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## COTTON CROP 1909

Greatest Production in His-  
tory of South's Great  
Staple.

### YIELD WAS 13,825,457 BALES

Secretary Hester Reports—He De-  
clares All Records Broken—South-  
ern Mills Consumed 2,  
559,873 Bales.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)

New Orleans, Aug. 31.—Statistics showing that more cotton was handled during the commercial year ending tonight than ever before and that all records had been broken in the amount of cotton consumed by Southern mills, was the feature of the annual report of Secretary Hester of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange. The document forms the preliminary report of Secretary Hester's annual review of the commercial year. The count of the commercial crop showed it to be the largest on record, 13,825,457 bales. The previous largest commercial crop was 13,565,385, marketed in 1904-05. Last season's total was only 11,571,966.

The very large total for this year's crop was a surprise to the trade, including both the bulls and the bears, and if the figures had been issued while trading was going on it is probable that they would have had a depressing effect on prices.

The most important feature in the report next to the size of the crop itself, was the statement on the amount of cotton consumed by Southern mills during the season which closed today. Here are the records which were again broken, the total being 2,559,873 bales.

This point was regarded by the bulls as being even of more importance than the size of the crop itself. It was taken as official confirmation of the many stories of the great expansion of cotton manufacturing in the South. The figures compared with 2,193,000 last season, and 2,499,000 two seasons ago. In the point of port receipts another record was broken. Net receipts at all ports for the season were put at 10,062,845 bales, against only 8,579,842 last year and 9,918,555 two years ago.

Liverpool will have the first chance to trade on the report. Tonight the trade is about equally divided in opinion of the effect of the total, bulls claiming the bearishness of the big crop is more than offset by the bullishness of the big consumption, and in spite of the claims of the bears and it is decidedly bearish document.

With the close of the cotton season on August 31, the range of cotton future quotations in the New Orleans market shows a marked gain over the quotations on the same options a year ago. The widespread ravages of the boll weevil, the drought in Texas and other unfavorable conditions have resulted in material gains all down the line and cotton is selling at prices ranging from 4 to 4 1/2 cents a pound higher than at this time last year. The future quotations a year ago ranged from 8 to 9 cents.

### SPENCER SHOPS INCREASE TIME. Men Will Work Nine Hours Instead of Eight.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)  
Greensboro, N. C., Aug. 31.—The employees of the big railway shops at Spencer have been placed on a nine-hour working day basis instead of eight as heretofore. This order affects all the departments. It is said that all other shops belonging to the Southern Railway Company will be on the same basis and this will apply to about 8,000 men.

### OUTLINES.

At Marion, N. C., yesterday one of the walls of a hotel under construction fell, fatally injuring three men and several are missing.—The 1909 cotton crop was the greatest in the history of the staple, according to Secretary Hester of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange, the year's production was 13,825,473 bales, also a record breaker.—A lone bandit yesterday morning boldly held up a Pennsylvania express train, near Lewister, Pa., and at the point of a pistol compelled the men to carry bullion and money from the train and pile along side the railroad. He shot the conductor in the hand and made his escape.—The regulars defeated the National Guard marksmen in both matches at the National Rifle Association at Camp Perry yesterday.—Seven little children perished in a fire yesterday at St. Malachy's home for children at Rockaway Park, L. I.—Royal E. Cabell, commissioner of internal revenue today.—The plant of the Rock Hill Power, Light and Water Company was sold yesterday by decree of Judge Pritchard of the United States Circuit court.—New York markets: Money on call firm 2 1/4 to 2 1/2 per cent., ruling rate 2 1/2, closing bid 2 1/4, offered at 2 1/2; spot cotton 10 points lower, closing quiet at 12.80; flour steady with a quiet local trade; wheat firm, No. 2 red 1.04 1/2 nominal elevator; corn firm, No. 2 old 7 1/2 nominal in elevator and 78 delivered; oats quiet, mixed 40 nominal; turpentine and rosin quiet.

## GREENSBORO TAKES SECOND

Pounded "Rube" Hard in Last Two  
Innings After Great Pitching.  
Raleigh Won Another—No  
Meeting of Directors.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Greensboro, N. C., Aug. 31.—Howard weakened in the eighth and Greensboro batsmen pounded him for one triple, three doubles and a single in the last two innings, netting them five runs and winning the second game of the post season series from Wilmington by a score of 5 to 4. Up to the eighth, however, Howard pitched winning ball, striking out 13 men and yielding up to that time only three scattered hits. In the fifth, after two were out Kite was safe on Hicks' error, took second on a fielder's choice, and scored the first run of the game on Nichols' single.

In the sixth Brodie doubled and scored on Sharp's single. In the eighth the visitors made another run after Nichols had singled, was advanced to second on Guerrant's sacrifice, to third on Smith's long fly to Slisson and home on Brodie's single. The side was retired by Sharp's fly out to Clapp, and in their half of the eighth the locals started the fun and before the side was retired sent two men across home plate on a double by Jackson, triple by Anthony and sacrifice fly by Bentley. Jays scored the fourth for the visitors in the ninth on a single, stolen base, sacrifice hit and fielder's choice, making the score 4 to 2 against Greensboro, but by a spectacular batting rally the locals overcame this lead and won the game. Hicks, first up, was safe on Smith's error, went to second on Grubb's infield out, to third on Ridgeway's two-bagger to rightfield, and both scored on Sisson's two-bagger. Jackson was safe on Nichols' fumble. Sisson stole third and scored the winning run on Anthony's single to left field.

The finish of this game was the most exciting of any game ever played here and the fans simply went wild with delight over the result. These teams play the third game of the post season series here tomorrow, after which the scene shifts to Wilmington to decide the championship. The Greensboro baseball club will run a big excursion to Wilmington Thursday morning and it is expected that an immense crowd from this city and section will go.

Greensboro	AB	R	H	O	A	E
Sisson, cf	5	1	1	4	0	0
Anthony, 3b	5	1	2	1	3	0
Anthony, lf	5	1	2	4	0	0
Bentley, c	3	0	1	4	6	0
Clapp, rf	3	0	0	3	0	0
Doak, 2b	4	0	1	4	1	0
Hicks, ss	4	1	0	2	1	0
Grubbs, lb	3	0	0	5	0	0
Ridgeway, p	4	1	1	0	3	0
Totals	36	5	8	27	9	1

  

Wilmington	AB	R	H	O	A	E
Nichols, 1b	5	1	2	6	0	0
Guerrant, 3b	4	0	1	1	0	0
Smith, ss	4	0	1	1	0	2
Ross, rf	3	0	1	1	1	0
Brodie, cf	3	1	2	1	0	0
Sharp, 2b	4	0	2	1	2	0
Jayes, lf	4	1	2	0	0	0
Kite, c	2	1	0	14	0	0
Howard, p	4	0	0	1	0	0
Totals	33	4	9	25	3	4

\*One out when winning run scored.

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## 20,000 MINERS TO STRIKE

Differences Pittsburgh District Oper-  
ators and Union Officials Will  
Cause Them to Desert The  
Mines Today—Trouble.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)

Pittsburg, Aug. 31.—Unsanctioned either by National President Lewis or the National Executive Board of the United Mine Workers of America, 20,000 union miners will likely go on strike in the Pittsburg district tomorrow.

Leaders decreed the strike today after a conference that has lasted two days between the Pittsburgh district mine operators and union officials over the use of black powder, the new explosive ordered by the State in mining coal.

A proposition made to the conference to have a committee of five miners and five operators investigate the use of other permissible explosives was bitterly opposed by President Fahan and other local leaders. Upon this position came the wide split between the National and District organizations, the miners agreeing by a vote to stand by their district leaders.

President Lewis declared tonight that he would hold another conference with the District in an effort to settle the differences, District President Fahan declared that whether President Lewis holds a conference or not he will order the miners to lay down their tools.

The trouble between the National and District organizations is the outgrowth of a long standing feud between President Lewis and President Fahan dated back to President Lewis' election to his present office.

## DISTRESS IN MEXICO

Flood Victims Fully 2,000 and  
City Borders on a  
Famine.

### CONDITIONS VERY SERIOUS

Three Hundred More Bodies Found by  
Searchers on the Outskirts of  
City—Red Cross Appeal to  
The American People.

(By Cable to The Morning Star.)

Mexico City, Aug. 31.—A dispatch from Monterey which was swept by a flood a few days ago says that three hundred bodies were found this morning grouped about an old well near the iron foundry on the outskirts of the city. Approximately one thousand bodies have been recovered to date and it is believed that the statement that the total death list will amount to 2,000 is well within the figures.

As the reports come in it is seen that the situation at Monterey is more serious than it was at first supposed. The city lacks food and water. The Federal government has sent an additional \$10,000 to be expended for relief.

Motery reports assumption of the street car service in the higher part of the city and the lightning system again is in operation but telegraph communication is still damaged. The public is responding liberally with subscriptions.

The expression of sympathy from the American government are deeply appreciated here.

Washington, Aug. 31.—The American National Red Cross Society has issued an appeal to the American people for contributions for the relief of the Mexican flood sufferers saying in part:

"Contributions received by the Red Cross will be promptly forwarded by telegraph and reports of the disaster and relief measures will be published from time to time as received by the direction of the central committee. Contributions may be sent to the National Red Cross, care of the War Department, Washington."

The central committee has directed that \$2,000 be sent to Consul General Hanna and that sum will be at once telegraphed to him. This sum nearly exhausts the fund always kept on hand by the society for emergency and additional funds are urgently needed for immediate use.

### SEVEN CHILDREN SUFFOCATED

Perished in Fire at St. Malachy's  
Home at Rockaway Park.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)  
New York, Aug. 31.—Seven little children, inmates of St. Malachy's home for children at Rockaway Park, L. I., were suffocated in a fire which destroyed portions of the home last night. This was discovered today by firemen digging in the ruins of the burned building.

There were 750 children in the institution which is conducted by the sisters of St. Joseph, of Brooklyn. Most of them marched out of the buildings in good order last night when the fire alarm was sounded and it was supposed that all had escaped until the little bodies were found in the smoldering embers today.

Nearly all of those burned to death were under five years old. The portion of the dormitory in which they slept was directly over the laundry where the fire originated.

### YOUNG ASHWORTH HELD

Railroad Fireman Who Accidentally  
Killed Companion—Insane Bigamist

(Special Star Telegram.)  
Fayetteville, N. C., Aug. 31.—W. A. Ashworth, the young railway fireman who Sunday night shot and killed young Daniel Jones, the coroner's jury returning a verdict of accidental shooting but who was arrested yesterday evening on his return from his run on the Raleigh and Southport by order of Mayor Bullard and who was placed under \$1,000 bond by the Mayor at that time, was given preliminary trial this evening and bound over to court under the sum of \$500.

Ingram, the bigamist from Cumberland who escaped from the insane department of the penitentiary at Raleigh, was captured in Cross Creek Cemetery in Fayetteville this afternoon by Policeman Henderson and is now in custody.

### ADOPTED ROOSEVELT PLAN.

Canadian Government Appoints Com-  
mission by His Suggestion.

(By Cable to The Morning Star.)  
Ottawa, Ont., Aug. 31.—The Canadian government has followed ex-President Roosevelt's suggestion by appointing a commission for the conservation of natural resources. It is made up of representatives of the Federal and Provincial governments, the universities and men particularly skilled in minerals, timber and other natural resources.

### Labor Day at The Beach.

Canoe races, swimming races, surf board contests, running races, tug of war, music and dancing at Lumina. Don't miss it.

## BOLD HIGHWAYMAN

Lone Robber Holds up Train  
in Pennsyl-  
vania.

### TRAINMEN WERE TERRORIZED

Audacious Bandit Compelled Men to  
Carry Treasure Out and Pile It  
Up by Tracks—Shot Con-  
ductor in Hand.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)

Lewiston, Pa., Aug. 31.—One of the most audacious and startling hold-ups of a railroad train in the East for years, occurred when a lone highwayman stopped a Pennsylvania express with a dynamite cartridge and at the point of a revolver compelled the crew to carry thousands of dollars in coin and bullion from an express car to a spot in the wilderness.

When the conductor attempted to interfere with the robber's plans he was shot in the hand and the bold bandit succeeded in making good his escape. In the darkness, however, he mistook a bag containing 10,000 new Lincoln pennies for gold coin and staggered away with it leaving the real gold bullion to be recovered. When the news of the robbery reached the railroad and express company officials they immediately ordered every available detective from the East and the West to the scene in an effort to capture the audacious bandit. Blood hounds were also put on his track but up to late tonight no trace of the man had been found.

The looted train was made up of an engine, three express cars and two sleeping coaches filled with passengers. At about 1:30 A. M., it was running through Lewiston narrows when suddenly a dynamite cap exploded and the engine driver brought the train to a standstill. Then he was confronted by a masked figure holding a revolver in either hand.

"Are there any mail cars on this train?" demanded the highwayman.

"No," was the reply of the startled engineer.

The engine crew was then forced at the point of the gun to accompany the robber to the first express car. A revolver was pointed at the messenger's head, and threatening to blow up the car with dynamite, the robber forced the messengers of the two express cars and engine crew to carry all the gold and bullion stacked in the first car to the side of the track.

Conductor J. R. Poffenberger, of Harrisburg, Pa., who came up while this work was being accomplished, was ordered back by the bandit who emptied one of his revolvers at him, one of the shots penetrating his hand and the others grazing his body.

Despite the appearance of three passengers who had been awakened by the shooting, robber calmly ordered the crew back on the train and compelled them to steam away, leaving the bullion beside the track. It was recovered later by a posse sent on a special train. When the train was leaving, he called out, "Good bye and good luck; I hope to see you again."

It was reported that in addition to the missing pennies several thousand dollars were missing but the express officials refuse to announce the exact amount.

Agent Hamaker, of Lewiston, sent a safe to the scene of the robbery to receive six bags of pennies on which the seals had not been broken, but which had been cut open with a sharp knife to ascertain the contents and abandoned by the robber in disgust. Crew Terrorized.

Harrisburg, Pa., Aug. 31.—Express Messenger Harper, of the train which was held up near Lewiston, says there were five large iron safes in his car, each containing a considerable sum of money, but he did not know how much as they had been locked at Washington and could only be opened by sub-treasury officials at St. Louis. He had two rifles at the end of his car but could not get at them after he had opened the door and had been covered by the robber's revolver.

Conductor Poffenberger has arrived at his hotel in this city. He said: "I ran ahead when the train stopped to ascertain what was the matter, when I saw the engineer and fireman coming toward me. Then I heard a man's voice behind them saying, 'Stop; hold up your hands or I'll kill you,' and when I proceeded forward was shot in the hand. Three other bullets cut holes in my coat and others whizzed past my head. I was under the impression that the train was surrounded by desperadoes and I ran back to the rear of the train."

With practically every detective and officer employed by the railroad assisted by special detectives employed by the Adams Express Company, engaged in a search for the lone bandit, the prediction was made tonight by Pennsylvania railroad officers that his apprehension is but a few hours off.

The highwayman, it is said, took \$5,000 in bullion, and \$200 in pennies from the car and all of this has been found along the railway but \$65.

## NATIONALS DEFEATED TWICE

Lose Both Matches to the Regulars  
at Camp Perry Shoot—Regu-  
lars Also Won the Ma-  
rine Corps Trophy.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)

Camp Perry, O., Aug. 31.—The National guard marksmen got the worst of it again today at the National Rifle Association's tournament. Both of the matches concluded today went to the regulars.

The handsome \$1,500 cup which officers of the United States marine corps gave to the National Rifle Association for annual competition to be held one year by the riflemen making the highest score in 20 shots at 600 and 1,000 yards was won by one of the most experienced shots in the marine corps team, Capt. D. C. McDougall, who has shot on the team for four years. Capt. McDougall scored 187. Of the ten leaders only one was not a regular. They finished as follows: Capt. Douglas McDougall, U. S. Marine Corps, 187; Corporal John S. Peterson, U. S. M. C., 186; Capt. C. A. Romeyn, 2nd U. S. Cavalry, 185; Milton J. Crouse, U. S. M. C., 185; Midshipman Clarence E. Haines, U. S. N., 185; Midshipman Andrew D. Denney, U. S. N., 184; Capt. H. B. Myers, 6th U. S. Cavalry, 184; Sergeant Peter S. Lund, U. S. M. C., 183; Lieut. Harry C. Caldwell District of Columbia, 182; Sergt. Thomas F. Joyce, U. S. M. C., 182.

The service skirmishes in the infantry knocked out the crack shots of the District of Columbia in the Evans skirmish match.

The distance which had yesterday downed the marine corps by six targets was whipped by the infantry who yesterday lambasted the navy and who this morning shot up the cavalry, who had yesterday in turn destroyed the Ohioans. The infantry defeated the cavalry by six targets and when they had "killed" all the district team they had two of their targets untouched.

The final event of the National Association's tournament—the President match—opened the afternoon. The first stage was shot—the skirmish run—the 200 yard slow fire and the 600 yard firing.

A high wind blew the marks off the targets.

### BANDITS ATTACK PREACHER.

Robbed Him and Brutally Placed His  
Body in a Sack—Victim.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)  
Bristol, Tenn., Aug. 31.—Rev. A. F. Malone, a Free Will Baptist minister, was attacked and robbed last night by bandits while crossing the Holston mountains en route to his home. He was probably fatally injured.

Rev. Malone, who had just closed a revival in Johnson county, was attacked by the bandits at a lonely spot along the winding mountain road. He was severely beaten and his body tightly bound and placed in a sack. His skull was fractured and several ribs broken. His pocket-book, containing \$8.75 was taken.

By mere accident, Rev. Malone succeeded this morning in attracting a passer-by. Physicians announce that he will not recover.

President Taft took his Secretary of State, Mr. Knox, one on the links of the Myopia Club yesterday and gave him a sound drubbing at golf. No time has as yet been fixed for the visit to the President of the Secretary of the Interior, Mr. Ballinger, who is now on his way from Seattle.

## CRUSADE AGAINST PELLAGRA

Durham Physicians Have Determined  
to Locate Cause of the Fatal Di-  
sease—Corn Bread Theory  
Has Been Abandoned.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)

Durham, N. C., Aug. 31.—Alarmed by the number of cases of pellagra which have developed in this vicinity local physicians today began experiments to locate the origin of the disease. Six deaths from pellagra have occurred in this section.

An examination of the blood of a powerful negro, who has the disease in a most aggravated form, revealed a distinct organism and specimens were sent to Richmond and to Johns Hopkins University for more careful analysis.

If a germ is found, as physicians here are inclined to believe, some animal will be inoculated and a campaign against pellagra upon the germ theory will be waged. The theory that the disease has its origin in corn practically has been abandoned by local medical men, but a fierce war against the importation of Western corn is being conducted.

Dr. McCampbell, of the State hospital, has written a paper on 12 cases of pellagra insanity and death. Three-fourths of the cases were among women which is unusual, it is said, as the disease occurs more frequently among men. None of the cases which have developed in this section have been traceable to corn bread. One victim was a boarding house keeper, but none of the boarders contracted the disease.

Wilmington vs. Greensboro, State championship, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, this week. Admission 25 cents. aug 29-31

## SUITS FOR DAMAGE

Three Instituted in Moore  
County Against Seaboard  
Air Line.

### DOINGS OF A DAY IN RALEIGH

Sixty-Two Applicants For Law License  
Requisitions are Issued—Farm-  
ers' Institute Work—Mer-  
chant and Salesmen Fight.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Aug. 31.—Three damage suits aggregating \$110,000 have been instituted against the Seaboard Air Line Railroad Co., in the Moore county court, through Douglas & Lyon, of Raleigh. One is for \$30,000 in the case of Thomas J. Core who lost a leg while serving as brakeman; another, also for \$30,000, is for W. T. Cox, of Portsmouth, passenger conductor who sustained a broken leg in the Colon collision, and the third is for Ernest Duval, baggage master, of Portsmouth, whose back was broken in the Colon collision and his body is paralyzed from the hips down, \$50,000 damages being asked.

It is expected that it will require four or five days this week for the Superior Court judges to complete the work of grading the examination papers of the 62 law students who took the examination during the opening day of the Fall term of the court yesterday. Five of the applicants were negroes and of the whole company, 22 came from Wake Forest College law school and 19 from the University of North Carolina law school. The court this morning called the appeals from the first district in the following order: State vs. Hooper; Barnett vs. Mydyett; Phelps vs. Davenport; Bowen vs. Hornthall; Forehand vs. Railroad. There are enough cases on the First district calendar to keep the court hearing appeals until Thursday.

A requisition for J. T. Murphy from the Governor of Virginia is honored by Governor Kitchin, Murphy being wanted in Petersburg for stealing a horse. He is now in jail at Fayetteville. A requisition has also come from the Governor of South Carolina for Clarence McBrayer who is wanted in that State for violation of the State liquor law. He has been arrested in Cleveland county.

T. B. Parker, who is in charge of the Farmers' institute and farm extension work of the State Department of Agriculture, says the attendance on the series of institutes just closed was by all odds the best ever secured; also that the wives and daughters of the farmers came out in much larger numbers for the women's department work, although this department has not attained anything like the proportions that the regular institutes for the farmers have.

Ernest D. Snyder, representing W. W. Money & Son, of Indiana, has been bound over to the next term of Superior Court on account of an assault with deadly weapon he is charged with having made on C. B. Ray, a harness and vehicle dealer here, who made a \$25,000 assignment last week with Money & Co., of Indiana, and George E. Nissen, of Winston-Salem, as the largest creditors. Snyder came here to investigate as to Money & Son's claim and admits that he cursed Ray as "a damned shyster and thief" but denies that he showed or had about him a revolver. Ray and a negro driver swear that they saw the black handle of a revolver in his hip pocket.

Wake county's first new bale of cotton, sold today by N. M. Rand on the Raleigh market, brought 12 1/4 cents. It was classed as strict good middling. This first bale record is two days earlier than last season.

Postmaster W. G. Briggs, of the Raleigh postoffice, is just back from the National Convention of Postmasters of the First Class, held at Toledo last week, which proved by odds the most successful in the history of the organization. Resolutions for changes effecting directly the general public had to do with limiting persons residing in city delivery districts to receiving mail at the general delivery 30 days; sending unclaimed mail to the dead letter office every ten instead of thirty days; fifteen days sick leave to postal employes; an assessment fund for superannuated employes; educating the public to the use of return address envelopes; make postmasters custodians of public buildings; creation of bonding fund for employes. Postmaster Briggs had the honor of delivering the response to the address of welcome.

A charter is issued for the Raleigh Cabinet Works Co., capital \$20,000 by C. L. Woodall, W. A. Cooper, and others for a general wood working and cabinet making business.

Today  
A new interest quarter begins at the Wilmington Savings & Trust Company. Deposits made today or tomorrow will receive interest December 1st.

Labor Day at The Beach.  
Canoe races, swimming races, surf board contests, running races, tug of war, music and dancing at Lumina. Don't miss it.