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MAY MAKE FERTILIZER AT MT. HOLLY PLANT OF THE SOUTHERN POWER CO.

Possibility of Big Hydro-Chemical Plant at Mountain Island Site.

POWER PLENTIFUL THERE

Southern Power Company's Facilities to Be Greatly Enlarged.

CHARLOTTE, July 12.—The manufacture of fertilizer on a large scale by electro-chemical processes in this section of North Carolina in the near future is not only a possibility but a strong probability.

The plant referred to is that of the Piedmont Electro-Chemical company, a subsidiary of the Southern Power Company, of this city, and is located at Mount Holly. The raw material used in Florida phosphate rock, which is imported by the railroad. The product turned out is a double super phosphate, which analyzes 48 to 54 per cent acid phosphate, as compared with the 16 per cent found in the most concentrated form of the old type acid phosphate manufactured by the acidulation process which requires the use of sulphuric acid with each ton of phosphate rock.

The new fertilizer is the product of an electric furnace in which the phosphate rock and other minerals are melted and boiled until the slag or dross is separated from the phosphate. The minerals other than the phosphate rock are introduced to promote during the fusing process the chemical reaction which separates the phosphorus from the residue of the rock.

The product of the present plant is being very largely taken at present by fertilizer exporters to whom the economy of a highly concentrated product is marked. The same advantage exists with regards to the home markets also, the item of freight and hauling being one of the largest in the cost of fertilizer to the farmer. Of the freight on ordinary commercial fertilizer, from 80 to 85 per cent is used on "filler."

Of the freight on the new product, only half is on ingredients other than the fertilizer elements itself.

The prospect of the manufacture of super fertilizers on a large scale by the new process is largely based upon the prospect for future developments by the Southern Power company, the parent company of the Piedmont Electro-Chemical company. Many of those in touch with the power company executives believe that the building of the two plants now under construction marks the resumption of a construction program that will embrace a number of new plants. It is pointed out that the completion of the expensive Bridgewater development two years ago adds value to all of the existing and contemplated developments on the Catawba river.

MANY CHILDREN VIOLATE THE FEDERAL LAWS

(By The Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, July 12.—Approximately 1,000 children under 16 years of age are arrested in the United States each year for violations of federal laws, Secretary of Labor Davis announced today in making public a report dealing with the procedure of federal courts and delinquent children, prepared by the Children's Bureau.

The report presents the results of a study of methods of dealing with children who have violated postal and other federal laws. The Postoffice Department and the Department of Justice assisted the Labor Department in its investigations by making available their records. The study showed 1,145 children arrested during a two year period for violating postal laws and 211 arrested for other federal offenses.

Germany Asks For More Time For Payment Of Reparations

Can Pay Thirty-Two Million Marks Saturday But Asks That This Be Waived, Too—Commission to Hold Special Meeting to Consider Germany's Claims.

PARIS, July 12.—(By the Associated Press.) The German representatives today submitted to the reparations commission a formal note requesting a moratorium on reparations payments, for the remainder of the present year. The note stated that the 32,000,000 gold marks due on Saturday were available if the commission insisted upon this amount, but recommended that it also be waived.

BELMONT TO HAVE A PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

Mrs. Jessie Clark, of Canada, to Do Community Nursing in Belmont—Mills to Pay Large Share of Salary.

(Correspondence of The Daily Gazette.)

BELMONT, N. C. July 12.—Belmont people will be keenly interested in the announcement that the town is now to have a public health nurse. This will be quite a distinction as Belmont is the only single community in this section to have a nurse doing strictly public health work. Miss Laws, Red Cross Public Health Nurse from Gaston County is the only one in this county at present.

Mrs. Clark comes very highly recommended, having had a most varied nursing experience. She was for eighteen months in County Work in Georgia, and work in Alabama and spent four years in France and Belgium with the Canadian troops. Those in charge of the nursing activities are very enthusiastic over having secured the services of Mrs. Clark and feel that she will be a very valuable worker.

Plans are being discussed for the organization of a Red Cross Chapter here, either as a separate organization or as a branch of the Gastonia Chapter. This will be a great help in the carrying on of the health work of the community.

Lawn Party at National Mill

A very largely attended lawn party and ice cream supper was held at the National Mill Saturday night by the Belmont Band and the ladies of the East Belmont Baptist Church. The lawn in front of the mill was lighted by strings of electric lights and seats were placed around on the grass. One of the largest crowds that has been out to an affair in Belmont was present and a nice sum was realized for both organizations.

Bible School at The Lutheran Church

Rev. E. H. Kohn, pastor of the Mount Holly and Belmont Lutheran Churches, is holding a Bible School at the Belmont Lutheran Church. The school began Monday morning and will continue for two weeks at eight o'clock each morning. Mr. Kohn is being assisted in holding the school by Misses Elizabeth Lineberger and Annie Lewis. The public is given a very cordial invitation to attend these services.

CLEVELAND COUNTY MEN FACE BLOCKADING CHARGE

Two white men, J. B. Elam, and D. V. Dixon, were hailed before United States Commissioner S. S. Morris Monday morning on a charge of making intoxicating liquor. Officer Houser arrested the two men in Cleveland county early Monday. Assisted by policemen from Kings Mountain, he brought back a still, some mash, and other material that go to keep a blockade apparatus running.

Commissioner Morris tried the men and bound them over to another hearing on July 20 before him. Elam gave a bond of \$300 for his appearance, while Dixon was sent to jail in default of bond.

COTTON MARKET

CLOSING BIDS ON THE NEW YORK MARKET (By The Associated Press.) NEW YORK, July 12.—Cotton futures closed very steady; spots steady, 45 points up. July 22-29; October 22-31; December 22-18; January 21-27; March 21-30; May 21-53; Spots 22-50.

TODAY'S COTTON MARKET

Urice 22 cents Receipts 27 bales (Strict to good middling.)

TO HOLD A COMMUNITY DRAMATIC FESTIVAL IN GASTONIA ON JULY 27

Community Service to Stage Amateur Dramatic Event Here Soon.

MR. JUNKIN IN CHARGE

Plans Call for Festival On the Order of the 'Little Theater Plays.

Plans were consummated Tuesday afternoon for a community-wide dramatic festival at the open air theater at Community Park Thursday July 27th. This midsummer festival will be open to the general public to enjoy, free of charge. Adequate seating facilities will be provided for the enjoyment of this unique spectacle. It promises to be a revelation to some of the townspeople along several lines as a great deal of unsuspected talent will be uncovered at this time as well as some scenic effects and stage novelties which will rival in beauty of design some of the best work of the Little Theater groups which are so successfully operating over the country at this time.

LOCAL GOLF PLAYERS WON THE LOVING CUP

Two Charlotte Professionals Defeated Monday By E. R. Harer and C. D. Gray. Dinner for Visiting Players.

(By The Associated Press.)

Some twenty golfers from the Charlotte Country Club and Myers Park Country Club journeyed across the river Monday and met Gastonia Golf Club players on the latter's golf course at the Gastonia Country Club. Mr. A. G. Myers, president of the local club, offered a loving cup to professional winners of the tournament. The Charlotte team composed of Gochel, professional of the Charlotte Country Club, and Gallagher, professional of the Myers Park Country Club, were matched against the local team composed of E. R. Harer, professional, and C. D. Gray. The locals won the match by a score of 3 up and 1 to go. They were awarded the handsome loving cup and their names were engraved on it, after which it was placed in the lobby of the club house.

CONFERENCE WITH SOVIETS AT HAGUE BREAKS DOWN

Litvinoff Declares That Further Meetings Are Unlikely. Peace Pact to Hold for One Month.

THE HAGUE, July 12.—(By the Associated Press.)—The conference with representatives of Soviet Russia here broke down at one o'clock this afternoon without apparent hope of further meeting.

COTTON CRUP FOR STATE IS REPORTED VERY SHORT

RALEIGH, July 10.—Discussing probable boll weevil damage, further decreases in yield on account of the weather, and general acreage conditions, the crop reporting bureau concludes that cotton is at this writing a trifle shy for 1922 and says: "The cotton crop is short of the probable needs despite everybody saying 'I told you so' concerning the 10 per cent increase in acreage of the southern cotton crop. The condition of 71 per cent of a full crop was lower than they expected, for that is only two percent above last year's condition for June 25th. North Carolina is forecast to have a 13 per cent increase in acreage and three-fourths of a full crop prospect which is nine per cent better than at this date last year, but 12 per cent less than the final conditional average showed."

"The state's average is still less than in 1919. The condition of the cotton crop is expressed as late, grassy, small and in need of dryer conditions to permit cultivation and grass killing."

"The national prospect of 11,065,000 bales, while more than last year's crop it is claimed by some organizations that the present prospect will not meet the trade's requirements."

"In North Carolina the boll weevil is gaining conspicuous headway along the southern border in Robeson. The crop will perhaps be damaged heavily. No appreciable reduction has been made in any of these counties excepting Columbus 50 per cent, Brunswick 65, and slight decreases in acreage of counties just northeast of these."

"The areas of increased acreage is just north of the effective area of the weevil. Lincoln to Polk shows considerable increase, also Northampton to Hyde and the adjoining portions of Hartnett, Johnson, Wake and a strip along southern Nash through Edgecombe."

"The fertilizer sold for the spring shows an increase of almost 40 per cent in North Carolina but the heavy rainfall will reduce its effect considerably. A considerable reduction in the usage of cotton seed meal is noticeable."

THE WEATHER

North Carolina, fair tonight; Thursday partly cloudy, probably local thunderstorms in extreme west.

SECRET CONFERENCE BETWEEN BEN HOOPER AND SHOP CRAFTS HEADS MAY BRING RAIL STRIKE TO CLOSE

Judge Connor Signs Judgment Against Federal Reserve Bank

HAGGARD PREACHES ON SEEKING THE LOST

DALLAS FOLKS ENJOYING MOUNTAIN TRIPS AND PICNICS

Churches to Begin Revival Meetings in August—Father of Dead Soldier Unfurled Flag On Fourth.

Evangelist Continues to Draw Big Crowds at Tent Meeting—Will Preach to Women Sunday Afternoon.

The Haggard meeting continues to grow in interest. The threatening weather kept many away last night, but a large crowd assembled. Kings Mountain had two truck loads there, and would have had many more had it not been for the cloud that came up just at the time they were planning to make the trip. South Gastonia is sending up large crowds, and many of the towns around us are doing nobly in this work. We hope to have the largest crowd next Sunday that have gathered under the big tent since it was erected. The women's service is destined to be one of the best at all. If it is as good as the men's service, it will be one of the greatest that has ever been held in this section of our city. We hope that every woman in Gastonia will be present. There will be some very fine singing. We are arranging for some of the best solos we have had.

John D.'s Birthday Photo



Here's John D. Rockefeller, world's richest man, as he looked on his 53rd birthday anniversary. He spent the day by going to church at Tarrytown, N. Y., and taking an auto ride through the Poconto Hills.

Hope Raised That There May Be Early Settlement of Rail Strike.

HARDING TAKES A HAND

Fresh Disorders Occur at Scattered Points Where Troops Are Held.

CHICAGO, July 12.—(By the Associated Press.)

A program for solution of the railroad shopmen's strike was drawn up today by Chairman Ben W. Hooper, of the United States Railroad Labor Board, after conferences with leaders of the shopmen and was submitted to representatives of the railway executives of the country at noon today.

Chairman Hooper's program which is said to represent the minimum acceptable to the striking shopmen is to be carried again to the shopmen's leaders later today, with the comments and counter proposals of the executives.

CHICAGO, July 12.—When Chairman Hooper left for the meeting with the four executives, he said he was confident some plan of settlement could be reached quickly. He said he expected to call President Harding on the telephone with a report on the success of his conference with the railway presidents.

The conference of Chairman Hooper and the Railway executives is said to be the direct result of a ten minute telephone conversation late last night between President Harding and W. L. McMenimen, labor member of the railroad labor board. The promise of the executives to receive the shopmen's proposals through Chairman Hooper is understood to have been communicated to Mr. McMenimen by the President.

CHICAGO, July 12.—(By the Associated Press.) Settlement of the rail strike seemed possibly a step nearer today when it was disclosed that secret conferences have been held between Ben W. Hooper, chairman of the Railroad Labor Board, and leaders of the six striking shop crafts.

No definite conclusions were reached as a result of the secret peace meetings, but the disclosure of the conferences, which were described as more personal than official raised hopes in the railroad world.

President Harding's intervention in the strike through his proclamation and the mails, was accepted as bearing much significance and expectant eyes were turned toward Washington and the labor board in anticipation of further developments.

A telephone call from Washington for W. L. McMenimen, one of the three labor members of the Board, was said by the Chicago Tribune to have come from the President. The telephone operator, the Tribune said, called the newspaper in an effort to locate Mr. McMenimen.

Fresh disorders occurred at scattered points, while troops patrolled former trouble centers; arrangements for a conference today by the "Big Four" train service brotherhoods, and an announcement by B. M. Jewell, head of the striking shop crafts, that conferences were planned with representatives of 21 northwestern roads, were among other important developments in the rail strike today.

Additional injunctions restraining strikers from interfering with railway operators were granted several roads. New appeals for troops were made to the Governors of Mississippi, Tennessee, and Texas, while Governor Boyle, of Nevada, was asked by the Union Pacific for state intervention in the strike at Las Vegas.

Disorders occurred at Chicago, Milwaukee, Sayre, Pa., Orville, O.; Dennison, Texas, and at Roodhouse, Ill. Bert Dickson, a roundhouse foreman for the Chicago & Alton, said to be a nephew of W. G. Beard, president of the road, was tarred and feathered by a masked band.

Two car repairers were reported to have been abducted at Marion, O., and at Pama, Ill., a car man left town under threat of strikers.

At Algiers, La., four negroes working in the shops of the Southern Pacific were fired upon by a party of whites, thirteen of whom were arrested for violating the Federal injunction. The prisoners denied they were strikers.

Clinton, Ill., New Franklin, and Slater, Mo., and Parsons, Kansas, where troops were on duty, remained comparatively quiet following several hectic days. The situation at Bloomington, Ill., remained tense with troops holding the yards and shops. Frequent shootings and the general hostile attitude of strikers and large crowds of sympathizers kept national guardmen on constant vigilance. Meanwhile city and county authorities were attempting to re-establish civil government.

Engineers, firemen, trainmen and conductors announced that they would refuse to enter the Alton yards at Bloomington to take out trains as long as machine guns bristled in the shops. They voted to operate only main trains unless the shops district during the unimpairment of the troops in the yards.

The meeting of the "Big Four" brotherhood chiefs was called for the post-noon at 2 p. m. today.

One Lone Flag Unfurled in Dallas July 4th.

When one lives to see two wars and (Continued on page 6.)

Judge Connor Signs Judgment Against Federal Reserve Bank

RALEIGH, N. C., July 12.—Signing a judgment for \$9,000 against the federal reserve bank of Richmond, Judge Henry G. Connor, federal district judge here, has declared that the bank had exceeded its authority in accepting from the bank of Lumber Bridge its check on another bank in payment of a check held by the reserve bank for collection. An appeal probably will be taken to definitely establish the questions involved.

Judge Connor holds that the "Massachusetts rule" that banks collecting checks are agents of the original drawee of the check and not of the first bank handling the same, has become of universal application. He reduces the issues presented in the case to two, the right of the reserve bank to transmit the check directly to the bank of Lumber Bridge and the right of the reserve bank to accept any payment other than money.

The question came before Judge Connor in a suit brought by Malloy Brothers of Quitman, Ga., against the federal reserve bank of Richmond and Napier H. G. Balfour, of Fayetteville.

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On December 17 the reserve bank was informed that the check on Greensboro was no good and on the same day wired the bank of Lumber Bridge it must make the check good, but the latter bank was placed in the hands of a receiver on December 23, before the check was paid. The check was charged back by each bank in turn and finally debited to Malloy Brothers by their bank.

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