

THE REPORT SHOWS 16,069,517 BALES GINNED TO JAN. 16

Census Bureau Report Today.—Ginnings to Same Date Last Year Totalled 15,499,893 Bales.

PLACE SIZE OF CROP AT 18,618,000 BALES

It Is Uncertain What Part of Crop Will Be Left in Fields in View of Low Price Prevailing.

Washington, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Cotton of the 1926 crop ginned prior to January 16th totalled 16,069,517 running bales, counting 611,052 round bales as half bales and excluding listers, the census bureau announced today.

The department of agriculture, in its preliminary estimate of production based on December 1st conditions, placed the crop at 18,618,000 bales of 500 pounds gross weight, the largest crop ever raised. At that time a large amount of cotton still remained to be picked, and it was uncertain as to what part of it would be left in the fields in view of the low price prevailing.

"INTOLERABLE CONDITIONS" ALLEGED IN WAIF'S HOME

Food Served to Inmates Cost Only Ten Cents a Day.

New Orleans, La., Jan. 24.—The new administration for the inmates of the former Waifs Home, now known as the Municipal Boys Home, where 40 to 50 youths between 11 and 17 years of age, have been living under what Dr. J. W. Newman describes as "intolerable conditions," begins today.

Dr. R. Hall, well known welfare worker, in charge of the institution, Newman said that the food served to inmates cost about ten cents a day for each individual during the past five years. For breakfast a beverage called coffee and bread was served; dinner consisted of beans and rice, and supper bread and syrup. Sanitary conditions were said to be appalling; no clean towels or wash basins; one bath a week; dried themselves on old suit of underclothing. The medical attention, according to Mr. Hall, consisted mainly of castor oil.

INVESTIGATION OF SALE OF FEDERAL PATRONAGE

Recommended to Senate Today by Its Judiciary Committee.

Washington, Jan. 24.—(AP)—A blanket investigation of the sale of Federal patronage was recommended to the Senate today by its judiciary committee.

JUDGE BEN LINDSEY OUSTED FROM COURT

Decision of Superior Court Put Him Out as Judge of Denver Juvenile Court.

Denver, Col., Jan. 24.—(AP)—Judge Ben B. Lindsey was ousted as judge of the Denver juvenile court through a decision of the state supreme court today.

DEMOCRATS CARRY TAX FIGHT TO HOUSE FLOOR

Republicans Voted More Than a Month Ago to Pigeon Hole Bill.

Washington, Jan. 24.—(AP)—The democrats today carried their tax fight to the floor of the house, where Representative Garrett, of Tennessee, the minority leader, placed upon the speaker's table a petition to take the \$325,000,000 Garner tax reduction bill from the ways and means committee, where republicans voted more than a month ago to pigeon hole it.

Ask Government to Lift Chaplin Income Tax Liens

Washington, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Attorneys for Charlie Chaplin today asked the government to lift its income tax liens on money held in the banks by the movie star.

The trucks of the fire department were called out early Sunday afternoon to the home of Carl Honeycutt, on Eddy street. The fire was extinguished in about five and firemen estimated the loss at about \$50.

Opposition to the Budget and Appropriation Bill Has Disappeared

Tribune Bureau Sir Walter Hotel Raleigh, Jan. 24.—With virtually all opposition to the budget and appropriations bill having disappeared and with committee hearings proceeding uninteruptedly, the outlook is favorable for both houses to receive these measures from the joint committees possibly during this week. Of course there will probably be some flare ups here and there as the bill is taken up on the floor of the general assembly, but those in closest touch with the situation say that the opposition has dwindled to a mere handful and that neither the budget nor appropriations bill are in any danger.

There was a sporadic attempt made soon after Governor McLean had presented these measures in behalf of the budget commission, to make it appear that the budget act endangered the legislative authority of the general assembly, in that it gave the Governor as director of the budget the power to scale down appropriations when it appeared that the revenue would be insufficient to pay for the appropriations. It was also made to appear that this amounted to a virtual veto power on the part of the Governor over the acts of the legislature.

REPORT OF THE STATE EDUCATIONAL COMMISSION Is Being Awaited by the Legislators With Expectancy.

Tribune Bureau Sir Walter Hotel Raleigh, Jan. 24.—The report of the state educational commission is being awaited by the members of the general assembly with expectancy, especially its recommendations with regard to the advisability of the eight months school term and other matter relating to the needs of the state's school system. The report is now in the hands of the printers and it is expected that it will be possible to deliver the report to the members of the general assembly early this week, according to Governor A. W. McLean, who announced that he will release the report in the near future.

It is already known in a general way what the report will contain regarding the eight months school. The entire commission agrees that the eight months school term is sound in principle. But the majority holds that many sections of the state are not ready for the longer term, and that the cost of establishing it for the state as a whole at the present time is prohibitive because of the additional taxation it would entail. Thus the majority report will propose that the eight months term be held in abeyance for the present, and that in the meantime efforts be directed toward building up the present school term to a greater degree of efficiency, gradually lengthening it into the eight months term as conditions warrant and as ways and means to finance it become available.

The minority report, on the other hand, favors the immediate adoption of the eight months term on the grounds that it is necessary and should be provided even if it does boost taxes. The three women members of the commission and the two school men make up the minority. So far the only proposal that has been made for the raising of the additional revenue necessary to finance the eight months term has been by the Raleigh News and Observer, suggesting that it should be raised by increasing the income tax on larger incomes, by increasing the tax on public service corporations, such as railroads, by increasing the tax on insurance companies. It is also suggested that the proposed license tax on automobile drivers be diverted to securing the eight months school instead of for a state highway police force.

These sources suggested will not provide enough of the necessary revenue, the suggestion is made that soft drinks and cigarettes might be taxed. However, the sentiment of a large number of the members of the general assembly seems to be lined up with the stand of the majority report, to the effect that the cost of the eight months school would be too great at present, that the sections where it would go into effect are not only not prepared for it but are opposed to it, and that the best thing to do now is to increase the efficiency of the six months school, and to await a gradual turn over to the eight months school. A number of experienced legislators have not hesitated to say that if the question of the eight months school were submitted to a vote either in the legislature of the state today that it would be overwhelmingly defeated. Not that most people do not approve of the theory, but because the expense at this time does not seem to be economically justifiable.

As to the various methods suggested for increasing the revenue, there is almost unanimous agreement that it would be unwise to increase the state income tax beyond its present gradations, and a tax on cigarettes, tobacco and soft drinks has always been unpopular, and there is little evidence of change. The public service corporations and bottlers are already objecting to the present revenue bill on the grounds that the tax rate is too high. So while the advocates of the eight months school argue that "where there is a will there's a way," indications are that the general assembly is not going to provide the way to finance the longer term until the will for it is much more strongly expressed than it is at present.

Fought For



Mrs. Janet Beecher Hoffman, New York actress, was awarded funds to continue her fight for custody of her son, Richard Hoffman, Jr., who was awarded to his father for nine months a year after a separation action.

GREAT PROSPERITY PREDICTED IN SOUTH

Detwiler Says We Are Entering One of the Greatest Industrial Eras of Our History. (By International News Service) Atlanta, Jan. 24.—Declaring that the southeast is entering one of the greatest industrial eras of the age, Paul D. Detwiler, president of the American Institute of Banking, assistant cashier of the Philadelphia Girard National Bank of Philadelphia and an outstanding financier, told the Atlanta bankers to prepare for progressive business developments such as they never had seen before.

Another noted banker who brought tidings of prosperity for this section was J. Martyn Turner, of the national executive committee of the institute and assistant cashier of the Bank of Italy, San Francisco. In telling of the impression Atlanta's growth has made upon him, Mr. Turner likened development of this city to that of California and the fast growing centers there. "With the sound economic basis which the southeast possesses, encouraged by the unusual campaign of your enterprising city, which has made it more widely known throughout the world, you have a right to expect growth very similar to that of California. The South's industrial development is similar to that of the West and differs fundamentally from that of the East and North."

CONFESSES TO MURDER

Coffey Says He Killed Mrs. Hattie Coffey, His Bigamous Second Wife. Maunston, Wis., Jan. 24.—(AP)—William Coffey, Madison bond salesman, confessed today that he murdered Mrs. Hattie Coffey, his bigamous second wife, and threw the body into the river at Dubuque, Iowa. Announcement of the confession was made by District Attorney Robert Clark. Coffey told Sheriff Wright that he hit the woman over the head with a baseball bat while in a camp on the Mississippi River at Dubuque, on October 11th, before throwing her body into the river. The 48-year-old bond salesman who married Mrs. Hales at Winona, Minn., last September, although he had a wife and three children in Madison, had refused to admit his guilt during several hours grilling last night.

STATE AND DEFENSE IN NORRIS TRIAL CLOSE

Judge Began His Charge at 9:50 A. M.—Fear of Injury to Norris. Austin, Jan. 24.—(AP)—The State and defense closed their testimony in the Norris murder trial at 9:50 a. m. today, and the judge began his charge to the jury shortly afterward. Arguments to the jury are to be limited to six hours to a side. Fear of possible injury to Dr. Norris caused his friends here today to ask bailiffs for permission to sit near him within the railing. When court opened a circle of close friends surrounded him.

Charlotte Pastor Resigns

Charlotte, Jan. 23.—Dr. G. F. Bell, resigned as pastor of Caldwell Memorial Presbyterian church today after having been pastor here for nine years. His resignation is to take effect on February 15. Dr. Bell has accepted the pastorate of the Crescent Hill Presbyterian church, in Louisville, Ky. Before coming to Charlotte he was pastor of the first Presbyterian church in Florence, Alabama.

Concord Theatre

TODAY ONLY BUCK MCKEE'S TRAINED DIAMOND BACK MEXICAN RATTLENS —and— TALKING WILD BOBCUPINES. "RISE AND FALL OF JESSE JAMES" An Impersonation, and on the Screen A FEATURE PICTURE "THE FIFTH HORSEMAN" RIGHTeousNESS FROM THE APOCALYPSE SHOWS 8:30 6:30 4:30 Admits 25c Children 20c

STEADY RISE OF THE OHIO IS VIEWED WITH APPREHENSION

Residents of Five States Along Nearly 500 Miles of the River Note Steady Rise of the River.

SOME TOWNS UNDER WATER

Many Persons Have Been Forced to the Second Stories of Their Homes.—Crest Expected Today.

Cincinnati, O., Jan. 24.—(AP)—Residents of five states along nearly 500 miles of the Ohio river viewed with apprehension today the steady rise of the river which has driven hundreds of persons from flooded lowlands.

When the water was receding somewhat in the Pittsburgh area, where the Allegheny and Monongahela rivers merge to form the Ohio, with prospects that further danger of floods had passed there, the crest of the flood was moving steadily southward with damage to Ohio, Indiana, West Virginia and Kentucky territory.

Flood stages have been reached and passed in many localities, and further rises were predicted for the next 24 hours as the angry waters swollen by heavy rains, swept onward to the Mississippi. The lower portions of a number of towns were underwater many persons were forced to the second stories of their homes, or to seek shelter on high ground. Rail and automobile traffic were hampered; water supplies were endangered, and considerable damage was done.

Five days of rain in the Pittsburgh area sent the river on its rampage, and today the effect of the high water was felt as far west as Louisville. The crest of the flood in Ohio was expected to reach Cincinnati today, with a 57-foot stage.

Residents of the Louisville waterfront also were preparing to move after watching the Ohio creep to their doorsteps.

With Our Advertisers. The Bell-Harris Furniture Company is now making an extraordinary offering of Wilton 9x12 rugs. They have a rug for every room in your home. Read new ad. today.

Triumph hosiery is in a class by itself. You will find it at Robinson's. The Ritchie Hardware Company is authorized agent for Westinghouse Mazda lamps. They cost no more. See ad.

The Wilkinson Funeral Home is open for day or night. Let Bob's Dry Cleaning Company put you on the weekly service call.

Get in on the big bargain sale at the Parks-Bek Co.'s clearance sale prices every day. Phones 608 and 138.

New spring dresses at Eild's, \$9.95 to \$24.50. New spring coats, too. See in new ad. several Wednesday specials at the J. & H. Cash Store.

Hoover's have the styles in clothing, hats and furnishings. The warm weather has sent the poultry market down again. When the market improves C. H. Barrier & Company will let you know.

You will find the new spring hats at W. A. Overcash's at from \$5 to \$8. Go and select yours now.

Awinings for spring delivery at the Concord Furniture Company. Prices are lower now than they will be in the spring.

A desk from the floor of H. B. Wilkinson's Furniture Store will make a lasting impression on visitors to your office.

Keep a photographic record of your children at all stages. See ad. of Boyd W. Cox.

Possess the star you desire. See the new ad. of S. W. Preslar today.

Some die young. Others take Cline's Cold Cap and get rid of their colds. See ad. of Cline's Pharmacy.

Ex-Judge Brock Convicted of Embezzlement Charge. Winston-Salem, Jan. 23.—Walter E. Brock, formerly judge on the Superior court bench of North Carolina, was Saturday adjudged guilty of embezzlement, verdict being returned by a Forsyth county jury. By consent of both prosecution and defense, ruling upon motions to set aside the verdict was continued until the March term of court.

The prosecution of Judge Brock arose out of claims made by Mrs. Lillie Campbell, who said that the judge had collected \$1,200 for her and had failed to turn over any part of it. Judge W. F. Harding presided over the trial.

Blind Preacher Here. R. K. Feunel, a blind man who travels over the country visiting penitentiaries, jails and convicts camps, preached to the prisoners at the Concord jail for a time today. He said that he had been blind for 26 years and during the past seven years has had 6,294 men to accept Christ after he preached to them. He left for Kannapolis in the afternoon.

The letter "I" in the Chinese language is said to have quite 145 ways of being pronounced—and, moreover, each has a different meaning.

SEEK A THOROUGH INQUIRY INTO THE MEXICAN SITUATION

Promise of Another Congressional Resolution of Inquiry, Public Appeals by Labor, Etc., Today.

GALLIVAN MAKES SPEECH TODAY

Representative Says That Insidious Propaganda Has Actually Reached the Floor of Congress.

Washington, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Promise of another congressional resolution of inquiry, public appeals by labor, church and college groups in the United States, and a mass meeting in Mexico City at which the Washington government was denounced for its "imperialism" and "invasion of Nicaragua," all served to keep the Mexican-Nicaraguan controversial pot boiling over the week-end.

In a resolution prepared for introduction today, Representative Gallivan, democrat, Massachusetts, seeks a thorough inquiry into the Mexican situation, asks the State Department to disclose the finances of "pro-Calles propaganda now flooding this country" and declares "we cannot sit tamely by while the red fire burning up Mexico creeps closer to our border."

Gallivan asserts in the preamble of his resolution that "insidious propaganda has actually reached the floor of Congress," and that "at least one member of the staff of the State Department has been discharged following complaint by Ambassador Sheffield that there existed a leak from the Department to the Mexican embassy," here.

The American labor hopes the United States will "not play the part of an imperialistic autocrat in its relations with Latin-American countries, but will prove itself to be by practice and precept an advocate and proponent of the ideals of self government and democratic freedom," is an assertion made by William Greer, president of the American Federation of Labor in an article appearing in the American Federationist.

The administrative committee of the Federation Council of Churches declares in a statement that the present situation in Nicaragua and Mexico should "lead our government to formulate a clear policy for our future relations with the peoples and governments of Latin-America."

INVESTIGATION OF GRADE CROSSING ACCIDENT

Will Be Held Within a Few Days.—Statement Made by M. P. Offelake. Austin, Tex., Jan. 24.—(AP)—An "extraordinary investigation" of Saturday's grade crossing accident which killed ten Baylor University students, will be held within a few days at Round Rock by Missouri Pacific Railway officials. This statement was made today by Milton Morris, passenger agent here, after he had talked with J. L. Brooks, of Palestine, superintendent of the Palestine Division, in which Round Rock is located. The train that crashed into the Baylor University bus which carried the Baylor Bear basketball squad, was the "Sunshine Special" track train of the International Great Northern, one of the Missouri-Pacific Lines.

MEXICAN DELEGATES ON ARBITRATION APPOINTED

For the Arbitration of the Land and Oil Dispute With the United States. Mexico City, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Excelsior publishes an unofficial report to the effect that the Mexican delegates to the Hague court have already been appointed for arbitration of the land and oil dispute with the United States. The paper claims to have learned that Mexico will suggest The Hague court for settlement of the controversy if arbitration materializes. The permanent court of international justice cannot be used for the purpose it adds, because Mexico is not a member of the league of nations.

TRIAL OF FALL AND SINCLAIR POSTPONED

Will Be Held April 25.—Postponed on Account of Fall's Illness. Washington, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Trial of Albert R. Fall, former Secretary of the Interior, and Harry F. Sinclair, on charges growing out of the lease of the Teapot Dome naval oil reserve, was postponed today until April 25th. The postponement was granted because of the illness of Fall who is convalescing in New Mexico from pneumonia. The trial was to have started February 2nd.

Mitchell Convicted, Will Die March 11th.

Pittsburg, Jan. 22.—Pearle Mitchell, negro, tonight was convicted of first degree murder for slaying William Fogleman, aged man, in the case of M. V. Cheek, at Ore Hill, last Saturday night. He was sentenced by Judge W. C. Harris to be electrocuted March 11.

Atwell & Fryling is a new firm opened for business in rear of Fisher's store. They do acetylene welding, locksmithing, general machine work and electric repairs. See ad. in this paper.

Chaplin Today



Charles Chaplin appears haggard and worn and not fully recovered from his recent collapse in this, his latest picture. (International News Service.)

MOURN DEATHS OF BAYLOR STUDENTS

Ten Young Men Killed in Crossing Tragedy.—Messages of Condolence. Taylor, Texas, Jan. 23.—The torn bodies of seven young men, victims of Saturday's tragedy when an International and Great Northern train demolished a bus at a grade crossing at Round Rock, left here today. Ten were killed in the crash, all Baylor University students, including members of the Baylor basketball team, en route from Waco to Austin to play the University of Texas.

Five of the bodies sent from here today were bound for Waco, one for Dallas and one for Fort Worth. The bodies of William Winchester and Bob Hanna were taken today to Waco from Georgetown. They died in an ambulance Saturday en route to Georgetown from the scene of the tragedy. The other of the ill-fated ten, Ivey R. Foster, Jr., of Taylor was buried here today.

Physicians reported the five injured in a Taylor hospital to be improved, though the life of Fred Acre, of Waco, is despaired of. Acre's back is broken. A short time before the crash young Foster was given a seat inside the bus, after riding for miles on the running board because there was not seat for him inside. Ed Gooch, who stood, gave Foster his seat and escaped with a dislocated shoulder. Foster's father collapsed yesterday, in the baggage car of the train that brought the bodies to Taylor when he lifted a blood-stained blanket and saw his son.

The cream of Baylor University's athletic talent was wiped out when a fast International-Great Northern railroad train crashed into a motor bus and took the lives of ten and injured five, one of whom is not expected to live. Six of the party of twenty-one escaped injury.

Coach Ralph R. Wolf and his basketball players were scheduled to meet the University of Texas Longhorns at Austin. They had completed all but 22 miles of their trip from Waco to the state capital in the University's parlor bus. The driver apparently did not see the train until it was practically upon the bus crossing the tracks. The big machine was turned, but too late, and the locomotive crashing into it amidships and derailed and tossing bodies of the dead down the tracks.

CHARLOTTE C. MORE AT PEACE

Board Re-Elects Kuester Business Manager.—Tranks Kirkpatrick For Services. Charlotte, Jan. 23.—Harmony reigned today in chamber of commerce circles following last night's business session of the newly elected board of directors at which they re-elected Clarence Kuester as business manager for the ensuing year. This action set at rest speculation that has been rife here since last Tuesday when Mr. Kuester was left off the board of directors and there was a question as to whether or not he would be re-elected.

Election of a president was deferred, although ex-presidents and other officials were elected. E. C. Griffith was elected first vice president and R. M. Pound, second vice president. R. A. Mayer was re-elected treasurer, he being one of the three members of the board re-elected to the present board.

The directors adopted resolutions of appreciation to the splendid work done by Col. E. L. Kirkpatrick, retiring president, who also was not re-elected to the board of directors, and the unselfish activity on the part of Mr. Kuester in behalf of the organization.

SITUATION AT KIANG IS RAPIDLY GROWING SERIOUS

French Consul There Has Been Arrested.—Mob Violence Endangers Life of Sir Francis Aglen.

MOBS ATTACKED THE BUILDING

Where He Was Confering With Finance Minister of Cantonese Government.—Invade Corridors.

Paris, Jan. 24.—(AP)—The Hong Kong correspondent of the Indo-Pacific agency says the situation at Kiang Kiang on the Yangtze River is rapidly growing more serious, and the French consul there has been arrested.

The situation in the Yangtze ports is critical, he adds.

Renewed Mob Violence.

London, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Renewed mob violence endangering the life of Sir Francis Aglen, inspector general of maritime customs in China, broke out in Hankow on Friday. Dispatches received today say Chinese crowds attacked the customs building where Sir Francis was confering with Finance Minister Soong of the Cantonese government. The crowds invaded the corridors and attacked Soong's bodyguard, but were finally dispersed by Cantonese troops.

Prepared to Leave for Trip. Scarborough, England, Jan. 24.—(AP)—The fifth armored car company has been ordered to prepare to leave for China on a few hours notice.

Nationalist Government Invites Powers to Join It. Hankow, Jan. 24.—(AP)—The nationalist government in a manifesto issued today proclaimed its ability to enforce its will in nationalist China, and invited the powers to join it in negotiating new treaties with economic and territorial integrity as their basis.

"HIGHWAY ROBBERY"

Boy Sent \$3.00 For a Box of 300 Oranges.—"Freight." Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 24.—Hated harbored by a 13-year old boy against grown men who swindled him out of \$3 earned by dragging a bag of cotton under the hot Oklahoma sun rises from pages of a letter which District Attorney Clint W. Hager will read to the federal grand jury today in seeking indictment of Dr. W. Nichols, H. D. Gaines and J. G. Grimes on postal fraud charges.

Details of how the 13-year old boy stayed out of school to pick cotton so that he might buy clothes and school material for his brothers and sisters and otherwise aid in supporting the family are given in the letter. Thinking that a box of 300 oranges for \$3, express prepaid, would provide a way of earning more money by selling the oranges at a small profit, so he could buy his family a Christmas present, he sent the three dollars, but did not receive the fruit.

Speaking of the case, he said: "I consider it worse than highway robbery."

"Probably when I am older," the youth wrote, "I won't have such bitter hate for them. Maybe then I'll have more mercy; but now, when I think of how I worked from sunup to sundown in the cotton fields, dragging a heavy sack with my aching and sore, I cannot think that they deserve any mercy whatsoever. I wish they would have to pick cotton like I have had to."

The boy's name has not been revealed as yet, for the reason that the government does not want to give its case away.

Question for a Solomon.

Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 23.—(INS)—Whether the second wife of a man should pay his former wife the alimony granted to her in an old divorce decree was the basis of a suit being heard by Chancellor D. W. De Haven. Mrs. Birdie W. Going had filed suit against her former husband, L. Clyde Going, for \$13,000 alleged to be due her under the terms of a divorce decree granted in 1919, which awarded her \$150 a month for her support.

Going, a former attorney, was adjudged non compos mentis in probate court three weeks ago. His present wife, Mrs. Verna K. Going, was appointed his guardian.

The first Mrs. Going charges she did not receive the money awarded her, and demands that her successor pay it out of Going's estate, which consists of an allowance of \$100 a week from a disability insurance policy.

The present Mrs. Going alleges that her predecessor received \$25,000 in property from her husband when the divorce decree was granted, with the understanding she would never demand the enforcement of the alimony claim.

News has been received in Concord that the mother of Mr. E. S. Towery of this city, who lives in Atlanta, Ga., is still in a serious condition. Mr. and Mrs. Towery were called to Atlanta several days ago by the illness of Mrs. Towery.

WEATHER FORECAST

Rain tonight and Tuesday. Cold tonight and in west portion Tuesday. Moderate northwest winds.