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REPORT ON GROWING COTTON.

Condition of Crop Estimated at 81.1 Per Cent. of Normal Against 79.7 a Year Ago.

Washington, June 4.—The growing crop of cotton on May 25 was 81.1 per cent. of a normal condition, against 79.7 a year ago and a 10-year average of 81.4. The area planted this year is about 95.6 per cent. of the area planted in cotton last year, and aggregates about 31,918,000 acres, a decrease of 1,452,000 acres or 4.4 per cent. from the bureau's revised estimate of last year's planted area. This was today's report of the agricultural department.

The revised estimate of last year's planted area was 33,370,000 acres. The figures for the area planted this year include that already planted and expected to be planted.

By States there are planted in acres in 1909 and the condition on May 25, respectively, follows: Virginia 28,000 and 85 per cent.; North Carolina 1,436,000 and 83; South Carolina 2,496,000 and 85; Georgia 4,762,000 and 84; Florida 266,000 and 91; Alabama 3,552,000 and 83; Mississippi 3,264,000 and 78; Louisiana 1,155,000 and 74; Texas 9,716,000 and 73; Arkansas 2,004,000 and 84; Tennessee 1,000,000 and 84.

RAILROAD COMMISSION MEETS.

Several Matters of Importance Taken Up Last Week.

Columbia, June 5.—At the regular weekly meeting of the railroad commission this week several matters of importance were taken up.

The railroad committee of the Columbia Council of the Order of the National Commercial Travellers of America filed a complaint against the Southern Railway, in the matter of handling baggage on Train No. 27, arriving at Ridgeway at 7:15 p. m. The commission took the matter up and asked the Southern Railway to have the conditions alleged in the complaint investigated and report promptly why such conditions should exist.

A Sumter firm made complaint to the commission that they were being charged \$1.50 per car for switching same from warehouse track to delivery track, both tracks being within the city limits. They were sent a copy of the commission's report for 1908, which contains the laws and rules of the commission in reference to the switching of cars.

The commission has received complaints from C. J. Cummings, manufacturer of pine lumber at Davidson, S. C., and the Colleton Mercantile and Manufacturing Company, at Ritter, S. C., complaining that the rates on lumber in South Carolina were higher than in Georgia and Florida, and that the basis for a carload in South Carolina was 20,000 pounds, and in Georgia and Florida 24,000. The commission took the matter under consideration and will investigate it thoroughly.

The Piedmont Grocery Company has complained to the commission in the matter of marking packages in full when delivering same to the railroad company for shipment. Upon the receipt of the complaint they were referred to the thirteenth annual report of the commission for 1908, which gives the rules concerning the marking of packages.

TO THE POLE IN A BALLOON.

Walter Wellman Will Start From Spitzbergen in August.

Paris, June 6.—Walter Wellman, who is about to go again in search of the North Pole, and Melvin Vaniman, his engineer, have equipped the dirigible balloon to be taken along with them, with an extra set of propellers, capable of being shifted while in motion.

The start for the pole is expected to begin from Spitzbergen about August 1.

COTTON PRICES ADVANCING.

HEAVY RAINS EXPECTED TO REDUCE THE CROP.

Recent Reports Have Been Favorable, but they were Issued Before the Rains Began—Sugar Has Been Dull and Rice Inactive.

New York, June 4.—Although irregular, the trend of prices in the cotton market has been upward mainly owing to heavy rains in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee and Georgia, giving rise to the belief that reports on the conditions of 80 to 82 per cent. were offset by rains, in some case torrential, which have occurred since May 25, the real date of most of the favorable crop reports, which have latterly appeared. It was assumed, too, that however, favorable the Government report of June 4 might be, allowance in this case would have to be made for the fact that its data also would come down no later than May 25. Meantime a good many reports of damage from the central and eastern belt have been received during the last few days. Prominent New Orleans men here have insisted that the North and the East, as well as Europe, have no conception of the seriousness of the excessive rains in the Mississippi Valley and eastward.

Texas, too, it is insisted, in some parts at least, has been getting too much rain. Receipts, moreover, have been decreasing. Recent heavy liquidation has improved the technical position from a speculative point of view and the world's consumption of American cotton during the coming year is expected to be unprecedentedly large. It seems to be pre-figured by a large broadening of trade generally, headed by iron and steel.

On the other hand, however, it is a fact beyond dispute that most of the reports on the crop latterly published have been more favorable by 1 to 2 per cent. than that of the Government acreage when the June condition was 79.7 per cent.

Some about the idea, too, that there is likely to be any decrease in the acreage in the South as a whole, with prices at their present relatively high level. It is argued that the reduction in the acreage is often talked of, but not often brought about. The crop outlook is believed by many to be improved, not only in Texas, but in most sections east of the Mississippi River. A big surplus is likely to be carried over to next season, which will have to be added to next season's supply. Textiles improve with rather disappointing slowness. The big advance in prices in the last few months, it is contended by scouts, discounts whatever bullish factors there may be in the situation. Spinners are buying, as a rule, on only moderate scale. Liverpool has been selling, and so has Wall street, the South and West. On set-backs, however, there has been such a determination among certain people to buy that prices have actually risen during the week in the teeth of some very favorable crop reports. Chicago, New Orleans and Wall street have at times bought with a free hand. July, after selling down close to October, has latterly increased in its premium over October materially. It is argued a good June report discussion always mean a big crop.

In 1896 the June condition was 97.2 and that of July 92.5, when everybody was predicting a crop of 11,000,000 bales. But a slump in the condition in August to 89.7 and in September to 64.2 woke everybody up, and prices advanced and the crop turned out to be only 8,758,000 bales. In 1904, however, a June condition of 82, and in 1906 a June figure of 84.8, in each case was the herald of crops of over 13,500,000 bales.

Today the government gave the condition as 81.1 per cent. with a reduction in the acreage of 1,452,000 acres. The market was but little affected.

PIER COLLAPSES; MANY DROWN.

Seventy-five Persons Are Thrown Into Lake Near New Orleans.

New Orleans, La., June 6.—Four women and two children and probably many others were drowned tonight when the excursion steamer Margaret made a fastening at Mandeville, La., on the north coast of Lake Pontchartrain, twenty-five miles from New Orleans. The wharf gave way and about 75 people were thrown into the lake. Many heroic rescues were made.

The known dead are: Miss Lizzie Lortz, Miss Mame Gottein, Miss Catherine Gottein, Miss Laura Ray, an infant child named Chapin.

All of the deceased are residents of New Orleans.

LAFOLLETTE ANSWERS PEN-ROSE.

Senators Thought Storm Was Brewing Because of Personal References to Lafollette in His Absence, but Wisconsin Senator Was Peaceful.

Washington, June 4.—No one was required to call a quorum when the Senate met today. The events of last night in respect to the personal references to Senator Lafollette had caused a feeling that a storm was brewing and nearly every Senator was in his place when the Senate met.

Contrary to the general expectation, the opening scene when Mr. Lafollette took the floor was quite pacific. Mr. Lafollette and Mr. Gallinger had a friendly exchange of words relating to the refusal of the Wisconsin Senator to yield to his New Hampshire colleague for a question yesterday. Mr. Lafollette then said that he had not been sick yesterday, but after holding the floor over five hours, did not feel in a condition to continue at night and had remained at home to rest.

Referring to the session of last night as "seisational" to such an extent to ob-secure the debate of the day, which had preceded, he turned to Senator Penrose of Pennsylvania, who sat in his place on the opposite side of the chamber facing him.

"As to the remarks of the Senator from Pennsylvania," he said, "I would suggest that he would render a very important service to his country for the way he spends his time when absent from this body, rather than in any effort to make an account for my time."

With no opposition, the Senate adopted Senator LaFollette's resolution calling on the president to send to the Senate the correspondence between the State Department and the German government or its representative relating to the German report on wages.

BAMBERG FARMER SLAIN.

Mr. J. A. Nix Killed Near Denmark By Negro Tenant.

Denmark, June 5.—Mr. J. A. Nix, a farmer living near Denmark, was shot and instantly killed this morning by Isadore Nimmons, a negro tenant. Mr. Nix had let a crop to two negro women, and the women had hired Nimmons to do the ploughing. Early this morning Mr. Nix went to the negro cabin to get them out to work. It seems that he was compelled to use force with one of the women, who called Nimmons to her relief. Nimmons rushed in and shot Mr. Nix through the neck without giving any warning, and again through the body as he fell out of the door. Mr. Nix had been given trouble by the negroes many times, and it developed today that Nimmons had threatened in the earlier part of the week to commit the horrible crime, and had prepared himself for it.

MAKES PLEA FOR NEWSPAPERS.

Chairman of Publishers' Association Appeals to Senator Root.

New York, June 6.—John Norris, chairman of the committee on paper of the American Newspaper Publishers' Association, forwarded today to Senator Root a letter setting forth new data on paper duty. The Senator's attention is directed to a comparison of his newspaper and periodical constituency, as compared with his paper mill constituency, and the statement is made that the newspapers of New York State pay seven times as much for labor as all the newsprint paper mills.

Mr. Norris appeals for consideration of the newspapers as following: "Newspapers are entitled to consideration from you even if you ignore the extraordinary function they perform in disseminating intelligence, in promoting knowledge and in facilitating the work of government. Those citizens are the best citizens who are in complete touch with the work of administration and the furtherance of the newspaper's mission is worthy of your serious effort. An increase in the consumption of paper is due to the increasing intelligence of the people."

MANIAC KILLS FIVE MEN.

Horrible Tragedy in Massachusetts Slaughter House.

Somerville, Mass., June 5.—With a maniacal shriek, John Murphy turned from pig-sticking to man-killing in the North Packing and Provision Company's slaughter house today, and driving his fellow workmen before him, slew five of them and wounded four others. Two of the wounded were reported later as dying.

CYCLONE AT ELLOREE.

DESTRUCTION ALL ALONG THE PATHWAY.

Considerable Damage is Done to Property and Crops—A Number of Persons Were Badly Injured.

Elloree, June 4.—A very disastrous cyclone visited this section late yesterday afternoon which resulted in considerable damage to property and also severely injured a number of persons. The crops are also badly torn up along a path about 100 feet wide, along the line of the storm. The cyclone first struck the place of Mr. Jack Smith.

The dwelling of Mr. Smith was completely demolished. The family, however, were in the dining room, which is a building adjoining the main dwelling, and they escaped uninjured.

The storm then passed on to the place of Mr. Watts Hungerpiller. All of the houses here were blown down, and the family received some injuries. Mr. Hungerpiller is a man of about 75 years of age, and he was badly hurt. Mrs. Hungerpiller is also badly bruised about the back, and a daughter has a thigh and collar bone broken. The other member of the family, a girl, escaped unharmed.

From this point the next property struck was that of Mrs. Linne Bair. The dwelling was occupied by Mr. Otto Strock. The barn here was lifted off the foundation, but the horses escaped uninjured. Mr. and Mrs. Strock seeing the approach of the ugly storm left the dwelling and ran down the road thus escaping any injury.

The place of Mrs. Perkins was also damaged, the barn being torn down and the chimney to the dwelling also blown down.

Mr. Sam Kemmerlin was in his barn at the time of the cyclone, and escaped unharmed, his wife, however, who was in the dwelling, was badly hurt as the building was blown down. She had to be taken from the entangled mass of timbers.

Mr. E. F. Irick had his barn blown down and also the piazza from his dwelling. One of the timbers struck Mr. Irick on the head making a long gash. He is badly hurt.

The cyclone passed in a northeasterly direction, and after passing the place of Mr. Irick lifted from the ground and passed on.

PATRICK'S APPEAL DENIED.

His Prayer for Death or Freedom Refused.

New York, June 4.—Albert T. Patrick's appeal for liberty or death was denied by the appellate division of the Supreme Court in Brooklyn today. Patrick had appealed to that court for a hearing on a writ of habeas corpus, which he had obtained from an individual Justice of the Supreme Court, ordering the prosecuting officers to show cause why he should not be released from prison or put to death of the murder of Wm. Marsh Rice.

In support of the writ, Patrick, several weeks ago made a sensational personal appeal to the appellate division, in which he declared that the commutation of death sentence to that of life imprisonment by Governor Higgins constituted the imposition of a sentence worse than death. Patrick also attacked the legality of his conviction on the ground of conspiracy. All the justices of the appellate division today concurred in dismissing the writ of habeas corpus. The court sustained the judgment of conviction and the commutation of his sentence to that of life imprisonment and ordered Patrick to be remanded to Sing Sing prison.

In the opinion of the court the most striking paragraph was one holding that the "degree of punishment is not determined by the preference of the convict." This was in answer to Patrick's declaration that life imprisonment was a greater hardship than death.

CHOLERA IN ST. PETERSBURG.

Infection is General and Serious Epidemic is Feared.

St. Petersburg, June 6.—St. Petersburg is on the eve of a new and serious epidemic of cholera, according to the chief sanitary physician of the city, Dr. Ivanoff. Twelve cases of cholera were reported yesterday, and nine today. These are spread in practically all the quarters of the city, indicating that the infection is general.

When one goose drinks, all drink.—Dutch.

STOLE BRASS FROM SHIPS.

Warrant Officers and Seamen of American Squadron in Jap Waters Arrested.

Tokio, June 7.—The departure of Rear Admiral Giles B. Harber's squadron for Manila, scheduled for today, was delayed owing to the discovery of thefts aboard the Galveston and the Denver, in which the names of two warrant officers and several seamen are involved. Court-martials were ordered. Brass and other engine room materials, aggregating 2,500 pounds, were taken from the ships on Decoration Day and sold to junk dealers in Yokohama. The value of the material is estimated at \$1,000.

LYNCHED IN FLORIDA.

Maik Morris Hanged Near Florida Capitol.

Tallahassee, Fla., June 6.—Dangling from a limb in the county jail yard, and within sight of the dome of Florida's capitol, the lifeless body of Maik Morris, colored, greeted the people of this city this morning. Already condemned to death for the murder of William Langston, late sheriff of this county, this negro on Friday, June 11, would have paid the penalty of his crime with his life at the hands of the law. A mob of not more than 15 men decreed otherwise, however, and at 3 o'clock this morning Morris was dragged from his cell in the jail and strung to the limb of a tree within the jail inclosure. As if to add emphasis to their lawlessness, the masked band emptied a round of cartridges into the lifeless body of the negro and rode away without the slightest molestation.

Sheriff Houston was in Georgia and when the lynchers arrived at the jail they brought the jailer to the door with the ruse that they had a prisoner, overpowered him, took his keys, secured the negro Morris, locked the jailer in Morris' cell and soon accomplished their work.

Lately Morris had been acting strangely, and it is believed that fear that the negro would attempt to escape the gallows through feigned insanity prompted the act of the mob members who this morning took the law into their own hands to avenge the death of Sheriff Langston.

COL. ALEX K. MCCLURE DEAD.

Prominent Journalist and Politician Passes Away in Pennsylvania.

Philadelphia, Pa., June 6.—Col. Alex K. McClure, prothonotary of the Supreme and Superior Courts of Pennsylvania, and for many years a prominent figure in politics and journalism, died today at his home in Wallingford, Delaware County, aged 81 years.

Col. McClure has been suffering from infirmities due to his advanced years for some time.

Born in Perry County, Pennsylvania, he became editor of the Junonia Sentinel when only 19 years of age. He first gained political prominence in 1853, when he was nominated and defeated for Auditor General by the Whigs. A member of the Republican convention which nominated Lincoln in 1860, McClure was the one who suggested that the Pennsylvania delegates should break away from Simon Cameron, of Pennsylvania, and vote for Lincoln. This was done and Lincoln's name stamped the convention. He formed close relations with President Lincoln and his cabinet and took a prominent part in national politics.

Col. McClure came to Philadelphia more than fifty years ago, where for a time he practiced law. In 1873 he was narrowly defeated for mayor of Philadelphia after a bitter contest. With the late Frank McLaughlin he established the Times and for years wielded a trenchant editorial pen. One of his greatest battles was a crusade against the "Dandy Mayor," William B. Smith.

He was for many years president of the Cleveland Club.

Six Tourists Killed by Fall.

Geneva, Switzerland, June 3.—While six tourists were attempting to climb Grande Dent, the rope holding them together broke and all fell 2,000 feet into the abyss. Four of the party, Frenchmen, were killed and their two companions, both Italians, are dying.

As the head of the new graduate college of Cornell University the trustees have appointed one of the youngest professors, Ernest George Merritt, of the department of physics.

Blessed is he who findeth a true friend.—Ezra.

NEW TRIAL FOR DAN HAMER.

Judge Wilson Allows Rehearing Because Jurors Having Seen News Paper Account of Killing.

Marion, June 6.—Owing to the fact that the jury had been allowed to see a copy of a newspaper containing an article bearing on the case, Judge Wilson yesterday granted a new trial in the case of young Dan Hamer, convicted of manslaughter for the killing of Pate Walker. The verdict was brought in by the jury after two days' deliberation, following a hard fight for the young man, who is of a prominent family.

Hamer and Pate became involved in a quarrel, which ended by Hamer's shooting Pate. Hamer then fled to Texas, but was later apprehended and brought back to stand trial.

The jury brought in a verdict of guilty of manslaughter, with recommendation to the mercy of the court. The defense moved for a new trial, on the ground that a copy of the Dillon Herald, containing an account of the killing, including details of previous difficulties between the two men, was seen by the jury during its consideration of the case. The constable admitted allowing one of the jurors to have the paper, at his request. Several of the jurors said they had seen the paper and thought it had been read. Upon this showing Judge Wilson granted a new trial, which will take place at the fall term of court.

The case of the State against Andrew Gainey and John Gainey for the killing of Percy McLellan resulted in a verdict of acquittal as to John Gainey and a mistrial as to Andrew Gainey.

HERO AT NIAGARA.

Louis Cohen Leaps Into Water to Save His Wife.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., June 6.—Louis Cohen of Buffalo saw his young wife leap into the swirling river between Second and Third Sister Islands at 5 o'clock this afternoon, only 150 feet above the brink of the cataract. Without a moment's hesitation he followed and struggled to save her.

She probably died in his arms. Before it was possible to bring efficient help, an hour had passed during all of which Cohen was making frantic attempts to reach the shore. The current at this point is about 20 miles an hour. But fortune aided him.

With his wife tightly clasped to him he felt himself dashed into a ground tree stump and on this he got a grip with his one free hand. It was nearly an hour after Mrs. Cohen jumped into the river when a police officer, James Martin, arrived with ropes and representative James S. Simmons and three other men.

Three times they threw the rope before it fell within Cohen's grasp and then he was too weak to tie it about his own or his wife's waist. The two were 20 feet from shore and it was difficult to make a good cast. Cohen had been unable to keep his wife's face above water.

Once Cohen had hold of the rope the men on shore began to pull. When within 15 feet of the shore Cohen lost his grip on his wife's body and it was carried down stream and lost to view.

When Cohen got on shore he could not speak for ten minutes. His first words were: "She is out there. Go and get her. She is dead. She died in my arms."

At last two searchers spied Mrs. Cohen's body, held fast by a rock, about 100 feet above the brink. It was with the greatest difficulty that the two men brought the body to land. Life was extinct.

Cohen says that worry over the fact that she was unable to suckle her infant depressed his wife greatly and probably caused her desire for death. He is robust and quickly recovered from the shock of his experience.

FATAL FIRE AT DALLAS.

One Killed and Two Mortally Injured In Blazing Apartment House.

Dallas, Texas, June 6.—In a fire which started this morning in the kitchen of the Knight Apartment House, corner of Elm and Hardwood streets, Herschel Dannelly, 8 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Dannelly, was burned to a crisp and two others were fatally injured and two seriously hurt.

Sixty-two people were asleep in the building when the fire started, but escaped. A number were forced to jump from windows to awnings and then to the street. Many thrilling rescues were made by the firemen. The injured were given first aid by physicians, who rushed to the scene shortly after the fire started. The loss is probably \$40,000.