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REDUCE THE ACREAGE

Harvie Jordan Issues Statement to Cotton Growers.

MOST IMPORTANT QUESTION

President of Southern Cotton States Association Says that Unless a Reduction of 33 Per Cent is Made the Price Will Be Low Next Fall.

Atlanta, April 8.—In a signed statement to the farmers of the south issued Wednesday, Harvie Jordan, president of the Southern Cotton association, urges a reduction in cotton acreage of 33 per cent.

Unless this is done, he says, prices will be low next fall. Mr. Jordan also urges growers to hold to what remnants of cotton they have. His statement follows:

Increase Food Supplies.

"At no time in the history of cotton production in the south has it ever been more imperative to reduce the cotton acreage throughout the cotton belt and increase the staple food supplies on every farm, than this spring. With a shortage in the world's supply of cotton, amounting to 4,500,000 bales, due to bad seasons last year, the price of spot cotton continues to go steadily downward. American mills have been for some time curtailing the cotton goods, due to the depression, and the condition of the foreign trade is none too bright at the present time. If the same acreage is planted in cotton this year that was planted in 1907 and followed by good seasons in America, India and Egypt, the growers will find but little or no profit in the harvest next fall.

Should Be Seriously Considered.

"These are facts and should be seriously considered. To those who are still holding a portion or all of their last year's crop, I wish to say that general co-operative efforts are now being made all over the south to tie up this remnant of 1908 crop remaining unsold until prices have reached much higher levels. Every bale of cotton now in the hands of spot holders will be needed by the mills of the world before next September. The portion of the crop now remaining unsold is small and could be held and financed for three or four months longer, if necessary. Within that time if the sale of cotton is absolutely checked all along the line the price of the staple must advance to much higher levels. Let every cotton planter cut this spring's acreage 33 per cent and good prices will be received next fall. Let every spot holder in the south refuse to market any cotton for the next few months and the remnant of 1907 will be marketed at remunerative and satisfactory prices."

LIQUOR MEN DEFEATED.

Alabama Supreme Court Upholds Prohibition Law.

Montgomery, Ala., April 10.—The Alabama supreme court Thursday held both the general prohibition and the 9 o'clock closing laws to be constitutional and effective.

Attack had been made or both by the liquor forces of the state.

The two laws were argued together, and the decision is taken by both sides to settle the questions.

Mobile interests have fought the two provisions from the first, holding that both will be ruin to a coast city, such as it is.

In upholding the general prohibition act the court also gives validity to the local option law that was involved in the cases brought.

GARROTED HER DAUGHTER.

Texas Mother, While Insane, Commits Awful Crime.

Waxahatchi, Tex., April 9.—While suffering from temporary insanity, Lucy Williams, wife of a tenant on J. P. Miller's farm, a few miles north of town, killed her twelve-year-old daughter by garroting her with a leather strap, producing strangulation by twisting the strap with a railroad spike.

After killing the child, the woman left the house and wandered in the woods all night.

DIES OF ASPHYXIATION.

Prominent Baptist Minister Found in Dying Condition.

Atlanta, April 10.—Lying unconscious on his bed in a room filled with gas at his residence, 20 East Avenue, Dr. John D. Jordan, pastor of the Jackson Hill Baptist church, and one of the most prominent Baptist ministers in the south, was found shortly after 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon by Dr. and Mrs. A. B. George, who are attending

the concerted Baptist revival now going on in Atlanta.

Dr. L. C. Fisher and two other physicians were summoned to the scene, and did heroic work, but were unable to relieve Dr. Jordan, who died shortly afterwards from asphyxiation.

For many months he had been laboring under difficulties, his health having been poor, impaired by hard and almost incessant work. Recently he had complained of violent pains shooting through his head, at times so severe as almost to drive him frantic.

His friends are of the opinion that he either used illuminating gas in an endeavor to ease his pain, or that in an irrational moment he turned on the gas.

REVERSED THE DECISION.

Appeals Court Hands Down Opinion Regarding Liquor Law.

Atlanta, April 10.—The Georgia court of appeals Thursday reversed the decision of the city criminal court in the case of Dr. E. M. Roberts, who was fined for keeping liquor in a public place.

The decision affects the construction of the state prohibition law in the definition of what a public place is.

The court of appeals holds that in the meaning and spirit of the law a place of business in which an intoxicant is kept as an ingredient of a preparation not intoxicant, the intoxicant being kept under lock and key and not accessible to the public, is not a "public place."

Dr. Roberts was arrested after the discovery in his place of business of liquor which he was using in the manufacture of a proprietary article.

BOY'S BODY STOPS MILL.

Child Carried Under Wheel and Is Crushed to Death.

Abbeville, Ga., April 10.—A picnic party given by the families of P. A. and W. C. Oliver, at Bowen's mill, came to a very sad end. At the place is a grist mill operated by water and the five-year-old son of W. C. Oliver fell in the mill race and the current carried him under the great wheel of the mill and crushed him to death.

No one saw the accident and it was not discovered until the miller noticed that something had stopped the mill and went down to investigate. He found the child dead under the wheel, the body having obstructed the passage, stopping the mill.

Mr. Oliver is a prominent merchant here and his many friends deplore the sad accident.

Painters Dashed to Death.

Chattanooga, Tenn., April 10.—W. W. Evans and W. J. Stanley, painters at work on the old Southern hotel building here, were on Thursday morning dashed to death from the fourth story of the building by the breaking of a rope on the scaffold. The former fell headforemost and was instantly killed, while the latter lived only ten minutes. Stanley's home was in Cincinnati and Evans only recently come from Knoxville. Both were young unmarried men.

Dead Hog Poisoned Water.

Little Rock, Ark., April 10.—Dr. Robert L. Russell, state penitentiary physician, has returned from Tinsman on the line of the New Rock Island railroad to the south, where he was called on account of considerable sickness among the convicts in the camp there. Dr. Russell reports that he found twenty-eight cases of severe poisoning at the camp, due to the presence of a dead hog in the brook from which the water supply of the camp was obtained.

Pensacola's Car Strike.

Pensacola, Fla., April 10.—Although it was anticipated that street car service would be resumed Thursday, and that strike-breakers would arrive, neither materialized, and for the fourth day residents were compelled to walk, excepting those residing on the bay shore, who have been given service. Resumption is expected soon, however, as the state laws provide that unless service is resumed within five days after notification the franchise and grants are forfeited.

Two Children Kidnaped.

Jacksonville, Fla., April 11.—News has reached here of the kidnaping of two children, Moncia Amoury and Foried Amoury, aged five and three years respectively, from their home at Key West, by their aunt and uncle, Mary and Peter Amoury, who took them to Havana. The sheriff was notified immediately after the boat sailed from Key West and succeeded in having the parties arrested as they landed in Havana, on a charge of kidnaping, and they will be returned to Key West for trial.

MESSAGE PRESIDENT

Mails Should Be Closed to Anarchist Papers.

OPINION ATTORNEY GENERAL

Postmaster General Justified in Excluding from the Mails Any Periodical Counseling Crimes of an Anarchistic Nature.

Washington, April 9.—In one of the shortest messages which he has yet transmitted to congress, President Roosevelt Thursday called the attention of that body to the necessity for further legislation on the subject of anarchy. With the message he transmitted a report reviewing the legal phases of the question by Attorney General Bonaparte.

Message of President.

"To the Senate and House of Representatives:

"I herewith submit a letter from the department of justice which explains itself. Under this opinion, I hold that existing statutes give the president power to prohibit the postmaster general from being used as an instrument in the commission of crimes, that is to prohibit the use of the mails for the advocacy of murder, arson and treason and I shall act upon such constructions. Unquestionably, however, there should be further legislation by congress on this matter. When compared with the suppression of anarchy, every other question sinks into insignificance. The anarchist is the enemy of humanity, the enemy of all mankind, and his is a deeper degree of criminality than any other. No immigrant is allowed to come to our shores if he is an anarchist; and no paper published here or abroad should be permitted circulation in this country, if it propagates anarchistic opinion."

"Theodore Roosevelt.

"The White House, April 9, 1908."

Besides his direction to the postmaster general to exclude from the mails such publications as "La Question Sociale," President Roosevelt in his letter to Attorney General Bonaparte asking for an opinion on the legal phases of the subject, says he has had the particular case called to the attention of the governor of New Jersey by Secretary Root that the governor may proceed under the state laws.

Opinion Attorney General.

The opinion of the attorney general, which the president transmits to congress, embraces a discussion of the whole subject from many legal angles. His first conclusion is that the article in question, which advocates the use of arms and dynamite in annihilating police and soldiers that anarchy may prevail, constitutes a "seditious libel" and is "undoubtedly a crime at common laws." He declares that there is no statute in the state which makes such publications an offense against the United States and that the federal courts consequently have no jurisdiction in the matter. That there is full power in the possession of congress to make such publications criminal, the attorney general asserts, and quotes Chief Justice Fuller, of the supreme court, and Mr. Justice Field, as authority.

Right of Postmaster General.

The greater portion of his opinion is devoted to the question of whether, in the absence of any legislation by congress, the postmaster general has the right to exclude such publications. On this point his conclusion is:

"The postmaster general will be justified in excluding from the mails any issue of any periodical, otherwise entitled to the privileges of second-class mail matter, which shall contain any article constituting a seditious libel and counselling such crimes as murder, arson, riot and treason."

In arriving at the latter conclusion, the attorney general makes a clear distinction with reference to the authority of postal officials over sealed and unsealed mail matter. In conveying letters and newspapers to persons to whom they are directed, he says the United States "undertakes the business of a messenger."

Have Right to Inspect.

He adds: "In so far as it conveys sealed documents, its agents not only are not bound to know, but are expressly forbidden to ascertain what the purport of such messages may be; therefore, neither the government nor its officers can be held either legally or morally responsible for the nature of the letters to which they thus, in intentional

ignorance, afford transportation. But in the case of printed matter, intended for general circulation and which, by virtue of the statutes above mentioned, and in consideration of the reduced rate at which it is transported, the officers of the postoffice department have a legal right to thoroughly inspect, it is obvious that neither of these officers nor the government which employs them, can escape responsibility for the consequences if they knowingly transport matter which be comes, and which they must know, might be reasonably expected to become a cause of crime."

MILLS MAY SHUT DOWN.

North Carolina Manufacturers' Association Recommends Suspension.

Charlotte, N. C., April 11.—At a meeting of the executive committee of the North Carolina Manufacturers' association here Friday it was decided to recommend that the mills embraced, as well as all the other southern mills, shut down for 60 days. This decision was reached after a thorough discussion of existing conditions in the several southern states, states and the acute depression in the price of yarns. Strong resolutions to this end were unanimously adopted. The meeting which was presided over by President R. M. Miller, Jr., ex-officio chairman of the committee, was enthusiastic and representative.

The meeting of the Southern Cotton Spinners' association, called to consider the matter of curtailment, will assemble here April 17, and it is expected that the southern mills will fall in line with the mills of this state.

The executive committee decided also to hold the annual meeting of the association at Wrightsville Beach June 18.

STABBED CONDUCTOR.

Probably Fatal Difficulty Occurs on Seaboard Air Line.

Savannah, Ga., April 11.—Driving a long-bladed knife into the right lung and again into the abdomen of Conductor J. F. Simmons, of the Seaboard Air Line, Baggage-master E. J. Tyson probably inflicted fatal wounds upon the former Friday night in front of the union passenger station, and was arrested before he could leave the scene of the difficulty.

Simmons was taken to St. Joseph's hospital, where he is given little hope for his life, the physicians stating that he has one chance in fifty.

Old trouble fanned into flame by a quarrel is given as the cause for the trouble.

A FATAL MISTAKE.

Meridian, Miss., Man Kills Brother, Thinking He Was Burglar.

Birmingham, Ala., April 11.—A special to the Age-Herald from Meridian, Miss., says T. J. Daniels Friday night shot and instantly killed his brother, B. B. Daniels, mistaking him for a burglar.

B. B. Daniels had been ill for several days, and T. J. Daniels, hearing a noise at a window, and seeing a form, fired five times, killing his brother instantly.

South Carolina Dispensary Case.

Washington, D. C., April 11.—It is understood that Chief Justice Fuller has consented to sit with Judge Pritchard in hearing the application for a writ of supersedeas which, if granted, would stay Judge Pritchard's order for the appointment of a receiver in the South Carolina dispensary cases. There is a fund of about \$800,000 involved, and the state takes sharp exception to Judge Pritchard's intervention in the matter. It is contended on behalf of the state that the action is against the state, as such, therefore, the federal court is without jurisdiction.

G. A. R. at Fitzgerald.

New Haven, Conn., April 11.—The Grand Army of the Republic encampment of Georgia and South Carolina met here Friday. About one hundred delegates are here from different portions of these states. The following officers were named: Leonard Scott, of Fitzgerald, department commander; F. A. Jones, of Talbotton, senior vice commander; P. Q. Stone, of St. George, junior vice commander; S. C. Brown, of Fitzgerald, assistant adjutant general. Tallapoosa was selected for the meeting next year.

Taken Before Commissioner.

Nashville, Tenn., April 10.—N. B. Livingston, a middle-aged man, was arrested Thursday at Greenville, Ky., and taken before United States Commissioner Youtsel, charged with impersonating a government pension agent.

A RIOT IN PENSACOLA

Strike Breakers and Union Sympathizers in Fight.

POLICE WERE POWERLESS

On Account of the Street Car Strike Pensacola Was Scene of Disorders as Has Not Been Witnessed in Many Years.

Pensacola, Fla., April 11.—The bringing of a carload of strike breakers from St. Louis Friday afternoon by the Pensacola Electric company was the signal for rioting and disorder such as has not been experienced in this city in twenty years.

No sooner had the strike breakers arrived and started from the union depot for the car sheds than a fight occurred between them and the sympathizers of the union men, and from the corner of Palafox and Wright streets, where the first battle occurred, there was a continued riot, in which bricks, bottles and shells were hurled at the strike breakers, and in turn the latter fired shots, used heavy sticks and bricks.

For over an hour the riot continued, the strike breakers gradually getting nearer to the car barns; but before they reached here about a dozen had been wounded, and were picked up on the streets where they were left by sympathizers of the strikers.

When near the car barns, so fierce was the onslaught on the body of imported men that they separated and fled, thirty running into a negro house, while the remainder reached the car barn and barricaded the doors.

The thirty men who gained the negro house barricaded the doors, and it took the police over an hour to disperse the mob and remove the men to places of safety.

Two of the imported men are in the hospital, and eight are in the police station for medical treatment and safety.

The riot occurred so suddenly that the detail of police, headed by Chief Saunders, was powerless to quell the disturbance.

Montgomery, Ala., April 11.—A special to the Journal from Pensacola, Fla., says:

Out of the sixty-five men brought here to break the street car strike, less than half a score are able to get out, as a result of attacks made on them by strikers Friday. There are about sixty at the police station with bruises all the way from scratches to serious wounds made by bricks and stones thrown by the rioters. Half a dozen or so are at the barns of the car company, but have not shown up. No cars have been run yet, and no effort to run them will be made before Monday at least.

LATTER-DAY ENOCH ARDEN.

Man, Mourned as Dead, Returns to Find Wife Again Married.

Chattanooga, Tenn., April 11.—Returning to his home, near Jonesboro, Tenn., after he had been mourned as dead for five years, John T. Strong found his wife, now 32 years old, married to William Curtis and two children born of this union. Curtis had married Mrs. Strong fully believing her husband was dead. When Mr. Strong returned to his home he greeted the new family cordially.

It was decided to allow Mrs. Strong Curtis to settle the perplexing matter by deciding between the two men. She chose her first husband, and now Curtis, who says he loves her, will institute formal proceedings to annul the marriage between himself and the woman. Strong had been in the army in the Philippines.

MONUMENT DEDICATED.

To Minnesota Soldiers Who Fell at Shiloh Battlefield.

Shiloh Battlefield, A. Tenn., April 10.—The monument erected by the state of Minnesota in the National park at Shiloh to the memory of the Minnesota soldiers who fell on that battlefield, was dedicated on Friday.

Governor Johnson and his staff, accompanied by a party of fifty prominent men of Minnesota, were present and participated in the dedicatory exercises. Local spring weather prevailed.

General L. F. Hubbard, chairman of the Minnesota monument commission, presided.

Charged with Killing Wife.

Columbus, Ga., April 11.—John Bell, a negro, was arrested Friday charged with beating his wife to death. His wife was fifty years of age and an invalid.

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