

Discuss Ways And Means of Increasing Price Of Cotton

Governors of Several Southern States Accompanied by Other State Officials Meet in New Orleans in Great Cotton Conference.

Commissioner Graham Outlines Needs of The Planter—Tar Heel Bankers Co-operating With Farmers—Conference May Be Held Each Year.

By Associated Press.
New Orleans, Oct. 30.—A plan of European bankers to finance immediately two million bales of the present cotton crop and thus insure the early re-establishment of a normal price for the staple will be considered late this afternoon at an executive session of the five governors in attendance upon the cotton conference. May Be Yearly Affair.

An effort will be made to make the conference of governors a yearly affair. It is certain that some action will be forthcoming, having for its object the collection of data and statistics by the federal government concerning the consumption of cotton, stocks in the hands of the spinners and accurate figures of foreign production.

"Cut Down Acreage, Practice Diversification," is the admonition of Commissioner of Agriculture Edward R. Kone, of Texas. "If the farmers of the country would raise such things as their families are compelled to have and will yield them cash enough to keep out of debt and make cotton a strictly 'clear money profit' that they can hold, if need be, indefinitely, when they receive the price they think it is worth, it would render speculative manipulation of the cotton crop impossible and make the farmers master of the situation."

"Another innovation I wish to see inaugurated is for the federal government's cotton reporting service to be improved to the extent that when it announces what the cotton crop will be, it will at the same time announce what the world's demand will be for the crop, and other facts necessary to protect the producers' interest."

Mr. Graham talks. It is the opinion of W. A. Graham, commissioner of agriculture of North Carolina, that what the planter needs most is an extended market, developed by the national government, directly as has been done, said he, in the interest of the cotton manufacturer.

"The banks of our state are standing behind our planters," said he, and they give us every assurance that they will continue to advance such sums as will enable the planter to carry his crop until prices justify sales. I believe the landlord should regulate the acreage of his tenants, say what they shall plant and cultivate and even go so far as to require his tenant to produce sufficient provisions to support himself and his family."

Address of Welcome.
At the opening of the conference Mayor Behrman of New Orleans delivered an address of welcome. He was followed by Governor J. Y. Sanders, of Louisiana, who welcomed the visiting Governors and delegates on behalf of the state.

Visiting Governors.
The visiting governors present at the opening of the conference were Governor Colquitt, of Texas; Governor Mann, of Virginia; Governor O'Neal, of Louisiana.

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ITALIANS ABOUT TRIPOLI PRESSED HARD BY TURKS

Tripoli, Oct. 28.—Via Malta, Oct. 30.—For three days the Italians have been systematically slaughtering Arabs in the residential Oasis outside the city. Every Arab met has been shot down without trial. Many women have been killed.

In the confusion attending the Italian bombardment of Benghazi, on October 19th, immense damage was done. Three hundred civilians, one half of whom were children were killed.

Turks Desperate Bravery.
London, Oct. 30.—A dispatch from Constantinople says: "According to news from Tripoli published here, the Turks have captured the last of the Italian outer entrenchments and occupied the suburb Zahre and all approaches to Tripoli from the northwest."

Before the battle the tribesmen took a solemn oath to sacrifice themselves to the last man in defense of their country. One hundred and fifty Arabs who were holding a certain position bound themselves together with straps fastened to their ankles and swore not to move from their tracks until their ammunition was exhausted.

PRELATES WILL SAIL FOR ROME WITHIN FORTNIGHT

By Associated Press.
Washington, D. C., Oct. 30.—Mgr. Diomedeo Falco, the papal delegate, who has been elevated to the cardinalate along with Archbishops O'Connell, of Boston, and Farley, of New York, was today summoned to the consistory at Rome, November 27. Official notice of the appointment of the new cardinals reached Monsignor Falco today. All three prelates probably will sail not later than November 10th.

VERDICT OF JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDE

J. Lucius Randall, Prominent Business Man of Gaffney Justified for Shooting and Killing Sam Whitworth, a Cleveland County Farmer.

Randall Was Riding in Automobile With Young Ladies Near Shelby and Shot Whitworth in Sert Defense—Dead Man was a Wealthy Planter.

Special to The News.

Shelby, N. C., Oct. 30.—Late last night a coroner's jury decided that J. Lucius Randall, a prominent business man of Gaffney, South Carolina, was justified in killing Sam Whitworth, a well-to-do farmer of Cleveland county.

The affair occurred late yesterday afternoon, when Randall, who was automobiling near Shelby, with three young ladies, met Whitworth, who was driving a mule. Whitworth advanced toward the machine ordering Randall to stop, and saying, "I'll kill you." Randall exclaimed, "Don't shoot; I have some little girl here." Whitworth thereupon drew his revolver, but Randall was too quick for him and fired twice. Whitworth was instantly killed.

Randall immediately came to Shelby and surrendered to the sheriff of the county. A coroner's jury was summoned at once. Witnesses testified that the mule did not seem frightened by the automobile, and there was no apparent cause for Whitworth's action. Evidence was introduced to show that Whitworth had been drinking heavily, and an empty flask was found on his person. Earlier in the afternoon he had attempted to kill a negro, and some boys who were riding bicycles. An empty cartridge was found in the dead man's 38 calibre Smith & Wesson revolver which lay near his body.

After the verdict of justifiable homicide Randall returned to his home in Gaffney. No reason is given for the farmer's unprovoked assault except his frequently expressed antipathy to automobiles.

Mr. Randall made the trip into North Carolina yesterday in his Overland car to visit some of his relatives. Late in the afternoon he started out for a ride with the Misses Patty, Elizabeth and Emily Roberts, and they met Whitworth just across the river about two miles from Shelby. Whitworth was a bachelor and one of the best known and wealthiest planters in the county.



STEEL MAGNATES.
From left to right are George W. Perkins, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and E. H. Gary, three of the numerous individual defendants named by the United States government in the suit filed at Trenton, N. J., October 28th, asking for the dissolution of the Steel Trust under the Sherman act.

Government Files Answer To Plans Of Tobacco Trust

The Dissolution and Reorganization Scheme Promulgated by The American Tobacco Company Dissected by Attorney General Wickersham.

Specifies Numerous Conditions Which Should Hold in Case of Any Reorganization Plan—Small Concerns Must Not Be Related in Stock Holdings

By Associated Press.
New York, Oct. 30.—Attorney-General Wickersham's answer to the plan of dissolution and reorganization of the American Tobacco Company was filed here today in the federal circuit court.

The attorney general, after referring to the directions of the supreme court to restore competitive conditions, says: "Obviously the effect of any plan of disintegration submitted to the consideration of the court must be more or less a matter of conjecture, and it is impossible for the court to determine in advance whether a plan which proposes to restore competitive conditions will actually accomplish the purpose intended. Any decree determining upon a plan should therefore reserve to the government the right, at any time, within five years from the date of entry, to apply to the court for other or further relief upon a showing that as a matter of fact such plans have not resulted in a new condition which shall be honestly in harmony with and not repugnant to the law."

To that end each of the new corporations proposed to be organized for the purpose of carrying out the plan should be brought in as a party to this suit in order to be subjected to the jurisdiction of the court and bound by its decree.

The attorney general asks that whatever plan be adopted it be subject to the following conditions, briefly stated: "The corporations among which the properties and businesses in the combination are to be distributed, for a period of five years shall not have any officers or directors in common. These corporations shall not have any stock interest in each other. They shall not employ the same agencies for the purchase of leaf tobacco or other raw material, or for the sale of tobacco. They shall not retain or employ the same clerical or other organization, or occupy the same offices. No one of them shall hold capital in any other corporation, any part of which stock is also held by any of the other corporations among which the properties of the combination are distributed."

"To this end that 29 individual defendants in this suit" the attorney general continues, "shall not increase their control over any of the corporations."

THE WEATHER.
By Associated Press.
Washington, Oct. 30.—Forecast: North Carolina, South Carolina—Generally fair tonight and Tuesday.

TOBACCO CASE BEFORE FEDERAL COURT TO-DAY

By Associated Press.
New York, Oct. 30.—Before a notable gathering of distinguished counsel in the United States circuit court hearings began today to devise some plan of dissolution and reorganization of the tobacco trust ordered by the federal supreme court.

Attorney General Wickersham filed the government's answer to the reorganization plan proposed by the American Tobacco Company and co-defendants in the government's antitrust suit. At the outset Judge Lacombe announced that the American Tobacco Company as proponents of the dissolution plan would first be heard. Lewis Cass Ledyard, as counsel for the defendant companies, making the opening statement.

Following the opening, representatives of the groups of bondholders and outside interests will be heard. Then the government will be heard. Mr. Ledyard in addressing the court argued against a risp for the tobacco trust.

"Never yet in this country," said Mr. Ledyard, "has confiscation of property been permitted and I hope it never will be. It was not unreasonable that the supreme court recommend that a plan of reorganization of these companies be devised which will be in harmony with the law and not result in disaster to business interests."

TO SERVE SUBPOENAS ON TRUST OFFICIALS.

By Associated Press.
Trenton, N. J., Oct. 30.—United States District Attorney Vreeland today received instructions from the department of justice at Washington to have served the subpoenas recently issued in the suit of the government against the United States Steel Corporation.

Pulitzer Funeral.

By Associated Press.
New York, Oct. 30.—The funeral of Joseph Pulitzer, owner and editor of the World, who died yesterday of heart failure on board his yacht in Charleston harbor, will be held at St. Thomas church here on Wednesday afternoon.

Jury Considering Linnell Case

By Associated Press.
Boston, Oct. 30.—The special session of the Suffolk county grand jury resumed its investigation of charges against Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson that he poisoned Avis Linnell, the Boston music student. It is thought probable a jury report will be forthcoming either tonight or tomorrow.

Among the witnesses who appeared in the courtroom of the grand jury this forenoon were William H. Greenwood, a close friend of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Carter, with whom Richeson boarded; Everett Page, a 17-year old boy who is reported to have seen the accused clergyman on a street in Cambridge on the morning of Friday October 13, the day preceding Miss Linnell's death; Dr. Harry M. Gardner who lived opposite the Carter home and who visited Richeson at the home of Moses Grant Edmonds in Brookline, where Mr. Richeson kept in seclusion from the Sunday night after Miss Linnell's death until his arrest the following Friday; Dr. H. T. Baldwin, of Brookline, the Edmonds family physician, who has been attending Miss Violet Edmonds, the minister's fiancee, since the arrest of the clergyman, and chief inspector Hurley, of the Cambridge police.

Chinese Throne Yields To Demand For Constitution

MRS. M'REE TO TAKE STAND IN SELF DEFENSE

By Associated Press.
Opelousas, La., Oct. 30.—That Mrs. Zee Runge McRee would today take the stand in her own behalf and relate the incidents leading up to the killing of Allan Garland in her room in the McRee home several weeks ago was the belief of the throngs of curious who crowded into the court room to attend the eighth day of her trial on the charge of murder.

Sixty or more witnesses summoned by the defense arrived early and if all are given a hearing it is likely that the accused will not be called on to testify until late in the day. There are many rumors as to the "true story" behind the killing of Garland but only a little evidence of undue intimacy between the two which caused the lawyers of the defense to bristle with objections when the matter was broached by the prosecution.

Mrs. McRee on Stand.

Mrs. Zee Runge McRee took the stand in her own behalf this morning, the seventh day of her trial on the charge of murdering young Allan Garland in her home several weeks ago. Mrs. McRee was the first witness called.

The accused was asked but few questions by the defense before Acting District Attorney Dubuisson took up the cross-examination to develop the story of the killing of Garland, which caused a sensation in Louisiana because of the prominence of both families.

Mrs. McRee said she first met the man she killed one night when he came to the McRee home with Mrs. Garland and his brother Albert for milk. She said they soon became friendly and she was a frequent visitor to the Garland home.

"How often did you go over there?" asked Mr. Dubuisson.
"Well, I can't tell you, Mr. Dubuisson. A woman has work to do and she can't go gadding around all the time," she answered.

Mrs. McRee said that Allan was educated and seemed to be a gentleman. "Did not you go often to the potato vines with Allan?"
"Yes sir; with my children."
"Did not you go with Allan to the corn patch in the rear of Mrs. Garland's home on Sundays?"

"No, Mrs. Garland usually had her reunions on Sunday. I did not like to intrude."
She said she got the revolver with which she killed Allan from beneath a mattress on an iron bed upon which the coverlet was not tucked in.

"You say Allan was advancing on you when you fired?"
"Yes sir. He said: 'You can't scare me' and then he came toward me and I fired," was the answer.
"How do you account for the fact that the wounds were in the back? Tell the jury how that was," said Mr. Dubuisson.

Mrs. McRee turned toward the jury with her arms outstretched.
"All I can say gentlemen is that he was facing me when I fired the gun. I suppose he turned just after I was fired to fire."
"How do you explain the fact that the first shot was in the back of the head?" was the next question.
"I can't explain it because I was so excited."

CHARLOTTE REAL ESTATE COMPANY CHANGES NAME.

Special to The News.
Raleigh, Oct. 31.—The Misenheimer Land and Investment Company, of Charlotte, files today a charter amendment changing its name to Southern Land and Investment Company, C. A. Misenheimer, president.

Humbly Apologizes For Past Neglect but Prepares to Follow up Victory Last Week Over Rebels by Attacking Wu Chang.

Loyalists Hold Hankow—Rebels Were Driven Back After a Game Fight—Government Troop's Advance Marked by Terrible Butchery.

By Associated Press.
Peking, Oct. 30.—The throne has acceded to the demand of the national assembly for a complete constitutional government.

In an imperial edict issued today the throne humbly apologizes for its past neglect and grants an immediate constitution, with a cabinet from which nobles will be excluded and a free pardon for the rebels and all political offenders.

Tokio, Oct. 30.—The reverses of the Chinese rebels at Hankow are not considered here as serious. Strategically the city is valueless and its possession would heavily handicap the rebels. It is probable they will strongly fortify Wu Chang and make that city their headquarters.

Burning Hankow.
Shanghai, Oct. 30.—A wireless message from the British warships at Hankow says that the imperialists are burning the native city of Hankow and that the entire advance of the government forces is marked by hideous brutality.

Loyalists Hold Hankow.
Hankow, China, Oct. 29.—Via Wu Hu, Oct. 30.—The imperial forces are preparing to follow up their victory over the rebels last week by an attack on Wu Chang, which the revolutionists have protected by elaborate emergency fortifications and Hang Yang, which is regarded as of the utmost importance on account of the arsenal there.

The loyalists are now in undisputed possession of the entire city of Hankow. Their position here is advantageous for a sudden attack against the arsenal at Han Yang.

A. H. Ketter, the American missionary who was wounded in Friday's fighting, is in a serious condition. He was watching the fighting from the top of a building when he was hit by a stray bullet.

Rebels Made Game Fight.
Friday's battle at Kilometer Ten was a splendid exhibition of gameness and pluck on the part of the rebel forces. Although they were outnumbered, two to one, by the imperialists in front of them and were subjected from the flank to a raking cross fire from Admiral Sah's warship, they held their ground until nearly 500 been killed and 1,500 wounded.

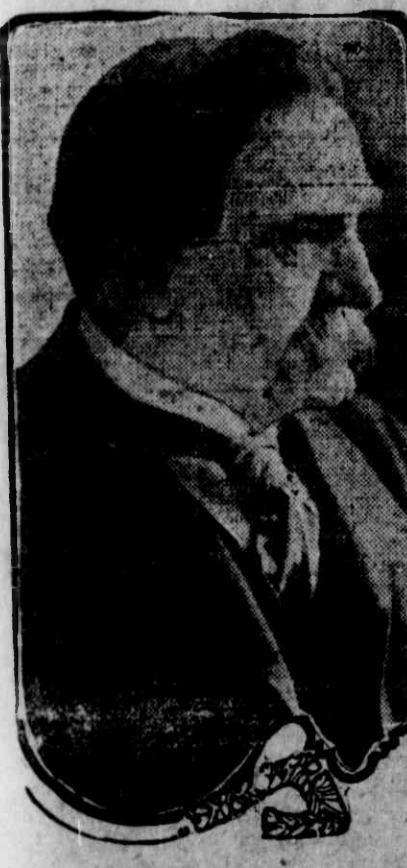
There were about 5,000 of the rebel troops. These were behind well planned fortifications and had little to fear from the attack of the troops. It was the guns of Admiral Sah's fleet which finally routed them.

Sah's eight vessels approached the rebel positions soon after the advance of the imperial troops began, but did not fire any shots. After a little while the eight ships silently retired as if they had decided not to participate in the engagement. Later they returned, this time ready for business. The range was short and the gunners mercilessly poured in their shells upon the rear of the rebels position. The slaughter was appalling. The rebel batteries replied ineffectually and were finally silenced.

The loyalists, whose losses had been slight, advanced on abandoned trenches in splendid order under cover of the battalions captured 15 field guns and taking 50 republican prisoners.

The rebels returned to the fray in the afternoon, bringing reinforcements.

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JACOB M. DICKINSON.
Jacob M. Dickinson, former Secretary of War, engaged as special counsel in the United States government's suit against the Steel Trust for violation of the Sherman law.



CHINESE IMPERIAL TROOPS.
Chinese imperial troops on the march towards the seat of the revolution now spreading throughout the Chinese empire. The Chinese rebels have gained a tremendous following, and are successfully coping against the imperial troops sent to crush the rebellion.