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BANK RESOURCES OF THE COUNTRY

Annual Report of Comptroller of the Currency to Congress.

SOME INTERESTING STATISTICS

How the Wealth of the United States is Distributed—Relative Standing of the Sections—Savings of the People.

Washington, Dec. 10.—An increase in individual deposits of \$400,158,322 in loans and discounts of \$308,419,917 and in total resources of \$394,318,846. These are the essential features shown in a statement issued by the Comptroller of the Currency giving the condition of the National Banks of the United States on November 10th, the date of the last reports to his office this year as compared with the last reports made in 1908 as of November 27th.

Loans and discounts of the banks on November 10th amounted to \$5,148,787,594, and deposits including those made by individuals the United States and United States disbursing offices were \$5,169,510,933.

The percentage of legal reserve to deposits on November 10th was 21.31 as against 22.32 a year ago. Banks in the South made a stronger showing in the percentage of reserve than at the time of their report to the comptroller in response to his call for condition in September. This is considered remarkable in view of the fact that between September and November large amounts of money always are drawn from banks to meet expenses incidental to the moving of the crops.

More than 25,000,000 deposit accounts are carried on the books of the banks of all classes of the United States and its insular possessions, according to the statement, which was said before Congress today. The aggregate deposits on April 28th last were about \$14,425,523,165. The sum of \$5,678,735,379 represented savings deposited by 14,894,696 depositors. The average rate of interest paid by National banks on savings accounts was 3.34; by State banks 3.71; mutual savings 3.85; stock savings 3.65; private banks and loan and trust companies paying the same average rate 3.43 per cent.

Loans and discounts, United States bonds, and lawful money represented approximately 76 per cent. of the aggregate resources of National Banks, and a like proportion of liabilities is represented by capital, surplus and profits and individual deposits. The Comptroller figures out that assuming the character of bonds owned by National banks is in accordance with the requirements of the act of May 30th, 1908, the amount is more than sufficient as security for the aggregate emergency currency, \$500,000,000 authorized by that law. Holdings of bonds and other similar securities by National banks September 1st showed investments of this character amounting to \$898,388,342. The interesting fact is disclosed that \$20,000,000 is in foreign government and other bonds and securities.

NORTH CAROLINA DELEGATION

Organization For National Rivers and Harbors Congress at Washington This Week—Resolution Adopted—Those in Attendance.

(Special Star Correspondence.)
Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.—The North Carolina delegation to the Rivers and Harbors Congress met in room 910, New Willard Hotel, today for the purpose of organization and the appointment of representatives on the different committees of the National organization. Upon motion, Major E. J. Hale, of Fayetteville, was made chairman and Mr. J. A. Fore, of Charlotte, secretary. The list of delegates in attendance included: Senators F. M. Simmons and Lee S. Overman, Congressmen John H. Small, Claude Kitchin, C. R. Thomas, John M. Moorehead, H. L. Godwin, R. N. Page, E. Y. Webb and J. G. Grant; Major E. J. Hale, J. H. Anderson, Dr. H. W. Lilly, Fayetteville; Jas. H. Chadbourn, president North Carolina Waterways Association; W. A. Dick, Chas. E. Taylor, Major E. W. Van C. Lucas, W. R. Sullivan, B. F. Keith, T. E. Wallace, W. B. Cooper, W. E. Yopp, F. W. Bonitz, Wilmington; J. N. McCausland, S. B. Tanner, D. A. Tompkins, J. A. Fore, Charlotte; Col. Paul B. Means, Concord; W. B. Sheppard, W. D. Pruden, Edenton; Dr. L. S. Blades, J. H. LeRoy, Elizabeth City; T. D. Webb, F. D. Arthur, J. Q. A. Wood, Morehead; Major Chas. M. Steadman, Greensboro; David Jenkins, Charlotte; H. B. Varner, Lexington; Col. Beneah Cameron, Raleigh; J. T. Bland, Burghaw; Ralph Young, Minneapolis; Maj. John M. Moorehead, Wilson.

The following appointments were agreed upon: Major E. J. Hale, director for South Atlantic Seaboard; Jas. H. Chadbourn, vice president for North Carolina. For committees: On resolutions, Major E. W. Van C. Lucas; nominations, J. A. Fore, Charlotte; credentials, W. D. Pruden, Edenton. On motion of J. H. Anderson, of Fayetteville, seconded by W. D. Pruden, of Edenton, the following resolution was adopted: "Resolved, That each duly accredited delegate to the National Rivers and Harbors Congress, assembled at Washington, D. C., Dec. 8-10, 1909, is hereby constituted a member of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress, upon payment of five dollars to Secretary Ellison, and each delegate is requested to constitute himself a committee to secure other members."

Attached was a list of the duly appointed delegates to the Rivers and Harbors Congress, and it was requested that the Secretary notify each of the foregoing resolution. There being no further business a motion to adjourn prevailed.

OHIO MANIC SHOT DOWN.

Terrorized Countryside for 48 Hours. Wounded Sheriff.

Shreve, O., Dec. 10.—After murdering Sheriff Jacob Bell, of Holmes county, running wild for 48 hours and terrorizing the countryside, O. E. Boley, an escaped patient from the Massillon State Hospital for the insane, was shot down and captured on the farm of R. S. Wells, one mile north of here tonight.

Trailed by posses from Wooster, Millersburg and other towns Boley ran into the traps all day long, standing his pursuers off with his shotgun or eluding them by the use of his feet. Just at nightfall the Millersburg posse saw him running across an open field. W. S. Hoover, town marshal, called upon him to halt, and then fired the bullet striking Boley in the abdomen. He fell to the ground but fought savagely, kicking, biting and scratching until overpowered. He was brought here and later while being taken to the hospital he placed in a hospital.

EXCITING SCENES ON THE EXCHANGE

Spectacular Rise in Cotton Following the Government Report.

ESTIMATE IS 10,088,000

Prices Soared to New High Record For Season—Figures by States—Review For the Week.
New York, Dec. 10.—Not since the Sully boom of 1904 has the New York Cotton Exchange witnessed a more sensational scene or a more spectacular rise in prices than occurred today with the announcement of the government crop report.

With the galleries crowded with visitors from the South, augmented by friends and relatives of operators and other interested spectators, the market soared to a new high record for the season with gains of more than \$2 a bale over yesterday. Both the May and July options touched the high mark of 15.50, both gaining approximately 42 points over yesterday's close.

Bull brokers prevented a more violent advance, as they had distributed heavy selling orders every five points up from 15.55 for May and July. They sold enormously, supplying the demand of shorts and also in the rush of buying orders from Wall Street, Chicago and Southern operators and the local and New England dry goods interests. The market continued in an excited state up to the close with estimates that 800,000 bales had changed hands. May closed at 15.67 and July at 15.74.

It was 2 o'clock when the news came from Washington that the government's estimate was only 10,088,000 bales the smallest crop since 1903. Immediately there was a tremendous rush of buying. Orders poured in from the world over and prices jumped from 20 to 30 points on the first transactions. Last trades made just before the report was announced were on the basis of 15.50 for May delivery; the next sales were made at 15.70, an advance of \$1 a bale. This was followed by tremendous trading both ways and by 15.50 followed, then came the rise to 15.50. July cotton fluctuated along the same lines, while March reached 15.60 as its high point and closed at 15.40.

The government estimate is about 200,000 bales below the predictions of the most sanguine of the bulls and the action of the market naturally followed. Sixteen-cent cotton so much talked about, was not realized, but the market came near it.

It now remains to be determined whether the Federal estimators have underestimated the yield as has been the case for the past ten years. During that time, the crop has been underestimated each year at from 500,000 to 600,000 bales.

FIFTY MILLIONS FOR WATERWAYS

Rivers and Harbors Congress Adjourned in Washington Yesterday.

CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS

Officers Elected and Policy Declared in No Uncertain Platform—Several Interesting Addresses Heard—Next Meeting.
Washington, Dec. 10.—What is declared by its officers to have been the most successful convention of its kind ever held, came to an end today when the National Rivers and Harbors Congress adjourned after a three days' session. Representative Joseph E. Ransdell, of Louisiana, was re-elected president; Captain J. F. Ellison, of Cincinnati, secretary and treasurer, and John A. Fox, of Arkansas, special director. Vice presidents to represent the States also were named.

The new board of directors met immediately after adjournment and took up the question of the date and place for the next convention. The matter, however, was put over after much discussion until a later date. The resolutions adopted by the Congress make an appeal to Congress for an appropriation of \$50,000,000 for river and harbor work for the next year, and express the belief that the rivers and harbors bill should be placed on an equal footing with the other great appropriation bills and condemn what is declared to be the present method of appropriation whereby the river and harbor bill carries only what may remain of the money appropriated for that purpose. It is declared that unless the waterways of the United States are so improved as to provide the proper transportation facilities this country cannot hope to increase its domestic commerce or extend its foreign commerce, as should, or to take advantage of the opening of the Panama Canal, in order to compete with the markets of the world. The resolution suggests the creation of a Bureau of Public Works with a cabinet officer at its head, which Department should have charge of river and harbor improvement and other work of a similar character. The bill pending in Congress for increase of the engineer corps is endorsed.

The report of the treasurer showed that upwards of only \$8,000 was in bank, which was depleted. Special Director Fox urged larger appropriations for carrying on the work of improvement of the rivers, harbors and canals of Continental United States.

James E. Smith, of St. Louis, chairman of the committee on resolutions, in making his report said it represented the unanimous sentiment of the committee. He believed further that the great waterways of the country should be developed before "Dreadnaughts" need to be built to fight imaginary foes.

A committee was appointed to present the resolutions to the President of the United States, the Vice President and the Speaker of the House. Prof. Emory R. Johnson, of the University of Pennsylvania, special representative of the Congress with the National Waterways Commission on its European trip made a short report of inspection of European waterways. He states that on the continent of Europe it was the policy of the government to regulate railways so as to prevent their competition with water fare upon the waterways. This, he said, would have to be done by the United States.

"European countries," he said, "have not hesitated to borrow funds for waterways when borrowing was necessary to economy. Nor should we hesitate."

REVOLTING CRIME IN SAVANNAH, GA.

Aged Woman and Daughter Assaulted, Murdered, Another is Dying.

THE PEOPLE ARE UP IN ARMS

Negro Wretch Responsible For Crime—More Than 150 Have Been Arrested and Excitement is Intense in City.
Savannah, Ga., Dec. 10.—Victims of a revolting crime, Mrs. Eliza Gribble, aged 70 years, and her daughter, Mrs. Maggie Hunter, were found in their home, No. 401 Perry street, west, here today, while a third woman, Mrs. Mary Hunter, found just inside the front door of the house, is at the Savannah hospital dying.

Physicians state that Mrs. Olander was the victim of a criminal assault before she was killed. One hundred and fifty negro men, caught in the meshes of the police dragnet through Yamacraw, a negro section of the city, are prisoners in the police station the theory of the police being that a negro man having planned an assault upon Mrs. Olander was compelled to commit the other crimes in order to escape.

Other arrests will be made until every negro in the city, who in any way resembles the description of a negro who during the last three days has been seen frequently about the premises of the house of the murdered woman is a prisoner.

The police believe that this negro, using an axe taken from the woodshed in the rear of the Gribble home, beat Mrs. Gribble to death, struck down the unknown woman and after assaulting Mrs. Olander in the wide, long hallway where the bodies were found, finished his terrible work by beating in her skull with the weapon.

Mrs. Gribble evidently was attacked from behind as she sat in an easy chair reading. On the floor beside her body were found the newspapers, one or possibly two blows were dealt her. Her gray head, blood matted, shows the imprint of the blunt axe.

It is probable that Mrs. Hunter was the first to be struck down; that she met the murderer at the door as she entered and was struck before she could escape. Then the murderer stealthily approached the aged Mrs. Gribble and killed her. It is believed that Mrs. Olander was attacked as she left her room to enter the hallway, was assaulted and killed. The unknown woman's skull was crushed in and her death is a matter of but a few hours.

MRS WALTER CLARK DEAD

Wife of Chief Justice Passed Away in Raleigh Yesterday—Other Capital News—Hospitals for Inane—Charters.

(Special Star Correspondence.)
Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 10.—Mrs. Clark, wife of Chief Justice Walter Clark, of the Supreme Court, died this morning at 11:30 o'clock. She had been critically ill of pneumonia for several days, but there had been such improvement the past 24 hours that two of her brothers, Major Jno. W. Graham, of Hillsboro, and Dr. George W. Graham, of Charlotte, had left for their homes, being assured by the attending physicians that their sister had a good prospect for recovery.

However, this morning there came upon her a "sinking spell" such as she had experienced several times the past several days, and there was not left sufficient vitality to enable her to rally.

Mrs. Clark was 58 years old, a daughter of Hon. W. A. Graham, one of the most distinguished men in the early history of the State, having served as secretary of the United States Navy Department. She is survived by her distinguished husband and seven children. These are W. A. Graham Clark, of the United States Department of Commerce and Labor; David Clark, editor of the Textile Journal, Charlotte; Walter Clark, Jr., City Attorney of Raleigh; Thorne Clark, civil engineer; Mrs. Erwin, Morganton, and Miss Eugenia Clark. All the children were at their mother's bedside. The funeral will be from the First Baptist church tomorrow afternoon.

A certificate is filed with the Secretary of State changing the name of The Eclipse Guano Co., Cronly, N. C., to Conestee Guano Co. The Southern Chemical Co., of Greensboro, is chartered with \$200,000 capital authorized and J. K. McIlhenny, Geo. S. Valentine and C. E. Ravens as incorporators for the manufacture of fertilizers. The Farmers and Merchants' Bank, of Elkin, files a certificate, decreasing capital to \$18,000.

The continued delay in the opening of the six colony buildings for epileptics here in connection with the State Central Hospital for the Insane here, was investigated today by Hon. C. A. Webb, of Asheville, and E. F. Ayldett, members of the State Hospital Commission. The buildings have been completed for three months now and practically all the furniture has been here some time for equipping the building and getting them ready for the reception of patients.

Messrs. Ayldett and Webb went to Goldsboro tonight and will be joined there by the other members of the commission to investigate the matter of needs of the Eastern Hospital for negroes there, for additional room. The superintendent and directors of this hospital urge that the capacity of the institution be increased by 100. This would entail an expenditure of about \$40,000. This would take practically all of the funds remaining in the hands of the commission from the \$500,000 State bond issue for the enlargement of the State hospitals under the Bickett Act.

PENSACOLIANS CALLED

Want Warships For Mardi Gras and Repairs to Yards.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 10.—Senator Fletcher and other members of the Florida delegation in Congress called upon the Secretary of the Navy today and asked that several warships be sent to Pensacola to participate in the Mardi Gras Celebration there in February. At the same time they took occasion to express to the Secretary their regret that the Pensacola Navy Yard had not been given so much repair work as some of the other yards. Secretary Meyer promised to send some warships to Pensacola for the celebration if any were available at that time. To the satisfaction of the Floridians he also declared he intended to continue the Pensacola yard as one of the principal naval establishments.

CONVENTION ENDS AT WADESBORO

Baptist Hosts Returning After One of Greatest Meetings on Record.

AT HENDERSONVILLE NEXT

Closing Session Last Night With Singing of "Blest Be The Tie That Binds"—Splendid Entertainment There.
(Special Star Telegram.)
Wadesboro, N. C., Dec. 9.—The closing session of the great Baptist State Convention was held tonight and notwithstanding so many delegates had started home a good-sized audience was present and an interesting session was held.

President Dowd requested Rev. R. H. Marsh to preside and he did so. Evangelism was the theme of the night session and Rev. Baylus Cade, Rev. J. D. Prestridge and several other speakers took part during the time allotted to the discussion of this subject. At the close of this discussion an interesting open meeting was held in which a number of the delegates took part, speaking of the convention as one of the best from every standpoint, that the Baptists have held in North Carolina and emphasizing again the large hearted hospitality which the citizens of Wadesboro have extended to the delegates.

Rev. T. W. Chambliss expressed the pleasure of Wadesboro and of himself in being given the pleasure of the privilege of entertaining the convention, and declared the Wadesboro people to be the biggest hearted folk in the Union. He said homes were provided for more than 100 delegates more attended the convention and that entertainment could have been given to as many more as were here.

The final words from a delegate were spoken by Rev. J. D. Huffman, one of the oldest and one of the best known members. He closed his remarks with the repetition of the poem "Crossing the Bar" which was sung. While the closing hymn "Blest Be The Tie That Binds," was being sung, the delegates joined in a cordial hand-shaking. Rev. T. L. Blalock led the closing prayer. A motion to adjourn was then made, seconded and adopted and the acting president declared the convention adjourned at Hendersonville on the Tuesday, following the first Sunday in December of next year.

The resignation of the convention shows that at this session 43 associations were represented as against 39 a year ago, 221 units met in Hendersonville as against 189 last year and 349 delegates as against 302 last year.

One of the first acts of the convention at the morning session today was to adopt with a standing vote resolutions of thanks for the kindness and courtesies extended this convention. This resolution included expressions of appreciation to Rev. T. W. Chambliss, pastor of the Baptist church here, who has spared nothing to give to the convention entertainment and every convenience in management that has been necessary in order to make this annual meeting of the Baptists of North Carolina such that it will be remembered as one of the best arranged and best managed in its history. Included in this resolution were the citizens of Wadesboro for entertainment; the railroads that have given reduced rates to delegates and the daily papers of Wilmington, Charlotte and Raleigh; also the semi-weekly papers of Wadesboro for the published reports of the convention proceedings; also the Wake Forest Quartette.

There was a decided exodus of convention delegates on the morning trains today, many of these finding it necessary to leave at this time in order to reach their homes before the Sabbath. It was discovered this morning that the furnace of the Baptist church would no longer perform its functions until overhauled, thus rendering the church uncomfortably cold. Accepting the kind invitation of Rev. J. H. West, pastor of the M. E. Church, South, the convention adjourned to the Methodist church at 11 o'clock where the remainder of the morning session and the afternoon sessions were held. Mr. West is just beginning the third year of his pastorate in Wadesboro where he is doing a successful work and where he is popular with and holds the confidence of the citizens, regardless of denominational affiliation or preference.

There is no interest that lies closer to the heart of the Baptist State Convention than State Missions. For the past nine years Mr. Johnston has traveled from the mountains to the seacoast and throughout all of the territory embraced in North Carolina in the interest of State Missions and everywhere he has gone, he has won friends for himself and for the great cause which he represents.

Among the Baptists in North Carolina Livingston Johnston is universally recognized as a man of unselfish spirit of thought, consecrated a man who keeps his work in the forefront and hides himself—a man who lives not for self exaltation but for the

VESSELS REPORTED LOST.

Hope for Bessemer and Marquette Has Been Abandoned.
Detroit, Mich., Dec. 10.—All hope that the car ferry Marquette and Bessemer No. 2, outvied the wintry gale, which has made Lake Erie a watery grave yard during the last 72 hours, and 125 1-2 nominal f.o.b. float. Corn firm, No. 2 71 1-2 elevator, domestic, 72 delivered nominal, old, and 67 L.o.b. old nominal. Oats firm, mixed 45 to 46. Turpentine and rosin firm.

OUTLINES.

A revolting crime was enacted in Savannah, Ga., in which two white women were killed and a third murdered. The bodies of the women were found in the house with the search is being made for the guilty negro and 150 have been arrested and locked up.—The convention of the Rivers and Harbors Congress ended yesterday in Washington and one of the closing incidents was the adoption of a resolution making an appeal to Congress for annual appropriations.—The Government estimate of the cotton crop, which is accepted as official statistics, caused the staple to advance to the record price of the season and unusual excitement on the market yesterday.—The annual report of the Comptroller of the Currency was submitted to Congress yesterday.—At a short session of Congress yesterday 350 bills were introduced and a resolution was presented authorizing the President to apprehend President Zelaya as a common criminal.—New York markets: Money on call firm 4 to 5 per cent, ruling rate 4 3-4, closing bid 4 3-4, offered at 4 3-4. Cotton spot closed quiet, middling up 14.95, middling 15.20. Flour firm, held with a quiet trade. Wheat firm, No. 2 red 1.26 nominal elevator, and 1.25 1-2 nominal f.o.b. float. Corn firm, No. 2 71 1-2 elevator, domestic, 72 delivered nominal, old, and 67 L.o.b. old nominal. Oats firm, mixed 45 to 46. Turpentine and rosin firm.

FURS, SKIRTS, SWEATERS, CLOAKS AND SKIRTS AT BIG SAVINGS AT REHDER'S.

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