

**SPECIAL WASHINGTON SNAPSHOTS OF ARMAMENT CONFEREES**



Here are shown photographs of conferees to the armament conference as they arrived at Memorial Continental Hall in Washington. They are, left to right: Hon. Arthur J. Balfour, head of British delegation; Secretary of State Hughes, U. S.; Premier Briand of France, and the Chinese Minister, Alford Sze and Mrs. Sze.

**FARM NOTES FOR NORTH CAROLINA**

**Wheat**  
Raleigh, Nov. 18.—According to the reports of the county agents in co-operation with the North Carolina Crop Reporting Service the weather during the past week has been generally favorable throughout the greater portion of the state for all fall-sown grains. Light warm rains have brought up much of the wheat sown in the dust earlier in the season, and good progress by that already up is noted. The reported reduction in the wheat acreage, previously mentioned, is verified by later reports, and the present indications are that the acreage this year will be about 90 per cent of last years. The average weight per measured bushel of wheat this year is 56 pounds which is 1.9 pounds less than the ten year average for the United States.

**Corn**  
The average North Carolina yield of corn per acre for this year (Bu. of 56 lbs shelled, which is equivalent to 70 lbs in the ear) is 19.2 bushels, which is 7 bushels less than the ten year average for the State, and gives an estimated production of 56,122,000 bu. This represents approximately 1-2 per cent of the total 1921 estimated production for the United States. Practically the entire crop has been harvested in this State, 87 per cent of which being of merchantable quality, and only 12 per cent having been marketed up to November 1.

**Cotton**  
A special cotton inquiry of November 1, covering over 13,000 farms, shows that the final condition of cotton was 60.6 per cent of normal, giving an average per acre yield—all cotton—of 617 pounds, which is only 67 per cent of last year's yield. Eighty one per cent of the crop has been ginned and 67 per cent of that ginned has been marketed. The average amounts of fertilizers used per acre of cotton was 363 pounds. Unfertilized cotton depreciated considerably more than the fertilized; and though it is to be noted that due to the dry summer the plants were not able to receive the maximum benefits from the fertilizers applied, yet the fertilized fields withstood the unfavorable season 35 per cent better than the unfertilized. The per acre yield of seed cotton where no fertilizers were used was 385 pounds, where only a small amount was used, 553 pounds, and where liberal amounts were applied 868 pounds. This indicates that despite the high price of fertilizers most of the fields received liberal applications.

**Tobacco**  
Marketing of tobacco continues with prices showing a slight increase over those last reported. The average yield per acre for the State this year is 577 pounds, which is 66 pounds less than the ten year average, and gives a total estimated production for North Carolina of 221,626,000 pounds; and this is 21.7 per cent of the total estimated production for the United States. The quality of the North Carolina crop is 69 per cent of normal. This is 9 per cent better than last year, though 10.7 per cent lower than the average quality of the 1921 United States crop.

One of the benefits of the drought this year is the increased impetus

given to the seeding of vetch and oats as cover crops. One county agent reports having ordered over 4 tons of vetch seed for the farmers of his county.

**Potatoes**  
The average yield of Irish potatoes per acre—bu. of 60 lbs.—is 67 bushels, which at the average Nov. 1 price of \$1.15 gives a per acre money return of 79.06. The quality of the crop is 81 per cent of normal, 36 per cent of which was grown for the market the remainder having been grown for home use. The average yield of sweet potatoes is 95 bushels of 55 lbs. each, and this at the average November price of \$1.18 gives a per acre money return of \$109.25. The quality of this year's crop is 95 per cent of normal, 88 per cent of which was grown for market.

**THREE FRONT RANK COUNTIES**  
North Carolina has three front rank counties of the whole United States, Robeson Pitt and Johnston. The agricultural department has made out the figures showing the 50 first counties of the country and this state drew the three cited above.

California leads them all because of the climate which makes the growing of fruit a great industry. New York, Illinois and Texas, much larger than North Carolina, came in the order named. In the 48 states of the union North Carolina stands seventh and the majority of the states are not named at all in the summary of the "fifty leading agricultural counties in the United States."

For the year 1919, the census bureau says, the agricultural crops and livestock produced in Robeson county were worth \$23,389,828. Practically all of this was represented by crops of cotton, tobacco and corn. These crops were valued at \$22,199,152, the remainder was the worth of livestock.

For the same year the crops and livestock of Pitt county amounted in dollars to \$22,486,117 and nearly all of this was in tobacco, cotton and corn. The value of these three crops is given at \$21,052,441—the balance represented by livestock. Johnston county in the same year produced livestock and crops worth \$10,842,510. Practically all of this amount was represented by farm products, cotton, tobacco, corn and sweet potatoes. The small balance was livestock.

The census bureau figures furnish an interesting commentary on the agriculture of America, and are of popular interest to states that contain one or more of the 50 honor counties. From the cotton and tobacco counties of North Carolina to the oranges of California and wheat, hay and dairy products of Minnesota, the census reports published supply a gratifying story of the agricultural resources of the United States.—Charlotte News.

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**FARMERS UNION ENDORSES COOPERATIVE MARKETING**

Series of Resolutions Passed at Annual Session—Stone Again Chosen President.

Raleigh News and Observer, Nov. 18: R. W. H. Stone, of Greensboro, was again chosen president of the State Farmers' Union at the second day of its annual session here yesterday. Dr. J. M. Templeton, of Cary was re-elected vice president of the organization; and W. L. Bagwell, of Raleigh, secretary and treasurer. In a series of resolutions passed during the day the union declared itself in favor of taxation of all bonds by whatever unit of government issued; government ownership of railroads; trade relations with Russia; disarmament by America regardless of action of other nations; compelling Europe to pay its debts; referendum on war; system of taxes based on ability to pay; free school books; repeal of cotton tax; election of Federal judges; high wage scale; no cotton on State farms.

In its platform adopted for the year, demand is made for more warehouses; good roads are to be fostered; and all property tax handled by the counties themselves in building connecting roads. Little use to the farmer is seen in the State road system. Six months schools, administered by county authorities without interference from the State, is demanded. Attention is called to the "failure of the State Insurance Department to enforce the Blue Sky law," which resulted in the robbery of the farmer. The department's carelessness deserves severe condemnation, the platform says. The union "rejoices in the restoration of local self government in the appraisal of land for taxes."

Members of the executive committee were chosen as follows: H. Q. Alexander, Matthews; E. C. Faures, Greensboro; W. B. Gibson, Statesville; J. L. Cherry, Hobgood; Ollie Cruse, Salisbury; J. M. L. Lyerly, Crescent; and J. S. Davis, Greensboro.

**Endorse Co-operation**  
The movement for co-operative marketing of cotton and tobacco through growers own associations, which already has signed up the majority of the North Carolina growers, was endorsed by the union yesterday. State organizations of the Farmers Union in Virginia, Georgia and other Southern States have already endorsed the co-operative marketing of cotton and tobacco under the California or commodity plan and the action of the North Carolina Farmers Union makes it practically unanimous.

This endorsement is expected to make it possible for the co-operative associations to reach a total sign up of about 75 per cent of the tobacco production of North Carolina and to greatly increase the amount of cotton to be handled by the association. The resolution of the State Farmers Union follows:

"Whereas, experience has demonstrated that most successful and satisfactory results have been achieved in the sale of farm products, through commodity marketing associations; and

"Whereas, co-operation has been the fundamental purpose of the Farmers Union in its campaigns in North Carolina for more than a decade; therefore be it

"Resolved, by the North Carolina

Farmers' Union, that we extend our moral support and commend the campaign to organize commodity marketing associations in North Carolina under the pooling contract plan."

**PREDICTS WORLD COTTON SHORTAGE**

Senator Smith Bases Prediction On Figures On Cotton Consumption.

Prediction of a world shortage of cotton next summer was made in the U. S. Senate the other day by Senator Smith, Democrat, South Carolina, in a speech analyzing the statistics on cotton consumption for October, made public by the Census Bureau. Should the rate of consumption for the ensuing months equal or exceed that of October, he said, there would not be a bale of American cotton in existence by next August 1.

In the course of his speech, Mr. Smith digressed to discuss what he said was the failure of congressional action intended to aid the farmers asserting that it seemed the only hope for the agricultural interests lay in the formation of their own co-operative selling agencies and the establishment of their own banks. He added that relief legislation thus far had been converted each time into "breast works behind which the interests opposed to the farmers entrenched themselves to destroy the farmers' profits."

Exports and domestic consumption of cotton for October aggregated 1,366,000 bales, according to the Senator, constitutes a record for monthly disposition of the product.

"At that rate," he continued, "the exports and consumption between last August 1 and next August 1 will be more than sixteen million bales and the best estimate of the visible supply that can be obtained shows only about twelve and a half or thirteen million bales."

A carry-over of about five million bales was estimated by Mr. Smith while this year's crop he believed would not exceed seven million bales. He made his figures liberal, he added, but found no way to bring the two totals anyway together.

Mr. Smith reviewed the many "crises" which he said had forced the cotton prices down and told the Senate that all of the "menacing things foreseen by the trade, including the rail-strike," had been put out of the way, yet the price remained low. He declared, however, that the country never would see cotton

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