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COTTON CONDITION BELOW EXPECTATIONS

Production for Year to be Low

FUTURE MARKET
TAKES JUMP

Government Estimate Places Total Crop at Slightly More than Eight Million Bales. Carryover Also Smaller than Expected. Market Turns Bullish.

Washington, Aug. 1.—Cotton production this year was forecast today at 8,203,000 bales of 500 pounds gross weight by the department of agriculture, basing its estimate on the condition of the crop July 25, which was 64.7 per cent of a normal.

The condition by states follows: Virginia, 82; North Carolina, 75; South Carolina, 62; Georgia, 59; Florida, 60; Alabama, 58; Mississippi, 68; Louisiana, 59; Texas, 62; Arkansas, 76; Tennessee, 75; Missouri, 80; Oklahoma, 68; California, 83; Arizona, 89; all other states, 88.

A crop of 8,433,000 bales was forecast from the condition on July 25, which was 69.2 per cent. of a normal.

The condition was 74.1 per cent on July 25 last year, 67.1 in 1919 and the ten year July 25 average is 75.4. Last year's crop was 13,365,754 bales, that of 1919 was 11,420,763 bales, in 1918 it was 12,040,532, in 1917 it was 11,302,275 and in 1916 it was 11,449,930.

New Orleans, Aug. 1.—The cotton new year with its annual statistics and rush of excited trading was marked today by an advance in price which experts estimated would bring Southern planters \$41,000,000 more for their crop.

The day's developments put the price up a cent a pound. Interest was centered mainly in the item of the carry over, which was placed by H. G. Hester, secretary of the New Orleans cotton exchange, at 9,194,000 bales, the largest carry over on record.

Secretary Hester announced the commercial crop for the year ending July 30 at 11,377,216 bales, a decrease under last year of 1,065,864, a decrease under year before last of 262,337 and a decrease under 1917-18 of 529,657.

Southern consumption, which he placed at 3,096,504 bales, Mr. Hester says, indicates a decrease of 591,501 bales compared with last year and a decrease compared with year before last of 37,276.

World consumption of American cotton was placed at 10,500,000 bales.

New Orleans, Aug. 1.—Advances of more than a cent a pound were made by cotton today on the bullish showing of the government's figures on the growing crop and on bullish items in the annual statistical statement from H. G. Hester, secretary of the New Orleans cotton exchange. From the lowest levels, which were 2 points under the closing prices of Saturday the active rose 19 1/2 to 110 points, or \$5.50 a bale on the strongest months to \$12.70 for October. The close was at 12.50 for October with the trading months at net gains of 81 to 89 points.

In the early trading prices advanced 8 to 10 points but fell off towards 10 o'clock the time of the government's crop report reaching their lowest of the day just before the figures were read out. The condition report of 64.7 per cent. of normal on July 25, the lowest condition report ever made for that date, indicating a crop of but 8,283,000 bales, the smallest crop in a quarter of a century, was far under expectations and excited buying ensued which soon had the market about 65 points over Saturday's close.

A little later the annual statistics were out and they carried prices to their highest levels. The carry over was the main item and it was at first given out as 7,871,000 bales, which was far under general expectations. Toward the close plus corrections in interior stocks of 323,000 bales were announced raising the carry over to 9,194,000. The correction caused a reaction of about 20 cents from the highest. The carry over was the largest ever reported but it was considered favorable even when corrected, because it compared with ex-

BOARD TO CONFER WITH BRITISH ON POLICY U. S. SHIPS

Shipping Board Will Insist American Vessels have Equal Footing with British.

Washington, July 31.—Shipping board representatives will confer with British ship owners in London Tuesday in an effort to obtain fair treatment for American merchant vessels in the award of trade privileges in foreign ports. In making this announcement today, the board said Captain Ferris, the district manager at London had been instructed to make strong representations, particularly against alleged discrimination in the awarding of contracts for carrying Egyptian cotton to British and American ports.

It was considered probable, however, that the conference would have a still broader aspect, and that the board would insist that its vessels have equal footing with British ships in the awarding of contracts for the transport of all classes of freight.

The board is understood to have complained to the British shipping lines that American vessels had been denied cargoes of Egyptian cotton although in many instances their bids were lower than those of British ships which got the contracts. Captain Ferris is understood to have instructions to not only protest against such discrimination, but to insist that half of both the direct and indirect cotton shipments be carried in American bottoms.

In negotiating with British shipping interests, officials here say the board will probably take the position that if its vessels are not assured fair treatment it may be deemed advisable to invoke retaliatory measures as provided for by the merchant marine act.

Chairman Lasker has discussed with Eugene Meyer, director of the War Finance Corporation, the providing of additional tonnage for American ships. Mr. Lasker was said to have urged that the finance corporation, in advancing funds for export of American goods, stipulate that they be carried in American vessels.

NEGRO WOMAN BURNS TO DEATH

Can Filled with Alcohol at Hospital Exploded and Envelops Her in Flames.

Spartanburg, July 25.—A fire was discovered in the supply room at the Spartanburg city hospital last Saturday afternoon and at first it was thought that but little damage was done. It developed today that Anna Robertson, a negro chambermaid, was burned to death.

The firemen did not know that the woman had been burned until this morning. It appears that she smelled the smoke coming from the room and opened the door to make an investigation, and when she did a container filled with alcohol exploded and enveloped her in flames. The woman was taken to the hospital where her burns were dressed, and nothing was said about her accident. All the clothing was burned from her and she died yesterday after intense suffering. It is not known how the fire originated.

Campers Return

The party of young people chaperoned by Mrs. C. R. Bishop and little Charles, Jr., returned Saturday from Yarbrough Mill where they enjoyed camp life for a week. Those in the party were Misses Kathryn Teague, Mary Fuller, of Mountville, Margaret Knight, Martha Saxon, Eloise Clardy, Rebecca Adams, Harriet Bishop, William Knight, Doran Bramlett, Martin Teague, Harold Fuller, of Mountville, Norton Marshall of Sumter, and Fred Bishop.

Gave Pleasing Concert

The Watts Mills band gave a very pleasing concert in front of the court house last Thursday evening. Practically all of the parking space in front of the court house was taken up with automobiles and the large number of people who heard the concert came away very much pleased. The band, under the leadership of Mr. Nickerson, has made much progress since its last appearance on the public square and gives an excellent performance.

tations of at least 9,500,000 bales. The commercial crop was rather smaller than expected, 11,377,316 bales against 12,443,180 a year ago but world's consumption was disappointing, 10,500,000 bales against 12,670,000.

PISTOL BATTLE EARLY SATURDAY

Police Officer Wham and Strange Negro Empty Pistols at Each Other. Negro Makes Good His Escape.

Policeman Bob Wham and a strange negro, whom the officer had arrested near the passenger station, emptied their pistols at each other at an early hour Saturday morning near the old coal chute on the Augusta line of the C. & W. C. railroad. The battle was fought at close quarters. Officer Wham coming out without being hit and the negro escaping without evidences of having been wounded, although Mr. Wham thinks he hit him twice.

According to Officer Wham, he made the arrest near the passenger station and started to the city police station when the negro asked him to go up the railroad a short distance to get some money which he had laid out the night before. Arriving at a spot beyond the old coal chute, the negro led the policeman toward the bed of the small stream to the left of the railroad. Being convinced here that the negro was leading him on a false trail, Mr. Wham called a halt. In the meantime they had gotten into thick underbrush and, before much could be said, the negro flashed a pistol and commenced to shoot. Officer Wham jumped behind a tree nearby and returned the fire, emptying his gun as the negro fell over into the stream as if he were wounded. The officer, unable to locate more bullets in his pocket at the time, retired to the railroad track and called to passersby to phone to the city station for help. Other officers soon arrived and the chase was taken up again, but the negro was never seen again. Blood hounds were secured from Newberry during the morning, but they were unable to follow the trail for any considerable distance.

Coleman Reunion
This family reunion was held at the handsome home of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. D. Young, near Clinton, Thursday, the 28th.

The reunion of seventy-one people consisted of four sons and two daughters of the late Mrs. Matilda Coleman, and their children and grandchildren, together with three children and six grandchildren of their brother Robert, deceased. There were only five of the family absent.

On two tables, which had been prepared under the shady oaks, a bountiful dinner was served, one table being for the elderly people, where they could sit and enjoy their dinner to the fullest. Barbecued hash, furnished by Mr. Young, iced tea and all the good things to eat made the tables groan.

After dinner kodak pictures were made of everybody, and music which was rendered by Miss Alma Coleman at the piano and Mrs. T. E. Coleman, Messrs. Fred and Frank Coleman, vocalists, was greatly enjoyed.

Four visitors were present, one of whom was Mr. Frank Coleman, of Miami, Fla., a distant relative of the family.

A very enjoyable day was had by all and it is hoped that this reunion will be held annually for many years to come.

Cleared of Charges

Mrs. W. H. Lewis and H. Guy Fooche, tried in city court Thursday morning for violation of city ordinances, were declared innocent by the jury of six men sitting on the cases, which were tried jointly. The case grew out of the arrest of the latter on the night of June 17th between ten and eleven o'clock when he emerged from the residence of Mrs. Lewis on Academy street. Mr. Fooche testified that he went to the Lewis house to carry a package of ice cream for a local druggist and remained there to discuss the fitting of a pair of eye glasses which Mrs. Lewis, who is an optometrist, had ordered for him. Fooche, who was suspended as city fireman pending the hearing of the case, was reinstated by City Council Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Guy P. Todd
Mrs. Guy P. Todd, who has been sick for some time, died at her home in the Narnie section Friday morning and was buried the following day at Highland Home church. The deceased was 31 years of age and was the daughter of Mrs. Mary C. Garrett. Besides her mother and husband, she is survived by three young daughters and one son. She was a member of the Presbyterian church at Greenville.

COUNTY OFFICIALS FACE QUANDARY

Year Only Half Gone and Money Has Given Out. Delegation Called to Meet Thursday.

"We are right up against it" County Treasurer Ross D. Young told the board of county commissioners at its meeting yesterday when the matter of paying current bills was faced. The funds for the sheriff's office were exhausted last month and this month the supervisor had reached the limit of appropriations for his office.

As a result of the conference between the county board and the county treasurer, it was decided to ask the county delegation to meet here Thursday morning when the matter will be discussed further and probably a way found to provide further funds.

Supervisor Watts stated in the meeting that unless some relief is secured he would have to send most of the county convicts to the penitentiary, leaving only a small gang in the county for urgent work. However, he said he could continue the road work if he could secure only enough money for incidental expenses of the gangs, as he could arrange to secure provisions on credit.

It is understood that the delegation will be asked to pledge itself to make an appropriation next year to cover a loan large enough to meet the needs of the present situation.

EIGHTY-THREE EXAMINED

Successful Clinic Held in the Court House Friday Under the Auspices of the Red Cross.

Eighty-three persons were examined at the clinic held in the court house Friday under the auspices of the local Red Cross chapter. Thirteen more came for examination, but the doctors working very rapidly were unable to reach them. A large percentage of those who came for examination were ex-soldiers.

Of the 83 persons examined 25 had symptoms of tuberculosis in some degree, while 12 more were suspected of having tuberculosis. Five had chronic bronchitis, 1 had heart trouble, and two had pellagra, while the remainder showed no symptoms of disease except of a minor nature.

The clinic was the first of its kind to be held in the state, its object being to make a study and to offer a remedy for tubercular troubles. Doctors from the public health hospital at Greenville were present and were assisted by Doctors Teague, Bearden and Hughes, of Laurens; Doctors Rodgers and Pace, of Gray Court, and Dr. Davis, of Clinton.

COTTON MILL HEADS ASK CUT IN TAXES

Greenville County Mill Executives Appear Before Tax Commission.

Columbia, July 21.—Five representatives of cotton mills in Greenville county appeared before the State Tax Commission today in effort to procure reductions in assessment of taxes on their mills. Those appearing today were Augustus W. Smith, Brandon Mills; W. E. Beattie, Victor-Monaghan; J. W. Arrington, Union Bleachery; George Brownlee, Woodside and Eastley; E. E. Childs, Glenn-Lowry.

Representatives of Spartanburg mills entering protest will be heard tomorrow. Total assessments against cotton mills this year will probably net an increase of two million dollars above last year. Definite figures will be available within the next few days. The total assessment at forty per cent last year was fifty-two million dollars.

Christian Endeavor Meeting

The Senior Society of Christian Endeavor will hold an open air meeting at the First Presbyterian church Sunday evening at 7:15 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend.

To Clean Cemetery

All parties having dead buried at Beaverdam church are requested to meet at the church on Thursday, August 4th, for the purpose of cleaning off the cemetery.

Miss Corrie Hart

Miss Corrie Hart has returned to the city after visiting her sisters, Mesdames Marchbanks and Babb, in Greenville.

Mrs. Hilton Hudnell

Mrs. Hilton Hudnell with her little son, Hilton, Jr., arrived in the city a few days ago and is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Simpson.

OUTLOOK IS GOOD FOR BIG AUTUMN BUSINESS

Money Rates Distinctly Easier, But Fluctuations Prevent Any Big Improvement.

Washington, July 31.—Business reaction in basic lines of industry still was reflected during July in volume of business, extent of unemployment and depression of production, said the monthly review of general economic conditions, issued tonight by the federal reserve board. It was added that seasonal dullness in practically all lines of trade prevented material alteration in general business conditions.

Mid-summer retail business, the board asserted, has been in some respects better than usual, while the outlook for a satisfactory autumn business in a number of lines, such as knit goods and cotton textiles, was declared to be decidedly encouraging. Consumers demands as reflected in the volume of retail trade, continued as good as or better than at this time last year.

Continuing prospect of excellent food crops was declared to be the most hopeful feature in the general outlook. Little change in the cotton crop was noted, with about two-thirds of last year's production expected.

Price changes during the month have shown no pronounced tendencies, the board stated. Greater stability was manifest in the textile, boot and shoe industries although important declines have taken place in other lines, such as iron and steel and particularly automobiles.

The unemployment situation has remained practically unchanged, according to the review, with labor authorities reporting serious depletion of the savings of men who have been out of work as well as of unemployment funds of trade unions.

Desire to see a resumption of full production, the board said apparently has led to operation of some plants on a non-profit-making basis, with wage scales correspondingly reduced or employees working on part time.

Money rates have become distinctly easier, the review continued but fluctuations in exchange and unstable foreign financial conditions have prevented any material improvement in foreign trade. Coincident with the falling off in the trade, the board added, there has been a reduction in the proportion of the country's commerce transported in American vessels and a corresponding increase in the proportion carried in foreign bottoms.

Earlier in the day he had headed and reviewed a parade of civic, military and naval organizations through the historic streets of Plymouth, and tonight he witnessed the tercentenary pageant reproducing the landing of the Pilgrims.

With Mrs. Harding and a party of friends, the president reached Plymouth from Washington shortly before noon on his yacht Mayflower, named for the Pilgrim ship which entered this harbor under such widely different circumstances 300 years ago. Three battleships and six destroyers formed an escort for the Mayflower of today. She was welcomed by a booming of the presidential salute from a battery ashore, while the British cruiser Cambrian dipped her flag at her anchorage just outside Plymouth harbor.

Ashore a troop of cavalry formed a presidential guard of honor and many organizations, including a unit of British marines from the Cambrian, marched in the parade which passed in review before Mr. Harding and his party.

The president's hope that Plymouth Rock might become a shrine for all free nations was echoed in brief addresses by William H. De Beaufort, charge of the Dutch legation at Washington, and Capt. Sydney H. Bayley, naval attaché of the British embassy there. Vice President Coolidge, who was not scheduled to deliver an address, satisfied the demands of the throng by speaking briefly. Secretary Weeks also had a place in the speakers stand. The exercises grew, indeed, into an "old home week" celebration when, at the word of the chairman that they were to be closed, the crowd called loudly for Vice President Coolidge, Senator Lodge, Maj. Gen. Clarence R. Edwards and Secretary Weeks. President Harding first stepped to the front personally the

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PLYMOUTH ROCK IS RE-DEDICATED

President Harding Speaks at Tercentenary

WORLD PEACE
FERVENT HOPE

President Harding Attends Tercentenary Celebration of the Landing of the Pilgrim Fathers and Sounds Note of Peace and World Disarmament.

Plymouth, Mass., Aug. 1.—Plymouth Rock, for three centuries a landmark of American freedom, was rededicated by President Harding today as a symbol of "real human brotherhood" for all the world.

Speaking at the tercentenary celebration of the landing of the Pilgrims, the president declared his fervent hope that the principle of toleration and liberty for which our fathers crossed the Atlantic might soon awake a new world era in which peace and understanding would be assured among the nations. He referred in particular to the nation's effort towards disarmament, asserting his faith that the movement would succeed.

With this tribute to the Pilgrims, Mr. Harding linked a eulogy to the achievements of the English speaking race everywhere and declared he was convinced that the mission of the race would encompass even greater things than it had yet accomplished. The leadership of the English speaking peoples in the present world crisis, he said, could not be denied nor doubted by anyone.

The president's address, delivered within a few hundred feet of the spot where Plymouth Rock has been enclosed in iron palings to preserve it for posterity, was part of an anniversary celebration in which Vice President Coolidge and many other high officials of state and nation participated.

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