

TOBACCO AVERAGE FOR BORDER BELT IS ABOUT 20-25C

Official Sales Figures and Prices Still Lacking for Many of 16 Market Centers

SEVERAL CENTS UP FROM 1935, HOWEVER

Millions of Pounds Flooded Markets Thursday and Friday, First Sales Days of Season; Supervisors Striving To Clear Up Congestion

Florence, S. C., Aug. 15.—(AP)—Saturday, a holiday on the tobacco market, gave sales supervisors a chance to catch up with their figures after the rush of the first two days of auction.

Official sales figures and price averages were still lacking from many of the 16 markets in the border belt, but available statistics indicated a level of between 20 and 25 cents per pound.

Most of the markets reported the prices were running several cents a pound higher than last year, with the better grades bringing exceptionally high prices. Millions of pounds flooded the markets Thursday and Friday, the first two days of the auction season.

Sales records for Thursday included:

Fairmont, N. C., 824,290 pounds at an average of 21.48 cents.

Conway, S. C., 144,000 pounds, 19.50 cents.

Lake City, S. C., 450,000 pounds, 21 cents.

Lumberton, N. C., 516,826 pounds, 22.72 cents.

Timonsville, S. C., 352,456 pounds, 24.52 cents.

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Sales on the Lumberton, N. C., market yesterday amounted to 637,522 pounds for an average of 21.97 cents a pound. Sales for the first two days of the marketing season were 1,154,408 pounds for an average of \$22.30, compared with 844,698 pounds at \$21.19 during the same period last year.

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Germany Is Taking More U. S. Tobacco

Washington, Aug. 15.—(AP)—An increase in Germany's imports of tobacco from the United States for the first four months of this year, as compared to 1935, was reported today by the Commerce Department in a survey of tobacco markets and conditions abroad.

German receipts of leaf tobacco from the United States for the first four months of this year were given as 3,399,880 pounds. For the same period last year they were 3,394,890 pounds.

A decrease, however, was shown in taking of American tobacco by Norway during the first quarter of 1936. Norway's imports were 431,305 kilos, as against 489,523 kilos for the first quarter of last year. Total Norway imports were 657,207 kilos for the first three months of 1936, and 648,035 kilos for that quarter last year.

The summary showed China, once a major export market for the United States, but now producing millions of pounds of tobacco annually, was becoming an increasing factor in Norway imports.

Conference On Tenancy Called For

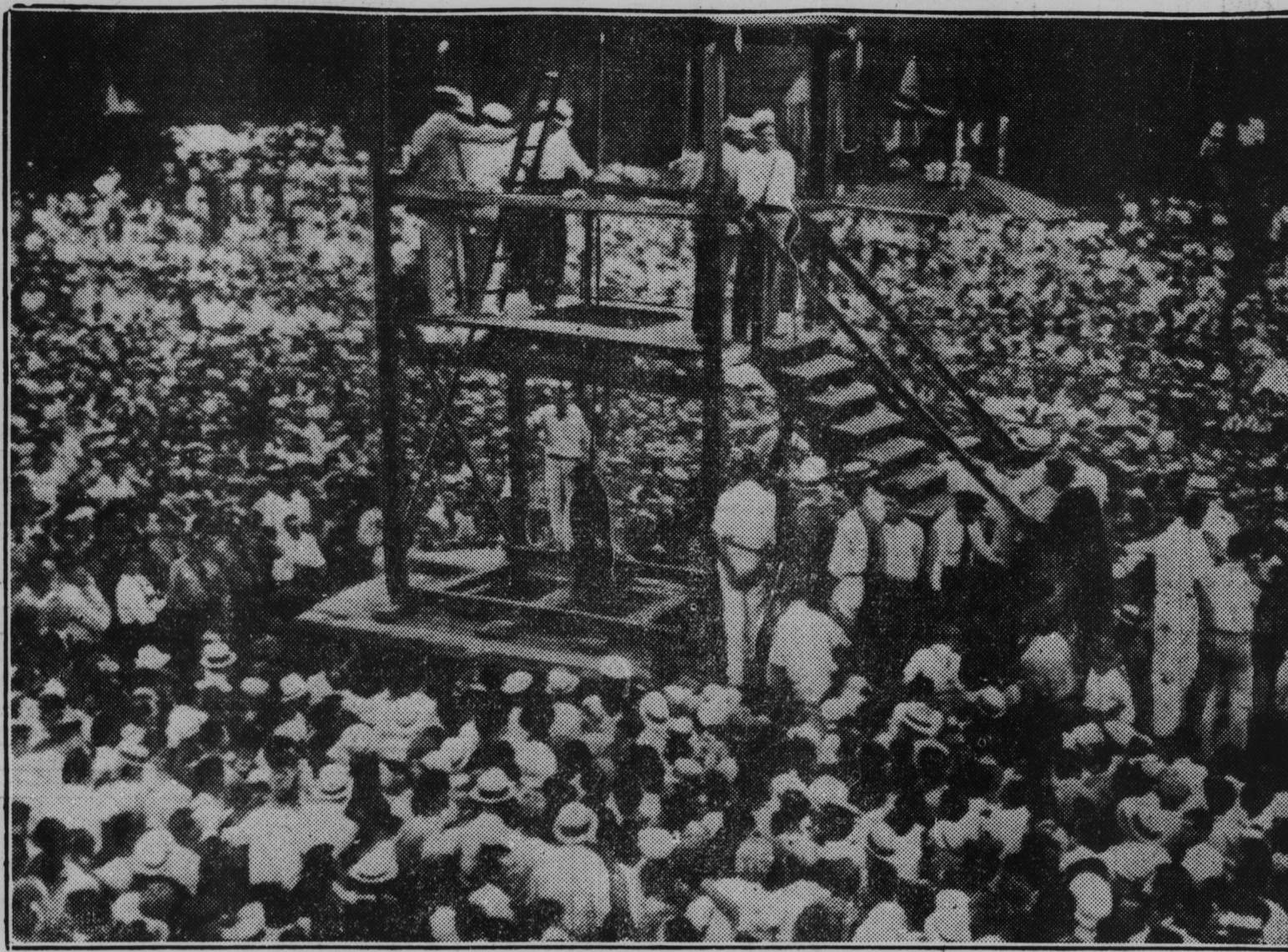
Little Rock, Ark., Aug. 15.—(AP)—Governor J. M. Feltre announced plans today for a southwide conference looking to solution for the economic problem of farm tenancy through cooperation of Federal and state agencies.

Retiring from office in January, Arkansas's chief executive said he would devote his final days in the executive mansion to a thorough-going investigation of the share-cropper situation in Arkansas, culminating in the conference, to which representatives of all southern states will be summoned.

First steps in the plan will be the appointment within the next few days of an Arkansas commission composed of 40 or 50 share-croppers, land owners, business and professional men, educators and legislators who will meet at Hot Springs to map a state program.

Although coming on the heels of an

Twenty Thousand Witness Hanging of Negro in Kentucky



Soundphoto Taken a moment after the trap was sprung, this remarkable picture shows the gallows and some of the twenty thousand persons who turned the execution of the colored slayer, Rainey Bethea, into a carnival at Owensboro, Ky. Despite her oft-announced intention of officiating at the execution, Mrs. Florence Thompson, sheriff of Davies County, did not attend. Richard Hasch, former Louisville policeman, substituted for her in springing the trap. The spectators cheered when the Negro's body plunged to the end of the rope.

Savage Rebel Attack Is Beaten Off By Loyalists At City Of North Spain

Grave Warning Issued by Britain That Meddling In Civil War Will Bring Serious Results; American Held as Hostage Is Rescued; Fate of Others Mystery

(By The Associated Press.) Government forces repulsed a savage rebel attack directed today against Irun on the Bay of Biscay.

The five-hour assault was the heaviest and most vicious yet thrown at government strongholds in the coastal section.

A grave warning was issued by the British foreign office that meddling in the Spanish civil war might bring serious repercussions.

The fate of hostages held by the government and threatened with death should rebels advance against either Irun or San Sebastian was not known.

Rebel troops massed on a road leading into Irun under protection of an artillery barrage. They were met with withering government fire. Casualties were heavy on both sides.

DEMOCRAT CHIEFS PREDICT BIGGEST VICTORY IN STATE

Leaders at Committee Meeting Think State Will Roll Up Huge Majority For Party

REPUBLICANS HAVE SUPPLY OF MONEY

They Will Center on Roosevelt, However, at Probable Expense of State Ticket; Hoey Makes Glowing Prediction of Handsome Vote in This State

Daily Dispatch Bureau, in The Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, Aug. 15.—The biggest Democratic victory in the history of North Carolina will be won at the polls in November and the Democratic candidates will be elected by one of the biggest votes in the State's history, despite the fact that the Republicans are going to make the biggest effort they have ever made to turn the State over into the Republican column, it was predicted here today by Clyde R. Hoey, Democratic candidate for governor, National Committeeman Lon Folger, National Committeewoman Beatrice Cobb and other Democratic leaders here for the meeting of the Democratic Executive Committee last night.

While most of the party leaders agree that they are going to have one of the stiffest fights on their hands they have had in years, due to the expected increased activity of the Republicans in the forthcoming campaign, they are confident that the Democratic forces in the State are likewise going to be more active than in years and that they will present a solid and united front to the Republican attacks.

G. O. P. Centers on Roosevelt One of the principal reasons for the belief that the Republicans will find the Democrats of North Carolina solidly behind their candidates and leaders, is the fact that a very large part of the Republican attack is being directed against President Roosevelt and will continue to be directed at him rather than the State candidates, throughout the campaign. And while the Democrats in the State may not see entirely eye to eye with regard to the candidates for the State

BITTERNESS GONE AT DEMOCRAT MEET

Factional Differences Before Primary Lacking Friday Night

Cotton Carry-over Very Much Smaller

Consumption of Cotton Has Increased Sharply

Ships Send SOS in Philippine Region

Manila, P. I., Aug. 15 (AP)—Two ships caught in a typhoon lashing the northern tip of Luzon island, sent out calls for help tonight.

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Partly cloudy, possibly scattered thundershowers in north portion this afternoon or tonight and in south portion and near coast Sunday.

Coughlin's Group Backs Lemke Move

Priest's Organization Gives Endorsement to New Union Party's Cause

Cleveland, Ohio, Aug. 15 (AP)—The National Union for Social Justice over-whelmingly endorsed Representative William Lemke, Union party presidential candidate, and Thomas C. O'Brien, his running mate, today.

Only one "no" vote was heard, and Chairman Sylvester McMahon, declaring he was informed it came from a person not a delegate, put the question a second time.

Again came the lone "no" from John H. O'Donnell, of the 33rd Pennsylvania district.

Delegates to the convention jumped from their chairs with a demonstration of shouting and cheering when

22 LOSE LIVES IN TERRIBLE TRAGEDY AT GRADE CROSSING

Coughlin's Group Endorses Priest

Cleveland, Aug. 15.—(AP)—Louis B. Ward, chairman of the resolutions committee of the National Union for Social Justice, presented today a resolution "endorsing with no exceptions whatsoever of all the acts of our president and great leader, Rev. Father Charles E. Coughlin."

The resolutions set off a great demonstration. Another parade came with the introduction of another resolution authorizing the "officers to institute such litigation as would bring forth to view the unconstitutionality of the Federal Reserve Act."

Ward began his report immediately after the loudest and longest demonstration of the convention.

Fast Canadian Pacific Freight Strikes Truck Near Small Town In Quebec, Canada

DOZEN MORE HURT BESIDES THE DEAD

Truck Said by Witnesses To Have Driven Past Two Cars That Had Stopped for the Train To Pass; Party Was Returning from Political Rally In Evening

Louisville, Quebec, Aug. 15 (AP)—Twenty-two men and boys were crushed to death early today when a fast Canadian Pacific freight train struck and splintered their truck.

Returning from a political rally, a party of some 40 persons drove directly into a grade crossing as it hurtled toward them at high speed.

A dozen or more were injured. Four men who sensed danger a split second before the locomotive struck jumped to safety.

Witnesses said the truck passed two passenger cars which had halted at the crossing for the train.

Seventeen men apparently were killed outright and within a few hours five others succumbed to their injuries.

The accident occurred at a level crossing one mile west of this village. The truck was struck squarely. As the locomotive crushed it, the men spilled out, some of them rolling under the wheels of the train.

Many of the truck's occupants were mere boys from 14 to 16 years of age.

TOWNSEND NAMES CHAIRMAN FARLEY AS BACK OF SUIT

Strong Inference Court Action "Actuated" by Clements Aided by Democrat Chief

TESTIFIES ON OWN MOVE AT HEARINGS

Declares Present Administration Spent \$125,000 Of Taxpayers' Money To Discredit Old Age Pension Organization in the United States

Cleveland, Aug. 15.—(AP)—Dr. F. E. Townsend testified at a deposition hearing today that in his opinion there was a "strong" inference a suit filed against him and other leaders of Old Age Revolving Pensions, Ltd., was "actuated" by Robert T. Clements backed by James A. Farley.

The old age pension leader testified voluntarily at a hearing conducted by Charles H. Hubbell, attorney for Raymond J. Jeffreys, who has sought to become a respondent in a suit filed by Rev. Alfred J. Wright, of Cleveland, against Dr. Townsend and several other leaders of the organization.

Hubbell asked:

"Several days ago Raymond J. Jeffreys testified this suit of Dr. Wrights was actuated by R. E. Clements (co-founder of the Townsend movement, who has split with Dr. Townsend), and Clements in turn was backed by James A. Farley, national chairman of the Democratic party."

"Will you care to express an opinion?"

Dr. Townsend replied: "It could be nothing but an opinion. The inferences is pretty strong, however. The present administration spent \$125,000 of the tax-payers' money to discredit our organization. That was made very apparent."

THINK THAT LANDON REALLY HAS CHANCE

Consumer High Cost and Relief Distribution Makes Many Sore

By CHARLES P. STEWART Central Press Staff Writer

Washington, Aug. 15.—This is becoming a very difficult election year to guess on.

At the beginning of convention-time good guessing looked like an easy job. The best guess appeared to be that President Roosevelt's re-election was practically a certainty, probably by a narrower margin than in 1932 and with a reduced congressional majority, but by and with a sufficiency, presidentially and congressionally.

Now the indications are that Governor Landon stands a chance—only a chance, but a chance, at least. I know competent judges who say that the chances actually favor him. Personally I do not think so.

Business improvement is a pro-Roosevelt indicator. Folk who are benefiting by it are sure to be inspired by the sentiment, "Don't rock the boat." But unemployment doesn't materially decrease. That more or less offsets the item of business revival.

Leader Of Church Body Is Attacked

Asheville, Aug. 15 (AP)—Dr. Charles Vaughan, pastor of the Los Angeles Christian church, and leader of opposition to inclusion of Jews in the newly-organized National Conference of Clergymen and Laymen, reported today he was stung as he entered his hotel room here.

Dr. Vaughan said he was unconscious for several minutes, awakening to find his room had been looted of 250 letters addressed to various people throughout the country who are combatting the spread of communism.

Police Detective C. B. Joyner said Dr. Vaughan told him, "I have to expect things of that kind in the work I'm doing," and attributed the attack and robbery to "sinister influences."

Dr. Vaughn said he did not suspect any one person. He told officers many letters had been opened and thrown on the floor and an address book containing 1,500 names was missing.

Dr. Vaughn had a severe bruise on the head today, was continuing participation in a separate conference made up of persons he said protested omission of the word "Christian" from the conference title and inclusion of Jews on the program.

Farm Plans Of New Deal Denounced

Have Lost Foreign Markets for America, George Peek Says at Chicago

Chicago, Aug. 15.—(AP)—Presenting an "indictment" against the New Deal farm program, George N. Peek said today that under it "agriculture has definitely lost ground in its fight for equality with industry."

Peek, formerly trade advisor to President Roosevelt, but now on the warpath against the administration foreign trade and farm policies, said: "The loss of foreign markets has led to attempts at crop restriction at home, while stimulating production abroad. It has reduced the purchasing power of our agriculture. It has prolonged the farm crisis and extended the relief rolls."

Peek made his attack in a speech prepared for delivery on a radio broadcast of the National Grange, saying he spoke as a "non-partisan."

Peek asserted Secretary of Agriculture



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