

COTTON STATISTICS FOR NOVEMBER ARE MADE PUBLIC TODAY

Report of Census Bureau Shows Cotton Industry Was Not So Active During Past Month.

COTTON ON HAND GIVEN IN REPORT

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Washington, Dec. 14.—(AP)—Cotton consumed during November totalled 543,008 bales of lint and 65,390 of lintless, compared with 543,679 of lint and 75,750,000 of lintless during October this year; and 495,182 of lint and 52,554 of lintless during November last year, the Census Bureau today announced.

Cotton on hand Nov. 30 was held as follows: In consuming establishments 1,456,106 bales of lint and 100,370 of lintless; compared with 1,216,437 of lint and 83,007 of lintless on October 31 this year; and 1,049,327 of lint and 97,379 of lintless on November 30 last year.

In public storage and at compresses 5,206,283 bales of lint and 36,608 of lintless, compared with 4,499,382 of lint and 28,034 of lintless on October 31 this year; and 4,802,943 of lint and 49,928 of lintless on November 30 last.

Imports during November totalled 27,000 bales, compared with 12,402 in October this year, and 17,949 in November last year.

Exports during November totalled 1,206,786 bales, including 1,156 bales of lintless, compared with 1,421,482 including 7,446 of lintless in October this year; and 1,306,550 including 17,311 of lintless in November last year.

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FAYETTEVILLE IS CHOSEN REGULAR STOPPING POINT

Commercial Schedule Will Be Established From North to South Probably in Spring.

Fayetteville, Dec. 13.—Fayetteville has been definitely chosen as a landing point on a New York-Florida air route for commercial flyers, according to Civilian Pilot McMillan, who made this statement during an overnight stay at Fort Bragg on his way from Chicago to St. Petersburg, Fla., with a valuable cargo of dress goods.

McMillan made a landing at Pope field, the Fort Bragg air station, after a hard trip from the north, during which he encountered snow and fog north of Washington, and a head wind south of that point. He piloted a Curtiss plane.

The civilian pilot stated that it was his understanding that a regular schedule would be established over this route as soon as the weather permitted, which would probably be in the early spring.

McMillan informed Lieut. H. W. Holden, commanding officer of Pope field, that the bi-three-motored Fokker plane which has been expected here is now snow-bound in Rochester, N. Y. The Fokker is to be used on a north-and-south run by the Curtiss company.

Cover Crops Prove Popular in Union Monroe, Dec. 14.—(AP)—Many Union county farmers are still putting in cover crops and in some cases landlords are furnishing their tenants with seed for these crops, reports County Agent T. J. W. Broom.

Farms that have been improved through the use of legumes, cover crops, and inter-tilled crops such as soy beans and desmodium, he says, are at a premium, and those farmers who have failed to do this are finding it hard now to get tenants for another year.

Heads G. O. P. Senatorial Committee. Washington Dec. 14.—(AP)—Senator Phipps, of Colorado, was named chairman of the Republican senatorial campaign succeeding Senator Moses, of New Hampshire, recently elected president pro-tem of the senate.

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Henry Ford Hears Maine's Champ Fiddler



"Melie" Dunham, champion backwoods fiddler of Maine, plays for Henry Ford at Detroit after the automobile king had brought him there in connection with his campaign to popularize old-fashioned dances and dance music. Ford likes Dunham best of all the 39 old-time violinists he has had play for him.

List Of "Opportunities" For Christmas Is Given

NEWS PAPER INSTITUTE TO BE HELD AT CHAPEL HILL

North Carolina Journalists Will Hear Leading Writers and Editors in Three-Day Conference in January.

Chapel Hill, Dec. 14.—A tentative program for the newspaper institute to be held here January 13-15 under the joint auspices of the North Carolina Press association and the state university was arranged at a conference here this week between J. W. Atkins of Gastonia, president, and Miss Beatrice Cobb, secretary, of the North Carolina Press association, and the university committee.

The institute will open Wednesday evening, January 13, and close Friday afternoon, January 15. Speakers for the first session will include Dr. H. W. Chase, president of the university, and George M. Bailey, editor of the Chronicle, Houston, Tex., a former North Carolinian, provided the latter is able to attend.

The Thursday morning session will be featured by addresses by Robert Lathan, editor of the Charleston News and Courier, on editorial policies; Robert H. Wettach of the University School of Law, on important laws and statutes affecting the newspapers; Paul Patterson, president and executive editor of the Baltimore Sun, on the practical problems of making a newspaper; Robert W. Madry, director of the University News Bureau, on the problems of college correspondence; Ole Buck, field manager for the Nebraska Press association, on the newspaper as a public utility.

The program Thursday afternoon will include a campus tour ending at the Playmaker theater, where the Carolina Playmakers will give a one-act performance.

There will be a banquet at the Carolina Inn that night, with addresses by two prominent speakers, to be announced later. The program will be enlivened by the university orchestra and by a special concert by the University Glee club under the direction of Prof. John Paul Weaver.

Friday morning the institute will be divided into separate sections for the weekly and daily editors, the only time the meeting will be split up. The weekly group will be addressed by M. V. Atwood, managing editor of the Observer-Dispatch of Elica, N. Y., who was formerly on the staff of the department of journalism of Cornell university and who has had successful experience in running a country weekly. He will speak on "The Country Weekly and the Community." At another session he will address the institute on the practice of newspaper making, based on his present experience. Prof. E. E. Peacock of the University's School of Commerce will discuss with the system for weeklies. It is also likely that Ole Buck will address this session.

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Denies In Person Charges Made Against Him as Commander at Hawaii by Colonel Mitchell.

HAWAII IS GIVEN MUCH ATTENTION

Islands In Pacific Owned by Japan Also Discussed During Testimony Offered at Trial.

Washington, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Major General Charles P. Summerall, one of the outstanding figures of the American army, took the witness stand in the Mitchell court martial today to reply directly to Colonel Mitchell's charge that as commander at Hawaii, he countenanced improper conduct of the island air forces.

The general appeared before a court whose president he had been during the first few hours of its existence, and from which he had withdrawn voluntarily on the opening day of the trial after his record in Hawaii had been attacked in a challenge by the defense.

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Prosperity Predicted in North Carolina in 1926 by Grist

Raleigh, Dec. 14.—(AP)—Prosperity in North Carolina during 1926 "even greater than at any time in the past" was predicted by Frank D. Grist, commissioner of labor and printing, tonight. His optimism is based on a survey of the indicated agricultural, industrial, and general employment conditions in this state for 1926.

The survey, just completed, is made from data from every section of the state, and is a general outlook for the coming year, Mr. Grist said.

About 75 per cent. of the communities reporting indicated that prospects for the coming year are better than they were for 1925, and the other 25 per cent. believe that 1926 will be equally as good a year as 1925.

"There will be an even greater demand for skilled labor in 1926 than there was in 1925," says Mr. Grist's resume of the survey. About 65 per cent. of the communities heard from say prospects are for an increase in building activities, and that conditions are very favorable.

Mr. Grist predicts that between \$50,000,000 and \$75,000,000 will be spent in this state next year on public works, this he says, being a very conservative estimate.

Due to the drought conditions prevailing the past summer in the western section of the states, farmers are somewhat discouraged, and the planting acreage probably will not be increased. There is a strong tendency

in that section, however, says the commissioner, toward "greater diversification of crops rather than an increase in acreage."

In the trucking sections of the east, on the other hand, farmers were not seriously affected by the drought, and increased acreage of fruits, vegetables and trucking crops is indicated by data compiled by the department of labor and printing.

"In making a survey of the agricultural, industrial, and general employment conditions for 1926 for the state of North Carolina," reads Mr. Grist's statement issued Saturday, "we take in a vast territory that extends from the Blue Ridge mountains on the west, through the fertile Piedmont section to the coastal plains and the seashore on the east. This forces us to take under consideration many industries and various forms of employment. This survey is made from every section of the state and is a general outlook for the coming year."

"The progress of our state depends entirely upon the welfare of our people and of course this depends to a great extent on employment of all classes of workers. There has been work in this state sufficient to care for the people, but the prospects for the industrial prosperity for the coming year seem even greater than at any time in the past. Statistics from the different sections show that many of the industrial plants will be increased. (Continued on Page Seven)

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The Press of All Political Shades Agreed That the Week Will Bring Many Chances to France.

FINANCES STILL BIG QUESTION

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Paris, Dec. 14.—(AP)—The present week is likely to prove a momentous one in French political history as extraordinary changes in the manner in which France has been governed for the last 55 years are regarded as imminent by the press of all political shades.

The franc continues to fall, and there is a corresponding rise in the public anxiety that is being fanned by extremely daring articles in the newspapers.

Some of these demand and others plead for changes in the governmental regime ranging from the establishment of a dictatorship or "committee of public safety" to the more constitutional proposal that parliament sit in secret while financial bills were being discussed and voted on.

With Our Advertisers. Everything that Santa Claus needs for his rounds at Fisher's. Open day and night till Christmas.

During their big trade drive Park-Belk Co. have done more business than ever before in the history of their big store. New goods are coming in every day to replenish the stocks with fresh new goods.

A corporate executor of your will is not subjected to the uncertainties of sickness, death or other disabilities. See ad. of Citizens Bank and Trust Co.

Why not give slippers for Christmas? Prices at Ruth-Kester's range from 95 cents to \$3.95.

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Call on Efrid's to help you in every possible way. Visit their Beauty Parlor for your toilet needs. Service today and tonight.

Beautiful hand decorated scatter tables at H. B. Wilkinson's—Just the thing you have been looking for.

Robinson's hand-made handkerchiefs are the talk of the town. The prices range from 10c to \$1.65, and the wonder is how they could be sold at that price.

"Sally," at the Concord Theatre today and tomorrow.

Would Keep Shipping Board. Washington, December 14.—(AP)—A Democratic-insurgent majority of the special House committee named to investigate the shipping board today reported for continuation of the board practically under existing conditions.

A minority report dissenting from that view will be filed by the Republican members.

Will Form Coalition Cabinet. Berlin, Dec. 14.—(AP)—Dr. M. Cohn, German democratic party leader, today accepted the task of forming the coalition cabinet desired by President von Hindenburg to carry on the policies and obligations of the Locarno security agreement.

Accept Reductions in Income Taxes. Washington, Dec. 14.—(AP)—Reductions in the normal income tax rates proposed in the new revenue bill were accepted today by the House without debate.

Newell Banks, national match champion at checkers, gave a remarkable exhibition of his skill in Denver the other night, when he played against six chess experts and nineteen checker players simultaneously and at the same time played four other checker players whose boards were not in sight, the moves being called off to the champion.

The youngest player ever to win the United States amateur tennis championship was Oliver Campbell, who was only 19 when he captured the coveted title in 1890.

FAVORABLE TRADE BALANCE IS SHOWN

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THE COTTON MARKET

Selling Movement Continues to Drive Prices Down—March Off to 18.75.

New York, Dec. 14.—(AP)—The cotton market was lower this morning under a continuation of last week's selling movement which was evidently encouraged by relatively easy Liverpool cables, rumors of an easing stop basis in the South and rather disappointing census figures on consumption for the month of November.

The opening was barely steady at a decline of 3 to 24 points, with March selling off to 18.75 and July to 18.21 at the start. Trading was active but orders seemed to be pretty well divided around the 18 3/4 cent level for the early spring positions and fluctuations were rather irregular during the first half hour. The census report showing the domestic mill consumption of 543,008 bales for November was slightly below the October figures, but showed an increase over last year's total of 405,182 bales.

Cotton futures opened barely steady; January 18.58; March 18.75; May 18.56; July 18.24; October 17.84.

WILSON DAM IS READY TO AID THE SOUTH

This Will Be Report Carried to Washington by General Harry Taylor.

Florence, Ala., Dec. 14.—(AP)—When Gen. Harry Taylor, chief of army engineers, returns to Washington tomorrow, he will carry a report that Wilson Dam is ready to relieve the drought stricken area of the South with electric power.

This was disclosed in a statement here today when Wilson Dam officials stated that 30 more giant water wheels each capable of producing 30,000 horse-power, could be put in service at an early date and so relieve the acute power shortage now existing in the Carolinas and Georgia due to drought conditions.

Gen. Taylor arrived at Wilson Dam Sunday night on a tour of general inspection and was on the project today. He will leave tomorrow with information that will be presented to Congress in one form or another during the present session.

Methodists to Meet in Memphis in 1926. Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 12.—The 1926 general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, south, will be held in Memphis beginning May 5.

The selection of Memphis as the 1926 meeting place was announced tonight by Dr. S. H. C. Burgin, of San Antonio, Texas, chairman of the location committee of the church, who with other members of the committee—Dr. R. S. Satterfield, of Muskogee, Okla.; Secretary W. R. Brooks, Chattanooga, Tenn.; W. E. Cross, Salem, Va., and J. M. Rogers, Savannah, Ga.—met here late today to finally determine on the conference city.

Norwood Trial Starts at Greensboro. Greensboro, Dec. 14.—(AP)—Trial of the case charging violation of the national banking laws by J. D. Norwood, former chairman of the board of directors of the defunct Peoples National Bank of Salisbury, began at 2 o'clock this afternoon in the United States District Court of Western Carolina with Judge H. H. Watkins presiding.

The gift announced today brings Mr. Duke's gifts to the negro college to more than a million dollars, according to the secretary of the board.

During the last three years there have been sixty-three electric railway abandonments in the United States.

Star Theatre

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