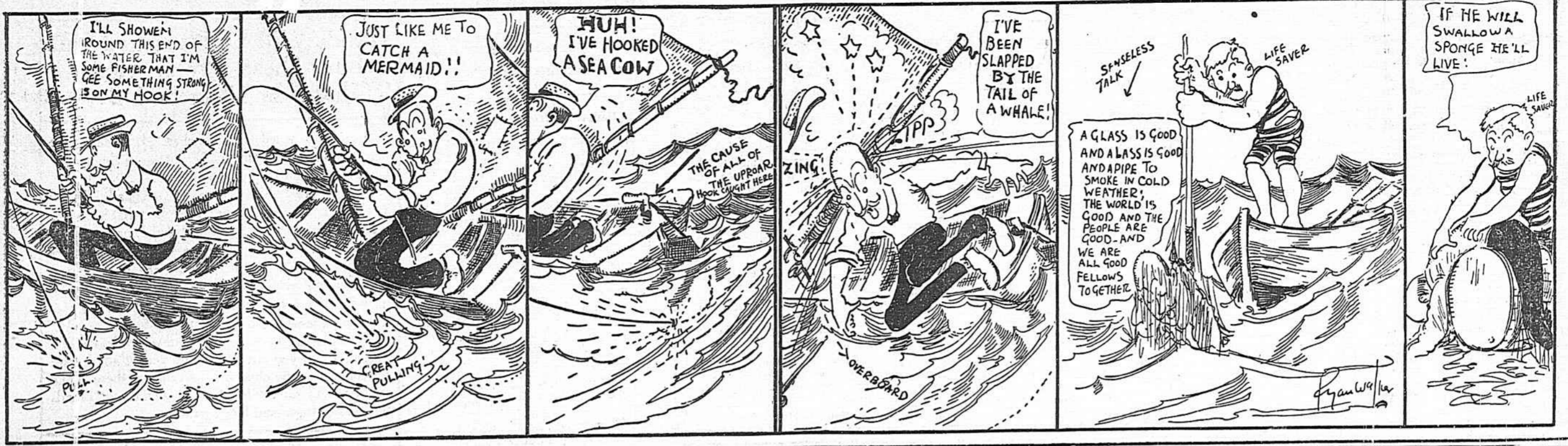


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By Ryan Walker.



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bureau of the department of agriculture placed the condition of the crop from estimates gathered up to July 25 at \$9.1 per cent of normal. An estimate was made upon this, but marked in the press reports "unofficial," that the probable yield would be 14,700,000 bales.

I introduced a resolution in the Senate requiring the Secretary of Agriculture to furnish detailed information as to the methods employed in ascertaining the condition of the growing crop, the names of the persons by states making the reports.

On August 15 I received the following telegram:

"Sumter, S. C. August 15, 1911.
"The Hon. E. D. Smith, Washington, D. C.: Joint meeting Sumter Farmers' Union and Chamber of Commerce. Cotton situation discussed. From information cotton yield greatly overestimated. Drought unbroken. Deterioration rapid and general. Request you urge department of agriculture make immediate investigation and publish results.
E. W. Dabbs,
President Farmers' Union.

A. W. Snell,
R. I. Manning,
Acting Ch'm Chamber of Commerce. I took the matter up with the department of agriculture, and the assistant Secretary informed me that the department had been discussing the advisability of making arrangements for an inter-monthly report when the conditions were extraordinarily unusual, but that they were not prepared to do this work efficiently in this emergency; that it was only about ten days before they would issue their August cotton report.

In order to get the facts officially as near as possible, I saw a Senator from each of the nine principal cotton states and requested them to send the following telegram to the commissioners of agriculture of their respective states:

"Wire immediately what deterioration, if any, has taken place in condition of the crop in your state since July 25. Also give prospective yield your state, this year as compared with last year."
The following replies have been received:

Jackson, Miss., August 15, 1911.
Hon. John Sharp Williams, Washington, D. C.: Deterioration 20 per cent. Excessive rains. Overflow. Boll weevil and worms. Outlook not encouraging.
A. E. Blackeslee.

Atlant., Ga., August 15, 1911.
Hon. A. O. Bacon, Washington, D. C.: Deterioration of cotton since July 26 is at least 20 per cent. The yield comparison to last year about the same.
T. G. Hudson.

Montgomery, Ala., August 15, 1911.
Hon. J. H. Bankhead, Washington, D. C.: Deterioration since July 25 at least 15 per cent. Estimate the yield as compared with last year as 5 per cent greater.
I. F. Kolb.

Austin, Texas, August 15, 1911.
Hon. C. A. Culberson, Washington, D. C.: Your wire 15th. Slight deterioration in cotton crop since July 25. Prospects very slight increase, if any, in yield this year compared to last year.
Ed R. Kone.

Little Rock, Ark., August 15, 1911.
Hon. James P. Clark, Washington, D. C.: Cotton crop has slight depreciation since July 25, caused by rain. Inferior fruitage and lateness of plant will not give us a crop exceeding last year, notwithstanding fine appearance of stalk at this time.
Clay Sloan.

Raleigh, N. C. August 15, 1911.
Hon. Lee S. Overman, Washington, D. C.: Commissioner absent. No deterioration in cotton crop. Outlook for better yield than last year.
Elias Carr.

Baton Rouge, La., August, 15, 1911.
Hon. Murphy J. Foster, Washington, D. C.: No reports of deterioration received since date mentioned, though the continued rains now prevailing might prove disastrous. The present outlook indicates a third more cotton than last year.
E. O. Burner.

Oklahoma City, Okla., August 15, 1911.
Hon. Robert L. Owens, Washington, D. C.: Practically no change in condition for cotton since July 25. Estimated yield this year 1,000,000 bales.
G. T. Bryan.

Columbia, S. C., August, 15, 1911.
Hon. E. D. Smith, Washington, D. C.: Yours even date. Our crop now

in the midst of crucial period. In certain sections deterioration rapid and heavy. In others none. Condition not as good as on July 25. Until end of August would not care to venture prediction as to total production. If no adverse conditions in three weeks this State's crop will be about an average crop.
E. J. Watson.

From the foregoing it will be seen that, according to the commissioners of agriculture of the States of Georgia, Texas, Arkansas, Mississippi the yield will probably be no greater than last year.

In Alabama deterioration since July 25 to August 15 has been 15 per cent, and with present prospects the yield will only be 5 per cent greater than last year.

From North Carolina the report does not come from the commissioner. The increase if any is not indicated.

From Louisiana the report is to the effect that the crop would be a third greater than last year. Louisiana made last year according to the department, 256,375 bales.

From Oklahoma the report is to the effect that they will make 1,000,000 bales. Oklahoma made last year according to the department, 955,951 bales.

From South Carolina the report is that if conditions remain practically the same the yield will be about an average crop. The conclusion therefore, from these reports would seem to be, taking the increase of Oklahoma, Louisiana and North Carolina and Alabama, not exceeding 1,000,000 bales.

The conclusion drawn from these reports are widely at variance with the preliminary crop estimate made by the department of agriculture.

The stock of cotton on hand is, perhaps, the smallest in more than a decade. Were there to be an unusually large crop, the world has need for every pound of it at a much higher price than they are now offering and I hope the farmers will see to it that they shall not be deceived and led into sacrificing their cotton by these reports.

Act wisely and conservatively. Agree among yourselves what you are willing to take, and stand by that price.

Twilight.
How many things are like this sad, sweet hour,
When neither light nor darkness rules the world—
And nature lulls to slumber ev'ry flower
Before night's dusky banners are unfurled.
A solemn hour when all things bright must die.
That made the world so radiantly fair;
The sun's pale crimson fades upon the sky,
The breath of night is in the perfumed air.

Perchance there's some desire in our hearts
That, like this dying day, will never see
The light that hope to everything imparts.
And never blossom to reality.
Some secret love that never must be told—
Some hidden wish—some thought of unguined fame,
All sink on life's horizon, dark and low.
Just like the sunset's dying evening flame.

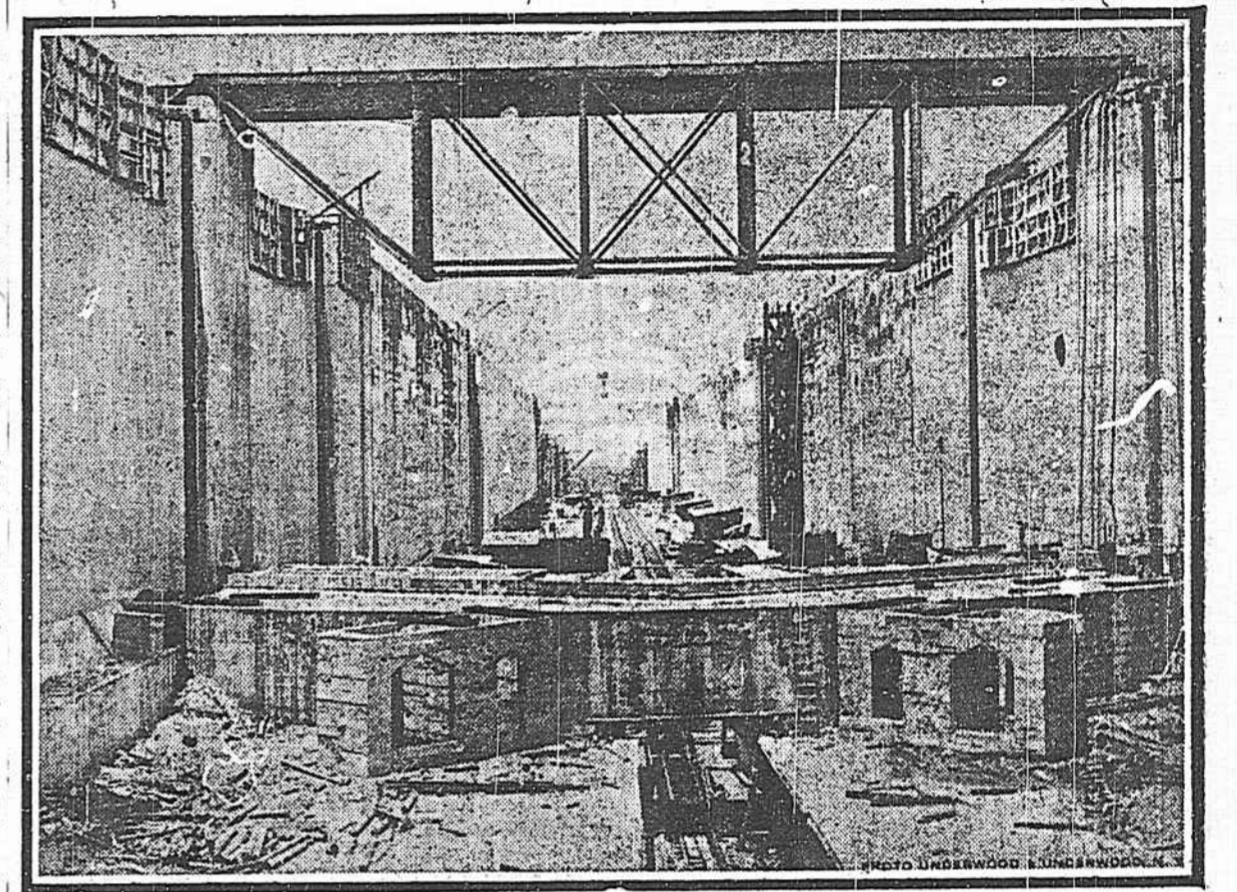
Whose life is there this twilight does not mark,
Whose heart is there that does not hold within
Some poor, dead hope that once burned like a spark,
And struggled hard its victory to win?
So struggles day against the coming night,
Till, weary with the shadows on her breast,
She yields to darkness all her treasures bright,
And slowly sinks, just like our hopes—to rest.

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On August 18th, 1911 I will file my final account as Administratrix cum testamento annexo, of the estate of Allen David Stroble, deceased and will thereupon ask for my discharge as such administratrix.

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Elizabeth A. Stroble,
Administratrix cum testamento annexo of the estate of Allen David Stroble, deceased.

July 17th, 1911.

Four Pictures of the Canal As It Is To-Day. Number Two



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