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## CROP CONDITION IS 70.8 PER CENT

**OF NORMAL—THIS YEAR'S CROP PLACED AT 1,144,900 BALES. BOLL WEEVIL INFESTATION ESTIMATED AT FROM 71.3 TO 80.2 PER CENT TOTAL.**

Washington, Aug. 1.—This year's cotton crop was placed at 1,144,900 bales of 500 pounds gross weight in the second forecast of the season announced today by the Department of Agriculture, basing its estimate on the condition of the crop July 25 which was 70.8 per cent of a normal.

There was a decline of 0.4 points in condition from June 25 to July 25, the condition of June 25 having been 71.2 per cent of a normal on which the first forecast of the season, 11,065,000 bales of 500 pounds gross weight was based. The average change in the last ten years between June 25 and July 25 was a decline of 3.9 points.

The condition of the crop on July 25 by states follow:

Virginia 80; North Carolina 78; South Carolina 60; Georgia 54; Florida 65; Alabama 70; Mississippi 74; Louisiana 70; Texas 72; Arkansas 81; Tennessee 85; Missouri 90; Oklahoma 75; California 95; Arizona 86; New Mexico 85.

The final outturn of the crop the Department announced, may be larger or smaller than forecast today as conditions developing during the remainder of the season prove more or less favorable than average.

Crops of previous years and the July 25 condition in those years follow:

Year	Crop	July 25 Condition
1921	7,953,641	64.7
1920	13,439,603	74.1
1919	11,420,763	67.1
1918	12,040,532	73.6
1917	11,802,375	70.3
1914 (rec'd)	16,134,390	76.4
1912-21 (av)	12,279,348	72.9

The acreage of cotton abandoned to July first was summarized at 7.1 per cent, the Department announced in a supplemental statement issued in response to Senate resolutions.

County agents reported 80.2 per cent and reporters of the crop reporting board estimated 71.3 per cent of the total acreage was infested by the boll weevil.

In its supplemental report the Department announced 295 replies as to abandonment of acreage had been received from commissioners of agriculture and the agricultural agents of the various counties in the cotton growing states. There are 846 cotton growing counties so that the 295 replies received account for only about 34 per cent of the counties.

The estimate of acreage of the crop reporting board, issued July 3 which was 34,852,000 acres, related to cotton in cultivation on June 25 after practically all of the indicated abandonment had taken place, the Department's statement said.

### INTERESTING TALK.

Miss Virginia Galloway of Due West was in the city this week for a visit to Mrs. M. R. Plaxco. Miss Galloway spent last year in Wheatland, Wyoming, with Dr. and Mrs. Phifer and has just returned to Due West. Before returning home she made a trip to the coast of California and through Oregon. She visited Yellowstone Park and came down through Ohio for a visit to relatives. She has much that is entertaining to tell of her trip.

### Miss Killingsworth in Abbeville.

Miss Lillian Killingsworth is visiting her aunts Mrs. Fannie Milford and Miss Corrie Killingsworth, at their home on South Main street. Miss Killingsworth has been teaching in summer school at Raleigh for the past six weeks. She is always a welcome visitor to Abbeville.

## MORE MEN NEEDED TO PRODUCE COAL

**ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND WILL TURN TRICK—UNITED STATES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNOUNCES RESULT OF INVESTIGATION OF SITUATION**

Washington, Aug. 1.—Addition of 100,000 men "of equal producing efficiency" to those now mining coal would insure a supply of coal adequate for the country's needs, according to a report made public today by the coal bureau of the chamber of commerce of the United States.

The bureau based its calculation on the production by 185,000 men—the number said by the department of labor to be at work in the mines—of something over 5,000,000 tons in the week preceding the railway shopmen's strike.

There are positive indications, the bureau said, "that certain industries in various parts of the country have reached an end of the bituminous resources." A development of the strike which has caused much concern, the report declared, was the interruption of coal delivery at Lake Erie ports for shipment to the North west.

According to the bureau the chief point of issue between the miners and operators was found to be "the basis upon which the operators shall deal with the miners"—whether on a national or district basis—with the "check off" holding the next position of importance. The report estimates that \$15,500,000 was collected annually by the United Mine Workers' national organization from the "check off" and that about \$7,000,000 of this was paid out to weighmen employed by the union to verify weights of coal which was paid for by the ton.

### EXPLOSION OF GAS CAUSES INJURIES

**More Than One Hundred Persons Hurt in Chicago and Neighborhood Terrorized.**

Chicago, Aug. 1.—More than 100 persons were injured and an entire neighborhood terrorized today by the explosion of more than 4,000,000 feet of gas and the collapse of its container.

The blast, accompanied by a towering column of flame, came without warning and spread burns, desolation and fear through a district covering about six blocks and peopled mostly by foreign laborers.

A group of boys playing baseball more than 100 yards from the gas plant had their eye brows burned off and their hair singed and suffered burns on their faces. The millions of feet of gas, ignited from some mysterious cause which engineers have been unable to explain, lifted the top off the huge circular tank.

After the explosion the tank collapsed—a mass of glowing, twisted iron. The loss was placed at approximately \$50,000.

### SENSATION IN NEW YORK

New York, Aug. 1.—The government cotton report created a sensation in the local market today and led to excited buying which quickly advanced October to 22.85, representing a rise of about 165 points. The condition was only 70.8 and lower than any of the private condition figures.

The trade was fully prepared for a condition of 73 or better. To make the report still more bullish the abandoned acreage reported was unusually high.

### VISITORS FROM DUE WEST.

Mr. Seldon Kennedy, Seldon Kennedy, Jr., and Rev. and Mrs. N. E. Smith of Due West were in the city Wednesday morning.

## 2,000 CANDIDATES TO BE VOTED FOR

**ON AUGUST 29TH.—ENROLLMENT SAID TO BE NEARLY DOUBLE THAT OF 1920.—ESTIMATED THERE ARE 2,000 CANDIDATES**

Columbia, Aug. 1.—Democratic enrollment throughout the state which nearly doubles that of the last election year, 1920, is forecasted by the reports that are reaching Harry N. Edmunds of Columbia, secretary of the state Democratic Executive Committee. The reports are slow in coming in, but those received so far indicate an enormous enrollment of Democratic voters, as compared with the figures of two years ago.

Newberry, with two small precincts missing reports an enrollment of 5,874 as compared with 3,898 two years ago.

Sumter county has an enrollment this year of 3,325. In 1920 the club rolls showed 1,978 names.

In Union county the enrollment runs close to that for Newberry. The rolls show 5,554 this year, as compared with 3,406 two years ago.

Richland county has enrolled this year 12,669 as compared with a total last election year of 7,172.

The county Democratic executive committees will meet in all the counties next Monday to complete arrangements for the first primaries on August 29, and the second primary two weeks after that date.

It is roughly estimated that there will be two thousand candidates whose names will appear on ballots throughout the state in the first primary. The enrollment is heavier than ever before in the state's history, due largely to the women's enrollment. These facts will make the election machinery the largest and most bungersome the state has ever handled. It will necessitate the use of more boxes and election managers and persons to count the results. The county committees will make arrangements to meet the demands of this increased enrollment.

### OPPOSITION TO TOLBERT

**Dial May Ask Harding to Withdraw Nomination.**

Washington, Aug. 1.—Efforts were understood today to be contemplated by Senator Dial Democrat, South Carolina, to have President Harding withdraw the recently submitted nomination of Joseph Tolbert, Republican national committee man for South Carolina, to be United States marshal for the western district of South Carolina.

Senate confirmation of the nomination of Mr. Tolbert has been held up temporarily and it was learned today that a number of Republican as well as Democratic Senators were opposed to favorable Senate action.

Senator Dial has issued a statement in which he makes several charges against the national committeeman. Friends of Mr. Tolbert here, however, deny the charges.

### GERMAN MARKS STILL DECLINE IN NEW YORK

New York, Aug. 1.—The price of German marks dropped to 14½ cents a hundred, a new low record in the early dealings in foreign exchange today but rallied later to 15 1-4 cents. Demand sterling and continental remittances also eased slightly.

Foreign exchange dealers report that little commercial business is being transacted in marks, German business firms for several weeks past having made all contracts on a dollar basis. A large percentage of the marks now being bought are being acquired by individual citizens for transmission to relatives and friends in Germany.

## ACTION OF GREECE CAUSES CONCERN

**LLOYD GEORGE TAKES HOLD OF THE PROBLEM—TELLS PARLIAMENT GREECE WILL NOT INVADE NEUTRAL ZONE AT PRESENT.**

London, Aug. 1.—The action of Greece in threatening to march on Constantinople and proclaiming autonomy for Smyrna and its Hinterland again has forced the difficult Near Eastern problem to the forefront in diplomacy.

Premier Lloyd George in an important statement to Parliament today was able to give reassuring information concerning the crisis—to the effect that Greece had reaffirmed its previous undertaking not to invade the neutral zone, including Constantinople, without the consent of the Allies. The premier expressed the opinion that the motive for the Greek action was to expedite a settlement of the Near Eastern question. He added that a meeting of the powers chiefly concerned would be convened to discuss the situation.

Great Britain, France and Italy all are agreed not to permit Greece to force matters by a march upon Constantinople but they are by no means agreed on a general policy concerning the Near East. It is considered that it was knowledge of this disagreement which induced Greece to attempt to force the situation by proclaiming the autonomy of Smyrna, hoping by so doing to prevent the proposed solution by returning this territory to Turkey.

Meantime it is not generally believed that Greece will proceed to the extreme. Although she is assembling large forces of troops at Rodes to the powers are taking the necessary steps to resist any attempt upon Constantinople. A strong British fleet is gathering in Turkish waters and allied reinforcements are being sent to Turkey.

One view of the situation taken in political circles here is that the move of Greece is a bluff on the part of King Constantinople to save his face in his own country and induce the powers to recognize him.

### TIPPERARY IS CAPTURED

**Free State Troops Continue to Gain in Ireland.**

London, Aug. 1.—The town of Tipperary was captured by Free State troops Sunday morning, says a dispatch to The Times from Dublin. The attack was commenced Saturday by troops from Dublin.

No progress was made for some hours, owing to the absence of artillery. The irregulars were well fortified and commanded the main road with machine guns.

The firing died away just before midnight but was renewed at 5 o'clock in the morning and the Free Staters succeeded eventually in getting around the town and turned the positions of the irregulars.

Sharp house to house fighting followed, but the town was won and forty-four prisoners were taken.

### NEW ORLEANS COTTON JUMPS \$8.50 A BALE

New Orleans, Aug. 1.—Cotton jumped \$8.50 a bale at the local exchange today immediately after the reading of the Department of Agriculture's report, placing the condition of the growing crop at 70.8 per cent of normal. October touched 22.50 and most active months were carried from 169 to 171 points higher than yesterday's close within a few minutes after receipt of the government's report.

### COTTON MARKET.

Cotton on the local market today brought 22 1-2 cents.

## LEADERS KNOWN IN MINE MASSACRE

**FIVE HUNDRED MEMBERS OF MOB CAN BE ARRESTED.—REPORT OF NATIONAL COAL ASSOCIATION PLACED BEFORE GOVERNOR OF ILLINOIS**

Pittsburg, Aug. 1.—The National Coal association in a statement issued here tonight announced completion of a "sweeping impartial investigation of the Herrin massacre" declared that the leaders of the mob were known and that at least "500 members of the mob can be arrested any time that Attorney General Brundage of Illinois gives the word."

The association in laying its evidence and finding before the governor of Illinois statement said:

"Particular emphasis should be laid on the point that survivors of the massacre are able to point out the official of the United Mines Workers of America who gave the word to take the unarmed prisoners off the roads into the woods and shoot them down in the manner of an army squad executing spies or traitors," says the announcement.

The statement adds: "The National Coal association reports supports the contention of the Illinois attorney that the massacre was not spontaneous."

The statement announces that its investigation corroborated stories of "barbarous treatment of wounded" as reported by press associations and newspapers and declared that some bodies were found to have been "branded."

### EFFECTS OF STRIKES NOW GET ATTENTION

**Industrial Disturbances Making Themselves Felt Upon Business, Says Review.**

Washington, Aug. 1.—Industrial disturbances have begun to make themselves felt upon business, but the outstanding feature of the greater part of July has been the continuance of business and industrial activity at the relatively high rate recently attained, according to the monthly summary issued tonight by the federal reserve board.

Production has shown further increases in some lines, the board declared, while in those normally affected noticeably by seasonal influences the decreases have been relatively slight.

"As the current month progressed," the board said, "the effects of coal and railroad strikes began to make themselves felt. This influence has served recently to restrain productive activities in various lines, noticeably iron and steel. The plans recently announced by the administration are expected to relieve the situation."

Bituminous coal mining has fallen off greatly since July 1, the board declared, and consequently stocks have been further drawn upon. Anthracite production the board asserted, has been negligible and stocks, with the exception of pea sizes, practically exhausted. The petroleum output, however, the board found, continued large with stocks accumulating.

Agricultural prospects, the board said, are still very satisfactory for the country as a whole, although there has been considerable deterioration in the condition of wheat and oats. Fruit crops were reported to be above the average and the tobacco outlook in general was excellent.

### HOME FROM SUMMER SCHOOL

Miss Mary Lou Bowie has returned home from the Winthrop Summer School. Miss Bowie will teach next year in the school at Hamlet, N. C. She will have charge of the seventh grade there will train the girl Scouts.

## RAILWAY EXECUTIVES REJECT PEACE PLAN

**COURTEOUSLY BUT NONE THE LESS FIRMLY DECLINE PROPOSALS OF PRESIDENT HARDING TO SETTLE STRIKE. HOOVER ON HAND.**

New York, Aug. 1.—Railway executives of the nation today firmly but courteously rejected the program advanced by the Harding administration for the settlement of the rail strike. Willing to accept conditionally two suggestions put forward by the White House—that both sides abide by wage decisions of the railroad labor board and that law suits springing out of the strike be withdrawn—the heads of 148 roads declared emphatically that it was impossible to reinstate strikers with unimpaired seniority rights, the third provision in the president's plan.

After being told by Robert S. Lovett of the Union Pacific that there was no moral or practical reason for budging from their position, the executives disbanded, caught the first trains for their respective headquarters and indicated that they were going ahead and would operate their roads with forces they had assembled since the shopmen walked out on July 1.

The decision not to yield on the question of seniority was made known to the White House by telegraph after the rail heads had listened to a 20 minute address by Secretary of Commerce Hoover who, as direct representative of the president, told them in effect that the administration held the seniority question of minor importance in comparison with that of upholding the railroad labor board. This action was taken in the face of a letter from President Harding addressed to T. DeWitt Cuyler, chairman of the American Association of Railway Executives, embodying "the terms of agreement, as I understand them, upon which the railway managers and united shop crafts workers are to agree preliminary to calling off the existing strike."

President Harding had closed his letter with these two sentences:

"I need hardly add that I have reason to believe these terms will be accepted by the workers. If there is good reason why the managers can not accept, they will be obligated to open direct negotiations or assume full responsibility for the situation."

In addition Secretary Hoover had urged upon the executives at their meeting when the text of the Harding letter was read, that settlement of the rail strike was imperative in view of the complicating conditions introduced by the coal strike.

### BIG FIRE IN HONG KONG

**American Hotel is Badly Damaged By Flames.**

Hong Kong, Aug. 1.—The most disastrous fire that has swept the European business quarters in Hong Kong for many years, broke out tonight and is still burning fiercely. Among the buildings badly damaged is the Carleton Hotel on Ice House Road, the only American hotel in the city.

### CAMPING AT ANDERSON.

Dr. and Mrs. F. E. Harrison and their family left Monday for Andersonville. They will spend about two weeks there camping on the Harrison plantation. The trip to Andersonville was made by automobile.

### COMING HOME.

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Davis of Augusta, arrived in the city this afternoon just as we were cocking our printing office to get off this issue. They come to spend sometime at the home of Mrs. Davis's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Stark.