

Ginners Report Means a Short Crop of Cotton

One Local Authority Sees in it Indications of About 11,500,000 Bales the Same as The Crop of 1907.

Mr. Tanner Says Cotton is Merely on Parity with Corn and Wheat—Better Prices for Goods Inevitable.

There was of course unusual interest here today in the ginners' report, the government's report estimating that 5,525,591 bales have been ginned against 6,296,166 in 1908 and 4,420,258 in 1907.

The estimate of the National Ginners' Association report this year is for 5,325,384, a couple of hundred thousand bales under the government's estimate.

It seemed to be generally admitted that this indicates a short crop of cotton this year, and some of the people familiar with cotton for years are predicting 15 cents, and perhaps more.

The consumption of cotton last year was 13,500,000 bales and with a short crop this year, prices are almost bound to stay high.

It will be noticed that the estimate in the ginners' report for the year is down 100,000 bales from the amount ginned two years ago, when the crop was 11,500,000. Speaking of this today a leading cotton buyer in this city said that he had been predicting all along that this year's crop would be in the neighborhood of the 1907 crop and that the ginners' report of today only further confirmed him in this belief.

There seems to be a realization now that the chances of any break in the market grow less strong, and that purchasers have not to be at high prices. The News asked Mr. S. B. Tanner, president of the American Cotton Manufacturers' Association today what he thought of the ginners' report, and he replied:

"It seems that the cotton market is seeking a parity with other farm products, such as are made in the West and in foreign countries. For example, the price of flour for the past 18 months has been around \$8 per barrel, as against the old price of \$4.25 to \$4.75 and corn \$1 per bushel against 30 to 50 cents formerly. And 14 cents for cotton is not above a parity with the above staple commodities.

"Indications point to only a moderate cotton crop at best, this year, which assures good prices for the staple. And this being the case, a correspondingly advance above the present comparatively low prices of cotton goods is inevitable, and must come quickly if the mills start on full time and prevent very high prices for cotton goods later on, which would be brought about by prolonged curtailment.

There appeared to be some uncertainty on the New York market in the earlier hours of the trading today. The future market is from 10 to 15 points up. At one time it went 20 points up but dropped back a little. Long cotton appeared to be taking its profits. Spot cotton was bringing 14 cents up to 1 o'clock today. There was the heaviest frost of the year in the county this morning and it has about fixed the younger and tenderer cotton in the fields.

It looked like 10 bales, or a little more, would come in today. Monday is always a day of small receipts, but farmers appeared to be rushing what they had left ginned to market—what didn't get to the market Saturday when 524 bales or so came in.

While curtailment is reported in a number of places, as at Spartanburg, and at McAdenville, where 30,000 spindles in the mills there will shut down for a month, and at other places, a few mills are still running on full time, but perhaps the most of them are running on about two-thirds time. This is the case in the mills at Greensboro, Burlington, Graham and in that section. A number of local mills will take advantage of the circus to shut down for one or two days.

There is a gleam of hope for cotton manufacturers. A Charlotte house sold 32-2 warps at 27 1/2 last week, the same yarns which have been selling at 23 and 24; and which on July 10-cent were selling at 22 1/2.

Knocked Out in Twentieth Round

By Associated Press. Melbourne, Oct. 25.—"Bill" Lang, Australian pugilist, knocked out "Bill" Squires, of Australia, in twentieth round. They fought for the heavy-weight championship of Australia.

TO TRY CONSTABLE FOR MURDER

Asheville, N. C., Oct. 25.—A special term of the superior court convened today for the trial of F. C. Watkins, constable of Black Mountain township, who on August 7 last shot and killed John H. Bunting, a traveling salesman of Wilmington, and seriously wounded Paul C. Collins, while they were guests at a Black Mountain Hotel. Watkins will make a plea of self-defense.

Andrews Has Serious Fire

Asheville, Oct. 25.—The business part of the town of Andrews on the Murphy branch, near Murphy, was almost wiped out by fire which broke out in the center of the town Saturday night. Six buildings were destroyed before the fire could be checked. Russell's drug store, an adjoining millinery store, a hardware store, the Andrews bottling works and office buildings were burned. The buildings destroyed carried little if any insurance.

Breaks Neck But May Survive

Macon, Ga., Oct. 25.—Lying in the Macon hospital with his neck broken by a fall from his room window at an early hour yesterday morning, Earl Hester, a well-known young man, and nephew of Judge Robert Hodges of this city, is fully conscious and physicians entertain hope of saving his life. In attempting to fasten a window-shutter the young man lost his balance and fell twenty feet on a brick pavement. He was picked up and sent to the hospital immediately. The surgeons found complete paralysis of the entire body except the muscles of the head. The youth regained consciousness and later talked coherently.

Old Time Hotel Is Burned

Special to The News. Chester, S. C., Oct. 25.—The old Belmont hotel, which was erected immediately after the close of the Civil war, and has been the scene of many interesting events in the history of the past 40 years of this city, burned Sunday morning at 1:30 o'clock. It was the property of Mr. W. W. Coggler, located on Gadsden street. He considered it worth \$5,000. It was insured for \$2,000. Mr. W. P. Johnson was living in it at the time. He saved none of his household goods, however, they were fully insured. He lost several hundred dollars in cash in the flames. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Minister was Badly Injured in Runaway

By Associated Press. Roanoke, Va., Oct. 25.—Rev. A. L. Harnsberger, of Bethany Circuit, Baltimore, Methodist Episcopal Conference, in Roanoke and Botetourt counties, lies to-day at his home at Cloverdale in a precarious condition as the result of a runaway Saturday evening. The minister's skull was badly fractured and his leg broken.

To Help the Irish Cause

Boston, Mass., Oct. 25.—J. P. O'Connor, the famous journalist, heading a committee sent over by John Redmond, the Irish parliamentary leader, to enlist American sympathy and raise funds to help in Ireland's fight for home rule, arrived in Boston today and was given a hearty reception by the United Irish League. Mr. O'Connor delivers the first of a series of addresses that will make in the chief cities of the United States.

The Meeting at Villa Heights

A large and appreciative audience heard Rev. J. W. Carson preach at the Villa Heights A. R. P. church last night from the text, "What shall I do with Jesus, which is called Christ?" Mr. Carson will preach this afternoon at 3 o'clock and again this evening at 7:45. The meeting will close with this evening's service.

Killing Frost

The local weather station registers a killing frost of the season in this section this morning. The temperature was the lowest it has been this fall and young corn and cotton suffered considerably. The frost was general throughout the cotton belt.

Mr. A. F. Patterson, of Newbern, is spending the day in the city on business.



ON THE FIVE YARD LINE!

Shoots Wife, Kills Himself

Tragedy in Union Depot at Washington; Woman Declined to Leave The Stage—Was a Chorus Girl.

Washington, Oct. 25.—Enraged because his chorus girl wife preferred a life on the stage to his companionship, William H. Short, of New York City yesterday shot and perhaps fatally wounded her in the west portico of the union station here and then sent a bullet crashing through his temple. He died an hour later at Casualty hospital.

The tragedy followed a series of quarrels between the couple. Mrs. Short had just alighted from a cab, which was also occupied by her husband and Miss Caldwell, a girl friend, and was hurrying to catch a train to Pittsburg, when Short, without warning, whipped a revolver from his pocket and fired three bullets into his wife's back.

The woman, who now lies near death in the Casualty hospital, is known to the stage as Evelyn Howard and played in Washington last week with the "Motor Girl" company. She was formerly Evelyn Lewis of Jacksonville, Fla., and married Short, who is a native of Livingston, Ala., about seven years ago. They lived in New York, where he was employed as a bookkeeper in a bank, but soon after their marriage the man got into the clutches of the low through alleged misappropriation of funds. Mrs. Short told the police when she regained consciousness at the hospital, and served a term in Sing Sing. Through sheer necessity Mrs. Short said she drifted to the stage as a means of livelihood.

Short recently was paroled from prison, Mrs. Short said, and made a new start in life. When she declined to return to him, he followed her here. She persisted in her refusal. Accompanied by Miss Maude Caldwell, another member of the company she left her hotel this morning for the station. She vainly tried to elude her husband, who followed her and plead with her again to turn from the stage. When they reached the station Short made his final entreaty and when he was again rebuffed the tragedy ensued.

To eye witnesses it appeared that Mrs. Short, much terrified, had jumped from the cab drawn up at the west portico of the station and had attempted to run, when Short pulled his revolver and, rushing at the woman, fired a bullet into her shoulder. She fell at the first shot, and the man stood over her and sent two more bullets through her body. Without a moment's hesitation, evidently believing he had killed his wife, Short turned the revolver upon himself and sent a bullet into his right temple. He fell at the foot of his unconscious wife.

Miss Caldwell was detained by the police as an eyewitness, but upon Short's death soon afterward, she was released and was permitted to proceed with her company to Pittsburg.

Short a Traveling Man. In the room which Short occupied at the hotel, the police discovered a card bearing the following words: "William H. Short, representing Auto-lighting Cigarettes, 339-41 Sixth avenue, Newark, N. J."

Short was apparently without funds. He had made two ineffectual attempts to get checks cashed, it is said. Mrs. Mary Lewis, living at No. 2 East One Hundred and Eleventh street, New York City, who is believed to be the mother of Mrs. Short, was notified of the tragedy and is expected here late to-night. Short's body is at the morgue awaiting advices as to its disposition.

Mr. W. T. Buchan is enlarging and improving his brick dwelling house on Mint street, next to the Vance apartment houses.

New York to Atlanta Auto Tour Starts

FACTS ABOUT THE LONG TOUR. Conducted under the rules and sanction of the American Automobile Association. Starts from New York Oct. 25 and ends at Atlanta Nov. 3. Route passes through nine States, touching important historic spots. Prizes—\$3,400 for good roads; \$1,700 for competing owners. Total distance to be traversed—1,059 miles.

New York, Oct. 25.—The much-discussed automobile tour from New York to Atlanta, arranged primarily to promote public interest in the construction of a "National Highway" between the metropolis and the "Gate City" of the South to arouse interest in the good roads movement in general, had its start from Herald Square in this city today. A large crowd assembled to see the two-score competing cars get away. It will be a contest of physical endurance as well as one that is bound to test the cars. Before it is ended,

Woman Shot by Husband is Improving

By Associated Press. Washington, Oct. 23.—Slowly recovering from wounds inflicted by her husband, whose body lies unclaimed at the district morgue, Mrs. Evelyn Louise Short will be operated upon today for the removal of two bullets which lodged in her back. At the hospital this morning she was reported improving. She was shot yesterday morning at the Union station because she refused to leave a stage and resume unhappy life with William H. Short, of New York, an ex-convict whom she married in her teens.

Body of Man Long Missing Found at Last

By Associated Press. Laurel, Md., Oct. 25.—A gruesome find was made by a negro yesterday near here when he came upon the body of Charles A. Fox, Jr., formerly postmaster of Beltsville, Md. Fox disappeared last June, when he wandered from his home while delirious with fever. It is thought he succumbed to the disease, there being no suspicion of murder or suicide.

This Prisoner is a Prize Scrapper

Special to The News. Durham, N. C., Oct. 25.—The champion scrapper that the officers have met lately was before the recorder's court this morning in the person of one Tilley, charged with an assault. Tilley was arrested Saturday night by Officer Hall and resented the manhandling by hitting Mr. Hall over the head with a coca cola bottle. He was then handcuffed and carried to the lock-up. On the way he broke the manacles and was put in the cell. He broke out soon and was again put back. This time he amused himself by whipping all of the cell-mates and by whipping the iron work of the enclosure. Finally Deputy Belvin had to take a board and spank the fellow into submission. Sheriff Harward carries today a bruised hand which he used on a negro who stole his horse Saturday evening. The sheriff got his animal back but the negro was driving the horse back and forth and having a good time. The officer then took him out and gave him a good drubbing with his fist, making them exceedingly sore on the nigger's noggin. S. Jones, of Raleigh, a negro who followed the circus here Saturday, was caught in the act of picking the pocket of A. W. Everett, of Roxboro, and taken captive by S. H. Edwards and S. H. Daniel. The negro fell down and prayed fervently for deliverance, but the facts were against him. He was taken to the lock-up and held.

Census Bureau's Report On Cotton Ginned

The Viper is Fast in Sand

By Associated Press. Delaware Breakwater, Del., Oct. 25.—The submarine boat Viper, which came into this harbor last night with Tarantula and Plunger and gunboat Castine, was dragged around last night off the northeast end of Breakwater and is still fast in the sand. The submarine is lying easy and it is expected will be floated at the next high tide. A high northwest wind prevailed last night which caused the Viper to drag her anchors. The submarine and gunboat are bound from Brooklyn to Charleston.

STEGALL CASE HEARING BEGINS

Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 25.—The hearing in the now famous case of Charles E. Stegall, a gauger in the employ of the United States department of internal revenue, was resumed today in the United States court. The case, it will be remembered, evoked a sharp conflict between the state and federal courts, the state county superior court holding Stegall in contempt because he declined to answer before the grand jury a question as to what was being manufactured at the Cureton distillery. The United States authorities, on the other hand, upheld the gauger, taking the stand that his oath and bond forbade him to divulge the desired information. The issue is regarded as one of great importance, especially in prohibition states or localities. The decision is awaited with interest as it will afford a precedent for state courts in the trial of alleged violations of the prohibition law. And furthermore, it will become a precedent in the matter of state or county interference with United States revenue officials.

Caldwell Court Is Session

Special to The News. Concord, N. C., Oct. 25.—A two-weeks' term of Cabarrus county superior court convened this morning, Judge J. L. Webb, of Shelby, presiding, and Solicitor Heriot Clarkson, of Charlotte, is appearing for the state. The most important criminal case will be the State vs. Jerry Wentz, for secretly assaulting Mr. Chalmers Sims, at the Gibson Mill, several weeks ago. Rev. Plato Durham is conducting a series of protracted meetings at Central Methodist church this week. Ex-Judge W. J. Montgomery has returned from a week's trip to Polk county, where he has been attending court. Mr. Walter Moser arrived home Saturday from Lynchburg, Va. Moser was a member of the pitching staff of the Lynchburg baseball team of the Virginia League for the past season. He made a wonderful record this season, considering the fact that he was with a tall-end team. Mr. J. W. Clark returned to the city yesterday after a week's visit to his father, Chief Justice Walter Clark, of Raleigh. Miss Emily Gibson returned home Saturday from Paris, where she has been spending several months. Mrs. R. P. Brunson is visiting her father, Mrs. George W. Best, of Wayne county. A large delegation of Concord people will be in Charlotte tomorrow to swell the throng of visitors to the circus and the fair. "Ty" Cobb may spend Sunday in the Queen City and "Watch Charlotte Grow," but he will have to "See Concord First," a city of a thousand opportunities.

Sixty One Cars in Race

By Associated Press. New York, Oct. 25.—Sixty-one automobiles representing 34 different makes, were sent away today on a ten days' run to Atlanta, Ga., as participants in the good roads tour promoted by the New York Herald and Atlanta Journal. A score of non-competing cars accompanied the caravan as far as Perth Amboy, N. J., where the first stop was made. The contest is for trophies aggregating \$1,700 and was open to stock cars selling from \$850 to \$4,000 and over. Steps will be made at Philadelphia, Staunton, Va., Roanoke, Va., Winston-Salem, N. C., Charlotte, N. C., and Greenville, S. C.

Adjourned Out of Respect

By Associated Press. Washington, Oct. 25.—Out of respect to the memory of the late Justice Rufus W. Peckham, the supreme court of the United States to-day adjourned until next Monday.

Great Interest In Progress of Pellagra Especially in South

By Associated Press. New Orleans reports two deaths spread interest in the progress of pellagra for July and one death "pellagra", especially in the South, has for August. Two cases are reported from Camden, South Carolina, for the public health and marine hospital ser-week ended October 9. Up to Sep-vice. vice. Washington, Oct. 25.—The wide-spread interest in the progress of pellagra for July and one death "pellagra", especially in the South, has for August. Two cases are reported from Camden, South Carolina, for the public health and marine hospital ser-week ended October 9. Up to Sep-vice. vice. The weekly health reports of the ser-Texas.

Up to Oct. 19 5,525,591 Bales Had Been Ginned From 1909 Growth According to Government Figures.

This is Compared With 6,296,166 For 1908—Effect of Report on Local And Foreign Markets.

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., Oct. 25.—The census bureau today issued a report showing 5,525,591 bales, counting round bales as half bales, had been ginned from the growth of 1909 to October 18, as compared with 6,296,166 for 1908; 4,420,258 for 1907.

The census bureau reports the following comparisons of cotton ginned up to October 18th, 1909, with that of the same period of 1908:

Table with columns: State, 1909, 1908. Rows: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, All other states.

The number of Sea Island bales included was 36,330, as compared with 32,013 for 1908. The bureau announced that individual returns of ginners had altered the report of cotton ginned to Sept. 25th, so that the corrected number of bales ginned to that date was 2,568,150.

Effect on New York Market. By Associated Press. New York, Oct. 25.—There was great excitement in the Cotton Exchange market, prices making new high records, owing to big gains in Liverpool, bullish crop estimate by a prominent English expert, scarce of shorts and general buying.

December cotton sold at 14.11 and May at 14.25, about 15 or 20 points higher than Saturday. There was enormous realizing, particularly as the census report showed rather more cotton ginned to Oct. 18 than recent private figures, and prices lost several points of gain. Business continued very active during the middle of the day, with Southern bulls aggressive buyers on the report of further damage to the crop from frost over Sunday night. Early reactions were received late in the afternoon, while bull leaders were predicting further advance, and meeting with little opposition aside from continued realizing.