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## NORTH STATE HAPPENINGS

Occurrences of Interest Gleaned From All Sections of the Busy Tar Heel State

### AN APPEAL TO PASTORS.

Leader of Ministerial Band at University of North Carolina Writes Open Letter to Ministers of State.

We are requested to publish the following self-explanatory letter: To the Ministry of the State of North Carolina:

Dear Pastor: The calling and training of young men to fill the rapidly growing number of vacant pulpits in the State is a matter of lively and continuous interest.

Our ministerial band is trying in an humble way to show the students of the University the importance of the ministry as a life work. It brings together all who have chosen this as their profession and makes of them a working and recruiting agency.

This letter is an appeal to pastors of North Carolina to stir up the minds of prospective students of this and other colleges to the present pressing need for ministers in all denominations. If there is a young man from your congregation expecting to enter the University who has already decided or who you think might be influenced to enter the sacred ministry, will you not write a frank letter to the leader of the band acquainting him with the fact and offering any suggestions as to how the band may be of help?

Yours truly,  
A. RUFUS MORGAN, Leader.  
Chapel Hill, N. C.

### North Carolina Won't Take Lepers.

Raleigh, Special.—This State refuses to receive from the Federal authorities the leper, J. R. Early, of Lynn, N. C. This action being through the State Board of Health, is based on the ruling of Assistant Attorney General Hayden Clement, to the effect that a State is not required by the State or Federal constitution or statutes to receive citizens from beyond her borders having contagious or pestilential diseases, and even if the State were inclined to do this in the present instance it would be impossible, because the railroads would refuse to carry the patient, and since Early evidently contracted the disease in the army service, he was a leper when discharged, whether the leprosy had shown itself or not. Therefore, the United States government is morally bound to retain and care for the patient.

With reference to the wife and child of the leper, who have gone to Washington in the interest of husband and father, Mr. Clement advises the State board that the board should write her in Washington and acquaint her with the fact that if she returns to North Carolina she will be quarantined in Polk county by the county authorities. This, he says, should be done not to prevent her return, but in fairness to her in order that she may know what to expect should she decide to return.

A despatch from Washington says: There appears to be a hitch about the pension. The District Court decided that it could not appoint a guardian for Early, to whom the pension money of \$72 a month could be paid, as asked for by his wife. Having been refused this appointment herself Mrs. Early prayed the court to designate the American Surety and Trust Company, but this was refused. Judge Stafford expressed the opinion that according to the laws of the District such a guardian should be appointed only in case the man is insane or habitually drunk. The bureau of pensions has no intelligence in it capable of discerning any way to pay over the money which its officials declare Early is entitled to, because they say, he is segregated and incapable of receiving and disbursing money. However, the problem is likely to be solved in Early's favor.

### Escaped Insane Father.

Durham, Special.—After escaping from his insane father, who is alleged, burnt the house to destroy his two motherless children, Lambert Riley, who lives 15 miles from Durham, was held by the authorities and the young children were sent to the Oxford Orphanage this morning. The house was burned, but the children escaped.

### Killed by "Unloaded" Pistol.

Asheville, Special.—The "unloaded" pistol claimed another victim tonight, when Wm. Palmer, aged 16, fell dead with a revolver bullet in his brain, fired by his companion, Nathan Arthur, aged 18. Palmer and Arthur, with four other boys, were playing in a tent erected on a vacant lot, when Arthur pointed the weapon which he believed to be unloaded, in Palmer's face and pulled the trigger. Without uttering a word, Palmer fell dead at his friends' feet. At the coroner's inquest a verdict of "accidental shooting" was returned.

### Divorce Normal at New Bern.

New Bern, Special.—The flood here has subsided; both rivers are normal. The greatest damage has been done by overflowing in this immediate vicinity during this last storm. Waters at Kingston are receding very slowly. The river is said to be only a few inches lower than yesterday and will probably be next week before

### WAS HORRIBLE SCENE.

The Colored Children Cremated in Home at Cameron.

Cameron, Special.—Sunday night about 8:30 o'clock, while the family was at church, the house of Hector Cameron, a worthy negro of this place, was burned, together with three small children, one of his own and two of his son-in-law's, Alex. Worthy. The fire is supposed to have originated from the overturning or explosion of a lamp which was left burning low. When it was first discovered the children could have been rescued had it been known they were in the house, but they were asleep and gave no alarm and when the family reached there, the house was enveloped in flames and it was then too late to save them. The grief of the terror stricken parents was touching to see and their cries with the flames leaping in air made the scene one of terror.

### Conscience Hurt Him.

Winston-Salem, Special.—A conscience stricken man in New Mexico has sent a letter to Mr. W. T. Baynes, a merchant here, writing as follows: "Dear Sir: Please find enclosed 40 cents for some tobacco and watermelons I stole from you several years ago, and I ask your forgiveness for stealing them. You may ask why I am sending this money for that purpose, but the Bible commands me to straighten up our back life, just as much as it does not to sin. So I send this 40 cents, hoping you will understand it."

The forty cents was enclosed and a man's name was signed, Mr. Baynes thinks he remembers the occasion of the petty theft. He will send the man a receipt.

### Five Hundred Indictments.

Durham, Special.—The grand jury made a presentment against nearly five hundred delinquents failing to list their taxes the past June. There is no special excitement over the matter, though Sheriff Harward says it is the first time such a thing has happened on such a colossal scale. When the books closed the last day of June the listers prolonged the privilege of listing by charging 25 cents until August 1st and half a thousand delinquents took advantage of this. It is said that many of the number failing to list are prominent and constantly failing to put up their property. The officers however, deny that they have been beaten heretofore. This court will take no action in the matter, other work being so enormous that it cannot be attempted.

### North State News Notes.

At Winston-Salem Mrs. J. J. Coker fire a revolver at a negro who attempted to break into the residence the other night, while her husband who is a special officer at the Southern Railway station, was absent. The intruders screamed, "Oh God, I'm lit!" and ran away.

In 1900 the Republican vote in North Carolina was 133,831, while in 1904 it was but 82,543. Brvan's vote in 1900 was 150,792 and Parker's in 1904, 124,121.

In the county primaries held at Asheville to nominate a successor to the late Judge Fred Moore, of the 15th judicial district, Judge J. D. Murphy, of Asheville, defeated the Hon. J. S. Adams by a conventional vote of 13. Mr. Adams' manager says they will contest some of the precinct returns. Adams carried the city of Asheville, but Judge Murphy led in the county.

### Damage by Flood on State Farms.

Winston-Salem, Special.—Chairman Hackett, of the State prison board, stated that, according to reports received, five thousand bushels of corn and a large amount of cotton on the State farms were destroyed by the freshet of last week.

### New Station Opened.

Salisbury, Special.—The large new passenger station of the Southern Railway just completed here was formally opened to the public Tuesday and the same will be used regularly hereafter. The building which was erected at a cost of \$125,000 is easily one of the handsomest and most commodious on the Southern system. Capt. George Wiant, of Norfolk, has been appointed station master and is in charge of the station. The depot is thoroughly furnished in the most modern manner and takes the place of one erected before the Civil War.

### Report on "Tobacco Year" in Winston-Salem.

Winston-Salem, Special.—The "tobacco year" closed Monday last week, officially, and the report shows that 17,158,860 pounds were sold for the sum of \$1,845,697.94, an average of \$10.75, the highest in several years. The volume of sales exceeds the previous year's by nearly two million

## THE GREAT FLOOD LOSS.

Farming Lands Damaged More Than A Million Dollars.

The recent heavy rains have not only done an enormous amount of damage to crops, bridges, roads and railroads, but according to an estimate made by W. W. Ashe, State Forester of North Carolina, the upland farming lands have been washed to an extent of more than a million dollars, the damage being heaviest in those sections where the country is most hilly and where the rainfall was most concentrated.

These estimates, based on the amount of soil in the water of the rivers, as shown from previous records of freshets of the same height indicate that more than 1,500,000 tons of soil were washed from the piedmont region of North Carolina during the past week; more than 500,000 tons from the farms of northern Georgia, 700,000 tons from upper South Carolina, and 400,000 tons from the hills of Virginia. Analyses have shown that more than one-third of the earth which causes the mudiness of the rivers during the high freshets is humus which is undoubtedly washed chiefly from the farms. At one dollar a ton for this humus, which is less than it can be replaced for, the loss to these States in impoverishment of the soil exceeds \$1,000,000. This is a loss which is largely overlooked and under-estimated by the farmer, because it is a loss which takes place so constantly. In the aggregate it is so enormous that it is one of the chief, if not the chief reason for the poverty of so many southern soils, keeping them depleted of their humus, or the manure portion of the soil. This is a loss to which northern soils are not so subject, on account of the lighter rainfalls and the more gentle character.

The rainfall at Raleigh and at many other points in middle North Carolina exceeded 12 inches in four days. In parts of upper South Carolina it was 15 inches in three days, while more than 4 inches fell at many places during one day. Such precipitation is tropical in character but it is not uncommon in the south. It is necessary for the farmers of the south if they wish to preserve their hillside lands to employ not only the same means which are used at the north but to take extra means of protection besides, so as to lessen excessive erosion, deep plowing, plenty of humus and where the slopes are at all steep and cultivated crops are raised, level terracing should be used.

But hillside ditches should not be used. The policy of the farmers should be to have small cleared areas, cultivate more intensively, so that there shall never be any land idle without a cover crop on it to hold the soil, and protect land which is not in cultivate more intensively, so that there are more than 2,000,000 acres of idle farming land from Virginia to Georgia which should be planted in timber, if for no other reason than to prevent its washing away, though the timber on it will make it eventually a good investment besides.

### Company of Infantry and Regimental Band for Greensboro Fair.

Greensboro, Special.—It appears that Greensboro's centennial celebration is to fare better than was expected at the hands of the War Department. Several months ago Senator Overman and a committee from the centennial board of managers secured from the department a promise that a troop of cavalry and the marine band would be sent to Greensboro, and since that time the chief of staff has agreed to send a company of infantry and a regimental band, and it is not improbable that artillery will be sent also. Senator Overman, who has shown a deep interest in the centennial, and who has been of material assistance to the board of managers, is in receipt of a letter from Maj. Gen. J. F. Bell, chief of staff giving this pleasing information.

### Fire Destroys Handsome New Home.

Asheville, Special.—Fire Saturday morning at 6 o'clock completely destroyed the residence of Bonnie McNeel-Henderson on Black street, resulting in a loss of probably \$3,000. The fire was discovered a few minutes before 6 o'clock and an alarm turned in. The department got away in good time but owing to the distance it reached the scene too late to save the structure or any great amount of personal effects. Members of the department went into the blazing building in an effort to get out trunks, furniture, etc., but were quickly driven back by the smoke and the flames.

### Many Lives Nearly Lost.

Tryon, Special.—Passengers on train No. 13, westbound, on the Southern Railway had a narrow escape from death here Saturday. One car is derailed and overhangs a steep embankment. Outside of a severe shake-up no one was injured.

### Pockets of Circus-Goers Picked.

Morganton, Special.—Friday was gala day in Morganton. Fully four thousand people came into town from all parts of the county to see John Robinson's circus. Everybody went to the show. Pickpockets got in some good work. One man, a Mr. Whitman, was relieved of a pocket-book containing \$100. Quite a num-

## SAILORS DROWNED

Fifty Drown Within Sight of Their Families.

### WERE POWERLESS TO LEND AID

Were Powerless to Help—Stranded a Hundred Yards From Shore Crew of Portuguese Steamer Louisa One by One Drop Into the Sea and Drown.

Badajoz, Portugal, Special.—Within sight of their frantic families, one hundred yards away, the crew of fifty of the Portuguese steamer Louisa, were drowned Friday morning from the stranded vessel off Figuera DaFoz. The vessel was from Brazil. The sea was rough and the lifeboats useless. The crew dropped into the sea and their bodies were washed on to the sand some hours later. Relatives of the men recognized the men as they fell into the water. The scene was heartrending and tragic in the extreme.

### PANIC TIDE HAS TURNED.

So Says President Van Cleave of the National Association of Manufacturers—An Interesting Letter.

President Van Cleave of the National Association of Manufacturers, has issued a circular letter to the three thousand members of that association stating that the adverse tide has turned and that business conditions are now improving all along the lines. The letter follows:

"Dear Sir: The business outlook is a matter of vital importance; the future looks bright, and we invite your attention to a few lines from President Van Cleave's article in American Industries, of August 15th:

"The general aggregate of the crops promises to be greater than ever before. Money is plentiful and low. A country so well endowed as the United States, with the things which the world must buy from us, cannot be held down long by any sort of adversity.

"On all sides we see evidences that the tide has turned. A steady improvement from this time onward may be looked for with confidence. In New York, Chicago, Pittsburg, St. Louis, Boston, and other industrial centers, mills are re-opening their doors. The stocks of goods in the hands of manufacturers and wholesalers have been reduced to low figures, and the resumption of purchases, which is under way in all the great lines of trade, is beginning to send in orders to the factories with a little of their old-time volume."

### Mr. Watkins Notified.

Ada, O., Special.—Before a large audience in Brown Auditorium of the Ohio Northern University tonight Prof. Aaron S. Watkins was officially notified of his nomination as the candidate for Vice President by the national Prohibition party.

Felix T. McWhirter, of Indianapolis, treasurer of the national Prohibition organization was the chairman of the evening. He spoke at considerable length and then introduced National Chairman Charles R. Jones, of Chicago. Mr. Jones made only brief remarks, and then Hon. Robert Patton, of Springfield, delivered the formal notification address.

When Professor Watkins arose to respond the vast audience was on its feet cheering and waving hats and handkerchiefs, while little girls presented the candidate with huge bouquets of flowers. The ovation lasted several minutes.

### Two Aged Women Burned to Death.

Gadsden, Ala., Special.—Mrs. Elizabeth McNeal, aged 75 years, and her invalid daughter-in-law, Mrs. Joe McNeal, aged 55 years, were burned to death in a fire which destroyed their home on Lookout Mountains, eight miles north of this city. It is thought the fire originated from a defective stove. The two women were alone in the house at the time.

### Presence of Thaw Demoralizes Prisoners.

Abany, N. Y., Special.—A protest is made in a report submitted to the State Commission of Prisons by Secretary George McLaughlin, against the further confinement in the Dutchess County jail at Poughkeepsie of Harry K. Thaw, acquitted on the charge of murder on the ground of insanity. Mr. McLaughlin's report is on an inspection he made on Aug. 24 last. The report says, among other things, that Thaw's presence in the jail "demoralizes the discipline of the institution."

### Over \$4,000,000 for Charity.

Oswego, N. Y., Special.—More than \$4,000,000 is left to charitable institutions, the Metropolitan Museum of Art and Yale University by the will of Frederick Cooper Hewitt, who died at his home here last Sunday. To relatives and friends less than half a million is left. The largest bequest mentioned in the will is the

## 111 PERSONS INDICTED

Participants in the Springfield Riot Have to Answer to the Law.

Springfield, Ill., Special.—The special grand jury called to probe the recent race riots, adjourned Thursday after returning twenty more indictments. This makes a total of 117 during the session. Among the indictments returned were four against Springfield policemen, Oscar Dahlkamp, Jose Ferendez, Joseph H. Ohlman and George W. Dawson. They are indicted for alleged failure to suppress the riot when detailed for that duty. Sheriff Werner, Chief of Police Wilbur Morris, Captain Charles Walsh of troop D. Springfield and other officers are commended by the grand jury.

The report condemns alleged "cowards" among the officials and says: "We condemn in unmeasured terms the cowardly, contemptible action of those members of the force, who, having taken the oath of office, failed to do their duty; men who were paid from money from the pockets of the people of this city to protect life and property; men who were ordered by the heads of departments of the police to go out and disperse the mob, and not only failed to use a club, handle a pistol or raise a voice against the mob, and on the side of law and order, but some of whom are shown to have assisted by act and word in doing the work that has brought destruction to thousands of dollars of property and has brought the blush of shame to every lawabiding citizen of this city.

"We recommend that the civil service commission of the city of Springfield, without fear or favor, and while evidence can easily be obtained, determine by fair trial who failed to prove himself a worthy member of the force, and deal with him accordingly."

### Cannot Stop Beer Shipment.

Montgomery, Ala., Special.—In restraining the Birmingham city authorities from interfering with the shipments of beer into that city Judge Thomas G. Jones, of the United States Court held that the shipment was an interstate shipment until it reached the purchaser. The Lemp Brewing Company, of St. Louis made a shipment which was held up at the express office. The city judge held that the interstate haul ended at the depot and that it was unlawful to deliver the consignment by transfer wagon to the place of the consignee. Judge Jones holds that such is not the case and that the transfer company as well as the express company are within national statutes on interstate orders.

### Her Body Found Without a Head.

Boston, Mass., Special.—Chester Jordan, aged 29 years, of 509 Medford street, Somerville, was arrested by Boston officers late Thursday afternoon on the charge of having murdered his wife, Hanora Jordan, whose body minus the head was discovered dismembered in a trunk at 7 Hancock street, Boston. The head is believed by the police to be in a furnace of the family home in Somerville. The police state the murder was committed two days ago. Jordan is an actor and his wife was also connected with the stage. Her age was 23.

### 36,500 Cold Baths and Still Lives 109 Years Old.

New York, Special.—Mrs. Elizabeth Hunt celebrated her hundred and eighth birthday in Brooklyn. Every morning in the last 100 years, she says, she has taken a cold plunge. She says that she is the only living woman who was kissed by General Lafayette. The incident occurred on the steps of the City Hall 84 years ago, and Mrs. Hunt tells how the General had remarked about the brightness of her eyes and said he wished France could boast of women so fair. Mrs. Hunt is a native of Lancaster, Pa.

### Made Millions and Kept Them.

St. Louis, Special.—Judson M. Thompson, 77 years of age, one of the most frugal millionaires in the city, and for many years a conspicuous figure in St. Louis financial affairs, died at the home of his son. It was his custom to buy clothing at a little outlay of expense and wear the apparel as long as it would last.

### General Stewart's Funeral.

St. Louis, Special.—Gen. Alexander P. Stewart, with one exception the last of the lieutenant-generals in the Army of the Confederate States, who died at Biloxi, Miss., last Sunday at the age 86, was buried in Bellefontaine Cemetery, this city, late Wednesday afternoon. In accordance with the custom of the United Confederate Veterans, the interment was not marked by the call of the bugle or by the beat of the drum; the absence of these martial tributes signifying for the veterans that their warfare is over.

### Costly Railroad Station.

New York, Special.—Architects of the new Grand Central Station have completed plans and estimates for that structure. The total cost of building of the terminals on Forty-second street will reach \$20,000,000.

### Treat in Indiana.

Indianapolis, Ind., Special.—First Thursday night reported from here

## COTTON CROP CONDITION

Decline of 41.2 Points Noted for Last Month. Results of the Flood in the Carolinas and Georgia not Reflected in the Report Just Issued by the Journal of Commerce, New York, Special.—The Journal of Commerce published its monthly cotton crop report on September 1. As estimated from replies from 1,500 correspondents, it makes the condition 78.1, against 83.6 for the previous month, and 73.9 a year ago.

This marks a loss of 4.5 points for the month, but is 4.2 better than last year. It is a fairly normal decline, comparing with 617 points for the ten-year average.

These reports, it may be noted, precede the date of the recent storms, and any damage resulting therefrom is not reflected in the returns. Drought caused shedding, which has been the chief factor in deterioration. Texas and Louisiana, in addition, suffered from boll weevils and boll worms, but in Texas their ravages were not severe. The spread of the weevil in Louisiana has been rapid, and the heavy deterioration of 13.8 points can be largely attributed to their presence. Nearly all the dry sections have been relieved by good rains, and figures show the crop to be entering September in a high average condition.

Picking is well under way in nearly all States except Tennessee and Oklahoma, and the season is considerably earlier than last year.

North Carolina shows a decline of 4 points to 86.2; South Carolina of 4.7 to 76.6; Georgia of 7.9 to 76.1; Florida of 1.8 to 78.6; Alabama of 7.5 to 78.1; Mississippi of 3.8 to 80; Louisiana of 13.8 to 71; Texas of 6.9 to 76.3; and Arkansas of 0.9 to 85.1. Oklahoma, on the other hand, indicated a gain for the month of 7.1 to 79.2, and Tennessee and Missouri also showed improvement the former of 0.8 to 87.5 and the latter of 1.8 to 88.8.

### Birthday of Holland's Queen Celebrated With Great Rejoicing.

The Hague, Special.—The twenty-eighth birthday of Queen Wilhelmina and the tenth anniversary of her coronation as ruler of The Netherlands, was celebrated with great rejoicing by the people of Holland Sunday. In this city business was practically suspended and the day given over to merry-making. The joy of loyal Dutchmen is increased by the report that the queen will soon be visited by the stork. Two or three times previously such a report has gone forth, only to end in disappointment. Unless an heir is born to the queen, the throne will pass to the German branch of the royal family, and Dutchmen fear that this will result in finally making their country a German dependency. The queen was married in 1901, to Duke Henry of Mecklenburg-Schwerin. Her married life has been marred by many quarrels, and this has served to excite the wrath of the subjects of the queen, with the result that her consort is perhaps the most unpopular man in Holland.

### Deed of a Highwayman Says Mrs. Williams.

Baltimore, Md., Special.—Seated in the drawing room of her home at Long Green, Baltimore county, Mrs. W. S. G. Williams, in the presence of her sister, Mrs. Sherlock Swann, wife of the president of the police board, described in detail the shooting of Charles B. Roberts, Jr., who was wounded on Wednesday night on the board walk at Atlantic City, while in her company. Mrs. Williams discussed the affair with the utmost candor. "It was an attempt at robbery, pure and simple," she declared, "and Mr. Roberts was shot because he refused to comply with the demands of the man in the mask who had ordered him to give up his money. Words have been put in my mouth about this sad affair that I never spoke. Sentiments have been ascribed to me that I never had. The whole thing has been distorted and greatly exaggerated.

### Oregon's Apple Crop.

Portland, Ore., Special.—Oregon will have over 1,000 cars of fine apples to ship this year, as compared with about 600 cars last year. Crop prospects on the whole are favorable.

### Aeronaut Dashed to Death.

Waterville, Maine, Special.—In full view of 25,000 horrified spectators, assembled on the Central Maine fair grounds here Wednesday afternoon, Charles Oliver Jones, of Hammondport, N. Y., aeronaut, fell a distance of 500 feet to his death, from his dirigible balloon "Boomerang". Among the witnesses of the frightful plunge was Mrs. Jones and child, and they were almost the first to reach the side of the dying man. Jones died an hour and a half after the accident.

### Miscellaneous Happenings.

At Indianapolis, Ind., following a quarrel at their home, Henry Stackman, a produce dealer, shot and instantly killed his wife in a jealous rage and then killed himself.

## FELL INTO THE LAKE

Trailed for Ten Miles by The Steamer Mohegan

### TWO PASSENGERS ARE SAVED

Went To Sleep in the Basket at an Altitude of 20,000 feet—The Biggest Airship in Race Rescued.

Buffalo, Special.—The balloon Queen Louise, which started with two others from Columbus, Ohio, Saturday afternoon, with Lieut. J. J. Bennett of the British Army Balloon Corps, as pilot, accompanied by Tom L. Sample, was picked up in Lake Erie Sunday afternoon off Pigeon Island. Owing to a defective valve the pilot was unable to keep the balloon afloat. After throwing out all of their ballast they sighted the steamer Mohegan and signalled that they were in danger. The captain of the ship accompanied them for nearly 10 miles, when seeing that it was impossible to keep the balloon in the air any longer, they cut the bag and permitted the gas to escape. The two passengers in the balloon were taken aboard the Mohegan and brought to Buffalo.

### Drop 4,000 Feet in a Minute.

Piqua, Ohio, Special.—The Chicago biggest balloon to leave Columbus in the aero race, came down three and one half miles northwest of Fletcher at 10:15 o'clock Monday morning. Counter currents of air kept the balloon moving back and forth until the gas supply was exhausted. At one time the balloon, at an altitude of 4,000 feet, was within three miles of Piqua and 69 miles from Columbus, with the owner and pilot, Mr. Coey and Capt. H. L. Baumbaugh in the basket. The drop of 4,000 feet was made in less than a minute, the descent being in an open plowed field.

### Wright Tries Again to Fly.

Le Mans, France, Special.—As the gales which prevailed here the last few days had decreased considerably Wilbur Wright, the American aeronaut, resumed his flights. A slight accident, however, caused a temporary abandonment of the ascension. While taking the machine out of its shed Wright's assistant damaged the steel band of the rudder, but Mr. Wright, nevertheless, decided to make a flight. The machine did not act properly, moving obliquely instead of horizontally, and after maneuvering for 56 seconds Wright stopped the motor.

On account of the erratic rudder the aeroplane landed violently after the power had been shut off, and several rods were damaged. Mr. Wright was not injured, and immediately started to make repairs.

### CROP BULLETIN ISSUED.

Government's Estimate of Condition of Cotton on August 25 is 76.1.

Washington, Special.—The crop reporting board of the bureau of statistics of the United States department of agriculture announced that the average condition of the cotton crop on August 25 was 76.1 per cent. of a normal. This is compared with 83 on July 25 last, 72.7 on August 25, 1907; 77.33 on August 25, 1906, and 73.9 the average of the August 25 conditions for the past ten years. The report by States giving the condition on August 25 last, and the average for ten years past respectively follows:

Virginia, 87; 81. North Carolina, 80; 77. South Carolina, 76; 76. Georgia, 77; 76. Florida, 80; 77. Louisiana, 63; 75. Texas, 75; 69. Arkansas, 83; 74. Tennessee, 88; 82. Missouri, 90; 81. Oklahoma, 70; 77. Alabama, 77; 74; Mississippi, 79; 77.

### COAL STRIKE CALLED OFF.

Non-Union Basis Re-established in Birmingham District.

Birmingham, Ala., Special.—An official order calling off the strike of coal miners in the Birmingham district was issued to all the camps in this section. It was signed by President Lewis, Vice President White and Secretary Treasurer Bryan, of the United Mine Workers of America.

### Costly Railroad.

Spokane, Wash., Special.—Eleven million four hundred thousand, or 190,000 a mile, is the cost of building the line of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad from Taft Mont., west to St. Joe, Ida., sixty miles. G. P. O'Neil, right-of-way agent, who gave out the foregoing, added that it is the largest amount ever paid by any railroad company in the world for the construction of a line of similar length. In this piece of road there are thirty-five tunnels, the longest being more than 3,000 feet through solid rock.

### Handled by a Baby.

Glasgow, Ky., Special.—Mrs. Archie Britt, near Lucas, was horrified to see her little 18-month-old son, Louis, coming towards her carrying a large snake in his hands and offering it to her. The mother succeeded in killing the snake. There were a number of marks on the child's hands and arms made by the snake's