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THE CROP INADEQUATE.

Statistics Prove Cotton Demand Greater Than Supply.—Cheap at Fifteen Cents.

New Orleans, Oct. 30.—The cotton conference called by Governor Colquitt, of Texas, to devise means for resorting to normal price the South's great staple crop, after an all-day consideration of different plans for relieving the present demoralized situation in the cotton world, did not reach an agreement and adjourned at 6:30 until 10 o'clock Tuesday morning.

Almost every cotton-growing State was represented at the meeting today. The Governors of Texas, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Virginia, and Charles S. Barrett, president of the Farmers' Union, were among those present and took an active part in the proceedings.

At tomorrow's session Governor Colquitt, of Texas, has promised to make public the first statistics ever compiled for the benefit of the cotton producer relating to the consumption of cotton and the estimated demand of the world for cotton of the 1911 season. These figures, it is said, will clearly demonstrate that, even admitting that this season's crop will be the largest in the South's history, every bale is worth from 14 to 15 cents a pound. While the figures were not given out in detail, Governor Colquitt said they showed that the world's demand at the present time was far greater than the supply.

The figures bearing on the consumption of cotton and the world's demand were furnished by American consuls abroad through Secretary of State Knox.

They were secured on short notice and Governor Colquitt declared that this fact proved clearly that the government can furnish such statistics for the farmers' benefit throughout the period of marketing cotton, and demand for such will be made by the conference.

Clarence Ousley, editor of the Fort Worth Record, at whose suggestion Governor Colquitt, of Texas, called the conference, reviewed conditions which led up to the present low prices for cotton and suggested as a remedial factor the establishment of a joint bureau of statistics by the Southern States.

Mr. Ousley criticized the Federal government's plan of issuing statistics on the cotton industry, branding it as "one-sided," benefiting largely the speculator and the manufacturer but working detriment to the producer. He declared that 8-cent cotton means the confiscation of the cotton farmers' labor and presented figures purporting to show that the cost of producing the staple is approximately 11 cents a pound.

In criticizing the government for issuing statistics and estimates on cotton production without giving the farmer the benefit of statistics relating to cotton consumption, Mr. Ousley declared that the farmer would be better off without any estimate or statistics.

He called attention to the fact that when the world guessed the crop would make 12,500,000 bales it offered to pay the farmer \$65 a bale, but now when the government announces that his crop is 13,800,000 bales, the world offers only \$45 a bale.

Declaring that the obvious remedy for immediate relief is to hold the cotton for better prices, Mr. Ousley spoke of the need of a system of warehouses for storage, and for financing a holding movement.

Concluding Mr. Ousley asserted that under the present system, the farmer is selling in the dark while the spinner is buying in the light. He also contended that the government should collect cotton trade information as it collects cotton crop information for the benefit of the farmer.

Maj. W. A. Graham, Commissioner of Agriculture of North Carolina, favored State aid to the cotton farmer as a means of securing an equitable price for his staple.

Former United States Senator John L. McLaurin of South Carolina, who is a large cotton planter, declared that the Southern States may yet be forced to adopt the valorization plan which has been employed so successfully by the Brazilian government in the protection of the great coffee industry of that country.

The plan of certain European bankers to finance immediately 2,000,000 bales of the present crop and thus insure an early re-establishment of the normal price for cotton was considered later today in executive session.

At this afternoon's session the conference listened to an address by President W. B. Thompson of the New Orleans cotton exchange, which all present conceded contained suggestions that, if carried to a conclusion, would mean the financial emancipation of the cotton planter and of the South.

Mr. Thompson treated the question solely as an economic issue. After presenting the cause for the present condition and showing the part the farmer must play by a disposition to market his crop slowly, and the part the banker of the South should take by the willingness to lend financial support, Mr. Thompson discussed the State's part. He told of the step taken by Louisiana, by popular vote of its citizens, to establish State-owned, State-controlled warehouses, whose receipts will be bankable in every part of the world and offered this as the

only safe plan for the Southern States to adopt to secure a permanent relief from the conditions which now confront them.

Hallows' Party.

Last evening at their home in the country, "Morehead Place," Misses Mary and Sarah Harry delightfully entertained the young people of Harrisburg at a Hallows' party. The house was tastefully decorated in autumn leaves, potted plants, and jack-o'-lanterns. The games were started for the evening by Miss Sarah Harry who announced that many "black cats" were hiding in the halls and on the porches. These cats were to be found and fanned in the "witches fire," which would bring good luck to all who should find one. When the cats were found the guests were led to the witch's cabin, which was a large old log cabin in the yard, tastefully decorated with autumn leaves, jack-o'-lanterns, fortune teller's booths, etc., with "ye old tyme" fire place across one end and a roaring log fire. Here they enjoyed biting apples from a string, bobbing for them, knocking down pins of peanuts, having their fortunes told, and pinning the "black cats" tail on, after which they had the Virginia reel, and last but not least the usual hallows' refreshments, doughnuts, apples, peanuts, popcorn and lemonade.

The following young people were present: Misses Elsie and Bess Lapeley, Mary Grier, Irvin, Mary Gourley, Emma Cannon, Iva Townsend, Misses Juanita and Leonard Patterson, from Hopewell, N. C. Messrs. Henry Morris, Tom Grier, Jim Lee Walthall, Frank Patterson, Will Townsend, Joy Price, Sam Johnston, Zeke Howie and James Gourley.

ONE PRESENT.

Chinese Revolution Affects Southern Mills.

Anderson, S. C., Oct. 29.—The Chinese revolution is having a serious effect on the cotton mill industry of the Southern States, according to James D. Hammett, president of several of the largest mills in South Carolina and a member of the executive committee of the American Cotton Manufacturers' Association.

In a statement issued by Mr. Hammett today he points out that many goods solely for export to China and scores of orders already have been cancelled because of the Chinese war. He estimates that at least thirty mills in South Carolina alone are dependent upon a Chinese trade.

"Unless a speedy settlement of the revolution is reached," said Mr. Hammett, serious consequences are feared for both the Southern manufacturers who supply the trade and the cotton producers of the South. This fall indications were for a large trade from China, but as a result of the revolution the demand for cloth has been almost entirely cut off, with a disposition in evidence to cancel contracts that are now on the books of the mills."

Coburn's Greater Minstrels.

A wide awake, rollicking, rousing show, Coburn's Greater Minstrels, re turns each season, bigger and more welcome. Courteous management, energetic performers, the latest in song, story and laughing bits, there is never a dull moment in this big show. There may be larger in quantity, but no better in quality than this company and gentlemanly appearing minstrels, and there is not a more laughable, enjoyable, clean-cut performance to be found than that furnished by Manager Coburn and his men. Everything is new this year, people, music, jokes and settings, and it is the best company ever carried by this popular manager. Charley Gano, the principal funny man is worth the price alone, and is a whole show in himself. Don't miss the big show next Thursday at the opera house. Seats on sale tomorrow at Gibson Drug Store.

Diphtheria Antitoxin.

Dr. C. A. Shore, Director of the State Laboratory of Hygiene, has just completed arrangements with one of the leading manufacturers of Diphtheria Antitoxin to furnish their product to the people of North Carolina, at the following prices:

1,000 units, 50 cents.
3,000 units, \$1.35.
5,000 units, \$1.95.

In closing this contract, Dr. Shore has followed in the footsteps of the larger States in the Union, and it is hoped that the same results will be obtained, and that the death rate from diphtheria will be very materially decreased. Certainly the price of Antitoxin should no longer prevent its use in England has a number of rat and theria. Through the efforts of the State Board of Health, it is now within reach of all.

Women Voters Newly Made Are Indifferent.

Los Angeles, Ca., Oct. 30.—Many women it is said have shown indifference regarding the privilege of voting recently bestowed upon them by refusing to register for the coming municipal election unless the registry books are taken to their homes.

The leaders of the suffragettes have met this demand by calling for volunteers and scores of these are making a house to house canvass that none may be able to give an excuse for not being registered December 5 when the city elections are to be held.

Another application of road oil has been put down on West Depot street from the intersection of Spring to Georgia avenue.

SOCIAL MATTERS.

Miss Kathleen Smith entertained Monday night in honor of Miss Gertrude Lafferty, the beautiful bride-to-be, whose wedding to Mr. J. Lindsay Ross takes place tomorrow night. The evening was delightfully spent at cards, after which delicious refreshments were served.

One of the guests, Mr. Westbrook, of Greensboro, arrived on a belated train, in time, however, to give these present another treat, keeping them entranced with his delightful voice and artistic whistling. After the cards and music, the hostess presented the honoree with a beautiful hat pin. Leaving in the "see sun" hours" the guests declared Miss Smith a most charming hostess.

One of the most attractive affairs of the season was the five-course luncheon given at the St. Cloud Hotel Monday night by Mr. W. R. Kimball, of Oxford, N. C., to Miss Lafferty, who becomes the bride of Mr. John Lindsay Ross, of Anderson, S. C., on the evening of November 1st.

In the private dining room there was spread in beautiful design, the bridal table in green and yellow, with the handsome centerpiece of green spangli adorned with hearts of yellow chrysanthemums. Upon this bank of green and yellow stood a little cupid, blind-folded, for love is blind, you know, and in his hands he clasped a bunch of yellow ribbons, at the other end of which were attached the dainty place cards adorned by cupids carrying within a spider's web.

In front of the bride were two hearts pierced by a golden arrow, and the yellow hearts of ice cream also bore the impress of little cupids, with drawn bows and arrows and everything was suggestive of the bridal occasion. The guests were Misses Lafferty, Louise Means, Lula Patterson, Grace Brown, Lucy Lore, Kathleen Smith, Ashley Lowe, and Mesdames J. S. Lafferty, Means, Richmond and P. M. Lafferty.

Appropriate toasts were given the bride to which she replied most graciously. The favors were little brass shoes, the bride's containing a pin cushion, the other being filled with rice which were showered upon the bride as the guests merrily left the dining room. This luncheon was superbly served under the management of Mr. Rector, the new proprietor of the St. Cloud Hotel.

Mrs. Richmond Reed was hostess at a delightful meeting of her club this morning in honor of Mrs. W. J. Adams, of Carthage, who is the guest of Mrs. W. C. Houston. At the close of the games delightful refreshments were served. The invited guests besides the honoree were: Mesdames M. L. E. T. and J. F. Cannon, Mrs. J. R. Price, of Albemarle, Misses Grace Brown, Gertrude Lafferty and Alice Mabrey, of Albemarle, and Mesdames N. A. Archibald and W. C. Houston.

Some Missionary Statistics.

Usually statistics are considered very dry and uninteresting, but sometimes facts and figures combined cause us to think and stimulate us to greater zeal and better work.

In the United States there is one ordained minister for every 546 persons. In the whole non-Christian world there is only one for every 275,000.

In non-Christian countries there is but one medical missionary to every 2,500,000 people. In the United States there are 4,000 physicians to the same number.

We spend \$300,000,000 for church work at home. For foreign missions we give annually \$12,000,000.

The church membership at home increased last year 1 1/2 per cent. In mission lands with incomparable greater difficulties it increased 12 per cent.

Last year each ordained minister in America, with all helpers, averaged two converts. American missionaries in foreign lands had an average of 41 each.

There are 500,000,000 women in heathendom to whom only women can go. They are in harems and zenanas; they are field laborers and burden bearers; they are caste-bound, foot-bound and soul-bound in a bondage that you who breathe this free air cannot understand. Who will go and tell them of the world's Savior—woman's best friend?

This trust is not committed entirely to our missionaries or to societies, but it is as incumbent on every member of the church as are the elementary virtues of the Christian life—Faith, Hope, Love.

"Let none hear you idle saying
There is nothing I can do,
While the souls of men are dying
And the Master calls for you."

MRS. J. B. SHERRILL,
MRS. R. S. HARRIS,
MRS. J. E. SMOOT.
Committee.

Montgomery County Plans \$100,000 Good Roads Bond Issue.

Troy, Oct. 30.—A good-roads meeting was held in Troy today. The purpose of the meeting was to plan a campaign of education in regard to the \$100,000 bond issue for good roads, the election to be held in January. A vigorous campaign will be waged. There are hundreds of folks in favor of the bonds, but there are also many folks against issuing bonds for any purpose.

NORTH CAROLINA NEWS.

Items of News from all Parts of the Old North State.

The News-Reporter, which has been published at Richfield, has consolidated with the Norwood Record, and the publication is now issued from Norwood, with W. F. Hunsucker as editor.

While Ben Porter and wife, colored, who live in Providence community, Mecklenburg county, were picking cotton, their two boys, one aged 11 and the other four years, were left at the house and the younger was killed by the discharge of a shotgun in the hands of the older. The boy said he picked up the gun, which was lying on the bed, and that it was accidentally discharged and killed his little brother.

Ruth, 12-year-old daughter of Rev. D. L. Maulsby, a colored minister of Wilson, wanted to go to Robinson's circus. Her mother objected and finally had to whip her. Then the girl went to the second story of the parsonage, secured a pistol and placing it against her breast fired. The ball entered just above the heart, struck a rib and passed out through the back. She is expected to recover.

Judge Allen yesterday denied the petition of Mrs. Frances Lyon Holmes of Greensboro, for an order granting her alimony pendente lite in the action brought by her against her husband, Reuben J. Holmes, of Salisbury, which he heard Saturday. The defense in the case got the first blood.

The Southern Railway Company is keeping at the head of the list in the way of equipment. Trains Nos. 37 and 38 are now composed entirely of steel cars, this equipment having been made complete by the addition of all steel dining cars. Steel cars are being added to the Birmingham special.

Death of Mr. Willis Dorton.

A message was received here this morning from Miami, Fla., stating that Mr. Willis Dorton died there yesterday after an illness of several weeks of typhoid fever. Mr. Dorton is a native of this county and has two brothers living here, Messrs. John L. and D. A. Dorton, and one sister, Mrs. J. A. Rawlings, at Matthews. Mr. Dorton visited relatives here for several weeks this summer. He was 40 years of age and unmarried. The remains have been shipped here and as soon as they arrive the funeral will be held at Boger's church and the interment made in the family plot at that cemetery.

Nutmeg State Pensions Hangman.

Hartford, Conn., Oct. 31.—After serving the State of Connecticut for forty years as supervisor of hangings, George A. Bidden, warden of the State prison at Wethersfield, ceases his duties tonight and retires on a pension granted in recognition of his long and faithful service. Since 1894 all executions have taken place at Wethersfield, and it has been Bidden's duty to place the rope around the neck of the condemned and adjust the black-cap.

Cruse School House.

School begins at the Cruse Schoolhouse November 6, with Miss Mamie Bonds as teacher. Miss Bonds is one of Poplar Tent's most intelligent young ladies and is well educated. She rules with kindness and gentleness in the school room, but is very strict and accurate in her work. Miss Bonds is one of the best teachers in Cabarrus county. Thus in securing such an excellent teacher we expect a successful school at Cruse.

A. FRIEND.

There were 23 deaths in the city month, the largest number ever on record in one month since the inauguration of the present system of keeping the death record. Up to the present month the death record here has been unusually small. A large per cent. of the deaths this month have been infants.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Some of the People Here and Elsewhere Who Come and Go.

Mr. Gowen Dusenbery is spending the day in Salisbury.

Mr. Jackson Beall, of Charlotte, is a Concord visitor today.

Mr. C. W. Johnson, of Charlotte, is a business visitor in the city today.

Mrs. W. G. Watson and Miss Eleanor Watson, of Salisbury, are visiting Mrs. J. E. Smoot.

Miss Mamie Eudy, of Millington, is spending the winter with her sister, Mrs. W. L. Widenhouse.

Mr. Charley Ruth has returned from Liberty, where he has been visiting relatives for two weeks.

Rev. W. L. Sherrill, assistant editor of the North Carolina Christian Advocate, is a visitor in the city today.

Miss Mary Fountain, of Alabama, who has been visiting Miss Elizabeth Gibson, has gone to Goldsboro to visit friends.

Rev. J. W. Lafferty and family, of Summerville, S. C., arrived yesterday to attend the Ross-Lafferty wedding tomorrow evening.

Mrs. Brevard Harris was a passenger on No. 37 this morning en route to her home in Eatonton, Ga., from Seranton, Pa., where she has been visiting relatives.

Miss Mande Brown has returned from Hickory, where she has been visiting Mrs. E. B. Jones for a week.

Mrs. David McEachern, of Mount Pleasant, is visiting Mrs. R. A. Brown.

Miss Ruth Coltrane will leave tomorrow for Greensboro, where she will attend the marriage of Miss Bessie Grissom to Dr. Alex. Smith, of Richmond, Va., which will take place at West Market Street Methodist church Thursday night. Miss Coltrane will be one of the bridesmaids at the wedding.

The Washington Times is responsible for the story going the rounds of the press that Mr. Josephus Daniels, a member of the National Democratic committee from this state, was seeking to change the manner of selecting delegates to the national convention, which change, if adopted, would be of great benefit to Woodrow Wilson. Mr. Daniels writes the Times that there is not a word of truth in the story; that he has never thought of such a thing, much less worked for it.

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GENERAL NEWS.

Late Items of News From Here, There and Everywhere.

The motor car service which the Southern Railway has been operating between Anderson and Belton, S. C., has proved a losing proposition and will be discontinued.

President Taft made the annual Thanksgiving Day proclamation Monday, setting aside Thursday, November 30th, as a day for rest, public worship and praise to the all-wise Creator and Preserver of the universe.

A committee representing the Association of Weekly and Semi-Weekly Newspapers of North Carolina met in Greensboro Friday afternoon and agreed upon a uniform scale for foreign advertising. Another meeting will be held there the latter part of next month.

Upon his own petition, Chalmers V. Furr, of Charlotte, dealer in terra cotta piping and plumbing supplies, was Friday afternoon adjudged bankrupt in United States Court. The petitioner made no application for exemption except wearing apparel. In the petition his liabilities are placed at \$3,500, while his assets are given at \$1,500.

Monsignor Dieme Falconio, papal delegate to Washington, received official notification Monday from Cardinal Merry Del Val, papal secretary of state, that he and Archbishop Farley, of New York, and Archbishop O'Connell, of Boston, had been made Cardinals by Pope Pius, their selection to be confirmed by the consistory which meets on November 27th.

Norval Marshall, a negro, paid the death penalty for committing a criminal assault on Mrs. Joseph Choplin, in Warren county September 16. Before his capture Marshall wounded the sheriff and a posseman and his arrest was effected by means of strategy. He was convicted Wednesday, September 20, and sentenced to death October 20, but the execution was postponed a week.

John C. Angier, brother-in-law of Benjamin N. Duke, and a lifelong resident of Durham, died Friday afternoon in the Manhattan hotel, New York City. Mr. Angier left Durham last week and an acute attack of sciatica yesterday called Mr. Duke to his bedside, indications have been that an operation would be necessary. It was never undergone and a complete collapse carried off one of the most vigorous men physically in North Carolina.

Another National Highway route is to be scouted out, from New York to Jacksonville, this one to leave the present route at Charlotte, and go by Columbia and Savannah.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.

By Board of Stewards of Central Methodist Church.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted at a meeting of the board of stewards of Central Methodist church last night:

Whereas, our beloved pastor, Rev. Plato Durham, has rounded our four years of successful work as pastor of this church, and as the laws of our church will not permit his return, be it

Resolved, That we, the Board of Stewards of Central Methodist church, in behalf of ourselves, the church, and the people, place on record our profound appreciation of his splendid work here and his conspicuous ability as a pulpit orator. We desire to commend him for the virile gospel that he has always preached, without fear or favor, and to assure him that he will ever have a warm place in our affections. His influence for good has extended far beyond the bounds of his own church.

The city of Concord owes him a debt of the deepest gratitude for the fearless efforts he has put forth in the interest of law enforcement, and for the moral uplift of the people.

We shall watch with peculiar pride and pleasure his future career, and believe that great success will crown his efforts in the future in a wider field.

A. S. WEBB,
J. B. SHERRILL,
Committee.

Rice Throwing Filthy Habit.

New London, Conn., Oct. 29.—There will be no more rice showers on bridal couples leaving St. Mary's Roman Catholic church, this city, of which Rev. Timothy C. Crowley is pastor.

During the past week as a popular bride and groom stepped out of the edifice fully 10 pounds of rice were hurled at the couple by their enthusiastic relatives and friends, and this incident was evidently the last straw that led to Father Crowley's spirited remarks at mass this morning.

"I do not know where this filthy habit originated," said the priest, "but I am gully convinced that rice throwing in the church vestibule and entrance must be abolished. The custom is one that should be eliminated, and I will see that there is no more of it about this church."

Times Improving.

Salisbury Post.
Mr. J. Feldman came in this morning from New York on train 37. He states that everything is very prosperous in New York. Not since 1907 has there been so much building activity as at the present time. It is only believed to be a matter of a short while that everything will again be normal all over the country.

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