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OUTLOOK FOR PEACE BRIGHTER THAN EVER

Eamonn de Valera Breaks Silence and Is Interviewed by Newspaper Correspondents This Morning.

THE ATMOSPHERE RIGHT FOR PEACE

"The Only Thing That Is Necessary Now Is for Us to Get Down to Rock Bottom," de Valera Said.

London, July 14.—Eamonn de Valera, the Irish leader who is here to attend a conference with Prime Minister Lloyd George, broke the silence he had maintained since his arrival in London by talking with correspondents this morning. Speaking of his conference with the prime minister, he said:

"This is simply a private conference with Mr. Lloyd George, instead of a long range bombardment, to see what can be done at a close quarter."

Asked what he considered the conference prospects for a settlement of peace, Mr. de Valera replied:

"The outlook is brighter than it ever was in history." "I am sure," he added, "that the atmosphere in England and Ireland is right for peace. The only thing that is necessary now is for us to get down to rock bottom."

De Valera Arrives at Lloyd George's Official Residence.

London, July 14.—Eamonn de Valera, Irish republic leader, arrived at No. 10 Downing Street a 4:30 this afternoon for his conference with Mr. Lloyd George, the British Prime Minister, set for that hour, at which an effort will be made to find a basis for settlement of the Irish situation.

The republican leader's appearance at the prime minister's official residence was punctual to the minute. Mr. Lloyd George was awaiting him and their conversations over the peace questions were begun immediately.

THE SALISBURY DISTRICT CONFERENCE IN SESSION

Met in Salisbury This Morning and is Presided Over by Bishop Denny.

Salisbury, N. C., July 14.—The Salisbury District Methodist Conference convened here at 9 a. m. today at Park Avenue Methodist Church with Bishop Collins Denny, of Richmond, presiding in the absence of Bishop Darlington, who is in Europe on church business. The sessions will continue through Friday. There are 100 delegates present including pastors from all the charges in Rowan, Cabarrus and Stanly counties.

VIRGINIA NEGROES TO ASSERT THEMSELVES

Will Demand Representattion in the Republican State Convention.

Newport News, Va., July 14.—A large delegation of Newport News negroes left here this morning for Norfolk instructed to demand representation at the republican state convention.

"We are going to get a voice in the councils of the party or we are going to put a negro candidate in the field for governor," said J. Thos. Newsom, who with John Pollard, of Richmond, is leading the fight against the "lily whites."

THE COTTON MARKET.

Showed Reactionary Tone.—Active Months 6 to 9 Points Higher.

New York, July 14.—Notwithstanding continued activity of spot business in Liverpool futures, there were rather disappointing results this morning and the local cotton market showed a reactionary tone. After opening steady at an advance of 3 points to a decline of 1 point, active months sold about 6 to 9 points higher on Wall Street and New Orleans buying. Cotton futures opened steady: July 13.44; October 13.14; December 13.55; January 13.50; March 13.75.

Population of Virginia Increased 16.4 Per Cent.

Washington, D. C., July 14.—The white population of Virginia increased 16.4 per cent. between 1910 and 1920, while the negro population increased 2.8 per cent., the Census Bureau announced today. The total population in 1920 was divided as follows:

White 1,617,909; negro 690,017; Indian 824; Chinese 278; Japanese 56; Hindu and Filipino 103.

Rioting Again in Belfast.

Belfast, Puly 14.—Rioting broke out again in Cork street here this morning. A bomb was thrown and damaged a grocery store which also was looted and another house was set afire. A number of people were slightly injured by snipers.

The police managed to restore order without being compelled to use firearms.

Mrs. Tom Widenhouse and daughter, Edna, of Kannapolis, and Misses Reeves and Marian Andrews, of Augusta, Ga., who are visiting Mrs. Widenhouse, spent yesterday in Concord with Mrs. J. E. Lineberger.

A golfer, playing on the Lancaster Country Club course at Lancaster, Ohio, killed a blacksnake while striking at the ball just as the snake raised its head from where it lay concealed in the grass.

LEGISLATURE TO MEET IN SPECIAL SESSION

Governor Cameron Morrison Makes Announcement Today, Following a Meeting of Council of State.

DECEMBER SIXTH WILL BE THE DATE

The Reason for Calling the Extra Session Will Be Given in a Communicaion to Be Issued This Afternoon.

Raleigh, July 14.—The North Carolina General Assembly will be called to meet in extraordinary session on Tuesday December 6, Governor Cameron Morrison announced in a statement given to the Associated Press this afternoon. The Governor's statement was issued following a meeting of the council of state which considered the question of an extra session for the purpose of validating the 1921 municipal finance act, declared invalid by the State Supreme Court because of a clerical error.

The Governor's statement follows:

"The General Assembly will be called to meet in extraordinary session on Tuesday December 6. The reason will be set forth in a communication to be issued by me this afternoon."

INVESTIGATING THE WEST VIRGINIA COAL STRIKE

Some Difference in Testimony Offered by Representatives of Miners and Operators.

Washington, July 14.—A senate committee began today investigation of disorders in Mingo coal fields of West Virginia which have led recently to the declaration of martial law by Governor Neil Burkenshaw, representing the United Mine Workers, being the first witness called. The trouble was due he said to a "lockout" by the operators.

The miners had been evicted from the company homes and "terrorized by gunmen" Burkenshaw asserted, 11,000 miners and their families having been housed in tented cities by the unions.

"These people are 92 per cent American born" he said "and the mine operators are employing Spaniards, Greeks Italians and every kind of foreigners they can to take the places of the locked out miners."

Taylor Vincent for the operators said Burkenshaw's testimony "would be overthrown by the evidence." For 20 years, he said, miners and employers "lived in peace" under the scale of wages tha "permitted an efficin: man to earn from $400 to $700 a month and that "this condition persisted until the United Mine Workers sought to get control of the fields."

Mr. Burleson on the Situation in Europe.

(Correspondence of Associated Press.)

Berlin, June 24.—A. S. Burleson, former United States Postmaster General, who has returned to Berlin after investigating the commercial, industrial and financial conditions of Poland, Austria and Czecho-slovakia, is of the opinion that there is little hope of selling Europe large quantities of cotton and other raw materials until Germany and other countries of Central Europe balance their budgets and make definite arrangements to discontinue the issuance of paper money and to retire that currency until its volume is only three times that of their gold reserves.

"I can't see any indication that the statesman of Central Europe are facing their problems frankly and trying to formulate plans which get at the fundamental problems and might insure the resumption of the industries and the renewal of the export trade," said Mr. Burleson. "It is not reasonable to talk about foreign loans to Central Europe as long as the printing presses continue to pour out paper money without any gold guarantee or any prospect that it will be retired.

"Germany is in far better condition than the other countries of Central Europe, and I personally believe Germany could improve its exchange situation very speedily if it would stop issuing paper money and levy a tax over a period of 10 years to guarantee its retirement of and the creation of a larger gold reserve. Foreign bankers want to see definite plans before they take a chance on the countries of Central Europe."

Pilot and Three Passengers Killed.

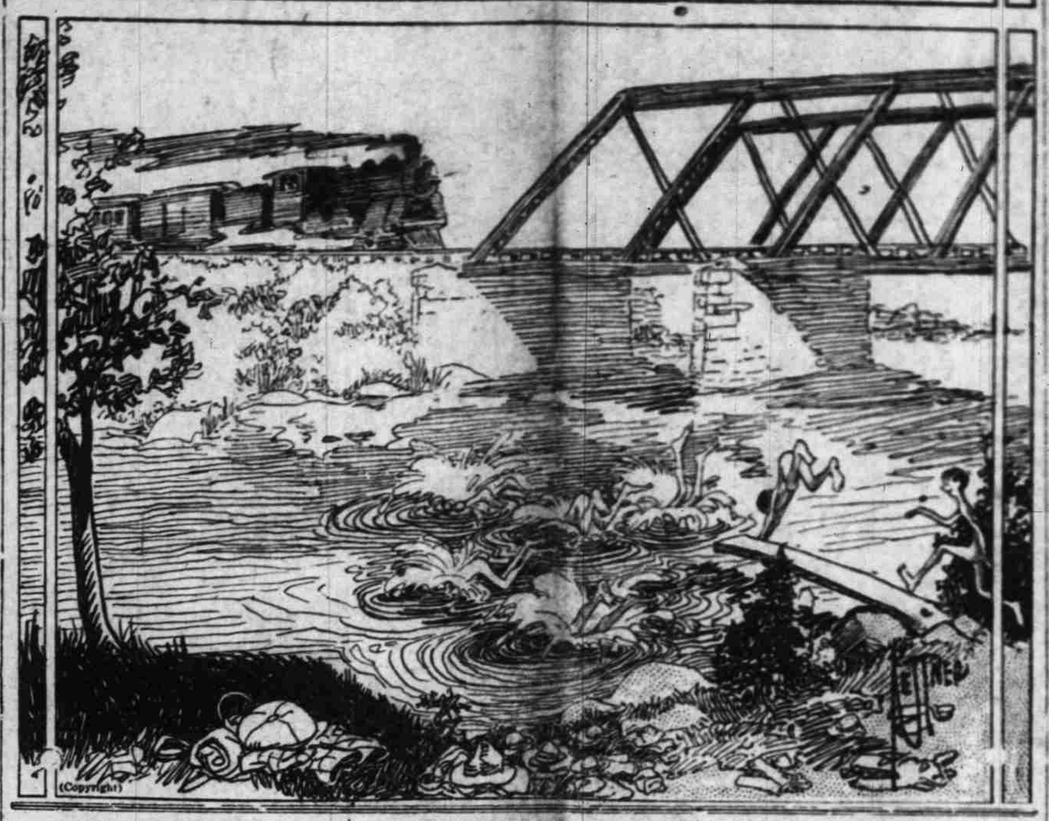
Oakland, July 14.—An airplane from the Jasnzzi Brothers airplane factory in Berkeley, fell at Modesto, killing the pilot and three passengers today, according to word received by the Oakland Tribune.

A curious insect of the Malay Peninsula was recently discovered by a member of the London Zoological Society. It is called the lantern-fly and is remarkable for its sudden leaps, made by a curious projection on the front of its head, a kind of creased nose which, when bent back under the adbomen and suddenly released sends the insect flying.

As a tribute to American soldiers who fell in the Great War, a large wreath was officially placed in the American Cemetery at Winchester, England, on Memorial Day.

Little Earl Black, the 14-months-old child of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Black, is ill of colitis at the home of his parents on South Union street.

Duck!! Here Comes the Forty-Eight



STANLY COUNTY TO HAVE SPECIAL TERM OF COURT

Two Weeks Term for Trial of Civil Cases Will Be Held; W. H. Snuggs Chairman School Board.

Albemarle, July 13.—The county board of commissioners has made an order providing for a two weeks special term of superior court for Stanly county for the trial of civil cases. This order was thought necessary on account of the crowded conditions of the civil docket which has become very much congested, largely on account of the war and influenza epidemics at which times a number of the civil terms of court were abandoned.

The chairman of the board of commissioners is conferring with the governor with a view of obtaining a judge to hold this special term. The time for holding the term has not yet been filed but it is understood that if a judge can be obtained at that time that it will be held about the latter part of August and the first part of September.

W. H. Snuggs of Albemarle has been elected as chairman of the county board of education, to fill the position of Prof. O. D. Ritche sometime ago. Mr. Snuggs is a druggist in this city, was for a number of years chairman of the county board of elections and was also a member of the town board of commisioners for several years, and it is thought that his selection will meet with general approval. While the board of education was in session yesterday, Z. V. Ross, of Albemarle, was reelected county welfare officer. Mr. Ross has held this position for the past year and his reelection is proof of the satisfactory manner in which he has filled this position. His selection was without opposition.

George Davis Pardoned.

Statesville, N. C., July 14.—George Davis, white youth of about 18 years, has been pardoned by Governor Morrison, and is expected to go to Washington, D. C., to live with his mother.

On February 2, 1920, while an inmate of the Barium Springs Orphans' home, near here, Davis shot and killed a fellow-inmate of the institution, Laurie Auten. The boys were at work in the woods at the time, engaged in a quarrel and Davis secured a shot gun and killed Auten.

Following the murder, Davis escaped. Later he was apprehended and tried in Iredell superior court and sentenced to serve two years at the Iredell county home farm. He had served about nine months of the sentence when pardoned.

Returned Missionary to Be Honored in Concord.

Charlotte News.

Miss Bright Matthews went to Concord Wednesday morning to pay a brief visit to her sister, Mrs. John J. Barnhardt, and friends. She will be honor guest at a dinner given by friends there, celebrating her return to America after six years spent in Korea as a missionary of the Southern Presbyterian church. She is supported in the mission field by the Men's Bible Class of the First Presbyterian Church of Concord. She will go to Montreat in the next few days for a conference.

Miss Matthews will remain in the state about a year before returning to the mission field. She is spending her vacation here with her sisters, Miss Mary Matthews, of South Tryon street, and Mrs. J. L. DeLaney, of Central avenue.

Will Cost Coast Line Employes $33,500 a Month.

Rocky Mount, N. C., July 14.—It is estimated that the reduction of wages of railroad employes, recently announced by the Railway Labor Board at Chicago, will amount to approximately $33,500 per month in the total amount paid to the Atlantic Coast Line workers at this point.

A tree that flourishes in the South Sea Islands produces fruit which, as a food, resembles very closely a newly-baked loaf. On account of this it is popularly known as the bread tree.

JAPAN AND CHINA ACCEPT THE HARDING INVITATION

To Attend Conference to Discuss Limitation of Armaments.

Washington, July 14.—Japan's acceptance of President Harding's suggestion that a conference to discuss limitations of armaments was received at the State Department, but it made no reference to a discussion of the Far Eastern question.

Unqualified acceptance by the Chinese government also was received. State Department officials would make no comment on the form of the Japanese reply which was not made public.

The silence of the Japanese government as to the discussion of the Far Eastern problems was not believed, however, to have interposed a serious obstacle to the carrying out of the plan. It was indicated that the formal invitation would be forwarded to Japan as to the powers which have transmitted full acceptances, and in the end, officials believe Japan would accede to the dual program.

It was not indicated whether the United States would make further inquiry, either formal or informal as to the attitude of Japan.

FORESEES A NATION OF CLIFF-DWELLERS

Hotel Man Says High Rents Mean Passing of Old-Fashioned Home.

Chicago, July 14.—The old-fashioned American home is passing, and in due time will be exhibited along with the stuffed dodo bird and the egg of the great auk.

Future generations will be housed in appartment houses and hotels and Americans will become a nation of cliff-dwellers. This is the earnest prediction made by delegates attending the national hotel men's annutl meeting.

"The renaissance of cliff-dwellers is coming," said F. G. Bothwell, national secretary of the International Stewards' Association. "Cities of hotels, a whole nation of hotels—already the mass exodus from the costly, burdensome houses has gained impetus by the present high rent era.

"The ordinary young man has not the funds to furnish a home when he gets married nowadays. And he has spoiled his wife so she dreads the workaday existence with dust pan and kitchen stove. So they start life in a two-room apartment already furnished."

"Besides," added Mrs. Ida C. Bray, president of the Women's Hotel Association, "Women today are lazy. They prefer to live in hotel apartments with the maid service furnished, the beds made, the dishes washed and the sewing done by hotel employes."

Movement to Encourage Building.

Henderson, N. C., July 14.—A survey of vacant lots in the city was gotten under way here this week under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce, the object being to chart on a huge blueprint the exact location of lots available for the building of residences or business structures. One representative from each of the half dozen real estate concerns here form a committee of the Chamber of Commerce which has the matter in hand.

Every reasonable inducement will be offered the owners of the property to improve it. The housing shortage here continues acute, despite the fact that a large number of dwellings have been completed during the past few weeks.

Two Machines Wrecked in Landing.

Newport News, Va., July 14.—All the airmen forced down at various points on the Virginia coast during the bombing maneuvers yesterday, returned to Langley Field last night and this morning, but some of the machines will be shipped back as junk. Two machines were wrecked in making forced landings, but no one was injured.

Two-thirds of the world's gold supply is concentrated in the United States and more is coming in.

VOTE ON RECOMMITING BONUS BILL TOMORROW

Leaders on Both Sides Agree That Recommittal Is Assured.

Washington, D. C., July 14.—A vote on recommitting the soldier bonus bill to the finance committee will be reached at 2 p. m. tomorrow under unanimous consent agreement arrived at late yesterday. Until the vote is reached the recommittal motion and the bill itself will be held continually before the Senate.

Both republican and democratic leaders were agreed today that recommital was assured; but the democrats in consenting to the voting agreement let it be known that they not only would oppose the motion, but would seek to instruct the finance committee to report the bill back at an early date.

BONUS FOR WAR VETERANS

To Be One of Principal Subjects at Convention of Rainbow Division Veterans.

Cleveland, Ohio, July 14.—Bonus for war veterans will be one of the principal subjects discussed during the second annual convention of the Rainbow Division Veterans' Association by delegates from units from 26 states, which opened a four days session here today.

Farm Labor Situation Relieved.

Durham, N. H., July 13.—The farm labor situation in New England, critical during the past few years, appears relieved as far as the supply is concerned.

Harry C. Woodworth, farm management specialist of the State College extension service, reporting on data from 285 New Hampshire farms says about 85 per cent. had more labor available than last year, and 90 per cent. stated they would need no more help than in 1920.

"This would indicate," Mr. Woodworth said, "that scarcity of labor will not be a limiting factor in production here this week. In fact, only 18 per cent. of the farms show an inclination to reduce production, and about half of those state that the economic situation rather than the labor question has prompted this plan."

Farm wages have been reduced from 7 to 12 per cent. Of 156 men employed by the month on the New Hampshire farms reporting, the average wage was $47 and board, which in the case of married men means cash wages and house, garden, milk, wood for fuel, and other privileges. Of the 77 men hired by the day the average wage was $3.10, with dinner.

Three Senators Brand New Dry Bill Illegal.

Washington, D. C., July 12.—The pending measure in the Senate, which supplements the Volstead act, was pronounced unconstitutional this afternoon by Senators Knox, Lodge and Williams. These contended that the Eighteenth Amendment gave Congress only power to prevent the manufacture and sale of liquors for "beverage purposes." The change in the Constitution, they said, could not be stretched to include liquors for medicinal and industrial purposes.

Cow On Railroad Track Causes Death Of One And Injury of Three Others.

Tifton, Ga., July 13.—S. F. Webb, of Valdosa, Ga., freight conductor on the Georgia, Southern and Florida Railroad, was scalded to death and three other trainmen injured when a southbound freight train was wrecked near Chula, just south of Tifton, this afternoon. The engine and eight cars were derailed when the engine struck a cow. Webb was riding in the engine at the time of the accident.

Cotton Consumed in June.

Washington, July 14.—Cotton consumed during June was 461,456 bales of lint and 48,683 bales of linters, the census bureau announced today. Consumption in June a year ago was 555,155 bales of lint and 35,243 of linters.

Absi nthe was at first used by a French only as a flavor for the other beverages.

KABER TRIAL RESUMED

Mrs. Kaber Will Not Be Called Again Till Other Testimony is Completed.

Cleveland, July 14.—The trial of Era Catherine Kaber on the charge of murdering her husband was resumed today following Mrs. Kaber's breakdown in court yesterday.

Physicians reported Mrs. Kaber to be almost normal, with the exception of some hysteria due to the rigors of the trial, and Judge Berton left it to her counsel whether trial would proceed. They decided to go ahead but not to call Mrs. Kaber until other testimony had been completed.

After offering two witnesses, Mrs. Gertrude Bossler, a religious practitioner, and Miss Mary Reichel, an aunt of the accused woman, who testified that they believed her innocent, the defense's attorney's then called the first alienist to testify as to Mrs. Kaber's mental condition. He was Dr. Jas. C. Hassell, of Ohio, specialist in mental disorders. After qualifying him as an expert witness attorney Corrigan began to read him hypothetical question, on which Dr. Hassell was to base his opinion whether Mrs. Kaber was sane or insane.

Mrs. Kaber appeared more refreshed this morning than at any time since the trial began, but soon began to weaken and attendants held stimulants to her nostrils.

The court room again was crowded to its capacity, mostly with women.

Later.—Mrs. Kaber in Hysterics Again

Cleveland, Ohio, July 14.—Mrs. Era Catherine Kaber, who is being tried for the murder of her husband, suffered another hysterical faint in her cell in the jail during the noon hour, according to jail attendants. It was said her screams could be heard throughout the building, and her daughter, Marian McArdle, in a nearby cell, hearing her mother's shrieks, also became hysterical.

ATTEMPT TO WRECK TRAIN CARRYING 14 EXPRESS CARS

Spikes and Plates Removed from the Rails of a Train on the New York Central.

Cleveland, July 14.—An attempt to wreck an American Railway Express Company train of fourteen cars, carrying a cargo valued at nearly a million dollars, was made two miles west of Willoughby, Ohio, early today according to officials of the New York Central Railway after it was discovered that more than 15 spikes had been pulled and the plates removed from the rails.

Railroad detectives report that the company's tool house near Willoughby was broken into and the tools removed with which the spikes were pulled. The train jumped the track and ploughed along for 200 feet before it was stopped. No cars were overturned.

HEARING ON ALLIED LOAN REFUNDING BILL

Letter From Premier Lloyd George Is Placed on the Records of the Senate Finance Committee.

Washington, D. C., July 14.—A letter from Premier Lloyd George to President Wilson dated August 8, 1920, and dealing with a proposal for cancellation of international war debts, was placed in the records of the Senate Finance committee today by treasury officials during the hearings on the administration allied loan refunding bill.

A cablegram on the same subject from the British Chancellor of Exchequer to R. C. Linsay, representing the British treasury in this country, which was transmitted to the then Assistant Secretary Leffingwell, of the Treasury Department, also was presented.

VIRGINIA REPUBLICANS IN SESSION AT NORFOLK

Prospective Nominee for Governor Says the Negro Question is a Dead Issue.

Norfolk, July 14.—Demanding revision of the Virginia constitution, economy and business administration in state affairs, and asserting that the negro question is a "dead" issue in Virginia, Henry W. Anderson, prospective nominee for Governor, this afternoon sounded the keynote at the republican state convention.

Indications are that Anderson's speech will form the basis for a platform which will be adopted at tonight's session.

MEDICAL BEER BILL.

Wheeler Says It is an Effort to Destroy National Prohibition.

Washington, July 14.—Declaring that the "11th hour rally in the senate to save the medical beer as a substitute for booze shows the purpose of the opposition to destroy national prohibition," Wayne B. Wheeler, general counsel for the anti Saloon League, said today: "The proposed law limiting prescription of alcohol by physicians is a protection to that large percent of the medical profession who are true to their ideals."

Kohloss Appointed to Succeed Vanderford.

Washington, D. C., July 14.—The appointment of Robert H. Kohloss, of Salisbury, as Federal Prohibition Director of North Carolina was announced today by the Internal Revenue Department.

He succeeds Thos. H. Vanderford. At the same time the Bureau announced the appointment of A. R. Coltrane, of Trinity, as assistant director.

Passengers for the United States, who miss the boat trains running between Paris and Havre, are to be taken to Havre by airplane. The planes will leave Le Bourget two hours after the boat trains have departed.

The percentage of foreign-born people of the whole population of the United States is smaller today than it has been since 1860.

COTTON IMPROVES IN NORTH CAROLINA

Condition in This State Is in Good Shape Generally, While It Has Made Poor Progress in South Carolina

CONDITION IN OTHER STATES

Considerable Rains Have Fallen Within Past Week in Most Sections of the Cotton Belt.

Washington, July 14.—Considerable rain fell during the past week in most sections of the cotton belt, although it continued dry in some localities, particularly east of the Mississippi river, the weekly crop bulletin of the Department of Agriculture said today. Temperature averaged near normal.

Cotton continued to improve in North Carolina, the bulletin noted, and is in good shape generally while poor progress was made in South Carolina. Progress ranging from poor to fair was reported for the crop in Tennessee and Mississippi, fairly good in Alabama and Georgia, and good in Louisiana and Arkansas.

Cotton was reported as improved in Texas, except for the southeast portion, with the condition fair to very good except poor in the east and where damaged by storm, the latter part of June.

Weevils were said to be continuing their activities in many sections of the belt.

The tobacco crop was reported "very irregular" in Virginia, sugar cane and peanuts "did very well" in Southern States, the bulletin added.

Citrus fruits were said to be "doing well" in Florida, and heavy shipments of peaches were noted from North Carolina.

FUR SEALING

Thousands of Animals Are Expected to Be Taken This Year.

Vancouver, B. C., July 14.—Fur sealing in Alaskan and British Columbian waters, which prohibited for many years because of destruction of the herds through indiscriminate killing, has resumed and thousands of animals are expected to be taken this year.

Off the west coast of Vancouver Island alone, Indians are expected to capture 2,000 of the fur bearing animals, and the total catch for the year may reach 100,000, it is estimated. Last year the waters along the Washington coast produced 1,200 skins.

The story of the Alaskan fur seal herd is an interesting one. When the United States acquired Alaska from Russia, the herd was estimated at 2,500,000. Then, through pelagic sealing with its indiscriminate slaughter and attendant waste of life as well as through lack of international understanding on the question of conservation, the seals all but disappeared, the industry fell off and their capture became illegal.

The decline of the seal herd was pitiable. Shot at sea under this method five or more bodies were lost for each one recovered. There also was great waste due to starvation of pups on the shore. Under such conditions the great herd rapidly dwindled until in 1911 there were but approximately 125,000.

Of prolific tendencies, the seals, however, multiplied rapidly after closed seasons were instituted for their protection.

Supply of Cotton Is Still Very Enormous.

Greensboro News.

Business in the United States is still far from what it should be, and the supply of cotton, both actual and prospective, is still large according to the July cotton letter of Hecker and company, cotton merchants of this city. However, continues the outlook, the potential demand for cotton or cotton goods all over the world continues to be such an important and influential factor as to prevent any serious depression in cotton values, to say the least. In fact, the very thought that this potential demand is bound, some day, to turn into an actuality constitutes a source of enormous underlying strength to the market.

Many Cars of Georgia Peaches Go By.

Salisbury, N. C., July 13.—The Southern Railway force at the transfer sheds between this city and Spencer are working night and day re-icing Georgia peaches which the passing through this city and Spencer stands through en route to northern markets in a constant stream. More than 3,700 cars have been re-iced at the sheds since the season opened. Wednesday, July 6, was the biggest day so far this season, 317 cars passing through that day.

Iredell Tax Rate, 50 Cents.

Statesville, N. C., July 14.—For the year 1921, according to the schedule fixed by the county commissioners, Iredell county citizens will pay taxes of 60 cents on the $100 worth of property and $1.80 on the poll. The property tax will be applied as follows: Eight cents for general county purposes; 21 cents special road; one cent county home and 30 cents for schools.

Madame Curie has received a total of 64 honorary degrees, including nine from American colleges and universities.

Through the sense of smell deer can detect the presence of man or wolf from a distance of two miles.