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Agriculture Department Finds Condition of Cotton Sept. 25, '07 Was 67.7

Department Reports Condition Much Lower than Last Year And Under Ten Year Average Report By States.

Census Bureau's Report Shows 1,430,295 Bales Ginned of 1907 Growth To September 25, 1907 Market Affected.

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., Oct. 2.—The agricultural department today reported the condition of cotton on Sept. 25, 1907, was 67.7, as compared with 72.7 on August 25, 1907; 71.6 on Sept. 25, 1906; 71.2 on Sept. 25, 1905, and a ten year average of 67.8.

Condition by States, Sept. 25, 1907. The condition in the states named September 25, 1907, is shown as follows: Virginia, 76; North Carolina, 76; South Carolina, 77; Georgia, 76; Florida, 80; Alabama, 68; Mississippi, 69; Louisiana, 65. United States, 67.7.

Condition Aug. 25, 1907. The condition August 25, 1907, was as follows: Virginia, 77; North Carolina, 78; South Carolina, 83; Georgia, 81; Florida, 80; Alabama, 73; Mississippi, 72; Louisiana, 69. United States, 72.7.

Ten Year Average. The ten year average is shown as follows: Virginia, 73; North Carolina, 71; South Carolina, 70; Georgia, 81; Florida, 80; Alabama, 73; Mississippi, 72; Louisiana, 68. United States, 67.8.

Census Bureau Reports. Washington, Oct. 2.—The census bureau reports 1,430,295 bales of cotton, counting round as half bales, ginned from the growth of 1907 up to September 25.

This is in comparison with 1,199,423 bales for the same period last year. The report showed the number of active ginneries to be 2,177. Of 700 counties 95 have not yet been heard from.

The unreported counties had 2,177 active ginneries and ginned 199,423 bales to September 25, 1906, distributed as follows: Alabama, 16; Arkansas, 6; Florida, 3; Georgia, 3; Indian Territory, 5; Louisiana, 12; Mississippi, 22; North Carolina, 3; South Carolina, 1; Tennessee, 1; Texas, 23. The total quantity was 2,057,283 bales ginned last year to September 25 and 2,355,716 in 1905.

The number of active ginneries reported this year is 16,307. The total operated to September 25 last year was 20,416 and 21,389 for 1905.

Break in Market. New York, Oct. 2.—The publication of the government reports on cotton were followed by a break of 27 to 29 or upwards of \$1.25 a bale in the price of cotton options of active months on the New York cotton exchange. Most of the active options reached the new low record prices for the year. The decline was due to the fact that the condition of the crop was shown to be better than the traders had expected.

The ginners report issued today by the United States agricultural department was not only better than expected but it shows the average guess of the 90 members of the New York Cotton Exchange to be very nearly accurate in their estimate of the cotton condition. The government's condition report, up to September 25th, was 67.7 and the guess of the New York Cotton Exchange, 65; the highest being 71, and the least 64.

The government report, issued this morning at 10 o'clock, on the amount of cotton ginned up to September 25th was 1,430,295 bales as against 2,037,283 ginned up to this same date last year. This, however, is not complete, as reports from 95 counties were missing, owing to the telegraph strike. At 11 o'clock the government issued its condition report as follows: To September 25th, 1907, 67.7, as compared with 72.2 on August 25th, 1907; 71.6 on September 25th, 1906; 71.2 on September 25th, 1905; and ten year average of 67.8.

"I do not look for low prices for the reason that the crop will not be larger than is needed for the mills and besides the farmers are not going to sell until they get what is considered a fair price. They are in a better position to hold than ever before. They couldn't have done this two years ago as they had to sell their crops to pay debts, but now cotton is no higher in proportion than other commodities. Everything is on a much higher basis than it was a few years ago, and on account of the increased cost of production the farmer should get at least 12 to 12-1/2 cents. The spot market is apt to go down a little on account of the decline in futures, but the probability is that there will be very little sold and the price, which is today a little less than 12 cents, will go up again.

Brooding Over Death of Pet Dog Leads To Suicide

By Associated Press. New York, Oct. 2.—Adelbert Schaefer, a well-to-do manufacturer, who had just returned from a hunting trip in Maine, committed suicide last night, apparently because of the death of his setter dog, which he had accidentally shot during a hunting trip. He was inconsolable over his loss when he returned and finally shot himself with the gun that had killed his pet.

Robbers Use Dynamite To Open Car—Fire Followed

By Associated Press. Otessa, Oct. 2.—A train having on board over 200 passengers was held up last night by a band of robbers, who opened the mail car by exploding a dynamite. The explosion set the car on fire and the flames were communicated to the crowded passenger car, with the result that several women and children were badly burned before they could escape.

While the robbers were trying to blow open the safe in the mail car they were attacked by some Genarmes who were passengers on the train. Several on both sides were wounded, but the robbers escaped.

Alienists in Thaw Case Charge Over \$23,000

Special to The News. New York, Oct. 2.—Ten of District Attorney Jerome's alienists in the Harry K. Thaw case have rendered bills for their services. The total of these bills is slightly in excess of \$23,000.

Editor Allen in Charge. Shelby, N. C., Oct. 2.—Mr. J. W. Allen, formerly employed with Edwards & Broughton, of Raleigh, has been elected local editor and business manager of the Shelby Aurora, and entered upon his duties last week. He is well equipped for the position, having formerly been editor of the Smithfield Times and also of the Greenville Reflector.

Cairo Plans Perfected. Cairo, Ill., Oct. 2.—President Roosevelt will be in Cairo for two hours tomorrow morning, and extensive arrangements are being made for the reception. The business houses will be bedecked with flags and bunting, and a military company will lead the parade.

The president will deliver a speech here, which is expected to be one of the most important of his entire trip. At 11 o'clock he will resume his journey to Memphis.

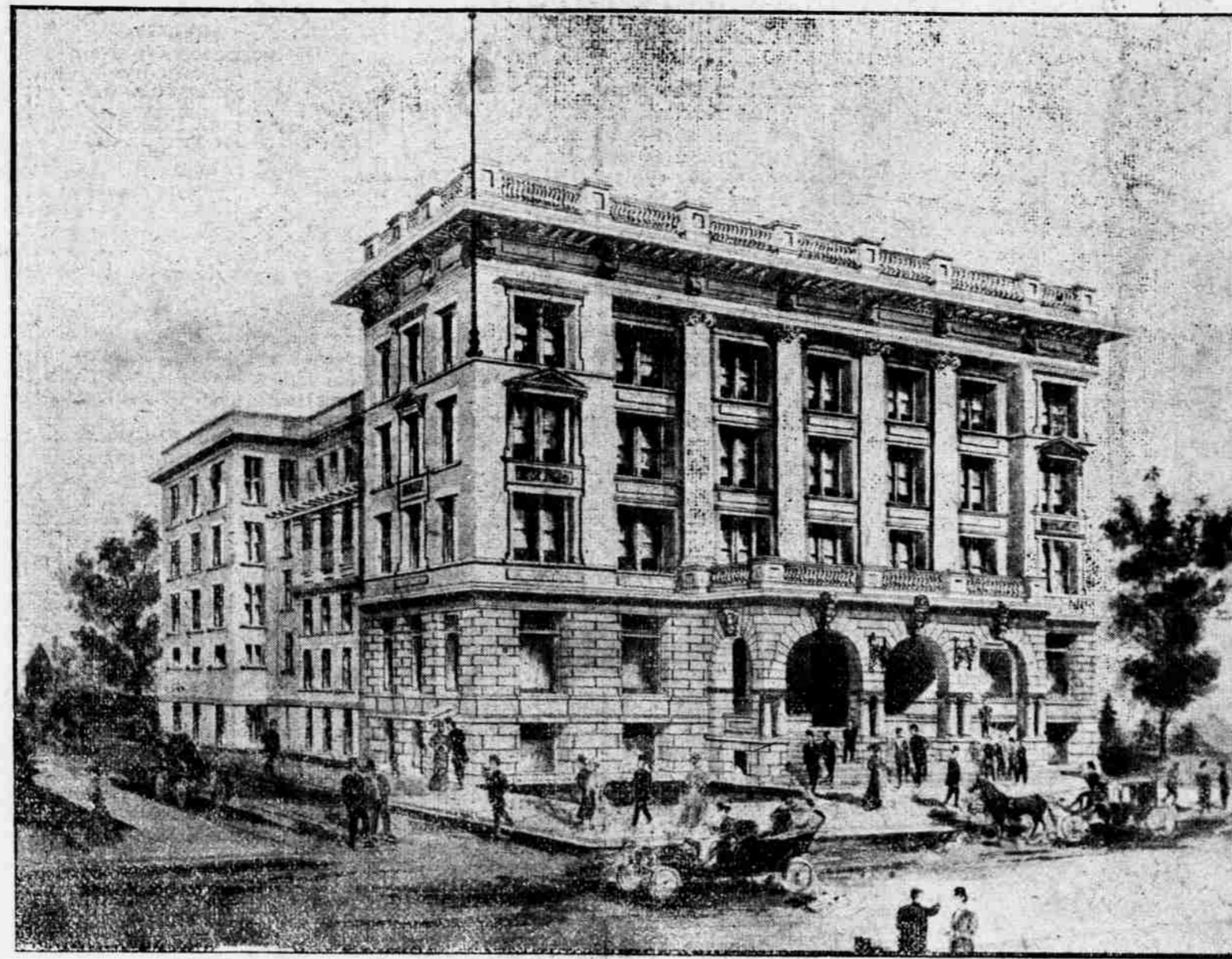
Montana Wool Growers. Helena, Mont., Oct. 2.—The Montana Wool Growers' Association began its second annual meeting in this city today and will remain in session until Saturday. The large and representative attendance and the importance of the subjects slated for discussion combine to give promise of a notable meeting.

Japanese Day at Exposition. By Associated Press. Norfolk, Va., Oct. 2.—This was celebrated at Jamestown as "Japan Day" and proved the most novel and popularly interesting celebration of the exposition period.

Fire Did Big Damage. By Associated Press. New York, Oct. 2.—Fire in the store of Ludwig Baumann Company at 8th Avenue and 36th street caused \$60,000 damage. Kurt Lisser, an employee, was seriously injured.

Senator Overman to Speak. Special to The News. Salisbury, N. C., Oct. 2.—Senator Lee S. Overman goes to Waynesville next Tuesday, October 8th, at which time he will be the chief speaker at the Waynesville fair.

Case of Senator Borah. By Associated Press. Boise, Idaho, Oct. 2.—Judge Whitson refused to take the Senator Borah case from the jury today.



The New \$100,000 Home Of The Y. M. C. A. Ground Broken This Afternoon

Government Only Can Properly Supervise All The Interstate Railroads, So Says Roosevelt

Hull of General Slocum Converted Into Barge

By Associated Press. New York, Oct. 2.—The owners of the hull of the excursion steamer, General Slocum, which was burned in the harbor here in June, 1904, causing the deaths of more than 1,000 persons, have received permission from the government authorities to change the name of the craft to the Maryland. The hull has been converted into a barge and will be used in transporting coal and lumber between Atlantic coast ports.

MOTHER HUNG NEAR CHILD.

Body of Woman Found Suspended From Rafter—Child's Head Crushed With Axe.

By Associated Press. Albany, N. Y., Oct. 2.—Suspended from a rafter, the body of Katherine Dargatz, wife of John Dargatz, was found in a barn in the rear of Dargatz's home at Loudonville, near Albany today. Nearby was the body of their 9-year-old adopted son, his head crushed in with an axe.

ELIZABETH HEIGHTS LIGHTED

The Residents Are Rejoicing—Suburb Looks Real City-like. The dozen or more electric arc lights recently placed on Elizabeth Heights, as ordered by the board of aldermen shortly after the extension of the city limits, were put into commission for the first time Monday night, and the residents are rejoicing. Four or five lights are placed at intervals on Providence road, beginning at the creek at the foot of East Fourth street, and extending to the corner of Mr. McD. Watkins' place. There are as many on Elizabeth avenue. The Heights now look real city-like.

FESTIVAL QUARTETTE.

Management Has Formed Quartette of Some of the Leading Solo Voices to Sing at Festival's Big Sunday Meetings. Another strong feature has been added to the Fall Festival's already splendid program. A quartette composed of Charlotte's very best voices has been engaged to sing at the Sunday meetings October 13th to 20th.

The members of this organization are Miss Emma Leinbach, soprano; Miss May Courtney Oates, contralto; Mr. David T. Huyek, tenor, and Mr. John Watson, bass. This is one of the best quartettes that has ever been gotten together in Charlotte, composed, as it is, of some of the best talent in the city. The first rehearsal was held last evening.

It is understood that the quartette will sing, unaccompanied. Charlotte will have every reason to be proud of her local musicians.

Meeting of the Session. The session of the Tenth Avenue church will meet in the lecture room this evening at the close of the prayer meeting service.

The marriage of Miss Naomi Cooke to Mr. Edward Seton Haggard, on the evening of October the 15th, will occur at 6:30 o'clock instead of at 6, as stated in yesterday's News.

St. Louis, Oct. 2.—President Roosevelt arrived here today at 9:47 o'clock. The sounding of whistles and the bursting of bombs announced the approach of the steamer bearing the President to this place.

President Caught in the Rain. Notwithstanding the president was caught in a rain as he stood in the open carriage bowing to multitudes, he went through the program in his wet clothes.

Governor Folk of Missouri, presented President Roosevelt. At the first mention of President Roosevelt's name, ten thousand people spontaneously sprang to their feet and voiced their greeting. The ovation continued three minutes.

The president then made his address, which follows: Speech of President Roosevelt. It is a very real pleasure to address this body of citizens of Missouri here in the great city of St. Louis. I have often visited St. Louis before, but always by rail. Now I am visiting it in the course of a trip by water, a trip on the great natural highway which runs past your very doors—a highway once so important, now almost abandoned, which I hope this nation will see not only restored to all its former usefulness, but given a far greater degree of usefulness to correspond to the extraordinary growth in wealth and population of the Mississippi valley.

The Railway Age. We have lived in an era of phenomenal railroad building. As routes for merchandise, the iron highways have completely supplanted the old wagon roads, and under their competition the importance of the water highways has been much diminished. The growth of the railway system has been rapid all over the world, but nowhere so rapid as in the United States.

Water Transportation. Accompanying this there has grown in the United States a tendency toward the practically complete abandonment of the system of water transportation. Such a tendency is certainly not healthy and I am convinced that it will not be permanent. There are many classes of commodities, especially those which are perishable in their nature and where the value is high relatively to the bulk, which will always be carried by rail. But bulky commodities which are not of a perishable nature will always be specially suited for the conditions of water transport.

From every standpoint it is desirable for the nation to join in improving the greatest system of river highways within its borders, a system second only in importance to the highway afforded by the Great Lakes; the highways of the Mississippi and its great tributaries, such as the Missouri and Ohio. Within the last few years there has been an awakening in this country to the need of both the conservation and the development of our national resources under the supervision of and by the aid of the federal government.

Preservation of Forests. This is especially true of all that concerns our running waters. On the mountains from which the springs start we are now endeavoring to preserve the forests which regulate the water supply and prevent too startling variations between droughts and freshets. Below the mountains, in the high dry regions of the western plains, we endeavor to secure the proper utilization of the waters for irrigation. This is at the source of the streams. Farther down, where they become navigable, our aim must be to try to develop a policy which shall secure the utmost

Protestant Episcopal Church of U. S. Opened Big Convention To-day

GROUND BREAKING.

Simple Ceremonies Will be Observed This Afternoon When First Dirt is Thrown for New Y. M. C. A. Building.

This afternoon at 5:30 o'clock ground will be broken for the new \$100,000 Young Men's Christian Association building. The occasion will be marked by simple ceremonies participated in for the most part by the younger element of the Young Men's Christian Association.

Rev. Dr. W. M. Kincaid, pastor of the First Presbyterian church will open the exercises with prayer. The president of the association, Mr. Robert Glasgow, Jr., will cut the sod and loosen the arth for Miss Bessie Durham, the little daughter of the vice-president of the association, Mr. J. A. Durham, who will throw the first little shovelful of earth.

The president of the junior department, Mr. Edwin L. Jones, who is the son of the contractor having in charge the erection of the building will direct the ploughing of the furrow to outline the building. The plow will be drawn by a large number of young boys, members of the junior department of the association. It is thought most fitting that the men of the future should take the leading part in the beginnings of the work for the new association building.

Preceding the ceremonies of the breaking of the ground there will be a conference of directors, trustees and prominent men of the association, with representatives of the interstate and international committees. This meeting will be held at 4 o'clock and will adjourn in time for the ceremonies at the site for the new building, which will take place at 5:30 o'clock.

Negro Ministers of Chicago Begin a Good Work

By Associated Press. Chicago, Ill., Oct. 2.—Negroes have begun to fight against the lawless and criminals of their own race. Resolutions were passed yesterday at a meeting of the pastors of all African Methodist Episcopal Church of Chicago deploring the wave of negro crime and condemning the lax administration of the parole system which they allege permits the law breaking negroes to infest the city.

Negro Workmen Make a Horrible Discovery

By Associated Press. Norfolk, Va., Oct. 2.—Murder mystery with no clue came to light near the Jamestown Exposition grounds yesterday while the negro workmen were grubbing along the Virginia Railway tracks today. The negroes found hidden in high bushes a three foot box in which was packed the dismembered and headless body of an adult person.

Through fear or ignorance they set fire and burned up the whole box to get it out of their way.

The Temple Male Quartette Of Boston, One Of Fall Festival's Best Features



The fall festival patrons will be delighted with the Temple Quartet, which will appear several times during the week. This musical organization is nearly half a century old, and during that time, the personnel of its membership has never been lowered. Only the best of artists have contributed to its success.

The Temple Quartet was organized at the dedication of the Boston Music Temple, and took its name from that occasion. From that day until

Bishop of London Preached Opening Sermon—Richmond Beautifully Decorated—Many Delegates in Attendance.

Question of Creating Negro Bishops is Considered—Discussion on Remarrying of Divorced Persons.

By Associated Press. Richmond, Va., Oct. 2.—The Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States assembled today for its 45th triennial convention which is expected to be one of the most interesting in the history of the church.

The Rt. Rev. F. Winington Ingram, Bishop of London, was present and preached a sermon at the celebration of Holy Communion in the Holy Trinity Church, this being the opening ceremonial. The only business sessions were for the purpose of organization, the House of Bishops meeting at 3:30 p. m. and the House of Deputies at the same hour in another place.

City in Gala Attire. The business session of the city is decorated with flags and bunting and by night is brilliant with electrical display. The Bishop of London with rare good nature posed for a number of photographs for amateurs and some for publication.

In his public statements the Bishop referred to the fact that for a century and a half the church in the United States was under the Bishop of London. He declared he valued this historical connection and it was because of it he came to America. The lay delegates to the convention number many well known business men from every section of the country.

Creation of Negro Bishop. Of all the questions pending in the convention that of creating negro bishops is causing most heated advance discussion. There is a large faction in the convention which will advocate the closing of negro missions and schools, and allow the negro communicants to die out or scatter among other relief bodies. Another faction openly advocates the creation of negro bishops to serve over negro churches and still others would consecrate negro suffrage bishops to serve under the direction of the white bishop of the diocese and still another plan is to give the negroes three bishops and let them erect autonomous churches.

A Vital Issue. The reopening of the discussion on the remarrying of divorced persons is an important feature of the business program. Many of the delegates will urge the passage of a more drastic canon and possibly the prohibition entirely to the remarriage of a divorced person by any clergyman of the Episcopal Church.

Opening Sermon. In his sermon in Holy Trinity Church during the celebration of the 300th anniversary of the founding of the Anglican Christian Church in America, the Rt. Rev. Arthur Foley Winnington Ingram, Lord Bishop of London, gave his idea of the characteristics which the church that shall dominate the future must possess. He said, in part:

Gospel of Love. First undoubtedly the future can only belong to the church which believes and preaches the far reaching, energizing and active love of God. God forbid that I should deny the difficulties which surround the belief in the love of God or ignore the stern side of the New Testament, but no church will save the world and especially those thousands of million who have not yet had a chance to make up their minds as to the truth of Christianity, except the church that believes and proclaims and lives out the love of God to every child that he has made.

And with the gospel of love of God must go what we call in England the message of free salvation. It may be that in the past we may have allowed a legalizing spirit to creep over the church, but today, high church and low church vie in England to preach the gospel of free salvation. That the eternal son of God came into this world and gave himself for his brothers: That the Christian religion does not consist in the belief in the God man named Jesus Christ dying on the cross, but consists in the belief in the sacrifice of God himself.

A New Theology. I have no means of knowing the trend of religious thought in the United States, but from my experience of east, north and west, London, the future lies with no church which sinks to what is called the new theology.

The Great Danger. Bear with me, then, when I say as my last word, that the greatest danger of the church on both sides of the Atlantic is worldliness. In Continued on Page Five.