

ANOTHER INCREASE IN COTTON USAGE SHOWN LAST MONTH

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BIG INCREASE OVER LAST YEAR

At That Time Only 478,583 Bales Were Used—Report Indicates Less Cotton on Hand Than Last Year.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, May 14.—Cotton consumed during April aggregated 597,104 bales of lint, and 59,136 of linters, compared with 582,674 of lint and 58,845 of linters during March this year; and 478,583 of lint and 42,080 of linters during April last year, the Census Bureau today announced.

Stocks of cotton on hand April 30 were held as follows: In consuming establishments, 1,514,515 bales of lint and 162,861 of linters, compared with 1,444,793 of lint, and 157,872 of linters on March 31 this year, and 1,329,901 of lint and 129,456 of linters on April 30, last year.

In public storage and at compresses 1,066,147 bales of lint and 40,063 of linters, compared with 2,237,115 of lint and 62,256 of linters on March 31 of this year; and 1,510,619 of lint and 81,533 of linters a year ago.

SHAKEUP IN MUNICIPAL OFFICES AT CHARLOTTE

New Judge, Solicitor and Chief of Police Elected by Commissioners. Charlotte, May 13.—The board of city commissioners this afternoon completed a shake-up in municipal jobs with the election of a new recorder, solicitor and chief of police.

E. McA. Currie, of the law firm of Pharr and Currie, was elected city judge succeeding Wade H. Williams, whose term of office had expired. Mr. Williams retired after serving the city in the capacity of judge of the municipal court for about five years.

Fred Helms was named city solicitor succeeding Hugh McAuley, who was not a candidate for reelection. Both Mr. Currie and Mr. Helms are among the most prominent of the younger members of the Charlotte bar.

C. R. Ferguson, patrolman of the police force here for the past two years, was elected chief of police, succeeding W. E. Snoddy, who resigned following the municipal election last week.

W. E. Abernethy and L. I. Hackney, prominent Charlotte business men, were each fined \$5 by Judge Henry P. Lane, in Superior Court, this afternoon for violating his orders regarding crowds in the court room. Earlier in the day Judge Lane had ordered all spectators from inside the space reserved for lawyers and later Abernethy and Hackney were caught in the forbidden space. They paid the fines and sought other seats in the room.

NO FURTHER COMMENT ON THE FRENCH DEBT

Next Step in Regard to Funding Debt Must Be Taken by French Government.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, May 14.—The Treasury will have no further comment on possible negotiations for funding the French debt until official steps have been taken by the French government.

The decision was made known officially today and it was known that Secretary Mellon held the view that discussion by officials of this government should be withheld because it might have an ill effect on the French plans.

Fear Another War in China.

Peking, China, May 14 (By the Associated Press).—Considerable apprehension exists among the Chinese in the northern part of the country, owing to reports that Gen. Chang Tso-Lin the Manchurian dictator, is moving troops toward Peking where the "Christian general," Feng Yu Hsiang has stationed his forces.

The reports are that considerable numbers will arrive in the vicinity of the capital, but it is generally believed that Feng Yu Hsiang will ally with Chang to occupy Peking without fighting.

It is reported that some of Feng's supporters have been prevailed upon to adopt a neutral attitude, and consequently the Christian general is not strong enough to fight.

The highest price ever paid for a star hockey player in Great Britain was \$22,500.

The breaking of glass is one of the characteristic features of a Jewish wedding.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Auction Sale of County Home Property on Kannapolis Road will be conducted

Wednesday, May 20, 2:00 P. M.

instead of on May 21, as heretofore announced. Ford car to be given away free. Balloon ascension. Remember the date of sale and be on hand at 2:00 p. m.

Linker & Barnett

OPPOSE PLAN OF FORD TO SCRAP 400 VESSELS

Shipping Board Members Probably Will Oppose Plan When Formally Presented to Them.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, May 14.—Henry Ford's willingness to buy 400 ships from the shipping board involving a large scrapping program met with immediate opposition today in some shipping board quarters.

Should the sale of several hundred ships for scrapping be decided on it is expected the matter would be referred to the ship sales commission headed by Commissioner Lissner, and the ships would be advertised for sale and the awards made to the highest bidders. This would mean that Mr. Ford would have to enter the field against all other bidders.

While the view was expressed that eventually 300 or 400 of the laid up ships, including for the most part Lakers, would be forced to the junk pile, some of the commissioners said that it was by no means certain that the board would agree to any wholesale scrapping for some time to come.

At the same time it was made clear that no offer from Mr. Ford had been received at the board and the members are awaiting the return of Chairman Mr. O'Connor from a trip to Detroit and Buffalo before formally going into such a question.

SAYS CHURCH BOOKS ARE FULL OF JAZZ

Dr. Hubert M. Poter Declares Publishers Are Catering to Desires of the People.

Chapel Hill, May 13.—The church books of the country are full of songs with jazzy tunes, according to Dr. Hubert M. Poter, Wake Forest College professor and versatile musician of the first rank, who has been spending several days here with Dr. and Mrs. Edgar W. Knight.

Dr. Poter gave an illustrated lecture in the Baptist Church here Sunday morning, pausing long enough now and then to go to the church piano and show how verses of serious content are being adapted to jazz tunes.

Dr. Poter said there are too many cheap song books on the market, that commercialism in singing is probably the cause.

"Publishing houses are going to suit the tastes of the people," Dr. Poter said, "for it is from the public that they get their livelihood, they will print the books the public will buy."

HENRY A. L. KLUTZ, OF ROWAN, IS DEAD

Sup. Guy Phillips Leaves Hospital.—P. A. Brown's Stolen Car Is Found.

Salisbury, May 13.—Henry A. L. Klutz, aged 63, is dead at his home in Providence township, following a brief illness. He is survived by his wife, five sons and three daughters. The funeral will be conducted from Union Lutheran Church Thursday at 2:30 o'clock.

Guy B. Phillips, superintendent of the Salisbury school, who had an emergency operation for appendicitis ten days ago, has recovered sufficiently to go to his home on Fulton street.

The automobile stolen from P. A. Brown, local salesman, when he was assaulted by highwaymen, in Davie county Monday night, was found in a ditch near the place of assault. Officers are still hoping to locate the men who attacked Mr. Brown. He was not badly hurt and is able to be at his duties again.

FRACTURED SKULL WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR DEATH

This Opinion Given in Connection With Death of Infant at "Baby Farm."

New York, May 14 (By the Associated Press).—Dr. Otto Schultze, medical expert, notified the District Attorney after an autopsy that a fractured skull caused the death of William Winters, one month old infant, who had been placed in the East 80th Street "baby farm" of Mrs. Helen Auguste Geisen-Volk. The woman is now under \$36,000 bail on charges resulting from investigation of baby homes which she conducted.

The death certificate gave heart failure as the cause of death of the baby, Assistant District Attorney Ryan said.

Prize Winning Babies Ready for Adoption.

Greensboro, May 13.—"We have in our nursery ready for adoption into approved foster home ten baby boys and five baby girls from one to twelve months old," says John J. Phoenix, superintendent of the North Carolina Children's Home Society, in a statement just issued.

"These are unusually attractive infants and suitable for the highest type of home," says Mr. Phoenix. "Applicants must be well recommended and measure up to a high standard. Write us promptly for application blanks and requirements necessary to secure one of these infants."

Sir Rider Haggard Dead.

London, May 14 (By the Associated Press).—Sir Rider Haggard, the author, died here today.

In his day H. Rider Haggard was one of the most widely read of popular novelists, the name of his popular achievements being reached in his novels of the late '80's, "King Solomon's Mines" and "She." The scene of these, as of his other most successful works, was laid in South Africa, where Rider Haggard went in 1875 as Secretary to the Governor of Natal. He served later in the Transvaal, and was one of the officials who hoisted the British flag over that territory on Queen Victoria's birthday in 1877.

The first exclusively English golf amateur championship was held recently on the Royal Liverpool course at Hoylake. Heretofore all English championship tournaments—both amateur and open—have been thrown open to the world.

In 1890, at Louisville, Tony Howard won a wager of \$20 and annexed the "championship" by smoking 100 cigarettes in 6 hours 35 minutes.

Disaster Hero and Rescue Ship



When the government boat M. E. Norman turned over in the Mississippi river, near Memphis, Tenn., causing the death of more than a score of people, Tom Lee, negro (inset), proved himself a hero. Through his efforts at least 20 persons were carried to safety in his launch. Above is shown the Choctaw, which arrived on the scene shortly after the accident, dragging the river.

NO SHORT LEASE OF MUSCLE SHOALS POWER

Senator Underwood Thinks It Unlikely That Government Will Grant Short Time Lease.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, May 14.—There is little prospect of leasing for a short period the power of Muscle Shoals, Senator Underwood, of Alabama, declared here today after a conference with President Coolidge.

Senator Underwood championed a bill in the last session to lease the properties. Failure of Congress to authorize disposal of the properties has led to suggestions that the secretary of war lease the power meanwhile.

Senator Underwood agreed with the view of President Coolidge that no lease should be made of the power if it will hinder in any way final disposition of the properties, a problem which is now being studied by a special commission appointed by the President.

GASOLINE PRICE PUT UP CENT IN CAROLINA

Advance in Seaboard States Makes the North Carolina Price 19 Cents.

New York, May 13.—A general advance in gasoline prices along the Atlantic seaboard was announced today by most of the principal refining companies.

This increase, taking place in the face of private reports of another large gain in the average daily gross crude oil production last week, was generally construed in Wall Street as an indication that the surplus supply of stocks was being heavily drawn upon as a result of the recent record-breaking consumption.

The Standard Oil Company of N. J. originated the increase by raising domestic prices one cent a gallon.

J. W. Denny will take a group of boys to a camping place several miles from the city Friday evening, where they will engage in a sham battle Friday night and Saturday morning, returning to Concord some time Saturday morning.

Gasoline at local stations went up another cent yesterday, making it total 25 cents to the consumer. In recent months the price has fluctuated, hovering near 25 cents the greater part of the time.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Firm Today at Advance of 15 to 38 Points, July Selling Up to 22:12.

(By the Associated Press.)

New York, May 14.—The cotton market opened firm today at an advance of 15 to 38 points, July selling up to 22:12 and October to 22:03 in response to relatively steady Liverpool cables and reports that lower level of prices was bringing in a little more inquiries from spinners.

The weather outlook, however, was considered very favorable owing to prospects for fair skies in the western belt and further showers east of the River and the advance was checked by realizing on a renewal of local, Western and Southern selling. July reacted to 22:01 and October to 21:89 by the end of the first hour, when the market was rather unsettled, although the active months were still 6 to 12 points net higher.

Cotton futures opened firm. May 21:99; July 22:12; Oct. 22:00; Dec. 22:15; Jan. 21:85.

UNITED STATES LINES ALREADY SHOW PROFIT

Daily Receipts of Over Four Hundred Dollars Reported by Receivers.

Greensboro, May 13.—The first report of receivers of the United States Lines, a bus concern operating between here and Raleigh, submitted this afternoon to Judge A. P. McElroy, of Superior Court, shows daily receipts of over \$400 since April 20th, when the receivers, A. D. Ward, of this city, and John W. Hester, of Oxford, took hold. Receipts between April 20th and May 11th were \$7,746 and expenditures \$7,236, leaving \$510 profit. The receivers reduced what they called "excessive" salaries paid drivers and cut off some employees at terminals. The two weeks preceding the receivership the daily receipts were \$393 on average.

Want Conference Divorced From League.

Geneva, May 14 (By the Associated Press).—The American delegation to the League of Nations international conference for control in traffic in arms and munitions, today officially filed an amendment to divorce the arms convention from the League of Nations.

FRENCH PUNISH THE TRIBESMEN, SETTING FREE FOUR OUTPOSTS

Tribesmen Driven Back on Long Front as French Attack Line and Gain Headway in Bayonet Attack.

MANY INVADERS ARE FOUND DEAD

All Branches of Service Took Part in French Attack, With Airmen Harassing Rereating Army.

Paris, May 1 (By the Associated Press).—The Rifian tribesmen who invaded the French zone of Morocco evaded the orders of Abdel Krim were driven back along a long front in yesterday's operations, according to a statement from the French headquarters.

Four besieged French outposts were relieved and the village of Azdour was captured in a bayonet charge. The retreat of the tribesmen, the statement says, became general at noon yesterday, and the retreating enemy is being harassed by aviators operating in great forces.

The Rifians who are retreating northward through the valleys of Oued Anoucr and Mamouda are reported by the French to have suffered heavy losses. The French operations were on a massive scale with all branches of the service participating.

Tribesmen Severely Punished. Rabat, French Morocco, May 14 (By the Associated Press).—Abdel Krim's Rifian invaders were severely punished by the French yesterday in a series of operations which relieved all but two of the surrounded outposts and established the French on the Bibane Heights.

REPORT OF DRY AGENTS IN STATE FOR APRIL

163 Stills, Many Gallons of Liquor, Seven Autos and 99 Men Seized During Month.

(By the Associated Press.) Salisbury, N. C., May 14.—Federal dry agents working out from the central office under direction of A. B. Coltrane, state director, had a prosperous month, according to the April report issued today.

A total of 163 stills and distilleries, 41 worms, 1,149 gallons of spirits, 142,720 gallons of malt liquors, 21 gallons of wine, 2,058 gallons of mash, 690 gallons of pumice, 1,628 fermenters, and 7 automobiles were seized by the sleuths. The total value of property seized and destroyed is given at \$61,200.75, while that seized and not destroyed is valued at \$1,806.

Prosecutions totalled 220, with 99 arrests reported.

Scorpion Stands Off Swarm of Wild Bees.

Monroe, May 13.—While working in his field some time ago W. L. Rape noticed a blackjack in the edge of the woods which had a hole about two inches in diameter leading into the hollow.

Sticking out of that hole was the head of a scorpion so large that it made Mr. Rape shudder, for that is one animal that he does not like a little bit. Not wishing to have any difficulty with such a vermin, he went on about his work, making a mental note that he would bring his gun down some time and shoot him. A few days thereafter he was working in the same field and heard a roar in the vicinity of the tree and went to investigate. He found a swarm of bees circling round the hole and the same old scorpion sitting there guarding it.

The reptile wouldn't get out and the bees wouldn't go in while he was there, so they settled on a limb of the tree. Mr. Rape is an old bee keeper and he knew what to do. He got the boys and a bee gum. They climbed the tree, plugged up the hole and the scorpion in it, cut a section of the limb that the bees were on and hived them. They went to work at once for their new masters and seemed happy to be settled down.

The boys unstoppered the hole and presumably the scorpion is still on guard, though Mr. Rape says he aims to take his gun with him some day and get the fellow. He just doesn't feel good working in his field with that thing sitting in his hole watching him.

Albemarle to Erect Confederate Statue.

Albemarle, May 13.—One of the best pieces of news to break during the past several weeks was the announcement by the local chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy of the closing of the order for a monument to the Confederate soldiers.

The monument will be 5 1/2 feet thick at the base and will stand 18 1/2 feet high. The base will be of a fine grade of granite, while the figure of the Confederate soldier will be of bronze.

On the monument committee who selected the design and gave the order, were Miss Mary Mabry, Mrs. H. L. Horton and Mrs. M. J. Harris.

The total cost of the monument will be approximately \$6,000, which amount has been largely donated by citizens of the town and county.

Of course, not all of the necessary cost has been raised, but enough is in hand to warrant the starting of the work, and there is little anxiety as to whether or not there will be any trouble in raising the remainder of the funds.

Will Not Take Initiative in Calling Conference.

London, May 14 (By the Associated Press).—The British government will not at present take the initiative in calling a world disarmament conference, Premier Stanley Baldwin told the House of Commons today in replying to a member's question.

Why Be Rich?



Here is a fellow who gets up and goes to work in the morning and he doesn't have to. Vernon Martin of Chicago, 20-year-old son of the millionaire parts manufacturer, in six months will be heir to \$300,000. Yet every day he takes his place as a laborer in one of the plant's shops.

POCKETBOOK MAY PROVE THE MISSING LINK

Property of Slain Woman Found in the Effects of Bruce Lane Now in Jail.

Asheville, May 13.—A pocketbook may prove the "missing link" in the murder of Mrs. Nora Ellis Burns, whose lifeless body was found last Sunday in the French Broad River.

Her pocketbook was found in the personal effects of Bruce Lane, painter, who is being held in the county jail in connection with the tragedy. Two weeks ago the woman left the house of a friend and said she had an engagement to meet Lane at a local restaurant. Several hours later, Lane, it is claimed, went to the home of this witness and said he had been hunting for the woman and was willing to offer \$50 reward to learn her whereabouts. From the time the woman left the house until the body was discovered in the river near Long Shoals, her movements have not been traced.

The theory of suicide has been discarded by Sheriff Mitchell for he believes the woman was murdered. She was shot just above the left eye, the bullet piercing the skull. Mrs. Burns was right handed and it is not probable that she would have fired a shot over her left eye, contends the sheriff.

MRS. SHEPHERD FREED OF CHARGE OF MURDER

Grand Jury Absolves Wife But Refuses To Take Action Regarding Husband.

Chicago, May 13.—The county grand jury today absolved Mrs. Julie Shepherd, co-guardian and foster mother of William Nelson McClintock, millionaire orphan, of implication in his death and in the death of his mother, Mrs. Ena Nelson McClintock, by voting a "no bill" in each instance.

The case of Mrs. Shepherd's husband, William Darling Shepherd, already under indictment for the murder of young McClintock, was left open with respect to the death of Mrs. McClintock, the grand jury refraining from taking any action after hearing the evidence up to date. This procedure, it was explained, will allow the grand jury to hear any further evidence developed later.

Army Fingerprints Find One Man in Seven Million.

The identity of any man who has served in the regular army since 1906 can be learned, and the entire record of the soldier laid bare in from ten to twenty minutes, through the fingerprint system, through the fingerprint system, through the fingerprint system, through the fingerprint system.

More than 7,000,000 men have been in the army since the method was installed, but data for any one of them can be located quickly by comparing his finger marks with those in the files. The operation of the system is so simple that, it is said, inexperienced clerks can accomplish successful searches in a few minutes, after a short instruction. Although there are on record more than 50,000 Smiths, 40,000 Browns and 28,000 Johnsons, it is claimed any one of them could be easily identified by means of the fingerprint system, which also has been used to expose frauds, to keep undesirable from enlisting, and to protect the government against false claims.

Fingerprints Are Sent Over Wire.

Chicago, May 13.—Fingerprints sent by wire from New York to Chicago last night were identified in one minute after being received, the bureau of identification of the police department said. The tests were made in connection with the international convention of police chiefs in New York.

Will Reappoint D. E. Haney.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, May 14.—President Coolidge decided to re-appoint D. E. Haney, of Portland, Oregon, as a member of the shipping board.

Visiting Cards Beautifully Printed on a Few Hours Notice.

Visiting cards handsomely printed on short notice at The Times-Tribune Office, 50 for \$1.00 or 100 for \$1.50.

3 REPORTED DEAD IN TRAIN ACCIDENT

Passenger and Freight Trains Crash In Indiana, With Two Engineers and Fireman Perishing.

TWO ENGINES ON PASSENGER TRAIN

Number of Coaches on This Train Were Derailed.—Injured Taken to Hospital at Terre Haute.

Terre Haute, Ind., May 14 (By the Associated Press).—Three persons are reported killed and several injured in a collision between Pennsylvania railway passenger train No. 6 eastbound, and a freight train, near Martinsville, Ill., sixteen miles west of here.

Those killed were: Dan Walsh and George H. Muench, both engineers, and William Zimmerman, fireman. The two engines pulling the passenger train and coaches were derailed.

The list of injured included James Eddy, 44, Covington, Ohio, mail clerk, badly burned about the head and face; Albert Hardwick, 54, mail clerk, Coshocton, Ohio, severe burns of body and badly cut; may die; Ray F. Flory, 20, mail clerk, Richmond, Ind., severe cuts on arms and face; Louis F. Orahwood, express messenger, Columbus, O., left arm and face cut; Edward D. Resser, Los Angeles, Calif., passenger, cut and bruised.

All of the injured are being brought to hospitals here.

MISS ABBY ROCKEFELLER TO WED DURING DAY

Police Guard Home as a Precaution Against Over-Curious Crowds at the Wedding.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, May 14.—A squad of police guarded the town house of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., today as a precaution against over-curious crowds at the marriage of Mr. Rockefeller's eldest child and only daughter, Abby Rockefeller, to David Merriweather Milton.

The ceremony was set for 4:30 this afternoon. The officiating clergyman selected was the Rev. Cornelius Woelk, pastor of the Park Avenue Baptist Church, where the bride's father has taught a Bible Class for years.

Only members of the two families were invited to ceremonies itself, but the guest list for the reception numbered 1,200. The bride's 85-year-old grandfather is expected to see the wedding.

NEGRO LYNCHED, SAYS REPORT FROM FLORIDA

Officials Advised Negro Was Hanged for Alleged Attack on White Woman.

(By the Associated Press.) Orlando, Fla., May 14.—Sheriff Karel, of Orange County, was informed by telephone from Sanford today that a negro named West was lynched by a mob last night at Longwood, 15 miles north of Orlando. The message said the negro was charged with attacking a young woman of Sanford two weeks ago.

A group of Sanford men, the message continued, had been looking for West, who was reported missing since the crime was committed. Finding the negro last night the mob is said to have hanged him to a tree and riddled his body with bullets.

With Our Advertisers.

Vaudeville next week at the New Concord Theater. Just in at York & Wadsworth Co.'s something you have been looking for—Brillo Household Cleaner, Grocery 30. The Cabarrus Cash Grocery Co. will have a special soap sale Friday and Saturday. See ad. for particulars.

The W. C. Correll Jewelry Co. will give 25 per cent. off on all goods, the sale beginning tomorrow, May 15. Nothing reserved.

Better get what you want this week at the Removal Sale of the Browns-Cannon Co.

Let E. B. Grady install a sanitary sink in your kitchen to cut your work in half. Be on time at the Parks-Belk Co.'s Friday and Saturday and get some of the outstanding values that will be offered during these two days. A 50 cent ball will be given free with every \$2.50 purchase in their boys' department. Packages delivered free in Concord and by parcel post.

Fashionable silk dresses, only \$9.90 at the J. C. Penney Co's. Made in youthful styles for women of all ages.

Work on the room formerly occupied by The Rusette in the Cannon building is being pushed to completion by a corps of carpenters. The entire front has been torn out and new display windows are being installed. When completed it will be occupied by Browns-Cannon Co.

WHAT SAT'S BEAR SAYS



Fair in the west and central portions, showers in the extreme east portion tonight; Friday fair.

Advertisement for a maze puzzle. Text: 'TRY TO GET IN It can be done'. Image: A large circular maze. Text: 'Wallace Beery as Dr. Challenger discovered "The Lost World" by going thro a maze of trails. Are you as clever as Dr. Challenger?'. Text: 'The first installment of this wonderful serial will appear in The Concord Daily Tribune tomorrow, Friday, May 15th.'