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## LOCAL PREACHERS DENOUNCE CREED OF PASTOR RUSSELL

HATTIESBURG MINISTERS ALSO ATTACK PERSONAL LIFE OF NEW LEADER.

## HIS INFLUENCE COMPARED WITH THAT OF INGERSOLL

The Rev. Dr. Christian Cites Instances Where Court Records Show He Has Been Guilty of Adultery—Other Pastors Attack Him.

From the pulpits of several of the most prominent churches of Hattiesburg yesterday Russellism was denounced as an organized attack on the Christian religion parading under the form of religious teaching. The mention was made from the pulpits as the result of an agreement last week among the pastors in their association meeting. It was provoked by the opening here of a series of moving pictures and illustrated lectures under the auspices of the International Bible Students Association of which Pastor Russell is the head. The pictures are called "Creation" and are scheduled to run for several weeks.

An estimate of area planted to cotton this year will be issued July 1 by the Department of Agriculture.

Rev. E. D. Solomon, pastor of the Main Street Baptist church yesterday made the comparison between Ingersoll and Pastor Russell. "Ingersoll," he said, "was a wolf; Pastor Russell is a wolf also but he is in sheep's garb. While claiming to be a teacher he is really making an insidious attack on the Christian religion. He is wrong on the fundamentals. He denies the divinity of Christ, and his own life, the courts have said, is impure."

He says he thinks the people should know what is back of the movement before they go to see the pictures.

The Rev. John T. Christian, pastor of the First Baptist church said in regard to Russellism:

"I do not often go out of my way to speak of others of their work, in my pulpit. However, I feel constrained to say at this time a few words."

**Infidelity Always Exists.**  
Organized infidelity, in some form, has always existed among the American people. At the very beginning of our country French infidelity prevailed in this land. Almost every public man was either an avowed infidel or was skeptical. The great revival of the year 1800 almost swept every vestige of infidelity from the land.

"Some twenty-five years ago Robert Ingersoll was a powerful infidel lecturer. He was eloquent, specious and had the organized forces of evil behind him. At length he died and his death was so horrible that no one has attempted to take his place."

"Since then the infidels have joined the church. The higher criticism and the lower criticism and the balance of all goes under the garb of religion. Just at this time the prevailing form of this kind of thing is Russellism. It denies the foundations of evangelical religion and of the evangelical faith. Its evident purpose is to undermine and attack the Christian religion."

They have representatives here in the city at this time running a picture show in the interest of that cult in the Auditorium. I would not be disposed to say much about this only it attacks the Christian religion at a place where our civilization is particularly sensitive, in our homes.

**Court Records Against Him.**

The court records of his own city are against him. His wife obtained a divorce from him on the ground of adultery, and there are most serious charges preferred against his moral character. All of this and much more was charged by the Brooklyn Eagle, and when that paper was sued by Mr. Russell for slander the courts sustained the newspaper.

"I know nothing of the people who are running this show. I say this much today only for the purpose of informing the people of this congregation of the nature of the show at the Auditorium and if people go there they may know the nature of the thing they are patronizing. Beyond this at this time I have nothing to say."

**Stay Away, Rev. Crisler's Advice.**  
The Rev. C. W. Crisler, pastor of the

## Mississippi Cotton Crop Best in Years

ESTIMATE FOR MAY 25 SHOWS CONDITION OF GROWING STAPLE IN THIS STATE IS 87 PER CENT OF NORMAL—CONDITION OF COUNTRY GENERALLY IS 74 PER CENT, AS AGAINST 79.1 PER CENT AT THIS TIME LAST YEAR—DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE WILL IS—SUE FIVE MORE REPORTS.

(By Associated Press.)

New Orleans, June 1.—Immediately after the cotton report was received from the United States Department of Agriculture's crop reporting bureau today, July cotton advanced to 13.80 cents and October cotton to 13 cents. New high levels for this season were established.

Washington, June 1.—The newly planted cotton crop of the United States showed a condition on May 25 of 74.3 per cent of a normal, the United States Department of Agriculture's crop reporting board announced at noon today in its first condition report of the season which always is awaited with great interest by cotton growers, textile manufacturers and cotton dealers. This condition, compiled from the reports of the correspondents and agents of the department's bureau of statistics, compares with a condition of 79.1 per cent on May 25 last year, 78.9 per cent on the corresponding date in 1912, 87.8 per cent in 1911, and 80.4 per cent the average condition for the past ten years on May 25.

The report for Mississippi shows that the crop in this state is 87 per cent of normal, and this is by far the best showing in many years. It is even better than the 1911 crop, which was the last good cotton crop Mississippi has had. The percent that year was 86. The average for Mississippi for the last ten years on May 25 has been 79 per cent, so that this year's crop is eight per cent better than that of the last ten years' average.

Secretary Garrison today took occasion to call attention to the remarkable sanitary condition that prevails among the American troops in Mexico.

"The United States army has completed one month's occupancy in Vera Cruz," he said. "We have on shore there more than 7,000 American soldiers and marines. There has not been one death from disease during that period.

Niagara Falls, June 1.—After two hours' conference today between the South American mediators, and the American delegates to the conference, the question of admitting the Constitutionalists into the negotiations is still undecided.

The mediators are impressed with the desire of the United States to have the constitutionalists heard before a final agreement has been signed. The mediators have taken the position that they will admit the constitutionalists if they will agree to an armistice, and will discuss internal as well as international questions.

**Rebels Take Schooner.**  
Mazatlan, Mexico, June 1.—The constitutionalist tug Hercules today entered the harbor at Mazatlan and captured the schooner Garibaldi. As soon as they were beyond the American vessels, the federal batteries opened fire, the missiles falling near the tug and prize.

The historic heights overlooking the St. Lawrence were black with spectators as the funeral ship Lady Grey was moored into port late yesterday afternoon. The coffins were carried

ashore and work of identification begun without delay.

The Lady Grey was escorted by his Majesty's ship Essex, and fifty sailors from the warship carried the coffins down the gang plank and laid them in rows under the freight shed on the pier. The building was draped with black. A crowd that included many of the survivors and relatives and friends of the dead grouped at the doors and waited for permission to enter.

Three tables, each 100 feet long, held coffins of every description. Assembled on one were twenty-five small white caskets that held the bodies of children. Although the Lady Grey had taken to Rimouski all available coffins, they were not enough. Besides the children's caskets, there were eighty-eight containing the bodies of adults. Other victims were brought in rough pine boxes.

There was no sadder sight in the building than the table where rested these improvised coffins; for many held the bodies of mothers and children locked in the last embrace just as they had gone to their death off Father Point Friday.

**Reduction Plant Will Be Started in Present Week**

BIG ENGINES SET IN MOTION SATURDAY FOR MACHINERY TEST, PROVED SATISFACTORY.

TIME FOR ANNOUNCING CANDIDACY IS UP—FIVE HAVE ENTERED RACE.

All entries are closed and the race for the Democratic nominations for city commissioners is on. The primary election will be held June 30.

T. E. Batson, mayor-commissioner, has no opposition. When the Democratic executive committee meets it will formally declare him the nominee of the party. This is taken as a distinct compliment to Mayor Batson and a commendation for his efficient and untiring services to the city during his first administration.

Commissioners Caperton and Fairley are both candidates for re-election, but have opposition in the candidacies of A. H. Inarity, E. N. Pack and R. C. McKenzie. With two to be elected from a field of five candidates, it is expected considerable interest will be aroused in the race during this month.

Although there is little criticism of the present incumbents of the office, some of the new entries have strong following and will undoubtedly poll a large vote.

**THE MARKETS.**  
(By Associated Press.)

New Orleans, June 1.—Cotton steady, about twenty points up.

## LEADER OF NEW REVOLUTION IS HELD IN TEXAS

QUEVADO AND FOLLOWERS WILL BE SENT TO FORT WINGATE ALONG WITH OTHERS.

## NO AMERICAN SOLDIER IN MEXICO DEAD FROM DISEASE

Mediators and American Delegates Discuss Admission of Constitutionalists But Reach No Decision—Demand That Carranza Agree to Armistice.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, June 1.—Gen. Bliss reported to the War Department today the arrest of Quevado and his followers at El Paso yesterday. Quevado is said to be heading a new counter revolution in Chihuahua. He will be sent to Fort Wingate with the other refugees.

The Brazilian minister in Mexico City informed the State Department today that a servant of Capt. Rush, of the battleship Florida, who went through the Mexican lines, is now held in a military prison in Mexico City.

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Please Don't Bring Whooping Cough or Measles.

The first annual better babies con-

test will be held Tuesday and Wednes-

day afternoons from 3 to 6 o'clock in

the Traction Company's demonstra-

tion room. On Tuesday afternoon chil-

dren between the ages of six months and

three years will be examined in alpha-

betical order. Wednesday afternoon

children between the ages of three and

six years will be examined.

It is requested that no children from

homes where there are cases of mea-

sles, whooping cough or any other con-

tagious disease, even in the convales-

cent stage, be brought in.

A committee of physicians of the

city and several trained nurses will

be on hand to conduct the examina-

tion.

**GRAND JURY MEETS ON MILLER'S KILLING**

In Session All Morning With No In-

dictments Returned.

The grand jury met this morning

in answer to a special call and was

presided over by W. R. Hardy, foreman.

Until press time this afternoon they

were still in session and had returned

no indictments. It is generally under-

stood about the court house that the

special call was to consider the killing

of A. P. Miller by Joseph Staiger, and

possibly to take up other matters.

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## TOOK ELEVEN GRAINS BICHLORIDE OF MERCURY

Father Tells Story of Boy's Leaving From Home and Desperate Condition of Mind—Physicians Not Sure That He Will Recover—Refuses Medicine.

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