

NATION ON ROAD TO STABILITY

RESERVE BOARD PREDICTS BETTER TRADE CONDITIONS. FINDS FINANCES STRONG

Washington, Oct. 2.—Excellent crop yields are providing sustained buying power, banking conditions have decidedly improved, prices of many commodities are seeking more normal levels, a notable change for the better has taken place in the efficiency of labor, and business conditions are now definitely on the road to stability.

These are outstanding points in a review of general financial conditions throughout the United States by the Federal Reserve Board for September.

"After an apparent slowing down in midsummer the price reduction movement has been resumed and the past month has seen substantial cuts in well known automobile makes, textile of various classes, shoes and leather goods, and in other wholesale prices," says the report. "Reductions have occurred in a variety of staples, including wheat.

"Changes in prices have tended to make business men and bankers cautious. Accordingly, as has often been observed in the past during periods of business adjustment, business is now being done upon a shorter term credit basis than is normal.

"Excellent crop yields have resulted in sustaining buying power, while improved movement on the railways has given assurance of a steadier, earlier marketing than had been believed possible. Banking conditions in several districts have decidedly improved and from some it is reported that business enterprises are working into position to finance themselves to a greater degree by reducing inventories and by exercising more scrutiny over credits.

"The crop moving process has gone ahead on the whole smoothly, and the peak of the demand for funds has practically passed without serious inconvenience. On September 25 the reserve ration for the Federal Reserve system as a whole stood at 43.2 per cent, as compared with 43.2 per cent on August 27. Speculation has been at a relatively low level and there has been a gratifying diversion of banking funds to productive industry.

"There is indication that business conditions are now definitely on the road toward stability of as great and confirmed a nature as the disturbed position of the world at large will permit."

COTTON MEETING TUESDAY NEXT

A mass meeting will be held in the court house on Tuesday morning at eleven o'clock at which the business men of Edgecombe, the professional men and farmers will discuss and perfect plans for the erection of a cotton warehouse in Tarboro, the same to be built by government specifications, so that the cotton growers may get advances from the banks upon their cotton without having to sacrifice it.

The warehouse system has received the hearty support and commendation by the big men of the south as being the only real solution to the cotton situation.

It is asserted that Tarboro will never become a proper cotton center until a cotton storage warehouse is established here.

The farmers showed their earnestness in subscribing over three thousand dollars in a few minutes at the meeting of the executive committee on Thursday last, and it is now up to the merchants and others to support the proposition.

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Good boy to carry papers.
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RALEIGH WOMEN RESCUE THE MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS

SEVEN HUNDRED WOMEN REGISTERED TO PASS SPECIAL TAX UPON WHICH THE LIFE OF CITY SCHOOLS DEPENDED; STILL FOUND IN PENITENTIARY LAUNDRY.

(By LLEWELLYN.)

Raleigh, Oct. 2.—The women of Raleigh are, to a considerable extent, casting their first votes today. The occasion is a special municipal school tax proposition on the favorable determination of which almost the life of the city public schools depends. Over 700 women registered for this election and the job today is to get them to the polls, because the votes of all who do not cast their ballots will be counted against the tax proposition, a majority of the registered being required.

So members of the Raleigh Women's Club and of various other organizations, and a number of personal workers, are today going right after the delinquents who do not appear at the polls at a reasonable hour. It makes a fellow think of the old days of the "ward heelers" hauling voters for the candidates for mayor and aldermen.

The outlook is that the means employed, while not entirely needful with most of the women, have made the success of the object of the election safe.

The activity is regarded as coming in all right for the general election, as it is breaking the ice for the casting of ballots by the women, and the task of getting many others to register for the state and general election in November will be greatly accelerated.

The discovery of the construction of a whiskey still in the state penitentiary laundry department by Supt. Collicutt short the objective of the old prisoner who has been in the penitentiary for the construction of the still in the prison and had the stuff coming when the odor gave the convict "shiner" away.

Everybody round here is wondering when the consumer will, if ever, find prices reducing with the retailer since the newspaper accounts have so freely announced much price cutting among wholesalers and manufacturers. Nothing has dropped yet hereabouts, except a dull thud.

KENTUCKY ALSO WILL BE IN DEMOCRATIC COLUMN

Louisville, Oct. 2.—Speaking here today, Franklin D. Roosevelt, democratic nominee for vice president, expressed his belief that Kentucky, as well as West Virginia, would be found in the democratic column this November.

He bases his belief on the receptions accorded him throughout the state yesterday.

VETERANS GET 3 MEALS A DAY

Mr. W. E. Garrett, an old Confederate Veteran and an inmate of the Confederate Soldiers Home at Raleigh, was in the city this morning with the purpose of correcting the statement that the old Confederate Veterans received only two meals a day.

From the first of March, he says, until the end of November, the veterans receive three meals a day. Breakfast is served at seven, dinner at 12.30, and supper at 5.30.

During the three winter months the veterans themselves voted to change the meal hours. Breakfast being served at 8 and dinner about 3 o'clock, it being then too dark for supper, many of the old soldiers being in bed as soon as it gets dark.

Mr. Garrett states that all of the 140 old soldiers in the home are amply provided with food; in fact, they have some to throw out.

Superintendent Melton resigned about a month ago and a new superintendent, Mr. T. A. Wiggs, of Raleigh, has been elected and took charge of the home yesterday.

COMPARE THIS YEAR WITH YEAR OF 1889

It has been frequently mentioned that this year resembles the summer of 1889 insofar as temperature and rainfall is concerned.

Through the courtesy of Mr. E. V. Zoeller, we are enabled to dissipate this idea by the following comparative statement.

It will also be noticed that the reason for the rapid crop growth this year is that August and September were hot and comparatively dry months, and for this reason the comparison with 1889 is broken.

	Mean tem- perature.	Nor. mal.	Rain- fall.	Nor- mal.
June 1889	74.2	76.0	3.78	4.25
June 1920	76.7		5.39	
July 1889	77.9	78.7	10.50	6.35
July 1920	78.3		7.78	
Aug. 1889	74.1	77.4	5.88	6.73
Aug. 1920	78.5		5.43	
Sep. 1889	68.9	71.5	4.75	3.47
Sep. 1920	75.7		3.24	

TENOR MEETS ENTHUSIASTIC WELCOME.

Allen McQuhae struck the high chords of popular favor when he sang himself into the hearts of his audience last night until they absolutely refused to vacate their seats at the end of a long program until he had sung one more encore.

As was stated in these columns, repeated from various newspapers over the country, Mr. McQuhae has met with instant recognition, some even going to the extent of calling him a second John McCormack. However, that may be we leave it to greater musical critics, but we feel justified in saying that he is the greatest singer that has graced the boards of the Opera House. There have been others better known to Tarboro audiences, which may account for many vacant seats, but we venture to assert that no lyric tenor has ever come here who aroused with his first offering so spontaneous a response as was accorded Mr. McQuhae.

His voice is one that catches the sensitivities with its magnetism and sweetness, while his heavier tones are as the peels of a great organ, full of harmony and power. His range is wonderful and there is that articulate catch to his intonation that is most attractive.

After singing a long program of fifteen selections, then meeting the united demand for more by several encores, of most varied range, Mr. McQuhae finished his evening offering with the dramatic tenor aria from the Italian opera Pallaci, which in itself was a tremendous effort, but following the numerous selections, showed the remarkable capacity of this great singer.

The Irish are always known to be the pleasantest voiced people in the world, and Mr. McQuhae lived last night up to the national reputation of his people.

Not a person in his audience but must have thoroughly enjoyed his offerings, for they were clear and understandable in every word and sung with perfect control in range and technique. Some of his selections were simple Irish ballads while in others the passions of a great heart throbbled through the tones of his voice. From almost a basso he carried his hearers through the break of strong emotion to the higher tender soprano notes of love's soft dream.

Mr. Douglas, accompanist for Mr. McQuhae, played with much feeling and splendid interpretation. He is a master of the piano, and a most sympathetic accompanist. His part of the program was a distinct success.

It was splendid, magnificently performed, naturally offered and the only regret is that Tarboro, every man, woman and child, had not availed themselves of the opportunity of hearing a voice that is certain to attain the highest ranks in the musical world.

LIGHT FROST.

There was a light frost last night in exposed places, though same did not damage. The lowest temperature last night was 40 degrees.

FOREIGN DEBTS SEEN AS MENACE

SECURITIES FLOATED HERE AT UNPRECEDENTED INTEREST.

"BAD BUSINESS RISKS"

Washington, Oct. 2.—In view of the vast flood of European government securities now being floated in America and the unprecedented rates of interest offered, treasury officials said that the American public should think twice before investing in them as opposed to the great choice of investments presented by home enterprises.

The American representative at the Brussels financial conference, it was admitted, spoke with authority when he bluntly told the international financiers that under present conditions America regarded Europe as "a bad business risk."

Treasury officials revealed that approximately two billion dollars owed to American business men is completely tied up in various foreign countries because of the low rate of exchange. After receiving payment in depreciated foreign currency American exporters, it was pointed out, are obliged to leave the funds in foreign banks or invest in foreign securities unless they are willing to lose more than half the money in the exchange.

AMERICA REFOUNDED BY JON SKOLP

Washington, Sept. 30.—How many persons discovered America before Christopher Columbus?

The latest addition to the line of claimants is Jon Skolp, a Norwegian explorer. Sofus Larsen, a Danish scientist who has recently made a report founded on researches of archives of the middle ages, has completed a work which he says proves that Skolp, the Norwegian, "rediscovered America" in 1476, 16 years ahead of Columbus and 20 years before John Cabot reached the Strait of Hudson.

Larsen uses the term "rediscovered" considering that the original discoverer was Leif Erickson the Norseman, in the year 1000. Larsen's researches develop, he says, that about 1475 the King of Portugal sent a message to the King of Denmark and Norway, Christian I, requesting him to fit out an expedition and attempt to find a sea passage to Asia—in reality a northwest passage. An old document to that effect was found in the Danish state-archives. The expedition was headed by the Norwegian-German privateer-captain Didrik Pining and piloted by the Norwegian pilot Jon Skolp, to whom credit is given for having reached as far as Labrador and found part of the actual entrance to the northwest passage.

In an old Spanish geographical work on America, first published in 1552 by Francesco Lopez de Gomara, a priest of Sevilla, it is mentioned that Labrador was reached for the first time by Norwegian sailors, piloted by John Scolvus (Jon Skolp). This information was first made public by the Norwegian professor of history, Gustav Storm, in 1886. But at that time this part of the history of the discoveries was still in its infancy, and isolated as it was then, the information naturally had to be used with great caution. Later on new material was found pointing in the same direction. One of the sources was a famous globe, dating from 1537 and made by the Dutch physician and mathematician, Gemma Frisius, who points out that North America was reached in 1476 by Johannes Scolvus.

Johannes Scolvus is a name unknown in Norwegian history. Dr. Larsen connects it with the Norwegian surname Skolp, which means a man from the shores or fishing places of northern Norway. His deed became famous in his own times, but on account of various conditions not traceable now, it was veiled in obscurity and forgotten. The account of his voyage undoubtedly has been of significance to other expeditions, Norwegian as well as English and Portuguese.

LEON TROTSKY WOUNDED IN PETROGRAD CONFLICT

THE SOUTHERNER'S SATURDAY SERMON

(By Rev. BERTRAM E. BROWN)

Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God. St. James, 1:13.

Temptation to sin comes from three sources, expressed in the theological terms as the "world, the flesh and the devil." These three heads cover all possible temptation to which we are subjected.

Thus there is a Trinity of evil just as there is a Trinity of God, and each of these evil sources corresponds to one of the persons of the Trinity of God. Thus, God the Father who made the world, has set against Him the world so full of evil now. And God the Son, who took our flesh upon Him, is confronted with the evil nature of man's fleshly being. And God the Holy Spirit, is confronted by the devil, the chief of evil spirits.

1. We live in a world that subjects us to constant temptation. We are surrounded by stupid men who tax our patience, by malicious men who tempt us to hatred, by fortunate men who tempt us to envy. We live in a world of matter that hides from us the spirit world, we live in a world of pain and trouble that tempts us to doubt the love of God.

2. We have within our own flesh an ever present tempter. If we lived in a world that was perfect, still our own nature would tempt us to sin. If we carried our sinful flesh to heaven with us, we would still be tempted there by our inward enemy. Pride, discontent, lust, laziness, selfishness, gluttony, hatred of good, love of wrong, all these things come from our own hearts. We sometimes try to lay them to the people and the conditions that surround us, but under any conditions, in any company, we would still be tempted so.

3. And besides the world of temptation around us, and the sinful nature within us, we have Satan, an evil spirit, present everywhere, tireless, persistent, wise and powerful, who always watches his chance with us to lure us into sin.

So it is plain that man by himself has no chance to escape. He is bound to be bad. If he takes pride in the fact that he is not as bad as some other people, that very pride is itself a sin.

There is but one way by which he can by any possible chance be righteous, and that is by getting grace from God through Jesus Christ. Jesus came into the same world we live in, yet lived free from its taints; He took the same flesh that we have, yet resisted its power; He met the same Satan we meet, and overcame him. The only way to resist temptation is Jesus' way. Fill your life with the Holy Spirit whom Christ sends in His name, and the world, flesh, and devil are powerless to hurt you.

LOCAL AGENCY HAS ECLIPSED THE FIELD

The Umstead Insurance Agency eclipsed the entire field of the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company for the month of September, writing \$1,522,000 out of a total new business of \$5,265,000 for North Carolina, according to Mr. Julian Price, president of the company, who attended the barbecue given by the local agency at the fair ground yesterday.

Messrs. Brooks, Gold and Latham, officers of the company, spoke of the great work done by the Tarboro branch and also the financial strength and benefit to the various localities in which the company did business by keeping money invested locally.

Mr. J. W. Umstead, head of the local agency, spoke appreciatively of the coming together of so many of the friends of the company, and thanked the policy-holders for their loyal support of the local agency.

Miss Sadie Thompson, of Lumberton, is visiting Miss Marion Wilson. Born on September 30 to Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Taylor, a son who has been named Warren Watson Taylor.

STRIKE MOVEMENTS SPREADING IN MANY RUSSIAN CITIES

MOBS KILLING COMMISSIONERS IN A DEMONSTRATION FOR PEACE.

Copenhagen, Oct. 2.—Reports are coming in that strike movements are rapidly spreading throughout Russia resulting in disturbances in various places under the control of the Bolshevik Soviets.

Street conflicts in Petrograd have been reported in which several Soviet commissioners have been killed by the mob, and also the wounding of Leon Trotsky has been reported.

The Petrograd people are said to have demanded an immediate peace with the rest of the world.

SENATOR HARDING'S PLEA FOR RURAL SCHOOLS

Marion, Oct. 2.—A plea for bettering the conditions of the farmer and for improvement of the rural schools was made by Senator Harding in a front-porch address today at a republican rally.

The speaker also urged the necessity for educating farm adults in current events and declared that agricultural production was really of greater interest to city dwellers than to the farmers themselves.

WEALTHY WOMAN ARRESTED TODAY FOR LARGE THEFTS

New York, Oct. 2.—Mrs. Angelina Salomone, wife of a wealthy Brooklyn truckman, and her four children, were arrested today in connection with the wholesale theft of merchandise consigned for shipment to Europe.

The police stated they found thirty thousand dollars worth of goods that the woman and children stole after loaded trucks had been placed in the stable at night.

NATIONAL DEBT REDUCED BY ONE-QUARTER BILLION

Washington, Oct. 2.—The national gross debt of the United States was reduced more than two hundred and thirty-seven million dollars during September, the treasury department announced today.

TOBACCO GROWERS DISCUSS SITUATION

Raleigh, Oct. 2.—The tobacco growers today are holding meetings in every tobacco growing county in the state to organize associations to cope with the demoralized condition of the tobacco market, and urge slow marketing and a reduction of acreage next year.

Danville, Oct. 2.—The Virginia Tobacco Growers Association met today to discuss the feasibility of organizing a tobacco manufacturing concern with the membership holding stock.

BARON AVEZZANA TO BE TRANSFERRED

Washington, Oct. 2.—Baron Avezana, the Italian ambassador to the United States, is to be transferred to another post, it was announced today. The successor was not indicated.

GOV. COX FINAL LAP ON WESTERN TRIP

Kansas City, Oct. 2.—Governor Cox entered his final lap in his long western trip when he re-entered Missouri today, where he makes several speeches before returning to Ohio tonight.

Additional Locals.

Rev. C. C. Corbett, of Cincinnati, Ohio, is the guest of Dr. and Mrs. G. E. Weeks.

There will be a lecture in the court house tomorrow at 3 o'clock. Subject, "Bolsheviki's Soviet."

Mr. Orren Hyman, who has been visiting his aunt, Miss Sarah Hyman, left today for Princeton, N. J.

Mrs. Paul Cantwell has returned to her home in Wilmington after a visit to Mrs. Henry Bryan.

Mr. Wilson, of Cape Charles, Va., is on a visit to his son, Mr. Claude Wilson.

Mr. G. A. Holderness, jr., has returned to Annapolis after several weeks' furlough.

WIFE TOO FOND OF KAISER'S SON

VIOLET TRUMBULL LYON IN DIVORCE SUIT BY HUSBAND.

STUDIED MUSIC IN GERMANY

Chicago, Oct. 2.—Mrs. Violet Trumbull Lyon, noted Chicago artist, was too friendly with the German Kaiser's son, according to William Henry Lyon, her husband, who sued for a divorce.

H. C. Lyon, father of William H. Lyon, was star witness for his son. To him Mrs. Lyon had confessed her friendship for the royal prince.

"My daughter in law told me," he said, "that when she was in Germany in 1903 and 1904, she was on very friendly terms with the Kaiser and all of his family, and that she often played before the royal family. She admitted that she was especially fond of one of the Kaiser's sons, I don't know which one, and that he was a 'prince of a fellow!'"

Mrs. Lyon denied undue friendship for the German prince, but admitted she had been a favorite in the royal household.

"One of my music masters in Europe told me that I had the smallest hands of any of the great players," she said, holding up her hands.

Mrs. Lyon, who at present is a music teacher in Minneapolis, studied piano in Germany under Theodore Leschetitzky, and Carl Hoffmeister. The former, now dead, was at one time teacher of Paderewski.

Mr. Lyon charged that his wife deserted him in 1918, after telling him Germany was right and America was wrong in the world war.

BASEBALL PROBE TO GO BACK OVER TEN YEARS

Chicago, Oct. 2.—The regular grand jury, which has been investigating the world series scandal, today ended its session, but immediately made into a special grand jury and will investigate the reports of dishonesty in baseball covering a period of the last ten years.

SENATOR CRANE DIED AT HOME IN DALTON

Dalton, Mass., Oct. 2.—Former United States Senator Murry Crane died at his home here today of sleeping sickness. He had been in ill health for a number of weeks.

SEEK ANARCHIST IN WALL ST. PLOT

New York, Oct. 2.—Search for a Russian architect implicated in the Wall street bomb explosion, will result in his arrest within a few days, it was learned from a reliable source. This man, it is said, was a partner of the man who drove the wagon which carried the bomb to Wall street. The police have a good description of him and definite information that he was connected with the crime.

The authorities have learned that this man, a member of a Russian anarchist organization, is the one who deposited in the mail at Broadway and Cedar street on the morning of the explosion the "American Anarchists' Fighters" posters. That was between 11.30 and 11.58 o'clock.

He then went down to Wall street to see whether his partner was carrying out his part of the plot. Just as he reached the corner of Wall and Broad, the explosion took place.

This is the man, the police say, who rushed up to Supt. Clark, who is in charge of the construction work on the corner and declared, "That was my horse that was killed."

He stayed around the vicinity looking at the bodies of the dead in order to learn whether his partner had been a victim until the soldiers drove him away with the other onlookers.

MISSISSIPPI FIRST STATE TO SHOW DECREASE

Washington, Oct. 2.—Mississippi is the first state to show a decrease in population in the 1920 census. Its population is 1,769,162, announced today, and shows a decrease of 7,932. The decrease is believed to be due to the exodus of negroes to the north.