

COTTON CROP'S BADLY INJURED BY COLD SNOW IN THE FAR SOUTH

Thousands of Acres May Have to Be Replanted in Louisiana and Mississippi, Early Reports Indicate. APRIL SNOW IN ATLANTA FIRST TIME IN HISTORY It Lasted Three Hours—Asheville Getting a Share of the Bad Weather—Fruit Probably Is Hard Hit.

Washington, April 25.—The last of the wave of frost and snow which has been sweeping eastward, leaving destruction of crops and fruit in its wake, has not yet spent itself, according to weather bureau observers. Tonight the indications are that there will be heavy frosts or even freezing temperatures in the Ohio valley, interior of the east gulf and South Atlantic states, and it is not improbable that a light frost will be felt as far south as northern Florida.

NEW ORLEANS, April 25.—Freezing weather in many parts of the south sent cotton up \$1.75 on the opening in the local future market today. The entire crop is reported killed in many places. Reports from many sections of Louisiana and Mississippi indicate that thousands of acres in cotton were severely damaged by last night's cold. Replanting will be necessary in many instances.

The weather is the coldest in memory of the oldest brokers. The market opened with new crop options at an advance of thirty-four points over yesterday's closing. Old crop months were not affected so much, but stood at an advance of fourteen to twenty points.

On the floor were many delegations of the interior of the cotton belt. This element bought heavily; so did shorts. After call the bears tried hard to check the advance, offering great quantities of cotton, but in the first half hour of trading the advance in October was confined to thirty-nine points. The contents of the long side was that planters were short of seed.

The future market continued to seek higher levels as the day advanced. At noon new crop months showed an advance of \$2.50 a bale over the close of Saturday. Texas is said to have suffered severely. Ice is reported in many sections of Mississippi. The Georgia crop, on which hung a large part of the hopes of the bears, is reported severely damaged. All the cotton in many parts of the south, is reported to have been killed, and seed in the ground is reported rotting.

Shamokin, Pa., April 25.—Ten thousand workmen were rendered idle in the coal region by the anthracite coal mines being drowned out by heavy rains. Cotton seed today rose to the highest price on record, long staple seed selling for \$150 a ton. Ordinary seed brought \$50 to \$75 per ton.

April Snowstorm in Atlanta. Atlanta, April 25.—For the first time in Atlanta's history, there was an April snow today, lasting three hours. The fall was as heavy as any during the winter.

VETERANS SHIVER DOWN IN MOBILE

The Weather Strikes the One Discordant Note in the Welcome Extended to Them.

Mobile, Ala., April 25.—With Mobile enfeite for reception of the United Confederate Veterans it remained for the weather to strike the one discordant note in the welcome extended to the "old boys," who marched and fought under the Stars and Bars.

It is cold. The real opening of the reunion does not take place until tonight, when Sons of Veterans have their first session. A special guard of honor of commissioned officers met the Confederate choir of 100 girls, attired in trim, gray uniforms, arriving this morning from Richmond. At their head marched Mrs. J. Griff Edwards, commander-in-chief of the choir.

Reunion week opened in Mobile with chill winds and overcast skies—not the weather that had been promised by the record of the weather man for the past 35 years. Many veterans and visitors have arrived but as far the demands for accommodation have been met easily. Railroad men estimated that 3000 people had arrived by train up to 8 o'clock last night, more than were expected two days in advance of the reunion. They came in by camps, twos and threes, Sunday, but this is but a forerunner and a thin skirmish line of what is to follow in the next few days.

The Little Rock delegation hoisted the colors of Arkansas clear across the front of the Hotel House. Mobile's million dollar hotel, Saturday as a starter to get the general Confederate reunion for Arkansas next year. The tented city at Monroe park is in readiness for the crowd of veterans with three cots in each tent and the information headquarters has the names of hundreds of citizens who will throw open their homes to the old guard if necessary.

FRANK HOFFSTOT FIGHTS AGAINST EXTRADITION

Institutes Habeas Corpus Proceedings—Judge Holt Reserves Decision for a Week.

New York, April 15.—Frank N. Hoffstot, millionaire president of the Pressed Steel Car company, wanted in Pittsburgh on a charge of bribing councilmen, will not be taken to that city on extradition warrant signed by Governor Hughes for the present, if at all.

He made a strenuous and expensive fight Saturday afternoon in the United States federal courts against removal, using habeas corpus proceedings as a weapon. Judge Holt at the end of two hours reserved his decision, giving one week to counsel in which to submit briefs.

The legal battle was remarkable in many respects. First, because Mr. Hoffstot, who is on record through his counsel, as saying he would not resist extradition, retained Adrian H. Jones, Adrian Larkins and John D. Lindsay, admitted to be among the highest priced lawyers in New York, in addition to bringing all the way from Pittsburgh another well known attorney.

The second feature of the case was the presence in court of District Attorney General Garvin of Hudson county, N. J., and many other well known lawyers from various sections of the country. Mr. Garvin was present, he said, because the points of law involved were identical with those on which turned the suit he is prosecuting against the beef barons.

The chief of these points was: "Is it necessary to extradition that a person accused of having participated in a crime, extending over a certain period of time, should have been in the place in which that crime was committed on the specific date alleged in an indictment, or is it sufficient that he was in that place on certain dates during the time the crime was being plotted, whether or not the one mentioned in the indictment was among them?"



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THE INJUNCTION IS RECOMMENDED

J. E. Swain, Referee in the Swannanoa Township Case, Has Filed His Report.

J. E. Swain, referee in the suit of J. L. Wilson and others against the board of county commissioners of Buncombe county—the case known as the Swannanoa township bond issue case—has filed his report based upon evidence taken at the hearing last night. The report is in favor of the order authorizing the bond issue that there were 202 qualified voters; the number of qualified voters who signed the original petition for bond being 112; and 12 of those signed a counter petition against the bonds. The board refused to allow the petition against the bonds, it having previously made an order that all persons who desired to change their signature on the petition should appear in person before the board on August 17. These twelve did not appear, but sent a counter petition, and the referee holds that the board should have allowed the petitioners' request. This leaves a total of 100 for the bond, whereas a majority is 102; therefore he concludes that the petition lacks a majority by two votes.

COLORED BISHOP, GAINES, IS NOT AN EMBEZZLER

The Charges Withdrawn, and Forgiveness Is Asked by and Given the Accuser.

Camden, N. J., April 25.—Immediately after Saturday's session of the New Jersey conference of the African Methodist church opened, Rev. J. H. Morgan of Bordertown arose and announced that he had withdrawn his charge of embezzlement against Bishop Wesley J. Gaines of Atlanta, and added that he was exceedingly sorry for what he had done and asked the bishop to forgive him.

MARCHING ON BLUEFIELDS.

State Department Advises Say an Army of 2000 Men Is Moving Against Revolutionists.

Washington, D. C., April 25.—An army of 2000 men, under one of Madrid's best generals, is advancing on Bluefields, Nicaragua, now in the hands of the insurgents, according to state department advices.

WILL INVESTIGATE "THIRD DEGREE."

Washington, April 25.—The senate judiciary committee voted today to conduct a thorough investigation into what is known as the "third degree" methods of extorting confessions from persons charged with crimes.

ROOSEVELT THE GUEST OF THE CITY OF PARIS

Honors Paid Him by Officers of the Municipality—Attends Meeting of City Fathers.

Paris, April 25.—Theodore Roosevelt was the guest of Paris today, in the magnificent Hotel Deville, which has played so conspicuous a part in French history. The hotel was decorated in American and French flags in honor of Mr. Roosevelt's visit. The former president was accompanied by American Ambassador Jusserand, President Caron of municipal council and other officials.

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FISH ANIMALS, LIKE COWS, IT IS OFFICIALLY EXPLAINED

Washington, April 25.—Fish are "animals," explained Dr. B. W. Everman, of the fisheries bureau, at today's hearing before the House Territories committee. "Surely, same as cows," chimed in delegate Wickersham, of Alaska.

NOTED LAWYER DIES IN PARIS.

Paris, April 25.—Henri Barbois, the noted lawyer, died today.

SCHOENERS IN COLLISION; ONE SUNK.

North Sydney, N. S., April 25.—A collision off Fortune Bay between two Newfoundland schooners, the Edna Carter and Victoria, as the result of which the Edna Carter was sunk, was reported today.

CONSTABULARY AND STRIKERS CLASH.

Latrobe, Pa., April 25.—State constabulary troopers and striking coal miners at the Latrobe and Connelville coal mines clashed today. In the conflict several miners and troopers are reported to have been injured.

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In a moment of consciousness at the Atlanta hospital, Conductor W. H. Bryson identified one of the negroes caught in the police dragnet as probably one of the guilty trio of highwaymen.

The fact that the wounded conductor had partially identified the negro was known to but few, extraordinary precautions having been taken by the county and city police to keep from the thousands of whites who thronged the vicinity of the crime any facts which might tend to further fan the flame of race hatred manifested.

All kinds of rumors, however, gained credence and the officers found it necessary to warn negroes against visiting the neighborhood where the crime occurred. There were even expressions of disapproval from the crowd at the presence of a few negro chauffeurs who piloted automobiles to the scene. Chief of Police Jennings stated that every precaution had been taken against manifestation of a riot spirit, "although we have not the slightest apprehension that there will be trouble," he added.

The funeral of Motorman S. T. Brown, who was shot dead beside his car by one of the negroes, was held today. A coroner's jury viewed the body but no formal report will be made for several days.

An operation was performed on Conductor Bryson and it was announced that there was a slight chance that he would recover. Tracked by Bloodhounds. A score or more of negroes were arrested, but after being subjected to a sweating at police headquarters all but five were released yesterday afternoon. A rumor that on one of the negroes arrested was found a receipt which bore the name of the dead motorman was denied by the police.

They also denied the report that weapons were found on several of the negroes arrested. The bloodhounds followed the trail of the negroes from the point at the end of the car line where the holdup occurred to a tented construction camp where about 60 negroes are employed on grading work. Here several of the arrests were made and all the other members of the construction gang are under surveillance. Whites are not permitted to go near this camp because of the excitable attitude of the crowd which thronged the vicinity of the crime.

Besides robbing the conductor of all the "company" cash which he had, the negroes took from the dead body of the motorman a purse containing his month's wages. Last night the reward was increased to \$1800, the street railway company increased the amount offered by them to \$1000 while Mayor Robert F. Maadox offered \$500 for the city of Atlanta and Governor Brown \$300 for the state. The street car men have started a subscription for the benefit of the families of the deceased, which is meeting with a substantial response from business men and other citizens.