

COTTON TUMBLES; SPOT'S NOW 15.65

Shorts Secure Cover, and the Break Was Almost as Sensational as Yesterday's Rise.

DECLINE OF \$4.50 A BALE FROM YESTERDAY'S TOP NOTCH

Estimated 50,000 to 75,000 Bales Will Be Received in New York Before First of August.

New York, July 19.—The sensational advance in July cotton, culminating at 16.55 yesterday, was followed by an almost equally sensational break during today's trading.

After selling at 16.41 early, July gradually worked off to 15.95 and from that price broke to 15.65, during the entire morning.

hisT represented a loss from closing quotations of yesterday of over \$4 per bale and a decline of \$4.50 a bale from the high point yesterday.

Other Positions Weak. There was heavy selling for realizing profits and in expectation of further reaction, owing to easier ruling of July and improved weather and crop accounts.

August sold at a net loss of 39 points and the new crop broke from 29 to 22 points during the middle of the day, although there was a big demand on the scale down.

It is estimated that between 50,000 and 75,000 bales of cotton will be received here between now and August 1, and that exporting from New York between now and the end of the month will amount to about 41,000 bales.

Ocean freight room for 10,000 bales was engaged into yesterday for shipment to Havre.

Sensationally Weak. The market became sensationally weak right after midday, with July contracts breaking from 15.95 to 15.65, a net loss of 81 points, without a single transaction, while August sold off to 15.10 or a net loss of 32 points, and the new crop to a net decline of 29 1/2 points.

Ladies' Catholic Benevolent Association. Cleveland, July 19.—One thousand delegates, representing 125,000 Catholic women in all parts of the United States, assembled today in St. John's cathedral to attend a high mass which formally opened the National Triennial convention of the Ladies' Catholic Benevolent association.

The President at Eastport, Me. Eastport, Me., July 19.—The Mayflower, with President Taft aboard, steamed into Eastport this afternoon and was greeted by a salute from the town gun. The president came ashore, and there was a great demonstration in his honor.

Got Increased Pay Without Asking. Louisville, Ky., July 19.—Four thousand Louisville shop employees of the Louisville and Nashville railroad were given a surprise today when they opened their pay envelopes. They found an unsolicited increase of 6 per cent.

Fire on Oil Steamer. Copenhagen, July 19.—Fire broke out today on the German tank steamship Standard which arrived with a cargo of petroleum. The oil burned fiercely but was later extinguished.

To Fight in London? London, July 19.—The sporting weekly asserts it has authority to say that Jack Johnson, the negro heavyweight champion, will fight either Tommy Burns or Sam Langford in London in September.

Shooting Ascribed to Racial Feeling. Washington, July 19.—Fort Meyer authorities are aiding the Washington police in an effort to apprehend a soldier who shot William D. Smith, a negro. The shooting is ascribed to racial feeling.

Fire in Illinois State Prison. Joliet, Ill., July 19.—Fire which threatened serious damage to the Illinois state prison destroyed the prison shirt factory last night. The loss is \$25,000.

Proposition Turned Down in Montana. Helena, Mont., July 19.—The state democratic committee, by a vote of 13 to 11, today turned down a proposition looking to the endorsement by the state convention of a democratic candidate for United States senator.

Baby Drowned in Tub. Harrisburg, Pa., July 19.—Hazel Best, 21 months old, drowned today in a tub at her parents' home. The child, playing about the tub, lost her balance and fell in.

Millionaires and Titled Folk at Actors' Church Union Matinee



MISS ANNA STANNARD

London, July 18.—Enough titled folk to stock a fair sized principal attended a special matinee at the Shaftesbury theater recently for the benefit of the Actors' Church union.

There were also a lot of millionaires present, mainly of the American variety. The rest of the audience consisted of just plain people.

A conspicuous feature of the performance was the acting of Miss Anna Stannard, who gave the second act of "Meda" in a most artistic and impressive manner.

Miss Anna Stannard, who in private life is Mrs. John Robbins, is the daughter of a one time mayor of St.

Louis. Miss Stannard has been on the stage many years, and until three years ago made her home in New York.

She had a role in the production by Augustin Daly's company of "The Queen's Necklace," in which Mrs. James Brown Potter and Kyrle Bell starred, and also appeared in the first production of "Lady Windermere's Fan." Of late Miss Stannard has won some prominence in London as a drawing room entertainer, giving Shakespearean readings. Mrs. Stannard's husband, to whom she was married about ten years ago, is the son of a Birmingham surgeon.

STILL NO TIDINGS OF FUGITIVE PAIR

British Officials Think It Impossible for Crippen and the Woman Finally to Escape.

London, July 19.—A rumor has been circulated in the United States that Dr. Hawley Harvey Crippen, the American dentist wanted for murdering his actress wife, Belle Elmore, has been arrested at Canterbury, England. This is groundless.

There is hope that the doctor and his typist, Ethel Clara Le Neve, who fled with him, may be aboard the Red Star liner Kronland, which sailed from Dover the night following the disappearance of the pair. The steamer is due in New York tonight.

This is but one of the many avenues being watched. The ports of France are picketed. British officials believe it is impossible for the fugitive pair finally to elude detection.

FORGE J. M. MOREHEAD TO TAKE RENOMINATION?

Talk To That Effect in Winston-Salem—State Democratic Committee Called to Meet Aug. 1.

Special to The Gazette-News. Winston-Salem, July 19.—Chairman Eiler has called a meeting of the democratic state executive committee to be held in Raleigh at 3 p. m. August 1, to elect a state chairman, secretary, etc.

A highstanding republican says Congressman John M. Morehead will be forced to accept renomination and that a campaign is now on to elect him state chairman.

JOHN A. GROSS Was One of the Oldest Employees of the Associated Press in Washington.

Washington, July 19.—John A. Gross, one of the oldest employees in point of service in the Washington bureau of the Associated Press, died this morning following a stroke of apoplexy. Few Washington newspaper men had so wide an acquaintance among public men, including foreign diplomats. He began as a messenger boy 27 years ago, and his service had been continuous. He was born in Washington and was 47 years old.

Violent Eruption in Alaska. Valdez, Alaska, July 19.—The eruption of Mount Shishaldin continues with unabated violence, according to steamship officials.

Expulsion of Jews Continues. Kiev, Russia, July 19.—The expulsion of Jews from Kiev continues at the rate of 45 daily.

OVER 3000 MILES TRACKAGE ADDED

Tremendous Growth of Railroads During Year—Increase in Freight Tonnage.

Washington, July 19.—A preliminary summary of the twenty-second annual statistical report of the interstate commerce commission has been issued covering the fiscal year which ended June 30, 1909. It shows that there was a total single track railway mileage in the United States of 236,868 miles, an increase over the previous year of 3215 miles. More than 100 miles increase is indicated in each of the states of Arkansas, Mississippi, Texas, Virginia and other southern states. The total number of employees on the payrolls of the steam railroads of the country was 1,502,823, an increase of 66,584 over the previous year.

The par value of railway property was \$17,487,868,935. Of this amount \$13,711,867,733 was outstanding in the hands of the public representing a capitalization of \$56,259 per mile of line. Of the total capital outstanding there existed as stock \$7,688,278,545, on which \$6,215,332,485 was common and \$1,467,995,060 was preferred; the remaining part, \$8,991,590,390, represented funded debt.

Of the total capital stock outstanding \$2,766,104,437, or 35.99 per cent, paid no dividends. The amount of dividends declared during the year (by both operating and lessor companies) was \$221,071,626, being equivalent to 6.53 per cent. on dividend paying stock.

The number of passengers carried during the year ending June 30, 1909, was 891,472,425. The corresponding number for the year ending June 30, 1908, was 899,009,574, an increase of 1,462,851.

The number of tons of freight carried was 1,556,553,741, while the corresponding figures for the previous year was 1,532,981,790, the increase being 23,571,951 tons.

\$1500, CHECKS AND CASH, STOLEN; A SAFE RIFLED

Employee of the Place, Arrested, Gives Promise of Information About Three Accomplices.

Gazette-News Bureau, Chamber of Commerce Rooms, Holleston Building.

Raleigh, July 19. A sensational robbery occurred here sometime Saturday evening, which was not discovered until Sunday. The safe of the National Cash Register company was opened by some person who knew the combination and over \$1500 in checks and money was taken.

The arrest of a former employe, named Rogers, aged about 20, quickly followed, and he gave promise of information regarding accomplices, who are said to be three in number; all white youths.

The police say they believe the four form a gang and have committed many robberies. The prisoner told today where he had hidden a pocket book in a sewer. It was found in it being \$100 in checks, which were not injured by water. Rogers says he got \$40 in money.

THE MUCKRAKERS ARE ALL TRAITORS

So Says Fairbanks of Men Who "Will Wantonly and Maliciously Assail Our Public Servants."

SORDID, MERCENARY MOTIVES WITH SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES

Their Logical Result, He Says, Is to Undermine Confidence in the Government Itself.

Omaha, July 19.—Men who will wantonly and maliciously assail our public servants—no matter what their political faith may be, and who are faithful to public duty—are traitors to the state, no matter how lofty their hypocritical professions may seem to sound." So said former Vice-president Fairbanks, in the course of an address before the Advertising Clubs of America today.

"One of the marked features of recent years has been the indiscriminate use of men in public position. The malodorous muckraker flourishes for a time, but he has come to be an object of contempt, since his recklessness and insincerity have become manifest. Abuse of the liberty of the press, the attempt to malign other men and by falsehood to destroy their character, whether in private or public life, had become to be recognized as the blackest among the entire catalogue of crimes.

Undermines Confidence. "No public official, however high, should be immune from just criticism. But they should not be subjected to much of the abuse that is heaped upon them by the muckrakers and sensationalists, who are actuated only by sordid, mercenary motives or by some other equally ungenerous purpose far short of the public interest. There is perhaps nothing more reprehensible than the loose impachment of the motives of the chief executive; the downright misrepresentation of his acts; distortion of his record by suppression of the truth or by pure falsehood. No possible good can result therefrom on the contrary, in the end confidence in the government itself is undermined. It may be diverting to a certain class to witness such brutality towards the head of the nation, but upon sober reflection they must perceive the hurtful results which flow from it and which, in the final analysis, damage all alike.

"What has been said of the executive applies with like force to the indiscriminate reckless assault upon the congress. Like the president, the law-making body should welcome honest criticism and fair debate, but wholesale abuse, unfounded utterances, and the strike down of patriotism of those who frame and administer the people's laws, beget distrust, want of confidence and doubt as to the beneficence of the government itself.

Should Differentiate With Great Care. "If measures are devised in special interest turn the fight upon them and their authors with unsparring severity. But we should differentiate with great care the good from the evil; uphold those who are devoted to the faithful and honest discharge of public duty, and smite without mercy those who betray their public trust. We should not, however, heap upon all indiscriminate abuse upon them and strike down their hands when we should uphold them, the injury, of course, is not entirely personal to them, but in a large measure falls upon the institutions whose agents they are. It is impossible to discredit and destroy the servants of the state who are worthy without impairing the state itself.

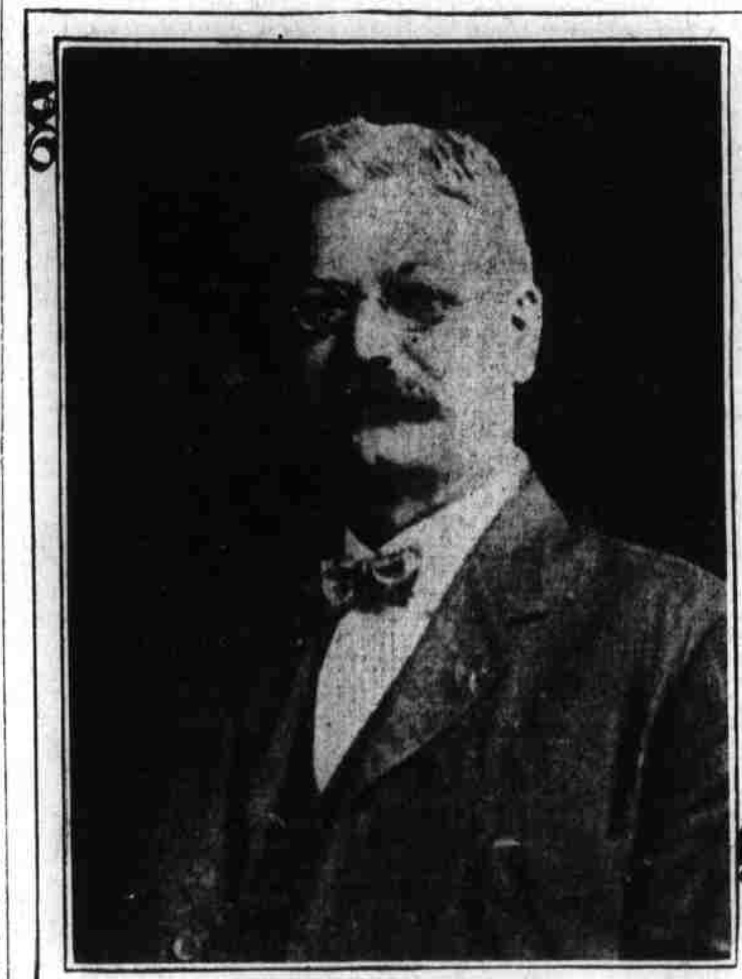
Socialism. "Socialism has been making some headway in recent years. Its progress, no doubt, is due in a considerable degree to a too general impeachment of the good faith and the patriotism of those upon whose shoulders, by our choice, rest for the time being the delicate and difficult responsibility of government.

"We have many questions before us in the world of politics and in the field of business. There are some people who are not free from concern as to their solution; but it seems to me that there need be no fear that, no matter how numerous or complex they are, they will be settled in our common interest. If we shall bring to their consideration sober-minded and patriotic judgment."

Advertising. Speaking of advertising, Mr. Fairbanks said:

"Does advertising pay? has been the theme of numerous and labored utterances and there are, no doubt, remote and obscure concerns of the country where it is still a vital, living question; but, as a rule, it has become academic, and many of the successes we witness in the market place have been achieved by the fullest recognition in practice of the affirmative of the proposition. The best advertiser and the best merchant are synonymous, and the poorest advertiser is usually the one who finds himself in a court of bankruptcy. Of course, all advertisers do not succeed, but I think Continued on page eight.

President of Queens Borough And Ex-Officials Are Indicted



LAWRENCE GRESSER.

New York, July 18.—Lawrence Gresser, president of the borough of Queens, and two men formerly connected with the administration of borough affairs, have been indicted, the indictments being based on charges of financial irregularities following the prolonged investigation following made into borough affairs by Raymond L. Fostick, commissioner of accounts.

There was only one indictment against the borough president, and that charged the false auditing of

books for work on the borough bridges. Against John M. Phillips, once an under sheriff, there were five indictments and one against Cornelius Burke, once superintendent of sewers.

Against a fourth man, who is now out of the jurisdiction of the court, five indictments were found, but the man was not named in the proceedings, and the indictments were not presented to the court. They will be held until the man involved returns to Long Island city, where he lives. He also was a borough official.

Harriman Interests in Certain Properties Purchased—An Electric Road.

ATLANTA-COLUMBIA LINE TO BE BUILT

Augusta, Ga., July 19.—In furtherance of a plan to build an interurban electric line from Atlanta, Ga., to Columbia, S. C. via Augusta, a distance of 59 miles, Edmond & Co., of New York it is announced, have closed a deal for the holdings of the E. H. Harriman estate in the stocks and bonds of the Augusta-Aiken railway and electric company and allied properties. The consideration is \$2,700,000. The transfer of the properties will take place on July 29, following which it is stated preparations for extending the lines from Augusta to Atlanta and from Aiken, S. C., to Columbia will be started without delay.

The properties involved in the purchase of the Harriman interests include the Augusta Railway & Electric company which owns and operates the local street railway lines and the electric lighting plant; the North Augusta hotel company, of the Hampton Terrace hotel across the Savannah river from Augusta; the North Augusta Land company, owning a large tract of land in North Augusta; the Augusta-Aiken railway company, owner of the interurban line from Augusta to Aiken, S. C.

QUARRELED OVER ESTATE AND SHOT STEP-MOTHER

Old Brown, Prominent Oxford Man, Then Turned Gun Upon Himself and Ended His Life.

Oxford, N. C., July 19.—Following heated words relative to the settlement of the estate of J. B. Brown, his father, Old Brown, a prominent young society man of this place, fired a revolver point blank at his step-mother, Mrs. J. B. Brown, and with deliberation and coolness then turned the barrel of the gun towards himself and ended his existence. Friends lifted Mrs. Brown from a pool of her own blood and summoned medical assistance. She has a bullet just above her heart, it having passed through the left arm and lodged near the heart. Physicians stated last night that she had an even chance of recovery.

THE WEATHER. Forecast until 8 p. m. Wednesday for Asheville and vicinity: Partly cloudy weather tonight and Wednesday.

For North Carolina: Generally fair tonight and Wednesday; light northerly winds.

An Explosion Demolishes Zeppelin Co. Gas Works

FRIEDRICHSHAFEN, GERMANY, July 19.—The gas works of the Zeppelin Airship company were demolished by an explosion today. Seven persons were injured.

The cause of the explosion is not ascertained. Shortly before noon the gasometer burst, the surrounding walls being blown a great distance. Several cottages in the vicinity fell in ruins from the shock.

The detonation was heard many miles, causing panic in surrounding districts.

CHOYNSKI SAYS JEFFRIES CAN DEFEAT JOHNSON

The Result at Reno Caused by "Mental Collapse," He Says—Outlines Plans for Another Battle.

Chicago, July 19.—Plans for another battle between James J. Jeffries and Jack Johnson were outlined in a letter by Joe Choynski, who aided Jeffries in preparation for the fight at Reno.

Choynski declared he is firmly convinced that Jeffries can whip Johnson, and says he has advised Jeffries to bet \$50,000, then challenge Johnson, the winner to get the entire gate receipts and side bet.

"Jeffries' defeat is told in two words: 'mental collapse,'" declared Choynski.

NEGRO SHOT CONSTABLE; A POSSE PURSUING HIM

Officer Had One Negro Under Arrest When Another Fired at Him, Inflicting Probably Fatal Wound.

Richmond, July 19.—A Wadesboro, N. C., dispatch says telephone advices from McFarlan report the shooting last night of Constable J. M. Sing, by Claude Thomas, a negro employed on the construction force of the Atlantic Coast Line.

Sing arrested another negro, charged with shooting on the streets. As he started with his prisoner for the jail Thomas emerged from a shanty, with a pistol, and fired five shots.

Three bullets struck Sing, two going through the abdomen, and the other entered the thigh. His injuries are probably fatal. Thomas escaped. A posse with bloodhounds is on the trail.

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Death and Damage Caused by Bush Fires.

Winnipeg, Man., July 19.—Bush fires are again blazing fiercely in the Kootenay district of the Rockies, causing five deaths and enormous property damage. The most serious loss is in the Kaslo district.

GRAND TRUNK RY. MEN CALLED OUT

Strike of Conductors and Trainmen on System Went into Effect Last Night.

COMPANY NOT ABLE TO GRANT DEMANDS OF ITS EMPLOYEES

Railway Offered 18 per Cent. Increase and Later Additional Advances—Offer Rejected.

Montreal, July 19.—There is practically a complete paralysis of the freight movement throughout the greater part of the Grand Trunk railroad today, the result of a strike order on that system, which was instantly obeyed by 3500 conductors and trainmen whose demands for increased wages was not met by President Hayes of the railroad.

Montreal is threatened with a milk famine because of the failure of milk trains, which were cancelled.

Statement by the Officials. Grand Trunk officials claimed that the conductors' and trainmen's strike had not had the effect of tying up its service. The company expects to replace many of the men on strike by recruits from the shops. The strike embraces all the company's line from Portland, Me., to Chicago. Involves nearly 5000 trainmen and conductors. In addition, the company's action closing the various shops throughout Canada and Michigan throws probably 10,000 additional workers out of employment. The strikers state they are less concerned in the stopping of passenger traffic than in tying up freight traffic, important in crop-carrying. They say they have succeeded in doing the latter.

Both sides seem out for a determined struggle. The union officials say they will accept nothing less than the wages and conditions prescribed in standardization rules and the company declares it cannot meet any such conditions. Strong details of police have been stationed about the principal stations to prevent trouble.

Company Unable to Meet Demands. The management of the Grand Trunk last night issued the following statement:

Messrs. Berry and Murdoch, with a committee representing the Grand Trunk trainmen and yardmen, met the officers of the company yesterday and advised that they had received the authority of a large majority of our trainmen to order a strike in the event a settlement was not reached with the company. A general discussion of the situation took place during which we advised that we were not in a position to do more than had been offered in our former proposition, giving the men an increase of approximately 18 per cent., with the further promise that they should be given the same standard rate of pay as the Canadian Pacific as soon as the Grand Trunk, through its relations with the Grand Trunk Pacific and the Grand Pacific is in a position to participate in the higher rates on traffic in the northwest.

"By reason of the completion and the obtaining of through rate connections between the Grand Trunk and the Grand Trunk Pacific, which should be accomplished within two years, it was explained that if there was any question of indefiniteness as to the date when the standardization was to take effect, we would agree that it should not be later than January 1, 1913, or earlier if the board of railway commissioners, upon hearing of the facts in the case, should so determine.

"This was not considered satisfactory and the conference adjourned until the afternoon, when we were handed the schedule of rates of pay and rules which are practically the eastern standard.

"The reply was made that we could do no better than what had already been offered, and we had no further proposition to make.

"Should a strike be ordered we feel confident that it will be found that many of the employees of the company in the train service will disregard such strike order and will continue service with the company. We have a large number of applications from other parties desirous of obtaining employment and shall also recruit largely from our own forces in other departments.

"In the meantime we shall make effective the rule and rate of pay offered the employees. Pending settlement of matters at shops on the system will be closed."

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