

DETERIORATION IN COTTON IS SHOWN

A PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION MADE BY EXPERTS SHOWS PRESENT CONDITION.

VERY DISCOURAGING REPORT

Ten Per Cent Loss Shown Since 25th Making Condition of the Crop on September 10th 57 Per Cent.

Columbia, S. C.—The American Cotton Association announced from its headquarters in this city that a preliminary investigation by its experts, on the condition of the cotton crop up to September 10, shows that there has been a deterioration of 10 per cent since August 25, making the condition of the crop on September 10 as 57 per cent. This deterioration, the report says, is due to the adverse weather conditions and to the most serious insect damage which has ever befallen the cotton crop. The report further declares that this will result in an enormous reduction in the indicated yield as shown August 25 and adds to the seriousness of the situation confronting the cotton belt.



MRS. COX AND HER BABY. A new and charming picture of Mrs. James M. Cox, wife of the Democratic presidential candidate, with her baby daughter Anne.

MATTER WILL BE CONSIDERED

President Appreciates Efforts of the Committees to Persuade the Men "On Vacation" to Return to Work

Washington—President Wilson, in a telegram to representatives of the anthracite mine workers in Pennsylvania refused to grant their request to re-convene the joint scale committee of operators and miners for the purpose of considering a new award.

The president declared that when a body of men collectively refrained from working by mutual understanding, however arrived at, it was a strike no matter what name was given it. A majority of the anthracite miners had refrained from work under the guise of taking a vacation, the president said, and he told the committees that while he appreciated the earnestness of its efforts to get the men to return to work and commended its stand in support of contract obligations, declared his unwillingness to reopen the wage question.

Keep Cars Out too Long. Manufacturers and shippers in general were urged to assist American railroads in making fullest use of their rolling stock in an appeal issued by the Railroad Committee of the United States Chamber of Commerce. By co-operation in loading freight cars nearer to maximum capacity and cutting down delays in loading and unloading at terminals, the committee said, shippers can accomplish the same effect that would be secured if 545,000 cars could be added immediately to railroad equipment.

Something of a Blow. New York—The nomination of Thomas E. Watson to succeed Hoke Smith as United States senator from Georgia represents "something of a blow to the democratic party," George White, chairman of the democratic national committee, stated here while discussing the southern primary results.

Carrier Pigeon Service. Dublin—Dublin Castle has had so much official mail for London intercepted by Sinn Feiners that officials are reported to be inaugurating a carrier pigeon service. A large consignment of army pigeons has arrived in Dublin and more are expected. The flight to London is roughly 500 miles.

Anti-Red General Killed. Sebastopol.—General Plev commanding the first cavalry division of General Wrangel's army, was killed before Kahovka while leading a detachment in a storming attack on the city.

Victim of Motor Truck. Macon, Ga.—Judge Dupont Gaerdy, 72, one of the best known lawyers in Georgia, and judge of the city court of Macon, was run over and killed by a motor truck.

Bids for Airplane Service. Washington.—Bids were opened at the postoffice department for airplane service between New York and Atlanta via Washington, Raleigh, N. C., and Columbia, S. C.

First Woman Contractor. Boston.—In addition to being the first woman in Massachusetts to run for a state office, Mrs. Alice C. Cram, of Boston, choice of the Bay State democrats for state auditor, has the distinction of having been the first woman general contractor.

Oldest College for Women. New Orleans.—The Ursuline College of New Orleans, which recently observed its 152nd commencement, is the oldest institution in America for the education of women.

Nothing Known of Bonds. Atlanta, Ga.—Postoffice inspectors here said they had no reports as to amount of bonds, reported to have been from \$50,000 to \$300,000, taken from a register pouch on a Southern railway train September 9.

One Hundred Villages Destroyed. Florence, Italy.—More than 100 towns and villages were destroyed or badly damaged in the district north of this city.

Paying Income Taxes. Washington.—More than 5,600,000 firms and individuals are paying income taxes this year, according to figures made public by the bureau of internal revenue. These figures also reveal that practically 3,000,000 taxpayers already have paid their income taxes.

COMING GATHERING WILDCAT DIVISION

GREAT TIME IS PROMISED TO SURVIVORS AND FRIENDS OF FAMOUS EIGHTY-FIRST.

COMMITTEES HARD AT WORK

Former Members of the Division in Twenty-Five States Have Written That They Will Be Present.

Columbia, S. C.—Plans for entertaining the several thousand veterans of the Wildcat (81st) division, who will hold their first reunion here September 20-21, are rounding into shape in a very gratifying manner to the several committees who have charge of the entertainment of the city's honored guests. Never have the women of Columbia been more thoroughly organized for a task not even in war times, when things were systematized down to the most minute detail than they are for the part they are to take in entertaining the Wildcats.

Always former members of the division for 25 states have notified the secretary of the association of their intention to be present. The citizens of Columbia are determined that there shall be absolutely no cost to the visitors at any time or at any place. Besides entertaining these guests in their homes, the citizens of Columbia are expending the sum of \$25,000 for various kinds of entertainment.

13,000 Officers Taught. Washington.—More than 13,000 merchant marine officers have been graduated from the shipping board's training schools since their establishment three years ago and 72 per cent of the graduates have been licensed for service at sea records of the board's recruiting service show.

Each Meets Defeat. Milwaukee, Wis.—Representative John J. Esch of La Crosse, co-author with Senator A. B. Cummings, of Iowa, of the recently enacted railroad bill, was defeated for re-nomination from the seventh district, according to returns compiled by The Milwaukee Journal from statewide primary.

Reds Leave Hrudieszow. London.—Russian bolshevik forces fighting against the Poles southwest of Hrudieszow, 50 miles west of the Bug river, under pressure from Polish troops, says an official statement issued in Moscow.

Greeks Land at Ismid. Constantinople.—Five transports of Greek troops have landed at Ismid, on the Gulf of Ismid, 55 miles southeast of Constantinople, and are replacing the British forces, according to advices received.

Mail Plane Wrecked. Elkhart, Ind.—The Chicago-New York United States mail plane driven by Lieut. Riddelberger was wrecked in landing in a corn field near here. The pilot was not injured.

Giolitti in Dilemma. Rome.—Belief exists in political circles that an agreement which will end the conflict between Italian metal workers and their employers, which resulted in the occupation of more than 400 plants by the men during the last week, is imminent. It is pointed out that Premier Giolitti must leave for Aix les Bains, where he will meet Premier Millerand of France.

May Escape Influenza. Washington.—There have been no indications of a return of last year's influenza epidemic this winter, the Public Health Service announced. Each year, it was said, between November and May a number of cases are reported, but experts of the service do not expect the disease to be as widespread or as virulent this year as in 1919.

Tom Watson is Nominated. Atlanta, Ga.—Thomas E. Watson received the democratic nomination for the United States senate from Georgia on the face of unofficial and incomplete returns from 143 of the 155 counties in the state.

Will Go To Paris. Asheville, N. C.—Dr. Charles L. Minor expects to leave here the latter part of this month for Paris, as a delegate to the National Tuberculosis congress, the association meeting in the French capital, October 7.

McAdoo on Volstead Act. New York.—Modification of the Volstead act to permit the sale of light wines and beers would ultimately destroy the entire prohibition amendment, William G. McAdoo, former secretary of the treasury, declared.

French Loan Oversubscribed. New York.—The new \$100,000,000 2 year 8 per cent French government loan was oversubscribed and subscription books were closed in an hour, J. P. Morgan & Co., syndicate managers, announced.

Dizziness of MacSwiney. London.—Lord Mayor MacSwiney, of Cork, who is incarcerated in Brixton prison and has been on a hunger strike since August 12, passed a very bad night and complained again of dizziness, according to a bulletin.

Troops Escorting Johnson. Mexico City.—Bertie C. Johnson, a British subject, who was kidnapped by Pedro Zamero at Atlan on August 19, escaped from the bandits in on his way to Guadalajara under escort of government troops.



MRS. H. W. MOWERY. Mrs. Harold W. Mowery, daughter of Belle Boyd of Martinsburg, W. Va., the famous Confederate spy, has filed suit for separation from her third husband in the New York supreme court.

MANY HUNDREDS WERE KILLED

There Are Yet Many Bodies Under the Ruins as Well as Wounded Who Have Not Been Rescued.

Rome—Italy is again suffering from an earthquake disaster, the extent of which has not yet been measured. It is known, however, that hundreds of people have been killed and thousands injured. Many small towns and villages have been wrecked, and although assistance is being hurried from all parts of the country to the afflicted area, there is much suffering for want of food, medicines and shelter for the people.

It is not yet possible to calculate how many hundreds are dead—the list showing close to 400 already reported. There are many bodies under the ruins who have not yet been reported by the rescuers.

"It seemed like the end of the world," terrified peasants say. The great towers of medieval castles were shaken, partially destroyed, or seen tottering to a fall. The ducal palace at Massa Carrara, which was the summer residence of Napoleon's sister, was seriously damaged.

Observers noted that the world-famous Leaning Tower of Pisa was very perceptibly shaken.

Letvia Gives Guarantees. Warsaw.—Letvia has given the necessary guarantees to the Russian Soviet government and as a result a bolshevik peace delegation will go to Riga to meet Polish representatives, Prince Sapieha, Polish foreign minister, was notified by George Tchitcherine, Russian bolshevik minister of foreign affairs.

King Visits Victims. Pisa, Italy.—King Victor Emmanuel, with his suite, who came to this city immediately after he received news of the earthquake in this vicinity, went to visit districts in Tuscany, which were affected by the shock.

Several Hundred Killed. Rome.—Several hundred persons lost their lives in the earthquake at Livorno, and many more were injured, according to a dispatch to The Tribune from Massa.

Colby Without Authority. Atlanta, Ga.—In reply to her protest that women were not permitted to vote in the Georgia primary September 8, Secretary of State Colby has informed Mrs. Mary McLendon of Atlanta that he has no authority to take any steps in the matter.

Mrs. McLendon, a pioneer Georgia suffragist, made this announcement on receipt of a telegram to the secretary. She had telegraphed him on the night of the primary that had been refused permission to vote.

No Trace of Slides. San Diego, Calif.—All traces of recent slides in the Panama canal have been removed and the channel of Culebra cut is being widened and deepened, according to word brought here.

Mail Planes are Off. Minsola, N. Y.—Trans-continental air mail service to San Francisco was officially inaugurated when R. G. Page, piloting an airplane specially equipped to carry 400 pounds of mail started his westward flight at 6:30 o'clock.

Cox in Montana. Havre, Montana.—Governor Cox, democratic presidential candidate, got his first glimpse of Montana when he entered this state on his western tour. He left Minot, N. D., early and will speak at Havre and Great Falls.

Harding on Hot Trail. St. Paul, Minn.—Following close on the heels of Governor Cox, his democratic opponent, Senator Harding, republican candidate for president, had a busy day before him on his arrival in St. Paul from Chicago.

Ambassador to Peru. Berlin.—Privy Councillor Von Humboldt has been appointed German ambassador to Peru, according to a announcement here.

The Real Nine-Liver. Houston, Texas.—For the tenth time within the last year, M. L. Granberry was officially pronounced dead by physicians at the municipal hospital here. On nine previous occasions the man "came to life" after physicians said he had expired and several times was all but buried.

ITALIAN WORKMEN IN FULL CONTROL

FLAGS ON PRINCIPAL PLANTS ARE BOTH RED SOCIALIST AND BLACK ANARCHIST.

TROOPS GUARDING THE BANKS

Working Men in All Factories Are Obligated to Give Certain Amount of Time to Military Drill.

Paris.—Travelers arriving from Italy describe the seizure of the metal works by workmen as possessing odd features. Flagstaffs on the principal plants bear two flags—red for the socialists and black for the anarchists. Many private houses display red flags, especially in Milan.

Government troops guard the banks but do not interfere with the occupation of the works. Transport workers allow no movement of government troops from one part of Italy to another. The military war at Rome recently endeavored to send some regiments to northern Italy but the trainmen refused to move them.

The Italian government has informed the manufacturers' association that it does not wish to employ troops in clearing the factories, but that a far better course is for the employers to negotiate a compromise with the workmen's committee. The employers have agreed for the present not to go near their own works so as not to expose themselves to forcible expulsion.

Working men in all factories are obliged to give a certain amount of time to military drill.

Cuban Candidate Talks. Havana, Cuba.—Personal passions cannot be allowed to force Cuba "down to the level of countries where the administration can be defeated only by a revolution," declared Jose Miguel Gomez, liberal candidate for president of Cuba, in a statement.

"There will be no more revolutions in Cuba," he said, "because there will be no more usurpations of power." The coming elections will have a decisive influence on the future of the republic, in the opinion of Senor Gomez, and a liberal triumph, his statement says, would mean the restoration of democracy and law, reorganization of the public administration and peace with forgetfulness of animosities, due to past happenings, and the impossibility of consenting to their repetition.

Coast to Coast Air Mail. Chicago.—An extensive daily coast to coast air mail service was begun when planes left five cities for points across the continent.

One plane will leave each morning from New York with mail for San New York, and from Cheyenne, Wyo., to San Francisco, one from Salt Lake City to San Francisco, one from Chicago to San Francisco every day except Sunday, and one from Chicago to New York every day except Monday.

Mecklenburg Farmers Firm. Charlotte.—Evidence that the Mecklenburg county branch of the American Cotton Association is the most vigorous farmers' organization ever formed in Mecklenburg county was furnished by the fact that a courthouse full of farmers assembled at 10 o'clock morning and spent until 1 o'clock talking over phases of the cotton situation. Unanimously they decided not to sell cotton for a cent less than 40 cents a pound up to November 1 and for an additional cent on the 40-cent price each month thereafter.

France Paying Loan. New York.—Another installment of \$4,000,000 in gold from France arrived on La Torrairie, making a total of approximately \$20,000,000 in gold shipped by France to be applied to her half share of the \$500,000,000 Anglo-French loan maturing October 15.

Serious Shipping Situation. Tokio.—Depression in the shipping business in Japan has become so serious that the government has dispatched officials to Kobe and Osaka, the great shipping centers, in search of remedies.

Lecture Bureau Approved. Peking, China.—The Peking government has approved a proposal made by the minister of education for the establishment of a lecture bureau. American and other foreign educators will be invited to lecture.

6,000 Cholera Deaths. Tokio.—Fifteen thousand cholera cases have been reported officially from Korea, with six thousand deaths, in the present epidemic.

Sugar Prices Lower. New York.—The Arbuckle Sugar Refining Company reduced their list price of fine granulated sugar from 17.1 to 15 cents a pound. All refiners in the market now are quoting this price, but most of the demand still is being supplied by second hand dealers at 14 to 14 1/2 cents.

Famous Tree Has Fallen. London.—A famous old mulberry tree in North London, under which 144 ears ago it is said the American Declaration of Independence was first read in this country, has fallen under the weight of its age.

Short Crop of Tourists. Paris.—France is distinctly disappointed because of the number of American tourists who visited the battlefields this summer was far below expectations. She had been led to expect more than 1,000,000 visitors.

POTATOES DUMPED IN RIVER

Consignment for Cuba, is Taken on at Norfolk, Rotting on New Bern Dock Valued at \$23,000

New Bern.—Twenty-three thousand dollars worth of Irish potatoes are rotting down at the foot of Craven street and are to be taken down Neuse river and thrown overboard. At the same time local residents are paying all the way from five to eight dollars a barrel for potatoes of this variety. The potatoes are loaded on two barges of a fleet of three which came into port a week ago. The cargo was taken on board at Norfolk and consigned to Havana, Cuba, where they were to be sold at a price of \$31 per barrel. Off Beaufort the boats were ordered by wireless to seek port and went into that harbor, later coming on to New Bern.

Burlington.—The opening of the Burlington tobacco market will occur on Tuesday, Sept. 21, according to an announcement made public here. The Burlington market will be better prepared this year to handle the weed than it was last year. No price houses have been built during the summer.

Lexington.—Five new precincts have been decreed by the Davidson county board of elections on account of the large number of voters expected after the women have registered. Three of the new precincts created are in Lexington townships, while two are in Thomasville township.

Hamlet.—Hamlet is experiencing the joys of back time checks which are being paid to the employees of the Seaboard. The back time paid out by the Seaboard paymaster at Hamlet the past few days amounts to a little over one hundred thousand dollars. All employees of the Seaboard are sharing in the payment.

Sanford.—Under the direction of Miss Getrude Little, Home Demonstration Agent of Lee County, four community fair associations have recently been organized in the county, which will hold their fairs as follows: Broadway, October 25; Harnett Hill, October 27; Tramway, October 28; Morris Chapel, October 29.

Farmville.—The construction of the big \$250,000 school building in this city, which was suspended some weeks ago, will soon be resumed. The suspension was caused by the money shortage at that time, which made it difficult to feed the funds.

Raleigh.—Preparations for the big Sir Walter Raleigh community pageant to be given during fair week under the auspices of the Raleigh Woman's Club, together with the other civic organizations, began in earnest with the arrival in Raleigh of Miss Elizabeth B. Grinnall of New York City, under whose direction the pageant is to be produced.

Charlotte.—A woodpile with a free looking bull dog sitting on top was no barrier to two gallons of liquor which police officers were searching for at the home of Lizzie Richardson. In addition to corraling the woodpile with its bull dog guardian, officers report finding two more gallons in the woman's house.

Greensboro.—Resignations of Rev. L. S. Massey, and Rev. Hugh M. Blair, editor and business manager, respectively, of the North Carolina Christian Advocate, which were recently tendered to the Methodist Board of Publication, Inc., were unanimously accepted, according to Thomas C. Hoyle, secretary of the board. They are leaving the newspaper work of the church in order to go back to the active ministry.

Gastonia.—With her jugular vein severed on the broken glass of the windshield of the automobile in which she was riding, Miss Carrie Hornady, of Burlington, died here a few minutes after a car driven by J. B. Robertson, of Concord, with whom she was riding, and one driven by E. D. Coffey, of Gastonia, were in collision. A dead car standing in the middle of the road was the cause of the accident, preventing the drivers of the two approaching cars from seeing each other.

Politics Warming Up. Greensboro.—Republican party leaders of North Carolina have decided to "start something," according to a statement of Gilliam Grinnom, secretary of the state republican organization's executive committee. The absentee voters law is what they expect to start with. Suit has been instituted to have it declared unconstitutional. They want cash contributions, for the expense of litigation to have the law declared a violation of the constitution will be expensive.

First Woman Magistrate. Monroe.—Union county claims the distinction of having the first woman magistrate in North Carolina. Mrs. Julian Griffin having been commissioned by Clerk of Court R. W. Lemonard. Mrs. Griffin has already qualified and has equal jurisdiction with the other magistrates of Monroe township.

Did as Parents Did. Mount Airy.—Following the example of his parents who 30 years ago were married under the giant oak trees near Crooked Oak church, Frank Colson of Round Peak brought Miss Bobbitt of Galax, Va., to the same spot, so that he might be married under the shade of the same oaks that sheltered his parents during their nuptial troth.

The groom is a well known farmer of Round Peak, who served his country with honor during the world war.

EASTERN TOBACCO MARKETS CLOSED

PRICES FOR WEED NOT AT ALL SATISFACTORY TO THE GROWERS IN STATE

NO BETTER TIME TO STARVE

Farmers Declare that They will Burn Their Tobacco before Taking the Prices Now Offered by Buyers

New Bern.—The closing of the tobacco warehouses on the opening day of the season, in particular of the eastern North Carolina markets, has put a crimp in the prospects at New Bern. It had been anticipated that the season was going to be one of the most prosperous in the history of the market. The market at Greenville was closed, the farmers refusing to accept the prices offered. Telegrams were sent to other markets advising the farmers to hold their weed until satisfactory prices could be obtained. Farmers declare they will burn their tobacco before they will sell it at the prices offered. They declare that if they have to starve there is no better time to do it than now. The situation appears to be precarious. Wilson, the largest bright tobacco market in the world, is apparently the only one that is pretending to be able to do business under the circumstances. The dissatisfaction has extended as far as Beidsville. Meetings of farmers have been called to be held to take action in the emergency. It is probable that concerted action on all the markets will result in the closing down of the warehouses until satisfactory prices

Spencer.—With every nook and corner of the school building occupied and with hundreds unable to get into the clapped the Spencer schools opened with an attendance of 650, the largest in the history of the town.

Asheville.—W. H. Bangs, superintendent of the Hendersonville Light and Power Company, was seriously and perhaps fatally injured when struck by one of the racing cars, participating in the automobile races at Hendersonville under the sanction of the American Automobile Association.

Lumberton.—The Mexican boll weevil has at last reached the cotton fields of Robeson county. Well grown weevils—the kind that are capable of producing as many as 12 and a half million other weevils during a cotton-growing season—are numerous in some sections of the county.

Kinston.—It cost the Kinston boy's hand \$2,000 to make their trip up the coast, to Wilmington and Philadelphia and back. They earned it and the outfit, which lasted a month and four days, was worth it. They had many interesting experiences, found hospitality everywhere and developed as musicians by a lot of hard practice.

Winston-Salem.—Jeff Jackson, 26 himself in his cell here at police headquarters, according to the police. Earlier in the day Jackson had been arrested charged with an assault on two ten-year-old girls of this city. He was married and has a family of three young children. In a note addressed to his wife found in his cell, he denied the assault charge.

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Salisbury.—J. D. Norwood, county democratic chairman announces that Congressman R. L. Doughton and his republican opponent, Dr. Campbell of Norwood, will have three joint debates in Rowan county. They will be at Cleveland October 11th at 3 o'clock and in Salisbury at 8 that night. Also at China Grove the following afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Low Tax Rate Fixed. Greensboro.—The Guilford county commissioners, have fixed the following tax rates: State schools, 13 cents, general county, 5 cents, roads and bridges, 17 cents, courthouse bonds, 3 cents, county schools, 15 cents, county school expense and building fund, 2 cents, total 57 cents. The tax rate last year was reduced from \$2 to \$1.55. This is a reduction in the tax levy of nearly two thirds. Guilford court has been busy with divorce cases.

Tar Heels Hurt in Wreck. Denver, Col. (Special).—Ten persons were killed and 70 injured when two interurban cars collided head-on on a curve just outside of Globeville, a suburb of Denver. The cars plowed into each other 15 feet. All of the dead lived in or near Denver.

Among the injured were: George Cheek, Sparta, N. C., possible internal injuries; Mrs. George Cheek, Sparta, N. C., cut and bruised about face and neck; Margaret Cheek, 16 months, Sparta, N. C., bruised head.

Charlotte's Mayor Resigns. Charlotte.—Mayor Frank R. McNeill has definitely decided to resign as chief executive of the city and will tender his resignation, effective on or about October 1, according to an announcement from his office.

Mayor McNeill will maintain an office in Charlotte and will have charge of the community service in South Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia. It is probable that Georgia and Florida will be added to the states in which Charlotte's mayor will work.