary Colby, announced that Mr. Colby had promised "to endeavor to do something and do it quickly" in behalf of Terence MacSwiney, lord mayor of Cork, Ireland, now on a hunger strike in Brixton jail, London!

Mr. Walsh said he asked the state department secretary to intervene either officially or personally with President Lloyd George to save MacSwiney, who he said would die within 12 hours. He made a similar request of President Wilson in a letter left at the White House.

Secretary Colby after Mr. Walsh's visit, in response to questions, said he had the plea which had been presented under consideration.

Mr. Walsh said he cited to Secretary Colby as precedents for American intervention in behalf of the Cork mayor the representation made by the United States in 1906 to the Russian government against the Jewish pogroms.

Godwin's Gander Cooks His Goose With Harvey

Gander once saved Rome—but present day folk who are accustomed to meeting the hissing descendants of that immortal flock have little respect for the tribe. Such, however, are not familiar with an ancient gander owned by Judge Robert L. Godwin who has a beautiful home on Field Ground Road that deserves some notice.

Judge Godwin's gander is a prize. He does everything around the place from shooting chickens out of the garden to acting as valet and guardian of the Judge's herd of Jersey cows.

It is as a tender of the lowing king that this bird shines best. Upon no less an authority than that of Harvest Halitch McKay it is stated that the gander rounds up the cows each night and assigns them to their stalls.

Harvest is Judge Godwin's nearest neighbor. He, too, has a gorgeous home on that superb highway that leads to what is to be the scene of the annual gander roundup.

Harvest is a real admirer of the gander until yesterday morning. Yesterday the gander cooked his goose so far as Harvest is concerned. Jane, the lovely little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. McKay, was given a roll from Craig's bakery just before she retired. Kid-like, she nibbled it and placed a large remnant on the window sill beside her bed.

Before sunup, according to Harvest, there sounded a loud knocking beside Jane's window. Daddy Harvest arose to investigate. He arrived at the window just in time to see the roll disappear in the maw of the gander. Little Jane slept on the second floor and Harvest is a truthful man.

Says Harding Throws Chill Into The West

Franklin D. Roosevelt Alleges Republican Candidate Has Injured His Party

Indianapolis, Ind., Aug. 31—Senator Harding's statements how he would conduct the presidency have thrown a chill into the Republican campaign in the west, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Democratic vice-presidential nominee, declared in an address here tonight.

"Visions of the senate cabal, of an insidious power behind the chief magistrate, will not down," he said. "The Penroses and Watsons and Smoots are also active to a damaging extent in the same territory. For a favorable termination of the season a late fall is necessary. Early frosts would do great damage. The harm resulting from boll weevils will be in greater proportion than ordinary, because the damp weather tends to rotting of the entire injured boll instead of the jock affected only. Much rotting is reported in the central areas."

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Zannie Tart Pardon Is Revoked By The Governor

Former Senator J. B. Baggett, associated with Charles Lee Guy in the defense of Zannie Tart, whose conditional pardon from State Prison was yesterday revoked by Governor Bickett, returned to Dunn this morning with a stay of execution of the order. He had been to Raleigh to intercede for Mr. Tart. The Governor granted him an extension of fifteen days in which to permit Sheriff Tullington to investigate the charges preferred by Chief of Police Page against Tart. Senator Baggett brought his client to town with him. The young man was lodged in jail yesterday. He is now at liberty on his own recognizance.

"Today the feeling is very much the same. There will be a repetition of 1916, only on a bigger scale. In every state I visited the trend is visible to a school child."

"Republican mayors of cities, Republican delegates to state conventions are out in the open wearing Cox buttons. They, too, have been thinking and their ranks are growing daily."

"They remember the days of financial panics and the calling of farm mortgages. They are now prosperous, taking it by and large, and they want men and measures to round out that prosperity along national lines, not to repeat the basis for it for political reasons."

THREE HUNDRED MINERS TO GO OFF ON A "VACATION"

Wilkes Barre, Pa., Sept. 1.—Three hundred delegates representing 65 locals of district No. 1, United Mine Workers of America, in convention here today, voted to "take a vacation" until the coal companies acceded to the demands for increased wages and better working conditions, as framed in the minority report of Neal J. Forry, the miners' representative on the anthracite wage commission.

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Cox Sends Moore To Chicago With His Data On Slush Funds

Declares Evidence Is Sufficient To Convict Republicans Before Jury

Columbus, O., Sept. 1.—E. H. Moore, of Youngstown, Ohio, convention manager for Governor Cox, will leave for Chicago tonight as the personal representative of the Democratic presidential nominee to be ready to present to the Senate subcommittee investigating campaign expenditure data in support of the governor's charge that the Republican campaign fund of \$10,000,000.

This announcement was made this evening by Hugh M. Moore and Governor Cox after an all-day conference participated in by the nominees, Mr. Moore and Senator Alice Pommer.

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