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### CONDITION OF CORN, AUGUST 1, CONNECTING LINK HE GOT CONTRACTS DELAWARE STOOD BELOW THE TEN YEARS AVERAGE OUTLOOK BRIGHTER FROM THE INDIANS

Winter Wheat, 92.6 as Against ALLISON 10 11 CES 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.

ASHINGTON, Aug. 8 .- The average condition of the corcrop on August 1, as estimat ed by the crop reporting board of the department of agriculture, made publie with the general monthly crop report this afternoon was 79,3 as compared with 85.4 last month, 84.4 a ear ago and \$2.1, 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 89.

Winter Wheat Indications Preliminary returns indicate a winter wheat yield of about 15.8 bushels finally estimated last year. The aver-

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 \$1.5 as compared with 85.5 a year ago. Tobacco.

The average condition of tobacco August 1, was 78.5 compared with 85.3 last month, 83.4 a year ago, 85.6 in 1908 and \$2.6 ten years average on that date. The condition in important tobacco states was, Kentucky 77; North Carolina 74; Virginia 85; Ohio Pennsylvanta 86; Tennesseec 86;
 Wisconsin 60; South Carolina 73; Connecticut 85; Plorida 82. ec 86:

### COL. ROOSEVELT WILL

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

Former President Theodore Roose velt has written to the board of trade and to Judge J. C. Pritchard to the Roosevelt would find time to come to cause, made the best of every point in lined a proposition to the Asheville about the time he goes to their client's favor and stuck to him board of trade bringing the line the Appalachian exposition at Knox-The news that Mr. Roosevelt could not come will be received with regret. Asheville was in 1902, favored with a visit from Mr. Roosevelt who was then president and the city would glady have had him again as a guest. The letter to Judge Pritchard follows: New York, August 6, 1910.

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

"Faithfully yours, "T. ROOSEVELT. "Hon, Jeter C. Pritchard, Ashevill

### SCOTLAND YARD OFFICER IS EXPECTED THIS WEEK

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

Brunswick, Ga., Has \$39,000 Fire.

Brunswick, Ga., Aug. 8.—Nineteen dwelling houses, occupied for the most part by negroes, four stores, owned by white men and one colored church were the prey of a wind-driven fire here early yesterday morning, the syeater part of two blocks below the short way. The total loss is about the short way. The total loss is about the short way and the pistol for McGee; that he blacksmith shop for McGee because of this woman; that he was jealous and that he had murden in the pistol for the pistol fo

# **ELECTRIC CHAIR**

Jury Saturday Evening Found Slayer of Floyd McGee Guilty of Murder In First Degree.

ALLISON HEARS VERDICT IN A CALM AND INDIFFERENT MANNER

Just 40 Minutes Required by Jury to Make Up Its Verdict-Will Be Sentenced This Week.

James B. Allison allowed the demon of murder to possess him once too often and unless the governor of North Carolina interferes or the Supreme court of the state takes adverse action he will sit in the electric chair at The man on trial in Superior court last week charged with the murder of Floyd McGee has heard the verdict of 12 men good and true and that verdict was "murder in the first

The trial of Allison came to a close Saturday evening on the stroke of six. per acre or a total 458,294,000 bushels The jury had listened attentively to compared with 446,366,000 bushels as the evidence; the argument of counsel and the able charge of Judge Counage quality of crop is 92.6 against 90.3 cil 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. B. 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 ury 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 When Foreman Sams pronounced the verdict of murder in the first degree Allison stood unmoved. There was not the twitching of a muscle; his face was expressionless; there was not the quiver of an eyelid. Through an ordeal that would have nade many another man quake in his poots Allison was unaffected.

The trial of Allison ended Saturday afternoon as it was begun Thursday: without demonstration; without appeal to passion and to prejudice. was one of the most dignified murder trials and one of the most fair trials that has been had in Buncombe county for many a year. The state charged meditated murder of Floyd McGee. Prosecuting on behalf of he state were Solicitor Brown, Judge Thomas A. Jones and Robert R. Williams. They effect that it will be impossible for presented to the jury the facts and him to accept the invitation of the the law. Representing Allison were people of Asheville to visit this city W. G. Fortune and Gallatin Roberts. this fall. It was hoped that Mr. who, while fighting in a hopeless Mr. Patterson some months ago out-

like a leech. The jury was retired at 5:29 and court immediately took a recess awaiting the making up of the verdict. It was a few moments before 6 o'clock that the court house bell announced that the jury was ready to report.

Judge Council and the cierk, the lawyers interested and the defendant at the bar, were soon in the court room and likewise a great crowd of specta tors. In fact, when the jurors filed into the jury box the court room was jammed and packed. The formality of rendering a verdict was soon over; the jurors were discharged with the thanks of the court; the prisoner was remanded to the custody of the sheriff and announcement made that sen-

tence would be passed this week.
Allison was taken back to jail where he will remain until he is again brought forth for sentence by the court. Judge Council, under the law, will sentence Allison to be electrocuted at Raleigh, fixing a certain date for the carrying out of the death sen-

The Crime Allison Committed

The crime for which James B. Alli-on was convicted of murder in the first degree Saturday was the killing of Floyd McGee, patrol wagon driver for the city, on the afternoon of July 5. The killing occurred in the sho Quebec. Aug. 5.—Sergeant Mitchell, a Scotland Yard officer, arrives this week from London bearing application for the extradition of Dr. Hawley H. Crippen and Ethel Clare Le Neve, in connection with the Belle Elmore Mithal murder mystery.

The papers will be presented to Judge Augers and the further proceedings will be purely formal unless the faccused abanden their present intention not to resist extradition.

The authorities will permit Inspection Dew to sail with his charges any time after August 15 that the warrant from the Dominion government at Ot. from the Dominion government at Ot-tawn is received.

Will Almost Shine if Yancey Votes Choctaw Testifies He Paid a Dellar a \$100,000 in Black Mountain Railway Co. Bonds.

The outlook for a connecting link Asheville is considerably brighter; it will almost shine if Yancey county Mountain Railway company. At the week at Eurnsville it was ordered that an election be held September 24 to decide whether Yancey county shall exchange \$100,000 in bonds for a like amount of stock in the Black Mountain railroad, which is proposed to be built from a point near Boonford. Mitchell count, on the C., C. & O. railway, through Burnsville to a point near the Cane River postoffice. The conditions call for the beginning near Boonford, crossing the North Toe river, running thence to the valley of South Toe, thence down South Toe river to the mouth of Crabtree creek; thence up Crabtree creek to Burnsville; thence west down the valley of the Pine swamp to Cane river, and thence to Cane River postoffice. The line will be about 15 miles in length and is to be completed within a year from the time the bonds are Further conditions require issued. the issue of \$39,000 in bonds wher the line is completed and in opera tion from Boonville to Micaville, \$20. 000 when the link from Micaville to Burnsville is operating and the re maining \$50,000 when reaches Cane river. The average grade is to be one per cent., in two places a grade of three per cent. is permissible. What most interests Asheville peo-

ple in this line is that when Cane river is reached, there is only about five miles remaining to be built to reach the Buncombe county line. The company has definitely decided to build, if the bonds are issued, from Boonford to Cane river. It has tentative plans for building the line acros into Buncombe, coming to the forks of Ivy, thence down Ivy and across the Leicester section of Buncombe to Even should the road built only as far as Cane river, then much of the Yancey part of the pro-Ratiroad company from Weaverville to connect with the C, C. & O. will have been accom-The extension of the line from Weaverville will, therefore, bea somewhat simpler matter, as Mr. Howland has an understanding the Black Mountain railroad people that he can connect with their

line either at the forks of Ivy or Cane river. Railroad talk, which has always been more or les prolific in this section and so far fruitless, is again holding the public's attention. Transylvania county last week by a majority of 396, voted to subscribe \$100,-000 to the capital stock of the Greenwhich is to build a line from Greenville to Brevard. It is proposed to extend this road through the Pink beds into Haywood county and down the Pigeon river, via Canton to Knoxville. This is the road of which W. H. Patterson of Atlanta is president. through Asheville, but so far no report has been forthcoming from the committee appointed to investigate the matter.

## IN STREETS OF TEHERAN

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 insur-

hundred nationalists were Three. captured

FATHER DROWNED TRYING TO

oudy weather with showers tonigh North Carolina: Showers to

John B. Studley.

w York, Aug. s.-John B. Stu

Head to Have McMurray Appointments Signed.

MacAlester, Okla., Aug. 8 .- Ready between the C., C. & O. railway and to go deeper into Senator Thomas P. Gore's charges that he was offered a \$25,000 or \$50,000 bribe to promote in votes \$100,000 in bonds to the Black congress a \$30,000,000 Indian land deal, the special congressional commeeting of the commissioners last mittee, investigating the scandal. shifted the scene of its action to this city this morning. J. F. McMurray ten per cent, basis for three million dollars attorney's fees, probably will be called soon for his relations with congressman and senators in Washington

W. T. Holman, a Choctaw Indian, testified that he was employed by J. M. McMurray to go among the Okla-homa 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. D. C McCurtain, a Choctaw Indian, and attorney for his tribe, reiterated the charges that McMurray in 1906 in Washington offered him a \$25,000 bribe to withdraw tribal opposition to disapproved contracts. President Roosevelt

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

Frank Moore, a young white felow who hit town one day last week and shortly afterwards attempted to sell or pawn to "Uncle Harry" thing over \$9 worth of 2-cent stamps and who was arrested by Patrolman McLean on a charge of vagrancy, was taben before United States Commissioner McCall this morning on a warrant sworn out by United States Deputy Marshal Waldrop, and given a preliminary hearing. After hearing the statements of Moore, which were decidedly conflicting, the case continued until next Monday. In the meantime the government authorities will endeavor to learn if the stamp in the possession of Moore were stolen It is believed that they were and that Moore's story to the effect that he

found the stamps won't hold water. When Moore went into "Uncle Harry's" place and attempted to sell the stamps for much less than two cents each Patrolman McLean called and the boy was arrested Cochran's Westward Easily Defeats Her and resulted in the nomination 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 across the river paying 50 cents for his lodging. Patrolman Jones went with the boy to the alleged place where the stamps were found but the place was not located. The officer then started with the prisoner across the river to where the boy said he had stayed and when near the bridge Moore told the officer that it was needless to go over there; that he didn't stay "across the river;" that he slept

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 ter having stain 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 gents were about 20 killed and afterwards captured by deputy sherwounded on the government side. The life and placed in jail at Kenton, nationalists lost 30 killed and wound-where they were threatened with lynching by infuriated neighbors last night.

The affair grew out of a crap game. Robert Simmons, Jr., having won all last week, the money, mounted his horse to ride Union of SAVE HIS DAUGHTER'S LIFE away when one of the Alexanders, it ber of strikers will total 45,000 before is said, seized the bridle rein, another the end of the week. The demands stabbed Simmons, and when he fell are for a 53-hours working week and Deposit, N. Y., Aug. 8.—W. R. stabbed Simmons, and when he fell Michaels, publisher of the Chicago to earth the third Alexander rushed Staats Zeltung, was drowned at up and beat him with a club. The Staats Zeitung, was drowned at up and beat him with a club. The Oquaga, a few miles from here, at 4:30 picknickers rushed to the rescue, but

THE WEATHER.

Victoria, B. C., Aug. S.—News from Shanghal states that Three Chinese banks have failed, with losses of five million dellars, because of the collapse of the rubber boom.

RICHMOND MAN DROWNED AT OCEAN VIEW TODAY

## 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. The Delaware averaged 21 1/2 knots an hour for four consecutive hours under forced draught, and 19 knots an hour for 24 consecutive hours at normal.

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 in the country's history except the banner year 1907, according to treasury department figures. The econd year of the operations of the new tariff began today.

## NOW COLLECTOR

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

Washington, Aug. 8.—Henry ackson of Atlanta, Ga., was today ppointed collector of internal reveue for Georgia, succeeding Henry Rucker, the negro who has held the office for many years. Jackson is prominent in the republican or-

## AMERICAN YACHT WINNER

**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 cold cup today.

Her nearest competitor, the Gernania ewned by Krupp von Boulchan und Halbach, was five miles astern when the winner crossed the finish Emperor William's yacht Meteor, the Cicilia, and the Suanna also competed.

### 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 Satur-day night and this morning, in addition to the 15,000 who went on strike

Union officials state that the num a minimum wage scale of \$18 for operators, \$17 for basters and finishers, and \$15 for pressers.

Joy of Sceing Her Son Kills Her.

Saginaw, Mich., Aug. 8 .- Excite ment produced by the return home of her son. Charles, who had been ab-sent 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. Augus-tine Vandevier, bishop of Richmond. Vs., who presented a report on condi-tions 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
scialist party have compiled figures,
sewing the socialists made gains of
a per cent. throughout the United
sates during the last three years.

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 Unless Relieved Soon Texas Crop Must Fall Close to 3,-000,000 Bales.

EW 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. New high levels were made by all positions. August advancing 26 points and new crop positions from 31 to 32 points above the close Saturday,

Private advices from Texas border ed on the sensational and a well known local expert now in the south wired that unless relieved soon the Texas crop must fall close to 3,000,000 bales. , The sold-out bulls made vigorous efforts to replace their lines on the advance and there was heavy unloading by room traders, on the reaction theory, only slight setbacks oc-

High Notch for Spots.

mid-afternoon market was but rather quiet at 28 and 39 points net advance. Southern spot markets were firm and higher, while it was said the owners of local stocks were selling spot cotton here at 15 1/2 cents, bas's, middling; or the highest price of the season thus far.

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

Special to The Gazette-News. Waynesville, Aug. 8.—The Hay-ood county democratic primaries wood county three candidates only, the candidates for the other places failing to receive Special to The Gazette-News. a majority, which puts it up to the county convention to name the men.

defeated J. E. Sentelle. There was no nomination of clerk of Superior court, there being three the Morehead men in declining to almen after the nomination, neither re- low the strength that Duncan develceiving enough votes to nominate. oped on the floor of the convention. These were R. E. Osborne, W. J. He declared that gag-rule and ring-Haynes, ex-sheriff, and Jerry Leather-

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

The convention will also have name the candidates for the board of county commissioners. There were six men in this race, the three commissioners, M. M. Noland, W. H. Henderson and W. 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 Portugese Franciscan newspaper with-out aubmitting the order to the Por-tugese government for approval.

COLUMBUS AUTHORITIES FEAR RIOTING TONIGHT

Columbus, O., Aug. 8.-With the leparture of the last troops of the departure of the last troops of the store tion to the state convention but it is \$200 called here because of the street understood that the delegates selected car strike, and the opening of the favor Duncan for state chairman. saloons, the authorities are apprehenregarding possible rioting to-

Editor of Portland Oregonian Dead.

Baltimore, Aug. 8.—Colonel H. W. Scott, editor of the Portland Oregonian and member of the beard of directors of the Associated Press, who died here following a surgical operation, with her buried to Portland Ore.

**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.

OLITICAL Asheville is taking 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. T. J. Harkins, a member of the committee, and J. J. Britt left this afternoon for the meeting.

Both sides are claiming victory, but the Butler-Morehead forces are making the largest figures on paper. Butler says his man 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 Settle, who has just been favored with a 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.

pecial to The Gazette-News. Kinston, Aug. 8.-The republicans of Lenoir county in convention Satur-day selected a solid delegation for E. C. Duncan for state chairman. Marior Butler addressed a fair sized crowd in the court house and spoke for an hour upon the issue of ousting the present republican organization. lowing 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 repuglicans of Richmond county met at noon Saturday and selected an uninstructed delegation to the state convention for

Split in Durham.

Durham, Aug. 8,—Charging that the Morehead leaders had broken The three who were nominated faith with them, the Duncan delegates were Dr. J. H. Mease of Canton for named on the delegation from Durthe legislature, who defeated D. L. ham county declined to go and a solid Boyd of Waynesville by a majority delegation of Moreheadites was apof 250 votes; J. M. Noland for regis- pointed. Postmaster Giles and Alderter of deeds, having no opposition, man Carpenter declared that Duncan and Hugh A. Love for treasurer, who men had been promised proportional representation. John C. Angier made a passionate attack on the methods of rule and unfairness had characterized

> the convention. Duncan Gets Anson.

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

Lee County Goes to Morehend Special to The Gazette-News. Sanford, Aug. 8.—The delegation from Lee county to the state conven-tion is instructed for Morehead for state chairman. The Taft administra-

tion and Taft appointments were en-Majority for Morehead in Harnett Special to The Gazette-News. Dunn, Aug. 8.—The republican convention held at Lillington Saturday se-

ected delegates to the state convention, eight of the eleven delegates be ing 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 War-ren county was held Baturday when the delegates to the state convention were selected and instructed to vote for Duncan for state chairman.

Duncan Wins in Davids

Special to The Gazette-News. Greenville, Aug. 8.—The Pitt county republicans in convention here Satur-day selected an uninstructed delega-

The Same in Pitt.

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.