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## BOLL WEEVIL COUNTY FAIR

### Secretary Reardon Tells About the Success of Last Fair and Forecasts the Coming Event

#### REASONS WHY IT SHOULD BE A BIG OCCASION

### Farmers, Business Men and Women of Town and Country Should All Heartily Co-operate

Last September when the boll weevil was found in Sumter county the Sumter Chamber of Commerce got together a number of business men to meet the directors of the Sumter County Fair association at once. Messrs. William Berg, M. Goldberg and L. J. March were appointed a committee to interview Sumter's business men about cooperating for the biggest county fair Sumter ever held. The 1919 fair was the greatest success in county fair history in point of attendance, interest, exhibits from the farm, homes, manufacturing, mercantile, and other allied interests, and in bringing together thousands of people of every line of business to work together, it was an educational success. The committee of the Chamber of Commerce easily raised one thousand dollars to help the fair association put on the famous Royal Scotch Highlanders band and the wonderful Delemae Sisters in their aerial acrobatic and sculptural posing performances, the business men decorated six blocks of Main and Liberty streets, and there were numerous beautiful decorations of store fronts besides to help advertise the county fair. Thousands of visitors were here for several days. Much money was necessarily spent in Sumter.

Clemson College and the United States department of agriculture and Winthrop College were requested to send experts and prominent government officials here to talk boll weevil fighting and to put on boll weevil exhibits, etc. all of which were done and well done at that.

Improving interest in dissemination of 1920 crops, pure bred livestock, planting of grain of all kinds, increasing wheat and sweet potato, corn, velvet beans, peanut acreages, extra production of poultry, etc., followed but were not as great as should have been, because nearly every farmer said "I will make one more big cotton crop at forty cents a pound in 1920," and they did it, as far as the big cotton crop, but they are not getting forty cents a pound just now though they might get that much for a big portion of the good grades of the 1920 cotton crop if they market it slowly, and in business style, and if they stand by and with the American Cotton association as every farmer and every other business man should stand by this association.

Now the boll weevil is in Sumter county, is here in such quantities that every man can see what to expect in 1921—not a doubting Thomas can be found. The Sumter County Fair association and the Chamber of Commerce, and the farm and home demonstration departments are working hard to get the quickest possible cooperation between the farmers, the bankers, merchants, real estate dealers, farm and city land and property owners, to prepare for the 1921 fifty to possibly seventy-five per cent weevil loss of cotton, all owing to weather conditions, and to get reduction of cotton acreage, more wheat, corn, oats, velvet beans, peanuts, hogs, poultry, sweet potatoes, and general diversification of farm products to fight the boll weevil from now on.

Throughout the United States, and particularly in boll weevil territory, the county, state, and community fairs are being used to educate the people along the line of cooperative endeavor and bettering their conditions. Fairs are no longer experimental propositions anywhere. County fairs pay the cities and towns in which they are held, usually the county seats, a big percentage of interest or profit on the money invested to help bring thousands of visitors to the county seat to see the county fair.

Besides the thousands of regular customers in the home county who attend the fair, there are hundreds of fair visitors from other counties and from other states who have to spend much money in the fair towns and cities.

Some merchants, in certain lines, complain that they do not do much business during fair week, they say the visitors are out for a good time and not to buy the necessities of life such as clothing, shoes, groceries and that fair visitors do not carry home with them tons of fertilizer, horses, mules and agricultural machinery, automobiles, etc. But money spent for food, lodging, etc. is put into circulation and is redistributed eventually among business establishments of every kind. However, the merchants who get busy for county fair week business generally land the business.

But best of all as far as the Sumter county 1920 fair is concerned, we need all or most of the farmers to get together as often and as early as possible to show each other what the other fellow is doing to fight the boll weevil. To exhibit what progressive

## TOBACCO PRICES ARE TOO LOW

### Virginia Farmers Refuse to Sell at Prices Offered at Opening of Danville Market

#### BIDS HALF OF PAST YEAR'S PRICE

### Tobacco Monopoly Giving the Virginia Growers the Same Treatment that Carolina Farmers Have Had

Danville, Sept. 20.—Scores of tobacco growers took their tobacco back to their barns on the opening of the market here today when the bids were only half of last year's price.

## Wild Cat Division Reunion

### Between Three and Four Thousand and Former Soldiers Gather in Columbia

Columbia, Sept. 20.—Between three and four thousand former soldiers of the Eighty-first division are expected in Columbia by Monday afternoon, to attend the first annual reunion of the "Wild Cat Veterans' association," in Columbia Monday and Tuesday, for which elaborate plans have been made by the city of Columbia. Already the men are pouring into the capital city. The first delegates were registered Saturday morning.

There is to be no formal program, with long speeches, but a general good time is to be given the men. A large circus tent is erected on Senate street, just off the capitol grounds, and here the men will be served a chicken dinner by the women of Columbia Monday. Both evenings there will be dances for the men in many parts of the city, and the theaters are issuing free tickets for them, for Monday and Tuesday.

Monday afternoon an address of welcome will be delivered to the "Wildcats" by Governor Cooper, and on behalf of the city by Mayor Blacklock. Major General C. J. Bailey, who commanded the division, will give the response. He will be introduced by Assistant Attorney General M. C. Lumpkin. A reception at the state house will close the first day of the big gathering.

On Tuesday the world war heroes will be taken to Camp Jackson, where they will be addressed by Col. H. R. Lee, acting commander of the camp, by Col. C. D. Roberts, who was chief of staff of the 81st division, by General Andrew Moses, who commanded the 156th artillery, and by former Governor R. I. Manning. Tuesday's dinner will be served at Camp Jackson and that afternoon there will be a big boxing bout. The reunion will close with several social affairs Tuesday evening.

## Warning of Bomb Plot

### Internal Revenue Receives Post Card Saying New York Custom House Will Be Blown Up

New York, Sept. 20.—A postcard warning that an attempt will be made tomorrow to blow up custom house, was received in the mail today by collector of internal revenue Edwards. The department of justice officials regarded the note as the work of a crank.

## Less Booze Consumed

### People of United States Drank Less Liquor Last Year

Washington, Sept. 20.—The consumption of wines and liquors in the United States last year was the smallest since 1870, being 9.17 gallons per capita, against 22.78 in 1911, the department of commerce announced today.

## France's Next President

### Premier Millerand Consents to Become a Candidate

Paris, Sept. 20.—Premier Millerand agreed today to become a candidate for president of France.

"Live at home" farmers have accomplished.

The Sumter business establishments, and every Sumter man and Sumter woman are more interested in the 1920 Sumter county fair, or should be than in any previous county fair. Suppose we all start right now boosting the 1920 Sumter county fair, getting ready to put on a sales week, entertain our friends and customers, make new customers, extend Sumter's trade territory, help the farmers to solve their boll weevil problems which are just as much the merchants and the bankers problems. The county fair is the place and the time to do these necessary things. If Sumter must have a county fair why not make it the biggest and "best ever" of county fairs.

## RADICAL SCARE IN SCOTLAND

### Westminster Gazette Prints Sensational Report From Vicinity of Glasgow

#### SEIZURE OF MINES EXPECTED

### Leaders of Scottish Radicals Said To Have Sensational Coup Ready to Be Sprung

London, Sept. 20.—Extraordinary rumors are circulating throughout Lanarkshire that leaders of the Scottish Communist movement have planned a sensational coup to be sprung at Blantyre, near Glasgow, says a Westminster Gazette. A dispatch from Hamilton, Scotland, asserts that the seizure of the coal pits is rumored to be imminent, and the police are not skeptical.

## New Thought Alliance

### Religious and Metaphysical Free For All Discussion Staged at Kansas City

Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 18.—A "free-for-all" discussion of religious and metaphysical ideas is to feature the seventh annual congress of the International New Thought Alliance which meets in Kansas City tomorrow and continues until the following Sunday, September 26. Leaders and delegations representing thirty-six different cults from every part of the United States and from Canada, England, France and Mexico, claiming over a million followers, are expected to be present.

The Unity School of Christianity, the headquarters of which is located in Kansas City, will act as host to the gathering.

The congress, according to Royal Fillmore, secretary of the Unity School, will be an open discussion of religious and metaphysical research. As the affiliated organizations hold widely divergent views, it is the purpose of this year's gathering to sift through a maze of conflicting theories and attempt, through the interchange of ideas, to reach a program definite upon essential points.

There is to be no attempt, however, to weld the various cults into any tightly-bound organization. Co-ordination along principal lines is the chief thing to be sought, Mr. Fillmore explained. Freedom of expression is the first point all are agreed upon and every element is to have its say.

This is the first congress since the Unity School and the Colorado College of Divine Science, two of the largest organizations in the movement, became affiliated with the alliance. The larger affiliation was brought about by the elimination from the alliance last year of some of the teachings considered by the more spiritual element as being objectionable, and by the further definite declaration upon the part of the alliance of the Christian standard as a principle, said Mr. Fillmore.

This charge of policy at the last congress, which was held at Cincinnati, also brought out a strongly supported movement to change the name of the congress, as it was declared by some that the name "New Thought" did not convey any particular meaning and that a name should be adopted, consistent with the present ideals of the movement. This subject is expected to be taken up early in the convention this year.

The alliance, according to Mr. Fillmore, is a group of metaphysical schools seeking to learn the operative laws behind physical expression and to teach these laws and use them to the advantage of humanity.

"The alliance does not exercise any administrative functions over the membership," he said, "but simply requires that the members bring their teachings up to the Christian standard."

"The world has never yet had a real Christ movement, which gives us the golden opportunity to have one now."

## Driven Out of Galicia

### Poles Make General Advance and Drive Out Bolshevik Forces

Warsaw, Sept. 20.—The bolsheviks have been driven from eastern Galicia by a general Polish advance along the southern front.

## California Man Predicted Explosion

### He Is a Disabled Soldier Who Saw Service in Russia

San Francisco, Sept. 20.—Duncan Mathewson, captain of detectives, has announced that he had the name of the man declared to have predicted the big explosion in Wall Street on the 15th. He said his informant was a disabled soldier, and the man named had been a Y. M. C. A. worker in Russia.

## HIGHWAY FUNDS FOR COUNTIES

### One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars Alloted by State Highway Department

#### TO BE USED FOR ROAD CONSTRUCTION

### Division Made for Only One-Third of the Counties—Fund Derived From Automobile Licenses

Wyatt A. Taylor  
Columbia, Sept. 20.—One hundred and fifty thousand dollars was today distributed by the state highway department to one-third of the counties of the state for road construction, being that part of the automobile license money pertaining to the counties which have already put their roads into the state system. In addition to this amount, the highway department retains nearly forty thousand dollars of the auto license money, to be used for maintaining highways in these counties.

Richland county gets \$23,994 from the auto license money, of which \$2,000 is to be used for maintenance, the remainder for highway construction. Orangeburg county's share of the auto fund is \$17,777, of which \$9,400 is to be used for maintenance, the rest for construction.

Lexington's has \$10,928 accruing from the auto money, of which \$300 is for maintenance, the remainder for construction. Newberry's share of the auto money is \$8,310, of which \$1,500 is for maintenance, \$6,320 for construction.

McCormick county apportioned \$2,738, all of which is for construction, none for maintenance this year.

Laurens county gets \$11,900 from the license money, of which \$8,895 is for highway maintenance.

Lancaster county's auto license money, mailed to the county treasurer in form of a check is \$5,113, of which \$1,800 is for maintenance.

Kershaw gets \$6,075 of the auto highway money, of which \$500 is for maintenance, the rest for new roads. Abbeville county gets \$5,732 of the auto money, all of which is for construction. All of the money sent to Florence county, \$14,060, goes to construction, as does all of Dillon's share, \$7,179, and all of Darlington's money, \$12,696. Charleston's auto money totals \$18,795, all going for new road work, and all of Anderson's goes for construction, totaling \$25,780.

Charokey county's share of the motor license money to date is \$6,220, all of which goes to cover money already advanced by the highway department, with a deficit yet unpaid of \$1,460. Horry's share is \$4,272, but to this county has already been advanced \$4,911.

## Rockefeller Estate Under Guard

### Twelve Armed Men Patrolled Tarrytown Roads Last Night

Tarrytown, N. Y., Sept. 20.—Twelve extra guards, armed with rifles patrolled the roads adjoining the estate of John D. Rockefeller during the night. No statement is available regarding the village gossip of a threatening letter received by the oil magnate. Two boys reported that some strange man had been inquiring about Rockefeller's home.

## Suspect Not Leroy

### Morris Fox Held in Montevideo Convinces Police that He is Not Detroit Murderer

Montevideo, Sept. 20.—Morris Fox, who has been detained here, suspected of being Eugene Leroy, who is charged with the murder of the Detroit trunk victim, proves not to be Leroy and will be released, it is announced.

## Land Deal Cancelled

### Purchase of Big Tract in Argentina by American Forbidden by Government

Buenos Aires, Sept. 20.—The purchase of sixty-four hundred square miles of public lands in Santiago de la Estero province by an unnamed American has been stopped on orders of the minister. This is an area larger than the state of Connecticut.

## Cox in California

### Will Make Address on Japanese Immigration

San Francisco, Sept. 18.—Governor Cox faced a busy day with three speeches before the civic league, commercial club and in Oakland city. The nominee leaves tomorrow for Los Angeles. He is expected to devote further attention in today's address to Japanese immigration which is the burning issue in California.

## GRAND JURY STARTS INQUIRY

### Effort To Be Made to Find the Fiends Guilty of Bomb Explosion

#### WITNESS ARRIVES FROM CANADA

### Attorney General Palmer Expected to Take Personal Charge of the Investigation

New York, Sept. 20.—The September grand jury convened to investigate the Wall street explosion today. Edwin F. Fischer, who is said to have sent warnings of the disaster, has arrived from Canada for examination. Attorney General Palmer is expected to return today to resume personal charge of the investigation. The body of the last victim of the explosion has been identified as Elmer Wallace Kehrer, a young chauffeur, upsetting the theory that he might be an anarchist.

Fischer reiterated his statement that a premonition warned him of the explosion and that unseen powers have been communicating with him. The police authorities have released Alexander Brailovsky, the Russian journalist, who was detained pending investigation.

## Kidnapping Case Unsettled

### Assistant Attorney General Will Move to Dismiss the Case Against Mayfield

Columbia, Sept. 20.—Assistant Attorney General Lumpkin announced today that he would make a motion for the dismissal of the "kidnapping case" by the state supreme court on the first day of the court's fall term, which convenes on October 5th. The case has been appealed to the supreme court, despite the fact that W. D. Mayfield, Henry B. Sandifer and Jas. Breedin, the three Bamberg county men charged with the kidnapping of two negro farm hands from their homes near Wadesboro, N. C., on the night of July 21, last, have been tried and two of them sentenced, the case having come up in circuit court at Wadesboro last Saturday. Mayfield was fined \$300, and Sandifer \$150, but judgment in the case against Breedin was suspended.

The three men have appealed from part of the recent order of Judge Townsend dismissing the habeas corpus proceedings and freeing them. They appeal from that part of the judge's order which says they were given their freedom on orders of Gov. Cooper. They contend that their freedom came under the habeas corpus proceedings.

The action of the three Bamberg men in going to North Carolina and pleading "guilty," immediately following their appeal to the South Carolina supreme court came as a surprise to those who have followed the case closely. They went to Wadesboro voluntarily last week and were tried before Judge P. A. McElroy.

Mr. Mayfield took the stand and told of his trip to Wadesboro to get the negroes, who, he said, owed him money when they left Bamberg county, where they had been in his employ. The Bamberg men were assisted in the arrest of the negroes of J. F. Tice, of Wadesboro, a constable. He admitted that they were armed when they went to the homes of the negroes, but stated that the negroes returned to South Carolina with them willingly.

The negroes testified that Mayfield's party gained admittance to their house by representing themselves to be revenue officers. This Mayfield denied. The negroes also denied that they returned to South Carolina willingly, but said they were handcuffed and brought against their will.

In addition to his fine, Mr. Mayfield was required to give bond in the sum of \$1,000, for appearance at the next term of Anson county court, to show that the cases which were brought against the two negroes in Bamberg county and for which they have been out on bond, have been dismissed.

The Mayfield party, including friends, relatives and lawyers, returned to Bamberg Sunday.

## Finland and Sweden To Arbitrate

### Accept Proposal From League Of Nations

Paris, Sept. 18.—Finland and Sweden have agreed to accept the invitation of the league of nations for the settlement of their disputes over the possession of the Aland Islands.

## Tropical Storm Coming

### Weather Bureau Issues Warning to All Vessels in Gulf of Mexico

Washington, Sept. 20.—The weather bureau says that tropical storm is near the north coast of Yucatan moving north and northward and cautioned all vessels in Gulf waters.

## TO MAINTAIN STATE ROADS

### Agreements Signed With Fourteen Counties

#### COUNTIES TO RECEIVE SHARE OF LICENSES

### Highway Commission Plans to Have Complete System of Roads Over State

Columbia, Sept. 17.—Maintenance agreements have been signed by the state highway department with fourteen counties of the state. By these agreements the counties will receive their share of the automobile license fee money for road maintenance, where there are state highways to maintain, and where no roads in the counties have been brought up to state standards, the money will go to building new roads. This automobile money augments the proceeds of the two mill tax levy collected in the counties and also whatever federal aid the counties get.

Richland county's agreement turns over two roads to the state department for maintenance, the Winsboro road and the Garner Ferry, totaling three miles. The state highway department is turning over to the county \$7,000 for automobile money for the maintenance of these highways. In addition to maintaining these, the Two Notch road is to be constructed and also the Wateree River bridge.

In Orangeburg county twenty-three miles of road are to be maintained, this being from Orangeburg to the Bamberg line, by way of Rowesville and Branchville. The sum of \$9,000 is turned over to the county, from the auto license money. Twenty-one miles of road is to be constructed, from Orangeburg to the Bamberg line, by way of Rowesville and Branchville. The sum of \$9,000 is turned over to the county, from the auto license money. Twenty-one miles of road is to be constructed, from Orangeburg to the Dorchester county line, by way of Bowman.

Abbeville county's agreement covers three miles to be constructed, but none at this time for maintenance. Newberry's contract calls for the maintenance of 5.6 miles, \$1,990 being turned over to the county from the auto fees. The Little Mountain and the Chappels roads are to be constructed.

Charleston's contract calls for no maintenance, as no roads in that county measure up to the state standards, and only one road is to be constructed at once.

Laurens county's agreement covers 34 miles for maintenance, \$8,895 being turned over to the county for the purpose, and two roads to be constructed.

In the Anderson agreement there is no maintenance provided as yet, but twenty miles of the Pendleton road, including the Alford bridge, are to be constructed.

In Horry there are ten miles for maintenance, with \$4,614, and part of the Myrtle Beach road to be built.

Charokey's agreement covers 31 miles for maintenance, with \$7,680 of auto funds; and one bridge to be constructed.

Darlington's agreement covers no maintenance but the Society Hill road for construction. Dillon's covers one construction project; Kershaw 23 miles for maintenance and one road to be constructed; Lancaster 17 miles for maintenance and one road for construction; Lexington, 3 miles for maintenance, two roads for construction.

## Big Sweet Potato Crop

### South Carolina's Output Forecast as 8,066,000 Bushels

Washington, Sept. 16.—Sweet potato production this year promises to be only about 2,000,000 bushels smaller than the record crop of last year, according to the department of agriculture's forecast, with a total of 101,779,000 bushels, and Alabama leading the states, with a production of about one-seventh of the crop. Alabama's output is forecast at 14,137,000 bushels; Georgia, 13,737,000; North Carolina, 10,130,000; Mississippi, 9,330,000; South Carolina, 8,066,000; Louisiana, 6,527,000; Florida, 4,277,000; Virginia, 4,193,000; Tennessee, 3,865,000.

## Houston Makes Statement

### Extension of Credit by Government Not Warranted

Washington, Sept. 17.—Secretary Houston stated today that further extension of credit by the government does not seem warranted and he said that much of the present clamor for more money was gradually clearing.

## Harding Attacks League of Nations

Marion, Sept. 17.—Harding pronounced the league of nations as being irreconcilable with the American constitution in a constitution day address from his porch today.