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REST FROM COTTON AND KILL THE WEEVIL

South Carolina Senator Proposes One Year Suspension As Remedy

WASHINGTON, Sept. 5.—The proposal for a one-year suspension of cotton planting in the United States as a means of eliminating the boll weevil was suggested in the Senate today by Senator Smith, Democrat, of South Carolina, who predicted wholesale abandonment of cotton farms throughout the South unless governmental action were taken to aid in destruction of the parasite.

The South Carolina Senator announced he had written to the Chief Entomologist of the Department of Agriculture, asking that a study be made to determine whether a year's lay-off in cotton growing would eradicate the weevil. The entomologist expressed in a conversation today the belief that such action would result in destroying the pest.

Senator Smith announced that as soon as he received the report of the entomologist he proposed to introduce a resolution calling for the cooperation as far as constitutionally possible of the federal government in the stopping of planting for one year "so that there may be a tomorrow for the cotton industry."

"Unless this heroic remedy is applied," continued the speaker, "it will be only a question of a few years before the supply of cotton will be inadequate to meet the domestic needs, much less the world demand."

The present cost to the country by the weevils amounts to a hundred million dollars a year, Senator Smith said. He suggested that the federal and State governments should join in paying the deficit occasioned by the growers in the one-year's lay-off, declaring that it would be cheaper for the country in the end even if it had to appropriate that amount to defray the expenses caused by the suspension of cotton growing for one year.

Senator Smith suggested that once the weevil was eliminated the federal government could and should resort to zoning the Rio Grande border for a distance of one hundred miles in which no cotton could be planted, expressing the belief that this action would effectually stop the insects' migration.

Pointing out that production last year was only a little more than half of normal and estimating that this year's crop would not exceed nine million bales, Senator Smith asked how long the nation could expect to maintain the balance of trade in its favor if its export cotton fell away. The export demand, he continued, is around 6,000,000 bales with the domestic demand exceeding that slightly. On the basis of this year's crop, he added, the country would be 2,500,000 short of the export requirements.

CONTRACT SCHOOL AT FOUR OAKS

J. W. Stout and Co., Gets the Award; Modern Sixteen Room Structure.

The Board of Education met here in the office of County Superintendent H. B. Marrow Tuesday, and spent quite a busy day discussing the school situation in the county. One of the chief items of business transacted was to open proposals for the Four Oaks school building which is to be erected at an early date. A \$75,000 bond issue was voted to erect this building some time ago but various matters have delayed the commencement of work. Plans were drawn by Mr. C. C. Hook, architect of Charlotte, for a modern building consisting of sixteen rooms and a commodious auditorium. After opening the bids Tuesday, the contract for the construction of the building was let to J. W. Stout & Co., of Sanford. The heating contract was awarded Mr. B. W. Sugg of this city.

A woman never realizes that the worst has happened until the salesman says:

MYSTERY SHROUDS KILLING OF SMITH

Young Man Found With Throat Cut and Gun-Shot Wound In Breast.

MORGANTON, Sept. 6.—Mystery that appears now to have no solution surrounds the death of Ouray Smith, whose body was found late Tuesday afternoon in the doorway of his uncle's home, near McElreath's Chapel, eight miles from Morganton.

Young Smith, who is a native of another section of the county, had been living with his uncle, Isaiah Smith, since last spring, when the latter was crippled by a fall, to help him with his farm work.

Tuesday afternoon his uncle and aunt had driven over to Glen Alpine, shopping. Ouray was the only member of the family left at home. They say that he hitched the horse for them and they left him staking a cow to graze near the house.

Returning home about six o'clock in the afternoon the Elder Smiths were horrified to find the body of their nephew stretched in front of the door, his throat slashed in three places and a gunshot wound, about the size of an egg in his chest, just below the heart. Near the body was Smith's own knife, and about seventy steps away lay a shotgun. This single-barreled gun always hung in the house, over the door, Isaiah Smith told the officers who went to the home.

Inside the house a white shirt, soaked with blood, was found, used evidently in an attempt to staunch the flow of blood. At first suicide was thought to have been probable, but the coroner's jury found no powder burns on the young man's clothing, and other circumstances also indicated foul play. The distance of the gun from the body, the nature of the wound, etc., practically dispelled the suicide theory and the problem before the officers now is to try to find evidence that will locate the murderer of Ouray Smith.—News and Observer.

SOUTHERN ANNALS PASSENGER TRAINS

Divert Locomotives To More Important Passenger Traffic Is Reason.

The first signs of weakness in the operation of the Southern Railway System developed yesterday the State Corporation Commission was advised of the suspension of 10 passenger trains in North Carolina to become effective next Thursday. Full passenger service has been operated by the Southern since the strike began 66 days ago.

Trains annulled include Train No. 17, arriving in Raleigh from Greensboro at 11:13 a. m., train No. 17 arriving from Goldsboro at 7 p. m. Trains No. 15 and 16 between Asheville and Salisbury; trains 46 and 47 between Charlotte and Danville; trains No. 3 and 4 between Asheville and Columbia, and the extension of No. 21 and 22 between Asheville and Waynesville.

Diversion of locomotives to more important passenger service is given by the Southern as the reason for the suspension of the trains indicated. Suspension is declared to be temporary, and service will be resumed as soon as locomotives can be put in condition to operate trains. No objection was interposed by the Corporation Commission.

Only the Atlantic Coast Line now maintains its pre-strike schedules among the railroads operating in North Carolina. No trains have been suspended on that road, and no indication has been given out that the road will be unable to continue to operate all of its regular trains. It has thus far been able to maintain its schedules with 95 per cent precision.

Fourteen trains were suspended by the Seaboard Air Line within a week after the strike was called, and none have been since restored. The Norfolk Southern cut heavily into its train service, on some branches annulling all passenger trains. Service will be partially restored during the present week on the Norfolk Southern.—News and Observer, Sept. 5.

Mr. B. F. Byrd, of Coats, was in town yesterday on business.

LAWYERS COMPLETE THEIR ORGANIZATION

Guests of R. A. Wellons At Luncheon; Adopt Constitution and By-Laws

The lawyers of Johnston county met here Tuesday and completed the organization of a Johnston County Bar Association.

The meeting was called at the noon hour, and all those present were guests of Mr. Robt. A. Wellons, president of the association, at a three course luncheon. The luncheon was served by the Woman's Club in the Woman's Club room. After enjoying the delicious repast the business session of the association was held. A committee to draw up a constitution and by laws had been previously appointed as follows: Messrs J. A. Wellons, W. H. Lyon, E. S. Abell, R. L. Ray, of Selma, and P. D. Grady, of Kenly. Mr. Lyon made the report for the committee. After due discussion constitution and by-laws were adopted. Short talks were made by various members of the association and the meeting was considered both helpful and enjoyable. Those attending the meeting were: Messrs J. A. Narron, A. M. Noble, F. H. Brooks, H. P. Johnson, E. J. Wellons, L. C. Powell, J. A. Wellons, W. H. Lyon, L. G. Stevens, R. A. Wellons, G. A. Martin, S. S. Holt, J. D. Parker, of this city; J. R. Barbour, of Benson; W. J. Hooks, P. D. Grady, of Kenly; E. W. McCullers, of Clayton; C. C. Lee, of Four Oaks, M. L. Gordon and R. L. Ray, of Selma.

MADDENED MAN AMUCK WITH GUN

Two Dead, Another Dying and 3 Wounded Outcome of Cold-Blooded Attack.

GASTONIA, Sept. 6.—Two dead, another dying in a local hospital and three wounded summarizes the story of a shooting scrape at Clover, S. C., three miles south of here this afternoon, when Bill Farris, aged 55, ran amuck and shot up the whole Taylor family with exception of the father and mother. The dead are: Newton Taylor, aged 13, shot through the stomach. His intestines were perforated 27 times and he died on the operating table.

Claud Johnson, nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, shot and killed instantly.

Fred Taylor, aged 23, was shot through the right lung and will not live until morning, say attending physicians.

Misses Gertie and Lela Taylor, 20 and 14 years of age respectively, were shot through the neck and chest and Dolly Taylor aged 8 years was shot through the arm and is not seriously wounded.

Farris became enraged, it is reported here, when the Taylor children and some of his children became involved in a quarrel this afternoon. There had been bad feeling between the two families all summer. It is alleged that he had threatened the Taylor children before. The two families are near neighbors at the Clover Mills and when young Newton Taylor did or said something while at play with the Farris children, the old man seized his gun loaded with buckshot from the house and opened fire on the lad. As different members of the family came to the rescue he picked them off as they come out of the door from his own porch. Young Johnson, a relative of the Taylor family, was visiting at the home. When he went to the rescue he was killed instantly. The father, J. M. Taylor was at work in the mill. The mother for some reason unexplained did not come out of the house.

All the wounded were rushed to local hospitals where they were given instant attention. Farris was immediately arrested and conveyed to the York County jail at York. Farris has been living in and around Clover for a number of years and he too was an employee of this mill which is owned by Charlotte interests.

Feeling around Clover was intense but there were no threats of violence. Farris has been married twice. He has a number of children, some of whom are married.

SMITHFIELD IS NOW RECEIVING COTTON

Other Warehouses be Opened in Few Days; Kenly Among Number

RALEIGH, Sept. 5.—Receiving points at all important places in the cotton belt that do not have State licensed warehouses are being established this week by B. F. Brown, manager of the cotton department of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association. Field representatives of the Association will be given regular itineraries of towns in the counties in which they are located. In addition to the field agents, who will begin receiving cotton right away, there will be receiving agents at many important points that do not have warehouses to take cotton and ship it for members.

The cotton association has completed negotiations with warehouses to receive cotton at the following places: Pee Dee, Monroe, Polkton, Mt. Gilead, Statesville, Morven, Lilesville, Rowland, Moncure, Fayetteville, Dunn, Smithfield, Creedmore, Louisburg, Clinton, Kelford, Pollocksville, New Bern, Oriental, La Grange.

Contracts have been made by the Association with the following warehouses, which have not yet received their State licenses but which will have them within the next few days, as their applications are now in Washington for approval: Charlotte, Greensboro, Garland, Garner, Kinston, Kings Mountain, Kenly, Lillington, Mount Olive, Littleton, Middlesex, Norlina, Sanford, Elizabeth City, Everetts.

Negotiations are pending with a score of other warehouses at different points throughout the State. These will be completed, it is expected, before cotton begins to move in large volume. In the meantime, cotton received by receiving agents or shipped by members will be stored in one of the warehouses named above.

The first samples received at the State headquarters of the Cotton Association was a batch of forty-one samples from the cotton warehouses at Polkton and Morven on Tuesday. The samples were promptly classed and this department of the cotton association set in motion.

Secretary Bing completed a tour of eastern North Carolina banks the past week and received assurances of ample loans to take care of the cotton delivered by members of the Association.

Lawrence McRae, State Sales Agent, will leave next week for a tour of the textile centers with a view to finding out the needs of cotton mills for cotton.

AUSPICIOUS SCHOOL OPENING WEDNESDAY

Enrollment Number 673; Children Come From The Country.

School opened here Wednesday in spite of the fact that the new furniture for the high school building has not arrived. Temporary arrangements were made to take care of the situation and it is hoped a few weeks will see everything complete in detail.

The enrollment for the first day numbered 673 with quite a number of others expected to come in after the cotton picking season. The primary department enrolled 270 with 93 in the first grade. There are 205 in the grammar grades, and 198 in high school. The enrollment for this year is about a hundred more than for the first week last year. The number was increased by about thirty-five or forty by pupils coming in on a truck from Pomona and Creech's schools. The number of teachers in those schools has been cut and the pupils of the higher grades will come here. The primary grades of those schools will be maintained in the districts.

The school which has been operated at the Ivanhoe Mill with Miss Elva Timberlake as teacher has been moved to the graded school building, there being plenty of room now to take care of all the district.

Mr. W. L. Fuller spent yesterday in Watson.

ALLEGED ASSAULT AN HALLUCINATION

Drop Search For Man Alleged To Have Assaulted Woman In Warsaw.

WARSAW, Sept. 6.—Search for a man who was reported to have assaulted Miss Julia Rhodes, 30-year-old daughter of B. F. Rhodes, prosperous farmer, living about three miles east of Warsaw, was practically abandoned early today when Dr. J. M. Williams, who examined the woman, expressed the belief that she had suffered an hallucination.

Bloodhounds belonging to S. B. Jockman, of Raeford, were brought to the scene of the alleged assault, but they failed to find any other trail than the woman's and repeatedly followed the scent from the rear of the house to the bed where Miss Rhodes was carried after the supposed attack. This further convinced the police and the people of Warsaw who last night searched the country about Warsaw for the guilty person. The high feeling that stirred the country last night has abated and the people have accepted the theory of the doctor and the police that no attack was committed.

Dr. Williams, who examined Miss Rhodes, found no indications that an assault had been committed. After a thorough examination he came to the conclusion that the woman was suffering an hallucination.

Miss Rhodes, who retains her maiden name, though she is the wife of William Casey, who deserted her and their child several years ago, still maintains that an assault was committed upon her. She said today that she could not definitely say whether the person who assaulted her was white or colored but she declared that she was the victim of a criminal assault.

Opinion in Warsaw is divided on the subject, some believing Miss Rhodes and some accepting the theory of the doctor and the police but the excitement that reigned throughout the little town last night has abated.

OFFICERS ARE FORCED TO GIVE UP NEGRO

Joe Pender, Accused of Beating Wayne Farmer, Captured By Masked Men.

GOLDSBORO, Sept. 6.—Joe Pender, age thirty-five, colored, of Fremont, is missing under circumstances which indicate he has been visited with summary punishment. Deputy Sheriff Walston, of Fremont, and Nathan Sellers arrested Pender Saturday evening after he had beaten Frank Hooks, age 60, wealthy farmer and late county commissioner of Wayne county, unconscious in his field with a club, according to information from Fremont tonight.

Sheriff Walston says that after he had made the arrest and was on the way to Fremont from the negro's home, four miles out, he was halted by twenty-five masked men and forced to give up his prisoner. From that hour nothing has been heard of Pender.

Pender was a tenant on Mr. Hooks' farm and they had an argument in the field, Pender attacking the white man with a stick. When officers went to the home of Pender they found him armed with a shotgun knife and revolver, and he resisted arrest, but one of the officers stepped up behind him and grabbed his arms.

Such a hush has been put over the affair that it has been kept a secret until today.

Tom Driver, age 56, of Wilson, will be tried in Superior Court here today on a charge of incest. The principal witness against him is his daughter, Mrs. Lillie Johnson, of this city, to whom a child was born three months ago. It is alleged that Driver is the father of the child.—News and Observer.

Hope still exists that the 47 men entombed in the Argonaut Mine at Jackson, Calif., will be rescued. Two rescuing crews are at work and progress is being made, although it may require from seven to thirteen days to reach them. The rescue workers are digging their way through two abandoned tunnels in the Kennedy mine toward the Argonaut.

LIEUT. MAYNARD IS KILLED IN ACCIDENT

Two Others Meet Death At Rutland, Virginia When Plane Crashes to Earth

RUTLAND, Va., Sept. 7.—For a crowd of 30,000 people assembled at the Rutland Fair Grounds this afternoon, a "Flying Circus" staged with aeroplanes and balloons was turned into a tragedy, four participants meeting death. An aeroplane crashed from a height of 2,000 feet, carrying to their deaths the pilot, mechanic and a passenger. A few hours later an aeroplane leaping from a balloon 1,500 feet in the air, was killed when his parachute failed to open.

The dead: Lieutenant Belvin W. Maynard, known throughout the country as "the Flying Parson," pilot of the airplane; Lieut. L. R. Wood, of Ticonderoga, New York, passenger, with Maynard; Mechanic Charles Mionette, of Plattsburg, New York, and Henry A. (Dare Devil) Smith, of Boston, aeronaut.

The aviators went up for a trial spin before taking passengers for flights, as had been their custom during the week the fair had been in progress.

Lieutenant Maynard, the pilot, apparently misjudged his distance before attempting a tail spin. The machine refused to recover and he then attempted to throw it into a nose dive. This also failed, and the plane crashed to the field.

Lieutenant Faynard was alive when spectators reached the wreckage, but died before reaching a hospital. Lieutenants Wood and Mionette were instantly killed.

The plane had been in the air about 20 minutes when the fatal plunge came.

The three pilots had been making daily flights at the fair grounds as a "Flying Circus."

Lieutenant Maynard was a son of Dr. and Mrs. Atlas Maynard, of Kerr, Sampson county. He was born, however, in Morven, Anson county, and was twenty nine years old. He is survived in addition to his widow and children by five brothers and five sisters: M. B. Maynard, a professor at N. C. State College, Raleigh; Amos and Worth Maynard, Wilmington; Mrs. P. O. Powell, of Wallace; Misses Elizabeth, Carrie, and Lalon, and A. A. Maynard, Jr., and Bryant Maynard, all of Sampson county.

When war was declared, Maynard was a student at Wake Forest College studying to enter the Baptist ministry. He entered the air service and did effective work as test pilot while he established a reputation for himself in the Aviation branch as a skilful aviator, and set up a New World's record for looping the loop.

Returning to America, he re-entered Wake Forest College in the fall of 1919 but slipped out modestly to win the Toronto-New York air race in October 1919. Shortly afterwards he entered the Transcontinental air race in which he was victorious. It gave him a name: "The Flying Parson."

Since his discharge, about 18 months ago, Maynard had been in commercial aerial photographic work, living at Queensborough with his wife and four children, who were at home when news of the tragic fall at Rutland came today.

ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO WRECK A. C. L. BRIDGE

Explosion Occurs Just As Fast Passenger Trains Approaches Structure.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Sept. 6.—A second attempt within ten days to dynamite the Atlantic Coast Line's bridge over Fishweir Creek on the southern outskirts of the city was reported to the sheriff's office shortly after ten o'clock here. The Palmetto Limited, New York to Tampa, was approaching the trestle when the explosion occurred. The engineer stopped the train at the bridge, examined the structure and finding it safe, proceeded southwestward. Windows within a large area were shattered by the concussion.