

SOUTHERN COTTON GROWERS ASSOCIATION FIXES MINIMUM PRICE OF THE INCOMING COTTON CROP AT ELEVEN CENTS FLAT

Prolonged Struggle In Minimum Committee's Room Results in Establishment of The Price Which Was Predicted By the Citizen Yesterday. There Were Two Factions Warring Against Each Other.

WAS DECISIVE VICTORY FOR THE CONSERVATIVE ELEMENT

Report of Statistical Committee Showed Unexpected Short Crop Yield. A Showing of Less Than Ten Million Bales Greeted the Anxious Walters. News Was Flashed on to New York and Washington.

It was a strenuous day at Kenilworth Inn from 10 o'clock in the morning until the night session announced the "minimum" with bunches of men in the lobby discussing the prospective reports of gathered at the telegraph office, where messages came and went in a continual stream, demanding facts or conveying "tips" to the exchanges, and all the time one of the two committees was laboring with figures as to crop or minimum and the association in the interim discussed matters of lesser importance to the two great subjects.

THE CROP ESTIMATE.

It was at 12:50 that the statistical committee came down from the bridal chamber, where the three with Secretary Cheatham had added up the totals by states, and by the 13th district which reported direct to the national body, and passed the carved and rampantly bearded the novel posts of the Inn's grand stairway, with the confidence that the undivided material they carried in hand was a sure cure for the attacks of exchange bears. And sure enough it was, and is, if correct, because it shows a minimum crop with a vengeance, the figures, 9,583,333 bales, being a million less than the popular estimate, and well less than The Citizen's prediction of ten millions. This ten million figure related, however, only to the reports by states, and in that respect it was near the correct mark. And the estimate compared with a 13,682,000 bale crop last year, which brought 10 cents in the latter part of its market.

Figures Again.

But today may tell a different tale because the brokers did not figure on this proposition, which President Jordan emphasized and which the Associated Press conveyed yesterday morning: The 73.3 compares with last year's condition of 84, and not with the normal average. The government percentage does, and therefore the brokers who figure on the government basis see a discrepancy. Said one of the brightest New York men here, one who engineered a big bill deal: "The estimate and crop condition are consistent," and for the reasons indicated.

Conditions Misleading.

An official of the association said that it was true that the condition percentage was no good for the very simple reason that in some states like South Carolina the crop was made, and therefore there was no "condition," while in Mississippi and Tennessee it was only partly made and there was a condition. Now should the Gulf States condition be put into a general average with South Carolina, where there is no "condition?" But this criticism applies as well to the govern-

ment's report on condition and we think our estimates more reliable."

Raised Figures.

Now the truth is the committee, if it had followed its rules, would have made an estimate of about 9,000,000 flat, because it did not figure in the 15 per cent. acreage reduction reported by the government, but the committee was actually afraid to make the figures smaller than it did in view of the fact that it cut under the general expectation, but not the expectations of some well informed men. On Wednesday a committee man said to the Citizen that his observation made him sure the crop was under nine millions.

The Minimum.

The statistical report was turned over to the minimum committee, of which Mr. E. D. Smith, of Columbia, is chairman, and he went into a room with a locked ante-room down stairs and there was a vigorous fight between the "radicals," mostly small planters who wanted a 12 cent minimum, and the conservatives, the bigger planters and manufacturers, who wanted 10 to 11 cents as a minimum. As has been explained that this minimum price is that officially fixed by the association as the figures proposed below which cotton should not be sold under any circumstances. "Better a low price upward than a high one down," was the slogan of the conservatives, and their arguments, as outlined in yesterday's Citizen won in the committee, which then came upstairs to the general meeting, which adjourned at 8 p. m., when it went into the caped room to pass on the committee's report, and where the "radicals" made another fight for a high minimum.

Watched Committee.

All during the afternoon until 6 p. m., when the committee came upstairs, tireless watchers were on duty and the advent of the committee brought out the crowd, as many sought tips on the report.

Its Meaning.

Such is the story of the eventful day, outside the regular morning meeting, when bull and bear fought on the lines indicated in The Citizen, and the result is history of importance now to many and to be of much more importance in years to come of the association of business men, not a farmers' alliance, holds its course. The conservatives hailed the announcement with pleasure for the reasons indicated in The Citizen yesterday. A small crop indicate and a low minimum means that the bears will be exceedingly wary of going short at that price, but rather the Wall street operators will have inducements to take the bull side, thus boosting prices. For more legitimate market reasons the natural tendency of a certain amount of cotton to seek the market soon after the first bale will be diminished because of the low price, thus forcing prices up, while on the other hand the sellers will buy at the minimum, whereas if it was high they would wait, thus diminishing the

FEVER HAS NO FAVORITES

Another Priest Falls Beneath Scourge of Yellow Jack In New Orleans.

NUN ALSO CLAIMED BY DREAD DISEASE

Parishes Outside the Crescent City Continue to Show In- crease in Spite of Care.

New Orleans, Sept. 7.—There are several names in the list of new cases today which are out of the ordinary. One is Father Green, of the Jesuits' College, and another is Sister Emily, the superior of the Hotel Dieu, a private sanitarium conducted by the Sisters of Charity, and which has quite a number of cases of fever.

Higher Prices.

But it should not be thought that the members do not expect a higher price than 11 cents for the 1905-06 crop. They do; they have only said that it would be foolish to sell cotton for less than 11 cents, and they have not indicated their real feeling, which is that the small crop means that cotton will in the later months sell for over 12 cents. Some expect 14 cents and will hold for that.

Criticizes Minimum.

The advent of the minimum was hailed with diverse feelings, of course, dependent on each man's view. Some brokers wanted a high minimum, and they scoffed at a small crop estimate and a small minimum. "How do you explain it?" was asked of a bright one. "Simple enough," said he. "Those folks know they have the crop too low and now they are trying to rectify it by making the price low. Who will put confidence in such a state of affairs?"

Night Session.

After the minimum committee reported the association proceeded to other business. Mr. Brown asked to take up the matter of tare, but yielded to others.

Two at Vicksburg.

Vicksburg, Miss., Sept. 7.—Two new cases in Vicksburg and one in Foster, a suburb, is the record today. The thirteen patients under treatment are doing well.

New One at Natchez.

Natchez, Miss., Sept. 7.—A new case of yellow fever was officially reported at 7 o'clock tonight, the patient being a negro man. The case makes a total of 4 feet.

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TEXAS CROWD BURNS NEGRO

Youth Accused of Assault on White Woman, Burned at the Stake.

VICTIM'S HUSBAND APPLIES THE MATCH

Negro After Identification Confesses His Crime In Detail.

Fort Worth, Tex., Sept. 7.—A special to the Record from Waxahatchie tells of the burning tonight of Steve Davis, a young negro, who confessed to outraging Mrs. S. P. Morris, aged 26, last Saturday night. A mob of 3,500 persons led the negro to a piece of gas pipe that had been set in the ground, piled fagots around him and set fire to the mass. The sufferings of the negro were of short duration owing to the fierceness of the fire, which was fanned by a gale of wind.

The husband of the woman is said to have set the match to the mass and started the blaze. Davis was arrested last Tuesday and taken before the woman who at that time was not sure it was he. She had been desperately ill from her ordeal. Today he was again taken before the woman, who on sight of him fainted.

HUSBAND AND WIFE DECLARED INSANE

Simultaneously today in court at the Detention Hospital here Joseph Holdreiter and wife, whose home was on a farm near Wakefield, Neb., were declared insane. The man and wife, who appear to have arrived in Chicago a few days ago, were wandering demented with their two children when discovered by the police.

An instance of husband and wife being declared insane on the same day and in the same court was declared by County Physician Hidas to be extraordinary. He said that apparently the woman at first became possessed of delusions, and these contracted on her husband, whose mind gradually became afflicted.

JAPANESE MOBS APPLY THE TORCH AND INDULGE IN DESTRUCTIVE RIOTS

Mikado's Subjects are Hot Under the Collar About the Peace Treaty.

GEORGIA STATE QUARANTINED

Board of Health of Cracker State Erects Bars Against Infected Points.

ALL TRAINS ENTERING STATE TO BE WATCHED

If You're Going to Visit Geor- gia Arm Yourself With Health Certificate.

Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 7.—Georgia's state board of health late this afternoon issued a proclamation quarantining the entire state against all yellow fever infected points. The quarantine will become effective as soon as inspectors can be placed on trains entering the state, and the order is likely to be in full operation tomorrow. Certificates showing that the person entering the state has not been in infected territory within the preceding ten days will be accepted. It is not likely that this quarantine will be strenuously effected for a day or two and those who have started before the action of the board can be made generally known are not likely to be seriously inconvenienced.

AMERICAN PARTY ATTACKED BY MOB

Tokio, Sept. 6.—(Delayed in transmission.)—The Harriman party had an exciting experience last night while attending a dinner at the residence of Baron Komura, foreign minister, who is now in the United States, but the police succeeded in preventing injury to the occupants or damage to the houses.

SALISBURY SUN GETS TO RECEIVER

Salisbury, N. C., Sept. 7.—The Salisbury Evening Sun was today placed in the hands of receiver upon application of William L. Gepper, manager of the publication. P. S. Carleton has been named as receiver, and the publication of the paper ceases today.

TWO KILLED BY FALL OF BUILDING

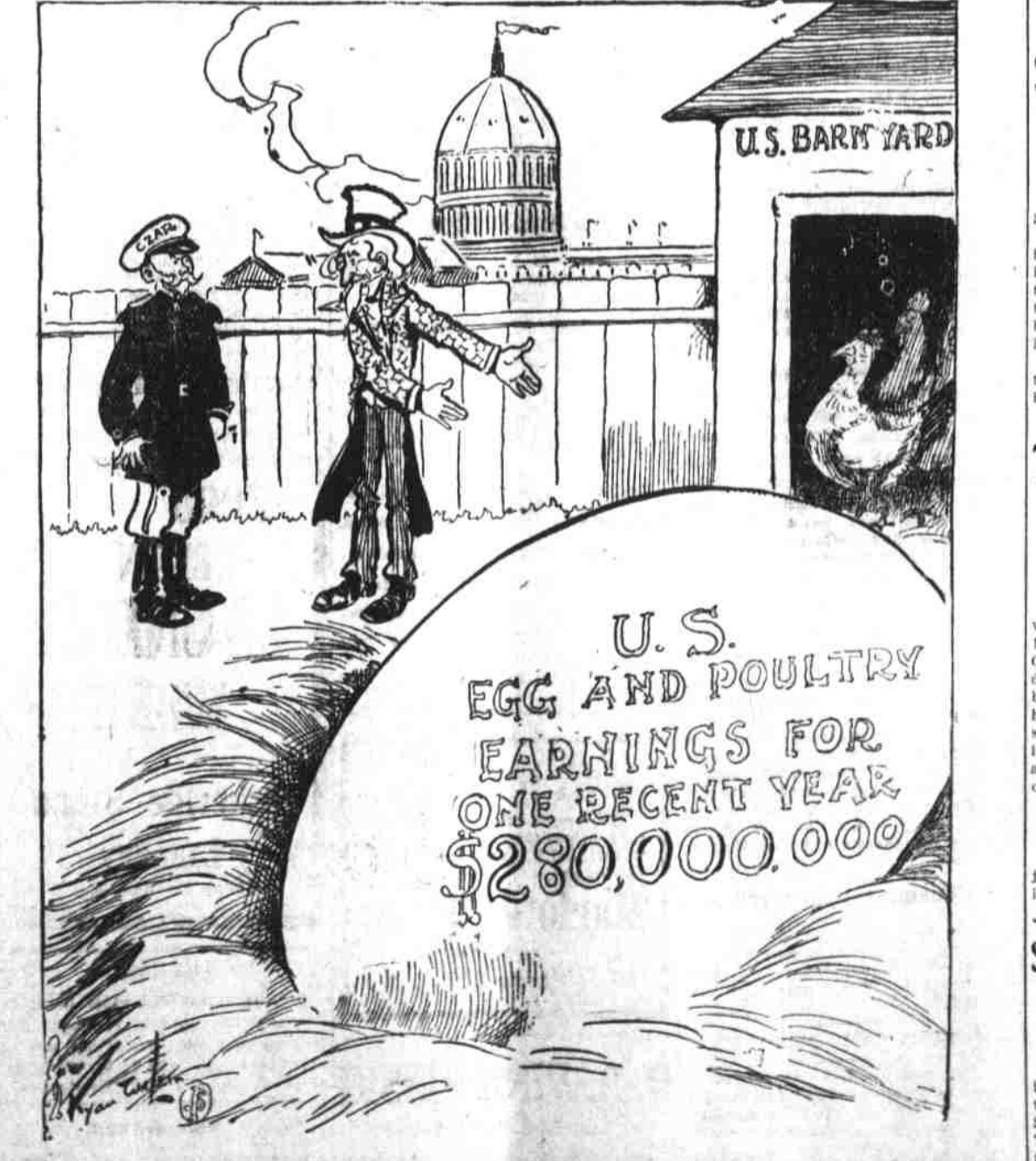
New York, Sept. 7.—Two persons were killed, one of them a girl of 16 years old, when a building at Grand and Mott streets collapsed today. The building is said to have been condemned two years ago, but had been permitted to be occupied since. Thomas McGovern, a foreman in the building department, is under arrest in connection with the collapse on a charge of criminal negligence.

POLICE STATIONS BEING ATTACKED

Tokio, Sept. 6.—The destruction of small police sub-stations continued until midnight. It is impossible to ascertain the exact number destroyed, but it is estimated that fifteen were wrecked.

SOUTHERN RAILROAD AND ILLINOIS CENTRAL TO ABSORB THE TENNESSEE CENTRAL

Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 7.—According to what is considered good authority, the Illinois Central and the Southern Railway are to take over the Tennessee Central Railroad, dividing the road at Nashville and giving these two roads an entry to the city. It is understood the Tennessee Central is acquired under a 99-year lease. Un-



Uncle Sam—Nicky, if you had a few eggs like that you could soon pay off any old indemnity that might happen along.

PHYSICIAN WHO ATTENDED MRS. MCKEE IN ASHEVILLE WANTS \$10,000 FOR HIS SERVICES

St. Louis, Sept. 7.—A claim against the estate of Ellen J. McKee, amounting to \$10,000 for medical services from January 2 to May 3, 1905, was filed in the probate court today by Dr. W. E. Fischer. Among the items of the claim is a charge of \$5,000 for ten days service during the last illness of Miss McKee, when Dr. Fischer accompanied her from St. Louis to Asheville, N. C., where she died.