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## LOCAL PREACHERS DENOUNCE CREED OF PASTOR RUSSELL

HATTIESBURG MINISTERS ALSO  
ATTACK PERSONAL LIFE OF  
NEW LEADED.

## HIS INFLUENCE COMPARED WITH THAT OF INGERSOLL

The Rev. Dr. Christian Cites in  
stances 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.

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 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 it 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

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## 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—DE-  
PARTMENT 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 89.4 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.

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

Comparisons of conditions on May 25, by states, follow:

STATES—	1914	1913	1912	1911	10-yr.-av.
Virginia	83	83	89	93	86
North Carolina	86	76	87	83	83
South Carolina	82	68	83	80	79
Georgia	80	69	74	92	80
Florida	82	83	75	95	84
Alabama	85	75	74	91	80
Mississippi	87	81	72	86	79
Louisiana	82	81	69	91	78
Texas	65	84	86	88	81
Arkansas	79	85	73	87	80
Tennessee	80	87	74	83	82
Missouri	86	90	74	86	83
Oklahoma	68	87	78	87	84
California	100	96	96	95	—

For purposes of comparison, the condition of the cotton crop in the United States monthly and the estimated yield per acre in pounds of lint for the past ten years are given below:

Years	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Acres
	25	25	25	25	25	Yield
1913	79.1	81.8	79.6	68.2	64.1	182.0
1912	78.9	80.4	76.5	74.8	69.6	190.9
1911	87.8	88.2	89.1	73.2	71.1	207.7
1910	82.0	80.7	75.5	72.1	65.9	170.7
1909	81.1	74.6	71.9	63.7	58.5	154.3
1908	79.7	81.2	83.0	67.1	69.7	194.9
1907	70.5	72.0	75.0	72.7	67.7	178.3
1906	84.6	83.3	82.9	77.3	71.6	202.5
1905	77.2	77.0	74.9	72.1	71.2	186.1
1904	83.0	88.0	91.6	84.1	75.8	204.9
Av.	80.4	80.7	80.0	73.4	68.5	187.2

The tentative dates for the issuance by the Department of Agriculture of reports on the condition, acreage and production of cotton this year are:

Wednesday, July 1, condition as of June 25 and acreage planted;  
Friday, July 31, condition as of July 25.  
Monday, August 31, condition as of August 25.  
Friday, October 2, condition as of September 25.  
Thursday, December 1, estimate of crop yield.

These reports will be announced at noon on the dates mentioned except the estimate of production, on December 10, which will be issued at 2 p. m.

### FRENCH CABINET RESIGNS.

(By Associated Press.)

Paris, June 1.—The French cabinet, under the premiership of Gaston Doumergue, announced today that it will resign.

### NEW BATHING SUITS HAVE SPLIT SKIRTS

Worn With Fleshings, They Interest  
English Resorts.

London, June 1.—The new slit skirt bathing costume is attracting attention at English seaside resorts.

It is made to open V shape as much as possible in front and still lower at the back, the skirts are longer than before, which accentuates the display of limb, and when flesh pink tights are worn underneath the effect is fascinating.

The dainty materials employed in making these suits indicate that they are intended for the beach rather than for the sea.

Plumpness of figure is fashionable this year at the shore. The lantern-jawed, concave-bodied, slouching English bell has had her day.

## NORMAL SUMMER SCHOOL BEGINS

ALL DORMITORIES FILLED—MISS

POWELL WILL DEMONSTRATE  
CANNING.

With the dormitories at the Normal overflowing and many in the dormitories of the Women's College, the summer session of the Mississippi Normal College opened this morning.

Most of the students that are coming in are those who have been teaching in the past year. President Cook said today that most of them are taking regular college work and that because of the fact that they already had licenses and still were taking this work, he considered this as a very hopeful sign of the desire on the part of the teachers of the state to better qualify themselves.

Miss Susie V. Powell, head of the demonstration work of the state, accompanied by a corps of county demonstrators, will be at the Normal College all next week to demonstrate canning work.

## 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 Dis-

cuss 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.

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.

## NO MORE ENTRIES FOR COMMISSIONER

TIME FOR ANNOUNCING CANDI-  
DACY IS UP—FIVE HAVE EN-  
TERED 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. Inerarity, 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.

## Detective and Story Writer Talk



When Sir Conan Doyle and Lady Doyle arrived in this country the first person to greet them was William J. Burns, the detective.

"Are you going to give the novelist some ideas for stories?" Mr. Burns was asked.

"I guess it will be the other way about," said he.

The best known detective in the United States, if not in the world, and the author of "Sherlock Holmes,"

who are old friends, had a long talk. When asked what he thought about the militant suffragettes in England, he said:

"The next thing that will happen to the militants is a lynching. The public is tired of their operations, and its resentment will take the form of mob hangings. The police have had their hands full on several occasions, protecting the destructive wild women. I expect to hear of a lynching any day."

## LOVED ONES SEARCH FOR THEIR LOST AMONG DEAD BODIES FROM THE EMPRESS OF IRELAND WRECK

(By Associated Press.)

Quebec, June 1.—Nearly 100 of the 150 bodies recovered from the wreck of the Empress of Ireland, brought here today by the steamer Lady Grey, have been identified. Relatives and loved ones of the lost have been here in great numbers, studying the faces of the victims, trying to find the bodies of their own dead.

Among those who have been identified are Sir Henry Seton-Karr, a big game hunter of England; Dr. E. A. Barlow, a leading geologist of Canada, and Mrs. W. Leonard Palmer, wife of a prominent London newspaper man.

At Rimouski several tugs and launches have been chartered by the Canadian Pacific railway and have begun a systematic search of the St. Lawrence for the Empress of Ireland dead. Eighteen bodies have been identified at this port.

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 bones 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 SAT-  
URDAY FOR MACHINERY TEST,  
PROVED SATISFACTORY.

The Hattiesburg Wood Reduction Co. will begin operation Wednesday or Thursday of this week. T. S. Jackson, manager of the new enterprise whose success will mean the clearing of thousands of acres of South Mississippi stump land, said today that the last finishing touches are being put on the various machines and that the plant will be completed within the next forty-eight or seventy-two hours.

The big engines and machines were set in motion for a couple of hours Saturday, but it was a test of the machinery rather than the process. As far as it went everything was thoroughly satisfactory, and Mr. Jackson believes there is no longer any doubt that the plant will do what it has been built to do.

While it was in motion, a few cords of wood were sent through, but not enough to warrant any accurate computation of the amount of work it will accomplish. The encouraging feature was that the machinery worked without a hitch or a cog slipping, and those interested in the enterprise believe that when the big plant is set in permanent operation, it will move off successfully from the first.

## BETTER BABIES TO BE SHOWN TOMORROW

Please Don't Bring Whooping Cough  
or Measles.

The first annual better babies contest will be held Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons from 3 to 6 o'clock in the Traction Company's demonstration room. On Tuesday afternoon children between the ages of six months and three years will be examined in alphabetical 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 measles, whooping cough or any other contagious disease, even in the convalescent stage, be brought in.

A committee of physicians of the city and several trained nurses will be on hand to conduct the examination.

## 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 understood about the court house that the special call was to consider the killing of A. P. Miller by Joseph Stalger, and possibly to take up other matters.

## LOVE FOR GIRL IS CAUSE OF NIVEN'S TRIAL AT SUICIDE

HAD THREATENED TO SHOOT RI-  
VAL FOR AFFECTION OF PINE  
BLUFF BEAUTY.

## TOOK ELEVEN GRAINS BICHLORIDE OF MERCURY

Father Tells Story of Boy's Leaving

From Home and Desperate Condi-

tion of Mind—Physicians Not Sure

That He Will Recover—Refuses

Medicine.

F. E. Niven, aged 22 years, as the result of an attempt at suicide, which may yet prove successful, now lies in the Hattiesburg Hospital hoping for the end of an unhappy life. Saturday afternoon at about 5 o'clock in the rear of Hulett Undertaking establishment he took 11 grains of bichloride of mercury after leaving a brief note addressed to his father which said "You are the cause of it."

Seated at his bedside is his anxious father D. B. Niven, of Pine Bluff, Ark., and back home is his mother, prostrated with grief. The boy this afternoon refused to talk of the cause of the attempted suicide with a representative of The News.

He left home, his father said, a short time ago after a violent ending to a love affair. He was desperately enamored of Miss Jean Hart, of Pine Bluff, and he objected to the attentions of a young man named Newt Bird. Because Bird would not cease his attentions Niven threatened to shoot him.

In that state of mind his father says he left home saying he was coming to Mississippi. "I heard from him a short time after by means of a telegram asking for money. I refused to send it," Mr. Niven said, "because I wanted him to learn the value of a dollar by earning it. The next I heard from him was the telegram telling me of his attempt to commit suicide."

### Doubt of Recovery.

The three physicians who are attending young Niven are in doubt about his recovery. He refuses to take the medicine they give him and they fear the deadly drug had its effect on his vital organs before they began their attentions. They reached him within ten minutes after he took the bichloride and after giving a violent emetic they gave him ra wogs to neutralize the caustic effect of the drug and then applied the stomach pump, washing out his stomach three times. They hope the caustic effect of the drug may have been directed to the meal he had recently eaten and not on the walls of his stomach. His physicians are Drs. H. L. McKinnon, T. L. Summers and J. E. Hulett.

Dr. McKinnon says young Niven begged him for more of the drug as soon as he regained consciousness in order to "finish the job."

Yesterday afternoon to the casual observer he seemed a healthy country boy bronzed by outdoor work as he lay on his hospital cot. His grip was firm and his hand steady; but on closer observation his eyes showed a peculiar lack of luster which was a kind of glaze.

"I lost consciousness immediately after taking the bichloride," he said. "I did not hurt any more while I was swallowing it than a piece of food. My stomach has had such rough treatment with the stomach pump that I do not know whether it is the drug or not that causes the pain. I feel a burning sensation as if there were gas in my stomach, but otherwise I feel quite normal."

### Father is Prominent.

When questioned about the causes of his action, he became sullen. The first question he asked his father when he entered the room was about the girl back in Pine Bluff.

"Does she know about it?" he queried. Otherwise he has expressed no interest in anything since he took the bichloride. He does not take any

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