

**REQUESTS A RECOUNT  
OF SURPLUS COTTON**

**Startling Bullish Conditions Revealed  
by Report of the Association**

Columbia, March 21.—J. Skottow Wannamaker president of the American Cotton Association, said today that the association had asked Congress to order a recount of the surplus cotton in the country to see how much of it is spinnable, and that a resolution of this end would be introduced at once by Senator Smith.

Mr. Wannamaker also made public the first report of the American Cotton Association for 1920 and declared that it revealed startlingly bullish conditions. A canvass of the belt, he said, showed that preparations for the 1920 crop are at least five weeks late; that labor is extremely short; that the mild winter with the late start on the new crop spells certainty of serious insect damage on account of the rapid spread of the boll weevil and that the pink worm had appeared in two parishes in Louisiana and in some sections of Texas. He declared that the world is facing an enormous shortage.

The statement issued by Mr. Wannamaker follows:

"The census bureau, by special request of the American Cotton Association, in their final ginning report issued Saturday, separated snaps and bollies. The report convinces us that the world is faced with a demand that will exceed the supply before the 1920 crop can possibly become available.

"The total ginning figures of 11,958,117 includes 580,000 bales of snaps and bollies, which must be deducted leaving a balance of only 10,678,117 bales. Each season there is a discrepancy between the supply and distribution figures of cotton, amounting in the average to about 200,000 bales, as shown by the census department in its regular bulletins. We find that the average weight per bale ginned is the lowest in the last twenty-five years and this will certainly result in a material reduction.

"This crop carries the lowest proportion of low grade cotton of any crop in the last twenty-five years. Congressional action has been requested to have a recount made of the so-called surplus to ascertain the actual amount of spinnable cotton. Senator Smith will introduce a resolution to this end at once.

"A thorough investigation brings to light the absolute certainty that this so-called surplus cotton contains a large amount of bollies, snaps and unspinnable cotton which will enormously reduce the apparent carry-over from previous years, so that adding the spinnable cotton from the last crop to the apparent carry-over, we find the absolute certainty of an increasing needs until the 1920 crop becomes available.

"Preparations for the 1920 crop are at least five weeks late. Labor is extremely short and there is no surplus from which to draw. Under these conditions it will be absolutely impossible to cultivate as large an area as last season and the matter of harvesting, requiring farm labor, will be serious. The mild winter with its insect damage on account of the enormous spread of the boll weevil. Even with the most favorable seasons we are facing the certainty of another small crop. With adverse conditions the raw cotton industry is indeed facing the greatest shortage compared with absolute pressing demands that has ever existed.

"Investigations by experts of the association both at home and abroad bring to light the fact that the demand for raw cotton is the largest ever recorded and will result in the

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consumption of every bale of spinnable cotton, at prices far above those now prevailing before the 1920 crop can possibly reach the market. Once the true conditions are fully understood there will be a wild scramble on the part of the manufacturers to secure cotton regardless of grade.

"This report has been prepared with great care after a most thorough investigation and detailed information concerning same will be laid before the annual convention of the American Cotton Association at Montgomery, April 13-16, for the purpose of recommending a minimum price for which the balance of cotton now on hand is to be held. This price will be far above the highest price yet paid for cotton this year."

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION.**

Pursuant to an order of the County Board of Education for Clarendon County, an election will be held in School District Number 9, at the office of F. C. Thomas in Manning, S. C., on Saturday, the 27th day of March, 1920, upon the question whether or not there shall be levied in School District Number 9 an additional levy of four (4) mills for school purposes in said District. The polls will open at 8 o'clock A. M. and close at 4 o'clock P. M.

At said election each elector favoring the proposed levy shall cast a ballot containing the word, "Yes;" written or printed thereon, and each elector opposed to said levy shall cast a ballot containing the word, "No;" written or printed thereon.  
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