

# GRAND JURY CONDEMNS SPRINGFIELD POLICE

## Riot Investigation Results in 117 Indictments.

### FOUR POLICEMEN INDICTED

#### Officers Called Cowards and Charged With Assisting Mob They Were Ordered to Disperse.

Springfield, Ill.—The special grand jury called to probe the recent race riot was adjourned after returning 117 indictments. Among those returned were indictments against four Springfield policemen, Oscar Dahlkamp, Joseph Fernandez, George H. Ohlman and George W. Dawson. They are indicted for alleged failure to suppress the riot when detailed for that duty. The report says, in part:

"We condemn in unmeasured terms the cowardly contemptuous action of those members of the police force who, having taken the oath of office, failed to do their duty; men who were paid from money obtained from the pockets of the people of this city to protect life and property; men who were ordered by the heads of departments of the police to go out and disperse the mob, who not only failed to use a club, handle a pistol or raise a voice against the mob on the side of law and order, but are shown to have assisted in doing the work that has brought destruction to thousands of dollars worth of property and the blush of shame to every law-abiding citizen of this city; men who had they acted promptly, could have driven back to the obscurity from whence it came, the mob that for a time assumed to hold Springfield in its bloody grasp.

"We recommend that the civil service commission of the city of Springfield, without fear of favor and while evidence can easily be obtained, determine by fair trial, who failed to prove himself a worthy member of the force and deal with him accordingly."

The grand jury has been in active session 14 days, during which time hundreds of witnesses have been examined. The Raymer, "Slim" Humphrey and Mrs. Kate Howard were indicted for murder in connection with the lynching. Mrs. Howard, when indicted for the murder of Burton, committed suicide.

### RAILROAD PROSPECTS

#### Car Shortage Predicted Soon as Crops Are to Be Harvested.

Washington.—No freight car shortage this fall, but one as soon as business revives, is the view of Interstate Commerce Commissioner Charles A. Prouty, and "A freight car shortage by October that will equal that of two years ago" is the contention of Secretary and Traffic Manager U. S. Pawkett of the Fort Worth, Texas, Freight Bureau. These expressions were made at the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Traffic Manager Pawkett declared in an interview that the freight shortage is beginning to be manifested in the handling of grain, "even though the grain movement is retarded on account of adverse market conditions."

Texas has the greatest cotton and corn crops in its history, and the other crops are large. In the movement of these great crops in the Southwest and the movement of general merchandise in connection therewith, the Southwestern lines are facing a tonnage greater than at any other time in history.

### More Immigrants Than Emigrants.

Washington.—That there was a net increase of 200,000 in the population of the country as a result of immigration during the last fiscal year, is shown by the reports of the department of commerce and labor. During the fiscal year the total immigration was 924,000, while the outward movement, the alien emigration was 715,000.

### RIFLED PIPE LINE READY

#### Water Following Grooves Will Prevent Heating in Oil.

San Francisco.—The new rifled pipe line for the conveyance of crude oil from Bakersfield wells to Port Casta on San Francisco Bay, 282 miles, is ready to deliver its first flow. The line is the property of the Associated Pipe Line Company and parallels the line of the Standard Oil Company. It has a capacity of from 17,000 to 20,000 barrels every 24 hours, and was constructed at a cost of \$4,000,000.

Pumping stations are located every 20 miles, where the mixture of nine parts of oil to one part of water is pushed along, the water following the riflings of the pipe and forming a water-bearing for the oil, which could not be otherwise handled without being heated.

### Gold Mine in Ireland.

Dublin.—It is reported that an American mining company has leased the Innishowen peninsula in Donegal, where a prospector found rich streaks of gold and copper-bearing ore. The prospect is on Lord Shaftesbury's estate, where water and fuel are abundant.

### Harriman People Close Big Deal.

Johnstown, Pa.—The Harriman interests closed a contract with the Cambria Steel Company for 500 steel girders cars. Details of the transaction could not be obtained. It is known the order has been placed and that delivery will begin at an early date.

Chester Jordan, a Boston actor, beheaded his wife and, packing her body in a trunk, was about to leave the city with it when his crime was discovered and he confessed.

### VERMONT ELECTION

#### Republicans Retain Control of State Offices.

White River Junction, Vt.—The Republicans retained complete control of both executive and legislative branches of the government of Vermont in the state election, the voters endorsing the party ticket for state officers headed by George H. Prouty of Newport, electing to congress from the First district David J. Foster of Burlington for another term, and from the Second district Frank Plumley of Northfield for the first time, and choosing a majority of the state legislature which will select a successor to the late Senator Redfield Proctor.

The state ticket elected was as follows: Governor—George H. Prouty of Newport. Lieutenant Governor—John A. Mead of Rutland. Secretary of State—Guy W. Bailey of Essex. Treasurer—Edward H. Davitt of Montpelier. Auditor—Horace F. Graham of Craftsbury. Attorney General—John H. Sargent of Ludlow.

Complete returns from yesterday's State election in Vermont on the vote for governor, received show the following result: George H. Prouty, Republican, 45,231; James E. Burke, Democrat, 15,963; Quincy S. Backus, Independent League, 1,252; Eugene M. Campbell, Prohibition, 826; J. H. Dunbar, Socialist, 479.

The total vote of all parties was 66,747, and Prouty's plurality over Burke was 29,376.

### ANOTHER AERONAUT KILLED

#### Balloon Caught Fire When at Height of Five Hundred Feet.

Waterville, Me.—In full view of 25,000 horrified spectators, assembled on the Central Maine fair grounds here, Charles Oliver Jones, the well-known aeronaut of Hammondspoint, N. Y., fell 500 feet to his death.

When the aeronaut reached a height of more than 500 feet the spectators were amazed to see small tongues of flame issuing from under the gas bag in front of the motor. Several minutes elapsed apparently before Jones noticed the flames. Then he grasped the rip cord and by letting out gas endeavored to reach the earth. The machine had descended but a short distance when a sudden burst of flame enveloped the gas bag, the framework breaking loose. Jones fell with the framework of his motor and when the spectators reached him he was lying under it. The gas bag was completely destroyed. Jones has no chance to survive.

### BIG OIL FIRE SUBDUED

#### Estimated That 3,000,000 Barrels, Valued at \$3,000,000, Were Burned.

City of Mexico.—Word has reached the firm of S. Pearson & Sons that the great oil well fire which has raged at Las Bocas for two months has been extinguished.

Six giant centrifugal pumps poured gravel and mud into the mouth of the burning well for 10 days, and this coupled with the persistent dynamite blasting, smothered the flames.

The oil has again worked its way to the surface and the well is flowing at the rate of 2,000 barrels a day. The oil is being banked in great reservoirs. It is estimated that 3,000,000 barrels of oil, valued at \$3,000,000 were burned.

### PART MAN, PART DOG

#### Insert Vertebra of Animal in Man in Attempt to Save Life.

Oil City, Pa.—If Harry Bemus of Warren, leaves the hospital alive and the doctors say he will, he will be part dog. Bemus fell from a trestle at Riverside Junction and broke his neck.

It was necessary to remove a vertebra from the spinal column and in its place was inserted one from the neck of a dog. The surgeons expect the patient soon will be ready to leave the hospital.

### Russell Sags Held Worthless Bonds.

New York.—Russell Sage sometimes made mistakes, financially. Schedules filed by his executors show that \$1,071,000 of the Sage fortune is not worth one cent. The million is represented by stocks and bonds whose only value is the one assessed by the paper picker. Part of the bonds are those issued by the carpet baggers in Southern States just after the Civil War, and afterwards repudiated by the state governments. There are also some shares in the failed Tradesman's bank and New York Wool Company, and other shipwrecked enterprises.

### Four Million Dollars to Charity.

Oswego, N. Y.—More than \$4,000,000 is left to charitable institutions, the Metropolitan Museum of Art and Yale University by the will of bachelor Frederick Cooper Hewitt, who died here lately. To relatives and friends less than \$500,000 is left.

### Leeds Left \$30,000,000.

New York.—The will of William B. Leeds, who died in Paris last spring, disposes of property valued at more than \$30,000,000.

### Believe Vessel Is Lost.

Philadelphia.—The bark Auburndale, which sailed from Turks Island five weeks ago for this port, is missing, and it is feared the vessel went down off Cape Hatteras during the West Indian hurricane which swept the coast last month.

### Will Resume Full Time.

Sedalia, Mo.—Six hundred employes of the Missouri Pacific shops, who have been working on part time since the beginning of the financial stringency have resumed on full time.

# OLD SOLDIERS MARCH UNDER FAIR SKIES

## Taft and Foraker Bury Hatchet on Reviewing Stand.

### WEATHER FAVORED MARCHERS

#### Majority of Veterans Wore Badges of Ohio and Michigan—Only One Slight Accident.

Toledo, O.—The G. A. R. parade was remarkable for the absence of accidents and cases of exhaustion and for the good order which prevailed, not only among the dense crowds along the line of march but throughout the city.

Aside from the veteran who was slightly bruised by being hit by an ambulance, there were no accidents, and not more than a dozen visited the hospital as the result of fatigue. All were able to leave after resting.

Estimates of the number of veterans in line varied from 8,000 to three times that number, but it is doubtful if there were more than 12,000. The various posts marched with half a block between them and the departments were even further apart. Each row of a good ten feet separating each row of marchers, and it was this liberality of space which made it require four hours to pass the reviewing stand. Fully half the veterans wore badges of either Michigan or Ohio.

Some veterans, wise in experience of parades, carried campstools over their arms, and whenever there was a halt they promptly sat down to the envy of their comrades.

For an hour or more the grand parade of the Grand Army of the Republic served merely as the background for as dramatic an incident as has ever unfolded a political campaign in some years—namely, the public meeting of William H. Taft and his erstwhile rival, Senator Joseph Benson Foraker.

The Republican leader and his former antagonist, met in the official reviewing stand, shook hands, smiled and exchanged greetings.

### VIEWED HISTORIC SPOT

#### Monument at Fort Meigs Dedicated. Ex-Prisoners of War Elect Officers.

Toledo, O.—A civic parade, preliminary to the greatest parade of veterans and the dedication of the Fort Meigs monument at Perry'sburg, 12 miles from Toledo, divided interest Tuesday in the encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Forty thousand journeyed by trolley and boat to the historic spot where General William Henry Harrison in 1812 checked the ambitions of the British General Proctor. Many speeches were made, chief among them being the utterances of Senator J. B. Foraker, Governor Harris, General Bennett H. Young, who represented Governor Wilson of Kentucky, and Lieutenant Governor Murphy of Pennsylvania.

The National Association of Ex-Prisoners of War held their annual meeting and elected the following officers: National Commander, General Harry White of Pennsylvania; Senior Vice Commander, J. F. Hollinger of Toledo; Junior Vice Commander, L. D. Dobbs of Kansas; Chaplain, Rev. J. M. Ferguson of Keokuk, Iowa; Adjutant General and Quartermaster General, J. D. Walker of Pittsburg, Pa.

### Cabinet Members to Take Stump.

Washington.—Both Secretary Straus of commerce and labor and Secretary of Agriculture Wilson will participate in the political campaign. Secretary Straus said he would make two or three speeches in his own state of New York. Secretary Wilson will make several speeches principally in his state, Iowa.

### Five Hundred Slain in Battle.

Tangier.—A wireless dispatch received here from Mogador announces the assassination of Kaid Anfoos, a Moroccan from Morocco City reported that Mtougui, on August 6 defeated the force under Glaoui, a lieutenant of Mulai Hafid, near the city. There was a desperate battle in which the followers of Mulai Hafid had 500 men killed. Glaoui himself was wounded and he had three horses shot under him. Native reports say that the butchery was terrible. Mulai Hafid is urgently demanding reinforcements.

### Powder Trust Hearing Set.

Wilmington, Del.—Upon the application of counsel for the government against the suits brought against various anti-trust laws, United States Commissioner W. G. Mahaffy fixed September 22 as the time for beginning the taking of testimony.

The H. K. Porter locomotive works of Pittsburg has been awarded a contract to furnish 10 locomotives to be used by the isthmian canal commission. The engines will cost about \$60,000.

### Two Veteran Bodies Amalgamate.

Boston.—At the annual encampment of the United Spanish War Veterans it was unanimously voted to amalgamate the Veteran Army of the Philippines, with a membership of 1,100, with the United Spanish War Veterans.

### Senator Newlands Renominated.

Tonopah, Nev.—The Nevada Democratic state convention re-nominated Francis C. Newlands for United States Senator and George A. Bartlett for congressman from this State.

### EMPEROR WILLIAM FOR PEACE

#### German Ruler Says Peace is Assured and Guaranteed on Land and Sea.

Strassburg.—At a banquet here, Emperor William, in proposing a toast, said:

"I rejoice to be able to express to you my deepest conviction that the peace of Europe is not in danger. It rests upon too solid foundations easily to be upset by incitements and calumnies provoked by envious and ill-disposed individuals.

"Firm security exists, in the first place, in the consciences of the princes and statesmen of Europe, who know and feel that they are responsible to God for the lives and property of the peoples entrusted to their leadership. On the other hand, it is the will and desire of the people themselves to make themselves useful by tranquilly pursuing the development of the magnificent achievements of a progressive civilization and to measure their strength in peaceful rivalry.

"Finally, peace also is assured and guaranteed by our power on land and sea, by the German people in arms. Proud of the manly discipline and the love of honor of her armed forces, Germany is determined to keep them on their high level, with due menace to others, and to develop them as her own interests demand, favoring none and injuring none."

### EVACUATE CUBA IN SPRING

#### U. S. Soldiers May Leave Island to People in February.

Washington.—Provisional Governor Magoon of Cuba, who has been in this country for ten days, conferring with the president and officials of the war department, expects to be in Havana next Saturday.

Arrangements tentatively have been made for the evacuation by the American forces early next spring, perhaps as early as February. It is likely at this time that the evacuation will be complete.

### TOURISTS ARE MISSING

#### Avalanches Wipe Out Several Villages in Switzerland.

Geneva, Switzerland.—Heavy loss of life and the destruction of several villages are reported from the Swiss Tyrol region, where an unprecedented thaw has caused terrific avalanches and floods.

Between 30 and 40 persons are known to have been killed and a number of parties that were climbing the Alps are missing. One party of eight English tourists has not been heard from.

### Japs Leaving Brazil.

Rio Janeiro.—The Japanese immigrants who were sent to the State of Sao Paulo by the Imperial Emigration Company of Tokio, are leaving that section in large numbers. They have been at work on the coffee plantations, but were apparently not satisfied with the employment. Many of them have arrived at Rio Janeiro for the purpose of securing employment as domestic servants or similar occupations.

### Bryan's Son to Wed Wisconsin Girl.

Milwaukee, Wis.—The marriage engagement of Miss Helen Berger, daughter of Alex Berger, a prominent miller and board of trade man of this city, and William Jennings Bryan, Jr., son of the Democratic presidential candidate, was admitted by Mr. Berger. Miss Berger and her mother are at present visiting friends in Lincoln, Neb. The wedding may not take place for about a year.

### Sues Governor for \$17,600,000.

Dawson, Yukon.—The largest lawsuit ever filed in Yukon was begun here when A. D. Curtis, manager of the Bonanza Creek Mining Company, asked the Governor of Canada for \$17,600,000 for having cancelled the concession which had been granted to Matson & Doyle and which passed to their hands.

### Knocks Out Separate Schools.

Guthrie, Okla.—Judge A. H. Huston in the district court here declared unconstitutional the Oklahoma separate law creating separate school boards and separate schools for negroes in the state.

### Panama Canal Work.

Washington.—Colonel George W. Goethals, chairman of the Panama canal commission, reports that the total excavation for August was 3,252,596 cubic yards, place measurement, against 3,168,840 cubic yards in previous months and 1,288,692 cubic yards, in August, last year, or an increase of 1,963,814 cubic yards over the corresponding month in 1907.

### Barely Escape Whirlpool.

Niagara Falls, N. Y.—Fearing a storm on Lake Ontario the crew on the board the racing balloon Ville de Dieppe from Columbus, O., tried to descend at Niagara Falls. The rip cord failed to work properly, resulting in a poor landing. The three men in the basket got a bad shaking up and narrowly escaped death in the whirlpool rapids.

### Payne Renominated.

Auburn, N. Y.—Representative Seno E. Payne of Auburn, chairman of the ways and means committee of the house, was unanimously renominated to the Sixty-first Congress by the Thirty-first congressional district.

### Confederate General Dead.

Biloxi, Miss.—General Alexander P. Stewart, one of the last two surviving lieutenant generals of the Confederate army, died at his home here Sunday. Although in his 87th year, General Stewart's death came as a shock to his relatives and friends.

The Schuyler Free Lance, the most influential Populist newspaper in Nebraska, bolted Bryan and went over to Taft, at the same time advising all Populists to ignore Watson and vote for Taft.

# MANY LIVES LOST BY DROWNING

## Seven Go Down in Penobscot Bay —Gale Sweeps English Channel

### WITNESSES TO CATASTROPHE

#### Victims Had Planned to Take Last Outing Before Returning to Their Homes.

Deer Isle, Me.—Seven summer visitors out of a party of 10 were drowned by the capsizing of a 35-foot sloop in Penobscot bay, off this island, Saturday afternoon. The drowned: Miss Alice Torro, Washington, D. C.; Miss Eleanor Torro, Washington, D. C.; Miss Kelllogg, Baltimore, Md.; Little Kelllogg, Baltimore, Md.; Mrs. Lucy S. Crawley, Philadelphia; Miss Elizabeth G. Evans, of Mount Holyoke college, Mass.; Jason C. Hutchins, of Bangor, Me.

With Captain Samuel Haskell, the party of light-hearted summer people started out for a sail in Penobscot bay. It was drawing near the close of the vacation season for most of them, and they had planned this as their last outing together.

London.—A strong gale swept the English Channel for 24 hours. An enormous number of vessels have been driven ashore, obliged to seek shelter. Many cutting rescues are reported, but fortunately there has been no great loss of life, except in the case of the British bark Amazon, the crew of which had a terrible experience.

The Amazon went ashore on Margam Sands and the people on the land could plainly see the men clinging to the rigging or lashed to the bulwarks, but were helpless to save them, one of the masts carrying one of the men down.

Two of the crew, which numbered 23, were rescued by life lines and six others were washed ashore alive. The captain of the Amazon was killed in his cabin by a falling mast.

After strenuous and protracted efforts, upward of 200 panic-stricken and desperate passengers were rescued from the disabled excursion steamer Queen during a severe storm off Selsey. The storm caught the Queen before she could make her port, and for a time it appeared as though she must go to the bottom with all on board, but lifeboats sent out from Selsey succeeded in saving all but four of the passengers, who were drowned in trying to board them.

### MELBOURNE'S BIGGEST DAY

#### City a Spectacle of Magnificence in Honor of American Fleet.

Melbourne.—The streets of Melbourne were filled with surging, good-humored crowds numbering hundreds of thousands on the night of August 31, all out to do honor to the members of the visiting American battleship fleet. The crush in principal thoroughfares was so great that many women fainted and several persons were injured. The entire day was set apart to jollification.

The federal government tendered a banquet to the admirals and senior officers of the visiting warships at the Parliament House, at which Lord Northcote, Governor General of the Commonwealth, and Prime Minister Deakin made brilliant speeches. The city is a spectacle of magnificence.

### LAUNCH TELLS OF TRAGEDY

#### Boy and Girl, Who Were in Submerged Boat, Missing.

Atlantic City.—The finding of a half-submerged launch in Great Egg Harbor bay is accepted as evidence of a double drowning, in which Charles Bateman, 22 years of age, and Miss Kate Beam, 20, of South Atlantic City, are supposed to have been the victims.

The young couple went out on the bay together on Friday night, August 28, and nothing has since been heard of them.

### 18,000 POOR DEFRAUDED

#### Strong Charges Brought Against Two Financiers in London.

London.—Harry Benson, alias Bero and George Petty, directors of the International Securities Corporation, Limited, and Faltham's Bank, which were recently placed in the hands of a receiver, were arrested charged with attempting to obtain money on fraudulent pretense.

The prosecuting attorney said 18,000 poor people had been defrauded by the International Securities Corporation and over 500 others by the bank. Benson, the police, say, was convicted some years ago in America.

### Wu May Be Re-Called.

Peking, China.—The Chinese government is considering the recall of Wu Ting-fang, the Chinese minister at Washington, on account of recent disclosures on his part which are believed here to have been indiscreet. The government for some months past has been embarrassed by Mr. Wu's platform and other utterances and by his attitude as a public character in America.

### RUN DOWN BY STEAMER

#### Woman and Two Children in a Row- boat Drown in Lake.

Chicago.—Mrs. Emil Anderson and her two small children, residents of Deerfield, were drowned in Delavan Lake, Wis.

The woman and her children were with three friends in a rowboat, which was struck by a steamer. All were hurled into the water. Three were saved, but the Andersons were drowned.

### BALLOONISTS IN TROUBLE

#### SIGNAL PASSING STEAMER

#### Cold Air Over Lake Erie Caused Gas to Condense and Balloon Sank Toward Water.

Buffalo.—The balloon Queen Louise, which started with two other balloons from Columbus, O., Saturday afternoon, with Lieutenant P. J. Bennett of the British army balloon corps as pilot, and accompanied by Tom L. Sample, was picked up in Lake Erie Sunday afternoon off Pigeon island. Owing to a defective valve the pilot was unable to keep the balloon aloft.

After throwing out all of their ballast they sighted the steamer Mohegan, and signaling they were in danger, the captain of the ship commanded them for nearly 10 miles, when seeing that it was impossible to keep the balloon in the air any longer, they cut the gas bag. The two aeronauts were taken aboard the Mohegan and brought to this port.

Lieutenant Bennett said that all well until they struck the lake. "About 2 a. m. Sunday, we were over Lake Erie and not more than 200 feet above the surface. Our gas had become chilled, but we managed to keep aloft. When the sun began to rise it expanded our gas and caused us to ascend. We got up to an altitude, so far as I could estimate, of about 20,000 feet. We laid down in the basket and fell asleep.

"I awoke feeling a rush of cold air over me. The air had again condensed the gas and the balloon was dropping. When we reached warmer air currents the balloon balanced again and we sighted the steamer Mohegan."

Piqua, O.—The Chicago, the biggest balloon to leave Columbus in the aero race, came down three and one-half miles northeast of Fletcher at 10:15 Monday morning. Counter currents of air kept the balloon fluctuating back and forth until the gas supply was exhausted. The balloon landed about 64 miles from Columbus. The drop of 4,000 feet was made in less than a minute.

### HEROIC WOMAN PERISHES

#### Telephone Operator Sticks Too Long at Task of Warning Others.

Trinidad, Col.—Direct communication by wire with Folson, N. M., which was devastated and isolated by the flood in Cimarron creek Tuesday night, was established and it was learned that the stories in circulation to the effect that scores of persons are missing are unfounded. Sunday afternoon 13 bodies had been recovered and only five persons were then missing. Some of the bodies recovered were horribly mutilated and unrecognizable.

At the height of the flood the water was 13 feet deep and a mile wide in the canon where the town is located. The force of the water twisted railroad rails like wire.

To Mrs. S. J. Rooke, a telephone operator, who lost her life in the flood, many residents owe their escape.

In face of certain death she stayed in a doomed building sending alarms to every resident who had a telephone. Her own escape was cut off by the water.

### BANK CASHIER ARRESTED

#### Charged With Embezzlement of \$18,000 More Than a Year Ago.

Lexington, Ky.—J. W. Rice was arrested upon his arrival from New York by local detectives, charged with the embezzlement of \$18,000 from the bank at Morehead, Ky., about a year ago.

Mr. Rice came here from New York so as to be with his wife, who is to undergo what is said to be a serious operation. He was arrested immediately upon his arrival.

Rice, at the time the deficit was discovered, was cashier of the bank, and upon the discovery that he was short in his accounts he fled to Cuba and later went to Porto Rico, and then to New York. He was taken to Morehead by Sheriff Allen of Rowan county, where his examining trial will be held.

### CURRENT NEWS EVENTS.

Mrs. Burch makes the present average condition of cotton 79.5 against 84.2 last month and 73.5 last year.

New York brokers report an increase in commission house business, mostly on the buying side in Harriman stocks.

Mrs. W. S. G. Williams, who was with Charles B. Roberts, Jr., on the boardwalk at Atlantic City when he was shot declared that the assailant was a "straight hold-up" man.

News comes through the columns of the Hongkong Telegraph that a Chinese leper settlement is about to be established near Canton by Rev. Fr. Conrady, who was with Father Damien during the last seven years of his life in Molokai.

The Atchison crop report estimates the Kansas wheat crop at 72,000,000 bushels from 5,900,000 acres, and the Oklahoma crop at 17,000,000 bushels. The Kansas corn crop is estimated at 175,000,000 bushels or 20,000,000 greater than last year. The Oklahoma cotton crop is estimated at 1,000,000 bales, and Texas 4,000,000 bales.

### Strike Is Called Off.

Birmingham, Ala.—An official order calling off the strike of coal miners in the Birmingham district was issued to all the camps in this section. It was signed by President Lewis, Vice President White and Secretary-Treasurer Ryan of the United Mine Workers of America.

Washington.—President Roosevelt has approved plans of the proposed new battleship Florida and Utah, authorized at the last session of congress.