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BIGGEST COTTON CROP SINCE YEAR 1914.

12,987,000 Is Government's Final Estimate—Million and a Half Bales More Than Forecast From Condition Late in June.

Washington, Dec. 13.—The cotton crop, which began the season in the worst condition in 50 years, has turned out to be the biggest crop since 1914, with a production of 12,987,000 bales, according to final estimates announced today by the department of agriculture.

The lateness of winter, the department said, has helped to increase the size of the crop by permitting the plant, which was late in getting started, to mature.

The price of cotton paid to producers December 1 was announced as 14 cents a pound, the lowest for that date since 1915.

The final production estimate is 1,500,000 bales more than forecast from the condition of the crop late in June. Vast improvement was shown as the season progressed and the August condition brought a forecast of 12,783,000 bales. That was reduced by the September condition to 12,125,000 bales.

In Texas and South Carolina the crop is very large, closely approaching the record. Oklahoma's crop is a record one, as is that of Arkansas. Production in California and Arkansas has about doubled the production of any previous year.

Production last year was 11,420,763 bales of 500 pounds gross weight, in 1918 it was 12,040,532 bales and in 1917 it was 11,302,375 bales. In computing gross weight bales allowance is made for 478.3 pounds of lint and 21.7 pounds of bagging and ties.

Production this year by states in 500-pound bales follows:

North Carolina, 840,000; South Carolina, 1,630,000; Georgia, 1,400,000; Florida, 18,000; Alabama, 660,000; Mississippi, 885,000; Louisiana, 380,000; Texas, 4,200,000; Arkansas, 1,160,000; Tennessee, 810,000; Missouri, 85,000; Oklahoma, 1,300,000; California, 150,000; Arizona, 110,000. All other states 15,000.

The average weight per running bale this year is estimated at 506.9 pounds, gross compared with 504.2 pounds last year.

The price of lint cotton paid to producers on December 1 was 14 cents per pound, compared with 35.6 cents a year ago.

ANSON YOUNG MAN TELLS

Arthur Henry, 26, spent Monday night and Tuesday shut up in an auto on the rear seat, while two men wearing uniforms and carrying pistols and rum, were on the front seat, according to Henry's story.

The young man says he was picked up near his home, three miles from Wadesboro, when he saw a leveled revolver, and a deep voice saying, "Get in here."

"I could do nothing else," said Henry, being unarmed.

The Anson county farmer stated that his coat, hat and shoes were taken, also all his money, and that the two men in an Oldsmobile, spent the night making the trip from Wadesboro to Marshville. Tuesday they arrived at the new steel bridge of the Southern Railway, eleven miles from Charlotte, at Belmont.

"I got away from them there," said Henry; "if they hadn't been drinking I cannot say that even then I could have escaped. They had all the curtains buckled down, and had their revolvers and their rum handy. There was no chance for me to make a break for liberty."

After getting out of the car near Belmont, Henry walked toward Mount Holly, following the course of the river, stating Tuesday night that he did not know where he was. At 7:30 o'clock Tuesday night he saw a Houskins car, four miles west of the city, and the motorman and conductor, after hearing his story, brought him to Charlotte.

Henry went to police headquarters to report the affair. He was fed, and given a cap and shoes. The shoes felt comfortable after Henry's nine-mile tramp in his stocking feet.

Later he said he had a relative, Jerome Gaddy, night boss in a North Charlotte cotton mill. Rev. E. G. Carson was telephoned and went after Mr. Gaddy, who said he had such a cousin, but believed him safe in Wadesboro.

"Send him to the end of the North Charlotte car line on the 11:15 o'clock car, and I will be there to meet him," said Mr. Gaddy, "and if I can get the family up early enough, Henry will get back home, leaving here on the 5 o'clock train."

Arthur Henry was put aboard the car, and is now presumed to be in Wadesboro. He named a number of people in that town whom he said he knew.

Henry gave a description of the two men who he claims, abducted him at the point of a pistol. The investigation is in the hands of the county authorities.

Later.

Mr. D. V. Mauney went to Charlotte yesterday and returned with Henry last night. It appears that the young man went to Charlotte with some strangers, and that as far as there is any corroboration of his story of being robbed.—The M. & I.

BROWN CREEK CHURCH NOTES

There will be an important meeting of the board of deacons next Saturday December 19, at 10 A. M. All deacons are requested to attend, and as many members of the church as can conveniently.

JUDGE ASSAILS GASTON B. MEANS.

Declares Purported Second King Will be a Forgery—Fight to Probate Alleged Last Will of Mrs. Maude King's Husband Is Lost.

Chicago, Dec. 10.—The fight to probate an alleged second will of the late James C. King, millionaire lumberman, who died November 1, 1906, failed again today when Judge Jesse Baldwin in circuit court sustained the decision of the probate court that the purported last will is a forgery.

A will probated shortly after Mr. King's death, and now upheld, leaves the estate of between \$3,000,000 and \$5,000,000 to found a home for aged men. The latest attempt to establish the validity of the alleged second will was made in the name of Mrs. Mary C. Melvin, sister of Mrs. Maude King, who was shot and killed at Concord, N. C., August 29, 1917.

Gaston B. Means, of New York and Concord, Mrs. King's business manager, at whose home she was visiting, was tried and acquitted on a charge of murdering her.

Judge Baldwin, in his decision severely criticises Means' association with the will case. "No fair consideration of this case," he said, "can ignore the fact that Gaston B. Means is shown to be the controlling and dominating spirit in the attempt to establish this will. Indeed, the conclusion is irresistible that Mrs. King and Mrs. Melvin were singularly under his influences and were largely dominated by his personality and inflexible will."

Means claimed to have found the second will in August, 1915 although it was not offered for probate until July 17, 1917, about five weeks before Mrs. King was killed, and nearly 12 years after Mr. King died.

Testimony in the will case brought out, among other things, that Means had worked for Captain Boyed as a German agent prior to America's entrance into the war, and that Means had a contract with Mrs. King whereby he was to obtain at least \$1,000,000 if the alleged will was probated.

Mrs. Maude A. King married the aged millionaire—he was 73 at the time—in 1901.

Five days prior to that event he had made the will which was probated after his death. Shortly after his marriage he added a codicil leaving \$10,000 to his wife, while in an ante-nuptial agreement he gave her \$100,000 additional. Prior to his death she also received stocks valued at \$250,000.

50 STILLS CAPTURED IN LAST TWO YEARS

A few days ago in reviewing his first two years in office, Sheriff Braswell stated that from the first Monday in Dec., 1918, to last first Monday he and the other officers of the county had captured at least 90 stills, and probably a few more. 51 persons have been indicted in the federal and state courts, for distilling, sentences inflicted have totalled more than 10 years, and fines to the amount of \$1,150 have been paid. There are now 26 cases pending in the state and federal courts.

This result has been made possible by the interest and work of all the officers of the county, and also by the co-operation of law abiding citizens in many portions of the county. However zealous the officers may be, they can not do much without the help of the citizenship of the community. This is illustrated by the fact that during the last year many more stills have been captured than was the case in the previous year, which has been due to the fact that the people have awakened to the menace of the blind tiger liquor, and wish to wipe it out.

Law officers are entitled to \$20 for each still captured, but the sheriff has not been making claims for makhist affairs but only for good stills. Hunting stills has been an expense to him personally. However, the county has received much more value in fines and sentences than capturing the stills has cost it.

CROP VALUES DECREASED.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The value of the country's important farm crops this year is \$9,148,519,000 compared with \$14,087,995,000, their value last year, the Department of Agriculture announced Tuesday. Those values, based on prices paid to farmers on December 1, represent about 90 per cent of the value of all farm crops.

AUSTRIA ADMITTED.

Austria has been admitted to the league of nations by a practically unanimous vote. This is the first enemy nation to be admitted, though it is expected that Bulgaria will be admitted soon.

Sugar, which, some time ago, was selling at 30 cents, is now down to 5 cents temporarily. Yesterday one of the dry goods firms in Wadesboro got out circulars offering sugar at 7 1-2 cents. Today another dry goods firm is offering it at 5 cents and one of the groceries is advertising that they will deliver it. Read The M. & I. for bargains in other lines.

Clerk of the Court Boggan has received the state pension warrants for Confederate veterans and widows. Those entitled to the warrants are requested to call and get them.

Each page of The M. & I. has announcements of very much reduced prices by the merchants of Wadesboro and other towns of the county. Read them all carefully.

The minutes of the Anson Baptist Association are ready. Please call at Mr. F. C. Allen's store and get yours.

Don't forget to buy some Red Cross Christmas seals.

PART OF CORK BURNED

Heavy Losses in Irish City—Conflagration Follows Ambush of Soldiers Dublin, Dec. 12.—(By the Associated Press.)—Several large sections of Cork were devastated by fire Saturday night and today. The conflagration followed the shooting from ambush of a military party Saturday.

On the south bank of the river Lee the Carnegie library, the corn exchange and other buildings were razed by fire, while in the territory between the northern and southern branches of the river much havoc was wrought by flames in the business section.

Late this evening it was reported that the fire was under control, but it was said that the damage done by the flames was estimated at between \$10,000,000 and 15,000,000 dollars.

The conflagration followed an ambush of the military at Pillons Cross Saturday night in which four persons were killed and many wounded.

Three civilians were taken from their houses and shot dead after the ambush of the military. Then the fires started. There were bomb explosions and firing also was heard. The populace is panic stricken. The municipal buildings, the Carnegie library and the corn exchange, which cover a large area, have been consumed by the flames, which are so hot at places that passing tram cars have been set on fire.

It is reported that the fire hose was cut, rendering useless the efforts of the firemen. Two acres soon became a furnace. The front walls of houses were blown out with bombs.

Several blocks of buildings in the heart of the business district of Cork were destroyed by fire during the night, constituting the costliest destruction of property since the reprisals began in Ireland.

A group of public buildings on Albert Quay, including the city hall, the Carnegie library and a portion of the corn exchange, also were burned as well as private residences in various parts of the city.

Early estimates place the damage at between 2,000,000 and 3,000,000 pounds sterling.

The fires extended to St. Patrick's street from Cork street to Maylor street and swept entire rows of buildings on both sides of Winthrop St.

It was reported from Cork yesterday afternoon that newly arrived parties of auxiliary cadets marched through the streets holding up and searching pedestrians and firing into the air following the ambush of auxiliary soldiers in the barracks, 12 of them being wounded by a bomb thrown from a lorry.

TO REVIVE THE WAR FINANCE CORPORATION.

The Senate on Monday passed a resolution directing the revival of the war finance corporation as a measure affording relief to the farmers. The resolution now goes to the House, where it probably will be passed.

It is expected that if the war finance corporation is revived it will assist in financing exports of crops to Europe, and it is hoped that it will be of great value to the farmers.

LAND TRANSFERS

The following real estate deeds have been registered since The M. & I.'s last report:

J. T. O'Neal and wife to E. E. O'Neal; Polkton lot; \$100.

H. J. Wall to G. C. Berry; 66 acres in Lilesville township; \$3,250.

S. M. Gaddy and wife to J. G. Gaddy; one acre in Morven township; \$90.

M. H. McLean and wife to E. C. Griggs, Admr.; house and lot on Camden road; \$15,000.

J. R. Williams and wife and M. D. Williams to James Price; 43 1-2 acres in Lilesville township; \$700 and other considerations.

FIDDLER'S CONVENTION

There will be a fiddlers' convention at Polkton on Tuesday night December the 28th. Music on the violin and Italian harp and sundry foot-patting melodies by famous old style fiddlers. The money raised will be used to help pay for the seats in the auditorium of the school building. Admission: Adults 25 cents; children 10 years of age and under 15 cents. Let every body come and have a jolly old time. A prize will be given to the best fiddler.

HORACE E. DODGE DIES

AT PALM BEACH, FLA. Palm Beach, Fla. Dec. 10.—Horace E. Dodge, millionaire automobile manufacturer, died at his winter home here tonight.

Mr. Dodge and his brother began manufacturing the Dodge automobile about eight years ago. His brother died last winter in New York.

Colored Teacher Was In Trouble

Readers Thanks for Support. A few weeks ago there was started in colored public school circles a proceeding which might be termed a "secret" investigation of my moral character. Among those who knew me, and readily gave their endorsement for me, were patrons of schools, teachers and principals, farmers and merchants, lawyers and doctors, and bankers, and in short some of the best men of both races. This shows the tendency of the better class of white people to protect the colored man in the right. I wish to thank those gentlemen for their endorsement, and to assure them that I shall endeavor to continue a life that will be worthy of their signatures.

E. L. SMITH, Public School Teacher.

The M. & I. does good Job Printing. Bring us your next order.

DISARMAMENT TO BE SLOW.

Sentiment Must Be Worked Up for Nations Laying Aside Their Arms. Geneva, Dec. 11.—(By the Associated Press.)—That disarmament of the world must be a slow and gradual process is the decision reached by the league of nations assembly commission which has been deliberating on the question more than three weeks. The opinions of leading members of the commission are that neither the political situation nor public opinion is yet ready for full realization of that object.

In fact, even beginning the reduction of armaments is not considered possible by the commission at the present time. Accordingly, the program which will be presented to the assembly is to proceed in three stages. The first involves an agreement between the powers to make no further increase in armament. The second will provide for a gradual reduction on a basis which will be laid down by the armament commission of the council of the league. The third will provide for general and complete disarmament when it may be found that the situation permits it.

Viscount Ishii has improved the occasion to give notice that Japan cannot reduce her armament so long as the United States increases hers. One conspicuous fact to date is the necessity of propaganda to prepare the world for a radical solution of the question.

The covenant of the league again gave rise to a long and confused debate in the assembly this afternoon. The question was how to choose the four elected members of the council. The committee, which decided the most important point by only one majority after a long and difficult discussion, proposed that the terms of these members be limited to two years and that members shall be eligible for re-election for two years more, then ineligible for re-election during the succeeding four years. This vision is intended to facilitate access to the council of all members of the league. Another provision, which was more stoutly contested, apportioned the members among the different continents, Europe and the Americas getting three and Asia one. This provision is held to be contrary to the covenant, which provides that the assembly shall "freely" choose the members of the council, while reappointment would tie the hands of the next assembly.

MORE MARRIAGES.

From December 1, 1919, to December 1, 1920, there were 340 marriage licenses issued by Register of Deeds Crowder. Of this number 120 were to white couples and 220 to colored couples. This was a considerable increase over the previous year, when 283 licenses were issued. The licenses issued to colored people always considerably exceed those issued to whites.

WALLTOWN NEWS.

Dr. Boyer P. E. will occupy the pulpit in the Methodist church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and at close of service will hold the first quarterly conference. It is desired that every church be represented.

Messrs. Hill Clark and James Mays have been awarded the contract to build a huge flat for the Blewett Falls Ferry Co. The company will run two flats one by electricity, the other by gasoline engine.

Mrs. Kemp P. Battle of Red Springs who has been visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. Lucy Wall spent Sunday with Mrs. B. L. Wall.

Mrs. John Spencer who spent several days with her mother Mrs. John Messmore of Wadesboro has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Watkins of Abbeville are visiting Mrs. Watkins' sisters, Misses Belle and Flora Spencer and other relatives.

Mr. John A. McAllister spent Sunday with his daughter Mrs. R. B. Redwine.

ANSONVILLE CIRCUIT.

Services next Sunday at Concord at 11 A. M. and at Cedar Hill at 3 P. M. We are getting started off very well for the new conference year and it is hoped that this will keep up. We are working for, praying for and expecting a better year in our churches, in every way and if each and every member will do his or her part we will not be disappointed. I hope to see every member, not providentially hindered, at our regular services. Winter is bad weather on Sunday schools so everybody will need to make extra effort to attend or the attendance will run down. Come. A. R. BELL.

The Monroe Enquirer's story about a Charlotte citizen who got stuck in the mud near Wingate a short time ago and spent the night with a good man in that neighborhood and then drove on the next morning without even thanking the man with whom he spent the night for his kindness brings to light another story very much like unto the one told by The Enquirer. The story is told by Mr. James Caudle, who lives near Peachland, and the ingrate in this instance is a Monroe citizen, Mr. Caudle says the gentleman (?) under discussion stalled near his residence about 1:30 one Sunday night. He went to Mr. Caudle's place of abode and awoke him and his family. The lady members of the automobile party were taken into the home and cared for until Mr. Caudle and the man who owned the automobile succeeded in prizing the car out of the mud. It was then about 3:30 A. M. Mr. Caudle then sold him what gasoline he had and the man gave him a check for the gas and his trouble, but, lo and behold, the check proved to be worthless.—Marshville Home.

TIMELY FARM NOTES.

(By J. W. Cameron, County Agent.)

Farmers Keep Farm Accounts.

Farmers interested in keeping farm accounts next year can secure a very valuable book which was gotten up for the purpose by the bureau of farm management, U. S. department of agriculture, at the county agent's office. As a general thing, farmers are entirely too careless about keeping farm accounts, and if farming was not one of the best lines of work, we would have all been "broke" before the fall of 1920, when almost everybody is "broke."

Live Stock Meeting at Salisbury.

The live stock meeting held at Salisbury last week, although the crowds were not so large, on account of the wet weather and slick roads, were very interesting. There were some splendid talks made by noted livestock men from different sections of the country.

There was a large display of good poultry, a total of 1,500 birds.

Dr. Tait Butler stated in his talk that the reason so many farmers became discouraged and failed to make a success of growing livestock in the south was because we so often would secure the livestock before we prepared good permanent pastures and grew plenty of feed for them. He stated that we could grow and were growing some livestock in the south as good as there was in the country, and they could be grown cheaper in the south, as we had such a long growing season.

Dr. Butler stated that he had never seen a man make a profit in growing or wintering cattle in reed patches and swamps.

Dr. E. V. McCullum, of John Hopkins University, stressed the importance of using more milk in the human diet. He is one of our best authorities on this subject. Comparatively few people realize the importance of using a sufficient amount of milk. We give entirely too little thought to the family cow, and if she does her best, she should be fed a balanced ration. Our dairy specialist recommends the following as a grain ration: 1-3 cotton seed, 1-3 corn and cob meal, 1-3 bran or mill feed, 1 lb. to every 3 lbs. of milk received with a sufficient amount of roughage.

Farmers have your cotton graded, if it has not already been graded. Mr. J. I. Johnson, the state and federal cotton grader, has already graded a number of Anson county cotton. It is graded free and it should be some satisfaction to a man to know what he has for sale, and the buyers also like to know what they are buying.

The M. & I. is printing, in this issue a splendid article written by T. J. W. Broom, of Union county, and I hope every farmer will read the same, as he gives some splendid suggestions. Every farmer may not be able to follow the suggestions made in full, but when every farmer grows his food and feed supplies and a legume crop and livestock of some kind to consume the surplus and what cotton he can, we will see our farmers in a better position to withstand adversities.

MR. A. L. GARRISON

Abbeville, S. C. Press and Banner.

Dec. 6, 1920.—Death called Absalom Leonidas Garrison this morning while he slept. He passed away quietly and evidently without pain and suffering. Mr. Garrison has not been in the best of health since about a year ago, but the past few weeks he has seemed to be in better health, and he was feeling better until about a week ago when he suffered an attack of acute indigestion. He seemed to rally from this attack and while he had not been out of his physician and friends were not anxious about him, as there was nothing in his condition to cause alarm. His death which came early this morning was therefore not expected and it caused profound sorrow in the city where Mr. Garrison had so many friends.

Mr. Garrison was born at Burlington, N. C., sixty years ago. He was a son of Joseph and Rachel Garrison. As a young man he turned to the calling of a locomotive engineer. Serving first as fireman and then as engineer on the Carolina Central. Mr. Garrison about 1882 was assigned to duties on the Georgia Carolina and Northern Railway, now the Seaboard Air Line. He ran the engine which placed the rails from Monroe, N. C. to Chester, and was the first engineer to bring a train into Abbeville. All his life since that time he has given to this railroad. And a conscientious and faithful worker for those whom he served he always proved himself to be.

In 1885 Mr. Garrison was married to Miss Henrietta Gray, of North Carolina. For the last twenty-five years Mr. and Mrs. Garrison have made their home in Abbeville, and here they have made many friends. Mrs. Garrison survives her husband. They have no children. The deceased is also survived by his brother, Mr. John P. Garrison, of this city.

Funeral services will be conducted at the residence of Mrs. Minshall this afternoon at 4 o'clock by Rev. A. J. Derbyshire of the Episcopal Church, of which Mr. Garrison had been a member for a great number of years. Tonight the body will be taken over to the Seaboard at Peachland, N. C., where it will be laid to rest in the cemetery with Mrs. Garrison's people. A number of friends will accompany the body to its last resting place.

And thus passes a quiet unassuming gentleman.

STRAYED OR STOLEN—Last week, black and white spotted bird dog, answers to name, "Spot." Notify J. A. Maner and receive reward.

BROADWAY AND HENDLEY REPRIEVED

Mood and John Turner Now Serving Sentences Imposed for Distilling—Appeals of All These Dismissed by Supreme Court.

At the last term of criminal court Clayton Broadway, Steve Hendley, John and Mood Turner were sentenced to the changing for varying periods, all of them having been convicted of distilling. They all appealed, but the supreme court recently dismissed their appeals.

The two Turners began serving their sentences several days ago, but Robinson, Caudle & Pruetto, attorneys for Broadway and Hendley, have asked Governor Bickett to change their road sentences to fines. Pending hearing of this application, the Gov. has relieved Broadway and Hendley until January 3rd, and they are still out on bond. It is understood that in case Broadway's sentence is changed to a fine he will agree to leave this part of the country. A petition asking that the sentences of these two men be changed to fines was largely signed.

POSTAL DEFICIT IS \$17,270,482.

Second Largest in the History of the Service—Postmaster General Charges Congress With Direct Responsibility for Deficit.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Operation of the United States postal service for the fiscal year 1920 resulted in a deficit of \$17,270,482—the second largest in the history of the service—Postmaster General Burleson shows in his annual report today to the President, in which expenditures of the postoffice department are placed at \$454,322,609 and revenues at \$437,152,212. The postmaster general charges Congress with direct responsibility for the deficit, explaining that the expenditure including approximately \$33,206,600 paid as a war bonus to postal employees and stating that but for this there would have been a surplus of \$18,427,817. Mr. Burleson says he declined to approve the bonus action of the legislative department, adding that he had offered suggestions of another plan for compensating the employees which would have served the purpose without at the same time giving a blanket increase in pay to "thousands who were already amply compensated."

"For reasons that can be readily understood," he continues, "the legislative department rejected these suggestions made by the postmaster general and hence is directly responsible for the deficit which inevitably followed the indefensible action."

"The postmaster general feels constrained to point out that if a prompt halt is not called and such a policy is persisted in, there will be a deficiency for the next fiscal year of approximately \$36,000,000 and the postal establishment will cease to be self-supporting, as it should be, and will become a constant increasing burden upon the general treasury."

COMMUNITY PICTURES.

Mrs. Chas. E. Ader, director of community service for the county announces that she will stage a regular community meeting in the court house, Saturday night for the special benefit of the people of the city. Mrs. Ader is anxious to show the people of the town just what is being done in the country districts along the line of community service, and feels this is the best way to demonstrate her work.

The program Saturday night will consist of six reels of moving pictures, three reels of which, are entitled "Come Clean" and are considered one of the strongest health pictures ever sent out by the state. Mrs. Ader states there is nothing dry or monotonous about "Come Clean," but that it is an absorbing story of a young man, a soldier who had been rejected for service on account of bad teeth. He has his trouble removed, joins the service, and demonstrates to the satisfaction of every one that it pays to "Come Clean" especially when faced with a difficult task.

The other three reels are a western romance, featuring Wallace Reid; "The Magic Wand" with an interesting child actress, and a Mutt and Jeff animated cartoon. All of these are up to the standard.

In addition to the pictures, Miss Eleanor Horton and Dr. William Gray, two of the city's best known artists, will take a prominent part in the program. Miss Horton will give several readings, and Dr. Gray, in addition to his readings will give impersonations of Billy Sunday, Baxter McLendon and perhaps other well known characters. The program will close with a little playlet by some of the city's little men and women. The meeting will start at 7:30 P. M., and the regular admission of ten cents will be charged all above six years of age.

KITCHIN IN POOR HEALTH

Claude Kitchin, dean of the North Carolina members in the House of Representatives, and probably the most influential Democrat in the House, has announced that he will resign his place on the ways and means committee, the big committee of the House. He suffered a stroke of paralysis some time ago, and his health is not equal to the work he would have to do on that committee. He will remain in Congress.

MILLS USE LESS COTTON

Mills of the country consumed 213,990 bales of cotton in November, compared with 280,439 bales in October. In November, 1919 373,000 bales were consumed. There is also much more cotton on hand in consuming establishments and warehouses than there was last year.