

MORE STUDENTS, LESS SENSE

The Average Intelligence of College Students Found to Be Less Than It Was a Few Years Ago

St. Louis, Dec. 10.—The average intelligence of college students is lower than that which prevailed years ago, according to the annual report of Dr. Frederick A. Hall, chancellor of Washington University.

This conclusion, the report explains, coincides with that of authorities in other educational institutions, as ascertained through correspondence. The number of college students has been increasing steadily, the report states.

"If the present growth of numbers is indicative of what may be expected in the near future," continues the report, "the colleges will have to watch carefully in order to prevent turning out a lower type of graduate than that which has characterized colleges hitherto."

"It is only fair to say that, so far as I can learn from the faculty, it is thought the work of the student body has not this year been as good as that of previous years; that contrary to the people's expectations that the young would be more purposeful and earnest by reason of war experience, they seem to be less inclined to serious labor, and that an unusual proportion of students had to be dropped because of the inferior quality of their work."

The report asserts that until two years ago the proportional increase of woman suffrage victory by voting for university was gaining notably in the proportional increase in the number of men, but that in the last two years the proportional increase by men has been greater. Men, the report adds, usually are reluctant to continue in classes in which they are outnumbered by women.

GREAT BRITAIN STOPS NAVY PLAN

London, Dec. 9.—No program of capital ship construction for the navy will be presented to parliament until the whole question of naval strength as affected by the latest developments in naval warfare has been exhaustively investigated by the committee on imperial defense and the results of such investigation have been considered.

This announcement was made in the house of commons by J. Austen Chamberlain, chancellor of the exchequer.

"The government has decided, and the admiralty has watched the decision, that the committee on imperial defense, as affected by the latest developments in naval warfare," said Mr. Chamberlain, "and will present no program of capital ship construction to parliament until the result of that inquiry has been considered."

Mr. Chamberlain's announcement was the chief outcome of the set debate in the commons tonight, arising from a big attack on the government expenditure as wasteful and from agitation raised by the opponents of a strong naval policy in favor of a navy equal to the combined navies of the United States and Japan.

TO STOP AUTOMOBILE STEALING.

Columbia, Dec. 10.—A plan for putting a stop to automobile stealing is to be investigated by the state highway department, the plan being submitted by E. C. Stansbury, of Indianapolis, attorney general for the state of Indiana. Mr. Stansbury has written the South Carolina highway commission, stating that he has a plan that will successfully combat auto thievery. The highway officials are taking the matter up with him, with a view to getting complete data regarding the plan.

Mr. Stansbury writes that only slight changes in the laws of the state will be necessary to make the plan effective, though he does not go into details as to his scheme.

In handling the matter with the South Carolina highway officials, the Indiana attorney general states that the thefts of automobiles during the past year resulted in a total loss to the country of a hundred million dollars.

Arkansas Wants S. C. Law

South Carolina highway officials have been asked by the state highway commission of Arkansas to send them copies of the South Carolina law of 1920. Arkansas officials have been advised that the new South Carolina act is one of the best highway laws of the country and they desire to introduce a similar measure in Arkansas legislature in January. Secretary Thomas of South Carolina commission is furnishing Arkansas officials with copy of the law.

COLUMBIA MILL CUTS WAGES.

Columbia, Dec. 10.—Pacifica Mill of Columbia has announced that beginning Monday a reduction in wages of approximately ten per cent will be effective. In explaining the reduction W. P. Hamrick, superintendent of the Pacific mill, stated that this was made necessary by conditions in the cotton goods market. It is stated that the company does not contemplate any cut in hours or any reduction of forces, unless conditions become more unfavorable to manufacturing interests, and at this time such is not expected.

Columbia, Dec. 10.—South Carolina shippers are being advised this week by the Interstate Commerce Commission, from Washington, that the proposed increased demurrage charges, which were to have gone into effect December 1, will not be put into operation until March 31. The new rates will increase demurrage from the present rate of 25 for the first four days, and 50 for each succeeding day, to \$2 for the first four days, \$4 for the next three days and \$10 for each day thereafter.

COTTON AND SEED BURN

Gin House, Cotton House, Seed House Also Destroyed—Origin Not Determined

Cheraw, Dec. 9.—The gin house, cotton house, seed house, with about 45 bales of seed cotton and one box car containing cottonseed, on the plantation of R. B. Laney, near Cheraw, were destroyed by fire Wednesday evening. The fire broke out while Mr. Laney was in Columbia on business and was discovered about 9 o'clock. No ginning has been going on for about two weeks, as Mr. Laney was trying to get the remainder of his crop in off the fields. The gin had not been posted and the cause of the fire is unknown. The buildings, including machinery, seed and cotton, were a complete loss, which is fairly well covered by insurance.

CLOSE WAREHOUSES IN BOLD MANNER

Tobacco Growers of Kentucky Take Situation Into Own Hands

Owensboro, Ky., Dec. 9.—Serious outbreaks are threatened here because of the condition of the tobacco market, low prices of which, it was said, threaten farmers of the Green River district with bankruptcy. Five hundred tobacco growers, following a meeting here today, marched in a body to the loose leaf warehouses, where they demanded that the owners close their places of business until better prices could be realized.

Five of the seven warehouses holding sales here have agreed to close. Sales today were practically \$3 a hundred stronger than yesterday's average, 72,420 pounds going over the brakes for an average of \$8.78 a hundred.

Growers paid little attention to this, insisting that the market be closed until prices reached a level which would insure them a "living wage."

A VERY OLD VOTER

Massachusetts Woman Cast First Ballot at Age of Hundred and Two

Boston, Dec. 10.—Miss Annie Stone, 102 years of age, who celebrated the woman suffrage victory by voting for Senator Harding has received a note of appreciation from the president-elect's secretary thanking her for her interest in public affairs. Word of the centenarian's going to the polls reached Senator Harding's offices through a newspaper clipping sent by an admirer of Miss Stone.

The letter from Charles E. Hard, assistant secretary said, "While the senator is on his way to the Canal Zone and has not been advised of this circumstance, I know he would desire me to write you and thank you most cordially in his name. He would feel it a great compliment indeed to know that you are so much interested in public affairs and have such a cordial feeling for the Republican party."

PISGAH NEWS AND VIEWS.

Pisgah, Dec. 7.—Crops are about gathered here. Some fields of cotton have never been picked and not likely to be as the cost of putting it on the market will be more than it will sell for. The farmers have certainly lost this year. All the efforts to help themselves have availed nothing so far and national government will not aid any. A government that refuses to help its people is no government to them. No wonder an earthquake occurred politically on November 2nd. The cry is to hold cotton for better prices. The creditors yell, sell, sell and pay us for we are about to go under. So we are between the devil and the deep sea financially. If the cotton is all sold it won't pay the debts of the country at the present prices and bankruptcy will be the result.

There is no doubt but the mass of people are honest and as soon as the price will pay expenses will sell and pay their debts and no more can be expected by reasonable people. No living person has ever seen a fall of three-fourths in price in one season. If he lives and knows it let him speak and tell us when and all about it. We have corn, peas, potatoes and meat, but no money. Many people about here have not sold any cotton, using their means to gather it and keeping it for their debts. If that is unfair to their creditors I fail to see it. One thing is certain the farmers have got to depend on themselves and not others. Many negroes have left for parts unknown leaving their debts unpaid. They still want big pay for their work.

No news but what your readers see and hear every day. The mails are full of circulars about cheap goods and the cry of the creditor is for money, the cry of the debtor is for mercy. You think this a blue letter, but the facts warrant it.

No oats, wheat or other small grain is being sown and not likely to be. The new year may bring a change for the better.

SAYS TOBACCO SITUATION SERIOUS

Washington, Dec. 9.—Charles F. Smith, representing the tobacco growers of Virginia and North Carolina told the senate agricultural committee today that the situation was "serious" in tobacco states. He urged passage of the resolution rehabilitating the War Finance Corporation. "If we market our tobacco we can't get cost of production," he said. Boys, he added, were being taken from schools in an effort to do something to try to meet the situation. Agriculture, he declared, is closely allied with other industries and "if agriculture fails the whole business structure falls."

GUERRILLA WAR IN IRELAND

General Cummings Commander of Force in Kerry Admits That He is Not Making Headway

Trales, Ire., Dec. 9 (By the Associated Press).—While officers of the British auxiliary forces claim that the guerilla tactics of the Irish republicans virtually have been broken, the military commanders have informed the members of the parliamentary labor commission which has been visiting Ireland that they are in no way sure of this.

The correspondent today interviewed General Cummings, Commanding the Kerry brigade, who admitted that he was not making any appreciable headway against the guerillas, who were able to secrete themselves in the difficult country and severely handicap the mobilizing of the troops by obstructions of all kinds, such as deep trenches, trees and piles of stones. General Cummings added that the training given soldiers was not suitable for such work and that regiments would have to be constantly retrained.

TAXES TO REMAIN HIGH

Longworth Sees No Chance For Reduction

New York, Dec. 9.—Life insurance in its relations to many other phases of American life was discussed today before insurance executives from nearly every state in the union and Canada, at the 14th annual convention of the Association of Life Insurance Presidents.

There will be no substantial reduction of taxes in the near future, said Representative Longworth, a member of the house ways and means committee, which frames revenue measures. He predicted that congress would make a cut approximating a billion dollars from estimates aggregating more than four billions presented by the executive departments. This, however, would not permit any general reduction in taxes.

Life insurance companies of America have loaned more than \$230,000,000 on city and farm real estate mortgages in the first ten months of this year, according to Haley Fiske, president of the Metropolitan Life Insurance company, another speaker. Mr. Fiske said that now the "companies have the enormous sum of two billion eighty-two million dollars invested on bond and mortgage throughout the country, almost equally divided between farms and cities and have made commitments for many millions more."

Mortgage loans general have constituted the largest percentage of life insurance investments, he continued, adding that he refuted the criticism that the companies had not done their duty in responding to the housing shortage.

New York, Dec. 9.—J. A. Macy of Des Moines, Ia., today was elected president of the Fire Marshals' Association of North America at the 15th annual convention here.

Other officers chosen were: Vice-president, W. A. McSwain, Columbia, S. C.; secretary-treasurer, L. T. Hussey, Topeka, Kan.; executive committee, W. N. Vancant, Pierre, S. D. and H. L. Reid, Bismarck, N. D.

New York, Dec. 9.—Tariff revision to restore the principle of protection for American industries forms a task hedged about with so many new problems difficult of solution that no early action by congress is to be expected. Representative Nicholas Longworth of Ohio, a member of the house ways and means committee, declared tonight in addressing the Academy of Political Sciences. Earlier in the day Mr. Longworth told the Association of Life Insurance Presidents that substantial tax reductions in the near future were impossible.

"I sincerely hope that I am wrong," Mr. Longworth declared in discussing tariff revision, "and that during the extra session we will be able to complete a thorough and scientific revision of the tariff laws, but I am bound to confess that so far as I can now see into the future, the prospect is decidedly hazy."

Chief among the problems to be confronted in such a revision, the speaker placed determination of the attitude of the United States toward assisting in the economic rehabilitation of the powers associated with it in the world war. Such aid should be extended, he said, but never "at the sacrifice of American industrial independence" through throwing down the tariff bars to foreign products.

It was true, he said, that the war had changed conditions and that a favorable trade balance, formerly "a feather in our cap," was now perhaps a liability rather than an asset since it had reached an aggregate of nearly \$9,000,000,000 for the years 1918, 1919 and 1920 up to September. "But have they changed," he added, "to such an extent that we ought to abandon all the standards and policies of the past and forgetting our home market, enter into a mad scramble for the world's market?"

Mr. Longworth added it was doubtful whether throwing open American markets to aid Great Britain, France, Italy and Belgium, rehabilitate themselves and discharge their debt to the United States would accomplish its purpose.

Anderson, Dec. 9.—A well-known citizen of this county suffered a mild shock today when he received a bill for fifty-two dollars. An investigation developed that the bill was correct. Having large farming interests he had been responsible for purchases of cottons for negro tenants. The undertaker had neglected to send him a bill for ten years.

CORN SHOW A GREAT SUCCESS

Pee Dee Corn Show at Florence Was Largely Attended and the Exhibits Were High Class

Florence, Dec. 9.—The announcement of the prize winners this afternoon brought to a close one of the finest and largest corn shows ever held in South Carolina, as stated by prominent corn breeders and planters of the state who attended this event and have seen nearly every other exposition of this kind in the state. Winners in the Pee Dee corn show were as follows:

Ten-ear event—First, \$50, R. L. Cunningham, of Chester; second, \$25, Curtis Long, Little Mountain, a corn club boy.

Honorable Mention, S. J. White, of Sumter; G. B. Wingard, and Son, of Lexington; Melver Williamson, of Darlington; W. P. Nesbit, of Piedmont; Melver Williamson, of Darlington; J. E. Fulmer, of Little Mountain; position in order named.

Single Ear Event. First, \$25, R. L. Cunningham, of Chester; second, \$15, G. T. Ligon, of Richburg, a corn club boy.

Honorable Mention, W. P. Nesbit, of Piedmont; Hugh Campbell, of Tizah; Grady Pierce, of Florence.

Pop Corn Event. First, \$5, S. J. White, of Sumter; second, no prize, C. W. Josey, of St. Charles.

Shelled Corn Event, half bushel: First, \$5, R. L. Cunningham, of Chester; second, \$3, B. D. McCoy, of McBee.

Honorable Mention, J. T. Gaskins, of Chesterfield; Mrs. L. Shands, of Ebenezer.

Five Stalks Single-ear corn: First, \$10, A. L. Morris, of Darlington; second, \$5, Melver Williamson, of Darlington.

Five Stalks of Prolific corn: First, \$10, S. J. White, of Sumter; second, \$5, S. J. White, of Sumter.

Honorable Mention, T. J. Rostin, of Marion; B. D. McCoy, of McBee; Bright Williamson, of Darlington.

Judges of the exhibits were: James L. Carbery, of Union, in charge of the corn breeding work of the extension service of the state; B. O. Williams, of Bishopville, assistant state agent of the boys' club work; C. P. Blackwell, of Clemson College, agronomist.

The show included 249 exhibits distributed among the following classes: 101 10-ear entries, 62 one-ear entries, eight pop corn exhibits, 23 in shelled corn, 55 stalk exhibits.

Score points considered by the judges are as follows:

1. Breeding as indicated by shape of ear, color of grain, color of cob, shape of grain, depth of grain, and number of rows.

2. Market conditions as indicated by hardness of grain and cob, dryness of grain and cob, weight of ear, color, freedom from blister, size and shape of grain, freedom from insect injury and disease, breaking at proper point, tips and butts.

3. Uniformity of sample.

James D. Lee, of Andrews, superintended the installation and setting up of the show. He was procured by the Florence managerial committee for his wide experience in such matters, having handled the South Atlantic states corn show in Columbia in 1916, the National Corn show in Columbia in 1913, and various other national and sectional shows in various parts of the United States.

The agricultural class of the Timmonsville public schools, under E. O. Baker, attended the show in a body. Also the field classes of the South Carolina Industrial school attended the show in a body under their teacher, B. C. Huggins.

"This show surpassed the corn section of the state fair" stated Mr. Williams, who also judged the corn at the state fair. "Unquestionably, this was one of the best corn shows I've ever seen."

Addresses were delivered by Melver Williamson, of Darlington, who is rated one of the foremost corn breeders in the state. Dr. H. J. Webber, of Hartsville, one time chief of the plant breeding work of the United States, also addressed the attendance. Both of these speakers emphasized the necessity of South Carolina turning from the single-crop system to other crops which will be money producers as well as cotton. Both of them stressed also the value of selection of seed and improved types and varieties.

"While we hear of 150 and 200 bushels yields to the acre in Ohio, Iowa, and other states of the west," said Dr. Webber, "we must realize that that is an extreme rarity. Even 75 bushels is a magnificent yield and 50 bushels is above the average."

"Therefore, we should not be discouraged when we compare our average yield with the yields of those sections. The fact that men who are growing corn intelligently in South Carolina are making 75 to 100 bushels to the acre is proof sufficient that we can grow as big yields of corn in South Carolina as can be made in the west. I lament the fact that we are not making more than 15 to 17 bushels, and sometimes 8 or 10 bushels, of corn to the acre, per average."

"South Carolina can make corn on the average of at least 40 bushels per acre, possibly more—certainly as much, or more than the west."

The attendance was particularly gratifying. Though not as large as it might have been, due primarily to a cold damp day, it was strictly for business—to learn. The size of the show was a huge surprise even to the most optimistic of the managerial committee.

I know better now how to pick show corn, and another time I'll have the first prize exhibit here." I am convinced that fully 100 corn growers learned more from this show about corn cultur and selection than they ever have known.

"The show also emphasized another point to me in the commercial phase of the crop. South Carolina corn growers must come to two or three not more than four, acceptable, commercial, marketable varieties, which will blend well in manufacture. In the 101, 10-ear exhibits, we had a score of varieties to judge.

"In the western states, where the manufacture of corn has advanced furthest, one finds one variety and type of corn—hardly more. They have found the corn which is best suited to manufacture and grow it exclusively. It is simply another phase of standardization and uniformity."

The show included also exhibits of corn cultivating implements, manufactured products, lectures on and demonstrations of corn cultural methods, and other phases of the industry.

The promoters of this show are determined, because of the value they realized in this undertaking and the encouragement given them, to continue the Pee Dee corn show, open to the state, as a permanent annual event. It will be enlarged and expanded in the future to include the widest possible range of the industry in all its agricultural, industrial, educational, and commercial phases.

MOTOR DEALERS' CONVENTION

Automotive Trades Association Will Meet in Greenville Next Year

Columbia, Dec. 10.—The 1921 convention of the South Carolina Automotive Trades association will be held in Greenville, decision to this effect being reached by the convention in Columbia today.

The morning session of the convention was held at Ridgewood Country club and was featured by strong addresses by H. E. Harper, president of the National Automobile Dealers' association; A. S. Batchelder, representing the American Automobile Dealers' association, and J. L. Farley, vice-president and general manager of the Auburn Motor company. Optimism was the keynote of the entire convention. The convention adjourned at 2 o'clock, following a luncheon at the club. The attendance has been approximately two hundred and fifty. A. M. Gibbs of Columbia was re-elected president of the association.

BISHOPVILLE NEWS NOTES.

Bishopville, Dec. 8.—On a visit to Wisacky yesterday I found the farmers have about finished gathering all of their crops, and have put in and are still putting in much larger crops of small grain, oats wheat and rye. The creamery business has been closed, as it was found unprofitable. The Lee county fair was quite a success. The exhibits were not on as large scale as former fairs, but every thing was first class, the weather was ideal, and all passed off very pleasantly, large crowds were present on Thursday and Friday.

Rev. L. L. Legters will preach his farewell sermon next Sunday night. He first goes to Central America, and from there to South America to study the needs of the Indians of those countries with an eye to establishing missions among them.

The Methodist folks are delighted to have our pastor, Rev. W. V. Dibble returned to us another year. Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Law, Sr., who have been on a lengthy visit to relatives in Eastover have returned home.

Chicago, Dec. 9.—The surgeons, who grafted the thyroid gland of a monkey into the neck of Mary Seembeck, aged 19, known as the dungeon girl, because she was hidden in the cellar by her parents since babyhood, are strongly hopeful of the success of the operation. The girl has the body and mentality of four years.

Advertisement for The First National Bank, featuring an illustration of the bank building and the name of the President, Nell O'Donnell, and the Cashier, O. L. Yates.

Advertisement for The National Bank of South Carolina, featuring an illustration of a clock and the name of the President, C. G. Rowland, and the Cashier, Earle Rowland.

METER NEAR

Mayor Jennings Another Question City Manager

Editor Daily Item. Since writing the letter in your issue of the 7th, I have thought that the meter which Mayor Jennings claims he saved the city \$600 buying has never been installed as a matter of fact, he ordered wrong kind, or at least, some of the parts were wrong, and the meter is to be returned. This shows how will make statements which he knows are not true. In his communication he claims he saved the city \$600 reason of the purchase of a water meter for the pumping station, when I knew, as a matter of fact, the meter was not the proper kind and it has never been installed, but had to be returned; so how could he possibly have any facts upon which to base his statement that he saved the city \$600 by reason of the purchase of this meter? I would like for him to answer this question.

Yours truly, L. D. JENNINGS, Mayor. Sumter, Dec. 9, 1920.

RAIL MEN FAVOR STRIKE

97 Per Cent of Men Ready to Walk Out, Says Report

Roanoke, Va., Dec. 9.—Information obtained from a reliable source here late tonight is that 97 per cent of the members of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen and Order of Conductors on the Norfolk and Western Railway, who are conducting a strike vote in connection with grievances involving among other things a demand for wage increase, are in favor of striking and that they will receive the support of the fourteen other labor organizations on the road. At the same time it became known that B. M. Jewell, president of the railway department of the American Federation of Labor and chairman of sixteen labor organizations on the N. & W. will confer with company officials here tomorrow morning.

CONSIDERS ECONOMIC BLOCKADE

Geneva, Dec. 10.—Machinery for putting an economic blockade into effect intended as weapon against offenders was discussed at the assembly of the league of nations. Reports as adopted provided for an international blockade committee, of eight members, appointed by the league council to study the subject of application of a blockade and report to the secretary general of the council. The report will be considered by the council and all league members informed.

PROHIBITION IN COLLEGES

Chicago, Dec. 9.—Recommendations regarding the future activity of American college students in behalf of prohibition in European colleges and universities will be made to the Intercollegiate Prohibition association's board here December 20 and 21. The association's board of directors will then hear a report from their educational secretary, Harry S. Warner on eight month's observation of the college situation abroad. A recommendation that the name of the organization be changed to Intercollegiate Civic association will be taken up. The question of an enlarged and broadened program involved in such a change will be considered.

Paris, Dec. 10.—The Greek government has decided to invite Constantine to return to the throne of Greece it is said in an Athens dispatch.