

DYER ANTI-LYNCHING BILL IS APPROVED

REPORTED FAVORABLY TO THE SENATE BY VOTE OF EIGHT TO SIX.

BILL HAS PASSED THE HOUSE

Measure Provides Penalties for the Federal Government for Violence by Mobs.

Washington. — The Dyer anti-lynching bill, providing penalties for the federal government for mob action, was reported favorably with amendments by the senate judiciary committee, by a vote of 8 to 6.

Senators Ashurst, democrat, Arizona, and Norris, republican, Nebraska, did not vote.

The vote ended a long committee fight over the bill, which was passed last January by the house and which has been urged by negro and other organizations. Opponents of the measure have declared it an unconstitutional interference with state rights.

Comparatively few changes were made in the original house bill and these were said to be designed to meet the constitutional objections. A sub-committee of the senate committee recently recommended defeat of the bill on the ground that it violated the constitution. Some senators voting for a favorable report were said to hold doubts regarding its constitutionality but thought the bill should be enacted and put up to the supreme court.

The bill declares that if states fail, neglect or refuse to maintain protection of life, they shall be deemed to have denied the constitutional guarantees and the federal authorities will have power to act by indictment of state officers or members of a mob and trial in the federal courts.

The measure requires "reasonable" effort by state officers to maintain order and protect prisoners and their failure would subject them to imprisonment for five years and a fine of \$5,000. Members of mobs which a prisoner is put to death would be subject to conviction for conspiracy with imprisonment for five years to life provided.

Countries in which fatal mob disorders occur would be liable to the family of the victim under a forfeit of \$10,000.

Amendments adopted by the senate committee require that failure to the state officers to protect mob victims must be charged in the federal indictment and proven to the satisfaction of the federal trial court.

The bill has had an unusually bad course in the senate committee after a stormy birth in the house. After lying in the judiciary committee without action for several months, Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, republican leader, and other republicans started the movement for disposition by the committee which culminated in a favorable vote. Republican leaders were doubtful, however, whether senate consideration could be secured at this session.

Eight republicans, Chairman Nelson, Minnesota; Dillingham, Vermont; Brandegee, Connecticut; Cummings, Iowa; Colt, Rhode Island; Sterling, South Dakota; Ernest, Kentucky, and Shortridge, California, voted in favor of the bill. One republican, Senator Borah, Idaho, and five democrats, Culbertson, Texas; Overman, North Carolina; Reed, Missouri; Shields, Tennessee, and Walsh, Montana, were recorded in opposition.

S. A. L. Divided Into Two Districts.

Norfolk, Va. — The Seaboard Air Line railway will be divided into two general districts known as the northern and southern general districts under orders issued by M. H. Cahill, vice-president and general manager.

G. V. Peyton, former superintendent of the Virginia division, will be general superintendent, northern district, with headquarters at Norfolk.

The Virginia, North Carolina and Georgia divisions will constitute the northern district, while South Carolina, East Carolina, Alabama and Florida divisions will be the southern district.

Creation of the two general districts re-establishes the system of operation formerly used by the Seaboard, but abandoned in recent years when all divisions have been under one head. To succeed Mr. Peyton as superintendent of the Virginia division, C. D. Thornton was named. J. C. Wroton, now assistant superintendent of transportation, has also been named transportation assistant on the staff of the vice president and general manager.

Bielaski is Safe.

Washington. — An official report from Charge Summerlin in Mexico City by the state department, said A. Bruce Bielaski had reached the Mexican capital "safe and well," having effected his escape from bandits who kidnapped him, unaided and without payment of any ransom. No details of Mr. Bielaski's experience while a captive or of his escape were contained in the message. The full statement made by the former head of the Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice, it was said, was being forwarded.

Masked Men Active.

Valdosta, Ga. — N. G. Romey, horse-whipped by a party of men garbed in costumes of white robes and hoods, is able to appear at his place of business. He says that he was cautioned that he must "stop drinking whiskey, stop selling flour and never again to address a white lady."

Officers say that he recently completed a year's sentence on the charge for violating the prohibition law. An alleged insult to a woman who entered his store is said to have prompted the whipping.

STOAWAY ADMITS PLOT KNOWLEDGE

Hoboken, N. J. — Max Petersen, a stowaway, said by officers of the Steamer President Taft to have admitted membership of the Eberhardt brigade and to have said he "knew all about the plot," that led to the recent assassination of Dr. Walter Rathenau, German minister of foreign affairs, was removed from the ship by Justice Department agents when she docked at Hoboken.

FORTY SEIZED IN MEXICO

TAKEN AS SECURITY FOR RANSOM OF 15,000 PESOS, SAYS THE REPORT.

Incident at Tampico Follows Seizure of Bruce Bielaski Who Still is Captive.

Washington. — Seizure of 40 American employes of the Cortese Oil company at Tampico, Mexico, reported to the state department, as security for a ransom of 15,000 pesos, created a stir in official circles in Washington. Lacking further information as to what has happened behind what is apparently a rigid censorship at Tampico, however, there was little to indicate whether the incident would lead to any change of attitude here toward the Obregon government in Mexico.

In fact, at the White House, it was said that relations between the United States and Mexico were not likely to be affected in any way by the bandit outbreak and the recent kidnapping for ransom near Cuernavaca, some 60 miles from Mexico City, of Bruce Bielaski, formerly chief of the bureau of investigation of the department of justice and more recently identified with American oil interests who have property in Mexico.

Until it is known that the incidents are not a matter of domestic politics in Mexico, conceived by enemies of the Obregon government to embarrass its relations with the United States, or until that government has been proved unequal to accord such protection to Americans and their property as the occasion demands, there appears to be no disposition here to move in any other than a diplomatic way.

Beyond a brief report stating that in addition to the two score American employes, a quarter of a million dollars' worth of destructible property of the Cortese Oil company was being held as security for the payment demanded, no other word has reached the state department concerning the bandit action in Tampico.

The new situation in the oil region overshadowed for the moment the seizure of Bruce Bielaski. No word has come from the embassy to show progress of the efforts of the Mexican federal authorities to obtain the release of the captive. The delay caused little surprise here, however, as the region is mountainous and it was recognized that the Mexican government must move cautiously if dealing with reckless outlaws in order that the life of the prisoner might not be jeopardized.

Objects to Duty on Meat Products.

Washington. — Duties on fresh meats and meat products proposed in the pending tariff bill, if effective, would increase the nation's meat bill \$379,500,000, Senator Walsh, democrat, Massachusetts, declared in the senate. He was discussing the agricultural schedule and announced that from time to time he would "submit figures staggering in their size, showing what an unbearable burden these duties on agricultural products would be to the consumers."

Twenty-one Killed in Two Weeks.

Calexico, Calif. — Twenty-one men have been killed in and around Mexicali, Lower California, in the last two weeks, according to official reports in Calexico, just across the international line. This compilation was made following the discovery of eight dead Mexicans, two and a half miles east of Calexico, one of the bodies lying in an irrigation ditch on the American side of the boundary.

Captain Hamilton Killed in Crash.

Gettysburg, Pa. — Capt. George D. Hamilton, distinguished service cross man and known as one of the most intrepid officers of the marine corps, was instantly killed here when his airplane crashed to earth in a nose dive near the big monument. Sergt. G. A. Martin of Buffalo his mechanic, was fatally injured and died soon after he was admitted to the local hospital. Captain Hamilton's plane was one of a number acting as the advance scouting party.

Capture Director of Irish Boycott.

Dublin. — Commandant Henderson director of the boycott against Belfast goods, has been arrested by the provisional government authorities and removed to Mount Joy prison, says an announcement issued by the headquarters of the army dissents in the Four Courts.

Counter action has been taken by the Four Corners irregulars. Recently they kidnapped Lieut. General O'Connor, assistant chief of staff of the regulars at Beggar's Bush, and are holding him prisoner.

Brewery Nearly 4,000 Years Old.

Cairo, Egypt. — A model of an Egyptian brewery approximately 3,700 years old, has been discovered here by Dr. Flinders Petrie, of the University of Pennsylvania.

The model, which is believed to date back to 1800 B. C., shows a dozen employes making beer from barley. A handful of barley was also preserved, but little except the outside hulls was left.

Dr. Petrie sent the model to the University of Pennsylvania, where it will be placed in the museum.

COTTON CONDITION REPORTS FAVORABLE

BENEFITED MATERIALLY BY THE WEATHER CONDITIONS IN COTTON BELT.

PERCENTAGE PLACED AT 72.4

Crop of 11,224,000 Bales is Estimated on Basis of Government Formula.

New York. — A detailed analysis of reports received from approximately 1,600 reliable correspondents of the Journal of Commerce leads to the belief that cotton has benefited materially by the improvement in weather conditions noted throughout the greater part of the cotton belt the past two weeks or more. These returns, gathered under an average date of June 24 place the estimate of percentage condition at 72.4 per cent, an increase of 6 per cent over last month, and the highest June condition figure since 1918, when it was estimated at 82.1 per cent.

It is, however, not the largest increase in recent years, since in June, 1920 a gain of 3.5 per cent was indicated and in 1918 of 1.9 per cent. Last June there was a decline of 5 per cent and in 1919 no less than 7.1 per cent. Percentage condition a year ago was only 63.3 per cent, but 71.5 in 1920 and 71.4 per cent the year before that.

Although considerable late cotton has been planted during June, correspondents have not changed their estimate of acreage increase for the whole belt, and the total is placed by the government at 34,339,000 acres. From this, with a condition of 72.4 per cent, according to the government formula a crop of 11,224,000 bales might be raised, which compares with an actual production last year of 7,953,641 bales, 13,439,603 bales in 1920, and 16,134,930 bales in the banner year of 1916.

Lynching Denounced at Atlanta.

Atlanta, Ga. — Denunciation of lynching, laxity in law enforcement and of "maudlin sympathy" which it was asserted encourages the lawless was voiced here at a conference of the league for enforcement of law through constituted authority, a newly organized Georgia institution.

Jess Mercer, secretary of the league and former federal prohibition officer in this state, declared that many sheriffs in this state care not a button for the law. He charged that the Hall county courthouse doors at Gainesville are propped open with tombstones broken from the "sod of a negro graveyard and the negroes have been told they have no right to have stones over the graves of their dead."

Failure to punish a murderer in Bartow county, damage done around Fitzgerald since the strike on the Atlanta, Birmingham and Atlantic railway, dynamiting of cattle dipping vats in southern Georgia, extensive bootlegging operations, attempted intimidation of the chairman of the board of county commissioners at Columbus and other overt acts were charged by Mr. Mercer.

W. Woods White, Atlanta, was elected president.

Government May Buy Canal.

Washington. — Purchase by the federal government of the Cape Cod and Dismal Swamp canals, now privately owned and operated, is authorized under senate amendment to the rivers and harbors development bill adopted by the senate commerce committee. With the acceptance by the committee of the two important amendments, the bill was made complete and its favorable report to the senate was ordered.

Under the terms of the amendments the government agrees to pay \$5,000,000 cash and to assume bonds aggregating \$5,000,000 face value for the Cape Cod waterway, which runs from the Chesapeake bay to Beaufort, N. C., would be purchased for \$500,000 under the amendment.

Morrison Speaks at Meeting.

Wilmington. — An address by Governor Cameron Morrison and a resolution opposing a constitutional change giving superior court judges the right to express opinions to juries during trials, featured a session of the North Carolina Bar association at Wrightsville Beach.

Governor Morrison urged the lawyers of the state to join heart and soul in the program for the development and expansion of the natural resources of the state. More than 100 new members were received into the association.

To Raise Ten Million More.

Nashville. — Plans to raise an additional \$10,000,000 in cash by the close of the present calendar year was the financial goal set at a meeting here of the \$75,000,000 campaign conservation committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.

It was decided to call on state and church organizations to set up their original campaign machinery for the purpose of waging an intensive campaign among those who have not yet subscribed to the fund, as well as among those who have made pledges.

Three Hurt in Train Wreck.

Savannah, Ga. — Atlantic Coast Line railway detectives are working on the theory that through train No. 89, south, from Washington, was deliberately derailed near Ravenel, S. C., shortly after midnight.

The train was run into a spur track where three cars of lumber were placed. The switchlight had been removed. J. C. Harsh, the engineer, was seriously injured. He is at his home in Savannah. Walter Cleapher, the fireman, who also was injured, was carried to his home in Charlestown.

FIVE SUFFOCATED IN AN ABANDONED MINE

Hartford, Ark. — At least five members of a picnic party were suffocated in an abandoned mine here. Three others who attempted to rescue the victims were overcome and are reported to be in a serious condition.

The mine, which had not been in operation for six months, is located six miles from Hartford. It is believed the deaths were caused by an accumulation of black damp. A searching party is at the scene to determine if any more bodies are in the mine.

The deaths resulted from a small boy's exploring expedition. It is said. The boy entered the mine and is supposed to have opened a door leading into the abandoned shaft. When he failed to reappear other members of the party who were picking blackberries went after him and were either killed or injured by the poisonous vapors.

10,000 PESOS DEMANDED

MEXICAN OFFICIAL PROMISES TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE FOR HIS RELEASE.

Bielaski and Wife on Way to View Aztec Ruins When Held Up by Seven Bandits.

Mexico City. — Alberto J. Pani, secretary of foreign affairs, has been officially advised by the American embassy of the kidnapping of A. Bruce Bielaski in the state of Morelos and the promise has been given that all possible measures will be taken to effect his release.

The other person kidnapped was Manuel Barcena, a Mexican attorney.

Mr. Bielaski was chief of the bureau of investigation of the United States department of justice during the war. It is generally believed that, instead of pursuing the kidnapers to the point of endangering the lives of the captives, Mexican federal troops who are searching for the captives will enter into negotiations looking towards their release by the payment of all or part of the 10,000 pesos ransom demanded.

Both the American embassy and the consulate told the Associated Press no word has been received concerning Mr. Bielaski and that the facts as published in Mexico City were substantially correct.

The air of mystery which surrounded the kidnapping was explained in authoritative sources as an attempt by Mr. Bielaski's friends to have the least possible said about the incident until he was safe.

Apparently there are no facts to support the theory advanced in some quarters that the kidnapping was instigated by Mr. Bielaski's personal enemies.

Bielaski is being held for ransom by seven bandits, who held up his automobile seven miles west of Cuernavaca, in the state of Morelos.

Mr. Bielaski, together with his wife and Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Barcena of Mexico, was on the way to view some Aztec ruins near the town. The motorists were nearing the hacienda De San Gabriel, when the bandits suddenly appeared and stopped them at the point of guns. The women were released, but, after robbing them, the bandits took Mr. Bielaski and Mr. Barcena with them.

When the news reached this city, the American charge d'affaires, George T. Sumnerlin, immediately communicated with the authorities at Cuernavaca, as well as getting in touch with the federal government and Secretary of War Serrano ordered the federal troops in the vicinity to start after the bandits.

Fear Kaiser is Ready to Flee.

London. — Apprehension exists in Holland lest former Kaiser William attempt to slip away from Dorn and re-enter Germany in the event of a royalist rising following the assassination of Foreign Minister Rathenau, according to the correspondent of the Daily Mail at The Hague. "We have no evidence that the Kaiser has any such intention," he said, "and the surveillance maintained around him, is so close that it would be impossible for him to get away even if he wished."

Would Tighten Immigration Laws.

Washington. — Under a bill designed to tighten up the immigration law, introduced by Chairman Johnson of the house immigration committee, admission for permanent residence in this country would be granted only to aliens eligible for citizenship, thus, it was pointed out, shutting the gates to Japanese, Chinese, Mongolians and others not granted the right of citizenship who desire such residence.

Shot By Policeman.

Danville, Va. — R. A. Benton, a prominent business man of Danville was severely wounded by Police Officer O. T. Cook when mistaken for the latter for a highwayman who had been operating recently in this locality. Cook reported he had been on the watch for the man who had been stopping late travelers and who was said to use a car of the same make and model as Benton's. He opened fire, he said, only after Benton ignored commands to halt. Benton declared he did not hear the officer.

To Begin Hearings.

Chattanooga. — Hearings before the federal trade commission of the "Pittsburgh Plus" case will open here before Special Examiner J. W. Bennett and are expected to continue for three weeks. All witnesses for the southern territory, including about 30 leading manufacturers, will be heard. The Southern Association of Rolled Steel Consumers and the Birmingham Civic association are complainants in the case.

The United States Steel corporation is the respondent.

FOUR COURTS SCENE OF IRISH WARFARE

GREAT BUILDING STILL HELD BY IRREGULARS DESPITE BY BOMBARDMENT.

GREAT BRITAIN IS NOT IN IT

Small Artillery, Trench Mortars and Machine Guns Were Employed By Attacking Forces.

Dublin. — Michael Collins, head of the Irish Free State government, took active measures against the republican insurgents under Rory O'Connor in their stronghold in the center of Dublin, Four Courts. An ultimatum for the surrender of the insurgents was ignored and at the expiration of a brief time limit Free State troops in armored cars and motor lorries began a movement against the insurgents which was met with an immediate fusillade from the building.

From dawn until night there were heavy exchanges, although at intervals the firing ceased. Small artillery trench motors and machine guns were employed by the attacking forces, but the irregulars confined themselves largely to machine gun and rifle fire. No attempt was made to carry Four Courts by assault, but one of the walls of the building was breached at various places.

The casualties are few in proportion to the nature of the fighting, and they consist for the most part of civilians caught in the line of fire. So far as is known seven were killed and a score more less seriously wounded. This does not include any casualties that may have been suffered by the irregulars, these being impossible to ascertain.

Less than one thousand Free State troops are engaged in the present operations and it is known that the irregulars number several hundred.

The Irish labor party is reported to disapprove of the action of the provisional government in attacking the building, but the provisional government, once it decided to suppress the revolt of the irregulars, acted immediately and took efficiently all the usual war measures. It is handling the situation entirely alone, without any assistance from British troops who are still in garrison in Dublin.

A feature of the operations was that even within a short distance of the scene of the fighting business proceeded normally and though in the afternoon there was some slackening of the traffic in the streets, a visitor might have noticed nothing unusual beyond the sound of artillery and the rattle of rifle fire at intervals, often in unexpected places.

Cadets Killed in Accident.

San Antonio, Texas. — Three aviation cadets were killed and their bodies burned when an airplane in which they had just taken off at Brooks field, fell from a height of 200 feet.

The dead are: Waldron R. Farrell, 24, Philadelphia, pilot, killed instantly. William C. McCoy, 22, Nashville, Tenn.

George C. Thompson, West Philadelphia, Pa. Farrell and McCoy are said to have gone from their station in Kelly field to Brooks field, where Thompson had arrived from Carlstrom field, Florida, on his way to Kelly field.

Goal is 600,000 Converts.

Nashville, Tenn. — A goal of 600,000 converts during the present conventional year was fixed as the evangelistic program of Southern Baptists at a meeting here of the conservation commission of the Seventy-Million campaign and of other leaders of the church from all sections of the South. State and church organizations also were called upon to set up again their original machinery for carrying the campaign to a successful conclusion.

Buce Bielaski Released.

Mexico City. — A. Bruce Bielaski, the American who was captured several days ago by bandits in the state of Morelos, was delivered by his captors to friends at Chetia, following payment of a ransom of \$10,000 in gold.

Mr. Bielaski with his party was reported to be proceeding by train to Mexico City. According to the message information reaching the capital, the release of Mr. Bielaski was without untoward incident.

Marconi Awarded Medal.

New York. — The John Fritz medal, one of the highest distinctions bestowed by the engineering profession in this country, has been awarded for 1922 to Senator Guglielmo Marconi, for the invention of wireless telegraphy.

Want to Build Highway.

Richmond, Va. — Delegations from the Norfolk and Newport News Chambers of Commerce and Rotary Clubs held the subject of Richmond participating with the tidewater cities of Norfolk, Newport News, Hampton and Williamsburg in accumulating a fund of \$500,000 with which to complete the "capital to Ocean Highway" which is being sponsored by the Hampton Roads Gloucester-Richmond Highway association before Richmond business interests.

Disagrees With Lincoln Findings.

Richmond, Va. — Declaring that the South "lost one of its best friends in the death of Lincoln," Rev. Frank T. McFadden, pastor of the First Presbyterian church here, in an address before the Richmond Rotary club, voiced the belief that the martyred president did not conspire and instigate the war between the states, as charged in a resolution adopted "in the confusion of the closing moments" of the thirty-second annual reunion of the United Confederate Veterans here recently.

JOHNSON RE-ELECTED HEAD

South Carolina Sunday School Association Comes to Close After the Election of Many New Officers.

Columbia. — Dr. D. B. Johnson of Rock Hill was re-elected president of the South Carolina Sunday School association at its closing session. Horace L. Bomar of Spartanburg and W. E. Hillis of Cottageville were also re-elected first and second vice-presidents, respectively. J. T. Fain of Rock Hill was re-elected recording secretary, and the Rev. W. H. K. Pendleton of Spartanburg was re-elected chairman of the executive committee.

The other committee members elected were as follows: Educational Committee—Dr. Robert P. Pell, chairman; Dr. W. J. McGlothlin and Dr. D. W. Daniel, vice-chairmen; Dr. J. E. Walsley, secretary.

Rural Department Committee—Dr. Wilson Gee, chairman; Dr. W. W. Long and Miss Christine South, vice-chairmen. Member International Committee—Horace L. Bomar; alternate, R. T. Caston.

General Superintendent—Leon C. Palmer was re-elected.

Addresses by several prominent Bible scholars and Sunday school specialists featured the sessions.

After receiving an invitation to hold the next convention at Clemson college and referring it to the executive committee, the report of the committee of resolutions, of which Dr. Watson B. Duncan was chairman, was read and adopted. Appreciation was expressed for the hospitality and courtesies extended, and then the following resolution was passed:

"Resolved, That we express our appreciation of the Christian spirit manifested by the recent session of the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in setting forth officially the willingness of this church to continue its policy of co-operation with other churches and agencies engaged in Sunday school work."

To Northern Markets.

Bamberg. — Thousands of crates of cucumbers, beans and asparagus have been shipped from Bamberg this year. While the cucumber prices have been disappointing, the association has received the assurance of the produce merchants of northern receiving points that the Bamberg product has been well graded and well packed and the reputation will be of vast benefit to this county in the future.

The glut of the cucumber market just at the time when shipping was heaviest from Bamberg resulted disastrously to the cucumber growers here and this is accounted for largely because of the great increase in acreage this year in this particular section where cucumbers are shipped at the same time. The truck association has decided to enter into a larger field of usefulness, and Col. W. A. Klauber, the president, is preparing a list of farmers who are agreeing to grow a specified acreage in Bermuda onions, beets, peas, lettuce and carrots during the coming winter. The acreage is usually small, so that in the event the crop does not turn out well the loss will not fall heavily on anyone.

These various crops are very promising and have proven very profitable in years past. With the exception of peas and lettuce, the crops above named are not perishable and there is no reason why excellent prices cannot be commanded. These being winter crops, practically no time will be taken from the usual farm work and sales will come in at a very convenient season.

Georgetown Grows Truck.

Georgetown. — Though this year's season has not been propitious for truck, on account of the immoderate rains of April and May and the first part of June, still this section is making steady progress in development into a considerable truck growing country. M. M. McCord, county demonstration agent, has been keeping an accurate record of the acreage planted to various crops. This year 850 acres were devoted to Irish potatoes, 400 acres to beans and about the same to lettuce, cauliflower spinach, cabbage, cucumbers, onions etc. for shipment. One day an entire trainload of truck, consisting of 15 cars, went out from Georgetown.

The production of potatoes was materially reduced by wet weather, but some acres yielded as much as 60 barrels and the quality was of the best. Advice have been received by certain shipments from Georgetown were among the finest seen in the northern markets. The early and late shipments realized the best market prices, there having been a falling off in prices at one stage of the shipping season.

While the production of lettuce, cauliflower and "cukes" was excellent, the prices this year have been disappointing.

Have Narrow Escape.

Anderson. — Twelve workmen repairing a dam near Anderson Mill had a narrow escape from death. The trestle of the Piedmont and Northern railroad goes over a part of this dam, and when the workmen were directly underneath this part of the dam a train passing over had one of the box cars to jump the track and fell on this part of the dam. The holding of the coupling for a minute gave the men an opportunity to get out of the way. The car was buried in soft mud about 14 feet below the track.

Many Seek Office.

Chesterfield. — The county political net is beginning to boil in this county. Already twenty candidates have announced themselves for offices and more are expected daily. Only one ex-serviceman has as yet announced. It is expected that the race for the house of representatives will be a particularly warm one. Five candidates are announced now and the names of about five more are expected to be added to the list. The campaign opens at Grant's Mill on Saturday, July 1.

FEDERAL LOAN BANK TO BUILD OWN HOME

WILL ERECT HANDSOME STRUCTURE AT CORNER OF MARION AND HAMPTON STREETS.

BEGIN WORK IN NEAR FUTURE

New Building to Cost Approximately One Hundred Thousand Dollars; Lot Already Bought.

Columbia. — The Federal Land Bank has purchased a lot at the corner of Hampton and Marion streets on which it will in the near future erect a handsome building for its exclusive use.

Work on the building will begin in the very near future though the exact date when ground will be broken could not be given by officials of the bank. The office structure will cost approximately \$100,000 and will be a decided addition to the banking houses of Columbia. The lot, which was purchased from Dr. Julius H. Taylor, is 72 feet by 100 feet deep and is admirably situated for a building to be used by an institution of the nature of the Federal Land Bank.

Harry Root, treasurer of the bank, said that the volume of business of the bank had increased steadily and that a building exclusively for the use of the institution was needed. He said that work on the structure would start soon, but could not give the exact date. Mr. Root did not say how many stories the new building will have.

The Federal Bank at present occupies quarters in the Palmetto Bank building. As is generally known, it receives application for loans from farmers living in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida and its importance and the value of its service to planters in those four states have increased steadily since it was established. It employs a large force and in a building of its own will be able to handle its large business more comfortably. David H. Houston is president of the bank.

Weevil's Attack Cotton in York.

York. — That the boll weevil has attacked the York cotton crop in genuine earnest was the information brought here by John R. Blair of Blairsville, county demonstration agent. Mr. Blair said the pest is appearing in every section of the county and is beginning to puncture the squares of the stalks that have reached this stage of growth. He himself counted 15 punctured squares on one row within a space of 25 yards; he stated.

Only the advance guard of the weevil reached York last year and no material damage resulted to the cotton crop. Some of the more optimistic of the farmers expressed the opinion that no great harm would be done the crop this year, but the presence of the weevil this early and in considerable numbers would seem to indicate that their belief was not well founded.

Mr. Blair, who spends two days here every month to give farmers the benefit of his advice, discussed the situation with quite a number of planters and advocated energetic measures to stem the weevil attack. Though counseling them against becoming panicky, he told them not to under-rate the weevil menace and not to wait until the pest had gained headway before resorting to methods of attack. The most important step, just now, he thought, was the gathering and destroying of the punctured squares, as the number of squares left in the field will determine the size of the next generation of the weevil.

The extent of the damage wrought by the pest, aside from the effectiveness of combative measures, Mr. Blair said, would depend on weather conditions during July and August. With an abundance of dry weather and sunshine during that period, the pest's activities can be curbed, whereas a heavy precipitation will spell crop disaster. On his own farm, Mr. Blair said, he is expecting a yield of four bales to the pl