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HOT AND DRY WEATHER MATURED CROP EARLY

Never Before Was So Much Cotton Ginned to This Date—1209 Bales in State.

Washington, Sept. 8.—The first cotton ginning report of the season, issued today by Director of the Census Durand, shows 771,415 bales, counting round as half bales, were ginned from the 1911 growth to September 1, compared with 354,011 bales of the 1910 growth ginned to September, 1910.

The number of bales, counting round as half bales, ginned to September 1, in states is as follows: Alabama, 40,500. Arkansas, 170. Florida, 3764. Georgia, 184,075. Louisiana, 7616. Mississippi, 1849. North Carolina, 1209. Oklahoma, 4205. South Carolina, 18,907. Tennessee, 5. Texas, 559,114. Other states, 1.

More Than Any Previous Year. The report shows that ginning of the 1911 growth was carried on more actively throughout the cotton belt to September 1, this year, than in any similar period in the industry's history. The report is a compilation of reports of correspondents in cotton growing states. The amount is greater by 3000 bales than the previous record in 1905.

Effect on the Market. The cotton market opened steady at a decline of three points in October but generally one point higher, and sold nine and twelve points above the closing figures of yesterday during the first few minutes, on bull support and covering. The census ginning report proved larger than expected. There was active demand from the "hog" bull brokers at the opening.

MARTIN AND SWANSON HAVE LARGE MAJORITY

The "Organization" Democrats in Virginia Are Some 29,000 Votes Ahead.

Richmond, Sept. 8.—Further returns received from yesterday's primary (equivalent to election) indicate that last night's estimated majority of 20,000 for Senators Martin and Swanson over their opponents, Congressmen Jones and Glaze, will not be reduced more than 1000 by the complete returns.

FIRE IS DESTROYING ORCHARDS AND GRAIN

Valuable Harp in Northern California Flame-Swept—Hundreds Fighting Fire. San Francisco, Sept. 8.—Forest fires are sweeping across some of the most valuable ranges of northern California. Firebrands and grain fields are being destroyed.

DEMOCRATS GET THE SENATE

With Bailey Out, Senator Simmons Will Become Head of Powerful Finance Committee.

A GREAT ADVANTAGE TO NORTH CAROLINA

Telegraphers of Southern Railway Present Demands for Higher Wage Scale to the Officials.

Gazette-News Bureau, Wyatt Building, Washington, Sept. 8. The news received that Senator Joseph W. Bailey would not again be a candidate for United States senate was not a great surprise to his friends in Washington. The brilliant Texan had become disgusted with not being allowed to lead the democratic side in a way which he thought best, and to some of his most intimate friends Mr. Bailey, before congress adjourned, had said that he would not return to the senate after his present term expired.

By reason of his intellect, brilliant eloquence and remarkable force of character, Senator Bailey has been among the foremost men of both parties in public life for 15 years. He first came to the house in 1891 when 28 years old. At that time, it is related he went to the late David B. Culbertson, father of Senator Culbertson, who was a veteran member of the house. He asked "Dave" Culbertson what was the best way to rise to distinction in public life. "Young man," quoth the elder Culbertson, "study the constitution." The young congressman proceeded to study the venerable document and much of his present day fame rests upon his reputation as a constitution authority.

Real Leader of the Senate. When tariff legislation is pending, the chairman of the finance committee becomes the real leader of the senate. Senator Simmons has already proven himself a leader here, as well as in North Carolina. His plans, which he forced some of the democratic politicians to adopt, are responsible for Claude Kitchin being in congress today, instead of his district being represented by a negro, as was the case for a number of years, until Simmons' nerve, backbone and brain forced the negro out of power in North Carolina.

Members of the Southern Railway telegraphers' grievance committee, headed by General Chairman H. G. Alexander of Charlotte, held their first conference with officials of the railroad yesterday. They presented demands for a higher wage scale, shorter hours and better working conditions. It probably will be several weeks before an agreement will be reached. The committee, which represents the entire system, is backed by 95 per cent of the Southern's telegraphers, and according to those in a position to know, they are not in favor of submitting their troubles to arbitration. This may cause trouble, although the leaders believe they can avoid resorting to extreme measures.

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Washington Will Allow None Issued Threatening Business of the Canal.

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Chesterfield Court House, Va., Sept. 8.—Henry Clay Beattie's chief counsel, Harry M. Smith, Jr., at 9:20 this morning began the defense's closing argument. Smith entered into a masterful argument in the effort to get a verdict of acquittal for the man accused of murdering his wife. He battered away at the story of the purchase of the gun, Henry's alleged confession and the chain of circumstantial evidence forged by the prosecution. Beattie sat nearby his counsel, attired in a light suit and a white cravat. Frequently he assisted Smith in finding pages in the voluminous typewritten record of testimony.

While it is expected the case may go to the jury tonight, Judge Watson thinks it probable the jury will not get the case, if Attorney Smith's argument is lengthy and Prosecutor Wendenburg is forced to conclude tomorrow. Smith dwelt at length upon the question of reasonable doubt. "In taking away a human life," he said, "you are face to face with God Almighty. Unless you are convinced to a moral certainty that this young man committed this dastardly crime you must of necessity bring in a verdict of not guilty."

Tom Owen's Testimony. Smith continued: "I would be glad to rest the case on the testimony of Tom Owen, the dead woman's uncle, the fairest I ever saw on the witness stand. Tom Owen was the first person to whom this boy opened his lips when he brought in his dead wife. Gentlemen, if there were discrepancies in his story they would have appeared then, and I offer to rest your judgment with that testimony alone. "Our mail has been flooded," said Smith, "with newspaper clippings and letters of people from all over the United States, telling of the dangers of circumstantial evidence."

"I don't think you should have mentioned that," interjected Prosecutor Wendenburg. "Well, if it was wrong, I hope his honor will rule it out, for I want to secure your verdict only by fair and rightful means," said Smith. He then closely reviewed the evidence with particular stress on the reluctantly given testimony of Kastelberg as indicating the danger of circumstantial evidence. He characterized Paul Beattie as a "moral wreck."

"We do not believe Paul Beattie was guilty of this crime, but the instructions distinctly point out that it is not necessary for us to locate the criminal agent. Suppose Paul did buy a gun to use on Mayor's bridge. Suppose Nabilt is telling the truth and Paul did have a gun in the cement house Sunday, suppose the gun was stolen by some tramp and the tramp killed Mrs. Beattie, and suppose Paul was afraid to tell the story for fear the crime would be fastened on him. I ask you does that not seem a good reason for shifting of the burden by this weakling, Paul Beattie?"

Prosecution Begins Argument. Mr. Smith reviewed the evidence and concluded the impeachment of Paul's testimony as the keystone of his argument. He spoke four hours, concluding just before the luncheon recess. L. O. Wendenburg for the prosecution began his closing speech this afternoon. The ending of argument is at Shanghai, and two or three United States gunboats are cruising in the Yangtze river. The state department telegraphed the legation at Peking to request Admiral Murdock to dispose of the American gunboats in the manner best calculated to forestall any possible danger to American citizens. The department also sent instructions to Mr. Contus, of the consular service, to proceed at once to Hankow to Chungking. An imperial edict recently put under the ministry of communications of the central government, the construction of all trunk lines throughout the empire and cancelled all concessions for the private construction of trunk lines previous to 1911. This measure affected the line which was being built by Chinese private enterprise in the province of Szechuan, and, according to the state department, has doubtless precipitated the present manifestations in a province always considered more than ordinarily turbulent.

SERIOUS SITUATION HAS ARISEN IN CHINA

In Province of Szechuan Tax Offices Destroyed—Gunboats Asked For.

Washington, Sept. 8.—A crisis has arisen in the turbulent province of Szechuan in China and foreign officers of not only the United States but of other countries have taken precautionary steps for the safety of their citizens in that section. American gunboats will be brought into play to guard American citizens and a formidable international navy array is at hand in Chinese waters. American charge d'affaires Williams, of Peking, yesterday cabled the state department that the situation had become critical in Szechuan where public meetings in various cities, accompanied by the closing of schools and shops and refusal to pay taxes, have culminated in serious disorders. Methodist missionaries at Chungking and Chongtu have informed Mr. Williams that none of them have left their posts except that American and British ladies have left Chongtu for Chungking. Twenty-one districts are said to be so far affected by the present agitation. Tax offices have been destroyed and several officials have resigned, but resistance to the government has in general been passive rather than active. The Chinese foreign office has secured the location that protection will be given all foreigners and their property and has offered escort to all who desire to leave the disturbed districts. The victory of Szechuan is said to be within 75th energy. A British gunboat is now proceeding to Chungking while three other gunboats are en route to Hankow.

POLICE JUBILATIONS ABRUPTLY TERMINATED

Bomb Explodes in Banker's Office in the Heart of the Italian Colony.

New York, Sept. 8.—Just when the police were congratulating themselves upon the recent capture of Giuseppe Costabile, the supposed Black Hand leader, another bomb exploded, today, in the Italian colony's heart, in front of the offices of prominent bankers. The police are up in arms. Forty Workmen Injured in Rome. Rome, Sept. 8.—The theater of the city was the scene of a tragedy today. A bomb exploded in the street near the opera house, killing 40 workmen and wounding many others.

NAVAL OFFICER MAKES A SUCCESSFUL FLIGHT

Lieut. Rodgers Soars Through Air from Annapolis to Washington. Washington, Sept. 8.—Lieutenant John Rodgers, U. S. N., flew over to Washington from Annapolis last night, the flight being one of the longest and most successful yet accomplished by any of the three young aviators, who are stationed at the Aerodrom near the naval academy. Leaving Annapolis shortly before 4 o'clock in a Wright biplane he had flown 45 miles when he landed near the white house a few minutes after five. The trip was accomplished without accident. Starting from Annapolis, the young aviator sighted a rain storm as he neared Oxenton, Md. Flying around that he continued his journey and flew over the army aviation school at College Park, Md., but did not land. He flew on to Benning, B. C., and thence down the eastern branch of the Potomac. Passing over the war college he directed his flight over the city, attaining a height of about 2,000 feet. Flying over the grounds near the white house and the state, war and navy building he tried to sight Captain Chambers of the navy. He flew very low but the dense foliage hid Captain Chambers, who stood on the steps of the building. After executing several spiral glides, circling the Washington monument, volplaning and various other acrobatical figures, Lieutenant Rodgers came to earth without mishap. Having arranged greeting with Captain Chambers, Lieutenant Rodgers flew a few minutes later, made a graceful ascent, and again circling the Washington monument.

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Chicago, Sept. 8.—Reports that 35,000 shopmen employed by the Illinois Central railway may be ordered out on strike because of the refusal of the railroad to recognize the recently-organized federated union were revived here today. It was rumored that written notices instructing the men to walk out were sent to the various local bodies several days ago, to be held in abeyance until released by telegrams from the officers of the federated body. In the meantime labor chiefs have gathered here awaiting for a meeting of the executive committee of the international unions in Chicago, Sunday.

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Resolutions were given in support of the Wisconsin senator, "first, last and all the time," in the contest for the presidential nomination. The resolution after denouncing existing political methods and endorsing the progressive movement concluded: "We declare it to be our conclusion that the ability, patriotism and record of the Hon. Robert M. LaFollette as a law maker and executive makes him the leader of the progressive movement in the United States and the logical nominee of the republican party for president at its next national convention, and we pledge ourselves to work for his nomination and election, first, last and all the time."

After paying exalted tribute to Senator LaFollette as a constructive statesman, Representative Lamroot arraigned President Taft for alleged unfaithfulness to three people. "Since March 4, 1909," he said, "it has been difficult to tell who was the president of the United States, or where he should be placed, or what a progressive republican he chose a reactionary cabinet. Every progressive republican in the senate and house incurred his displeasure and Aldrich and Cannon became his advisers."

Senator LaFollette found an ardent champion, President Taft an avenging insurgent, in Congressman Lenroot of Wisconsin, at the banquet which formally opened the LaFollette campaign in Minnesota for the nomination for president on the republican ticket. Mr. Lenroot condemned the reciprocity agreement with Canada, declaring that history would record the attempted betrayal of 9,000,000 American farmers to the greed of great interests. He also condemned the president for signing the Payne-Aldrich tariff measure while vetoing the recent tariff measure—the products of insurgency.

Walter L. Houser, secretary of the National Progressive Republican league, prophesied that the progressive republicans would control the next national republican convention and that Minnesota would be for LaFollette. Connecticut Minister Agrees to Marry Col. Astor and Miss Force. It is reported a clergyman in Connecticut has been found to perform the ceremony. It was to have been performed earlier, but the difficulty of procuring a minister caused a postponement.

PROPERTY OF BANKRUPT ORDERED SOLD BY COURT

Nantahala Transportation Co's Property to Be Sold Without Encumbrance. Judge James E. Boyd of the District Court of the United States has signed an order directing that the property of the Nantahala Transportation company, which is in bankruptcy, be sold without encumbrance. The order is made on the recommendation of Special Master F. W. Thomas and on petition of the trustee, there being no opposition to the petition. The petition was filed July 25 and the report of the special master was filed August 31.

It is ordered that the property be appraised in whole and in part and it may be sold by the trustee as appears to the best interest of the creditors. After the property is sold the liens can be enforced, which may be secured either by parcels of the property or by the whole. The property of the bankrupt company is located at Nantahala, on the Murphy division of the Southern railway, and part of it consists of a home, several miles in length. The company was one of the first in the western part of the state to try the home method of transportation and the home was built several years ago. For some time after it was completed the company transported a number of passengers to the Nantahala.

SCHOONER GOES AGROUND NEAR CAPE ROMAN LIGHT

Towed Into Charleston Harbor—Not Thought She Is Much Damaged. Charleston, Sept. 8.—The four-masted schooner, Anna D. Heidricher, with paving blocks, from Brunswick, Ga., to New York, was towed into this port today. The schooner went aground near Cape Roman light-house. Word was brought by the light keeper, and the tug Protector and Watson were dispatched to her assistance. It is thought she is not damaged to any extent.

WILLING CLERGYMAN FOUND, IT IS STATED

Connecticut Minister Agrees to Marry Col. Astor and Miss Force. New York, Sept. 8.—John Jacob Astor's friends are authority for the statement that his marriage to Miss Madeline Force will be delayed but a few days. It is reported a clergyman in Connecticut has been found to perform the ceremony. It was to have been performed earlier, but the difficulty of procuring a minister caused a postponement.