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COTTON CONFERENCE TAKES UP PROBLEMS

GOVERNMENT'S POLICY OUTLINED AT MEETING IN WASHINGTON IN WHICH ALL PHASES ARE DISCUSSED DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Washington, Nov. 23.—The government's policy with regard to all phases of the cotton industry was outlined tonight by members of the department of agriculture's cotton council to the cotton conference held in connection with the annual convention of the Association of Land Grant Colleges.

Presidents, extension directors and deans of colleges of the various cotton growing states, who have long been active in promoting the cotton industry, and experts in every line of cotton growing and cotton marketing were brought together to discuss definite policy with regard to every phase of the cotton industry. The conference was preliminary to the cotton states conference to be held in Memphis early in December and which Secretary Wallace of the department of agriculture will attend with several government cotton experts.

Recommendations made by the cotton council of the department of agriculture, after many conferences in which experts in every branch of cotton growing or marketing participated, were laid before tonight's conference, which was developed from the ideas of Dr. H. A. Morgan, president of the University of Tennessee, and who has made several tours of the cotton belts on investigation for the department of agriculture.

One of the principal subjects covered in the recommendations is the fight against the boll weevil. To overcome its ravages it was said to be of first necessity to mature the largest possible crop in the shortest possible time. To accomplish that end the cotton council's recommendations include:

Selection of well-drained, fertile soils; if possible only land capable of producing, with reasonable fertilization, at least half a bale per acre. Preparation of a good seed bed liberally fertilized.

Planting of good seed of improved early maturing variety, recommended for the locality by the state experiment station and the department of agriculture.

Planting of seed of a single variety by entire communities and counties.

Securing and maintaining a full stand through proper planting and liberal use of seed, and early and frequent thorough cultivation.

Destruction of all possible adult weevils, either by hand picking or poisoning, if weevils are numerous at the time cotton is just beginning to square.

Picking and destruction of all punctured squares every week or ten days for a month, if not equipped to poison by dusting.

Then, if weevils are still numerous, apply calcium arsenate dry dust poison following directions of department of agriculture or state college of agriculture.

Picking of cotton in the fall as rapidly as possible and immediately killing all cotton stalks, thereby destroying the food supply and breeding places of the weevil before hibernation period.

Burning over, or cleaning up, during winter for woodland, trash or rubbish in which weevils successfully hibernate, especially in terraces, fence rows, ditch banks and ravines.

COTTON MARKET

Cotton brought 26 cents on the local market today. Futures closed

Dec.	25.52
Jan.	25.58
March	25.61
May	25.61
July	25.17

CHECK FLASHER UNDER ARREST IN GREENVILLE

S. E. Barton Had Previously Deposited Large Check in Bank Where He Had No Funds

Greenville, Nov. 23.—S. E. Barton, alias J. E. Williams was arrested here today after having deposited in the Woodside National bank yesterday a check for \$5,300 on the Peoples Trust company of Kansas City, Mo., bank officials claimed that an investigation disclosed that Barton did not have any funds in the Kansas City bank.

A trap was laid by bank officials and local detectives. Barton came to the bank about 10 o'clock today and presented a check for \$200, which was cashed. As soon as the transaction was completed, Assistant Chief of Police Hammond, arrested Barton.

When Barton made his deposit yesterday bank officials said he produced a pass book showing he was credited with a deposit of \$5,316.15 in the Kansas City bank, and also showed a letter of recommendation alleged to have been written by the cashier of the Bank of Rockmart, Ga., the town in which Barton says he has relatives.

CLEANING THE FIELDS ON FIGHT ON WEEVIL

Greenwood, Nov. 23.—Farmers of this county are plowing under cotton stalks and cleaning up fields in preparation for the campaign against the boll weevil next year. During the good weather of the last few weeks many farmers have turned under stalks and other farmers are being urged to do this.

A considerable acreage has been sowed in grain and cover crops. Farmers have found that crimson clover land makes cotton with less fertilizer, and much clover is being planted as a cover crop.

One farmer at Hodges made seven bales of cotton on six acres of land that had been planted in crimson clover for several years and other farmers of the Hodges section have planted clover with marked success.

APPROPRIATION ASKED FOR MONUMENT AT COWPENS

Washington Nov. 23.—An appropriation of \$30,000 for the erection of a monument at Cowpens battleground South Carolina was introduced in the house today by Representative Stevenson, democrat, of South Carolina. It would commemorate General Daniel Morgan and those who participated in the battle which was fought near Ezzell, Cherokee county, January 17, 1781.

BLACKBERRY A MIMIC

Blackberry, the small black pony to be exhibited at the Opera House tonight is a perfect mimic. She got all of her education and tricks from watching the training of the larger and finer horse "Beautiful Charm." Blackberry can take off a Merry Go Round pony to perfection. Every child should see this show.

SPANISH VETERANS DOING GOOD WORK

The Spanish Veterans Camp No 5 is filling a long felt need in Abbeville. They have rendered assistance to five different members of the camp and are being commended for their work.

Spartanburg Hi Plays Rock Hill.

Spartanburg, S. C. Nov. 23.—The Spartanburg high school football team will play the Rock Hill High School team on next Saturday. The local team has finished its schedule and Saturday's game will have no connection with the annual state program.

FLU REPORTED

Many cases of flu are reported in town. This is not dengue fever but old-fashioned flu or grippa.

RURAL CREDITS COMING UP SOON

MEMBERS OF CONGRESS INAUGURATE STEPS—BILL INTRODUCED BY NORRIS FOR CREATION OF GOVERNMENT CAPITALIZED CORPORATION

Washington Nov. 23.—Encouraged by the recommendation of President Harding in Tuesday's message that the nation's credit system be broadened to provide for the farmers, members of congress from the agricultural states today inaugurated steps to bring about enactment of rural credit legislation before the end of the present congress next March. Developments at the outset centered largely in the senate and included introduction of a bill to Chairman Norris of the agriculture committee for creation of a government capitalized corporation to buy and sell farm products; and address in the senate by Senator Ladd (Republican of North Dakota) warning against enactment of rural credit legislation based on the federal reserve system, and a conference between 18 senators from the livestock growing states and a committee of the American National Live Stock association, at which the draft of a new credit bill was discussed.

These developments together with statements by leaders indicated that the passage of rural credit legislation would occupy a foremost place on the program of the agricultural bloc. The senate members of the bloc will hold the first meeting of the session next week and at that time will endeavor to agree upon a program.

The bill presented by Senator Norris for a farm products corporation is similar to a measure offered chairman at the last session which was supplanted by legislation extending the life of the finance corporation and its powers in the furnishing of agricultural credit to next June 3.

Senator Norris would have created a corporation with a maximum capital subscribed by the government of \$100,000,000 and a directorate of three members, the secretary of agriculture and two others appointed by the president. The corporation in brief would be authorized to acquire elevators and warehouses; to buy farm products in the United States and to sell them either in the country or abroad, and to operate unchartered government tonnage in the carrying of products of the farm. The measure was referred to Senator Norris' committee but there were no indication that it would receive consideration much more favorable than its predecessor.

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS

There will be no school next Thursday and Friday on account of Thanksgiving. It has always been customary to give Thanksgiving Day as a holiday, and the work of the next day has been made up in the beginning of the session in order to give the teachers an opportunity to eat turkey at home. Practically all the teachers will take advantage of the double holiday this year and will spend the time with the home folk.

The football team, accompanied by Supt. Fulp and Mr. Hafner, will journey to Fort Mill Wednesday afternoon to play a Thanksgiving game. The people of Fort Mill have notified the Abbeville boys that a banquet will be given in their honor during their visit to their town.

School Month Ends Next Week

The third month of school ends next Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Reports for this month will be given to pupils the following Wednesday morning.

ANOTHER COAL MINE EXPLOSION

475 MEN WERE TRAPPED BY EXPLOSION—THE DEAD NUMBER 84—AT LEAST 50 OF THE DEAD KILLED BY TRAIN RUNNING WILD

Birmingham, Nov. 23.—Eighty-four lives were lost and 60 persons were injured as a result of an accident and explosion yesterday in Dolomite No 3 coal mine of the Woodward Iron company, according to a statement issued at noon today by Frank H. Crockard, president of the company. Of the injured 35 were removed to their homes and 25 were in hospitals. Work of identification at that hour had not been completed but it was believed there were 38 white dead and 20 white injured.

Birmingham, Nov. 23.—Work of relieving the dead from Dolomite mine No 3 of the Woodward Iron company in which men were trapped by an explosion yesterday was renewed with vigor by rescue crews aided by undertakers, assistants, today after daylight. Company officials estimated that the list of dead might be increased from 83. Checking of injured indicated that the list of sixty was approximately correct. Of the known dead thirty-five were white men, while approximately 80 per cent are negroes, according to company officials.

At least 50 men who are listed in the casualty were either killed or injured when a train of trip cars run wild from the tippie crashed into the mid yard in the main entry. This accident caused the snapping of an electric cable which in turn set off the dust which resulted in the explosion. The concussion rocked the earth for miles around and occurred so nearly simultaneously with the accident which produced it that the victims were not aware of what was happening.

As the first stalk of dawn swept the eastern sky weary watchers about the pit appeared to gain new hope that missing loved ones might be found, despite announcement that "all the live persons" had been removed. White and black huddled in the biting cold about the pit. Many children refused to be comforted. Tots of tender years stood through the long night watching with sad, but eager eyes every crew that emerged.

Joy occasionally rewarded women and children by workers turning in from out of the night following their escape from two other exits. These other exits were miles from the main entrance and this caused families to be separated from those rescued for several hours in some instances.

MR. CARLISLE HURT

Mr. S. R. Carlisle, Sr. was painfully hurt yesterday when his pair of mules ran away with a wagon load of wood which he was hauling to town. The accident happened near Cedar Springs. He was thrown from the wagon and caught underneath the wood, having his nose broken and his mouth cut. He was brought to the Abbeville Hospital for attention, and afterwards moved to his home near the city. Mr. Carlisle is along in years and suffered considerably from the accident.

INTERESTING VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Daniel of Greenwood were in Abbeville Wednesday for several hours. Mrs. Daniel will be remembered in Abbeville as Miss Mary Nance, having taught in the graded school here. They were accompanied by their family of six interesting children, Lucia, Lownes, Mary Nance, Lucretia, Susan McGowan and Furman.

NEW YORK CONCERN BUYS NINE COTTON MILLS

In the South—Several South Carolina Plants Included in the Purchase.

Ashville, N. C. Nov. 23.—The Martel Mills, Inc., of New York, which it has been learned here, has just completed purchase of nine mills in the south is expected to take control of the plants soon, but for the present they will continue to operate without change, T. G. Bagwell, superintendent of the French Boarn Manufacturing Company's plant here one of those involved said today. Included is the Vally Falls Mills at Spartanburg.

The plants purchased by the Martel concern were said here to be the Palmetto Cotton Mills, Columbia; Lexington and Rel Mills, Lancaster; Middlesburg Mills, Batesburg; Martel Manufacturing Company of Georgia, and the Ashcraft Mills, Florence, Alabama, as well as the local concern.

The French Broad company, which manufactures bed springs was said to have brought around \$300,000.

NOMINATE POSTMASTERS

President May Not Send Tolbert's Name to Senate.

Washington, Nov. 23.—President Harding today sent to the Senate the nominations of Robert L. Henderson to be postmaster at North Charleston and James M. Graham to be postmaster at Alcolu, S. C.

The President has not yet presented to the Senate any renomination of Joseph W. Tolbert, who received a recess appointment as federal marshal for the Western District of South Carolina and is now installed in that office. If Mr. Tolbert's nomination is sent to the Senate at this session Senator Dial will make a point of the fact in the Senate, claiming that under the law the nomination which was sent to the Senate at the last session lapsed when no action had been taken by that body before its adjournment in September. It is suspected that the purpose of the administration may be to keep Tolbert in office perpetually by recess nominations without sending his name again to the Senate, which might reject him and thus deprive him of his job.

COLLECTION FOR THORNWELL

A collection will be taken up in the Sunday School of the Presbyterian church Sunday morning for the Thornwell Orphanage. This collection is to be a result of the "work a Day" idea, in which every one is asked to give the proceeds of one day's work to the orphans.

ROCKY RIVER CHURCH

Mr. C. Lee Gowan has been invited by Presiding Elder Crawford to address the Rocky River A. M. E. church, colored, Saturday on the boll weevil. This church is holding a meeting commemorating their 11st anniversary and show by this invitation that they are anxious to keep abreast of the times.

Mrs. Norwood Sick

Mrs. Ellen Norwood has been quite sick for several days with grip and is confined to her room at the home of Mrs. Beeks. Her friends hope she will soon be well again. During her illness Miss Mary Dupre has charge of the library.

20 OF LADY JEWELL'S EGGS BRING \$500

Tacuma, Wash., Nov. 23.—A record price for eggs in this section was established when H. M. Leathers, of Woodland sold twenty eggs from "Lady Jewell," his champion white leghorn hen for \$500. "Lady Jewell" laid 326 for the year ending November 1. at the official egg laying contest conducted by the Washington experiment station.

INCREASE OF CRIME DURING PAST YEAR

PRISON POPULATIONS SHOWS LARGE GAINS—PROHIBITION HAS FAILED TO EMPTY JAILS AS IT WAS CLAIMED, "DRY" VIOLATIONS INCREASING

Washington Nov. 23.—The prison population of the United States including chaingang and road gang and women committed to religious or charitable institutions, increased from 147,186 on July 1, 1917, to 150,131 on July 1, 1922, the census bureau announced today.

Including women in such institutions and chaingangs and road gangs for which figures were compiled July 1, 1922, the number of persons in the country awaiting trial, serving sentences or held as witnesses on that date totalled 163,899 of whom 5,540 were in three federal prisons: 78,673 in 107 state prisons; 44,283 in 2,451 county penal institutions, 12,717 in 296 chain or road gangs in certain states; 21,635, in 1,319 city institutions, and 1,041 women in 24 religious or charitable institutions these figures it was said, were gathered as a preliminary to a complete decennial census of prisoners to be taken in 1923.

A rate of increase of 13.1 per cent was noted in federal and state prisons combined, and the ratio of federal prisoners to each 100,000 population increased from three 1917 to 5.1 in 1922, while the corresponding rate for state prisoners increased from 72.4 to 75.5. The combined total which was believed to be complete was placed at 71,460 in 1917, as compared with 84,213 in 1922.

The ratio of state prisoners to each 100,000 population increased in twenty-three states and decreased in a like number, comparable figures not being available for Delaware which maintains no state prison and Georgia, whose list include members of chain and road gangs A "tendency toward uniformity" throughout the country was noted that the rate decreased in most states where it was relatively high in 1917 and increased in most of those having relatively low ratios in that year.

The average number of prisoners in each county institution listed decreased from 10.2 to 14.7 in 1922, but the number of such institutions described as empty decreased from 623, of 24.2 per cent of the total number reporting in 1917 to 570, or 13.9 per cent of the total in 1922. For city institutions the average in each fell from 10.1 in 1917 to 8 in 1922, while the number reporting no prisoners increased from 1,169, or 49.7 per cent of the total, in 1917 to 1,390 or 51.3 per cent of the total in 1922.

Page Left \$400,000 Estate.

Washington, Nov. 23.—The late Thomas Nelson Page former ambassador to Italy and another, left on late valued at \$400,000 according to a petition filed here today by his executors of the probate of his will included in the estate is a \$110,000 residence in Washington, and seven Virginia farms estimated at \$31,000.

MAYOR'S COURT

Three cases for disorderly conduct came up before Mayor Mars this morning. Two received fines of \$7.50 each while the third was dismissed. Yesterday there were five cases up for larceny, stealing coal, and fined \$7.50, one case for disorderly conduct, fined \$7.50 and one for being drunk fined \$500.

Mrs. Graves Sick

Mrs. C. F. Graves has been quite sick for several days at her home on Magazine street.