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## CROPS PROMISE BETTER HARVEST

**AVERAGE OF LAST FIVE YEARS EXCEEDED—IN SEVERAL INSTANCES ACREAGES HAVE BEEN GREATLY INCREASED.**

Washington, July 11.—Crops in general promise better harvests this year than their average for the last five years, forecasts of the department of agriculture based on July 1 condition issued today indicate. Bumper crops of white and sweet potatoes and tobacco are forecast and most of the crops are larger than last year's. With the exception of wheat, corn and oats acreages this year range from 10 to 22 per cent. larger than those of 1921.

Corn acreages are increased this year in most of the corn belt states but in the cotton states decreases are shown, while in Iowa the largest corn producing state, there is a 2 per cent decrease and in Missouri a 3 per cent decrease. The crop in general made good progress to July 1, except in the Southeast where it has been neglected for cotton. Growth has been slow east of the Mississippi but stands are good and fields fairly well cultivated. Farther west rapid growth has been made.

Winter wheat production forecasts show a decline of 38,000,000 bushels, compared with June forecasts. Severe damage has been reported from heat waves and hail storms in Kansas, from drought, high temperatures and winds in Nebraska and from shriveling in Oklahoma and black chaff and take-all in some sections. Wheat remaining on farms July 1 is 31,641,000 bushels, or 25,000,000 bushels less than stocks a year ago.

The large crop of white potatoes forecast is due largely to increased acreages in Western and Northwestern states while all important producing states show increase of from 5 to 10 per cent.

This year's total wheat crop was forecast at 817,000,000 bushels and the corn crop at 2,860,000 bushels by the department of agriculture in its July crop report issued today.

Winter wheat production was forecast at 248,000,000 bushels and the condition 83.7 per cent.

All wheat condition was 78.9 per cent of a normal.

Corn production was forecast at 2,860,000,000 bushels based on an estimate area of 103,234,000 acres, or 99.4 per cent of last year's acreage and a condition of 85.1 per cent of a normal on July 1.

Production forecasts and details of other crops were announced as follows:

Oats, production 1,187,000,000 bushels; condition 74.4.

White potatoes, production, 420,000,000 bushels; condition 87.3; acreage 4,228,000, or 110.8 per cent of last year's.

Sweet potatoes, production, 111,000,000 bushels; condition 87.3; acreage 4,228,000 or 110.8 per cent of last year's.

Hay, production, 107,000,000 tons; condition 88.7.

Peas, production 54,300,000 bushels; condition 74.3.

## COTTON MARKET

Cotton sold on the local market today for 23 cents. Futures closed:

July	22.26
October	22.31
December	22.19
January	21.92
March	21.80

Futures closed yesterday:

July	21.81
October	21.96
December	21.82
January	21.51
March	21.38

## FORMAL TRANSFER OF TERMINAL MADE

**CHARLESTON TAKES OVER PORT FACILITIES—CITY BY SEA EXPECTS PROSPEROUS ERA WITH WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT.**

Charleston, July 11.—A telegram sent by Chairman M. Rutledge Rivers early this afternoon from New York City, where the deal was consummated, announced the formal transfer of the Charleston Terminal company waterfront properties to this city, extensive holdings on the Cooper river front becoming municipally owned when Mayor John P. Grace received from President J. R. Kenly of the terminal company the title deed, and Chairman Rivers tendered in payment a certified check for \$1,255,953.22. General Manager H. M. Gallagher, elected to this position by the utilities commission some weeks ago, and who recently arrived in Charleston, on receipt of the announcement, assumed active charge of the terminal operation on behalf of the city and now has his desk in the former offices of the Charleston Terminal company. He said there would be for the present no change in the employed personnel of the city terminals and belt line. Ewen Davidson, former general manager for the company, will continue his duties in cooperation with Mr. Gallagher for the rest of this month.

Mayor Grace, in commenting on this purchase, characterized this as a red letter day in the history of Charleston, marking as it does the taking over by the city of the control of the chief port facilities. For a number of years he had advocated this step, and formal proceedings of various kinds, including agreement on purchase price, issuing of bonds, legislation for purchasing and operating, and many other matters of importance, have been going ahead steadily, culminating today in the actual purchase. The city, through its commission of nine members, including A. F. McKissick of Greenville and Bright Williamson of Darlington, will from now on pursue a policy of permanent development and expansion of port utilities and has in hand about \$1,250,000 in cash for future expenditure. General Manager Gallagher, experienced in waterfront expansion, forecasts a new era of prosperity for this city through municipal operation of docks and belt line. Chairman Rivers, Mayor Grace and representatives of the terminal company and official bond purchasers were at the conference today in New York when the final transaction was completed.

## PRINCE IN HOSPITAL

**Judge Goes to Baltimore For Treatment**

Anderson, July 11.—Judge G. E. Prince has been taken to Baltimore where he will be in the Johns Hopkins hospital for treatment. Judge Prince suffered a collapse two weeks ago and is just now able to go to Baltimore, where it is hoped that the treatment of experts will be of great benefit.

## HEAVY RAIN AND SOME HAIL

There was a very hard rainstorm with some hail yesterday afternoon about the W. E. Leslie place. One old house was blown down on Owen Speed's farm, and Leslie's Creek had to be crossed by way of Santuc.

## TOWN GETS FEDERAL AID

In the allotment in federal aid to 6 counties at the monthly meeting of the state highway commission in Columbia, Abbeville County received \$3,000 additional aid for the town of Abbeville.

Jim Johnson of Donalds was in town today.

## OFFERS SCHEME TO OPEN COAL MINES

**PRESIDENT PROPOSES IMMEDIATE RETURN TO WORK—HARDING WOULD FIX PERMANENT WAGE SCALES BY ARBITRATION.**

Washington, July 11.—President Harding today placed before leaders of employers and employees of the anthracite and unionized bituminous mine fields a government plan for settling the coal strike. It called for immediate resumption of work by miners now out at wage rates of March 31, last, for fixing of permanent wage levels by arbitration and for an investigation to recommend solutions of permanent problems in the coal industry.

All representatives of the groups concerned had tonight delayed definite answers to the proposal, although union officials informed the President they had no power to give acceptance or refusal, but would summon the general policy committee of the United Mine Workers' of America here Saturday to consider the matter.

A day of conference at the White House and at other offices with Secretaries Hoover, Fall, Davis and Attorney General Daugherty participating, was taken to bring matters to this stage.

Alfred M. Ogle, chairman of the bituminous operators' group, indicated that his associates considered an arbitration plan they had offered last week, for district settlements, "the best and fairest way" to get the mines open, but John L. Lewis, president of the union, classed this "as obsolete in the light of the President's proposals." Anthracite operators, although their committee was three times at the White House, maintained silence.

## MR. J. H. BARKSDALE

**Died Monday Evening After Long Illness.—Funeral Today.**

J. H. Barksdale died at his home here Monday evening July 10, 1922 about 7:30 o'clock. Mr. Barksdale was 76 years old a few days ago, and had been in failing health for many months though his last illness covered only about ten days.

Funeral services were held this morning at 10 o'clock at Upper Long Cane Cemetery the burial taking place immediately after. Rev. M. R. Plaxco of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church conducted the services assisted by Rev. H. L. Weeks of the Baptist church.

At 16 years of age Mr. Barksdale entered the Confederate Army as a private, being a member of the 7th, South Carolina Infantry, Kershaw's Brigade, serving until discharged in the Army at Northern Virginia. At the conclusion of the war he returned to this county. In 1866 he was married to Miss Amanda Reagen of Troy. She died some years ago. Mr. Barksdale was engaged in farming near the city from the time of his marriage until failing health caused him to give up the management of his farm and move to the city. He has made his home in the city for the past three years. He was a man of quiet and unassuming manners, but he made many friends notwithstanding, and these respected him for his deep convictions and courageous stand on all questions.

The following children survive him: Mrs. J. H. Oulla of Greenville, Miss Sue Barksdale of Greenville, Mrs. Hugh Bowen of Level Land and Miss Annie Barksdale and W. D. Barksdale of Abbeville. He is also survived by a sister, Mrs. Tom Moseley of Greenwood.

The Confederate veterans acted as honorary pallbearers and the following were active pallbearers: Messrs. A. J. Ferguson, James Fer-

## TERRIFIC STORM IN MIDDLE WEST

**STORMS DO HEAVY PROPERTY DAMAGE IN MIDDLE WEST. HAIL, WIND AND RAIN SWEEP THROUGH WIDE AREA—SOME LOSS OF LIFE**

Chicago, July 11.—Middle western states were recovering today from the effects of hail, rain and windstorms which swept over Iowa, Illinois, Missouri, South Dakota, Nebraska and Kansas yesterday, causing heavy property damage and a small loss of lives. In sections of these states where the precipitation was not excessive report said crops were benefitted in some places, the rain breaking excessive droughts.

Heaviest damage according to reports, occurred in South Dakota and Missouri. A tornado at St. Charles, S. D., virtually wiped out the town of 100 population. One man was killed and scores slightly injured. Damage was estimated at \$75,000. In the vicinity of Lake Andes, farm buildings were destroyed and summer cottages blown down, bringing the property loss to \$800,000.

A cloudburst in the Kansas City business district late last night flooded the streets, washed automobiles away from the curbing and overburdened storm sewers. Lighting systems in Kansas City and vicinity were severely hampered.

Two persons were killed near Sargeant, Neb., as a result of a heavy wind, rain and hail storm last night.

The storm ended a 43 day drought in Chicago and vicinity. Only slight damage resulted from the high wind which accompanied the downpour.

Relief from the heat wave which has been sweeping over the middle west, and local showers are predicted for this district today.

## FUNERAL OF MRS. BOWIE

**Held Tuesday Morning at Her Late Residence on Church Street.**

The funeral services of Mrs. Janie Thomson Bowie, who died Monday morning, July 10th, were held yesterday morning at 10 o'clock at the residence on Church Street, being conducted by Rev. G. M. Telford. The burial followed at Long Cane Cemetery.

Mrs. Bowie was born May 5th, 1846, and consequently had just passed her 76th year. She was a daughter of the late Judge Thomas Thomson and his wife Elizabeth Allen Thomson. In early life she was married to Mr. James A. Bowie of this place. He preceded her to the grave about fifteen years ago. She was a member of the Presbyterian church of this city and had been for many years.

The following children survive the deceased: James S. Bowie and Misses Elise and Mamie Bowie, of Abbeville and Alexander Bowie, of Chattanooga, Tenn. She is survived by a sister, Mrs. Cleora Chiles, of Troy and the following brothers, Dr. S. G. Thomson, Thomas P. Thomson of Abbeville and Prof. J. W. Thomson of Winthrop College. Another sister, Mrs. T. P. Quarles, died some years ago.

The following acted as pallbearers: T. G. White, J. Allen Smith, Jr., E. R. Thomson, J. C. Thomson, J. H. Little and S. G. Thomson, Jr.

Those attending the funeral from a distance were, J. Perrin Quarles of Charlotte, N. C.; J. W. Thomson, Rock Hill; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Chiles and J. H. Chiles, Jr., of Troy; Mrs. Frank McGee, Miss Mary Quarles Link, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Dargan of Spartanburg and Mr. and Mrs. Alex Bowie and children of Chattanooga, Tenn.

guson, Jr., J. H. Ferguson, Earl Ferguson, Ralph Ferguson, and Raymond Ferguson.

## GERMANY TO MAKE PLEA FOR RELIEF

**MAY PROPOSE TO PAY REMAINING INSTALLMENTS IF MORATORIUM IS GRANTED. REPRESENTATIVES CONFER WITH ALLIED LEADER**

Paris, July 11.—The two representatives of the German Government, Dr. Fischer, chairman of the German War Debts Commission, and Herr Schroeder, Under-Secretary of Finance, during the course of a three hours' conference this afternoon informed M. Dubois, president of the reparations commission, that the financial situation of Germany had reached such a condition that the cash payments of the indemnity would soon become impossible.

While the Germans did not formally request a moratorium, they made it plain to M. Dubois, and later to each of the members of the commission that Germany felt that such relief would be the only way out of her difficulties.

M. Dubois and the others of the commission, listened to the German representatives and asked many questions, but reserved their decision until a later date, after the commission has formally received Germany's request and given it full consideration. The commission will meet tomorrow to discuss the new crisis and it is probable that Dr. Fischer will have further informal conversations with the members. Herr Schroeder has asked Berlin for instructions, and may return to Germany tomorrow.

It is explained that the Germans do not seem to know just what was wanted, but among the tentative proposals they had with them was one calling for payment of the remaining cash installments this year by means of a loan, provided a moratorium of at least two years was granted. Without a moratorium a loan would not be raised, the Germans explained.

## RAINBOW VETERANS MEET IN COLUMBIA NEXT

**Convention at Greenwood Brought to Close—Watkins of Anderson Elected President.**

Greenwood, July 11.—With the election of officers and the choice of Columbia as the next meeting place, South Carolina chapter, Rainbow division, closed its third annual convention here today. J. C. Watkins of Anderson was elected president to succeed Maj. A. B. Hooks of Charlotte. Other officers elected were: H. L. Wright, Greenville, vice president, E. A. Keels, Columbia, secretary and treasurer; Joseph L. Murphy, Hickory, N. C., historian; Col. J. Munroe Johnson, Marion, delegate to the national Rainbow division reunion at Indianapolis. Colonel Johnson and Mrs. Johnson left today for the national convention.

The chapter selected the first Tuesday in June for the permanent meeting date. Resolutions were passed expressing the appreciation of the men who went overseas for the service of the men who did not have that opportunity. The resolution declared that some former soldiers who did not see foreign service felt some embarrassment about it and the resolution was passed to reassure them of the regard of their comrades.

## COUNTY GETS \$687.15

**From State Game Warden for School Purposes.**

Treasurer R. B. Cheatham has received a check for \$687.15 from Chief Game Warden A. A. Richardson of Columbia. This amount was derived from the state game law over and above the up-keep of the department and is to be used for school purposes.

## BROTHERHOOD HEAD TO DISCUSS STRIKE

**LEADERS CONFER TODAY IN CHICAGO.—PRESIDENT HARDING ISSUES PROCLAMATION. CARRYING OF MAILED MUST BE CONTINUED.**

Chicago, July 11.—With state troops and United States deputy marshals on guard in half a dozen states to avert violence and prevent interference with the movement of the mails or interstate commerce, leaders of the Big Four railroad brotherhoods and railway executives were hurrying to Chicago tonight to confer tomorrow on issues growing out of the shopmen's strike.

At Bloomington, Ill., where state troops have been guarding the Chicago & Alton railway shops, engineers, firemen, trainmen and conductors, members of the four big brotherhoods voted today not to enter the shops or yards as long as troops are stationed there.

Union officials ordered their men to keep the mail trains running, however. Clerks employed in the yards and at the depot walked out last night, refusing to work under protection of the troops.

Another issue to be discussed will be the alleged insistence of the carriers that members of the "Big Four" do work regularly assigned to the crafts now on strike. The United States railroad labor board last week rendered an opinion that the members of one craft of workmen were not required to do the work of another union whose members were on strike, unless they did so voluntarily. Members of the "Big Four" unions also protested that rolling stock has not been kept in condition since the strike of shopmen, engineers claiming that engines with defective brakes, headlights and air equipment had been turned over to them.

Washington, July 11.—President Harding in a proclamation issued at the White House late tonight directed "all persons to refrain from all interference with the lawful efforts to maintain interstate transportation and the carrying of the United States mails."

In the proclamation which was issued after a day in which continued reports had reached the postoffice department of interference by railroad strikers with mail trains, the president invited the cooperation of all public authorities, state and municipal, and the "aid of all good citizens" to uphold the laws and to "facilitate those operations in safety which are essential to life and liberty and the security of property and our common public welfare."

The peaceful settlement of controversies between shop craft employees and carriers, it was stated, "in accordance with law and due respect for the established agencies for such settlement are essential to the security and well being of our people."

The president took the position that men willing to maintain the operation of railroad trains in order to transport mail have the "same indisputable right to work that others have to decline to work."

President Harding was occupied throughout the evening with the preparation of the proclamation delaying his dinner one hour in order to go over the first transcript. He returned to the executive offices after dinner and remained there until the proclamation was made public about 10:40 p. m.

## HAD TONSILS REMOVED

Mrs. L. M. Creswell had her tonsils removed at the County Hospital yesterday and is recovering from the operation.