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REDUCE THE COTTON ACREAGE

Meeting of Farmers Held in Columbia Recomends Planting Only 1-4 of Land in Cotton

Columbia, Sept. 13.—At a meeting of the South Carolina Division of the American Cotton Association held Friday at Craven Hall, resolutions were adopted as follows:

Urging a reduction of the production interest rates of Federal Reserve banks to 3 1/2 per cent on bonds and 4 per cent on agricultural and commercial paper.

Favoring the increase of the membership of the Federal Reserve Board to twelve members and a change in the personnel of the members. The resolutions also favor the creation of an advisory board of twelve members and urges agricultural finance for American farmers. The resolutions ask that average length of loans to growers be made from six to twelve months and to cattle raisers of the West (three years); asks reduced freight rates declaring them to be imperative in the economic transportation of raw products; asks federal legislation for economic reforms in baling of American cotton; urges creation of a board of awards and establishing a hall of service in the Agricultural Department of the United States; favors appointment of a federal commission to enlarge foreign trade for cotton and other staple agricultural products; asks appointment of a scientific research commission for combating the boll weevil; endorses revival of the War Finance Corporation; favors average reduction of cotton; urges slow marketing cotton.

The convention went unanimously on record as favoring the planting of only one-fourth of the cultivated lands of the cotton growing states in cotton.

Announcement was made that a referendum vote taken by the American Cotton Association throughout the belt on a number of plans submitted to the farmers for next season had resulted, in a unanimous majority for the plan of planting only one-fourth of the cultivated land in cotton next year.

President J. Scottow Wannamaker, of the American Cotton Association, presented some statistics compiled by his organization. He said that an investigation of the amount of undentifiable or lowest grade, cotton spinnable cotton in the stacks of cotton held in the warehouses and at compresses in this country by the United States census bureau showed that it was 24 per cent of the whole. An investigation by the crop reporting bureau of non-dentifiable grades, including snaps and bollies, held on farms from the 1920 crop showed that they amounted to 13.5 per cent of the total.

"Based on these statistics," said Mr. Wannamaker, "the actual supplies of dentifiable cotton in the country for the next twelve months can be ascertained with a fair degree of accuracy."

"The total estimated carry-over on August 1, 1921, was 6,499,108 bales; in warehouses, compresses, etc., 4,840,459 bales, less 24 per cent undentifiable, 1,161,686 bales; on farms and elsewhere, 1,558,749, less 13 per cent undentifiable, 223,531 bales. This makes the net dentifiable carry-over on August 1, 1,235,153 bales. Total estimated available supply 12,145,401; estimated domestic consumption and exports for twelve months ending Aug. 1, 1922, is 12,000,000 bales, leaving a forecast of a net available surplus on August 1, 1922, of 143,401 bales."

United States Senator Ellison D. Smith addressed the convention briefly.

Cotton Stocks and Consumption

Statistics of Old Crop Given Out by Census Bureau

Washington, Sept. 14.—Cotton consumed during August amounted to 467,103 bales of lint and 59,801 bales of linters compared with 483,560 bales of lint and 49,412 bales of linters in August of last year.

Cotton on hand on August 31, consuming establishments amounted to 1,602,981 bales of lint and 118,937 bales of linters; in public storage and in compresses 5,480,783 bales of lint and 241,333 bales of linters.

Revenue Agents Collect \$12,000,000

Washington, Sept. 14.—Twelve million delinquent taxes have been collected by special drive agents, who discovered that frauds were few, while there were many errors.

Veterans Condemn Ku Klux Klan

Minneapolis, Sept. 14.—The United Spanish war veterans meeting here in convention adopted a resolution condemning the Ku Klux Klan, and declaring that profiteering in time of war was a felony.

Family Committed to the Penitentiary

Judge Sease Sends Lexington County Murderers to Prison

Columbia, Sept. 15.—Mrs. Julia Cook, Mimie Cook, her daughter; Wheeler and James Barfield, Sr.; Ira Cook, her son, and Henry friends of the family, were all landed in the state penitentiary this afternoon, sentenced by Judge Sease in the Lexington court on Thursday morning on a charge of having killed Marcellus Cook, husband of Mrs. Julia Cook, on August 5, the verdict was by consent of attorneys for both sides and was directed by Judge Sease. The old man was killed by his son, who cut his throat from ear to ear. Mrs. Cook was bawled out by Wheeler, her daughter and Henry Wheeler held the old man's feet, James Barfield is said to have plotted the crime.

South Carolina News Items

Daily Chapter of Accidents and Suicides

Newberry, Sept. 14.—A negro girl, 14 years of age, was shot and killed on Mrs. Claudia Suber's place, three miles north of Newberry, yesterday. The evidence taken at the coroner's inquest indicated that it was an accident and the jury so found. The pistol had been left at the house by Son Eddie Coleman, negro, who claimed he found it at the camp where the soldiers stayed while they were near here last week.

On the recommendation of the coroner's jury a charge of carrying a pistol was made against Son Eddie Coleman today before Magistrate Douglas and he was fined \$75 or 30 days on the chargin. He will probably have to take the days.

Contractor Shoots Himself. Anderson, Sept. 14.—Columbus Shelton, construction foreman at Orr cotton mill, took his own life today at the home of his sister, Mrs. Galloway, in Piedmont. The family had gone to the front of the house, and when they heard the report of a pistol, rushed back to find Mr. Shelton lying on the floor with his head in a pool of blood. He had fired a 32 caliber ball through his head. No reason for the rash act can be given as Mr. Shelton had not seemed in the least depressed.

Killed at Grade Crossing. Greenville, Sept. 14.—Ed Hartmann, driver of the automobile which was struck by a Piedmont and Northern freight train near Camp Sevier yesterday afternoon, resulting in the death of Frank Wheeler, 19, was released from the county jail today upon instructions of Coroner Arthur Vaughn. Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hill, a newly married couple, and Embrellas Bailey, 12 year old girl, who were also in the car when it was struck, are still suffering from bruises sustained in the accident, although only one of them, Mrs. Hill, is being kept at the hospital. A coroner's jury was empaneled today and viewed Wheeler's body. The inquest will be held on Tuesday and all four surviving occupants of the car will testify.

The accident occurred at a crossing near the United States public health service hospital. According to Mr. Hill's version of the accident, just as the automobile started across the track the freight train came suddenly into view moving, he said, at a rate of about 35 miles an hour.

Victim of Texas Flood. Anderson, Sept. 14.—George W. Sullivan of Williamston received several messages today from Rockdale, Texas, concerning the drowning of his son, Hewlett Chiles Sullivan. The mayor of Rockdale sent one stating that there was no hope of finding Mr. Sullivan alive, and that all efforts were being made to find the body of Mr. Sullivan and his partner, Bailey Turner, and that 300 volunteer workers are looking for the bodies of the young men.

Race Trouble in Tennessee

Officers Having Trouble in Protecting Negress Who Shot Four White Women

Chattanooga, Sept. 15.—A negro family is under arrest, while other families of the negro colony are fleeing, and possess of deputy sheriffs are seeking to hold in restraint armed white avengers, sisters Elna, Barnett and her three sisters, wounded last night by shotgun fire by Jewel Childers, a negress. He seriously wounded in their home at Montlake, a mining village near here.

Regulation of Packers Department of Agriculture Organizing Separate Unit to Enforce Law

Washington, Sept. 15.—The establishment of a separate unit to administer the packer regulation act is in process of organization by the agriculture department.

Kirby's Wife Appeals to Gov. Cooper

Effort Being Made to Save Slayer of Brazell From Death Chair

Columbia, Sept. 15.—Mrs. S. J. Kirby, her 11 year old daughter and other members of her family and her husband's family sought executive clemency from Governor Cooper yesterday for S. J. Kirby, convicted of murder and sentenced to death by electrocution for his part in the brutal killing of William Brazell, young Columbia taxi driver.

Mrs. Kirby told Governor Cooper that her husband, S. J. Kirby, was subject to temporary spells of insanity and that she believed he was irresponsible for his part in the crime. She told the chief executive that her husband often appeared to be suffering from insanity and she pleaded for his life. Mrs. Kirby is in hopes that the governor will at least commute the sentence of death against her husband to life imprisonment.

After the visit of Mrs. Kirby, the governor said he did not care to make any statement at this time as to what he would do. He told Mrs. Kirby, who said a physician had been treating her husband, to send the doctor to confer with him. No appeal to the supreme court is expected by the governor, although this is not certain. Members of the Gappins family are also said to be thinking of appealing for Jesse Gappins, but nothing was done yesterday as far as is known.

Promotion For Postal Employees

Postmaster General Hays Announces Policy of Advancing Those Already in Service

Washington, Sept. 14.—As evidence of the desire of the department whenever possible to fill vacancies in postmasterships by promotions in the service, Postmaster General Hays announced today that of the 873 appointments sent to the senate for confirmation up to September 10, 426 or close to 50 per cent, were promotions from the classified service. Of the other 452 appointed by nomination, 345 were No. 1 on the civil service eligible list, 75 were second and 32 were third, the department having the privilege of appointing any one of the first three on the list.

A total of 4,809 vacancies have been certified to the civil service commission, Mr. Hays said, and as high as the names of the three highest competitors in each case are submitted to the department appointments will be made.

Whenever employees now in the service qualify, they will be given preference. The postmaster general announced that in the future publicity will be given to the names of those seeking postmasterships. As soon as the date for entry closes, he said, the full list of those applying will be made public. Also after the civil service commission has rated the competitors the names of the three highest on the eligible list will be given out. Heretofore the names of the applicants and the successful candidates have not been divulged.

Citadel Cadets Win High Honors

Tie For First Place at Camp Perry, But Lose Decision on Distance Shots

Charleston, Sept. 14.—Citadel men were gratified today in receiving the news that the cadet rifle team at Camp Perry had tied the University of Michigan for first place in the R. O. T. C. match. Because the Michigan team made the better score at the longest range, it was awarded the honors of the match, which accorded with the rule in such cases. However, the shooting of the Citadel cadets was of high quality and equal to that of the University of Michigan on points. The cadets were in competition with many large institutions having R. O. T. C. units and with R. O. T. C. camp teams. Maj. L. S. LeTetter, commanding the Citadel squad, telegraphed the announcement of the cadets' accomplishment.

Immigration Question Not on Program

Japan Will Probably Not Insist on Discussion of This Problem

Tokyo, Sept. 15.—Indications that Japan will not insist upon the discussion of immigration problems in the disarmament conference at Washington, as the subject was not mentioned in the note from Secretary Hughes, suggesting the program.

Railroad Claim Settled

Washington, Sept. 14.—The railroad administration has settled all claims growing out of federal control with the Virginian Railway Company for two million one hundred thousand dollars.

GOMPERS THREATENS MILL STRIKE

Leader of Federation of Labor Announces Invasion of South to Foment Strike Sentiment

New York, Sept. 13.—Samuel Gompers will invade the south in an effort to check the wage cuts in textile mills in Georgia, Tennessee, North and South Carolina and Alabama, he told the convention of United Textile Workers of America, adding that the textile industry will have a fight on its hands unless organized labor is recognized.

Slump in Condition Continues Unabated

Deterioration During the Past Two Weeks Heavily Excessive—Cotton Opening Rapidly

Memphis Commercial-Appeal, Sept. 12th. Reports to The Commercial Appeal, under the average date of September 8, indicate that deterioration of the cotton crop continues unabated, and has been both general and excessive since August 25, the date of recent condition estimate.

From reports compiled it is estimated that the deterioration amounted on the average to not far from 10 points after August 25, whereas for the entire period from August 25 to September 25 the 10-year average deterioration was only 3.4 points.

It is further indicated, while deterioration is still in progress, it may be expected to be somewhat less rapid from this time forward, because that portion of the crop which has a chance to make is already reasonably safe.

Boll weevil is the chief complaint, although boll worms, army worms, shedding from causes other than weevil depredations, sharpshooters, red spider, bad stands, late starts and stunted use of fertilizer are frequently mentioned.

Drouth has been a leading contributory cause in reducing the size of the crop of Texas and Oklahoma and a factor of some importance in North Carolina. Boll weevil depredations are especially severe in Arkansas and Mississippi and damage during the past two weeks was probably greater than during any other period of equal length since the season started.

Picking has been started to about the northern limits of the belt, but it is not yet general. Cotton is opening rapidly. There is much complaint of premature opening. On the average the bottom crop is about all that is expected. The middle and top crops have been prevented by boll weevil and shedding from a variety of causes. Weather conditions have been such that cotton on the more fertile lands presents a handsome yield, which continues to flourish without setting new fruit.

The present outlook is that the frost date will make little difference, and an early frost might be beneficial. On light lands most of the crop is already open, while the heavy foliage on the richer lands could be removed, for which reason some growers rather welcome the appearance of army and leaf worms.

A few bolls have been ginned in almost every locality and the prospects are that the crop on the whole will be ginned early; ginning has not yet become general.

Weather conditions have been favorable for maturity of the crop, and rather favorable for picking, except that it has been too hot for picking, especially in cotton of rank growth. Few blooms are to be seen anywhere and the amount of new fruit being set is negligible.

The crop, it is judged from reports, is relatively poorest in Georgia, Oklahoma, South Carolina and Texas and relatively best in Arkansas, North Carolina and Tennessee, with Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi somewhere in between.

Honeymoon Trip to America

Former Greek Premier Takes a Wife and Will Spend Six Months Over Here

London, Sept. 14.—Elietherois Venizelos, the former premier of Greece, the former premier of Greece, was married to Miss Helena Stholizzi, the daughter of a Greek business man, and they are going to America on a six months tour.

NATION-WIDE RAILROAD STRIKE

Decision of Big Four Brotherhoods to Be Made at Chicago Meetings

Chicago, Sept. 15.—The decision as to whether the nation will face a general railroad strike may result from two important meetings which are impending. Representatives of five hundred thousand shopmen will meet Sunday and representatives of the engineers, switchmen and trainmen will meet September 22nd. Unofficial reports say that the men favor a strike.

Hearing on Columbia-Sumter Train

R. R. Commissioners Again Refuse Request to Discontinue Nos. 68 and 69

Columbia, Sept. 14.—People don't like to get up too early to catch trains, and the South Carolina railroad commission recognizes this and doesn't want to see train No. 68, between Columbia and Sumter, taken off, which would require the many users of this train to get up in time to catch a 5:40 train instead of 7:45. The Atlantic Coast Line railroad has been told so, too.

The railroad commission had a conference Wednesday afternoon with W. H. Newell, of Rocky Mount, N. C., general superintendent of the Atlantic Coast Line, regarding trains No. 68 and 69. The railroad wants to discontinue these trains. The commission told Mr. Newell, nothing doing, unless he would meet the traveling public half way. The commission made Mr. Newell a proposition. It agreed to allow the discontinuance of No. 68, if the railroad would change the schedule of the train which now leaves Columbia at 5:40, so as to have it leave here later, after folks are all up, and make connection, as it does now, at Florence, with the fast train for the north. This would mean the adjustment of the schedule of the fast train from Jacksonville to Washington, so as to reach Florence at a different hour, but Mr. Newell said he would take the proposition under consideration. He will report to the commission later.

The matter of discontinuing several small agencies on the Coast Line was discussed by the commission and Mr. Newell. The commission will allow the railroad to post notices of the proposed discontinuance in each case, and if there are no protests, the stations will be closed. If there are protests, then the commission will call a public hearing in each case.

Working For Strike in Textile Industry

Union Plans to Make Demand For a Forty-Four Hour Week

New York, Sept. 14.—A campaign to make the 44 hour week the standard throughout the textile industry was launched today when delegates to the annual convention of the Textile Workers of America adopted a resolution giving the executive council full power to act and "issue a proclamation to employers."

The economic strength of the organization the resolution provided, should be utilized in obtaining the shorter working week, instead of asking for legislation. It was claimed that unemployment would be materially relieved by shorter working hours.

In connection with the campaign the delegates went on record as giving their full support to Southern textile workers who have been on strike in numerous factory centers. In the south, and a few other scattered regions where working hours now total 50 and more weekly, the first effort will be to obtain an agreement for a 48 hour week. In the places where 48 hours is the standard a movement will be conducted for 44 hours and in the centers where the 44 hour week has already been established, the organization will exercise its strength to prevent a change.

Plans for a drive for closer organization in North and South Carolina were announced. Officers stated that President Samuel Gompers of the American Federation of Labor, who is now in Atlanta, had promised to give support to the movement. Textile plants in Canada where long hours have been established in woolen and cotton mills will also be centers for activity.

Camp Bragg Retained

Army Will Use North Carolina Cantonment as Artillery Post

Washington, Sept. 15.—Camp Bragg, N. C., will be retained by the army as a permanent station and will become a field artillery post.

Hardened Criminals in Death House

Slayers of William Brazell Show No Remorse For Their Crime—Wish It Were All Over

Columbia, Sept. 14.—"I wish it were all over with me," the speaker, with a drawl in his voice, sent these words through grated bars. The words came from the lips of a man who is spending his remaining days on earth in the penitentiary's death cell. The speaker was S. J. Kirby, one of the three sentenced to die in the electric chair on October 21, for the murder of William Brazell, Columbia taxi driver, who was stabbed to death on one early Monday morning in August.

Kirby and his two partners in crime, C. O. Fox and Jesse Gappins, are three of the most famous prisoners the state has ever held. Their careers have been marked by remarkable events, the murder of a young boy to steal the car he drove, chased by a mob for several days over two states, held in Charleston under heavy guard to escape lynching, secretly brought to Columbia under heavy guard and later taken to trial in Lexington under heavier guard, the three men are now stolidly awaiting the day of their doom, and their loved ones cry about them and plead for mercy.

The three men are very talkative for men under sentence of death. Through the bars of their cells in the death house they talk to their friends and talk to officials and they even appear slightly cheerful at times.

Mr. and Mrs. Fox, parents of the young man sentenced to die, have been frequent callers on their son at the state prison, since the trio was brought Tuesday from the Lexington court house. They are nice looking old people and their loss excites the sympathy of onlookers. Mr. and Mrs. Gappins, the father of Jesse Gappins, have called on their son, too. Mrs. Kirby and Kirby's little daughter have likewise seen the man to whom they will say good by on October 21.

Gappins is a Columbia boy. Fox came from Stanley Creek, N. C., the home of his parents. Kirby came to Columbia from York county. His first visit to the capital was as a prisoner, in 1917, when he was sent to the pen under a two-year sentence for a crime committed on a man in York county, whom, it is said, he beat into insensibility and robbed. The victim of that crime was left in the woods apparently dead. However he regained consciousness but could hardly move from the ground. He reached a small sapling, and bending it over, nung his coat on it. Then he waited until a passerby saw the waving coat and rescued the suffering man. Kirby served a year of his sentence and was pardoned by Governor Manning.

Further Cut in American Army

Important Changes Ordered by the General Staff

Washington, Sept. 14.—Important changes involving considerable reductions in the size of all branches of the army, have been ordered by the general staff, with the approval of Secretary Weeks, in placing the army on a basis of 150,000 enlisted men, it was learned today. The changes involve not only reductions in the units, but a redistribution of troops throughout the United States and its possessions.

P. T. Hayne Dies

Chairman of Board of School Trustees at Greenville

Greenville, Sept. 14.—P. T. Hayne, for many years chairman of the board of school trustees and prominent citizen of Greenville, died here early tonight as a result of a stroke of paralysis, which he suffered yesterday morning. Mr. Hayne was 75 years of age. For about forty years he had been in the fire insurance business here. He is well known throughout South Carolina. The school authorities recently paid a tribute to his services in behalf of the city schools by naming one of the new schools of the city for him.

More Trouble For "Fatty"

Volstead on Trail of Arbuckle For Transporting Liquor

San Francisco, Sept. 15.—Roscoe Arbuckle will be prosecuted as a violator of the Volstead act if the evidence shows that he transported liquor for his party. Prohibition agents are investigating the situation, according to reports.

Woman's Tongue is Cut Out

Mexican Bandits Perpetrate Horrible Outrage in Arizona

Bisbee, Ariz., Sept. 15.—A band of Mexican bandits attacked a woman ranch owner today and cut out her tongue. They made their escape.

Senate and House Cannot Agree

Federal Tax Revision Bill Being Rewritten in the Senate

Washington, Sept. 14.—Many house proposals for tax changes were rejected or sharply modified today by the senate finance committee. Probably the most far-reaching decision of the committee was that to restore all transportation taxes but with those on freight, passenger and Pullman accommodations in force only for 1922 and at half the present rates. The house bill provided for repeal of all of these levies on next January 1.

While agreeing to the house plan to repeal stamp taxes on perfumes, cosmetics, toilet preparations and proprietary medicines the committee voted to impose a manufacturers' tax of 4 per cent on toilet articles and 2 per cent on proprietary medicines, and to restore the 3 per cent tax on toilet soaps and powders which the house bill proposed to repeal.

Five per cent reductions in the taxes on fur articles motor boats and yachts, portable electric fans and works of arts agreed upon by the house were disapproved by the committee which voted to continue the present rate of 10 per cent in each case.

The section of the house bill reducing the tax on candy from 5 per cent to 3 per cent, was amended to provide that candy sold at wholesale for more than 40 cents a pound should bear a tax of 10 per cent.

In accepting the house reduction from 10 per cent to 5 per cent in the tax on sporting goods, the committee decided to make taxable skates, snow shoes, skiffs, toboggans and baseball and football and basketball equipment which were eliminated by the house.

Under a new section added to the house bill the committee proposed that the tax on chewing gum be reduced from 3 per cent to 2 per cent. The house measure made no change in this levy.

The house provision repealing all of the so-called luxury taxes was accepted, but the committee deferred action on the proposal to impose a manufacturers' tax on a number of articles on which a retail tax is now imposed.

Sections of the house bill accepted without change included those relating to taxes on cereal products, soft drinks; repealing the tax on eyeglasses and spectacles, eliminating the license fees on yachts and motor boats of 32 feet in length and imposing a tax of 10 per cent of camera lenses. The beverage tax changes were accepted, however, subject to possible amendment after further information on this subject had been furnished by treasury experts.

While the senate committee was revising the house measures, representatives of manufacturing interests in conference here decided to support a program for a revision substantially the same as that which Senator Smoot of Utah, a Republican member of the finance committee, has announced he will offer as a substitute for the pending measure. The main features of the program are:

Enactment of a new general manufacturers' tax.

Retention of present income taxes on individual with revision of surtaxes.

Retention of the present income tax of 10 per cent on corporations.

Retention of existing taxes on tobacco, narcotics and oleomargarine.

Retention of existing inheritance taxes.

Spokesmen for the manufacturers explained that the proposed manufacturers' tax was not a general sales tax, inasmuch as it would be levied, assessed, collected and paid upon every commodity manufactured, produced or imported, when sold, leased or licensed for consumption or use without further process of manufacture.

The rate of the proposed manufacturers' tax was not agreed upon, but it was stated that discussion revolved around a maximum of 3 per cent.

Action of the senate committee today in voting to recommend restoration of the transportation taxes and changes in other proposed excise levies was taken despite assurance from Secretary Mellon and Director of the Budget Dawes that the \$350,000,000 reduction in expenditures agreed upon at the White House conference last month would be effected. Senators said they wanted a wider margin between government incomes and outgo than would be provided if the house changes in the present law had been accepted.

Revised estimates as to savings promised by the several departments for this fiscal year were submitted to the committee by Director Dawes, the indicated savings being reduced from \$350,000,000 to \$305,000,000.

Under the revised estimates the war department would spend \$339,000,000 this fiscal year, the shipping board \$100,000,000 and the outgo for the railroads would be \$450,000,000. No estimate was made of a reduction for the navy department which, Mr. Dawes said, was still under advisement.

"Continuous executive pressure will be applied in this connection, as well as upon all other departments," the budget director promised.

London, Sept. 15.—De Valera's latest letter to Premier Lloyd George declares his willingness to enter the proposed conference at Inverness, but only as a representative of a sovereign state.

POWERS HANDS OFF MANDATES

Ticklish Question Before League of Nations Will Not Be Settled For a Time

Geneva, Sept. 14.—A decision not to intervene in the mandates question pending the result of negotiations between the principal mandatory powers and the United States has been reached by a special commission of the league of nations.

New York Municipal Primary Results

Henry H. Curran Coalition Candidate Wins Republican Nomination For Mayor

New York, Sept. 13.—Henry H. Curran, coalition candidate, won the Republican nomination for mayor today over three opponents, leading his nearest rival, F. H. Laguardia, president of the board of aldermen, by a vote of almost 3 to 1.

Judge Reuben L. Haskell, who made his campaign on a wet issue, and F. H. Laguardia, president of the board of aldermen, were running a neck and neck race for the second place, with William M. Bennett, former state senator, a poor fourth.

The other principal coalition nominee, Charles C. Lockwood, for comptroller and Vincent Gilroy, Independent Democrat, led their opponents by overwhelming pluralities.

Mayor John F. Hylan and Comptroller Charles L. Craig, were renominated without opposition in the Democratic primaries. Murray Hulbert received the Democratic nomination for president of the board of aldermen without a contest.

Returns from about one-third of the election districts in Manhattan indicated that James J. Hines, anti-Tammany candidate for borough president, would be defeated by Julius Miller, the Democratic organization's choice, by about 2 to 1.

At midnight an attempt by a band of armed men in three taxi cabs to seize the ballot boxes in the Second election district, Twelfth assembly district, Charles F. Murphy's bailiwick, was frustrated after a fusillade of shots had been fired.

The raiders, apparently disappointed at their failure, then drove to the Anawanda club in Second avenue, a political organization, and broke the windows with bullets. No one was shot although the police reported several men in the club had been cut by splintered glass.

Mr. Hines, in a statement tonight, declared he had won the election and would not permit himself to be "counted out."

Mrs. Mabel Paico of Brooklyn, won the Republican nomination for the board of aldermen in the thirty-third district.

Proposes Remedy For Empty Churches

Woman Preachers Says More Women in Pulpits Will Mean More Men in Churches

Chicago, Sept. 15.—If there were more women in the pulpits there would be more men in churches, Miss Madeline Southard, president of the International Association of Women Preachers, told the convention.

The Arbuckle Case

District Attorney May Press Charge of First Degree Murder

San Francisco, Sept. 15.—Following the charge of manslaughter, returned by the coroner's jury, Roscoe "Fatty" Arbuckle charged with the death of Virginia Rappe, today will know whether he is to face the more serious charge of first degree murder. The district attorney is seemingly determined to press the latter charge.

Argentina Seeks \$50,000,000 Loan