

THE CENSUS GIVES, IN A REPORT ISSUED TODAY, COTTON GINNED

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DEPARTMENT COUNTS ROUND AS HALF BALES

These Reports, Always Awaited With Interest by the Trade, Give Figures for Former Years.

New York, Oct. 25.—There was great excitement in the cotton exchange market, prices making new high records, owing to big gains in Liverpool, the bullish crop estimate by a prominent English expert, the scare of shorts, and general buying.

Business continued very active during the middle of the day, with Southern bulls as aggressive buyers, on the report of further damage to the crop from frost over Sunday night.

Washington, Oct. 25.—The census bureau today issued a report showing that 5,525,591 bales, counting round as half bales, had been ginned from the growth of 1909, to October 18th, as compared with 6,296,166 for 1908; 4,420,258 for 1907.

This, in a measure, bears out the prophecy made Saturday, by speculators, of a short crop, and seems to warrant the increased price for the staple, which Saturday went to 14 cents.

Comparative Figures. The reports show the following comparisons of cotton ginned up to October 18, 1909, with that of same period of 1908:

The bureau announced that individual returns of ginned had allowed report of cotton ginned to September 25, so that the corrected number of bales ginned to that date was 2,568,150.

SMITH SAYS HE DID NOT SAY IT

The One Time Manager of Atlanta Ball Team Says He Did not Say Things Attributed to Him.

Little Rock, Ark., Oct. 25.—W. A. Smith, the former Atlanta manager, in a letter to President Kavanaugh, of the Southern League, repudiates the report, published in Cincinnati, crediting him with explaining his dismissal, after winning two pennants for Atlanta.

BODY OF MARYLAND MAN IS FOUND BY A NEGRO. Laurel, Md., Oct. 25.—A gruesome find was made by a negro near here when he came upon the body of Charles A. Fox, Jr., formerly postmaster at Beltsville, Md. Fox disappeared last June, when he wandered from his home while delirious with fever.

SURVEY OF STATE FROM THE CAPITAL

Complete Satisfaction Is Felt by all Those Concerned With the State Fair Held Last Week.

The Gazette-News Bureau, Chamber of Commerce Rooms, Holleman Building, Raleigh, Oct. 25.

There never was as great satisfaction with a fair here as with the one held last week. It was a success in every way, and this success means a great deal for Raleigh and for the state. In all probability, at the first meeting of the executive committee, the question of erecting new buildings and of utilizing all the space within the grounds will be taken up.

This week the thirty-first annual colored fair will be held, and the executive committee has made an address to the negroes of the state urging them to join in the effort to dignify labor and elevate the laborer.

The A. & M. College. During the past few days work has gone forward much more rapidly on the new dormitory at the A. & M. college. The authorities are very anxious to get this done, so as to relieve the over-crowding of the other dormitories.

MRS. SHORT TO BE OPERATED UPON

Woman Shot by Her Husband in Washington Is Slowly Improving— His Body Unclaimed.

Washington, Oct. 25.—Slowly recovering from wounds inflicted yesterday by her husband, whose body still lies unclaimed at a district morgue, Mrs. Evelyn Louise Short will be operated upon today for the removal of two bullets, which lodged in her back.

SWears SANDERS KILLED NEWBERRY

Prosecution's Witness Positive, but Defense Has 22 to Swear Just the Opposite.

Beaufort, N. C., Oct. 25.—The trial of S. J. Sanders, charged with the killing of Mayor Newberry of Newport was resumed today. The defense had 22 witnesses present to prove that Sanders did not do the killing.

THE DEATH OF JUSTICE PECKHAM

Distinguished Jurist Died Last Night at His Summer Home, Coolmore— His Official Career.

Albany, N. Y., Oct. 25.—Rufus W. Peckham, associate justice of the United States Supreme court, died at 8:15 o'clock last night at Coolmore, his summer home at Altamont, Albany county. Death was due to a complication of diseases, heart trouble, Bright's disease and hardening of the arteries contributing.

His Death a Shock. Washington, Oct. 25.—The announcement of the death of Justice Peckham, while expected, came as a shock to his associates on the bench and in political circles and everywhere expressions of regret were heard.

Justice Peckham was a democrat and before taking a seat on the bench gave considerable attention to politics in New York. He was born in Albany, N. Y., November 8, 1838, and had been on the bench, state and federal, for twenty-six years.

Chief Justice Taft said his approval of the bond issue for the waterway improvements did not mean the opening of a pork barrel to send back any particular member of congress, but to secure sufficient money to carry out quickly such projects as may be approved after careful investigation.

The program arranged for the day will occupy every moment of the president's time. Immediately upon the arrival of his special train, which was met enroute by the local reception committee, the president was entertained at breakfast by the Commercial club.

Judge Peckham's bearing was distinguished and his manner affable. His hair and mustache were snow white and his hair longer than hair is usually worn.

LIPTON IS STILL AFTER RACHT CUP

Arrived from Europe Today and Will Issue Another Challenge at Early Date.

New York, Oct. 25.—"I have come over this time redhot for another challenge to the New York Yacht club, and will do my best to arrange matters with the club so that I can have another chance to lift America's cup." So spoke Sir Thomas Lipton, on his arrival from Europe today.

Roanoke, Va., Oct. 25.—Rev. A. L. Harnsberger of Bethany circuit, Baltimore Methodist Episcopal conference, lies at his home at Cloverdale, in a precarious condition as the result of a runaway Saturday evening. The minister's skull was badly fractured and his leg broken.

PRESIDENT TAFT IN ST. LOUIS TODAY

The Program Arranged for the Day Will Occupy Every Moment of the President's Time.

Schedule of the River Trip. Depart from St. Louis at 5 p. m., Monday, on the steamboat Oleander, accompanied by the Governors of 25 states and numerous members of congress.

St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 25.—After a 24-hour run from Dallas, President Taft and party reached St. Louis early this morning and were given a rousing reception. Another 24 hours will find the president again on his way to the Gulf Deep Waterways convention at New Orleans.

No Pork Barrel. President Taft said his approval of the bond issue for the waterway improvements did not mean the opening of a pork barrel to send back any particular member of congress, but to secure sufficient money to carry out quickly such projects as may be approved after careful investigation.

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The Snow Came, the Winds Blew, and Asheville Drew a Big Frost Today.

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Lang Knocks Out Squires. Melbourne, Oct. 25.—"Bill" Lang, the Australian pugilist, knocked out "Bill" Squires of Australia in the twelfth round. They fought for the heavyweight championship of Australia.

THE WEATHER. Forecast until 8 p. m., Tuesday, for Asheville and vicinity: Fair weather tonight and Tuesday, with slowly rising temperature.

EVIDENCE TAKEN IN THE FAIN CASE

Commissioner McCall Has Reserved Decision in the Letter Carrier Case Until November 2nd.

The hearing of the case against N. W. Fain, the Asheville letter carrier, charged with tampering with the mails, in violation of the United States statutes, was begun this morning before United States Commissioner R. S. McCall. All the evidence was taken, but decision was reserved until the commissioner can confer with District Attorney Holton regarding a construction of a statute, a question raised by Frank Carter, attorney for Mr. Fain.

Assistant Postmaster J. L. Wagner told about receiving the letter from Mr. Harnsberger, of keeping it in a record book until between 5 and 6 o'clock Monday morning, when he placed it in Carrier No. 10's mail, that he first noticed Carrier 10's mail taken out of distributing cases; that he saw Mr. Fain at a desk other than his own, that later he looked on Carrier Henry's desk and found the letter broken open.

Mr. Henry Saw Letter. Carrier E. L. Henry testified to first seeing the letter about 8:10 a. m., when he was working up his mail; that the letter was unsealed, but he did not unseal it. The government rested after the introduction of Mr. Henry's testimony, and the defense introduced its only witness, Miss Eva Hipps.

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JURY IS SELECTED IN WATKINS CASE

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT TODAY, IN WATKINS CASE

TEACHERS MET IN HENDERSONVILLE

The Meeting Was Well Attended, and a Number of Interesting Talks Were Made.

The Henderson County Teachers' association held its regular monthly meeting Saturday in the court house hall. The meeting was well attended, there being nearly 70 teachers present.

Professor David H. Klein, principal of the Flat Rock graded school, gave an interesting talk on "Why should physiology, as a science, be taught in our public schools?" Professor Klein in the course of his address gave a brief outline as to the way he thought this study should be taught to the children.

The second number on the program was a paper read by Mrs. John Reed, entitled "Practical Teaching." Mrs. R. M. Ivins, wife of Professor Ivins of the city graded schools, gave a short talk on "Music in Public Schools." G. E. Cork, principal of the Mt. Page school, enlightened his hearers on the subject of "How may the patrons be brought in closer touch with the schools."

MRS. HAYES' ASHES WILL BE REMOVED. Party Will Arrive in Richmond Thursday, and Funeral Will Be Held There Friday.

Colorado Springs, Col., Oct. 25.—Extreme simplicity will mark the departure of the ashes of Mrs. Margaret Howell Jefferson Davis Hayes, the daughter of the Confederacy, for their final resting place at Richmond, Va.

PELLAGRA DISCUSSED IN HEALTH REPORTS

Surgeon General Wyman Gives the Subject Prominence in Reports of His Department at Washington.

Washington, Oct. 25.—The widespread interest in the progress of "pellagra," especially in the south, has led Surgeon General Wyman, of the public health and marine hospital service, to give the subject prominence in the weekly health reports of services.

Court Room Crowded When First Step Was Taken in the Trial of the Black Mountain Constable.

THE CHARGE IS MURDER IN THE SECOND DEGREE

Mr. Collins, Who Was With John Hill Bunting When He Was Killed, in the Court Room.

With no apparent intent or purpose to delay or continue, with a court room filled with interested spectators, witnesses and court officials; promptly and with no more formality than the mere bringing into the jury box the jurors drawn to serve at the special term of Superior court, the trial of F. C. Watkins for the killing of John Hill Bunting of Wilmington at the Gladstone hotel, Black Mountain, on the night of August 6, and the serious wounding of Paul Cameron Collins of Hillsboro, was begun.

Case to Be Hard Fought. Today was the beginning of a trial that bids fair to be hard-fought; interesting if not sensational; and a trial that at the least means much for the man accused and indicted on the charge of taking a human life.

The selection of a jury to try the issue—to pass upon the guilt or innocence of the man at the bar of justice—was concluded shortly before noon, and upon the suggestion of Solicitor Brown a recess was taken by Judge Adams until 2:30 o'clock this afternoon.

During the selection of a jury the prosecution injected into the hearing a new matter—an intimation that men summoned as jurors had, since their summoning, been talked to by friends of the accused. This came out more pointedly during the questioning of D. A. Dillingham and Z. H. Dillingham, that at any other than the trial, Dillingham, when challenged by Judge Jones for the private prosecution, was asked if he had not been talked to about the case; if former Sheriff J. H. Reed had not been to his home and talked to him.

Mr. Dillingham replied that Mr. Reed had talked to him about the sheriff's race, that Mr. Reed had told the summoned jurors that he would be a candidate; had referred to the summoning of Mr. Dillingham as a juror, and asked Mr. Dillingham when he came to town to come and spend the night with him (Reed). Judge Jones said that he would ask the court under the circumstances to excuse the juror.

The court said that it could see no grounds on which to excuse the juror; the juror, as excused by the state, and a peremptory challenge noted.

Again the intimation came from the state that jurors had been talked to, when D. A. Dillingham was questioned. Judge Jones asked the juror—the summoned juror—if he had heard people talk about the case. The juror said that he had heard several; that among them was Capt. Britain of the conflict force; that Capt. Britain was not talking to Dillingham, but in his presence; that Capt. Britain said if Watkins was given a fair trial he would be acquitted. Mr. Dillingham said that at the time he was just "passing along where the convicts were working and stopped."