

MIDDLE BELT OPENS OCT. 3

Success Assured In Tobacco Drive Throughout State

Drive Enters Final Stage as Workers Carry Contracts To Minority Still Outside

DESIRES TO REOPEN SALES IS STIMULUS

Governors of Both States Have Refused To Consent To Lifting of Tobacco Holiday Until Acreage Campaign is Completed; Markets May Start Monday

Raleigh, Sept. 14 (AP)—North Carolina State College authorities announced this afternoon that 14,850 contracts pledging reduction covering 6,768 acres planted to tobacco this year had been signed by farmers up to last night, and Governor Ehringhaus indicated he would call for a reopening of Eastern North Carolina tobacco warehouses Monday or Tuesday.

The preliminary report on acreage signed for reduction totalled a little more than 25 percent of the average acreage the last three years, 697,333 acres, but college authorities said "some of the larger producing counties were not included."

Only 34 of the 57 tobacco producing counties were listed at all, but E. Y. Floyd, state director of the tobacco reduction campaign, said he hoped to have a nearly complete report tonight.

Raleigh, Sept. 13 (AP)—The whirlwind campaign to obtain a parity price of above 17 cents for flue-cured tobacco through acreage reduction entered its final stages today.

Success already assured, county agents prepared to wind up the drive by carrying government contracts to the minority of bright leaf growers who have not yet agreed to cut production in 1934 and 1935.

More than half of South Carolina's 100,000 acres were represented in agreements already signed, it was estimated, while several North Carolina counties reported the drive as virtually completed, and others prepared to bring the campaign to an end today.

The rapidity with which Carolina growers have signed the contracts was partly ascribed to their desire to see a reopening of the markets which has been closed in both South and North Carolina by gubernatorial proclamation for the past ten days.

Governors of both states have said they would not consent to a lifting of the tobacco holiday until the acreage reduction-price raising campaign is completed.

Tobacco experts expected to see the reopening of auction sales by Monday.

Announcement was awaited from Washington on the rate of the production.

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Charlotte Badly Hit By Storm

Record 4-Inch Rain Floods Creeks and Does Thousands of Dollars Damage

Charlotte, Sept. 13.—(AP)—An intense electrical storm burst over Charlotte and vicinity early today, flooding nearby creeks with a record four-inch rainfall and doing thousands of dollars damage to property bordering the streams.

Many houses were flooded in low-lying Negro sections and a city truck was inundated when its driver, H. E. Hargett, ran into a washout on a street here. Hargett was not hurt, but the truck was carried down the swollen stream for a short distance.

The washout occurred when a 20-foot section of paving was taken away by a stream that ran under the street and the hole was sealed by water. Other minor damage in various sections was reported.

400 Bales Cotton Burned at Prison

Raleigh, Sept. 13 (AP)—Chairman E. B. Jeffress, of the State Highway and Public Works Commission, was notified today that fire at the Caledonia Prison Farm destroyed 400 bales of cotton. No details were given as to other loss. The loss was covered by \$20,000 insurance, Jeffress said. He said he did not know what damage was done other than the destruction of the cotton.

FIND NO POLITICS IS CASWELL PROBE

Motive for Investigation Considered One for Betterment of School

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel, BY J. C. BASKERVILLE.

Raleigh, Sept. 13.—While there is no longer anything to indicate there were any political considerations involved in the recent shake-up in the Caswell Training School in Kinston, or that Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus had anything to do with the changes made there in which Dr. W. H. Dixon, its superintendent and Dr. A. M. McCuiston, medical director were dismissed by the new board of directors the feeling is still prevalent that Governor Ehringhaus made a mistake by withholding the report of the investigation made into the conduct of the school so long. Most of this investigation on which the report is based was made during the administration of former Governor O. Max Gardner. It was delivered to Governor Ehringhaus back in May of this year and a copy of it was sent to every member of the board of directors of the Caswell training school.

The prevailing belief here is that if Governor Ehringhaus had instructed Mrs. W. T. Bost, commissioner of public welfare, under whose direction the investigation was made, to have made the report public at the time the officials of the school were dismissed by the new board of directors there would have been much less criticism and fewer charges that the Governor was playing politics. But those who have read the report of the investigation made by the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare are convinced that politics or no politics the school has been grossly mismanaged and that a change in administration was essential. Whether the new administration will be any better than the old one remains to be seen.

The administration of the school seems to have gone utterly stagnant under the direction of Dr. Dixon and Dr. McCuiston, according to the report submitted by R. Eugene Brown and Dr. H. W. Crane, of the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare who made the investigation. Incidentally, it has been definitely learned that this investigation was undertaken by the welfare department, at the suggestion of former Governor Gardner, after having received many complaints from county welfare officers over the State who had dealings with the school. The report states that the investigators found Dr. Dixon turned over too much responsibility to other employees and contains a very strong indictment of Dr. McCuiston who apparently turned over most of his duties as medical officer to the nurses in charge. The report is generally commendatory of the work of W. L. Sutton as business manager and who has been retained as farm superintendent.

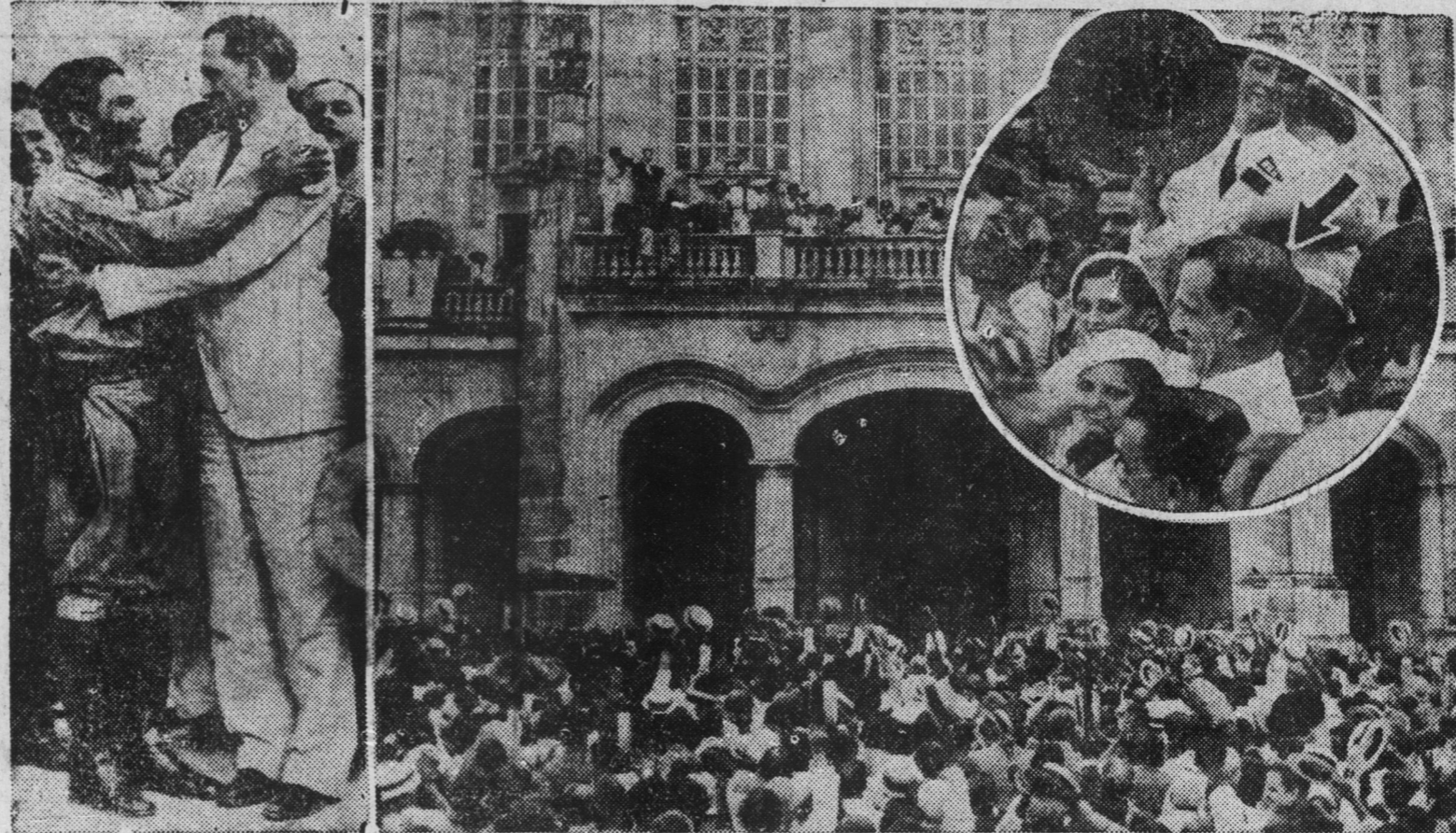
The investigators found the food decidedly poor and the diet unbalanced despite the fact that a much greater variety of food was available.

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WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Mostly cloudy tonight and Thursday; probably showers in west and north portions; cooler on the northeast coast tonight.

As Physician Became Provisional President of Cuba



A general view showing the tremendous crowd that thronged in front of the palace in Havana to witness the inauguration of Dr. Ramon Grau San Martin as Provisional President of Cuba. At left, the newly-appointed President is embraced by Col. Fulgencio Batista, the army sergeant whom the revolt elevated to head of the Cuban armed forces. At right, an excellent closeup of President Grau San Martin (arrow) as he waved his hat from the palace balcony to acknowledge the cheers of the crowd.

AMERICANS IN CUBA FEAR SERIOUS OUTBREAKS NEAR

Havana, Sept. 13.—(AP)—Many Americans in Cuba prepared for an emergency today as they watched with growing concern new threats of strikes, a move to train boys as soldiers and the failure of 500 officers to make peace with the new government. At least a score of Americans were under military protection in Cristo

after labor troubles at American-owned manganese mines had endangered their lives. Soldiers had found them barricaded in their homes, fearing an attack by workers. Across the bay from Santiago de Cuba, in the small Cape Rente settlement, a number of Americans gathered for safety after leaving their homes in interior Oriente province, because of unsettled labor conditions. Santiago awaited the arrival of

American warships as strikes that have tied up sugar mills became more intense. In Cardenas, on the north coast, American residents packed their baggage so they could board an American coast guard ship if violence should result from unrest among Negroes who were reported angered because they had not been given help along with other storm victims. Striking employees of the Consolidated Railways at Camaguey, in mid-

Cuba, their demands that 1930 wage levels be restored having been refused picketed highways to prevent company officials, including two Americans, from leaving the city. The United States Navy destroyer J. Fred Talbot entered Santiago harbor from Manzanillo to relieve the Starbuck, which went to Caminera to re-fuel. Three training camps had been established to train 2,000 students, many of them in their teens.

Roosevelt Demanding New Credit

President Expects Banks To Put Out To Further the Recovery Program

Washington, Sept. 13.—(AP)—President Roosevelt was said in the highest quarters today to be putting full Federal backing behind the banks and expects them to push out credit in the recovery drive for higher prices and wages.

After two days of intensive canvass of the domestic situation, he feels farm prices are lagging behind in the general upward trend.

The President, in consequence, now is focusing attention on this end of the recovery campaign.

He hopes, it was said, to bring about an increase in farm prices double that already attained in the low mark of recent years.

There was no disclosure of the means to be followed or what place—if any—the exercise of his inflation powers plays in his plans.

While not satisfied with the increase in employment, either, Mr. Roosevelt is gratified that both agricultural prices and employment have picked up.

He realizes that the whole proposition cannot be completed in six months, or perhaps a year.

Meanwhile, the administration is putting full steam behind the recovery drive. Mr. Roosevelt expects the banks to put out the necessary credit to tide over the small merchant, especially in relation to furtherance of the NRA.

Seed Crushings More for August

Washington, Sept. 13 (AP)—Cotton seed crushed during August was reported today by the Census Bureau to have totalled 233,223 tons, compared with 152,826 tons in August last year and cottonseed on hand at mills August 31 was 220,306 tons, compared with 265,697 tons a year ago.

FIGHT TO ADVANCE COTTON IS BEGUN

Minimum of 15 Cents Per Pound Requested By Columbia Meeting

Columbia S. C., Sept. 13 (AP)—A so-far-wide drive "announced" to lift the price of cotton to a "minimum of 15 cents per pound" was launched here yesterday by Governor Ira C. Blackwood, farmers and agricultural leaders.

The plan was to mobilize delegations of members of congress, farm owners and others in all the cotton states to move on Washington and appeal direct to the President to save the southern cotton farmer. The appeal to the President is to be made next Monday.

Emergency measures, including currency inflation, suspension of the cotton processing tax and setting of a 15-cent price by the government, were urged in a resolution adopted at a farmer mass meeting here.

North State Represented Approximately 2,000 South Carolina farmers, official representatives from Alabama, Georgia and North Carolina, U. S. Senator E. D. Smith, chairman of the senate agricultural committee, state legislators and others participated in the meeting.

Afterwards Governor Blackwood telegraphed governors of the ten states requesting them to call mass meetings Saturday to adopt similar resolutions. He also asked them to name delegations composed of their United States senators, at least 10 farmers and others to meet in Wash-

TEACHERS FEARFUL OF THEIR OFFICERS

Complaining To State Board They Ask Utmost Secrecy About It

Raleigh, Sept. 13.—Of whom are the school teachers afraid if they tell what they know about the "inside" of the school question? Are they know about the "inside" of the school question? Are they afraid of the State School Commission or of their superintendents?

Several letters from school teachers have recently been printed in the Raleigh News and Observer to the effect that if the teachers complained or told what they knew they would lose their jobs. These letters evoked considerable editorial comment asking if there was a type of terrorism in the schools seeking to intimidate the teachers and insisting that if this was the case something should be done about it. The implication was that the State School Commission might be responsible for instilling this fear among the school teachers.

But this is not the case. The school commission has no power either to hire or fire school teachers as any one who has read the new school law knows. It does have the power to prevent the election of any city or county superintendent by refusing to approve his election and can remove superintendents for cause after charges have been brought against them and proved. But it has absolutely nothing to do with the selection of teachers.

As a result, teachers can, and do, make any complaints and report any facts to the school commission they may desire to make without any fear of losing their jobs. This correspondent knows that individual members of the school commission have received and continue to receive many letters from class room teachers telling of conditions in particular schools and that members have found these letters very helpful in determining policies for the administration of the schools. It is known that the members of the school commission invite these letters and that the contents and names

ington Monday and make the plea to the President.

The governor was asked by the resolution adopted at the mass meeting to take these steps.

of the teachers who write them are always held in the strictest confidence.

This correspondent has received numerous letters from school teachers telling of conditions, of discrepancies in salaries and other practices in various school systems, and these teachers have invariably requested that their names be not used on the grounds that if became known to their superintendents that they had revealed these facts, they would lose

their jobs or not be re-elected. But in none of these letters has any fear of the State Board of Equalization of the State School Commission ever been expressed. In fact in many of these letters the teachers indicated that these State agencies were the friends and helpers of the teachers.

If the teachers are afraid of anything, they are afraid of their local superintendents and school boards, since they are the ones who elect the teachers. In most cases, the superintendent submits the list of teachers and the school board approves it in a more or less rubber stamp manner. So in most cities and counties the superintendent is the man who selects the teachers. Accordingly, a teacher

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Only Seven More States Needed To Return Liquor

Three Added to Wet Column Tuesday as Maryland, Colorado and Minnesota All Voted Overwhelmingly for Repeal, Making 29 In All Now Approving

(By The Associated Press)

Twenty-nine States today marched the repeal path and only seven more need follow to end national prohibition.

Maryland, Minnesota and Colorado were the latest recruits. All voted yesterday to abolish the eighteenth amendment and left the score in 1933's balloting: For repeal, 29; against, 0.

If the seven states now needed to supply the eleven quarters of the Union required for repeal are among the ten voting before November 8, the repeal amendment will be ratified formally on December 6—date of the 36th convention.

The wets carried Maryland overwhelmingly. Fast mounting figures put the repeal majority at nearly five

WILL BE DELAYED THE NUMBER DAYS EAST IS SHUT UP

Decision Reached Unanimously by Sales Committee After Confering With Governor

COMMITTEE MEETING IS HELD IN DURHAM

Eastern North Carolina and South Carolina Border Markets Have Been Closed Almost Two Weeks by Gubernatorial Proclamation; May Open Monday

Durham, Sept. 13.—(AP)—The sales committee of the United States Tobacco Association today unanimously voted to postpone the opening of auction tobacco sales in the Middle, Old Bright and other belts where sales have not started by as many sales days as the South Carolina and New Bright Belt markets stay closed.

The South Carolina and New Bright Belt markets are now closed under proclamations of Governor Ehringhaus and Governor Blackwood. It has been indicated they will be reopened Monday or Tuesday.

Middle Belt markets were scheduled to open September 19 and those in the old Belt September 26.

If the South Carolina and New Belt markets reopen Monday, the Middle Belt will open October 3 and the old on October 10.

The committee conferred with Governor Ehringhaus by telephone before adopting the resolution and acted on the assumption the closed warehouses would open Monday.

3 Escaped Prisoners Shot Dead

Three Others In Louisiana Group of Fugitives Are Captured by Officers

Marksville, La., Sept. 13.—(AP)—Three escaped convicts were killed in a pitched battle with policemen at Broussard, Red River settlement, near here, this afternoon shortly after officers had captured three others of the group of eleven which fled from Angola penal farm in a bloody riot last Sunday.

Three of the eleven convicts who escaped from Angola State penal farm last Sunday in a bloody riot, today were recaptured near here after a gun battle with Avoyelles parish deputy sheriffs. Neither convicts nor deputies were hit in the exchange of fire leading up to the capture.

The men, retaken after three days of flight, readily admitted their identities.

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