

THE CENSUS BUREAU TELLS OF THE COTTON GINNED. REPORT IS MADE

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The Proportion of the Last Three Crops Ginned to That Date Giving in the Report.

New York, Dec. 8.—The census bureau's report, showing a decrease in the cotton ginned this year, compared with last, caused increased activity and excitement in the cotton market...

Washington, Dec. 8.—There were 8,878,277 running bales of cotton ginned from the growth of 1909, to December 1, as compared with 11,908,661 for 1908...

These figures count round as half bales, and exclude lint. The proportion of the last three crops ginned to December 1, is 84.1 per cent. for 1909...

Distributing sea-island cotton for 1909 is: Florida, 25,906; Georgia, 42,118; South Carolina, 8,752. The total cotton crop for 1909 was 13,484,005...

JUDGE PLEDGED BY MOB TO HANG ACCUSED MAN

Promised He'd Sentence Negro to Die in 30 Days, and Did So, After Trial.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 8.—Whether the extraordinary circumstances of the trial and sentence to death at Williamstown, Ky., yesterday of a negro, Earl Thompson, will make the proceedings illegal was the subject of discussion in Kentucky today.

A mob which met Thompson at the train when he was brought from Lexington to answer a charge of criminal assault on a white woman exacted a promise from Judge Camack to sentence Thompson to hanging within 30 days...

Thompson was tried and found guilty while the mob overran the court chamber. Thompson entered a plea of not guilty. The judge fixed the hanging for January 7.

IMPORTANT CONFERENCE HELD AT WHITE HOUSE

The Tafts and Others in Confab, Probably Discussing Ohio Situation.

Washington, Dec. 8.—Great political significance is attached to a conference at the White House this afternoon of the President, Charles P. Taft, former Governor Herrick, and Arthur Vorys.

Although nothing is divulged following the conference, it is believed to have been focused on the Ohio situation relating to the selection of a strong candidate for the republican gubernatorial nomination.

The republicans conclude that Governor Harmon will be re-nominated by the democrats and, if successful, will be a leading factor for the presidential nomination in 1912.

Urges Increase of Naval Forces.

Washington, Dec. 8.—An increase in the enlisted strength of navy of 2000 enlisted seamen and 1000 apprentice seamen, making a total force of 47,400, is urged on the house committee on naval affairs by Captain Usher of the bureau of navigation.

HOW SUGAR TRUST MAY BE REACHED

Senator Clay, Who Knows a Great Deal About Sugar, Says Tariff Must Be Revised.

WARNED COUNTRY LAST SUMMER THAT IT WAS BEING ROBBED

He Says, in Course of Interview, That Investigation Would Be a Futile and Useless Thing.

Special to The Gazette-News.

Washington, Dec. 8.—Senator Clay, of Georgia, who in a speech that was a feature of the tariff debate last summer, declared that the sugar trust was defrauding the nation out of millions of dollars, is of the opinion that a congressional investigation of the sugar trusts would be a futile and useless thing.

A congressional investigation would amount to little or nothing," observed Senator Clay tonight. These investigations are usually expensive and fruitless, and do not get at the bottom of frauds.

The Georgia senator, who is regarded as the best informed man in congress on the sugar question, believes that the proper way for subjecting the sugar trust to the mandate of the law is by immediate revision of the sugar schedules of the tariff law.

It is amusing to me to think that in the framing of the tariff schedules no change was made in the Dingley rates that affect sugar. The sugar trust can never be destroyed until the government permits competition from abroad.

Refined Sugar. "The price of refined sugar to the consumer is increased nearly one half on account of the present tariff rates.

"With all this information before the senate no change was made in the sugar schedules. This is the astounding thing to me. How congress could refuse to reduce the duty on refined sugar surpasses my comprehension.

"The sugar trust has been in the hands of a lot of thieves almost from the time of its organization, and it deserves no mercy at the hands of congress. In my judgment it cannot be crushed until the sugar schedules are revised by congress, and a strong, healthy competition given in the sugar industry.

"When congress refused last session to properly revise the tariff on this schedule, an irreparable wrong was inflicted upon the American people. The sugar schedule was in the hands of those who were interested in the best sugar industry, but the schedule was left so as to protect and foster the interests of the trust."

Mississippi Library Association.

Jackson, Miss., Dec. 8.—At a meeting her today plans were perfected for the organization of the Mississippi Library association. The membership of the association will embrace representatives of leading colleges and schools as well as the librarians of cities and towns throughout the state.

Snapshots in Washington: Figures of Prominence



MARCONI TO SHARE IN 'NOBEL' PRIZE

It Is to Be Divided Between Him and Prof. F. K. Draun of Strassburg.

CONTRACT LET FOR BANK BUILDING

W. F. Edwards and O. E. Blythe Will Build the Peoples' National Bank at Hendersonville.

Iron Trades Strike Is Becoming Serious

House Dynamited, Soldiers Fire on Strikers, Non-Union Men Beaten—Strike Has Been on for Five Months, over Large Area—Things Gradually Getting Worse.

MORE MYSTERY IN THE SNEED CASE

Police Believe Mrs. Sneed Was Chloroformed and Then Drowned in Bath Tub.

SITUATION SAID TO BE DESPERATE

Passengers from Nicaragua Tell of Conditions That Obtain in the Republic.

G. H. SHELDON INDICTED FOR STEALING A MILLION

Deposed President of the Phoenix, However, May Not Live to Stand Trial.

DEMANDS OF TRAINMEN FOR NEW WAGE SCALE

Increases Range From 10 to 100 Per Cent.—No Thought of Strike, Says Murdock.

OLD ENEMY OF ZELAYA TAKES FIELD AGAINST HIM

Former President Cardenas, Whom He Ousted, Headed for Managua With 500 Men.

A WILD SCRAMBLE IN SIX DAY RACES

Thousands of Spectators Witnessing Bicycle Races in Madison Square Garden.

LEXINGTON MAN AFTER THE PLACE

T. E. McCreary Is a Candidate for Position for Which Mr. Logan Has Been Endorsed by Mr. Grant.

THE CENSUS SUPERVISORS TO BE CONFIRMED AT ONCE

Senator Cummins of Iowa Dissents from the Program That Is Favored by President Taft.

Special to The Gazette-News. Washington, Dec. 8.—T. E. McCreary of Lexington, who wants the western marshland, is here. He hopes to be presented to the president tomorrow. Nominations for census supervisors in North Carolina, which were sent to the senate yesterday, will be confirmed at once. Senators Overman and Simmons will not interfere with the confirmations, though asked to do so.

James F. Teague has been appointed postmaster at Bryson City. Mr. Webb has introduced a bill for holding a federal court at Morganton. Judge Lloyd will not oppose the measure.

Special Messages.

Within the next ten days President Taft will send two special messages to congress. One will be on the conservation of natural resources and the other on interstate commerce legislation and the Sherman anti-trust law.

The president, it was made known, had considered mentioning his desire for amendments to the interstate commerce act in his annual message, but refrained. It was said, because of the fact that the subject was too big to be dealt with in company with the many others contained in that document.

Mr. Taft will tell congress that power should be given the commission to hear complaints against unjust classification of merchandise for transportation. The question of whether or not railroads should be compelled to dispose of any stocks or bonds which they hold in competing lines probably will receive much attention.

Mr. Cummins Dissents. Senator Cummins of Iowa, who was invited by the president to join in the informal conference at the White House to consider amendments to the interstate commerce act, has expressed his dissent from the program of the president. Senator Cummins is opposed to the president's plan for an interstate commerce court. He believes that the present commission should be strengthened in the matter of powers and will introduce a bill conferring on the commission power to make and publish freight rates which shall be binding on all interstate carriers.

Women of Aurora Protect Themselves Against 'Jack the Slasher.'

Chicago, Dec. 8.—The women of Aurora who have to be on the streets after dark without escorts, are carrying small revolvers tucked in their muffs as a means of protection against a mysterious 'Jack the Slasher' who made vicious attacks on five women recently.

COOK RECORDS WILL BE CLOSELY GUARDED. Copenhagen, Dec. 8.—Dr. Frederik A. Cook's north polar observations reached here today, and were placed in the university vault. The papers will be guarded until the examining committee begins its work.

THE WEATHER: Forecast until 8 p. m., Thursday, for Asheville and vicinity: Fair, colder tonight, with a minimum temperature of about 20 degrees; Thursday, fair, continued cold.

A Judge Resigns. Honolulu, Dec. 8.—George W. Woodruff, a federal judge of the territory of Hawaii, today called his resignation to President Taft.