

FORECAST STATES THAT COTTON CROP DECLINED

Production Will Be Smallest in 28 Years
 Shows Department of Agriculture

Condition in the cotton crop declined in the month of August to such an extent that now the estimate of the final production is 1,166,000 bales less than the forecast of just one month ago. This is according to a statement issued by the Department of Agriculture at Washington yesterday in its latest forecast, which declared that everything seemed to go wrong with the crop and that it now looks as if the crop will be the smallest in 28 years.

Production this year was forecast yesterday at 7,087,000 bales of 500 pounds gross, based on the condition of the crop on August 25, which was 49.3 per cent of a normal, forecasting a yield of 127.0 pounds per acre.

Conditions by States
 The condition of the crop on August 25 and the forecast of production based on the condition, by states, were:

- Virginia, condition, 63 and production 11,000 bales.
- North Carolina, 62 and 532,000.
- South Carolina, 56 and 544,000.
- Georgia, 41 and 237,000.
- Florida, 59 and 18,000.
- Alabama, 53 and 475,000.
- Mississippi, 57 and 679,000.
- Louisiana, 45 and 244,000.
- Texas, 42 and 1,922,000.
- Arkansas, 63 and 729,000.
- Tennessee, 74 and 335,000.
- Miscouri, 75 and 30,000.
- Oklahoma, 48 and 74,000.
- California, 53 and 75,000.
- Arizona, 55 and 47,000.
- All other states, 85 and blank.

Lower California's production forecast is 34,000 bales, which is included in California figures but excluded from U. S. total.

According to the records of the Department of Agriculture, this was the lowest forecast for the month of August in history.

With reference to this the Department issued the following statement: "The damage has been the greatest in the area from Central Oklahoma to North Central Texas, the fall in condition amounting to from 25 to 50 points. Declines of from ten to twenty points are shown for Southern South Carolina, for Georgia, North Carolina, Alabama, the delta section of Mississippi and throughout the belt west of the Mississippi River except in the northern edge, where some slight improvement occurred."

MISS MARTHA SMITH DIES AT HOME IN SMITHFIELD

On Tuesday morning, August 26th at her home in Smithfield, Miss Martha Temperance Smith died, aged 92 years, May 1, 1921. Born in Johnston county near Smithfield, after a few years she moved to Tuskegee, Alabama, whence she returned to Smithfield in 1865. Her father was James Hinton Smith, her mother, Nancy Bryan, and her sister, Mrs. Annie Marie Pou, who died December 29, 1919. These sisters were inseparable in life and they made the home in which Menra James H. Pou, and Ed W. Pou, the Congressman of the Fourth North Carolina district, and Miss Mattie E. Pou, of Smithfield, were born and reared.

Miss Smith's long life embraced the period of four American wars. She was not unacquainted with the vicissitudes of time. But throughout her days she maintained a serene course, always cheerful, always serving those about her, always doing her full share and bearing in good spirits the burden as they came. It was widely noted that during the world war she not only manifested the greatest interest in the allied cause but busied herself with knitting for the soldiers.

Of a modest and retiring nature the circle of her personal acquaintance was limited. But she kept well abreast of her times throughout the great period of her life, and all who came in contact with her recognized the unusual force of her character and the serene beauty of her daily walk.

Until recent weeks she enjoyed good health and her interest in all that was good was unimpaired by the weight of years. She died in the Christian's faith, a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and as she passed those who knew her realized that earth had lost not only an all too rare example of an older and nobler civilization but also one in whom the Christian faith had flowered with unusual perfection.

12,000 FATALITIES FROM AUTO WRECKS IN TWELVE MONTHS

New York, Aug. 30.—An estimate that \$4,500,000 was paid by life insurance companies in death claims from automobile fatalities during 1920 is published today by the Insurance Press. Statistics are quoted to show that during the year the automobile caused 12,000 fatalities and 1,500,000 non-fatal injuries.

Life insurance distributions for the year by companies operating in the United States and Canada aggregated \$1,092,046,434, including death claims of all sorts, matured endowments, dividends and the like.

Largest among the death claims of all sorts matured endowments, dividends and the like.

Largest among the death claims settled during the year was \$585,000, paid to the heirs of Wallace L. Pierre, Boston grocer.

The heirs of Jake L. Hammond, of Ardmore, Oklahoma, received \$465,000.

Olive Thomas Pickford, motion picture star, who died suddenly in Paris, was insured for \$125,000.

SPENCER PERFORMED BY TRAINLOAD OF LIQUOR

Spencer, Aug. 30.—An unusual scene in Spencer yards today was a whole train load of mighty fine liquor being transported from Kansas City to New York. It consisted of thirteen big tank cars and was the property of Uncle Sam. It is said the liquor had been stored in Kansas City for perhaps fifteen years and is now about the best grade of liquor in America. Special agents accompanied the train on the entire trip keeping a close guard on the precious cargo. It was useless, of course, for guards around Spencer, as some of the railway employees would take any chance on an accidental bursting of explosion of one of the tanks. Engineer Sandy Moore, a well known tumbler, was called to take the valuable train north.

When we finally arrive at "normalcy" the Germans will be there to receive us.—Columbian Record.

J. T. JEROME ELECTED HEAD OF WAYNE SCHOOLS

Goldboro, Aug. 30.—The Board of Education of this county in special session here today to consider a successor to county Superintendent, A. M. Proctor, whose resignation, effective September 15, the Board has received unanimously selected Prof. J. T. Jerome, a teacher of State note, and a Sunday school worker of wide reputation.

THE BUSY LITTLE MINUTES

The Illinois Committee on Public Utility Information figures that in Chicago alone, residents of the city save 28,750,000,000 minutes daily through the use of the telephone.

MRS. MARTHA ANN WATSON FOUND DEAD IN HER BED

Lumberton, Aug. 31.—Mrs. Martha Ann Watson, aged 68 years, was found dead in bed at her home, near Lumberton. Heart trouble is supposed to have been the cause of her death. Francis Watson, of West Lumberton, her son, died of typhoid fever within 24 hours after the death of his mother. Both were buried at Ten Mile Baptist church.

HENRY FORD HAS ABOUT 34 MILLION IN CASH

Lansing, Mich., Sept. 1.—The Ford Motor Company has in the neighborhood of \$34,000,000 in cash in the bank, according to a report tendered the Department of state here. The report it was stated by the Secretary of State, has not been officially accepted because of minor errors, and may be returned to the company for correction. The financial statement in the report will not be made public until it has been officially accepted by the department, it was announced.

A question of Mr. Edison: "In what has that supreme council shown itself supreme?"—Nashville Banner.

LEGAL ADVERTISING

FORECLOSURE UNDER MORTGAGE OF REAL ESTATE

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed executed by the Harnett Hardware and Furniture Company to the Bank of Coats, which mortgage deed is recorded in Book 115 Page 195 records of Harnett county, default having been made in the payment of the debt thereby secured, the undersigned will on Monday the 12th day of September 1921, at 12 o'clock M., at the court house door in Lillington, N. C., sell to the highest bidder for cash, the lot or parcel of land lying and being in the town of Lillington, N. C., and fully described by metes and bounds in said mortgage deed as recorded in Book 115 Page 485 as above set out.

E. F. YOUNG, Receiver of Bank of Coats.

This August 1921.
 August 23 30 Sept 6 13.

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of authority contained in a certain Mortgage Deed executed by J. A. Stewart on the 10th day of March, 1916 to A. L. Barefoot, which Mortgage Deed was duly recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Harnett County in Book No. 112, page 232, default having been made in the payment of the note secured thereby the undersigned Administrator of the estate of A. L. Barefoot will sell for cash to the highest bidder, at public auction

to satisfy the note secured by said art line; thence S. 67 W. 16 chains Mortgage, at the courthouse door in to a stake; thence S. 22 W. 28.54 the Town of Lillington, Harnett County, North Carolina at 11 o'clock, a. m. on the 10th day of September, 1921 the following described real estate, to-wit:

Beginning at a stake Wm. H. Stewart's corner and runs N. 22 W. 28.50 chains to a stake in the Chas. Stewart's corner and runs S. 67 W. 16 chains to a stake; thence S. 22 W. 28.54 chains to a stake in the White line, thence N. 67 E. 45 chains to the beginning, containing 45 1-2 acres, more or less.

This 15th day of August, 1921.
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 By EZZA PARKER, Administrator.
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