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## COTTON GINNERS' REPORT.

### CENSUS BUREAU'S REPORT PLACES AMOUNT AT 3,015,033.

Is Less than Last Year's—Total Compares with 3,676,594 to Same Date in 1911 and 2,590,639 in 1908.

Washington, Oct. 2.—The second cotton ginning report of the census bureau, issued at 10 a. m., today, announced that 3,015,033 bales of cotton of the growth of 1912 had been ginned prior to September 25, counting round as half bales. To that date last year 3,676,594 bales, or 23.6 per cent of the entire crop, had been ginned; in 1908 to that date 2,590,639 bales, or 19.8 per cent of the crop had been ginned, and in 1906 to that date 2,057,283 bales, or 15.8 per cent of the crop, had been ginned.

Included in the total ginnings were 19,450 round bales, compared with 27,918 round bales ginned to September 25 last year; 35,025 round bales in 1910 and 48,070 round bales in 1909.

The number of bales of sea island cotton included was 3,026 bales compared with 11,807 bales last year, 13,832 bales in 1909 and 11,457 bales in 1908.

Ginning prior to September 25, by States, with comparison for last year and other big crop years, with the percentage of the entire crop ginned to that date in previous years, follow:

| State                    | 1912      | 1911      | 1908    | 1906      |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|
| <b>Alabama.</b>          |           |           |         |           |
| Ginnings.                | 194,334   | 360,244   | 316,349 | 221,851   |
| P. C.                    | 21.2      | 23.7      | 17.9    |           |
| <b>Arkansas.</b>         |           |           |         |           |
| Ginnings.                | 40,447    | 43,626    | 80,465  | 35,837    |
| P. C.                    | 4.3       | 8.3       | 4.0     |           |
| <b>Florida.</b>          |           |           |         |           |
| Ginnings.                | 9,575     | 21,510    | 16,657  | 10,479    |
| P. C.                    | 22.8      | 23.6      | 17.0    |           |
| <b>Georgia.</b>          |           |           |         |           |
| Ginnings.                | 273,086   | 765,697   | 514,898 | 281,585   |
| P. C.                    | 27.4      | 26.0      | 17.2    |           |
| <b>Louisiana.</b>        |           |           |         |           |
| Ginnings.                | 73,657    | 89,069    | 79,042  | 139,511   |
| P. C.                    | 23.4      | 16.9      | 14.6    |           |
| <b>Mississippi.</b>      |           |           |         |           |
| Ginnings.                | 59,226    | 96,829    | 199,001 | 156,573   |
| P. C.                    | 8.3       | 12.3      | 10.6    |           |
| <b>North Carolina.</b>   |           |           |         |           |
| Ginnings.                | 102,999   | 156,390   | 89,063  | 44,877    |
| P. C.                    | 13.9      | 13.0      | 7.0     |           |
| <b>Oklahoma.</b>         |           |           |         |           |
| Ginnings.                | 78,453    | 116,328   | 5,705   | 17,570    |
| P. C.                    | 11.4      | 6.8       | 2.9     |           |
| <b>South Carolina.</b>   |           |           |         |           |
| Ginnings.                | 177,827   | 338,090   | 289,969 | 131,262   |
| P. C.                    | 20.0      | 23.5      | 14.1    |           |
| <b>Tennessee.</b>        |           |           |         |           |
| Ginnings.                | 992       | 15,541    | 28,109  | 7,394     |
| P. C.                    | 3.6       | 8.4       | 2.5     |           |
| <b>Texas.</b>            |           |           |         |           |
| Ginnings.                | 2,901,697 | 1,667,875 | 966,607 | 1,008,856 |
| P. C.                    | 40.6      | 26.6      | 25.5    |           |
| <b>All Other States.</b> |           |           |         |           |
| Ginnings.                | 2,740     | 5,395     | 4,774   | 1,488     |
| P. C.                    | 6.5       | 3.9       | 2.2     |           |

The ginning of sea island cotton prior to September 25, by States, follow:

| State                      | 1912  | 1911  | 1908  | 1906  |
|----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| South Carolina.            | 1,665 | 4,381 | 6,133 | 983   |
| Florida, Georgia, Alabama. | 1,258 | 7,405 | 7,649 | 5,924 |

## CONDITION OF CROP 69.6

Department of Agriculture Reports on Cotton to September 25—South Carolina's Crop 68.

Washington, Oct. 2.—The condition

## LONG TAKEN TO PENITENTIARY

### PRECAUTIONS FOR PROTECTION OF GUNTER'S SLAYER.

Further Alleged Threats Against Aiken County Representative-Elected, Held by Coroner's Jury for Killing Wagener Bank President, Result in Removal of Prisoner from Aiken Jail.

Aiken, Oct. 2.—Representative-elect Hugh Long, who at Wagener Saturday afternoon at 6 o'clock inflicted the wounds wherefrom Pickens Gunter, bank president, died Monday night at 7.45 o'clock, was at 1 o'clock last night taken to the State Penitentiary in Columbia, ostensibly for safekeeping. He left here on the so-called midnight train, accompanied by his wife and Sheriff T. B. Raborn. Some have pronounced this step as over-precautionary, believing that the existing conditions failed to warrant such action, but it is well known that, particularly since the death of Mr. Gunter, the feeling in Wagener, though not running to riotous demonstration, is certainly strong against Mr. Long. Even threats have come from Wagener, and though the authorities anticipated no early trouble from this source, they deem it wise to absolutely remove the possibility of any attack upon the jail for Long's removal being made.

## ELECTION COMMISSIONERS MEET

J. E. DuPre, Chairman—J. E. White Clerk—Will Appoint Managers on 12th.

The Commissioners of State General election which will take place on November 5th held a meeting Thursday morning with all present. Mr. J. E. DuPre of Pisgah was elected chairman and Mr. John E. White was elected clerk to the commissioners. A number of routine matters were discussed and the meeting was adjourned until the 12th when another meeting will be held for the purpose of appointing the managers for the General election.

It was deemed best to go over the list of the managers for the Federal election and select men to serve as managers who had not already been appointed as Federal managers. In this way there will be no duplication and efforts will be made to secure men who will serve so that there will be no trouble at the last minute in not having the required number of managers at the boxes.

of the growing crop of the United States September 25 was 69.6 per cent of a normal, as estimated by the crop reporting board of the department of agriculture's bureau of statistics in its last cotton condition report of the season issued at noon today and reckoned from the reports of correspondents and agents of the government located throughout the cotton belt. This compares with a condition of 74.8 per cent of a normal on August 25; 71.1 per cent, September 25 last year; 65.9 per cent on September 25, 1910, and 67.5 per cent the average normal condition for the past ten years on September 25.

Comparison of conditions September 25 by States follow:

| State          | 1912 | 1911 | 1910 | Aver. |
|----------------|------|------|------|-------|
| Virginia       | 70   | 87   | 78   | 76    |
| North Carolina | 70   | 77   | 72   | 73    |
| South Carolina | 68   | 73   | 70   | 72    |
| Georgia        | 65   | 79   | 68   | 72    |
| Florida        | 65   | 75   | 66   | 71    |
| Alabama        | 68   | 73   | 67   | 67    |
| Mississippi    | 63   | 62   | 63   | 67    |
| Louisiana      | 69   | 66   | 51   | 62    |
| Texas          | 75   | 71   | 63   | 63    |
| Arkansas       | 68   | 70   | 68   | 69    |
| Tennessee      | 68   | 77   | 73   | 75    |
| Missouri       | 72   | 80   | 75   | 76    |
| Oklahoma       | 69   | 60   | 70   | 68    |
| California     | 90   | 100  | 90   |       |

For the purpose of comparison, the condition of the cotton crop in the United States monthly for the past ten years is given below:

| Year    | May  | June | July | Aug. | Sept. |
|---------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| 1912    | 78.3 | 80.4 | 76.5 | 74.8 |       |
| 1911    | 87.8 | 88.2 | 89.1 | 73.2 | 71.1  |
| 1910    | 82.9 | 89.7 | 75.5 | 72.1 | 65.9  |
| 1909    | 81.1 | 74.6 | 71.9 | 63.7 | 58.5  |
| 1908    | 79.7 | 81.2 | 83.9 | 76.1 | 69.7  |
| 1907    | 79.5 | 72.0 | 75.9 | 72.7 | 67.7  |
| 1906    | 84.6 | 83.3 | 82.9 | 77.9 | 71.6  |
| 1905    | 77.2 | 77.0 | 74.9 | 73.1 | 71.2  |
| 1904    | 83.0 | 88.0 | 91.6 | 84.1 | 75.8  |
| 1903    | 74.1 | 77.1 | 79.7 | 81.2 | 65.1  |
| 1902    | 95.1 | 84.7 | 81.9 | 64.0 | 58.3  |
| Average | 81.5 | 80.7 | 80.6 | 73.6 | 67.5  |

## HELD ON BLACKMAIL CHARGE.

### FRANK L. ZEMP DEFENDANT IN SENSATIONAL CASE.

Camden Man, Employed by Southern Power Company, Arrested in Spartanburg Charged with Attempting to Extort Money from Wealthy Widow, who Receives Alleged Black-Hand Letter.

Spartanburg, Oct. 1.—Mrs. Emma G. Cash, of 161 Oakwood avenue, this city, received a Black Hand letter this morning demanding that she place \$150 in an old cigarette box at the corner of Oakwood avenue and East Main street. Frank L. Zemp, a prominent and well-known employee of the Southern Power Company, was arrested two hours after Mrs. Cash received this letter, charged with sending it and attempting to extort money from the wealthy widow. Only circumstantial evidence has thus far been secured by the police department.

## "WHITE HELP" TO GET MONEY

### INJUNCTION REFUSED IN OLD SOLDIERS' HOME CASE.

Judge Gage Files Order Declaring Major Richardson and Dr. Butler Entitled to Pay for Services—Governor Blaise Makes Two Appointments.

Columbia, Oct. 2.—Judge Gage today filed his order refusing to enjoin Comptroller General Jones from paying the warrants drawn on the Confederate Home fund in favor of Major H. W. Richardson, and Dr. F. P. W. Butler, the chairman and secretary, respectively, of the board, as "white help," the warrant being for \$100 and \$50, respectively.

The governor today appointed the Hon. J. D. Bivens, of Ridgeway, a member of the board of regents of the State Hospital for the Insane, vice the Hon. J. Wright Nash, of Spartanburg, resigned. He also named the Hon. Glenn W. Ragsdale, of Winnsboro, Special Judge to hold the Courts of General Sessions and Common Pleas for the County of Georgetown, for the term provided by law, commencing on the second Monday in October, 1912.

## SUPPOSED TO BE IN HIDING.

C. M. Young and Mack Morris May Give Themselves up to Sheriff.

Thursday morning Sheriff Epperson sent Rural Policeman Sam Newman to Shiloh to keep watch on the situation down there until such time as the excitement among the negroes of that section had quieted down.

It was stated by friends of C. M. Young and Mack Morris, the two men wanted on warrants charging them with alleged outrageous conduct towards two negro girls whom they had in charge to take before Magistrate Player last Friday afternoon, that the two men were now in hiding in a swamp, that they had communicated with their friends and that they would surrender as soon as the excitement among the negroes in that section had quieted down and they were assured there was no danger to be feared from the negroes when they came out of hiding.

Deputy Sheriff John Epperson spent one day at Shiloh and Deputy J. A. Epperson has been down there for two days keeping in touch with the situation.

## Everything Quiet at Shiloh.

Deputy Sheriff J. A. Epperson returned from Shiloh on the 11.20 train Thursday morning and reported everything quiet at that place. He reported that the negroes had quieted down and gone back to work and that there was now apparently no further danger to be apprehended from them in case the two men, C. M. Young and Mack Morris, came out of their hiding places and gave themselves up to the sheriff or the magistrate who had been left in charge of the situation with orders to notify the sheriff at once in case the negroes again become disquieted.

Paris, October 2.—Persistent reports that peace is about to be concluded between Turkey and Italy were current in Paris this afternoon. The delegates of the two countries have reached at accord in principle, according to a dispatch from Onchy, Switzerland. The Ottoman envoys, however, urge that it not be divulged as they fear the announcement will anger the Mussulman world.

## SULZER HEADS N. Y. TICKET.

### SELECTED BY DEMOCRATS TO RUN FOR GOVERNOR.

Congressman Nominated on Fourth Ballot, After Name of Governor Dix Withdrawn, at State Convention—Martin H. Glinn Named for Lieutenant Governor.

Convention Hall, Syracuse, N. Y., Oct. 3.—William Sulzer, Representative in Congress from New York city, was nominated for Governor early this morning by the Democratic State Convention. It was the seventh time he had been a candidate for this nomination.

Mr. Sulzer was formally declared the choice on the fourth ballot, after the name of Governor Dix had been withdrawn. Martin H. Glinn was nominated for Lieutenant Governor.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Scarborough have returned to the city after a stay at Buffalo Springs, Va.

## KILLED BY HIS STEPSON.

### J. B. W. BECKHAM SHOTS HENRY F. FRANK AT SANDY RUN.

Young Man Telephones for Sheriff and Accompanies Him to Jail. No Details of Affair.

St. Matthews, Oct. 2.—J. B. Beckham shot and killed his step-father, Henry F. Frank, in the Sandy Run section of this county about noon today. Details of the killing are extremely meagre. It seems that the two men went down to the rural mail box, which is some distance from the Frank home. A passerby is said to have stated that just prior to the time of shooting he saw the two men in the woods going in opposite directions.

Beckham reported to friends that he had shot his step-father. A young son of Frank immediately went to hunt his father and found him laboring heavily with his wounds, endeavoring to reach home. He became too weak to get further, and died on the roadside. The only statement he is reported to have made was that Beckham shot him. Four shots are said to have been fired.

Beckham went to the home of a friend and telephoned for the sheriff, whom he accompanied back to town. He is now in jail. He has made no statement of how the killing took place. He is a young man of middle age and good address.

Mr. Frank was a man well past the meridian of life. The cause of the killing is at present a mystery. Both parties are well connected.

## OFFICERS ARREST TWO.

John Ballard and Gracie Dicks Placed in Jail by Rural Policeman Newman and Deputy Epperson.

Two negroes who had successfully evaded arrest before were taken in charge Thursday morning by officers Sam Newman and John Epperson. Both of them are wanted on charges preferred some time ago and both of them are now in jail awaiting preliminary hearings.

Gracie Dicks is charged with resisting arrest. Several days ago Constable W. J. Dinkins and R. S. Melcham went to the woman's house near Shot Pouch and tried to serve claim and delivery papers. She refused to let them enter and when they tried to do so, she chased them off with an axe which she threatened to use. Thursday morning the two officers had a hard tussle before they could overcome and put handcuffs on her. Fortunately, however, they caught her before she could get to her axe and none were injured.

John Ballard was arrested several months ago by Deputy Sheriff J. A. Epperson and Constable Mellette for carrying concealed weapons and assault and battery. He managed to get loose from the officers and was shot with a shot gun by Deputy Sheriff Epperson. Thursday morning the officers came upon him at his home before he was aware of their presence and secured him without difficulty. He stated that he got so many shot in him when he ran the first time that he did not care to run away again.

Mr. C. W. Smith went to Darlington Thursday morning where he will race his mare, Melba Chimes, against a fast horse owned by Mr. C. E. Hatchell of Darlington. The race is for a purse to be donated to the winner of the best three out of five heats.

## PLAN TO SETTLE STRIKE.

### KNAPP AND NEILL WILL VISIT AUGUSTA SOON.

Automobiles Will be Used to Prevent Complete Congestion of Postal Traffic.

Augusta, Ga., Oct. 2.—Though there were no conferences or efforts towards a settlement of the Georgia railroad strike today, announcement was made from the general offices tonight that Judge Knapp of the court of commerce and Labor Commissioner Neill have been in communication with the road and the strikers and it is definitely known those men will be in Augusta within the next three days with a view to organizing a mediation board.

No effort will be made to move trains on any part of the road tonight but an effort will be made to run a train through from Augusta to Atlanta on the usual schedule time tomorrow morning and, at the same time a train from Atlanta in this direction. Efforts are now being made to make an agreement between the roads and the strikers whereby mail cars exclusively may be operated over the road until the strike is settled, and, while the statement is made that no agreement has yet been reached, the indications are that this restricted service will be put in operation tomorrow with full consent of the strikers.

Late this afternoon, a special train over the Coast Line brought in about 180 strike-breakers.

Arrangements were concluded by the local postal authorities tonight, whereby the mail congestion will be somewhat relieved tomorrow through the operation of automobile delivery from Augusta to Crawfordville. At that point a similar delivery from Atlanta will connect and in this way the entire main line of the road will be served.

A special from Washington, Ga., tonight says that ten counties of northeastern Georgia are experiencing business suffering on account of paralyzed mail facilities. A message was received at Washington, Ga., from Washington, D. C., directing that all mail from that vicinity be routed via Athens and a regular automobile schedule will be maintained.

Interior banks are annoyed by their currency shipments being cut off and the declination to issue bills of lading on cotton since Tuesday morning, which means that the chief collateral in which they deal is tied up.

## FOOT BALL FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11.

High School Practising Hard Every Day Under Coaching of Quay Williford.

The Sumter High School will open its foot ball season here on Friday, October 11, with a game with the squad from the Presbyterian High School of Florence, an old time rival with whom the locals have had many interesting tussles.

The foot ball squad has been practising hard for the past two weeks under the tutelage of Mr. Quay Williford, a former Davidson college foot ball star, and is rapidly rounding into shape for offensive and defensive work.

The manager of the team has communicated with a number of High Schools having foot ball teams and a good schedule of games will be arranged this season, a number of good exhibitions of the great American college sport being promised to local gridiron fans.

## AUDITOR RESTS AFTER LABORS.

Books Completed and Turned over to Treasurer for Collection of Taxes.

County Auditor R. E. Wilder has completed the work on his books and has turned them over to the County Treasurer who is now busy preparing for the opening of his office for the receipt of taxes on October 15th. Mr. Wilder has been busy on his books ever since the returns came in the first of the year, but with the completion of making out of taxes and posting of the books, he will have an easy time until the first of the year when tax returns come in again.

Mr. B. C. Wallace, County Treasurer, has with him to assist him in taking in taxes, Mr. W. C. Broughton, who has assisted in the office before.

Miss Georgia Clausen, of Sumter, is receiving many pleasant attentions from the younger social set during her stay here with Mr. and Mrs. Rogers.—Charleston Post.

## WOMAN KILLED BY TRAIN.

### AGNES SMAUL STRUCK BY ENGINE OF A. C. L. TRAIN NO. 50 TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

Coroner Held Inquest Wednesday at Noon—Body Was Thrown Thirty Yards and Rolled down Embankment Twenty More.

Tuesday afternoon A. C. L. passenger train No. 50 was delayed a few miles west of the city, near Green Swamp crossing, where a woman instantly killed an old negro by the name of Agnes Smaul. The coroner's inquest was held Wednesday at noon and a verdict of death was returned by the jury.

The testimony in the inquest was to the effect that a negro woman had been picked up at the station, but had stopped for a moment and was running to catch up with a wagon on which she was riding. She stepped on the track at the Van Buren crossing when the train was only a few feet distant and before she could get off, or across, the engine struck and threw her for a distance of thirty yards through the air. When the body struck the ground, it continued to roll for a distance of twenty yards down the side of the embankment, until it reached the bottom of the ditch, where it was later picked up, after the coroner and Dr. Lemmon had examined it.

The engineer on the train, W. A. Williams, testified that he did not see the woman until after she was struck, when he saw her flying through the air.

Hasell Robertson, the only eye witness to the accident, stated that the woman started to cross the track when the train was only a few feet distant. He was waiting for her in his wagon, about 200 yards off, and was too distant to call to her of her danger. He stated that there was an embankment near the crossing which would have prevented her from seeing the train until she was on the track.

The only difference in testimony of the witnesses was whether or not the whistle was blown. The engineer, W. A. Williams, and his fireman, Wellington Gregg, both stated that the whistle blew for both the Van Buren and the Green Swamp crossings, while other witnesses testified that they had not heard any whistle for either crossing.

## THE U. D. C. "COUNTY FAIR"

A Big Amateur Performance to Be Given October 14 and 15 for Dingle's Mill Memorial Fund.

Sumter is promised a treat in the shape of a big amateur performance to be given at the opera house on October 14 and 15. Dick Anderson Chapter, U. D. C. is going to produce the "County Fair," the proceeds for the benefit of the Dingle's Mill Fund. The "County Fair" is an excellent musical comedy, the cast comprises 150 persons. Only the latest music will be sung by the choruses. This will be the biggest home talent production ever put on the stage of Sumter.

## HYDE PAYS PENALTY.

Anderson Wife Slayer Dies in Electric Chair.

Columbia, October 1.—The final chapter of one of the most sensational and interesting cases in the history of South Carolina criminal law was enacted at the State Penitentiary this morning, when Samuel N. Hyde, of Anderson County, convicted of the double murder of his wife and father-in-law, paid the penalty for his crime in the death chair.

Public interest in the crime has been accentuated by the utter indifference to his fate that Hyde has manifested since the commission of the deed and which caused doubts as to his sanity, leading to the appointment of a lunacy board that declared him sane now and at the time of the murder. This air of unconcern characterized his final moments in the death chamber, and he met death with a smile on his lips. The current was turned on at four minutes after 12 o'clock and passed continually through the body for 62 seconds. He was then examined by several physicians, who declared that death had been instantaneous.

The S. C. W. railroad tracks were extended Tuesday up to the site of the passenger station at the corner of Hampton avenue and Green street. The work on the station is progressing rapidly.