

TEXTILE INDUSTRY ACTIVE IN MONTH COTTON USED SHOWS

Less Cotton Used Than in January Because of the Fewer Working Days in February.

SOUTH LEADER IN CONSUMPTION

More Than Half of Cotton Consumed Was Used in Mills in Cotton Growing States.

Washington, March 13.—(AP)—Cotton consumption during February totaled 567,244 bales of lint and 58,978 of linters, compared with 583,192 of lint and 58,465 of linters in January this year and 550,775 of lint and 51,414 of linters in February last year, the census bureau today announced.

Cotton on hand February 28th was 4,744,000 bales of lint and 80,151 of linters, compared with 5,175,834 of lint and 69,588 of linters on January 31st this year and 3,073,396 of lint and 60,448 of linters on February 28th last year.

In public storage and at compresses, 4,744,000 bales of lint and 80,151 of linters, compared with 5,175,834 of lint and 69,588 of linters on January 31st this year and 3,073,396 of lint and 60,448 of linters on February 28th last year.

Cotton imported during February totaled 38,255 bales, compared with 42,061 in January this year and 59,902 in February last year.

Cotton exported during February totaled 556,185 bales, including 10,859 bales of linters, compared with 528,803,156 in January this year and 33,358,708 in February last year.

Cotton spindles active during February numbered 35,025,063, compared with 32,803,156 in January this year and 33,358,708 in February last year.

Statistics for cotton growing states include: Cotton consumed during February totaled 390,046 bales compared with 412,242 in January this year and 372,600 in February last year.

Stocks of cotton on hand February 28th in cotton growing states were held as follows: In consuming establishments 1,127,850 bales, compared with 1,122,290 on January 31st this year, and 915,004 on February 28th last year.

In public storage and at compresses 4,526,920 bales compared with 4,944,981 on January 31st this year and 2,749,271 on February 28th last year.

Cotton spindles active in cotton growing states during February numbered 17,221,236 compared with 17,176,096 during January this year and 16,990,842 during February last year.

WILLIAM DAVIS ORDERED FREED Evidence Insufficient in Death of the Asheville Widow.

Asheville, March 12.—William (Bill) Davis, who has been held in the Buncombe county jail here for more than 40 days in connection with the mysterious slaying of Mrs. Annie May Burgess, pretty 23-year-old widow, in January, was ordered freed by Judge P. A. McElroy shortly before the special criminal term of Buncombe county superior court adjourned late today.

Mrs. Burgess was slain under the bright rays of an arc light on one of the principal residential streets of the city between 10 and 10:30 o'clock at night. The young woman was struck on the head with a blunt instrument, her assailant then carrying her body to a nearby park of woods and throwing it down an embankment to conceal it. Because of the brutality of the deed and the element of mystery attached to the slaying much interest has been aroused in Asheville as to the outcome.

Davis was held in connection with the crime, but Judge McElroy ordered his release when the court found there was not sufficient evidence to hold Davis.

Asks Dry Vote



Emory Buckner, federal district attorney in New York, who is in charge of prohibition enforcement there, has assailed the prohibition forces for opposing a national referendum on the liquor issue.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Steady at Decline of 3 Points to an Advance of 7 Points.

New York, March 13.—(AP)—The cotton market opened steady today at a decline of 3 points to an advance of 7 points. Prices were about 7 to 10 points net higher after the call, on renewed covering by Wall Street or local traders, commission house buying promoted by larger domestic consumption figures than expected and reports of continued low temperatures in the south.

July sold up to 18.48 and December to 17.42 but the market attracted realizing by recent buyers at these figures while the demand from shorts was less active after the covering of yesterday. Prices then eased, July settling around 18.35 and December 17.33 at the end of the first hour, or about net unchanged to 2 points net lower.

The census report showed domestic consumption of 567,244 bales for February compared with 583,192 for January and 550,775 for February last year.

Cotton futures opened steady May 18.78; July 18.33; October 17.65; December 17.35; January 17.28.

Closed Steady. New York, March 13.—(AP)—Cotton futures closed steady at net declines of 5 to 15 points. May 18.72; July 18.28; Oct. 17.57-58; Dec. 17.20-23; Jan. 17.20-21.

ONE KILLED, THREE HURT IN TRAIN ACCIDENT

Pennsylvania Express Train No. 13 Derailed Near Pierron, Illinois.

Highland, Ill., March 13.—(AP)—One trainman was killed and three others severely injured when Pennsylvania mail and express train No. 13 was derailed near Pierron, Illinois miles east of here, early today.

Charles Hackett, engineer was the man killed. The names of the three men injured could not be learned.

The train, a double header, was en route from the east to St. Louis with mail, express and some passengers. Officials refused to comment on the cause of the wreck, pending an investigation.

ALLIES ABANDON PLAN FOR COUNCIL MEETING

Will Let Entire Council of League Try to Untangle Question of Reconstruction.

Geneva, March 13.—(AP)—The allied representatives abandoned at the last moment their plan to hold an annual meeting with the German statesmen this afternoon, and reverted to their original intention to submit the tangled question of reconstruction of the league council to the members of that body itself.

367,260 Votes Counted

Drys Carry Several Cities, But Modification Proposal Still Holds Its Big Lead

Copyright, 1926, by NEA Service, Inc. Reproduction in Whole or in Part Forbidden. With the vote still holding a lead of fully five to one, the third day's tabulation of votes in the nation-wide prohibition referendum conducted by NEA Service and this newspaper, found a total of 367,260 votes counted, with the bulk of the country still to be heard from.

ADDRESS OF DR. MATTHEWS

At the Meeting of the Woman's Missionary Council in Raleigh. Raleigh, N. C., March 13.—(AP)—The life of Christ presents a "distinct impression of power," Dr. J. B. Matthews, professor at Seaboard College, Nashville, Tenn., declared here today in the third of his series of Biblical studies, which are features of the annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, in session here.

The Vote As It Stands Today

Up to this hour (12 o'clock) 714 votes have been cast here in the matter of prohibition enforcement. The vote stands as follows:

For strict enforcement, 522. For Repeal of Amendment, 48. For modification of law, 164. The votes will be completed in the office of the Newspaper Enterprise Association, Cleveland, O., Saturday, March 20, and announced to the papers by wire.

DOG AND GAME LAW GETS A KNOCKOUT BLOW

Drastic Law Is Regarded as Unconstitutional in Number of Respects. Greensboro, March 12.—Holding the Guilford county dog and game law unconstitutional, Judge C. C. Lyon, of Elizabethtown, emergency superior court jurist, in a decision received here today from Gastonia, where he is holding court, forbids the county commissioners and county treasurer from paying out anything for enforcement of the law.

The decision of the judge was rendered after argument was made here last Saturday by attorneys, on a request for injunction against the law. The judge at the time took the matter under advisement and said he would render a decision this week. It came to the clerk of the court here today.

It is a knockout blow for those who advocated the law. No statute in twenty years has aroused so much bitterness in Guilford county, with farmers openly declaring that they would not obey its provisions, calling the law too drastic, and saying the law was "sneaked through" the last general assembly.

The farmers went so far as to organize against it, elect a vigilance committee, and employed the lawyers King, Sapp and King, of this city, to fight it successfully. At one time the farmers' committee requested Governor McLean to call a special session of the general assembly to repeal the law.

The political consequences of the passage of the law are expected to be of large proportions. Judge Lyon ruled that the expense of a game warden to enforce the law is not a necessary expense, and payment of the funds of the county for that purpose was not authorized by majority of the voters. No election whatever was held on the matter.

Further, the judge rules that the law arbitrarily forbids any one else from hunting or permitting any one to hunt on his land unless the guest pay a license fee, which the judge holds is a discrimination in favor of the land owner, in violation of article 5, section 3, of the State constitution, and contrary to the guaranty of the 14th amendment of the United States constitution for equal protection under the laws.

Opponents of the bill had asked that the law be declared unconstitutional because it raised revenue and provided for payments up to \$5,000 yearly from the county treasury, and as a revenue measure it was not passed under the readings in each house of the general assembly, nor were the ayes and nays recorded.

Among the law's provisions was one calling for hunting license of \$1 wearing of license tag on back of hunter, a big placard forbidding hunting in snow, forbidding hunting rabbits with gun and dog except for open period, and other provisions farmers claimed were violations of their personal constitutional rights.

Never Mind the Mud. New York, Mar. 13.—Mud splashes on light-colored stockings when walking on muddy streets are a frequent source of annoyance to the women, but a recent invention is said to prevent them. The placing of the foot to the ground causes a lever situated in the fore part of the heel to impart an oscillating movement to a finger at the back of the heel. The finger wipes the mud from the heel every time the foot is raised from the ground. The mechanism itself is entirely enclosed and is weather-proof. Moreover it does not detract from the shape or lines of the shoe.

An instrument which enables blind people to read ordinary printer matter is a recent invention.

Sally Anne Makes Her Bow



She'll probably be an actress, if heredity counts for anything. Will four-year-old Sally Anne Carewe, daughter of Edwin Carewe, noted movie director, and Mary Akin, actress. Carewe and Miss Akin were married in Juarez, Mexico, last year.

HUSBAND ADMITS THAT HE KILLED HIS WIFE

Jacob Nesbitt, of Whom Accusation Has Never Been Made, Confesses After Brief Session of Questioning. Troy, Ohio, March 12.—In the presence of half a dozen witnesses, Jacob C. Nesbitt tonight confessed he killed his wife, Frances Drake Nesbitt, three weeks ago today. He said they had been quarreling "over everything."

The confession came after five hours of questioning in the Nesbitt home, Ora Slater, Cincinnati private detective, said. He said Nesbitt broke down completely and made a clean breast of the crime but declared he did not know with what he hit his wife.

Mrs. Nesbitt was slain Friday morning after both she and Nesbitt had arisen. "We had quarreled ever since we were married," Nesbitt was quoted as having said. "We quarreled over everything, business and personal matters."

"We quarreled Thursday night and we got up Friday in the same mood. "I got mad and hit Frances in the face with my fist. Then everything got red. "I have only a hazy remembrance of what happened after I struck her with my fist."

Nesbitt, however, did say he remembered taking the body and placing it in the bath tub, after which he washed his hands and combed his hair. A single strand of blood stained hair was found in a comb, in the Nesbitt home and furnished one of the meager clues which officials had worked on.

It was then, he said, that he took his blue pajamas, which were inside the door from the home to the basement and burned them in the furnace. Afterwards he came back up, stairs and straightened up the furniture. For three weeks the case has presented mystery to officials.

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Senators Duncanson, Heflin and Sackett Will Represent Senate on the Commission. Washington, March 13.—The Senate today accepted the House modifications to the Muscle Shoals resolution without a record vote.

Immediately Vice President Dawes appointed Chairman Norris of the Senate Agricultural Committee, Senators Heflin, democrat, of Alabama, and Sackett, republican, of Kentucky, to represent the senate on the joint congressional committee that is authorized to negotiate a lease for Muscle Shoals and report back to Congress.

Senator Norris promptly declined to serve on the grounds that a Senator favorable to the leasing of Muscle Shoals should represent the Senate. Senator Duncanson, republican, of Illinois, was selected to succeed Senator Norris.

Burglar at Salisbury Tries From Salisbury, March 12.—A burglar visiting the Buebaum home on South Main street about 5 o'clock this morning escaped as he was fired upon by Francis Buebaum who discovered him in his room. The visitor had taken off his shoes on the first floor in order to move about in the house with less noise and the shoes were left as he made a hasty exit. Nothing was missed from the home.

Nominated to Be Investigation Commissioner. Washington, March 13.—(AP)—Benjamin M. Day, of New York, was nominated today to be immigration commissioner at Ellis Island, succeeding Henry H. Curran, who has resigned effective March 31st.

FIRE BOATS GO TO AID OF FREIGHTER IN DANGER AT SEA

Steamer Tabna, sugar laden, Reported on Fire Near Sandy Point Today.

BOATS READY TO GIVE HER HELP

First Reported That Vessel Mistic Was Burning But This Report Was Later Corrected.

Baltimore, March 13.—(AP)—The British steamer Tabna, sugar-laden from Cuba for Baltimore, was reported on fire near Sandy Point, twenty miles below Baltimore this morning. The local fire boats were sent to her assistance and residents along the shore in that vicinity telephoned that they were alongside the Tabna about 9 o'clock. Smoke was pouring from the ship, they said.

The fire boats were sent in response to a wireless message to the Baltimore fire department from the steamer Mystic, outward bound for Savannah and Los Angeles, and it was at fire reported that it was the Mystic that was on fire. This was disproved when the Mystic was reported as having passed Cove Point which is about seventy miles from Baltimore.

The Tabna is owned by C. T. Bowring & Company, of London. She is of 4,500 tons gross register, and carried a crew of thirty men. The marine observer at North Point reported the Tabna passing up the lower harbor at 9:30 a. m. She was flying two black balls, indicating that the craft was not under control. A tug was alongside, but the observer said he could see no sign of the fire aboard.

Fire Extinguished. Baltimore, March 13.—(AP)—Fire in the hold of the British steamship Tabna was extinguished with the aid of Baltimore fire boats today. The vessel is anchored off quarantine awaiting examination. The Tabna has no radio and it was not until the American steamer Mystic, outbound for Savannah and Los Angeles, sighted her smoking off Sandy Point in the narrow Chesapeake channel, across the mouth of the Severn River, that the Tabna's plight became known.

The Tabna was Baltimore bound from Cuba with a cargo of sugar. She is owned by C. T. Bowring & Company, of London, and carried a crew of thirty-five men. No injuries were reported.

CHARLOTTE MILLS NOT TO CURTAIL WORK Only Few Yarn Mills There So There Is No Occasion For Curtailing Production.

Charlotte, March 13.—Spinning mill officials here said today that no action had been taken locally in regard to curtailment of production which is reported from Gaston county and others to "stabilize the yarn market."

Reports here are to the effect that a number of yarn mills at Gastonia plan to suspend operations from noon today to the beginning of the shift on Tuesday morning.

Textile men have declared that the Gastonia mills are acting entirely independently and that curtailment is being made to avoid the danger of "shutdowns later."

Announcement also comes from Rutherfordford that the Spindale, Grace and Cleghorn mills are not operating Fridays and Saturdays of each week.

It was pointed out that Mecklenburg County mills were largely engaged in the production of finished products, rather than yarn, and therefore are not vitally affected.

Alexander Shaver, 86, Succumbs at Salisbury. Salisbury, March 12.—Alexander Shaver, one of the oldest citizens of Salisbury, died Thursday at 5:30 at his home on Lincoln road. His death followed a lingering illness that had kept him in his bed two and a half years. Mr. Shaver was 86 years old and a widower, his wife having died several years ago. One son and three daughters survive, all married and living in Salisbury. Mr. Shaver's death removed another member of the "thin grey lines" of the Confederate veterans.

The funeral party will leave the Shaver home at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, and the funeral and interment will take place at Liberty church, in the county, at 3 o'clock.

Gold Discovered in Yancey County, Says Press Report. Asheville, March 12.—Great excitement has been caused in this section by the reported discovery of gold in Yancey county, near Burnsville, about 40 miles northeast of Asheville. A number of Geologists, option buyers and those interested in mining in other states have appeared on the ground and samples of the ore found show the presence of gold in considerable quantities, according to C. W. Valentin, newspaper correspondent who is informed on the subject.

Bible Story Contest Postponed. The Bible story contest which was to have been given tomorrow at St. James Lutheran Church has been postponed on account of the weather.

SAT'S BEAR SATS: Fair and colder tonight, possibly rain on the coast, freezing temperature to the coast. Sunday fair, colder on south coast. Fresh north and northwest winds.