

COTTON CROP NOW IS ESTIMATED AT 18,618,000 BALES

This Is An Increase of 219,000 Bales Over the Forecast Made on November the 16th.

QUANTITY PICKED NOT YET KNOWN

If the Season is Favorable Most of the Crop Will Be Picked—1,250,000 Bales in This State.

Washington, Dec. 8.—(AP)—A United States cotton crop of 18,618,000 bales of 500 pounds gross weight, not including linters, is estimated for this year by the Department of Agriculture in its preliminary report today, based on conditions as of December first. A fortnight ago 18,399,000 bales were indicated.

The quantity of cotton of this year's crop that will be ginned will depend upon whether the various influences affecting the harvesting of the portion of the crop still in the field will be more or less favorable than usual, the Department stated.

The area of cotton for harvest this year, as revised on December 1 returns, is estimated at 47,653,000 acres, compared with 46,053,000 acres in 1925, and 37,616,000 acres the five year average from 1921 to 1925.

The abandonment of acreage is estimated at 2.0 per cent. of the estimated average in cultivation on June 25, compared with abandonment of 4.2 per cent. in 1925 and 3.5 per cent. the ten year average 1916 to 1925.

The total yield of lint cotton per acre on the area for harvest is estimated at 187 pounds, compared with 167.2 pounds in 1925, and 153.7 pounds the 1916-25 ten-year average.

North Carolina estimate is 2,023,000 acres, and 1,250,000 bales.

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MEMPHIS BANK CLERK COMMITS SUICIDE

It is Third Bank Sensation Within Five Weeks.—Other Two Clerks Flew.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 7.—Memphis financial circles were stirred today by the third sensation within five weeks when business of the American Savings Bank and Trust company was placed in the hands of state bank examiners after an employee admitted shortages of \$300,000 and ended his life.

Clarence Henochberg, assistant cashier and teller, fired a bullet into his brain following a telephone conversation with Abe Plough, Memphis capitalist, in which Henochberg confessed shortage in his accounts and declared he would kill himself unless help could be obtained to save himself and the bank.

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Gifts for Everybody at Parks-Bell Company's. The Parks-Bell Co. has a store full of Christmas things for everybody.

Their big Christmas drive will start tomorrow morning. They have the goods to suit every age.

The modern Christmas tree can be traced back to the sixteenth century. It originated on the banks of the Rhine. Sixty years later the fir tree was used to carry gifts in celebration of Christmas all over the civilized world.

Rain. Rain tonight, not so cold in northeast portion; Thursday colder in the northeast portion. Fresh southwest shifting to northeast winds.

Ten Pages Today Two Sections

PRESIDENT OPPOSES ANY PERMANENT TAX REDUCTION MEASURE

Will Agree to Rebates But Does Not Want a Permanent Relief Measure Enacted at Present.

BUDGET FOR YEAR GOES TO CONGRESS

Calls for an Increase of \$16,000,000 Over Current Year—House Starts Work on Finances.

Washington, Dec. 8.—(AP)—The new session of Congress passed out of the "house warming" period today, and began to face the grim physical realities that are to occupy henceforth its most serious attention.

It received from President Coolidge a new federal budget requiring expenditures of \$4,014,571,124 in the next fiscal year, and the House, where appropriations measures must originate, at once began consideration of the first money bill of the many that are to come.

The budget represented an increase of more than \$16,000,000 over the current year, largely the result of mounting requirements for veterans and for the ever-expanding postal service.

In an accompanying message, sent to the capital by messenger, Mr. Coolidge disapproved any permanent tax reduction, and left up to Congress to decide whether a \$383,000,000 treasury surplus should be returned to the pockets of taxpayers in rebates, or be applied to the national debt.

Almost simultaneously the Democratic leaders of the Senate and House announced the party agreement on a \$335,000,000 permanent tax reduction.

R. A. BARNHARDT ARRESTED AFTER A LONG CHASE

Hickory Man Held Pending Outcome of Injuries to Mrs. A. L. Myers.

Winston-Salem, Dec. 7.—After a chase which led them to every section of the city, and Mooreville and back, deputy sheriffs ended their search for a local brawler with the arrest of R. A. Barnhardt, of Hickory. Barnhardt is being held pending the outcome of injuries received by Mrs. A. L. Myers, 55, Winston-Salem, Route 1, when she was hit by a car said to have been driven by Barnhardt, the accident occurring near Hanes. Mrs. Myers is suffering with a fractured left thigh and left wrist and has cuts and bruises about the face and body.

At the time of his arrest Barnhardt, he is said to travel for a Charlotte concern, was under the influence of whiskey, it is said, and although denying at first that he was the driver of the car which struck Mrs. Myers, finally admitted that he was. Barnhardt was given a hearing in municipal court today on a charge of operating an auto while intoxicated and was fined \$50 and the costs and given a three-year suspended sentence of six months on the county roads, conditioned upon his not operating an auto in the state for a period of twelve months.

Charges held against him by county authorities include operating an automobile while intoxicated, reckless driving, doing serious damage and operating an auto without a state license.

A report from the Baptist hospital where Mrs. Myers was carried following the accident is to the effect that she is resting as comfortably and getting along as well as could be expected.

McKINLEY FUNERAL SET FOR FRIDAY

Body Carried Back to His Home in Chattanooga.—Ill For Many Months.

Martinsville, Ind., Dec. 8.—(AP)—His courageous battle against death over, friends and relatives today took the body of Senator Wm. B. McKinley, of Illinois, to his home in Chattanooga, where funeral services will be conducted Friday. The Senator died yesterday after a four months' battle against prostatic cancer, the end of which was averted several times only by the vigor of his constitution.

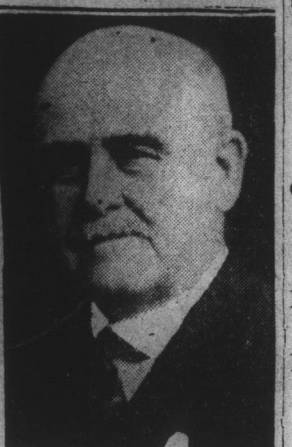
Stockholders of P. and N. Discuss Extension Today. Charlotte, Dec. 7.—Stockholders of the Piedmont and Northern railway will meet tomorrow in Greenville, S. C., to consider the proposal of the board of directors for construction of extensions linking Charlotte and Durham and Gastonia and Spartanburg, S. C., according to information obtained here today from representatives of the company.

The directors several weeks ago at Greenville adopted a construction program which is expected to require expenditures of about \$20,000,000.

W. S. Lee, of Charlotte, vice president of the Southern Power company, is president of the Piedmont and Northern and E. Thomason is vice president and general manager.

There is an old superstition that nine holly leaves tied in a handkerchief with nine knots and placed under the pillow on Christmas night, will cause the sleeper to dream of his or her future wife or husband.

SENATOR McKINLEY VICTIM OF CANCER



ASSOCIATED PRESS (H. F. DUNCAN) 1 C SENATOR W. B. McKINLEY

VETERAN SENATOR OF ILLINOIS DEAD

William B. McKinley Was Prominent Figure in Republican Councils. Martinsville, Ind., Dec. 7.—Senator William B. McKinley, of Illinois, died at the Homelawn sanatorium here at 4:10 p. m. today.

Death followed an illness of several months. He was brought here the latter part of August suffering from prostatic cancer. He was 76 years of age.

Senator McKinley, after recuperating to some degree from a major operation performed last spring at Baltimore, became critically ill during the early part of September due to a pneumonia complication. The veteran senator, however, overcame this attack and during the early days of October was well enough to take an interest in the world series baseball contest. Since then his strength had been gradually weakening.

Senator McKinley, whose span of more than twenty years in Congress, the latter portion as United States Senator from Illinois, covered the insurgency among national legislators, the Roosevelt bolt of 1912, and the primary scandals of 1923, was a business man and philanthropist. By his own avowal, he "blundered into politics" because his business was running so smoothly he had nothing else to do.

"I really blundered into politics," the Senator once said. "I was getting unnecessary in my business. Things went on without me. So when it was suggested to me that I run for congress, I accepted just for something to do. I never regretted it."

He had traveled 1,500,000 miles in twenty-five years—more than a million miles of the total in nine years—including thirty trips across the Atlantic, three voyages around the world, several voyages across the Pacific Ocean and to South America, a dozen trips to Cuba and Panama, and he visited every country in the world except Russia and Turkey.

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Christmas gifts for men and women at the Richmond-Flowe Company. High grade merchandise, too.

Go to Ehlrd's and make selections for your Christmas presents.

Don't fail to hear Gabriel Zigmund at the High School auditorium tomorrow night. Admission, 75 and 50 cents.

Choose one of the beautiful coats at J. C. Penney Company's for only \$19.75. For both women and misses. Tickets now on sale at the Pearl Drug Company. Reserved seats \$1.00, general admission, 50 and 75 cents.

DUKE UNIVERSITY DAY DECEMBER 11

Alumni and Students Will Observe That Day With Big Celebration. Durham, Dec. 7.—Plans for celebrating "Duke University Day" have now been completed by Duke students and alumni throughout North Carolina, the event to be staged on December 11, the date on which the late James B. Duke multi-millionaire tobacco and water power magnate, signed the indenture which created the institution which bears his family name. Following the inauguration of the student body next Saturday, Duke University will continue to observe December 11 with special celebrations each year.

Says North Carolina Cities Are Unknown. Washington, Dec. 7.—Mayor A. H. Bangert of New Bern, spent a day in Washington, after stay of several days in Philadelphia, where he went to see the exposition. Mayor Bangert is of the opinion that North Carolina cities should do much more in the way of advertising themselves.

He says the people of the north know little about such cities as Greensboro and Charlotte, but when you mention North Carolina to them they immediately think of Asheville, which has been so well advertised as a resort city.

PRESIDENT SUBMITS BUDGET FOR NEXT YEAR TO CONGRESS

Calls for Appropriation of \$4,014,571,124 or Over Sixteen Millions More Than This Year.

MUST UPHOLD PROHIBITION LAW

No Other Course Defensible.—Wants Consideration of Permanent Merchant Marine Policy.

Washington, Dec. 8.—(AP)—The Government's budget for the next fiscal year, calling for appropriations of \$4,014,571,124, or \$16,543,728 more than is needed for the current year was submitted to Congress today by President Coolidge.

The Civil and Spanish War pension increases voted last session, together with increases in the cost of operating the Postal Service and the Veterans Bureau, account principally for the higher budget, more than offsetting the heavy reductions in expenditures of other branches of the Government. The largest of these reductions—\$30,000,000—was the increase on the public debt.

The 1928 fiscal year outlay provides for inauguration of five-year aviation programs in the Army and Navy, with a total of \$574,000,000 for National Defense; and the maintenance of prohibition enforcement at a total cost of nearly \$30,000,000.

Mr. Coolidge asked Congress to postpone construction of the remaining three of the eight cruisers which were to have been started before next July in view of this country now engaging in negotiations "to broaden our existing treaties with the great powers which deal with the elimination of competition in naval armaments."

He also called for provision for the construction of two rigid airships which Congress authorized to be built at a cost of \$8,000,000 prior to July 1, 1928. He asked that time be given to experiment with the all-metal airship now being constructed at a cost of \$300,000.

Of the \$73,477,350 proposed for aviation in the Army and Navy \$20,000,000 is for new planes and \$2,400,000 for construction of barracks and quarters. The total appropriations of \$680,642 for the War and Navy departments makes provisions for military and naval strength of 610,000 men, including reserves. The Navy budget including \$4,000,000 carried over from last year, is \$317,815,500, or \$9,246,475 less than this year, and the War Department estimate is \$306,722,142, or \$11,257,340 more than for this year.

"This is a very considerable amount to spend for protection in time of peace," said the President. "No threatening cloud at the present darkens the sky. Our intent and attitude is one of peace and friendly regard toward all nations and peoples. This, however, is not sufficient warrant to neglect our defense and default on necessary precautions."

Regarding prohibition enforcement, he also gave assurance that "whatever is necessary to put into effect the expressed will of the people as written into the eighteenth amendment to the Constitution of the United States and the will of Congress as expressed in the Volstead Act will be done."

"Whatever may be necessary to vindicate the law," he added, "and secure compliance with its wise and righteous provisions should be provided. The constitutional duties of the President and the Congress make any other course indefensible."

While proposing expenditure of the \$75,000,000 authorized by Congress for road construction, Mr. Coolidge renewed his recommendation that the Federal Government cut down appropriation hereafter, confining its activities to construction only of primary or interstate highways and leaving to the States the development of secondary routes.

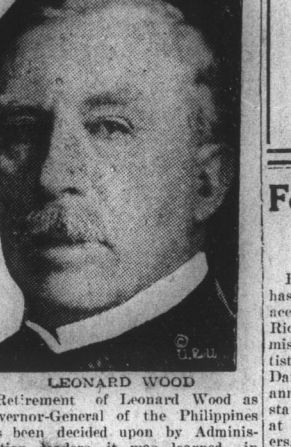
The President also asked Congress to give early consideration to a permanent merchant marine policy and to the disposition of alien property and settlement of American and German war claims, a problem now holding the attention of the House Ways and Means Committee.

The increase of \$12,000,000 for the Veterans Bureau, making the total for the office \$475,400,000 for the next year, involves principally an increase for military and naval compensation. Counting pensions and compensation to the veterans of all wars the total carried in the budget for veterans' relief is \$705,000,000.

COTTON PRICES AT NEW ORLEANS ON INCREASE TODAY. New Orleans, Dec. 8.—(AP)—A moderately bullish government report brought a spurt in the cotton market here today which swept prices of early months from 34 to 38 points up. Late months gained 22 points before the first flurry ended, and prices again eased off slightly.

The undertone remained steady, however, and with buoyant reports from the season out of the way it is expected trading would be more active.

HE'S THROUGH



LEONARD WOOD. Retirement of Leonard Wood as Governor-General of the Philippines has been decided upon by Administration leaders, it was learned in Washington.

JUGO-SLAVIA SENDS FORCE TO FRONTIER FOR ANY EMERGENCY

Troops on Albanian Frontier Are Being Reinforced at Present, Says Reports Sent From Bucharest.

MUSSOLINI HAS VOICE IN PLAN Suggests That Jugo-Slavia Duplicate Italian Treaty With Albania to Make "Triple Alliance."

Budapest, Hungary, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Jugo-Slavia is reported to be reinforcing her troops on the Albanian frontier. Dispatches say that movements for the re-grouping of her military units began yesterday. The newspaper Magyar Orszag says it learns that Jugo-Slavia will threaten to leave the league of nations if that organization does not bring about cancellation of the Italo-Albanian treaty.

Suggests Treaty. Vienna, Austria, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Advices from Belgrade say Premier Mussolini is reported to have suggested to the Jugo-Slavian minister in Rome that Jugo-Slavia duplicate the Italian treaty with Albania. Jugo-Slavia is said to regard the suggestion favorably.

The treaties would form an organized whole under the name of the "Triple Alliance."

TWO GROUPS PLAN TO MANAGE ROMANIA. One Group Would Restore Carol and the Other Is Opposed to Him.

Paris, Dec. 8.—(AP)—First reports of a grave crisis in Rumania involving conflict between two separate and far reaching designs for dynastic changes in that country reached here today. The two groups are most simultaneous with the announcement that King Ferdinand would undergo a serious operation tomorrow.

One plan is to place former Crown Prince Carol on the throne by a coup d'etat in the event of his father's death, this to be followed by establishment of a fascist type government under the banner (national peasant party), the leaders of which are Julio Mann and Dr. Nicholas Lappu.

The other is a reported scheme by the former Premier Ionel Bratianu and his brother, Vintila, who are termed "the real rulers of Rumania," to hand over the crown to an unnamed British prince after a period of rule by the regency as at present constituted.

KING WILL UNDERGO ANOTHER OPERATION. King Ferdinand Will Go Under the Knife for Second Time Within a Week.

Bucharest, Rumania, Dec. 8.—(AP)—King Ferdinand tomorrow will undergo an operation of a more radical nature than that performed on him Monday, provided there is no change in the patient's condition between now and then. It is considered that this will offer better chances of affording permanent relief to him.

Monday's operation was described as the common treatment for hemorrhoids.

CLARA OLSON'S BODY AGAIN PUT IN GRAVE. Those Attending Funeral of Murdered Girl Pray For Slayer's Salvation.

Prairie du Chien, Wis., Dec. 7.—The body of Clara Dorothy Olson, 22-year-old sweetheart of Erdman Olson, charged with her murder, was buried today beneath a clump of trees close to the little Norwegian church which she attended, and in which, a few minutes before, the congregation prayed for the forgiveness and salvation of her slayer.

The funeral today followed closely on the finding of a coroner's jury yesterday, which named the 18-year-old college boy as the slayer. No clue to his whereabouts has been definitely learned, but another of the numerous suspects reported was in custody at Springfield, Ill., awaiting identification.

Blind Cotton Picker Wins Office in Texas. Weatherford, Texas, Dec. 8.—Blind 12 years, Dan Carroll, 41, has left West Texas cotton fields where he has picked a daily average of 200 pounds, and is preparing to take the office of Parker county tax collector here January 1.

Early this year, Carroll, announced for collector. With assistance of his wife and his 14-year old son, he made a race without speeches because of his affliction. Going into the Democratic run off, Carroll was returned winner over Clyde Boley, incumbent. That was in August. When cotton harvest began Carroll took his family to the fields, where he groped his way with sensitive fingers that felt but few loose cotton strands for a child to pick behind him.

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The Tribune Goes Into Homes

The paper worth-while to the reader and to the advertiser is the paper which enters the home. Of all The Tribune's city circulation less than a dozen is "Sale." And none is duplication. Marshal Field, the great merchant, declared the paper in the home is worth a thousand on the highway.

Foreign Mission Board Treasurer of Baptists Short in His Accounts

Richmond, Va., Dec. 7.—A shortage has been found by auditors in the accounts of George E. Sanders, of Richmond, treasurer of the foreign mission board of the Southern Baptist convention. Dr. George W. McDaniel, president of the convention, announced here tonight in a public statement which placed the amount at approximately \$92,000. Mr. Sanders, an employee of a local bank, admitted the shortage when questioned tonight, but said he was not certain of the amount.

The shortage in Mr. Sanders' accounts was discovered by certified public accountants in their regular quarterly audit of the treasurer's books about a week ago. Soon afterward Mr. Sanders was called before members of the convention's finance committee and upon being confronted with the evidence gathered by the accountants, Mr. McDaniel stated, admitted the shortage and offered to make restitution to the limit of his resources. Other than to admit that reports of a shortage in his accounts were correct Mr. Sanders said he had no statement to make at this time. He tendered his resignation at the meeting of the finance committee.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Steady at Advance of 3 Points to a Decline of 2 Points. New York, Dec. 8.—(AP)—The cotton market opened steady today at an advance of 3 points to a decline of 2 points, the early irregularity being attributed to further evening up of commitments in preparation for the government report.

Trading was quiet, prices fluctuating between 11.95 and 12.02 for January contracts during the first hour, but the tone was generally steady, and prices held within a point or two of yesterday's closing figures. Private cables attributed the steadiness in Liverpool to covering, London and continental buying, which had absorbed hedge selling. Some southern hedging was reported here at the opening, but in comparatively small volume, and was absorbed by the covering of recent Wall Street and local sellers.

Cotton futures opened steady: Dec. 12.35; Jan. 11.90; March 12.20; May 12.42; July 12.62.

SEEK TO ACCOUNT FOR MYSTERIOUS ATTACKS. Rowan County Man Shot at Twice by Unidentified Assassin.

Salisbury, Dec. 7.—Sheriff Kridler is endeavoring to unravel two mysterious shootings which took place about five miles from this city. Sunday night Lonnie Moore, a young white man, and a plumber by trade, residing in this city, was at the home of his mother-in-law, in the country where his wife is spending some time. He went into the yard and some one shot at him, the ball, believed to have been from a rifle, hit him in the left arm. He saw a figure in the dark but could not recognize the party.

Monday afternoon he was in the yard again and a bullet from an unidentified direction and said to be from a pistol, hit him in the left hand.

A night or two ago the home of Moore's mother-in-law, where he was at the time, was rocked. He says he knows of no reason for the attacks.

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DOHENY WILL TAKE AND TO DISCUSS HIS OIL CONTRACT

Mrs. Doheny and Edward, Jr., Also May Testify, Defense Counsel Disclosed During the Day.

DEFENSE ABOUT THROUGH NOW

Case May Be Ended in Day or Two—Edwin S. Denby Subpoenaed as a Defense Witness.

Washington, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Hastening toward conclusion of their case, defense counsel in the oil conspiracy trial today disclosed that Edward L. Doheny, joint defendant with former Interior Secretary Fall probably would himself take the stand for questioning about his oil leases and the \$100,000 he advanced to Fall before the lease awards were made.

It is possible that Mrs. Doheny and her son, Edward, Jr., may also testify. The torn-off signature of Fall's note for \$100,000 was given to Mrs. Doheny for safe keeping and the son acted as his father's messenger in delivery of the cash to the cabinet member.

Conclusion of the defense case within a few days is expected, despite the interruption yesterday resulting from the illness of the elderly oil man. This morning Mr. Doheny was back at his place in the court room and his physicians said he appeared definitely on the way to recovery.

Edwin S. Denby, who was secretary of the navy when the Elk Hills lease was awarded to Doheny, was subpoenaed today as a defense witness.

The former navy chief was called for examination as to the part the navy played in shaping the oil leasing policies in conjunction with the interior department during the Harding administration.

First, however, the defense resumed presentation of character witnesses for Doheny including three Los Angeles neighbors of the oil man.

Denby Testifies. Washington, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Much of the responsibility for the oil leasing policy of 1922 was shouldered in court here today by Edwin S. Denby, then Secretary of the Navy.

Called by the attorneys defending former Interior Secretary Albert B. Fall, and Edward L. Doheny, the oil magnate, on a conspiracy charge in connection with Doheny's acquisition of the Elk Hills lease, the former navy secretary said he himself had suggested to Fall that the naval oil reserve be transferred from the Navy to the Interior Department to permit steps to prevent draining by private wells adjoining.

Fall said he would help as much as he could to that end, the witness continued. Denby then broached the subject to President Harding, who issued the transfer order. Fall helped draft it and Harding signed it in June, 1921, while Denby was naval officer of the city. Some officers of the navy approved the transfer and the President was acquainted with this fact before he issued the order.

The former secretary said the first suggestion of a storage project at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, also originated in the navy department and that navy officers first thought of the plan to convert naval crude oil into fuel oil for storage under a certificate plan which would not require enabling legislation by Congress, the Pearl Harbor contract subsequently went to Doheny.

Denby approved the conversion proposal, he said, after the plan had been held to be legal by the judge advocate general's office.

He said that very shortly after he entered the Harding cabinet in March, 1921 he was advised that the Naval oil lands in California were being drained by private wells near the rim of the public domain.

"I was very much disturbed by the situation," he said. "He did not know from whom this advice came."

His first move, he said, was to solicit the co-operation of Secretary Fall of the Interior Department. "I told him of the difficulties I saw, and asked him if his department could give us any help," said Denby.

"What did Fall say?" asked defense counsel. "He said his department had all the work it could handle, but would be glad to do what he could."

"And did you speak to anyone else?" "Yes, I presented the matter to the President."

"Tell what you said in substance to President Harding."

"I urged the President to issue an executive order transferring the naval reserves to the interior department."

"What did the President say?" "He said he would do so."