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## STATE IS DIVIDED INTO 10 DISTRICTS

### MACHINERY FOR COTTON GROWERS SET IN MOTION. EACH COUNTY TO NAME REPRESENTATIVES—MAY 23 DATE FOR MEETING

Columbia, May 9.—The organization committee of the South Carolina Cotton Growers' Cooperative Association today divided the State into ten districts and set the machinery in motion for the permanent organization of the association.

The growers in each county who have signed the contract were called to meet at their respective county seats on Tuesday, May 23, at 12 o'clock and elect delegates to their respective district conventions, which will be held on Tuesday, May 23, at noon.

The ten districts set aside by the committee today are as follows:

District No. 1—Marlboro and Chesterfield counties. The district convention will be held at Bennettsville.

District No. 2—Greenville, Pickens, Oconee and Anderson counties. The district convention will be held at Clemson College.

District No. 3—Spartanburg, Laurens, Union, Newberry and Cherokee Counties. The district convention will be held at Spartanburg.

District No. 4—Abbeville, Greenwood, McCormick, Edgefield, Clarendon, Aiken, Barnwell and Allendale Counties. The district convention will be held at Aiken.

District No. 5—Darlington and Florence Counties. The district convention will be held at Darlington.

District No. 6—Dillon, Marion, Florence, Horry and Georgetown counties. The district convention will be held at Marion.

District No. 7—Richland, Lexington and Calhoun Counties. The district convention will be held at Columbia.

District No. 8—Orangeburg, Dorchester, Colleton, Bamberg and Hampton Counties. The district convention will be held at Orangeburg.

District No. 9—Sumter, Clarendon and Williamsburg Counties. The district convention will be held at Sumter.

District No. 10—York, Chester, Lancaster, Fairfield and Kershaw counties. The district convention will be held at Rock Hill.

At the county conventions to be held on Tuesday, May 23, delegates to the district conventions will be elected on the following basis: One delegate from each county and one delegate for each 2,000 bales and majority fraction thereof. At the district convention two candidates for directors shall be named by each district.

Following the district conventions the two candidates selected in each district will be voted by the members of the respective districts.

## VISITORS FROM BREVARD

Mrs. Courtney Wilson has returned to Abbeville after a pleasant visit to her home people in Brevard. She was accompanied home by Mrs. Louie Loftis who spent a short time here, leaving today for her home in Piedmont, Ala.

## STATE AID FOR HIGH SCHOOLS

Abbeville County received \$3,659 state aid for high schools this week, apportioned as follows:  
Abbeville white school, \$2,041.00  
Abbeville colored school 459.00  
Due West white school 1159.00

## HONEA PATH VS. ABBEVILLE

Honea Path High School and Abbeville High School are playing ball for the State championship at Due West this afternoon. All of the high school fans are attending.

## STATE INCOME TAX LAW BEING TESTED

### TEST CONSTITUTIONALITY OF NEW S. C. REVENUE BILL. MILL BRINGS CASE—CHARGE LAW WAS NOT READ THREE TIMES

Columbia, May 9.—The state income tax got into the courts today in the allegation that it is unconstitutional, and the supreme court, assuming jurisdiction set May 15th as the date for hearing arguments in the petition of the Santee Mills of Orangeburg, for a restraining order against the state tax commission, to prevent them with proceeding with the collection of the tax. The Santee Mills allege, among other things that he act was not read three times in each branch of the general assembly, that the act of congress providing the federal income tax was not read into the act except by title. That there is no provision in the state income tax law for exemption from taxation of the federal income tax paid each year and therefore taxes money that is not income, thereby falling outside the scope of an income tax. That the state act incorporates the enforcement of the same rules and regulations as are provided in the federal income tax law but that these were not read into the act by the two branches of the state legislature, that the state law allows a return for the calendar year or for the fiscal year, thereby taxing some persons for twelve months and others for a longer period than a calendar year that the state law provides a tax on certain inter-state commerce and that it exempts insurance companies from taxation thereby becoming in sense class legislation.

## FARMER SHOTS SELF

### Charles E. Smith Takes Own Life in Cherokee

Gaffney, May 9.—Charles E. Smith, prominent merchant and farmer of the Goucher section of Cherokee county, took his own life today at his home by shooting himself through the heart. Ill health was the reason assigned for the rash act. He was a brother of the late W. H. Smith of the Smith Hardware company and Prater Smith, one of the county commissioners. He also leaves two brothers in Spartanburg and one sister, Mrs. W. E. Murph of Whitestone. He was about 50 years of age and had resided all his life in the Goucher section.

## BANK IN COLUMBIA GETS TEN MILLION

Washington, May 9.—Out of the \$15,000,000 farm loan bond issue put on the market today, the federal farm loan board will allot \$10,000,000 to the federal land bank at Columbia, according to Commissioner Lobdell tonight. This amount will be \$2,500,000 in excess of the amount allotted to the Columbia bank from previous bond issues and \$1,500,000 in excess of the amount allotted to any other bank out of the current issue. The officials of the Columbia bank have advised Washington that they plan the resumption of farm loan applications within the next fortnight.

## Transferred to Columbia

Washington, May 9.—Formal announcement of the transfer from Greenville to Columbia of the headquarters of the internal revenue agent in charge of the district of South Carolina, effective April 25, was made today by the internal revenue bureau.

## ATTENDING PRESBYTERY

Dr. and Mrs. C. H. McMurray, Rev. M. R. Plaxco and Mrs. Plaxco, Mrs. T. J. Raycroft and Rev. Henry Pressly are in Greenville attending Presbytery.

## GEN WU IS ORDERED TO LEAVE PEKING

### GENERAL WU NOW ALLOWED TO USE RAILWAY THAT CHANG HAD UNINTERRUPTED USE OF FOR TWO WEEKS. REFUSES TO LEAVE

Tientsin May 9.—General Wu Pei Fu, who came to Tientsin from Peking in pursuit of the Manchurian governor, Chang Tsao Lin, was ordered yesterday by the allied military commanders here to leave the city, as his presence was held to be in violation of the 1901 protocol. He refused to leave on the ground that he was acting governor of Chihili province and would remain as long as necessary for his purposes.

The bridges between this city and Taku, on the south side of the Hun river estuary were burned by the retreating members of Chang Tsao Lin's army. Two thousand of Chang's soldiers were reported yesterday in Tangku, on the north side of the river, where their demands for trains to convey them to dukden were fruitless, no locomotives being available. Frequent attempts at telephonic communication with Tangku last night were unsuccessful.

Should Wu accede to the allied demands, to leave, he would have to move back toward Peking, as rail communication to the east and north has been severed by the burning of the bridges, and a Japanese destroyer is preventing the dispatch of his forces down the river in barges. The situation, therefore, is that, while Chang Tsao Lin had uninterrupted use of the Mukden railway for two weeks during his offensive operations, his pursuer is now unable to use the road to complete his victory. A tug conveying the commander of the British cruiser Curlew to this city yesterday came between hostile troops on river banks who are firing continuously. The British gunboat Marazion was sent down river to convey the tug here.

Numbers of Manchuria soldiers were discovered last night south of the former German concession here. American and Chinese guards armed with a machine gun, were ready to beat off any attempt at invasion, but the men proved quite docile and are reported to have agreed to lay down their arms if given food.

## MEMORIAL DAY EXERCISES HELD HERE

Appropriate Memorial Day exercises were held in the Opera House this morning for the Confederate Veterans, who attended in a body and occupied the stage. They were a young looking set of men to have fought the good fight so many years ago, and were as follows:

Capt. W. C. Shaw, W. T. Broadwell, J. L. Scott, A. T. McIlwaine, C. A. Botts, T. J. Bowen, Wm. Mayfield, G. P. Grant, Capt. W. R. Dunn, John T. Baskin, M. W. Barnes, J. J. Botts, H. W. Gordon, J. M. Gambrell, T. G. Blackwell, T. C. Seal, J. S. Gibert, D. H. Howard, J. L. Hill, Dr. W. E. Link, J. L. Black, Rev. C. S. Young, H. M. Young, J. C. McDill, J. B. Hampton, J. J. Price, L. B. Ramey, R. P. Davis, A. R. Ellis, H. M. Hill, J. D. Miller, I. A. Keller, W. W. L. Keller, J. S. Williams.

The following ladies of the 60's were present:

Mrs. Rebecca Parker, Mrs. Lucy Thomson, Mrs. L. H. Russell, Mrs. R. E. Hill, Mrs. L. W. Perrin.

The following program was carried out at the Opera House: Prayer, Rev. Mr. Weeks. Music, by Carolina Syncopators. Greetings from American Legion

## ONLY LLOYD GEORGE STILL ABLE TO SMILE

### CONFERENCE CIRCLES FILLED WITH RUMORS OF STIRRING EVENTS THAT HAVE HAPPENED OR ABOUT TO HAPPEN

Genoa, May 9.—Optimism was still professed tonight by Premier Lloyd George. The little Welshman was still smiling, but most of the delegates no longer have the heart to smile.

"Many difficulties more than this have passed and we shall pass this one," said Mr. Lloyd George to the correspondents tonight after a frantic day, in which he conferred with nearly all the leading figures at the conference. "We have come to Genoa to overcome such difficulties, otherwise why have the conference?"

Genoa echoed with all sorts of rumors about the breaking up of the entente and the imminent dissolution of the economic conference. The French and Belgians stand firm in their opposition to the property clause of the memorandum to the Russians, and insist that failure of the Russians to accept the memorandum will mark the end of the conference.

The Russian delegates, after conferring with Premier Lloyd George, issued a statement, denouncing the French and Belgians for their attempt to break up the conference and calling attention to the fact that these two countries are trying to make it appear that everything hinges on the Russian reply while they themselves have not indorsed the very document they are discussing.

Both Mr. Lloyd George and the French delegation denied reports in the British papers that the interview between the British prime minister and the French foreign minister on Saturday was a stormy one and terminated with the declaration by Mr. Lloyd George that this disagreement meant the end of the entente.

The Russian's attack on the Belgian position created much discussion, among both the French and Belgian delegates and apparently they will not reply.

Signor Schanzer and other Italians, representatives labored all last evening and today trying to reconcile the disagreements, but seemingly with no success.

## PITIFUL CONDITIONS BROUGHT TO LIGHT

### REFUSAL OF MAROONED PEOPLE TO LEAVE THEIR HOMES. LITTLE TO EAT AND DRINK, OVERFLOW WATER POLLUTED WITH DEAD ANIMALS

Natchez, Miss., May 9.—Relief workers penetrating the remote places in the inundated areas along the Black river in central Louisiana, are discovering pitiful conditions brought about by the refusal of many of the marooned people to leave their all but submerged homes, according to Major Charles S. Holcomb, field director of the Red Cross.

"We plead in vain with the head of families to at least send old people, women and children to the relief camps at Harrisonburg and Rhinehart where they can be cared for," said Major Holcomb "and strive to impress upon them what the results may be if they continue to subject themselves to exposure and drink the overflow water which is polluted with the bodies of countless dead animals.

"When they say that they must remain with their stock we assure them that their possessions can be taken care of and carried to safety, but to no avail.

"The animals placed on crudely constructed rafts are suffering for there is nothing to feed them on but green branches and the long gray moss hanging from the trees."

Several relief officials are expected here and upon their arrival Louisiana planters who are making Natchez their headquarters during the flood period will take up the question of extending relief to plantation tenants at other points in the inundated section other than the immediate vicinity of the crevasse above Ferriday.

## THE EGYPTIAN PRINCESS

### At The Opera House, Wednesday Night, May 17th

Charles Vincent, The Egyptian Princess, will be presented at the Abbeville Opera House, Wednesday, May 17 by the Woman's College Dramatic Club of Due West assisted by the Glee Club and Orchestra. The Operatta will be given here for the benefit of the High School Athletic Association. Those who witnessed the presentation of The Egyptian Princess two weeks ago in Due West declare it to be the best entertainment ever before put on by the Woman's College. The costumes from New York are gorgeous and colorful. Miss Emma Galliard is the director and Miss Marguerite Crofut is the conductor of the orchestra. A number of Erskine students also take part in the entertainment. There are over 50 students who take part. Tickets go on sale at the box office Monday, May 15, and the prices are 35 cents, 50 cents and 75 cents for reserved seats.

## MOVING

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Caldwell, who have been making their home in Hartsville, and both of whom are well known to the people of Abbeville, are leaving Hartsville in July for Palatka, Fla., where they will make their home in the future. Mr. Caldwell is head buyer for the McKinnon, McNair Co., and goes to Florida as a promotion.

## MISS PARKER SELECTED

Miss Malvina K. Parker was sent as a delegate to Saluda, S. C., to the meeting of the U. D. C.'s to represent the Confederate College of Charleston, where she is a student.

First Crate Georgia Peaches Reynolds, Ga., May 8.—The first crate of peaches of the season from Georgia was shipped today to New York. The fruit was of the May-flower variety.

## DAY OF TRAGEDY IN GREAT CITY

### SEVEN PERSONS SENT TO THE HOSPITAL—STORY IN NEARLY EVERY CASE SAID TO BE OF UNREQUITTED LOVE. BODIES IN MORGUES

New York, May 9.—Romance and tragedy walking hand in hand through the metropolitan area today left in their wake the longest list of violence and suicide the city has known in many months. Seven persons in hospitals—six bodies in morgues—and the story in nearly every case, one of unrequited love.

Dr. Alfred H. Riedel, eye specialist, separated from his wife, poisoned himself in a hotel room because of unrequited love of an actress.

John Kane, 34, clerk at Mamaronceck, shot his sweetheart, Elizabeth Dunn, 32 year old school teacher, in a park because she refused to marry him. He then committed suicide.

Vincent Laclardi, 18, called Margaret Violanti, 17, into a hallway, and when she refused to elope with him shot five times at her but only inflicted one flesh wound. He turned the pistol upon himself—only to be wounded in the cheek.

Mrs. Constance F. Marvin was found dead in a bath tub in her home at Mount Vernon. She left a note hoping she would be forgiven.

Miss Edith Buchanan, 42, was found in her room suffering from poison which, she said, was taken by mistake.

Mystery surrounds the death of Vincent Morelli, 25, who died in a policeman's arms after he had been wounded in pistol duel with several other men.

Theodore Budnick, held at Bridge ton, N. J., on a charge of shooting one Eleazer Hankins declared he expected to die, but believed he was justified. Budnick said he went to Hankins' shop to warn him to stop going with Mrs. Budnick. While they were talking Mrs. Budnick appeared on the street and Budnick stated Hankins waved to her. "That got me," he added. "I said, 'Mr. Hankins, you took my wife, you can take this,' and I fired."

Home going crowds in Grand street in the lower East Side were thrown into a panic when three men and two women fell wounded after five men suddenly drew pistols and began shooting at one another. The gunmen began their battle within a block of police headquarters. All the gunmen escaped, except one.

The police said that the shooting affray grew out of a murder eight months ago when a street duel resulted in the death of the leader of a band of bootleggers.

## FEDERAL AID SECURED

Mr. J. S. Stark and Capt. Humbert have returned from the monthly meeting of the State Highway Commission at Columbia and it is definitely settled that Abbeville County will receive the following Federal Aid for road and bridge building:

\$10,000 on bridges on the Antreville road; \$12,500 on bridges between here and Greenwood; \$12,500 on the McCormick road, which has been surveyed sometime, and will be let a little later.

The bridges for Antreville and Greenwood roads will be let at Abbeville tomorrow.

Aid in addition to this has been promised after the first of July for the Calhoun Falls road.

## COTTON MARKET

Spot cotton sold in Abbeville today for 19 3-4 cents. Futures closed as follows:  
May ..... 19.65  
July ..... 19.32  
October ..... 19.38  
December ..... 19.42