

## Protests Against Crop Reports by Government

**President of the American Cotton Association Says Report Will Help Persons Who Run Exchanges.**

**WRONG TIME TO PUBLISH REPORT**

**Mr. Wanamaker Says Not in Fifty Years Has Such a Report Been Made Public Before the First of July.**

St. Matthews, S. C., April 23. (By the Associated Press).—The action of the government officials in making public the crop and acreage report of 18 economists to the Department of Agriculture in which planting intentions of farmers were forecast, was denounced as a measure "in behalf of the speculators" who faced heavy losses through selling cotton they did not own, in a statement here today by J. S. Wanamaker, President of the American Cotton Association. Protests against the report, Mr. Wanamaker declared, had come to him by telegraph from every section of the country, and from persons in all walks of life, including members of Congress.

"The economists must be mind readers," Mr. Wanamaker said, "the cause they profess to tell us what the farmers intend to plant, and in addition they must be readers of the future, because they tell us what nature is scheduled to do in connection with the crop during the coming months."

Making public a government forecast at this time, the Cotton Association's head asserted, is unprecedented in this country for at least fifty years, the first regular forecast not being due until July. Last year, he continued, the Department of Agriculture officials refused the request of cotton interests that the probable decrease in acreage be estimated early in the year.

**Call Conference to Protest.**

St. Matthews, S. C., April 23. (By the Associated Press).—Proposal for a national conference of "representatives of agriculture and friendly allied interests" to meet in Washington to protest against the Department of Agriculture report on the probable decrease of principal crops was made in a telegram sent to Norman Mayer & Co., of New Orleans, by J. S. Wanamaker, President of the American Cotton Association, and made public here today. The telegram urges members of the firm to confer with friends and advise the sending of their judgment saying that many requests for such a conference had been received.

Mr. Wanamaker in his telegram said that he had assurance that he could secure the co-operation of agricultural interests in the west and other sections of the country for a national conference in Washington "as a protest against the government policy of interfering with prices of agricultural products." He said that the grain growing west "urges joint co-operation in reduction of acreage of the west and south, as a matter of mutual protection."

In another telegram sent to the same firm on Saturday, Mr. Wanamaker says that he can find "no law, either human or divine, justifying the action of the government in issuing reports this morning showing acreage increase in cotton of approximately 12 per cent."

**Burglar Makes Good Raid.**

Cleveland, O., April 23.—A burglar who entered the house of Victor Sincere, president of the National Stores Company, early yesterday, escaped with jewelry valued at \$7,000 and \$250 in cash, after being pursued by Mrs. R. P. Johnson, of Muncie, Ind.

Mrs. Johnson, with her husband, president of the Warner Gearing Company, is a guest at the Sincere home.

## PENNSY TO RAISE PAY OF SOME OF ITS WORKERS

**Certain Workers on Northern Division of Road Will Get Increase in Wages.**

(By the Associated Press.)  
Chicago, April 23.—Wage increases ranging from 1-1/2 to 3-1/2c an hour for all grades of common labor employed in the northwestern division of the Pennsylvania Railroad were announced here last night after negotiations between representatives of the employees and the road.

The increase will add about \$300,000 to the pay roll, and affect about 4,000 men, including all track laborers, maintenance of way employees, common labor in shops and engine houses, and assigned labor about the shops. The northwestern region includes most of Illinois, Ohio, Indiana and Michigan.

Similar negotiations are being carried on in other regions of the Pennsylvania and St. Louis, Pittsburgh & Philadelphia and if similar action is taken in these regions more than 25,000 other employees will be benefited by the raises.

The advance was made retroactive to April 16th for all employees on the pay roll April 23rd, at which date it will affect all employees entering the service.

## PRESIDENT WILL VISIT NEW YORK TUESDAY

**Going There to Deliver an Address to Members of Associated Press.**

(By the Associated Press.)  
Washington, April 23.—President Harding leaves Washington tonight for a brief visit to New York, where he will deliver an address tomorrow at the annual meeting of the members of the Associated Press. His address will be made at a luncheon held in connection with the meeting.

The President, who will be accompanied by Geo. B. Christian, Jr., his secretary, and Brig. Gen. Chas. E. Sawyer, his personal physician, is expected to leave for Washington late Tuesday night.

## BISHOP GAILOR HONORED

**Gels Insignia of the Knight of the Holy Sepulchre From the Patriarch of Jerusalem.**

(By the Associated Press.)  
New York, April 23.—The insignia of a knight of the Holy Sepulchre for Bishop Thomas F. Gailor, of Memphis, has been brought here from Jerusalem by Bishop James Henry Darlington, of Harrisburg, who arrived yesterday on the steamer Cien Amsterdam. The order was conferred by the patriarch of Jerusalem. The insignia, Bishop Gailor explains, contains a splinter of the cross on which Christ was crucified.

## Hospital 800 Years Old

London, April 23.—Few institutions can rival an antiquity. St. Bartholomew's Hospital, which this year is celebrating its eight hundredth anniversary. The hospital was founded in 1123, in the reign of Henry I., and among its earliest patients were English lords and Norman squires, who went to get relief for their arrow wounds. The story of the hospital is the story of progress in surgery and medicine. When it began patients were dosed with powdered snails and concoctions ofadders, bats, and earthworms.

Many thrilling incidents have marked the existence of St. Bartholomew's. The Black Death and Great Plague crowded its limited accommodation, and both added materially to the medical knowledge which, as the years advanced, was being gathered within its walls.

Hogarth, the great painter, served the hospital as a governor, and his painting of the Pool of Bethesda, which doctors say it is possible for any medical man to diagnose the different ailments of the patients, so faithfully did Hogarth depict them.

## Bombs at American League Park

(By the Associated Press.)  
Chicago, April 23.—Three bombs were exploded last night at the Chicago American League's baseball park, shattering lights in the grandstand and windows in nearby houses. Those heavily, night watchman sitting in the offices of the park, was thrown from his chair by the force of the explosion, but was not injured. The bombing was attributed to labor troubles.

A week ago vandals destroyed the plumbing in the retrofitted park of the Chicago National League club. That act also was laid to labor difficulties.

## \$200,000 Fire at Kinston

(By the Associated Press.)  
Kinston, April 23.—Fire of undetermined origin at 2 o'clock this afternoon completely destroyed a new brick tobacco warehouse on Lenoir Avenue and Independent Street, together with approximately 1,500 bales of cotton stored therein, entailing a loss estimated at \$200,000. The cotton was owned by the Cotton Growers' Cooperative Association. No estimate of insurance was available.

## Two Fire Alarms

The fire department was called out twice today before noon. The first fire was reported on Second Buffalo Street, near Third Mill, where a house had caught under one of the mill's houses. No damage to the house resulted from the blaze.

The second alarm came about 11:30 from East Corbin Street, but the blaze was out before the firemen arrived.

## Woman Oldest Rail Stockholder

Philadelphia, April 23.—Greetings from officials of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company were sent today to Mrs. Sarah G. Yarnall, the company's oldest stockholder, on the occasion of her 104th birthday anniversary. Mrs. Yarnall, a resident of West Philadelphia, has been a stockholder of the company for forty-six years, having obtained her first shares in 1877. Her husband, Howard Yarnall, began acquiring stock in the company in 1885.

## Appeal For Old Clothing to Be Sent to Children of Near East

**Appeal to all housewives of Cabarrus county to send their discarded winter clothes to the Near East Relief.**

(Many school teachers of this county, at the request of Dr. Brooks, have organized their classes into a corps for collecting discarded clothing in their respective communities. Clothing can be turned over to Mrs. Hicks or sent to the Near East Relief clothing warehouse at Raleigh.

Cabarrus county's goal is 3000 pounds of clothing in which there is still some wear. Palm beach suits, straw hats and summer clothing cannot be used as the climate in Armenia closely approximates our New England states. Many children and adults were found last winter who had dragged themselves for miles suffering from acute rheumatism simply for lack of clothing.

Miss Kathleen Wilson of Concord will have charge of the work in the rural sections of Cabarrus county. Mrs. T. M. Widenhouse in Kannapolis, and Rev. W. T. Albright in Mt. Pleasant to send a bundle of warm clothing to the Near East Relief.

## County Commencement to Be Held at No. 2 School

**New Auditorium at That School Offers Ideal Site for the Exercises.—Number of Candidates for Graduation—Dr. Whitsett's Address one of Many Features.**

The eleventh annual Cabarrus County Commencement will be held on next Saturday, April 28, in the large new auditorium, which has just been completed at Graded School No. 2 on the car line near the Gibson Mill. This auditorium is the largest in town and has an elevated floor and large stage. The large school grounds will furnish ample parking space for those who come in machines. Plenty of water and rest rooms for both men and women will be among the conveniences. Nearly a hundred have stood the test for graduation and a large graduating class is expected. Dr. W. T. Whitsett, of Whitsett, N. C., will make the literary address at the morning session. Dr. Whitsett, who has many pupils in the county, will be heard with special interest.

A number of prizes will be awarded in composition, spelling and history. Certificates will be awarded for attendance, library reading course, proficiency in spelling and for graduation. Teams that will contest for the Chas. B. Wagoner medals in recitation and declamation were chosen on last Saturday. This feature of the Commencement program will be staged in the afternoon. The young people in these contests already show much interest and ability, and the outlook is that this part of the program will furnish splendid entertainment for the lovers of eloquence.

Music will be furnished throughout the entire day by the Kannapolis orchestra, that gave such excellent music last year for the commencement. The Commencement will witness the consummation of a number of plays that have run through the school work of the entire year, and will furnish much information for all those who are interested in education and attend the commencement.

## THE ARMORED TANK INVENTION

**Why Germany Failed to Use It in the War a Puzzle to American Officials.**

Washington, April 23.—Germany while introducing poison gas and other devices to add to the horrors of the World War overlooked one of the most effective weapons of modern warfare invented and patented by a German two years before the conflict began.

A search of the records of the American patent office has disclosed, it was announced today by the interior department, that the armored tank, first used in the war by the British, was patented in Germany by the Gunter Burstyn, an Austrian, in February, 1912. The invention was practically a duplicate of the type used later by the British and called for caterpillar construction to enable it to crawl over trenches, plow through wire entanglements and perform other feats which made the British tanks successful war weapons.

In view of the recognized efficiency and thoroughness of the Germans in preparation for war, American officials are puzzled by the failure of the German government to use the tank.

## Shakespeare Anniversary

London, April 23.—The customary observance of the birth and death dates of Shakespeare was combined today with a celebration of the tercentenary of the publication of the first folio edition of the plays written by the immortal bard of Avon. The edition was published by a group of booksellers in London in 1623 and dedicated to the Earls of Pembroke and Montgomery and "The Great Variety of Readers." The number of copies originally provided is believed to have been 600, of which something like 150—many of them defective—are still in existence, some 80 of them being in the hands of private collectors in the United States.

## Want Final Decision Soon

Washington, April 23.—Interstate Commerce Commission officials said today that the Federal Court issue at Boston restraining the railroad mileage book installations from going into effect would probably be appealed at once to the Supreme Court for a final decision.

The record of the largest number of notes struck by a musician in 12 hours is said to have been made by a well-known player, who struck 1,000, 300 notes.

## \$3,510 SUBSCRIBED BY THREE LUTHERAN CHURCHES HERE

**Pledges for This Amount Made in Lenoir College Endowment Estate Library Expected to Reach \$10,000.**

According to available reports today \$3,510 was pledged here Sunday for the Lenoir College campaign. The campaign was conducted by a number of teams, which made a thorough canvass of the entire city. The pledges so far are from St. James, St. Andrews and Calvary Churches. The St. James pledge amounted to \$7,100; St. Andrews' pledge was \$570 and Calvary's pledge was \$840.

No report for other Churches in the county were available here today. They probably will be made direct to the campaign headquarters in Hickory.

Members of the various teams which made the canvass of the city yesterday are of the opinion that the final report from the three Lutheran Churches in the city will reach the \$10,000 mark. A number of persons were absent from the city yesterday and could not make their contributions. It was pointed out, while others were undecided as to the amount they will finally give.

The entire campaign is for \$850,000 and it was announced Saturday, that day before the campaign started, that \$175,000 had already been pledged.

No set amount was asked from the church members of this county, who were asked to contribute as generously as possible.

## FARM CREDIT BANKS WILL OPEN ON MAY 1

**Uniform Discount Rate of 5-1/2 Per Cent Fixed, How to Obtain Loans.**

Washington, April 22.—The federal farm loan board announced today that May 1 had been fixed as the date for the formal opening of 12 new intermediate farm credit banks, all of which have been chartered and will be prepared to consider applications for loans as provided under the new agricultural credits law. A uniform discount rate of five and one-half per cent has been fixed by all of the banks, guaranteeing to farmers credit at not exceeding seven per cent with the possibility of lower interest charges.

With the announcement that the government's part of the program for extending new loaning facilities to the farmer is ready, the problem now appears to be one of organization among those who will seek government money. Certain provisions of the law require that the producers individually still not obtain funds direct from the loan banks but must first group themselves into one of several kinds of organizations through which the producers' obligations may be rediscounted and passed on to the credit banks. Among those organizations are co-operative marketing associations, livestock loan companies and agricultural credit corporations, each with certain limitations and restrictions upon its powers to handle paper for the farmers.

## Negroes Flocking to North in Search of Higher Wages

Washington, April 22.—A general movement of southern negro farmers to northern industrial centers, where high wages are obtainable is indicated in a special survey of farming districts in the south made by the department of agriculture. Improbable cotton growing due to boll weevil, and break down of the contract labor systems are cited in the report, made public today, as contributory causes of the migration.

Approximately 13 per cent or 32,000 of the total number of negro farm hands in Georgia is estimated to have moved north during the last 12 months and the movement continues although crops for the present season are already started. A large abandonment of acreage is reported, and the labor shortage is expected to be a major factor in limiting acreage this season. The situation in Georgia is declared to be much worse than prevailing generally.

## Millionaire Dies of Starvation at Geneva

Geneva, April 21.—Cottlieb Stauffer, a millionaire, died of starvation yesterday with check books and promissory notes littering his cot in the single room he used in his large villa at Chaux de Fonds.

He had large estate holdings and once owned a racing stable. A neighbor who missed him for several days heard a moaning within the villa and notified the police. When entrance had been forced, the officers found Stauffer unconscious and emaciated. He died before the arrival of a physician who said death was due to starvation. Stauffer was unmarried and his heirs are unknown.

## Railroad Crossing Claims 4 Victims

Cincinnati, Ohio, April 22.—Four men were reported killed late today when a passenger train on the Big Four railroad, Cleveland to Cincinnati, struck an automobile at a crossing at Enwood, near here. The accident happened five minutes after the crossing watchman quit work.

## GEN WEYGAND GOES TO SYRIA TO KEEP HIS EYES ON TURKS

**French Are Not Pleased With Chester Concessions by the Turks and Trouble Between Them is Feared.**

Paris, April 23. (By the Associated Press).—The sending of Gen. Weygand, to Syria, coupled with French government protests against the Turkish concessions to the Chester Smelter, is widely commented on today by the government, and opposition newspapers as the sign of serious difficulties between France and Turkey. The fact that Turkey has voted 25,000,000 Turkish pounds to support her army, together with the mobilization of Turkish troops on the Syrian front is cited to show that France is willing to meet the issues raised by France, such as the Chester concession.

Up until date Turkey has not replied to France's protest against the Chester concession. It is admitted in French official circles that the sending of Gen. Weygand to Syria to replace Gen. Gouraud is one means of intimating to the Turks that they cannot menace the Syrian frontiers without good cause.

The belief is expressed that France is anxious not to offend America by seemingly trying to block the American interests in dealing with Turkey. However, the French assert that their concessions are valid and that the Turks are acting in bad faith by ceding all French concessions to Americans. The French say it is not in the interests of France to permit the new government in Turkey to denounce pre-war agreements of the former imperial government.

## THREE KILLED WHEN TALCUM CAVES IN

**Workmen Trapped 300 Feet Underground in Disaster at Hemp.**

Carthage, April 21.—Chester McCaskill, white, age 18 years, Graham Davis, white, aged 20, and Lonzy Brower, colored, aged 20, were instantly killed by a cave in at the Standard Mineral Company's talc mine, near Hemp, this county, about 8 o'clock this morning.

The accident occurred about 300 feet under ground and came without a moments warning of any kind, according to reports reaching here. The miners having reached the end of the mine that was timbered up, last night set off a blast, and this morning were engaged in knocking down all of the talc overhead that had been shaken loose by the blast, preparatory to timbering up the new area, when the cave in occurred. The unfortunate men were gotten out as soon as possible but all three were already dead when rescued.

Young McCaskill is a son of Lea McCaskill, of near Candor, who also works in the mine and had just left the scene where the cave in occurred. Davis is a son of Michael Davis, of near Eagle Springs.

The coroner after viewing the scene and talking with eye witnesses held that an inquest was not necessary.

## Lenine Praised by Debs

(By the Associated Press.)

Minneapolis, April 23.—"Lenine is the greatest thing that has come out of the world war," Eugene V. Debs, nationally known socialist leader, and former candidate for the Presidency, declared at a meeting in the Kenwood armory here yesterday under the auspices of the Socialist Party of America.

## Trial of Tikhon Has Been Postponed

Moscow, April 23. (By the Associated Press).—The trial of the Most Rev. Dr. Tikhon, former patriarch of All Russia, on a charge of treason and hindering the carrying out of soviet orders, has been postponed indefinitely. It had been set to begin tomorrow.

The first book entered for copyright under the laws of the United States was "The Philadelphia Spelling Book."

The first envelope ever made is in the possession of the British Museum.

## WHO KEEPS YOUR DOLLARS?

Not a dollar of the money you pay for rent is ever HANDED BACK TO YOU. Out of every dollar for a mortgage loan from this old Reliable Building and Loan Association, 20 cents goes for interest and 80 cents towards the payment of the mortgage, and you have 6 years and 4 months, or 28 weeks if you wish, to pay off the mortgage.

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