

CONDITION OF CORN, AUGUST 1, BELOW THE TEN YEARS AVERAGE

Winter Wheat, 92.6 as Against 90.3 Last Year, Spring Wheat About Same as Last Year, Oats Off.

CORN, 85.4 FIRST OF JULY, AS DETERIORATED TO 79.3

It Was 84.4 August 1, 1909, and the Ten Years Average Is 82.1—Increase of Winter Wheat Yield Is Indicated.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—The average condition of the corn crop on August 1, as estimated by the crop reporting board of the department of agriculture, made public with the general monthly crop report this afternoon was 79.3 as compared with 85.4 last month, 84.4 a year ago and 82.1, the ten years average on August 1.

The condition of corn in 1910 in important corn states follows: Georgia 87; North Carolina 85; South Carolina 86; Virginia 93.

Winter Wheat Indications. Preliminary returns indicate a winter wheat yield of about 15.8 bushels per acre or a total 458,294,000 bushels compared with 446,366,000 bushels as finally estimated last year. The average quality of crop is 92.6 against 90.3 last year.

Spring Wheat and Oats. The average condition of spring wheat August 1 was 61 compared with 61.6 a year ago. The average condition of the oats crop was 81.5 as compared with 85.5 a year ago.

Tobacco. The average condition of tobacco August 1, was 78.5 compared with 83.4 last month, 83.4 a year ago, 85.5 in 1908 and 82.4 ten years average on that date.

COL. ROOSEVELT WILL NOT VISIT ASHEVILLE

Writes Judge Pritchard That He Finds It Impossible to Stop-Off at This Place.

Former President Theodore Roosevelt has written to the board of trade and to Judge J. C. Pritchard to the effect that it will be impossible for him to accept the invitation of the people of Asheville to visit this city this fall.

Office of Theodore Roosevelt. "My Dear Judge: Unfortunately I can't get through North Carolina. I have to speak at Knoxville. I am extremely sorry.

SCOTLAND YARD OFFICER IS EXPECTED THIS WEEK

Will Bring Application for the Extradition of Dr. Crippen and Miss Ethel C. Le Neve.

Quebec, Aug. 8.—Sergeant Mitchell, a Scotland Yard officer, arrives this week from London bearing application for the extradition of Dr. Hawley H. Crippen and Miss Ethel Le Neve, in connection with the Belle Elmore murder mystery.

The papers will be presented to Judge Angus and the further proceedings will be purely formal unless the accused abandon their present intention not to resist extradition.

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CONNECTING LINK OUTLOOK BRIGHTER

Will Almost Shine if Yancey Votes \$100,000 in Black Mountain Railway Co. Bonds.

The outlook for a connecting link between the C. C. & O. railway and Asheville is considerably brighter; it will almost shine if Yancey county votes \$100,000 in bonds to the Black Mountain Railway company.

The trial of Allison came to a close Saturday evening on the stroke of six. The jury had listened attentively to the evidence; the argument of counsel and the able charge of Judge Council took in charge the fate of the man Allison at 5:20 Saturday afternoon and in 40 minutes the 12 sober-faced, determined men again filed into the court and through their foreman, J. E. Sams, pronounced a verdict that barring executive clemency, will send the slayer of McGee to the electric chair.

Allison Calm and Indifferent. Allison received the verdict of the jury in that same calm and indifferent manner that characterized his demeanor during the greater portion of the trial. With up-raised hand he faced the jury that held for him either freedom or the pen or the electric chair and he faced them without a quiver.

Railroad talk, which has always been more or less prolific in this section and so far fruitless, is again holding the public's attention.

MANY KILLED IN FIGHT IN STREETS OF TEHRAN

Government's Troops Lost Some 20, Killed and Wounded, and Nationalists About 30.

Teheran, Aug. 8.—Casualties in the battle in the streets between the government troops and nationalist insurgents were about 20 killed and wounded on the government side.

Three hundred nationalists were captured.

FATHER DROWNED TRYING TO SAVE HIS DAUGHTER'S LIFE

Depoist, N. Y., Aug. 8.—W. R. Michaels, publisher of the Chicago Staats Zeitung, was drowned at Oquaga, a few miles from here, at 4:30 Saturday afternoon and his body recovered three hours later.

THE WEATHER

For Asheville and vicinity: Partly cloudy weather with showers tonight or Tuesday.

HE GOT CONTRACTS FROM THE INDIANS

Choctaw Testifies He Paid a Dollar a Head to Have McMurray Appointments Signed.

MacAlester, Okla., Aug. 8.—Ready to go deeper into Senator Thomas P. Gore's charges that he was offered a \$25,000 or \$50,000 bribe to promote in congress a \$30,000,000 Indian land deal, the special congressional committee, investigating the scandal, shifted the scene of its action to this city this morning.

W. T. Holman, a Choctaw Indian, testified that he was employed by J. M. McMurray to go among the Oklahoma Indians and induce them to sign documents. Holman related that he was paid a "dollar a head" for securing contracts appointing McMurray to act in the tax cases.

VAGRANT HELD FOR AN INVESTIGATION

White Man Who Attempted to Sell Stamps at "Bargain Prices" Held for Examination.

Frank Moore, a young white fellow who hit town one day last week and shortly afterwards attempted to sell or pawn to "Uncle Harry" something over \$9 worth of 2-cent stamps and who was arrested by Patrolman McLean on a charge of vagrancy, was taken before United States Commissioner McCall this morning on a warrant sworn out by United States Deputy Marshal Waldrop.

When Moore went into "Uncle Harry's" place and attempted to sell the stamps for much less than two cents each Patrolman McLean was called and the boy was arrested charged with vagrancy. The boy told the police officers that he found the stamps near the depot; that he had come to town the night before from Campobello, S. C., and had spent the night at the river paying 50 cents for his lodging.

The vagrancy charge against Moore was continued in police court until this morning when he was taken in charge by the federal authorities.

CRAP SHOOTERS MURDERED MAN WHO WON THE MONEY

Murderers Then Held Picknickers at Bay and Escaped—Later Were Captured.

Dresden, Tenn., Aug. 8.—Three young brothers named Alexander, after having slain the son of a neighbor in the course of a picnic near Kenton, Tenn., held the pursuing crowd at bay until they made their escape, but were afterwards captured by deputy sheriffs and placed in jail at Kenton, where they were threatened with lynching by infuriated neighbors last night.

HEAVY FAILURES IN CHINA

Five Banks Reported Broken, Losses \$5,000,000, on Account of Rubber Boom's Collapse.

RICHMOND MAN DROWNED AT OCEAN VIEW TODAY

Norfolk, Aug. 8.—William J. Day, aged 19, of Richmond, Va., was drowned while bathing at Ocean View today. The body has not been recovered. Several girl friends saw Day drown, but were powerless to aid him.

DELAWARE STOOD THE TEST WELL

New "Dreadnaught" Averaged Twenty-One and a Half Knots an Hour Under Forced Draught.

Washington, Aug. 8.—Official reports from the speed trial of the new "Dreadnaught" battleship, Delaware, are that the speed exceeded the contract speed on all tests.

TARIFF LAW AS REVENUE PRODUCER

More Money Collected, Says Treasury Department, Than in Previous Years Except One.

Washington, Aug. 8.—The Payne-Aldrich tariff law has produced in its first year revenue greater by \$75,000,000 than the sum collected in any year in the country's history except the banner year 1907, according to treasury department figures.

HENRY A. JACKSON NOW COLLECTOR

He Succeeds Henry Rucker, the Negro Who Has Held This Position in Georgia.

Washington, Aug. 8.—Henry S. Jackson of Atlanta, Ga., was today appointed collector of internal revenue for Georgia, succeeding Henry A. Rucker, the negro who has held the office for many years.

AMERICAN YACHT WINNER OF INTERNATIONAL CUP

Cochran's Westward Easily Defeats Her Nearest Competitor, Crossing Five Miles Ahead.

Cowes, Isle of Wight, Aug. 8.—The American schooner westward, owned by A. S. Cochran of New York, easily won the race for the international gold cup today.

SIX THOUSAND ADDED TO NUMBER ON STRIKE

Coat Tailors' Union Officials Says There Will Be Total of 40,000 Out Before End of Week.

New York, Aug. 8.—Six thousand coat tailors quit work between Saturday night and this morning, in addition to the 15,000 who went on strike last week.

Joy of Seeing Her Son Kills Her.

Saginaw, Mich., Aug. 8.—Excitement produced by the return home of her son, Charles, who had been absent many years, brought on heart trouble, causing the death of Mrs. Abbey A. Brown, 62 years old.

Americans Received by the Pope.

Rome, Aug. 8.—The pope received in private audience today Rev. Augustin Vandevier, bishop of Richmond, Va., who presented a report on conditions in his diocese. He presented to the pope about 200 American tourists.

Socialists Claim 50 Per Cent. Gain. New York, Aug. 8.—Officials of the socialist party have compiled figures, showing the socialists made gains of 50 per cent. throughout the United States during the last three years.

BULL TIDINGS OUT OF TEXAS

New High Levels Reached in Cotton, August Advancing 26 Points—New Crop Months from 31 to 32 Points.

BULLS' VIGOROUS EFFORTS TO REPLACE THEIR LINES

An Expert Wires from South That Unlucky Relieved Soon Texas Crop Must Fall Close to 3,000,000 Bales.

NEW YORK, Aug. 8.—A comparatively dry Sunday in the Texas cotton belt was the signal for one of the most exciting buying movements the local market has experienced in some time.

DEMOCRATS OF HAYWOOD HOLD PRIMARY ELECTION

Only Three Candidates Nominated—Other Nominations Will Be Referred to County Convention.

Special to The Gazette-News. Waynesville, Aug. 8.—The Haywood county democratic primaries were held in Waynesville, Saturday, and resulted in the nomination of three candidates only, the candidates for the other places failing to receive a majority, which puts it up to the county convention to name the men.

The three who were nominated were Dr. J. H. Mease of Canton for the legislature, who defeated D. L. Boyd of Waynesville by a majority of 250 votes; J. M. Noland for registrar of deeds, having no opposition, and Hugh A. Love for treasurer, who defeated J. E. Sentelle.

There was no nomination of clerk of superior court, there being three names after the nomination, neither receiving enough votes to nominate. These were R. E. Osborne, W. J. Haynes, ex-sheriff, and Jerry Leatherwood.

W. A. Palmer, R. G. A. Love and J. F. Caba were out for the nomination of sheriff, but this also will have to be decided in convention.

The convention will also have to name the candidates for the board of county commissioners. There were six men in this race, the three old commissioners, W. M. Noland, W. H. Henderson and M. D. McCracken, besides A. Howell, Hiram Caldwell, and Arthur Osborne.

All of these are good men and any of them will fill the places with credit to themselves and to the county.

PORTUGAL, LIKE SPAIN, EMBROILED WITH ROME

Lisbon, Aug. 8.—Portugal, like Spain, is almost on the verge of an open rupture with the vatican, because of friction over governmental censure of the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Braga for suppressing a Portuguese Franciscan newspaper without admitting the order to the Portuguese government for approval.

COLUMBUS AUTHORITIES FEAR RIOTING TONIGHT

Columbus, O., Aug. 8.—With the departure of the last troops of the 32nd called here because of the street car strike, and the opening of the saloons, the authorities are apprehensive regarding possible rioting tonight.

Editor of Portland Oregonian Dead.

Baltimore, Aug. 8.—Colonel H. W. Scott, editor of the Portland Oregonian and member of the board of directors of the Associated Press, who died here following a surgical operation, will be buried in Portland, Ore.

BOTH FACTIONS CLAIM VICTORY

Butler Says Morehead Will Have 800 Votes for Chairman, While Duncan Claims Some 200 Votes to the Good.

BUTLER'S EFFORT SATURDAY AT KINSTON WAS FRUITLESS

He Denounced the Office Holders, and County Selected a Solid Duncan Delegation—Results in Other Conventions.

POLITICAL Asheville is taking lively interest in the republican state convention to be held Wednesday at Greensboro. By tonight the clans will be gathering at the Gate City, as the state executive committee is to meet there tomorrow.

Both sides are claiming victory, but the Butler-Morehead forces are making the largest figures on paper. Butler says his men will have 800 of the 1126 delegates, while a statement given out from republican headquarters Saturday night was to the effect that Mr. Duncan's friends would have a couple of hundred votes to the good Wednesday when the show-down comes.

Saturday proved an eventful day. Butler spoke at Kinston, devoting his time almost exclusively to a denunciation of the federal office holders, and while he was so engaged Thomas Sentelle, who has just been favored with a good federal office, was in Wake lining up the delegation for Morehead. Settle was more successful than Butler. There will be a contest from Wake, but when Butler got through speaking at Kinston, the county sent up a solid delegation for Duncan.

Lenoir Solid For Duncan.

Special to The Gazette-News. Kinston, Aug. 8.—The republicans of Lenoir county in convention Saturday selected a solid delegation for E. C. Duncan for state chairman. Marion Butler addressed a fair sized crowd in the court house and spoke for an hour upon the issue of ousting the present republican organization. Following Butler's speech the convention assembled and promptly selected a solid Duncan delegation to the state convention.

Richmond Delegation Uninstructed.

Special to The Gazette-News. Rockingham, Aug. 8.—The republicans of Richmond county met at noon Saturday and selected an uninstructed delegation to the state convention for state chairman.

Split in Durham.

Special to The Gazette-News. Durham, Aug. 8.—Charging that the Morehead leaders had broken faith with them, the Duncan delegates named on the delegation from Durham county declined to go and a solid delegation of Moreheadites was appointed. Postmaster Giles and Alderman Carpenter declared that Duncan men had been promised proportional representation. John C. Angier made a passionate attack on the methods of the Morehead men in declining to allow the strength that Duncan developed on the floor of the convention. He declared that gag-rule and ring-rule and unfairness had characterized the convention.

Duncan Gets Anson.

Special to The Gazette-News. Wadesboro, Aug. 8.—The Anson county republicans held their county convention Saturday and passed a resolution instructing the delegation to the state convention to vote for E. C. Duncan for state chairman. The convention was harmonious throughout.

Lee County Goes to Morehead.

Special to The Gazette-News. Sanford, Aug. 8.—The delegation from Lee county to the state convention is instructed for Morehead for state chairman. The Taft administration and Taft appointments were endorsed.

Majority for Morehead in Harnett.

Special to The Gazette-News. Dunn, Aug. 8.—The republican convention held at Lillington Saturday selected delegates to the state convention, eight of the eleven delegates being instructed for Morehead and three for Duncan.

Warren County For Duncan.

Special to The Gazette-News. Warrenton, Aug. 8.—A harmonious convention of the republicans of Warren county was held Saturday when the delegates to the state convention were selected and instructed to vote for Duncan for state chairman.

The Same in Pitt.

Special to The Gazette-News. Greenville, Aug. 8.—The Pitt county republicans in convention here Saturday selected an uninstructed delegation to the state convention but it is understood that the delegates selected favor Duncan for state chairman.

Duncan Wins in Davidson.

Special to The Gazette-News. Davidson, Aug. 8.—The republicans of Davidson county selected delegates to the state convention here Saturday. Out of the 28 delegates chosen 24 are for Duncan.

Waynesville for Duncan.

Special to The Gazette-News. Elizabeth City, Aug. 8.—Duncan (Continued on page 2)