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THE COTTON CROP

Various estimates have been made of the present cotton crop. The last government estimate, we believe, fixed the number of bales to be produced at something more than 7,000,000.

Of the condition of the crop in other places we cannot speak. But if the yield of cotton in this section is to be taken as an index to the yield over the cotton belt, we are of the opinion that the yield will be much less than 7,000,000 bales. We do not believe that the yield in Abbeville County will be more than one-third of the yield of a year ago. We make this estimate from observation and from reliable information received from every section of the county. In this immediate vicinity and in certain sections of the county the yield will not be twenty-five per cent. of the yield of last year.

We believe that last year's crop totaled about 13,500,000 bales. Granting that in other states and in other parts of the cotton belt the yield will be better than here, and remembering that in certain sections of our own state, conditions are much worse than with us, we are forced to the conclusion, from the reports made, that the entire yield in the United States will not be more than one-half what it was a year ago, and we should not be surprised if it is as low as 40 per cent. of last year's yield. We say that we will not be surprised if the latter statement proves correct, and we say so for the reason that a great many farmers are counting on the opening of the top crop of cotton, which will never open. An examination of the bolls at the top of the cotton plant will show that practically all have been destroyed by the boll weevil, and few of them will ever open. We do not think that people will gather as much cotton as they are expecting, and their expectations are short enough.

The knowledge that the crop is short has already had its effect on the price of the staple. When we remember that last year there was carried over about eight and a half millions of bales of cotton, and that the normal carry-over is about three and a half million bales, and when we add to the difference between the two, six or seven millions of bales (the present crop) it is evident that manufacturers and spinners may not expect to get the amount of cotton needed for their purposes without making a cotton famine. There may be enough cotton to go around this year, and to satisfy the growing demand of the spinners, but if the carry-over shall be less than normal, or even as large as normal, and we do not produce next year more than eight or nine millions of bales of cotton, it seems certain that the supply will not meet the demand.

Just what further influence these considerations will have on the price of cotton cannot be foreseen. There are so many things which enter into the price of cotton that one factor alone may not determine the price. But after all the biggest factor in fixing the price is supply and demand, and it seems certain that until the boll weevil is successfully whipped the supply of cotton in the country is going to be less than the demand for it, if the demand remains normal. That should mean as cotton men everywhere are pointing out a continued increase in the price of cotton. That means too higher priced cotton goods and higher priced clothing and wearing apparel generally.

DEATH SENTENCE IMPOSED ON BRAZELL MURDERERS

Kirby, Fox and Gappins to Die in Electric Chair Friday, October 21.

Lexington, Sept. 14.—C. O. Fox, S. J. Kirby and Jesse Gappins, convicted murderers of William Brazell, 19 year old Columbia taxi-driver, at 5:25 o'clock this afternoon were sentenced by Judge Thomas Sease to die in the electric chair on Friday October 21, the electrocution to take place between the hours of 10 o'clock in the morning and 2 o'clock in the afternoon. The jury in the Kirby case, the trial of which was begun at 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, reached a verdict of guilty at 10:59 o'clock this morning after deliberating 35 minutes, while Fox and Gappins, who were tried jointly, were convicted at 5:14 o'clock, the jury having been closeted exactly 40 minutes.

The entire trial of the three men, begun with the swearing of witnesses for the grand jury at 10:05 o'clock Monday morning, occupied only about ten hours of actual time of the court during the two days. The grand jury returned a true bill against the three men at 11:45 Monday morning and a few minutes later the prisoners, defended by counsel appointed by the court, were arraigned. At 3:30 o'clock Monday afternoon the trial of Kirby was begun, the case going to the jury at 10:24 this morning. Thirty-five minutes later the verdict of guilty had been returned and the trial of Fox and Gappins was begun. At 12:45 o'clock the state rested its case against the two men and at 5:14 o'clock the second jury had agreed that Fox and Gappins were guilty. The three men were arraigned to receive their sentences and at 5:25 o'clock each of the three men had heard his doom solemnly pronounced and each knew that there was then only 36 days of life remaining for him. It was early on the morning of Monday, August 8, exactly 37 days ago, that young Brazell was killed by the three men near Leesville after having been lured into Lexington county on a supposedly bona fide trip to "get some girls."

The three convicted and sentenced men were led from the court house immediately after the trial, being returned via of automobile to the state penitentiary, where in the death cell they will be held until the date of their electrocution. The prisoners have been held in the state penitentiary ever since first being brought to Columbia, being carried to Lexington each morning for trial. The transfer to and from the penitentiary was under special guard. These special guards, headed by State detective T. A. Berly, were all heavily armed. The four trips in automobiles and the trial passed, however, without a ripple of mob violence.

No notice of appeal was given by counsel for any of the three prisoners. Mrs. S. J. Kirby, wife of Kirby, this afternoon after the trial, however, conferred with A. D. Martin, appointed by the court as attorney for her husband, announcing that she believed that Kirby was mentally unbalanced, due to an injury to his skull and to protracted illness. Kirby, she told the attorney, now wears a silver plate in his skull. Mrs. Kirby also announced that she would appeal to Gov. R. A. Cooper for a commutation of her husband's sentence on these grounds should Mr. Martin take no further action in the case.

REPORT NOT RECEIVED

Abbeville Superintendent Among Those Who Do Not Respond.

Columbia, Sept. 15.—The State Department of Education has not yet received the annual reports from county superintendents of education in eight counties. Under the law, these reports were due September 1st. The withholding of such reports delays the statistical and tabular work of the state superintendent's office. These reports are still due from Abbeville, Darlington, Florence, Greenville, Orangeburg, Lexington, Richland and Spartanburg. The new session is beginning in many schools. The organization of the work for the scholastic year 1921-22 will be inevitably handicapped both by the lack of records for last year and by the crowding together of tasks that might have been completed long ago.

HITS BY HAL

Says the undertaker: Biers furnished at all hours.

Only the cotton gets next to the gin these dry days.

Haven't heard of any kids saying, "tell us you didn't do it, Fatty."

Christiana Boozer must be one, for a lot of liquor was found in her house.

Movie censors in Japan, in six months, removed 2,330 kisses from films. That is osculatory waste.

"Joffre delays tour to buy plumed hat," says a headline. He's pluming himself to please the Japanese.

After all, the reason the old song "Comin' Through the Rye" is so popular is that the rye exhilarates.

Seaport Town.

This country may be dry but there is plenty of port at Savannah.

A news dispatch says R-Buckle wore a Norfolk packet and golf breeches when he was arrested. We thought the day for packets had passed.

Most any paragrapher could fill his column with wise and witty things if he would follow the lead of one or two South Carolina papers and "borrow" the best, sans credit, from all the exchanges that come in.

Quite a Difference.

A headline says Fatty Arbuckle was assigned to a cell with "bare" furnishings. The news story that followed said it was a cell with "rare" furnishings.

No. 2—Why They Hate It.

Johnny, throw that gum away. Go and report to the principal. What is the square root of 694862?

If Jones plants two acres of corn and the boll weevils get in his cotton, how much corn will he make? Spell "asefetidy."

Teacher, Johnny struck me. You can stay in this afternoon, Johnny.

What's the capital of Hindustan? Bound lake Nyanza. Who was Cincinnatus and why? Go to the blackboard. What president of Mexico was assassinated? Who won the war?

NEGROES DRIVEN OUT

Whites of Mining Village Driven Out All Blacks.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Sept. 15.—The negro population of Montlake, a mining village on Walden's Ridge, 20 miles from here, was driven out of that community by infuriated white residents this afternoon and a number of shots were fired, according to information received here tonight. No one was injured as far as could be learned as the negroes did not make a defense.

The trouble is said to have come after the shooting of Edna Barnett, 12-year-old white girl, and three younger sisters by a negro girl in a dispute of long standing over the use of a spring. Edna Barnett, who was brought to a hospital here, is not expected to live. Jewell Clipper, the young negro girl accused of doing the shooting, and her father and mother and brother were brought here tonight and placed in jail.

NAME RECEIVERS FOR AUTO ACCESSORIES

New York, Sept. 15.—Receivers in equity were appointed today for Consolidated Distributors, Inc., a company which makes automobile accessories here and sells them in 39 stores in various parts of the country. Liabilities were given as \$2,000,000 and assets as \$3,500,000, but it was claimed the company lacked funds for current expenses.

Schooner Barred

Halifax, Sept. 15.—The Boston schooner Mayflower was debarred today as a contender for the international fishing schooner races by the trustees of the Halifax Herald trophy won last year by the Gloucester schooner Esperanto.

DRIVE FOR TAXES NETTED \$12,000,000

JAIL SENTENCES FOR DELIBERATE FRAUD TO BE IMPOSED. FIELD COLLECTORS COVERED EVERY LARGE CITY IN ENTIRE COUNTRY.

Washington, Sept. 15.—Collection of approximately \$12,000,000 in delinquent and additional sales and miscellaneous taxes by the government as a result of the special drive ending September 3 was announced today by Commissioner Blair. The drive in which 1,735 field collectors were engaged, he said covered practically every large city in the country and special attention was given to the so-called "luxury tax," taxes on soft drinks, theatre admissions and transportation.

"The results of the drive were eminently satisfactory," Mr. Blair said. Prior to government invention, hundreds amended returns showing additional taxes due were filed. Few attempts at deliberate fraud were discovered.

"It is recognized that in the making of monthly returns, mistakes are apt to occur and where there is an honest error on the part of the taxpayer, no penalty accrues.

"While, from the preliminary report, it is believed such action be necessary in only isolated cases, evidences of fraud discovered in the final checking up of returns will be followed by prosecution.

"In this connection, tax dodgers may take warning by the jail sentence recently imposed upon Joseph Schwartz and Harry Sultz, for manufacturers of New York City. "Schwartz and Sultz were indicted for knowingly and willfully refusing to account for and pay over to the collector of internal revenue the excise tax on articles manufactured by them. Investigation by the bureau showed they had incurred in 1919 a tax liability of \$1447 and in 1920 a tax liability of \$9,991. Both men pleaded guilty and were fined \$100 each and sentenced to 30 days in the tombs.

"In similar cases of deliberate fraud, it will be the policy of the bureau to urge the imposition of extreme penalties. This is the only course possible in justice to the man who honestly pays his share of the common levy."

LEAVES LARGE SUM

Woman Begged From Rich and Gave To Poor.

Chicago, Sept. 15.—"French Sal," 80 years old, who died yesterday in a dreary little attic, was found today to have \$100,000 in stocks hidden in her room. For years she begged from the rich and dispensed philanthropy to the poor. Her identity is not known.

Cancel Date.

London, Sept. 15.—Lloyd George tonight cancelled arrangements for a conference of Sinn Fein delegates with himself and members of his cabinet.

RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION IS SETTLING CLAIMS

Washington, Sept. 14.—The railroad administration settled today with the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad company all claims growing out of federal control for \$8,000,000.

Other settlements announced were:

The Virginian Railway company, \$2,100,000, the Alabama Great Southern Railroad company \$1,530,000; the Mobile and Ohio Railroad company \$700,000.

Argentine Wants Loan.

Buenos Aires, Sept. 15.—Negotiations between the Argentine government and American banking institutions for a loan of \$50,000,000 have been suspended, it is learned in authoritative quarters here. The fact that these negotiations were in progress has given rise during the past few days to many conflicting rumors, and foreign exchange market here have resulted.

STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION OF THE PEOPLES SAVINGS BANK

located at Abbeville, S. C., at the close of business September 6, 1921.

| RESOURCES. | |
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| Loans and discounts | \$372,121.82 |
| Overdrafts | 5,344.20 |
| Bonds and Stocks Owned by the bank | 15,048.00 |
| Furniture and Fixtures | 1,200.00 |
| Banking House | 3,000.00 |
| Due from Banks and Bankers | 16,417.47 |
| Currency | 8,836.00 |
| Gold | 140.00 |
| Silver and Other Minor | |
| Coin | 1,082.30 |
| Checks and cash items. | 5,391.98 |
| TOTAL | \$428,581.77 |
| LIABILITIES. | |
| Capital Stock Paid In | \$21,800.00 |
| Surplus Fund | 21,800.00 |
| Undivided Profits, less Current Expenses and Taxes Paid | 1,292.34 |
| Dividends Unpaid | 170.00 |
| Individual Deposits subject to check | \$142,685.57 |
| Savings deposits | 125,000.00 |
| Time certificates of deposit | 33,000.00 |
| Cashier's checks | 143.29 |
| Notes and Bills Rediscounted | 300,828.86 |
| Bills Payable, including Certificates for Money Borrowed | 25,690.57 |
| | 57,000.00 |
| TOTAL | \$428,581.77 |

State of South Carolina,
 County of Abbeville.

Before me came W. F. Nickles, Cashier of the above named bank, who, being duly sworn, says that the above and foregoing statement is a true condition of said bank, as shown by the books of said bank.

W. F. NICKLES.
 Sworn to and subscribed before me this 14th day of September 1921.

J. C. THOMSON,
 N. P. S. C.

Correct Attest:
 G. A. NEUFFER,
 JAS. F. CLINKSCALES,
 S. G. THOMSON, Directors

PIEDMONT MAN TAKES OWN LIFE

Construction Foreman of Orr Cotton Mill Fires Bullet Into Brain.

Anderson, Sept. 15.—Columbus Shelton, construction foreman at Orr cotton mill, took his own life today, at the home of his sister, Mrs. Galloway, in Piedmont. The family had gone to the front of the house, and when they heard the report of a pistol, rushed back to find Mr. Shelton lying on the floor with his head in a pool of blood. He had fired a .32 caliber ball through his head. No reason for the rash act can be given as Mr. Shelton had not seemed in the least depressed.

He was 49 years of age and is survived by his wife and one daughter, Kathlene, aged 19. His sisters are: Mrs. Jim Turner of this city, Mrs. J. W. Fisher and Mrs. Galloway of Piedmont, and Mrs. Guest of Greenville. The remains were brought to this city and the interment will be in Silver Brook cemetery.

Corn Market Planned.

Atlanta.—A movement was launched here Thursday to establish a market and facilities for the handling of surplus corn produced in Georgia. The Atlanta Commercial Exchange heads the movement.

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