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## MAY-DAY CLASH IN MEXICO CITY

**NUMEROUS PERSONS SO BADLY HURT THEY HAVE TO GO TO HOSPITAL—DAY OF MARCHING AND RIOTING—DEATH FOR ONE BOY**

Mexico City, May 2.—Clashes between union laborers and Roman Catholics, resulting in one person being killed and several wounded, characterized the celebration of May-day. Syndicalists at noon attacked a building occupied by the Association of Catholic Young Men, and during the encounter one boy was killed and numerous other persons were so badly hurt that they had to be taken to hospitals.

The building and its contents were wrecked and set on fire.

The day was ushered in at dawn by the ringing of bells and the blowing of whistles, and shortly after 8 o'clock numerous parades began forming. By 10 o'clock the downtown districts of the city were closed to traffic, the streets being occupied by at least ten different lines of marchers.

Red and black banners were conspicuously displayed. Among the thousands of paraders were a considerable number of Communists, both men and women who waved red banners and wore red ribbons. As the marchers wended their way through the streets Bolshevik songs were sung and spectators on the sidewalk were compelled to doff their hats as the labor flags passed by. Persons who objected to uncovering were roughly treated.

A portion of the crowd gathered in front of the American consulate, where the usual execrations against capitalism were delivered by several orators.

Tenants objecting to high rents, numbering, according to conservative estimates, 15,000, paraded the streets protesting against the landlords and announcing a general strike on rent paying until a 75 per cent reduction in all house rents is made.

Shortly before noon the demonstrators became so riotous that many merchants closed their doors and pulled down the shutters. The paraders made efforts to stop all automobile traffic. Earlier in the day the street car employees had declared a 24 hour holiday, and the only transportation was by taxicabs. These ceased at noon.

The federal government and municipal offices were closed all day.

### MISS MAE ROBERTSON

Miss Mae Robertson has accepted the position as Principal of the graded school for next year, and this news will be read with pleasure by the patrons. No woman in the county comes in closer touch with the homes and she is loved by all. One of the pupils remarked recently that "Mr. Fulp, Miss Mae and 'Krip' have all resigned and the school is ruined," so it is with pleasure the announcement is made that Mr. Fulp, Miss Mae and "Krip" will be with us next year.

### CONTRACT TO BE LET

The Abbeville board of trustees will meet in W. M. Barnwell's office tomorrow, Thursday, at noon to open bids received for the erection of the new High School building on Chestnut street. The board's architect, G. Lloyd Preacher, will meet with the trustees tomorrow.

### VETERANS TO MEET

Abbeville Camp No. 1827 U. C. V. will meet in the court house May 6th at 3:30 p. m., for the election of officers and delegates to the annual reunion at Darlington to be held May 17th ad 18th.

## GET MANY RETURNS FOR INCOME TAX

**THOUSANDS OF CHECKS POUR INTO TREASURY.—MONDAY WAS LAST DAY TO MAKE PAYMENTS UNLESS TIME EXTENDED BY TAX COMMISSION**

Columbia, May 2.—Income taxpayers flooded the state treasurer with checks yesterday and the tax commission with returns mail at these two offices being exceptionally heavy throughout the day. Not all the returns were received during the day, however, and many were mailed in late in the afternoon that will reach the office today.

At the state treasurer's office it was said that a check for four cents was received from one taxpayer. This will probably be the smallest tax to be paid by a South Carolinian. A lot of returns are being received where no tax is due, but the four cents check is the smallest to come in to date.

Yesterday was the last day to make returns unless extensions of time were granted by the tax commission. The commission granted a lot of extensions for short periods and a large number of extensions on one-half of the tax.

Judging by the returns and checks coming in yesterday the new act will bring in considerable revenue, but probably not as much as some of the legislators figured. Senator Sam H. McGhee of Greenwood, promoter of the present law, believed at the time it was passed that it would bring in near \$2,000,000. The free conferences on the general appropriation bill figured the amount somewhere near \$1,000,000 while others give the figure around \$700,000.

The tax commission is working hard to get the new law operating properly and within the next few weeks will have every taxpayer checked up. The commission has the names of all the persons paying the federal government a tax and this will be of much help in enforcing the law.

No figures were available as to the amount of money received yesterday as this was a task that could not be accomplished in one day with thousands and thousands of returns and checks coming in.

Some interesting returns were received during the day. One man sent in his return on a federal blank, declaring that the federal blank was much simpler than the state report. Another taxpayer sent nothing but a letter in which he swore he paid the federal government so much and owed the state government a certain figure. He said the blank sent him was "too much" for him.

### GOING TO TEXAS

John Walker, who has been confined in the Abbeville jail for several days was carried to Donalds yesterday and tried before Magistrate D. M. Humphries on two charges, carrying concealed weapons and assault and battery. He was fined fifty dollars on each count, paid the fine and said he was going to Texas.

### CLUB MARKET FRIDAY

Don't forget the Club Market Friday morning. There will be on hand English peas, cabbage, dressed chickens, eggs and other things in season.

### NEWBERRY DOWNS FURMAN

Newberry beat Furman in yesterday's game at Newberry 2 to 0. The opposing pitchers being Luther and McLeod. This puts Furman out of the winning for the State championship this year.

## MARKET CAMPAIGN ENDS IN VICTORY

**COOPERATIVE COTTON ASSOCIATION NOW ASSURED—FINE SUCCESS REWARDS EFFORTS TO ORGANIZE THE FARMERS OF SOUTH CAROLINA.—TOTAL OF 408,000 BALES HAD BEEN SIGNED UP SATURDAY NIGHT.**

Columbia, May 2.—Over 400,000 bales of cotton were signed to the cotton cooperative marketing contract by May 1 and the organization of the South Carolina Cotton Growers' Cooperative association is now assured. Announcement to this effect was made last night by Harry G. Kaminer, president of the organization committee, and R. C. Hamer, chairman of the campaign committee.

A total of 408,000 bales had been signed by Saturday night, April 29, and reports from over the state indicated that between 10,000 and 15,000 bales were signed yesterday, so that approximately 425,000 bales have now been signed. It will be several days before the tabulation is completed.

### Goes Over Top.

Announcement that the state had gone over the top caused much jubilation yesterday among the campaign workers and farmers over the state generally. All day long there was a stream of telegrams pouring into the offices of the association here from every section of the state asking the outcome and many called over the long distance telephone.

There was a great deal of interest in the campaign in other states also and many of the telegrams came from North Carolina, Georgia, Texas, Alabama and other states in the belt, which have already either organized or are in the process of organization.

C. O. Moser, secretary of the American Cotton Growers' exchange, the overhead organization of the various state cooperative associations, wired: "Please accept my congratulations. Campaign has been great piece of work. Greetings."

F. R. Shanks, chairman of the campaign committee of the Alabama association, wired: "Congratulate you on your great victory. Alabama sends you greetings."

Dr. Clarence Poe, editor of The Progressive Farmer, wired: "Heartly congratulations on great victory."

Now that the terms of the contract have been complied with and the 400,000 bales necessary signed by May 1, it was announced yesterday that opportunity would be given all who desire to join the association to do so during the next three weeks. The belief was expressed yesterday by officials of the association that

there would be a heavy baleage signed up during the next three weeks.

Harry G. Kaminer, president, said last night that he would call a meeting of the organization committee at an early date to district the state and set the machinery in order for the permanent organization.

### Assistance Appreciated.

In a statement last night announcing the success of the campaign, Messrs. Kaminer and Hamer said:

"There have been so many people who have contributed so greatly to the success of the campaign that we feel it would be unfair to single any one individually. Never have we seen a more faithful band of men than the band who labored in behalf of cooperative marketing. It has been a hard fight, extending over a period of seven months, but not once have the workers faltered. They have every one done their full duty. The business men and the press of the state have rendered wonderful assistance and we are deeply indebted to them."

Dr. W. W. Long, director of the extension forces of Clemson college, who has been actively in the fight since the beginning, expressed gratification at the outcome of the campaign and joined with Messrs. Hamer and Kaminer in thanking all who had assisted in the movement.

The officers of the organization committee of the South Carolina Cotton Growers' Cooperative association are: Harry G. Kaminer of Gadsden, president; Thomas G. McLeod of Bishopville, vice president; Harold C. Booker of Columbia, secretary; Julien C. Rogers of Columbia, treasurer; William Elliott of Columbia, general counsel. Members of the organization committee are: J. H. Brown, Westminster; T. B. Butler, Gaffney; D. B. Anderson, Moore; F. W. Eubanks, Travelers Rest; A. G. Westbrook, Edgemoor; J. E. Craig, Lancaster; L. D. Friday, Wallaceville; J. B. Johnson, Rock Hill; P. L. Bethea, Dillon; R. B. Laney, Cheraw; B. D. Dargan, Darlington; R. B. Belser, Sumter; W. A. Stuckey, Bishopville; Alfred Scarborough, Eastover; John T. Mackey, Camden; H. C. Hahn, Aiken; A. M. Kennedy, Williston; J. P. Guess, Appleton; Dr. A. R. Johnston, St. George; J. C. Talbert, McCormick; J. S. Stark, Abbeville; D. A. Geer, Anderson, and B. R. Tillman, Trenton.

## TO STOP APPEALS WITHOUT MERIT

Columbia, May 2.—The Supreme Court today made it plain that it proposes to put a stop to the appealing of cases on frivolous grounds. This being brought out by the court in hearing arguments for the dismissal of the appeal of Jesse Gappins, one of the famous murder trio, convicted of the murder of William Brazell, a Columbia taxi driver, whose murder, last year resulted in a man hunt over two states. The motion of Solicitor Callison, of Lexington, to dismiss the Gappins appeal was taken under advisement by the court.

Chief Justice Gary made the statement during the hearing of the motion for dismissal of the appeal, that the court proposed to put a stop to the appealing of cases on frivolous grounds, where there was no merit in the appeal. He was serious and intense in his stand against such appeals. He declared that if necessary the court would even resort to disbarment proceedings. The court made it clear that there was no direct reference to the present case, but that the general practice was opposed by the court, and that to this end it had

## SHARP ADVANCE IN COTTON MARKETS

New York, May 2.—Fear of an unfavorable start of the new cotton report was held responsible for greatly increased activity and strength in the local committee market today. Buying was more general and heavier than it had been for months. The price of May contracts advanced to 19.50 while October sold up to 18.94 or 65 to 81 points above yesterday's closing quotations.

At these figures the market showed an advance of approximately \$7 per bale as compared with the price of last Thursday and of over 2 1-2 cents per pound from the low level of early last March.

Reports of an improving demand for spot cotton in the south and a more favorable view of world's trade outlook contributed to the advance but the continuation of recent rains and floods in the southwest was considered the chief factors by local brokers.

The market closed at a net advance of 75 to 82 points.

promulgated the new ruling about the dismissal of appeals without merit.

## CHIEF JUSTICE TAFT TO NAME CHAIRMAN

**WILL BE ASKED TO APPOINT HEAD OF MIXED TRIBUNAL. PLAN ARRANGED AT GENOA CONFERENCE BEING WORKED OUT TO CONTROL DEBTS.**

Genoa, May 2.—Chief Justice Taft of the United States supreme court will be asked to name the chairman of the mixed arbitral committee to be established for controlling the debts owed by the Russian government to foreign bondholders, according to the plan arranged today. The other members of this commission will represent all the bondholders and the Russian government, respectively. The commission will have power to remit interest and decide all questions affecting foreign bondholders and Russia's ability to meet her obligations; a time limit will be fixed in which bondholders may make their own arrangements with the Russian government if they desire.

Mixed arbitral tribunals, one for every interested nation, will be set up to deal with the question of the property of foreigners which has been nationalized; the chairman of each will be named by the chairman of the mixed arbitral commission. In the plan adopted practically everything which savored of capitulations or infringement on Russia's sovereignty was waived. The French suggestion that a provisional administration, pending Russia's establishment of courts on the basis desired by western Europe, was not approved.

Labor day was a real labor day for the Genoa conference. The sub-commission on Russian affairs rushed its consideration of the Russian reconstruction plans and came through late tonight with approval of the draft of the proposals. These will be considered again tomorrow for the purpose of final editing and will probably be sent immediately to the Russian delegation.

Belgium alone held out on the section relating to the treatment to be given to the property of foreigners nationalized by the Soviet government. This is a vital point in the proposals and has been stubbornly contested. France finally subscribed to the project proposed by Great Britain, whereby the use of the property will be restored wherever possible and in other cases compensation will be arranged through mixed arbitral tribunals.

Belgium stood firmly for the principle of restitution and went on record as protesting declaring that the vested interests of Belgians in property in Russia amounts to 100,000,000 pounds and that Belgians will never again invest in Russia unless restitution is made.

### BUSINESS PICKS UP

**Fewer Failures Noted in The Country.**

New York, May 2.—Business failures in the country fell off 28 per cent last month from January, the peak month of the year, statistics issued today by Bradstreet's show. A total of 1,948 firms failed during the month with liabilities of \$72,553,740. The percentage of failures, however, exceeded by 38 per cent the total for April of last year.

Failures for the first four months of the year total 9,059 with liabilities of \$302,763,847, a numerical increase of 42 per cent over the same period of last year and of 16 per cent over the first four months of 1915.

### T. H. WATSON LOSES BARN

T. H. Watson of the Monterey section had the misfortune to lose his barn by fire Monday night. He lost all of his feed, his wagon and gears.

## NEW BONUS BILL READY FOR HARDING

**MEASURE DIFFERS FROM HOUSE BILL IN SMALL DETAIL—REPUBLICAN COMMITTEEMEN DISCARD SMOOT PLAN FOR LIFE INSURANCE.**

Washington, May 2.—President Harding is to be asked by the senate finance committee Republicans to approve a soldiers' bonus bill differing from the house measure only in minor essentials.

This was decided at a conference of committee Republicans today at which senators said, the Smoot plan of substituting a 20 year endowment life insurance plan for the adjusted service certificates was discarded without a record vote. The Smoot plan would have provided for no specific loans on the policies.

The measure to be taken to the President is what is known as the McCumber plan, which would provide for immediate loans to the veterans equal to 50 per cent of their adjusted service pay at the rate of \$1 a day for domestic service and \$1.25 a day for overseas services. At the end of three years the loan value of the certificates would be 80 per cent of the adjusted service pay plus 4 1-2 per cent interest annually. Joseph S. McCoy, the government actuary, presented estimates to the committee showing the cost of the McCumber plan for the fiscal year as \$77,000,000; \$92,000,000 in the second year; \$73,000,000 in the third year and \$376,000,000 in the fourth year, with the ultimate cost approximately four billions of dollars. These costs include payment on account of deaths, cash to veterans entitled to not more than \$5; vocational training and farm and home aid. The land settlement option has been eliminated from the bill.

### NICK HELD UP

Nick Kapananokos was held up in his place of business, the Columbia Candy Kitchen, Monday night about 11 o'clock. Two strange negroes came in and purchased 15 cents worth of candy and when Nick turned to make the change, one of the negroes grabbed him, the other covering him with a pistol. Nick had a pocket handkerchief in his hip pocket, his money was carried beneath the handkerchief and the delay in trying to get the handkerchief out saved Nick's National Bank. The pocket was ripped and torn but the money was safe. The negroes made their escape, and it is thought they went in the direction of Greenwood in an automobile. As the would-be robbers fled Nick, who freed himself from them and grabbed his pistol, fired three shots at them, which served to wake the peaceful sleepers and kept the robbers going.

The authorities at Greenwood claim to have seen two negroes, answering the description given by Kapananokos, in Greenwood that night. They were in an automobile and came from this direction. Up to this time they have not been caught.

### ADA JONES SUCCUMBS TO SUDDEN ATTACK

Rocky Mount, N. C. May 2.—Ada Jones, musical star, died in a local hospital tonight following a sudden illness. She was removed to the hospital yesterday, after suffering a collapse Saturday night at the conclusion of a concert engagement.

Ada Jones in private life is Mrs. Hugh Flaherty of New York. Her husband and relatives have been notified and are on their way here.

### COTTON MARKET

No cotton was offered on the market at Abbeville today.