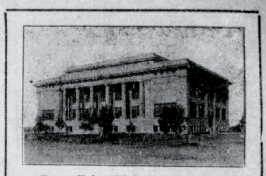


Colorado River at Yuma, Arizona

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DUEL ON COURT HOUSE LAWN ENDS FEUDIST'S CAREER

COTTON CROP ESTIMATE IS LOWEST IN COUNTRY'S HISTORY

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—That the boll weevil played havoc with the southern cotton crop during the month of July while heavy rainfalls added in the destruction by causing a rank growth of weeds and grasses, was declared today by the Department of Agriculture when a bulletin was issued placing the estimated cotton crop for the year at 8,023,000 bales.

The department's estimate was based upon conditions existing July 25 and represents a loss of 230,000 bales in the forecast of a month previous.

It is declared that it is the lowest forecast as of July 25 on record with the exception of the year 1866.

Conditions in Arizona are said to be 80 per cent of normal.

Unpromising as are the conditions of the crop throughout the cotton belt experts fear a further loss from continued ravages of the boll weevil and heavy rains.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Aug. 1.—The annual opening session of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange, today was marked with intense excitement and resulted in an advance in the price of cotton which experts declare will mean $43,000,000 in the pockets of growers.

The day's developments brought an advance in price of almost one cent per pound. Interest was centered for the post part in the announcement of the carry over for year made by H. G. Ester, secretary of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange.

According to figures made public by Mr. Ester the carry over will be 9,144,000 bales, the largest on record. A year ago the carry over was 6,216,000 bales. An estimate of the world's consumption of American cotton for the year 1920 was placed at 10,500,000 as against 12,670,000 for the year previous.

DEFENSE SAYS INVESTIGATORS NEVER TRIED

Backers Escape While Ball Players and Tin Horns Are Goats.

(By Associated Press)

CHICAGO, Ill., Aug. 1.—The counsel for the defense in the baseball trial today made the major part of their closing argument before the jury in a series of plays brought to a climax by the declaration of A. M. Fromberg of St. Louis, in which he charged that the state had allowed the instigators in the 1919 world's series $100,000 sell-out to go unpunished and was now trying to make goats of a bunch of underpaid baseball players and penny-ante gamblers.

In his argument for the defense Mr. Fromberg repeatedly asked the jury why Arnold Rothstein, whom states witness had characterized as the "framer and backer" of the conspiracy had never been indicted.

He named Hal Chase, Abe Attell, Rachel George and others and asked why they had never been brought to trial.

It was declared that Ban Johnson, president of the American League, had furthered the prosecution of the case because of his enmity towards Charlie Comiskey, owner of the White Sox.

Bill Burns was attacked by each of the defense attorneys in turn, one of them referring to him and Billy MaHarg as the "ace of clubs" and the "ace of spades" of the alleged conspirators.

A three-hour night session was held tonight. It is thought that the defense will finish its argument tomorrow in time to permit the state to make its final rebuttal. The case probably will go to the jury Tuesday night.

Chloride—Dardanelles Mining Co., planning deeper level development.

Globe—Bids for U. S. post office and court house called for.

CAMPBELL ASKS DELAY IN EXTRA SESSION CALL

Committee Polls Law Makers For Expression of Opinion.

(By Associated Press)

PHOENIX, Aug. 1.—After a conference between a committee of representative tax payers from various parts of the state and Gov. Thomas E. Campbell ended today, without the Governor stating whether he would call a special session of the legislature because he did not have all the information he wanted, the committee took steps to secure part of the needed data for him.

The Governor told the committee, which was headed by J. R. Morton, of Phoenix, that he wanted to know the attitude of the members of the legislature and the heads of the departments of the state government on the proposed reduction before he called a special session of the legislature.

After leaving the Governor, the committee appointed a sub-committee consisting of Mr. Morton, W. G. McBride of Gila County, and George Cobb, of Cochise County, to secure information regarding the opinions of various members of the legislature.

The sub-committee sent the following telegram to all clerks of boards of supervisors of the various counties in the state: "Will you canvas senators and representatives of your county and wire me the number in each house who favor or oppose the special session to reduce as far as possible the state budget.

(Signed) J. R. MORTON."

The committee which consisted of thirty delegates from various parts of the state will meet again tomorrow afternoon by which time it is hoped that the information desired will be available.

Tombstone—Tombstone Co-operative mill to resume operations.

Phoenix—788 cars cantaloupes shipped out of valley to date.

MIDNIGHT FIRE DESTROYS YUMA LANDMARK

Burning of Ancient Frame Building Endangers Downtown District.

In one of the most spectacular fires in the history of the city, the Yuma Theater building, located on Main street near the corner of Third, was totally destroyed early Monday morning.

Auto filling stations on either side of the theater building escaped with slight damage though chances of gasoline explosions added much to the hazards of the volunter fire fighters.

John Johansen, proprietor of the Casino theater, was the owner of the burned building and its contents.

John Stofella, owner of the Willard Storage Battery Service station, had just completed the removal of his stock of fix-ures into a small building adjoining, which had been vacated but a few days ago by the Yuma Valley Cotton Co. This building with its contents was completely destroyed.

The Yuma Theatre building was a frame structure built many years ago as a skating rink. When skating became no longer fashionable or profitable the building was converted into a theatre and moving picture show house. In years since it has served alternately as a convention hall, a boxing pavilion, dance hall, exhibition place for county fairs, auditorium, rallying place for political campaigns and an occasional moving picture show. Its destruction means the loss of one more of Yuma's landmarks.

During months, while fitted for a picture show house, it was seldom used as such and the origin of Monday's fire is a mystery.

Persons passing by the place shortly after one o'clock, saw no signs of fire but about 1:30 Mike Ghiotto, night watchman employed by E. F. Benguinetti, saw the front of the building burst into flames.

While Mr. Ghiotto was legging it for the fire box at the corner of Main and Second street his ancient 45 was telling the world in true Western fashion that the world, or at least a portion of it was becoming scorched.

Volunteer fire fighters were instantly upon the scene but were unable to do more than confine the fire to the one building and the small structures immediately adjoining.

The iron roof of the theater building made it impossible for the fire fighters to get water upon the fire until the roof had fallen in.

A stiff breeze was blowing but fortunately from a favorable direction or the entire down town district would have been endangered. Nearby residences and business houses were carefully protected from falling sparks by volunteers.

The Main street service station adjoining the burning building on the south escaped with small damage.

Ben's Service Station upon the north was in the most danger. Several barrels of oil were hastily moved to a safer position.

Automobiles standing in the open and belonging to a used car sales firm were slightly damaged when sparks fell upon their tops.

A big touring car belonging to Norman Adair was a total loss. Mr. Adair had stripped his car to enter it in an automobile race July 9 and a few days ago had placed it at the Ben Francis Service station for the purpose of having the body put back on it. Sparks falling upon the top set a blaze going.

The theatre building with its contents was valued at about $12,000. Mr. Johansen said yesterday that he carried but $2,000 insurance.

John Stofella's loss was fully covered by insurance to the amount of $4,500.

It is understood that Mr. Adair carried no fire insurance upon his car.

Mr. Stofella's policy was written by the Yuma Investment company with the Continental Insurance Company.

Mr. Johansen's insurance was carried by the Niagra-Detroit Underwriters, represented in Yuma by A. H. McClure.

A happy feature of the fire is the fact that half the kids in Yuma now have roller skates. Most of them show signs of having recently been in a fire but the boys do not seem to mind. The ruins were not cool before some enterprising youngsters, recalling the days when his older sisters and brothers spent many an hour in the one time skating rink, was prospecting in the debris for skates. The object of his search soon became known to the other young onlookers and there was a sudden scramble for the "buried treasure." It is understood that quite a number of skates, hold overs from the days gone by, were stored in a small room in the building.

DETECTIVE HELD FOR MURDER SID HATFIELD

(By Associated Press)

WELCH, W. Va., Aug. 1.—Sid Hatfield's career as one of the most picturesque characters in the history of West Virginia ended today upon the court house steps in this little village and it remains for a coroner's jury to pass upon the question of who shall be held upon a charge of firing the shot that ended Hatfield's life.

C. E. Lively, a private detective, is being held awaiting an investigation.

Hatfield, former chief of police of Mattewan, was the central figure in a trial early this year of more than a score of men held in connection with the killing about 14 months ago of a private detective in the Mingo coal field strike.

With a party of his friends he was seen today to start towards the court house, where he was to face trial upon another shooting charge.

Lively, with a group of companions, was lounging about the entrance.

No words of greeting are known to have been exchanged between the two groups but the principal actors were seen to suddenly assume a threatening attitude. Loud talk followed and then came the sudden flash of revolver shots.

No one could or would say who had been the first to commence firing but Hatfield fell dead while Ed Chambers, one of his party, was seriously wounded.

HAYDEN BILL PASSES HOUSE

Senate Concurring Extension Will Be Given Assessment Workers.

The Morning Sun is in receipt of a telegram from Congressman Carl Hayden, which will be of interest to those holding mineral claims, and who have not done the assessment work this year. Telegram follows:

Washington, Aug. 1, 1921.

Morning Sun,
Yuma, Ariz.

The House has just passed my bill changing time for doing assessment work on mining claims, from calendar to fiscal year period. Time for doing Nineteen Twenty-one assessment work is extended to twelve o'clock noon, July first, Nineteen Twenty-two, and annually, thereafter, assessment work must be done by noon on July first, instead of midnight, December Thirty-first period. Indications are that bill will pass the Senate at early date.

CARL HAYDEN.

PROTEST RAISE IN VALUATION OF FARM LANDS

Committee Goes to Phoenix to Appear Before Board of Equalization.

A committee of prominent citizens and taxpayers of Yuma county and valley will leave at 1:40 o'clock on Wednesday morning for Phoenix where they will appear before the State Tax Commission to make protest and to submit proof why the assessed valuation of Yuma valley irrigated lands should not be increased.

This committee is composed of the following individuals. Representing the county: A. B. Ming, county assessor, Bert Vaudry, John Doan and A. J. Eddy, representing the Water Users Association, William Weisner, president of the association, and George Bridge of Somerton. Representing the Yuma Chamber of Commerce, J. H. Westover, president of the chamber.

Yuma valley irrigated lands have been assessed at $168.00 per acre by county assessor A. B. Ming, and this assessment was allowed to stand by the Yuma County Board of Supervisors acting as a board of equalization. It is now proposed by the State Tax Commission which has the final say in such matters, that the assessment made by Assessor Ming be raised to $148.00 per acre or to the same figure as the assessed valuation of last year.

There is no question that land in the valley has decreased in value very greatly during the past year. The land owners are really not able to carry the burden of increased taxation and it will be simple justice for the State Tax Commission to permit the assessment to stand as made.

The delegation going to Phoenix will leave on the train going east at 1:40 Wednesday morning. They will arrive at Phoenix at nine o'clock and have their hearing in the morning. Returning they will leave Phoenix at 6:20 o'clock and arrive at Yuma at 1:20 Thursday morning.

It is expected that this committee will make a strong presentation of the case for the land owners and it is hoped and expected that they will secure the relief asked for at the hands of the State Tax Commission.

COUNTY ATTORNEY MOVES AGAINST APARTMENT HOUSE

H. H. Baker as county attorney, late yesterday afternoon, filed in the superior court a complaint declaring the Wilson Apartment House at the foot of Second on Gila Street, a nuisance and asked that a temporary injunction be issued against the house and that it be made to close its doors. Mr. Baker asks that the house be closed for a year, that the furniture, equipment and musical instruments, which are in the house be confiscated and sold by the state and that the parties responsible be forced to pay the sum of three hundred dollars and the same be attached as a lien upon the house.

Secret Pass—Wilhelm mines and other properties to be thoroughly developed.

Fort Grant—Rains relieve water shortage at state industrial school.

AMERICAN RELIEF FOR FAMINE STRICKEN RUSSIA

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—Preparation for the relief of the starving children of Russia condition upon the release of American prisoners held by Soviet Russia were ordered begun today by Secretary Hoover, as chairman of the American Relief Commission, upon receipt of a telegram from Maxim Gorky at Petrograd, giving Russia's unconditional agreement to the demands made by the United States.

Commissioners appointed by Mr. Hoover will proceed at once to Riga to confer with the soviet authorities as to the details of the distribution of food.

They will be instructed, however, to not enter into the conference until all American prisoners held by the Russian government have been delivered out of Russia.

NO AIRCRAFT FOR FOREST PROTECTION

Reduction in Army Strength Makes Military Use Imperative.

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—Use of army airplanes for fire protection in western forest reserves will be discontinued after this summer because of the large reduction now being made in army expenditures was the statement made today by Secretary Weeks in reply to appeal for aid in patrolling forest reserves near Prescott, Arizona.

According to Secretary Weeks, the big reductions made in the regular army will make it necessary to use all aviators and airplanes for only the most necessary military needs.

NEW SUMMER RESORT OPENS NEAR YUMA

Saturday, was either a hoodoo day for Yuma motorist going to the coast, or a new summer resort has been established at the first well out of Yuma on the sand hill road, for over Sunday three auto loads of Yuma people spent the day in the cooling (?) shade of the well.

Dr. B. F. Cosper, who left here some time Saturday night probably hung up the longest record for the trip from Yuma to Holtville. Although he left Saturday night, it was Monday morning before he pulled into Holtville. A frozen valve on the plank road between Yuma and the first well proved to be the trouble. Dr. Cosper went on into Holtville to get a truck to pull him into the valley. With a truck he started back Sunday, but the truck got stuck and had to return to Holtville. A passing motorist hooked on to Dr. Cosper's car, started the engine and the car went on into the Imperial valley on its own motor power.

Of the party of Yuma people in three cars who left here Saturday afternoon for the coast, one car got through without mishap. That was the Ford driven by A. F. Rademaker.

O. O. Daniel, while traveling on the plank road a short distance this side of the First well, broke an axle. The part had to be sent for at Holtville, before the car could proceed further. Paul Moretti froze a bearing and he joined the happy party around the first well and spent a more or less delightful week end.

FLOOD SUFFERERS MAY GET RELIEF

Water Users' Committee Meets With Representatives of Supervisors.

At the meeting of the Yuma County Water Users Association Monday in regular session, it was decided to have the damage done to the 2,000 acres of land between Somerton and Gadsden appraised and certified to the board. A committee was appointed by the board of governors of the Water Users Association to act in conjunction with a committee appointed by the board of supervisors and a committee selected by the land owners whose land was flooded.

Those who will act for the Water Users Association are: President William Weisner, F. S. Creswell and Alfred Johnson. The committee appointed by the board of supervisors consists of Allen B. Ming, county assessor, William Kryger and Frank Vierra. The land owners have not yet announced their selection. The appraisment will probably be made this coming week. These appraisers will not only appraise the damage done but will recommend to the board of governors of the Water Users Association what action should be taken in the matter of taking care of the damage done.

The Water Users Association will not be bound by the appraisement or the recommendations of the committees making appraisement, but will propably agree to pay some damage, particularly to those land owners upon whose land the water was backed upon by the construction of temporary dikes.

In the matter of paying labor for work done during the flood all bills presented were accepted and will be paid except to landowners and their sons residing in the valley. It was the view of the governors that land owners and their immediate families in the valley owed it to themselves and their neighbors to contribute their labor and time to general good of the community in protecting the valley from inundation.

SPOT COTTON

(By Associated Press)

NEW YORK, Aug. 1.—Spot cotton steady at 12.90.

THE WEATHER

PHOENIX, Aug. 1.—Generally fair, Tuesday and Wednesday with no decided change in temperature.

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