

SALES OF TOBACCO

FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER—IN TOILS FOR SENDING BOGUS CHECKS—STATE FARMERS

KISS AND MAKE UP

(By W. J. Martin.)
Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 11.—Leaf tobacco sales in North Carolina for the month of November rounded up 25,918,978 pounds compared with 12,883,136 pounds in November 1910 of the November 1911 sales 23,944,030 pounds were first hand for the planters and the remainder of sales. The list of markers and the sales by each follow:

Winston-Salem 4,311,338; Henderson, 2,711,480; Wilson 2,181,340; Greenville 1,897,826; Oxford 1,572,921; Kinston 1,667,366; Roxboro, 1,230,983; Reidsville 1,112,989; Rocky Mount 1,118,652; Durham 865,846; Mount Airy 777,662; Louisburg 611,975; L. Grange 587,278; Farmville 578,556; Warren 427,768; Snow Hill 357,583; Mebane 346,876; Stoneville 326,419; Apex 332,120; Smithfield 200,942; Madison 287,037; Creedmore 266,091; Fuquay Springs 264,285; Youngsville, 200,005; Zebulon 201,306; Richland 188,355; Wendell 151,124; Burlington 165,121; Williamston 131,304; Statesville 100,475; Pilot Mountain 96,107; Leaksville 86,404; Milton 86,154; Goldsboro 74,794; Warsaw 51,926; Clinton 24,842; Wallace 10,218.

Commissioner of Agriculture Graham received today the resignation of Walter Green, well known Confederate veteran, as night watchman for the agricultural building and appointed in his stead Chas. W. Craiton, of Raleigh. Mr. Green goes to Florida to engage in orange growing and trucking.

G. S. Henderson is in the toils to stand trial in the Federal court for sending bogus checks to whiskey houses in various parts of the country for whiskey, getting the whiskey and not taking care of the checks when they came back for collection. He has sent the orders from a number of Eastern Carolina towns and was caught at Pollockville where he has been committed to jail to await trial at the next term of the Federal court here. He has been unable to give a \$500 bond required.

The members of the state board of agriculture have gone to their homes after a week of the most strenuous sessions the board has experienced in years, due to the sensational annual report of Commissioner of Agriculture W. A. Graham, the retractions of the commissioner as to this report and resolutions by the board that retracted features of the report that the commissioner would not retract to the satisfaction of the board.

The requirement of the last legislature that the board provide \$30,000 for the erection of a new building of the A. & M. College this year caused a wholesale cut in the budget for the departmental work for the next six months—the budget shrinking from \$96,000 for the same period last year to \$77,000 this six months period. For the last six months the budget was \$110,000. It is expected that the impending consolidation of the experimental work of the department and the A. & M. College by turning over the department, work to the college is to not a saving of \$5,000 to the department. Furthermore the board dropped two assistant agronomists and an assistant veterinarian. Then there is to be the turning over of all the boys corn club work of the department to the college to be operated along with that maintained through funds supplied by the General Education Board. This will relieve the state board of agriculture of possibly \$3,000 expense and greatly strengthen this work carried on by the college.

As a sequel to the strenuous and at times belligerent sessions of the board the past few days, there was a sort of love feast with a service of an approved quality of old fashioned persimon beer, followed by cordial hand shakes all round.

There was a suit entered today by W. E. Stinson against the commissioners of Wake county for his salary as road superintendent from April to December when he insists that his term of office would have expired. Under a special act of the last legislature a road law was changed and a new road law was passed by the legislature and putting in W. W. Wiggs as road supervisor. It is the legality of this change that Stinson and his counsel expect to up set.

A Magnificent Display.
Delhi, India, Dec. 11.—A magnificent display of British arms received by King George and Queen Mary who will be crowned Emperor and Empress of India tomorrow. Ninety thousand troops have assembled.

ANTI LIQUOR FORCES OF THE NATION.

Interesting Letter From Mr. R. L. Davis Now Meeting With Them in Washington City.

Editor Gold:
In answer to your request I write you a line.

Our Anti-Saloon League workers conference adjourned today. It has been the best yet. Ten years ago twenty-five men attended such a meeting. This one was attended by over one hundred and fifty workers from forty-five States. The army of workers is growing all the time and the liquor traffic must go. Reports from all states are encouraging. In this workers conference plans have been laid which will be far reaching. The influence of it will be felt in every district of the United States.

The matter of National legislation received considerable consideration and the outlook is good. My faith is stronger than ever before and I verily believe relief from the jug trade will soon come to North Carolina. I have been so busy I have not yet had time to visit the Capital and other places of interest but will Monday. I have seen Congressman Kitchen, Steadman, Small and Faison.

The reports that come to my ears have concerning our representatives and Senators make me feel proud of them.

On Thursday afternoon, President Taft gave a reception to the Anti-Saloon League men. The occasion was enjoyable and profitable. I believe our cause has a strong friend in the President. The delegation on its way to the White House created considerable comment.

Tomorrow fifty or more men will fill pulpits in the city and old booze will get another pelting. A great mass meeting tomorrow at 3:00 P. M. will be addressed by Dr. Chapman and Jno. G. Wcoley of world wide fame. On Monday night the 11th the Anti-Saloon League Convention will convene when hundreds of Americans from Maine to California will be here.

R. L. DAVIS.
Saturday, Dec. 9th.

Rockefeller and Gates Decline to be Witnesses.

New York, Dec. 11.—John D. Rockefeller and the Rev. Frederick T. Gates, formally declined the invitation of Chairman Stanley of the Congressional investigating committee, to appear before the committee if they cared to make a statement concerning the testimony recently given by Leonidas and Alfred Merritt. Mr. Rockefeller's letter reads:

"Dear Sir: The arraignment of Leonidas and Alfred Merritt before your committee was in substance the repetition of statements made by them in a controversy closed fifteen years ago. The statements are false. They were so declared by me at the time in sworn testimony, and upon cross-examination. Before the receipt of your invitation I had repeated my denial in a statement generally published in the press. Their own signed retractions are before you.

"I therefore deem it inconvenient to avail myself of the opportunity now offered to appear before your committee.

Yours truly,
"JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER."

Mr. Gates' letter says:
"I have received your letter, saying that if I care to do so I may appear before your committee.

"Sixteen years ago, the Merritts swore to these charges just as positively as they did before your committee. Then they signed a retraction of the whole thing. They now acknowledge that retraction.

"By those who believe in me, no denial before your committee is needed. By those who believe in the Merritts no testimony from me is needed to substantiate the Merritts' own acknowledgment retraction.

"To be sure, the Merritts now swear that the retraction was not true. But if the Merritts themselves now swear that the retraction was not true. But testimony from me is needed as to their veracity."

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 11.—It was stated today that Frank M. Ryan, president of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers would visit this city next Wednesday. The local union or iron workers adopted a resolution declaring for Ryan.

"We believe in him and will stand by him in any action he may take for the benefit of our organization; we hereby accord our hearty endorsement to his administration."

Lorimer Will Be Unseated.

Washington, Dec. 11.—William Lorimer, of Illinois, charged with holding his seat in the United States Senate through the corruption of a majority of not less than eight. The majority vote may be as much as fourteen. A careful poll of the Senate made by the New York American justifies this statement.

Just so sure as the day comes when the vote is taken on the resolution declaring Lorimer not entitled to his seat, that resolution will be adopted. Fried's Mr. Lorimer realize his fight is hopeless.

SHUSTER EXPLAINS

WHY RUSSIA DOES NOT WANT HIM AT THE HEAD OF PERSIAN FINANCES

RUSSIANS ENTERING CITY

Teheran, Dec. 11.—Persia makes peace with Russia agreeing to oust W. Morgan Shuster, the American Treasurer General.

Teheren, Dec. 11.—Plunging through a driving snow several inches deep, the Cossacks of the Czarre are entering this city to force the rejection of W. Morgan Shuster, the American Treasurer General of Persia. Behind them are 11,000 of Russian infantrymen. The State Department is watching with interest the climax of the great drama and the frequent receipt of cipher messages from Minister Russell, the American Minister to Persia, are regarded with much interest.

The Persian and Russian embroilment with which an American Morgan Shuster is at the head of Russian finances is deeply concerned in creating much interest both here and abroad.

Shuster is evidently straight and honest and is showing the crooked old time diplomats of Russia a thing or two.

We will let him give an account of the affair in his own way.

"My attitude is that as I and my American assistants have faithfully performed our contracts with the Persian Government, whose Legislature recently gave striking proof of their satisfaction and confidence in us by a unanimous public vote, given in the face of the threatened destruction of their sovereignty by an immensely superior force, I must in honor continue to abide by their wishes.

The fact is the present Russian opposition to our engagement started before our arrival, and after being here a week it was freely stated in diplomatic circles we would not be able to remain two months. A hostile stand, therefore was shown by this power before we could possibly have offended any foreign interest.

The much discussed Anglo-Russian agreement of 1907, which the Powers suggested that I, as the Persian Treasurer-General, should recognize, although the Persian Government had officially informed them she did not recognize it, is now being openly violated by the Powers themselves.

My plan for the construction of railroads by the Persian Government, following the best commercial and economic lines instead of proposing lines recognizing the so-called spheres of influence and strategic points, which Parliament would never do, caused the Powers to oppose me in every possible manner. Pretexes are never lacking, but the ones actually chosen are false and absurd.

The whole difficulty is that we Americans are unwilling to serve as stalking horses in the Anglo-Russian plan to undermine Persian integrity. I have always recognized all legitimate foreign interests, having made a careful study of the recent political history of Persia, including the Anglo Russian agreement and contemporaneous official correspondence. The truth is the Powers wish to say one thing to the world and to Persia, while official not subserving this plan is regarded as an enemy of their interests.

I have frequently challenged critics to show a single act of mine in violation of legitimate Anglo-Russian interests. My principal fault in their eyes is a bonafide effort to build up Persian finances and loyalty to the constituted Government.

Russia daily informs the Powers that she has no designs on Persia's independence and integrity; therefore her army of 4,000 men is actually marching on Teheran, directed solely toward the forcible expulsion of eleven American citizens now satisfactorily serving a friendly sovereign nation.

Russia has not declared war, as is provided in The Hague convention and a prominent promoter. Her move therefore constitutes a wanton act of hostility against American citizens enjoying the rights and protection accorded to them by a friendly State, recognized today as sovereign by America, Russia, England and other Powers having their legations here.

This plain violation of international law really constitutes a raiding party.

Naturally, Russia's sending of a large armed force here to expel Americans constitutes a virtual invitation to numerous bad characters from the Caucasus to do them bodily harm, in the belief, justified or not, that they would thereby regain the favor and protection of their Government.

W. MORGAN SHUSTER

SOME HOPE IS LEFT

THAT MEN ARE ALIVE—BLACK DAMP WAS THE CAUSE OF EXPLOSION

156 MEN IMPRISONED

Briceville, Dec. 11.—Efforts were resumed at dawn today to rescue the men buried in the Cross Mountain mine of the Knoxville Coal Co. Additional rescue trains to aid the helpers have arrived. Eight bodies have been recovered and conditions are found to indicate that possibly more are alive. It is believed that the imprisoned are in a pocket of free air. Black damp has been found which leads to the belief was the cause of the explosion.

It has been determined that the number of men at work in the mine was between 126 and 156. Little hope is entertained that the entombed men can be reached before Sunday morning and a few entertain the slightest hopes that there is a living man among the entire number.

The bodies of the two miners recovered, Lee Polston and Pearlie Rolan shows that the force of the explosion must have been terrific. Polston, whose body was found yesterday afternoon near the ventilating fan of the air shaft, was mangled almost beyond recognition, even his shoes and clothing having been blown off. Rolan's body, recovered last night is in little better condition.

Briceville, Tenn., Dec. 11.—Briceville last night was a scene of mourning. The wives and children of the miners now fear that not a single man lives in allured Cross Mountain mine. In scores of homes the pitiful wails of women, and children are heard by the passerby, while at the mouth of the mine fully fifty women some with babes at their breasts, and others with children pulling at their skirts, still battle bravely to keep up their spirits and hope against hope.

Seven bodies were found today in a train of cars at a cross entry two miles from the mouth of the shaft. The men were on their way to work when killed. Their bodies were sitting upright. Two were a father and son. A famine is threatened at the mine, but provisions were sent today from Knoxville.

\$10,000 Fire in Nashville.

Nashville, N. C., Dec. 11.—Saturday afternoon about 3 o'clock it was discovered that the gin and grist mill of Mr. N. C. Warren was on fire, and although the citizens fought the flames bravely, there could be very little with it and the loss was almost complete, it being estimated at between \$8,000 and \$10,000, with insurance amounting to \$3,300.

A number of bales of cotton were burned; also a number partially burned.

The building was a three story wooden structure. This is the second time the building has caught on fire within the last several months, it being slightly damaged on October 27.

Had it not been for the heroic work of the citizens it would have doubtless proved disastrous for the entire town, the building being in the heart of the business section. Many bales of cotton, standing in the yard were ignited, some of them being put out by rolling them down the hill into the court house yard which was a short distance from the burning building.

A Victory for the People Says Joseph M. Brown.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 11.—Definitely assured that the result of the primary was in his favor, Joseph M. Brown, for the second time named as governor of Georgia, gave out a statement from his home in Marietta. He said:

"I am not surprised at the result but I confess that I did not expect the victory to be so sweeping. When I consider the personnel of the support I received in all parts of the state I accept the verdict as a command from the people of Georgia that factionalism must cease and that the people of the state must unite on the everlasting principle of the protection of their sovereignty. I shall obey this mandate as I will obey other one received from the sovereign people.

"I desire to extend my profound thanks to all those who have so kindly contributed to the result. It is not my victory—it is the victory of the people—and in many respects the most notable ever won by the people of Georgia. I am simply an instrument used to express their resentment at any interference with their liberties, and my election means that the rights and the liberties of the people of Georgia can not hereafter be trifled with without the certainty of public condemnation.

JOSEPH M. BROWN.

White Men and Negroes Line Up, Both Sides Being Heavily Armed

Pavo, Ga., Dec. 11.—Two negroes were killed when blacks and whites clashed here last night in a serious riot. The trouble started after Will Williams, a negro, was shot and killed by Marshal Frank Boyd after he had attacked the marshal for arresting a brother. The town was crowded and negroes and whites lined up, both sides being heavily armed.

Frank Mobley, a negro opened fire into a crowd of whites and he was shot and killed. The negroes then fled to cover, but are organizing and another outbreak is feared.

Tar Heel Man Victim of Fiends.

Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 11.—J. W. Smith, a well known citizen of Monroe, was held up on the public highway one mile from town late this morning and a brutal attack was made upon him by three unknown white men. Two of his assailants held him while a third drew a long knife and stabbed him about a dozen times in the head, face, back and hands, one blow nearly severing his thumb. He finally managed to free himself and escaped to some nearby woods, where he was found by searchers five hours later. He was in an almost dying condition from the loss of blood and it was not until after he had been rushed to town and given medical attention that he could give an account of his experience. His wounds are serious but whether or not they will prove fatal, the physicians will not say.

Americans May Join Aero Corps to Fight Turks.

New York, Dec. 11.—For the past month negotiations have been going on to induce several American aviators of note to enter the military service of a European nation which is at war with another power. Charles K. Hamilton has about concluded his arrangements and another aviator, ostensibly on his way to fill exhibition engagements in a distant country, is in reality journeying to the scene of warfare with his craft. Other well known American airmen are on the brink of joining this company of modern soldiers of fortune.

KILLED THE DESPERADO.

After a Running Fight.—He Killed Two United States Marshals Who Tried to Eject Him From a Farm. White Rock, S. D., Dec. 11.—The militia have returned with the body of John Weldemir who was killed after a running fight in which he wound off three. Weldemir killed Sheriff Moody, of Wahpeton, N. D., when that officer tried to eject him from a farm. He also killed United States Marshal James Shea.

BICYCLE RACES.

Went Off Fast But Slowed Down at Eight O'clock.

Madison Square, Dec. 11.—After slashing records the first six hours, fifteen teams in the six day bicycle race settled down to a slow grind and will soon drop behind the former mark. All were tied on the 183 mile and 90 laps at eight o'clock.

New York, Dec. 11.—At twelve o'clock all the teams but two were tied in 268 miles and seven laps.

BULGARIANS ATTACK TURKS.

A Number Killed of Both Sides — Turkey Has Her Hands Full.

Salonika, Dec. 11.—There were heavy losses by the Turkish and Bulgarian forces in a battle near Lomash. The Bulgarians attacked the block house and fought until many of them were killed.

Price Extremely Low.

Washington, D. C. Dec. 11.—The Appalachian National Park commission today accepted 20,000 acres of land in North Carolina to be converted into the Appalachian reserve. About 10,000 acres of the land is in McDowell county and the other 10,000 is in the vicinity of Mount Mitchell. It is understood that \$6.90 per acre is to be paid for the entire tract.

This is the first installment of some 40,000 acres which the government will buy in North Carolina. Sheriff Manley, of McDowell, and R. C. Claywell were in Washington last week and entered into negotiations for the sale of the property. The government was not satisfied at the price named by the McDowell county people and sent their agent to the state to make an investigation. It is said that the report made by the government's agent was to the effect that the price named by the North Carolina land owners was extremely low, so the deal was closed without further delay today.

Government Regulation Proposed.

New York, Dec. 11.—Government regulation of baseball is now proposed. Daniel A. Driscoll, of Buffalo Representative in Congress from the 45th New York District is quoted as saying that he proposes introducing a bill in Congress soon to "create a bureau to take over the supervision of baseball to see that the sport is run properly and keep statistics."

TERRIFIC STORM

IS RAGING OFF THE ENGLISH COAST AND GRAVE FEARS ARE

FELT FOR SHIPPING

Dover, England, Dec. 11.—Grave fears are felt for the shipping on the English, Irish and French coasts. A terrific gale has been raging for 24 hours. The Ostend mail steamer was driven by the channel waves over the piers and other ships have broken from their moorings.

Tobacco Trust Men Inspect Property

Richmond, Va., Dec. 11.—Fifteen directors of the American Tobacco Co., led by R. B. Dula of New York, gathered here today to inspect the vast properties of the company and adjust their distribution under the plan of dissolution accepted by the Federal government.

Rocky Mount News.

The Thanksgiving Campers returned to this city yesterday after a week's successful camp and hunt at "Whitakers Springs" which is about twenty miles north of this city, in Nash county. Game was plentiful and they killed enough to supply their own wants and to bring some home.

The party was composed of the following men: H. D. Bennett, S. B. Harris, J. J. Fountain, Farris Arrington, E. J. Gordon, W. L. Williford.

Yesterday afternoon 6 year old James Kyser, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Kyser, while playing on a pile of lumber on the site of the new building corner Main street and Sunset avenue fell through one of the openings, his head striking on a board and cutting an ugly gash.

The wound, while very painful, will have no serious results, and when last seen the little man was in a happy frame of mind, and rapidly improving from the shock of the fall.

Saturday night, in their lodge rooms in the Masonic Temple, the Association of Car Workers held a banquet at which there were about 200 members and several visitors present.

The spread was one that would be indeed hard to surpass and in addition to this there were several addresses by gentlemen of the city among them being Revs. L. P. Howard and W. D. Morton.

One of the most delightful events of the fall season was the dance given Saturday evening to the Up-to-Date Club by the members of the L'Agile Cotillon club in the armory. The occasion was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. Music for the occasion was furnished by Mr. Sid Davis.

Those dancing were: Misses Elma Dove, Willie Dove, Mary Mason, Grace Arrington, Mary Smith, Lula Daughtridg, Alice Hart, Edith Jordan and Messrs. Harry Morris, Geo. Wimberly, Sam Chadwick, Raymond Mills, Norman Hart, Harold Sedbury, Henry Grant and Elliott, the patrons and patronesses being, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Stephenson, Mrs. Dove and Mrs. E. F. Arrington.

A very delightful meeting of the Up-to-Date Club was held on Saturday afternoon when Miss Elma Dove, in her attractive manner, entertained the members of the club. After an hour or two spent in fashioning Christmas presents and discussing the life book of the club, the hostess served a delicious salad course.

COTTON TODAY.

New York, Dec. 11.—Jan. opened 8.64, March 8.73, May 8.83, Sept. 9.05, Nov. 9.10, Dec. 8.92.

At 11:15 Jan. was 8.61, March 8.68, May 8.78, July 8.89, Oct. 9.05, Dec. 8.89.

At 2 o'clock Jan. cotton was 8.50, March 8.65, May 8.75, July 8.84.

Spots Wilson market 8 1-2c.

STOCKS.

New York, Dec. 11.—Great northern and Oregon was exceptionally weak at the opening of the market. It fell off six per cent last week and was down two per cent today. There was moderate strength in the other issues. Business is small and there is little change in prices. The curb is quiet. Americans in London are strong.

PROVISIONS.

Chicago, Dec. 11.—At the opening Dec. wheat was .93 and corn was .61. At 11:30 Dec. wheat was .93, Dec. corn was .61 1-2.

At 2 o'clock Dec. wheat was .92 1-2, Dec. corn was .61 3-4.

Dr. C. S. Eagles of Saratoga is in the city today.