

ANOTHER REDUCTION IN COTTON CROP IS SHOWN IN FORECAST

Government Figures Just Made Public Estimate This Year's Crop at Only 12,596,000 Bales.

2,662,636 BALES ALREADY GINNED

Report Was Based on Condition of Crop on September 16.—Crop Estimated at 56.4 Per Cent. Normal.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Sept. 23.—The cotton crop was forecast today by Department of Agriculture as 12,596,000 bales smaller than indicated two weeks ago, with a total production of 12,596,000 equivalent 500-pound bales indicated.

Of this crop 2,662,636 running bales ginning round as half bales, had been ginned prior to September 16, the Census Bureau reported.

The crop reporting board's forecast of production was based on the condition of the crop on September 16, which was 56.4 per cent. of a normal, indicating a yield per acre of about 149.2 pounds compared with a condition of 59.3 per cent. on September 1st this year indicating on that date a yield of 151.3 pounds and a total production of 12,787,000 bales. Last year's crop was 10,139,671.

The condition on September 16 and the forecast on production therefrom (in thousands of bales) for North Carolina was 52 and 78.2.

The ginnings prior to September 16 for North Carolina was 24,213. Ginnings prior to September 1 this year were 992,304 running bales.

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BLAME PARENTS FOR MORALS OF YOUTH

Lutheran Committee Lays Scant Dress, Cosmetics, Gambling and "Secret Funds" at Door of Home. Reading, Pa., Sept. 23.—Direct responsibility for the lowering of moral standards among the young is placed upon the American home in a report just prepared by the Committee on Moral and Social Welfare of the United Lutheran Church in America. It is expected that the conclusions drawn in this pronouncement will provoke much discussion when the matter is presented at the biennial convention of that church in Chicago in October.

The committee asserts that far too many Christians "are absolutely unmoral in their respective life." It adds: "The home is unquestionably directly responsible in the majority of instances for the startling lack of morality enforcement."

"Mothers must be held responsible, not Parisian modistes, for the kind of dresses their daughters wear. Mothers must be held responsible for painted and powdered faces and for the unwholesome hours their daughters are allowed to keep."

"Fathers must be held responsible for the rambling instincts of their sons and the many 'secret faults' which might have been anticipated through companionship and better example."

RAINS CAUSE DAMAGE TO NORTH CAROLINA ROADS

Estimated That Damage Will Amount to \$220,000, According to Statement by Mr. Page.

(By the Associated Press.) Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 23.—Continuous rains for the past week have damaged the roads of North Carolina to the extent of approximately \$220,000, it was stated here last night by Frank Page, chairman of the State Highway Commission, just after he had sent a message to all division road engineers reordering his orders of Saturday to put all available reserve road forces to the repairing of highways at the first opportunity. The rains lately he said, had put certain sections of the state highways in conditions that are similar to those of three years ago when the roadbuilding program was first started.

Boll Weevil in North Carolina.

(By the Associated Press.) Raleigh, Sept. 23.—That the boll weevil has made its presence particularly known in North Carolina is evidenced by the 6 per cent decrease in the condition of the crop during the past two weeks and in a loss of 46,000 bales in the forecast production, says a statement issued here today by Frank Parker, state agricultural statistician. The present condition of 52 per cent indicates a per acre yield of 208 pounds, and a present prospect of 782,000 bales, or 25 per cent less than was produced last year, though this year's acreage is greatly increased the statement says.

Aviators Ready For Another Flight.

(By the Associated Press.) San Diego, Sept. 23.—Three U. S. army aviators on the home stretch of an air cruise around the world slept soundly this morning while observers at Rockwell Field expected a low fog to disappear under a southern California sun before the scheduled departure of the three fliers for Santa Monica at 12:30 p. m. Pacific time.

Aviators Off For San Diego.

Tucson, Ariz., Sept. 22.—With Lieut. Lowell Smith in the lead, the three army world fliers hopped off here at 7:25 o'clock this morning for San Diego. The sky was clear and only a slight breeze was blowing.

STATE WILL BE HEARD AT PEACOCK HEARING

California Authorities Will Wait For State's Representative Before Giving Peacock Hearing.

(By the Associated Press.) Raleigh, Sept. 23.—Governor Morrison has been advised by California authorities that the hearing on the repatriation for the return to North Carolina of Dr. J. W. Peacock, Thomasville physician, who was captured near Los Angeles several days ago, would not be held until the arrival of representatives from this state, it was learned this morning.

Governor Morrison being advised at Charlotte yesterday that Mr. Peacock intended to fight extradition, announced that he would direct Attorney General J. S. Manning to go to California to appear at the hearing in behalf of the state.

Dr. Peacock escaped from the criminal insane department in 1923, after being committed there following his trial in connection with the slaying of Chief of Police Taylor at Thomasville, the jury having found him not guilty of murder and declaring him to be a paranoic.

CROP REPORT STARTED BUYING MOVEMENT

Prices Advanced 100 Points or \$0.50 a Bale After the Report.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, Sept. 23.—The government crop report today proved so sensational, by bullish that a big buying movement set in on the market here, quickly advancing prices 100 points, or \$0.50 a bale. October sold at 23.90, thereby reaching the 200 point limit permitted in any one trading day. December touched 23.25, 1000 interests were among the heaviest buyers.

Big Jump at New Orleans.

New Orleans, Sept. 23.—Cotton jumped \$10 a bale, the trade limits for one day, upon receipt of the bureau report at the Exchange today which placed the condition at 58.4, and the indicated yield at 12,596,000 bales. October touched 22.55 and December 22.83. The 200 point advance affected all months.

THE COTTON MARKET

Quiet But Easier During Early Trading. —First Prices Steady at Decline.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, Sept. 23.—The cotton market was quiet but easier today during the early trading. Business was restricted by uncertainty due to the slowing of the government report, due at mid-day, but there was a little southern selling and commission house liquidation, promoted by expectations of better weather in the South. First prices were steady at a decline of 2 to 6 points, but December soon sold off from 21.69 to 21.45, the general office showing net declines of 9 to 14 points.

Cotton futures opened steady: October 22.16; December 21.90; January 21.60; March 21.83; May 22.05.

DORMITORY AT LENOIR RHYNE COLLEGE DAMAGED

Fire Started in Basement of Oakview Hall, Chief Dormitory.

(By the Associated Press.) Hickory, Sept. 23.—Fire starting from improper insulation in the basement of Oakview dormitory at Lenoir-Rhyne College last night about 7:30 o'clock caused the girls who stay there to turn out in many-colored frocks and scamper about the campus excitedly. No real damage resulted.

The department officials expressed belief that it might have been a slinger, our blaze had it not been detected in time. It was stated this morning by Chief Whitener that an inspector would examine the building at once.

Conference on Tuberculosis.

Sioux Falls, S. Dak., Sept. 23.—The annual session of the Mississippi Valley Conference on Tuberculosis, which got under way here today, has attracted a notable gathering of eminent medical men, public health officials, social workers, and others from more than a dozen states. The conference will remain in session over tomorrow and Thursday.

Twenty-three years ago North and South Carolina had only two and a half million active spindles and 68,000 looms. Today there are in operation in these states ten and a half million spindles and 192,000 looms, with products valued at \$350,000,000.

Peacemakers



Rev. Warren L. Steeves, pastor of First Baptist Church in Lima, O., and his wife (above) run a domestic relations bureau for their congregation. They have been successful in catching up threatening divorces of some of their flock.

None of the five employees, who were inside the building at the time, were injured. The fact that the wall fell outside and not in thereby throwing most of the machinery and brick to the exterior, is one cause for their escape. The fact that Mr. Teeter gave the alarm at the time when he did is the principal reason for their escape. The place where the fuses are used is a mass of twisted pulleys and crushed brick. This corner of the building suffered most heavily.

The building is at Department standing in a precarious position. Three electric wires seem to be holding a column or section of brick in position which, in turn, is holding the entire wall from falling. The slightest jar would cause a complete collapse of the building, it appears.

Practically all the machinery in the laundry is ruined. The water, steam, etc., are all broken. Not only is the machinery and connections a complete loss but an unusually large number of washes were ruined.

The building, which has been occupied by the Crystal Damp Laundry for several years, is owned by M. J. Corl.

WOMAN CONFESES TO PART IN MURDER

Mrs. Elsie Sweetin Admits She Helped Kill Her Husband.

(By the Associated Press.) Mt. Vernon, Ill., Sept. 23.—After an eight-day trial, Mrs. Elsie Sweetin confessed this morning that she was implicated in the plot to poison her husband, and Mrs. Hight, in order that she and the minister could be married, thus confuting the confession made yesterday by Rev. Mr. Hight.

Arrested yesterday at her home at Ina, near here, Mrs. Sweetin denied any part in the alleged-poison plot as had been admitted by the minister, but broke down this morning after being crossexamined in the same cell with the minister, with State's Attorney Thompson.

Mrs. Sweetin waived preliminary hearing and the case was given to a grand jury. Mrs. Sweetin appeared, wore and haggard due to the 12-hour grilling during which she was confronted with the clergyman after the hearing before the justice of the peace, before she was taken to a cell adjoining that occupied by Hight.

In an interview Hight gave a brief sketch of his life and told how a premonition that something would happen had warned him to stay away from Ina, and how he had protested after being assigned to the Ina church. He said that during the thirteen years he had been a minister he had converted 2,500 persons, 132 during his stay in Ina.

It was one day in church, he said, when he met Mrs. Sweetin. They met in the aisle and from then on he had entertained a feeling of more than friendship for her, he said. His affection for his wife, he said, began to wane.

The brains of the Japanese, both male and female, average greater weight than those of the Americans and English.

Asheville Wants O. Henry Memorial.

(By the Associated Press.) Asheville, N. C., Sept. 22.—Proposals that the memorial to O. Henry which has been suggested from time to time, be established in Asheville where the writer is buried are now being considered by the local chamber of commerce. The chamber manager, F. G. Miller, is planning a trip to New York next week for the purpose of conferring with officials of the Southern Exposition to be held there next January and at that time will discuss the proposed memorial with friends of the dead writer.

Mr. Miller and the Chamber of Commerce are greatly in favor of erecting a memorial in this city and say that they have received many suggestions that it would be "exceedingly fitting" that Asheville have such a memorial to the writer who spent much of his life here.

McAdoo Is Silent on His Return to United States.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, Sept. 22.—William T. McAdoo, returning on the Leviathan today after several weeks in Europe, declined to comment on politics at this time, although he asserted he would "have something to say later."

"I have been out of touch with the political situation for more than two months," Mr. McAdoo said, "and am therefore unable to discuss it intelligently at the moment."

Lull in Fighting.

(By the Associated Press.) Shanghai, Sept. 23 10:30 p. m.—The lull in China's civil war continued today with only the taking of further defense precautions and threatened later troubles to break the monotony of the dragging hostilities.

Canada's poultry production last year was valued at \$50,000,000.

WALLS OF LAUNDRY COLLAPSE BUT ALL EMPLOYEES ESCAPE

Two Walls of Crystal Damp Laundry Caved in This Morning, Causing Much Damage to the Company.

FIVE EMPLOYEES IN THE BUILDING

However, the Walls Fell Outward and Everyone Made Escape.—Equipment Is All Badly Damaged.

Two walls of the Crystal Damp Laundry caved in this morning at 11:30 carrying with them an avalanche of barrels, half laundered clothes, wires and other debris. No one was injured.

The cause of the collapse is attributed by some to the excavation which has been made recently just beside it for the foundations of the new theatre which is being placed behind the Cannon Building, and to the recent rain which have made the ground very soft. Under ordinary dry weather conditions, the space between the two buildings would have insured the safety of the laundry, it is said.

Workmen had just procured lumber to brace the walls, since there were no appreciations for its safety, when F. H. Teeter, who was in charge of the plant at that time went out to examine the proceedings. He noticed that the bottom of the wall was slowly creeping outward and immediately rushed inside to notify the employees to leave. Before they were able to get out, however, the beams began to creak and the entire side fell out and a partial collapse of the second story occurred.

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NEGRO SEIZED BY MOB LOCATED BY OFFICERS

Operator Was Performed Upon Negro by Mob, He Is Said—Was Found in House With White Woman.

(By the Associated Press.) Jackson, Miss., Sept. 23.—Albert Brunson, negro, who last night was seized by a party of masked men on the Jackson-Vicksburg highway while being escorted by officers to the jail at Vicksburg, was brought back here early today from near Clinton, where he was located by a sheriff's posse following his release by his captors after an operation had been performed upon him.

The negro and a white woman said to have come here recently from Hermann, Mo., were arrested in a raid on a house in the negro section of the city Sunday night.

Germany Wants to Join League. Berlin, Sept. 23 (By the Associated Press).—Germany will in the near future make an effort to enter the League of Nations on an equal footing with the great powers, it was officially announced today in a communique issued at the close of a cabinet meeting.

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From his seat in the forward cockpit, Smith, his grim covered face eagerly scanning the crowd, saw his mother and father wildly waving tiny American flags to attract his attention.

Means May Stick to Repudiation Or Else Deny Latest Statement

He Spreads Long Trail of Mystifying Doubt and Is Various Reported on Way to His Home in Concord or in Seclusion in Home Near White Hot

Washington, Sept. 22.—Gaston B. Means, star witness of the Daugherty investigation, after making a statement repudiating the sensational testimony he gave there, today added a new chapter to the long and colorful story of his connection with the celebrated case, by spreading a long trail of mystifying doubts as to whether he was going to stick to his repudiation, or, in turn, repudiate it.

Means tonight apparently has made one of his quiet disappearances. He was variously reported on his way to his home at Concord, N. C., or in seclusion in the well appointed house he maintains on fashionable Sixteenth street about a stone's throw from the White House, guarded against questions by his servants, or en route somewhere for "a conference."

Means' repudiation of his testimony before the Daugherty committee was in a signed statement given out Sunday evening in Columbus, Ohio, by former Attorney General Daugherty in connection with a letter written to John W. Davis, democratic candidate for President. Some of it was to the effect that Means' sensational testimony had been suggested to him by Senator Wheeler, the committee prosecutor. The train of events which followed its publication in Washington was swift but mystifying.

One inquirer quoted Means as having repudiated his repudiation and having said that if the Daugherty committee would reopen its hearings, Means would promise something more sensational than anything yet developed. This inquirer quoted Means as drawing a close distinction between a signed statement and a sworn affidavit. To one inquirer, Means maintained that he had sworn to no affidavit repudiating his testimony and to another inquirer declared that he had repudiated his signed statement. The statement given out by Mr. Daugherty was signed but not sworn to.

Correspondents of the Associated Press found Means in his room with the door barricaded by a heavy piece of timber. He declined to be questioned at any length, but reiterated that he had not repudiated the statement which came from Columbus. During the day Means disappeared and further attempts of questioning were fruitless.

Senator Ashurst, of Arizona, democrat, was the only member of the Daugherty committee in the capitol today, and he said he knew nothing about Means' repudiation or subsequent statements, but was perfectly agreeable to reopening the hearing if it seemed warranted. Some friends and associates of Senator Wheeler, who did not wish to permit the use of their names, declared that Senator Wheeler had known for some time that Means was about to repudiate his testimony.

Wheeler Turns Guns on Daugherty and Means. Bloomington, Ill., Sept. 22.—Dropping for the time being all other campaign issues, Senator Wheeler, independent candidate for vice president, seized as material today the recently-published letter of former Attorney General Daugherty to John W. Davis, democratic presidential nominee and the statement of Gaston B. Means, for new thunder to back his repeated allegation of corruption in the republican national administration.

His audience at night which heard him loose the attack was the first encountered on his tour in which farmers predominated. After many days of talking to city dwellers and industrial workers, he found himself at last in territory where the strength of the countryside is claimed by the LaFollette boosters.

The correspondence, he said jeeringly as he began, all conveyed the idea "that I, a new senator from Montana, had been able to frame the attorney general of the United States as well as W. J. Burns, the great international detective and the whole republican administration so successfully that the silent, cautious man in the White House was forced unwillingly by aroused public opinion to oust Harry Daugherty from office."

"That was giving himself and Senator Brookhart, republican, of Iowa, another member of the investigating committee, entirely too much credit."

He described Gaston B. Means, whose affidavit said Senator Wheeler had coached witnesses to give false evidence, as "the trusted employe of Burns and the associate of Daugherty," and gave the substance of several conversations he said he held lately with the man. Means told him endeavors were being made to get him to repudiate his original stories of bribe-taking, Senator Wheeler said, and professed now to be in possession of "important new documentary evidence" which he desired to bring to resumed hearings of the investigating committee.

Another Charge Is Lodged Against Means. Charged in District Court With Having Repudiated Income Tax. (By the Associated Press.) Washington, Sept. 23.—Gaston B. Means, investigator and star witness, was charged in district supreme court here today with having repudiated his income tax.

Internal revenue collector Tate filed a tax lien judgment for a total of \$267,514.40, which covers unpaid income tax for the last three years and added penalty, for non-payment. The tax is \$214,001.52 and the penalty for failing to see it is \$53,522.98.

Means in his testimony in the Daugherty investigation, which he repudiated in a signed statement and later to some inquirers, disclaimed the repudiation while he affirmed it to others, described himself as investigator of wide activities, drawing large fees, some of them at times from foreign governments.

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COUNSEL FOR BOST TO ALLOW HIM BOND

Writ of Habeas Corpus Issued By Judge Harding Returnable Before Judge A. M. Stack on Thursday.

HEARING WILL BE HELD IN TROY

Judge Stack Is Presiding at Court There This Week.—Hearing Is Regarded as a Very Important One.

Seeking freedom by bond for their client, Martin Bost, held in the county jail here charged with the death of Jesse Vandenberg, his neighbor, counsel for the defense applied for writ of habeas corpus before Judge W. F. Harding in Charlotte Saturday. Judge Harding signed the writ and made it returnable before Judge A. M. Stack in Troy today.

Solicitor Long, not having opportunity to study the records in the case thoroughly, made motion before Judge Stack for continuance until Thursday at this week and Judge Stack granted his motion.

The hearing before Judge Stack will be held at 2:30 Thursday afternoon at the court house in Troy, where he is presiding at Montgomery county court this week. All witnesses and attorneys in the case will be present for the hearing, it is said.

Much importance is attached to the hearing by those persons who are interested in the case. Since Bost is being held by a coroner's jury the burden rests on him to show that he should be allowed bond. For that reason the defense is expected to place Bost on the witness stand.

It is also rumored here that the State will offer some of its most damaging testimony. It is understood that Solicitor Long and Attorney John M. Orlesby, who are handling the prosecution, will offer the dying statement of Vandenberg if they deem it necessary.

Quite a number of persons from this county plan to go to Troy for the hearing.

DEATH TOLL FROM STORM IN WEST VERY HEAVY

Several New York Times Reports of Storm on Sunday in Wisconsin and Minnesota.

(By the Associated Press.) St. Paul, Minn., Sept. 23.—The death toll of Sunday's storm in Wisconsin and Minnesota today reached 50, and the continued isolation of many Wisconsin communities caused the fear that the list in that state might be further increased.

With Our Advertisers. Smart leather bags of all kinds at 98c to \$3.98 at the J. C. Penny Co. An autumnal event extraordinary at Ostrich's in Salisbury, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Sept. 25, 26 and 27th. See ad. today.

Save one-third to one-half your fuel by using a Cole's hot blast stove, say J. B. Wilkinson. Groceries on schedule time at the Store at Your Door.

Genuine Cabarrus county sorghum and finest North Carolina comb honey at the Cline & Moore Co. Poultry fruit, salad at special prices at Piggy Wiggy.

See new ad. of the Citizens Bank and Trust Company today. This company has aided others. Let it help you. Howard's Filling Station has an up-to-date car laundry. Try it.

New fall hats at W. A. Overcash's. Good brands at reasonable prices. New fall styles in slippers at Parker's Shoe Store. Prices \$4.95 to \$6.95. See ad. of C. Covington. Nut coat. Eastman Kodak and supplies at the Gibson Drug Store.

Put a part of your earnings away every pay-day. See ad. of Cabarrus County Building Loan and Savings Association.

Three Youths Charged With Burning

Boys, 15 Years Old. Reidsville, Ga., Sept. 22.—Charged with having set fire to John Mabey at his home in Henry county, Virginia, near the North Carolina line, Swanson Barker, James Colbert and James Isley are held under \$100 bond for the grand jury by juvenile court judge, John W. Carter. All are minors and the alleged victim is 13 years old.

It is charged that Mabey's clothing was saturated with kerosene and that a match was applied to him, resulting in injuries which have caused his confinement in a hospital since the middle of August. He is now recovering and is expected to be in a position to appear against the trio at the October term of the circuit court.

The three youths deny having set fire to Mabey and claim that ignition was due to his own carelessness.

WHAT SMITT'S WEATHER CAT SAYS

Despite the triple patrol of Blue Jackets, Marines and cavalrymen, Colonel Frank Lahm, air official in charge of the three planes, was seen here from San Francisco to greet the aviators, and Major Fitzgerald had a difficult time fighting their way to the flag draped reviewing stand. Lieutenants Nelson, Ogden, Harding, Arnold, Wade and Smith the fliers and their mechanics, with their respective committees, finally were grouped together for the official photograph.

Another mother wept, too, for joy at the homecoming of a globe airman. She was Mrs. Harding, mother of Lieutenant John Harding, relief pilot and mechanic with Lieutenant Nelson. "God bless you," she said as she flung her arms around her boy's neck.

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