

FAMINE IN CONSTANTINOPLE.

American Refugees Say Food Prices Are Prohibitive. Coffee \$9 a Pound. People In Favor of Peace. Germans Said to Have a Cruiser Ready to Shell the City if Crowds Give Trouble.

Paris, April 25.—The American official delegation has been joined by a number of Americans from Constantinople, including members of the crew of the United States guardship Scorpion. They left Constantinople a little before the rupture of relations between Turkey and the United States and describe conditions in the city as being extremely grave.

Fully 35,000 poor persons are reported to be on the verge of starvation. There have been from 60 to 100 cases of actual starvation. Frequently food has reached prohibitive prices and can be bought only with gold, which is exclusively in the hands of the wealthy classes. Sugar costs \$5 a pound, coffee \$9 a pound, and tea \$6 a pound, while other articles are of a correspondingly excessive price.

It is stated that the popular sentiment is strongly in favor of breaking off relations with Germany and concluding a separate peace with the Entente Allies, but that the German officials, realizing this, have taken extreme precautions to prevent defection. The former German cruiser Goeben is being kept in the harbor of Constantinople with the purpose of bombarding the city if any popular manifestation occurs. A similar feeling is said to exist in the Turkish Army, but its effect has been largely reduced owing to a considerable part of the army being affected with typhus fever, due to unsanitary military conditions.

The Biltmore System of Tenantry.

Notwithstanding the great progress made in methods of agriculture during the last decade throughout the country, very little has been done to elaborate a rational, business-like system of tenantry, especially in the Southern States.

Everyone is familiar with the deplorable conditions that exist, especially in the Southern States, and how the soil has been exhausted of plant food by the old system, or lack of system, of tenantry; and everyone is familiar with the ruthless waste of plant food caused by the archaic method of tenantry.

A large percentage of the farm lands in the South from forty to seventy per cent, are still cultivated by tenants on shares; these tenants moving from farm to farm with the hope each time that they move, of securing land that is a little richer, or rather not quite so poor in plant food, without making any effort whatever to put back into the soil the precious ingredients which they are doing their utmost to exhaust, through improper crops and improper crop rotation.

Fifteen years ago, realizing that the various farm lands of which the Biltmore Estate near Asheville, was welded, could not be made self-supporting or productive under the conditions of tenantry then in vogue, a new departure was made. In the first place it was obvious that nitrogen and humus had to be manufactured and put onto this land, as well as other fertilizers that could be obtained on the market—such as lime and phosphates. In order to do this it was self evident that live stock farming, or legume farming, was a prerequisite. After trying out pigs, poultry, sheep and trucking it was decided, owing to conditions that prevailed, that specializing along the lines of dairy farming would be the rational thing to do. At this time there was in existence only the main dairy plant with the capacity of about one hundred and twenty-five cows. A herd of this size was insufficient to pay expenses; it was therefore decided to develop the various outstanding farms on both sides of the French Broad river. First an effort was made to operate these outstanding farms on a wage basis, but this did not prove a satisfactory venture, and this led the estate into the present system of tenantry.

Suitable cow barns and other out-buildings were constructed, sows purchased, work stock and equipment were provided. The right sort of men with the right sort of families were then selected to take charge of these plants. All the personalty was turned over to the tenant on a chattel mortgage basis, the amounts involved running from three to five thousand dollars, this amount being spread over a period of from three to five years, or longer if necessary, during which time month by month, there is a gradual amortization of the debt. A cash rental was charged for the farm and the buildings, varying according to the acreage and the fertility of the farm; the barns were constructed in a simple and substantial manner and within the means of any thrifty farmer. There were no frills or fancy wrinkles in working on the idea. At the present time there are seven of

these outstanding barns with capacity of from twenty to thirty-five cows each. The milk produced in these branch dairies has to measure up to the same high standard as that produced at the main plant. A score card has been worked out; weekly scorings are made; a premium is given to the dairy that gets above a certain percentage. The milk produced by these outstanding dairies is purchased at the main plant month in and month out. The grain or concentrates, all supplies are purchased wholesale and in carlots, and sold to tenants at cost price. The whole idea is one of fraternalism plus co-operation and it has enabled a group of farmers to earn a better living than they could on a wage basis, and to be more independent and to feel a fraternal worth of personality while paying their way and making a good living for themselves and their families.

The policy of handling the farm land is dictated by the manager of the Biltmore Farms, as well as the technique in the production of the milk. This system after trial of four years has made good and we see no reason why it could not be applied in other localities, not only to dairying, but to other lines of farming activity. In a measure is it syndicalizing and making a big business of farming, and although we feel that the small farmer always will have his place to fulfil, yet there is tremendous opportunity for the development of our agricultural possibilities if capital will realize the situation and take hold of some of the worn out lands of which the Southern States abound, and by applying intelligent methods of agriculture and the conservation of the soil.

(The Biltmore Estate farms lie along the French Broad and Swannanoa rivers, which flow in a half circle about Asheville, about two miles from Pack Square, the business district of the city. Entrance to the farms and estate is through a beautiful lodge entrance, built of brick and trimmed with native granite, located at the northern edge of the model village of Biltmore. Biltmore village adjoins Asheville to the south, and is reached over the electric car line every fifteen minutes.)—Dr. Arthur S. Wheeler, Superintendent Biltmore Farms and Dairy.

The Law and the Loaf.

Charlotte Observer.

Of course the action of the bakers in the big cities in raising the price of the loaf has become of adoption in Charlotte. Speaking of the bread situation in Philadelphia, The Record says that the five-cent one-pound loaf of bread was succeeded in turn by the five-cent fourteen-ounce loaf, the six-cent fourteen-ounce loaf, and now the six-cent twelve-ounce loaf. In other words, bread has increased in price 60 per cent, and the bakers are said to be considering a further increase. Indeed, the standard loaf of one of the largest bakeries now weighs ten ounces. Dear flour is bound to result in dear bread, but The Record makes the suggestion that "it would be better for the consumer if the weight of the loaf should be regulated by law, so that with higher prices he could know what he is getting for his money." We do not know how it is in the case of bread, but we have always entertained a suspicion that some of the commodities of life have been elevated in price not so much because conditions justified the raise, but merely because it has become the habit to raise prices. This is a country of imitative proclivities, and wherever a lead is struck in one direction all want to join in just to keep up with the procession.

LESS FLUCTUATION IN COTTON.

Diminished Speculation and Less Striking Price Changes, With Some Net Advance.

With further abatement of activity and narrowing fluctuations, cotton, for the moment at least, has ceased to be a spectacular feature. As against recent extreme changes of 100 points and more in a single session, the movement of prices barely exceeded 90 points throughout the week's trading, and it is now clear that many people are waiting. But while aggressive operations are not at present viewed with favor, the declining tendency of the market has halted and the option list ended about \$2.50 net higher in the average, with May showing the least improvement. The premium on this delivery over July on one occasion fell to 15 points, notwithstanding the continued shrinkage of the local stock to the smallest total for this period in nearly fifteen years. This demonstrates that the interests which control May are acting with prudence, and desire to avoid anything resembling a corner at a time when Federal regulation of prices is among the possibilities being considered.

It is gratifying to those who are hoping for a successful cotton season that news from the South again makes more cheerful reading. Earlier

in the month advices from the fields were disappointing, except to some speculators, and predictions of another meager yield were not uncommon. Yet conservative men knew that these forecasts meant little, and while it is still much too soon to form definite opinions as to the final outcome, prospects now are clearly more promising. The weekly government weather report indicated, among other things, that planting has made good progress in about all sections and was nearing completion in the more southerly regions at the time the data was compiled. Work is almost up to the average in the eastern part of the belt, and some cotton is up to a good stand in the east as far north as central South Carolina and Alabama. Adverse features were not lacking in the dispatch sent out from Washington, but in comparison with the previous gloomy reports from private sources the official statement was decidedly encouraging.—Dun's Review, April 28th.

TWO BILLION OF WAR BONDS.

This Will Probably Be Issued as a Foeiler of the Market. To Be Ready Soon. Will Produce About \$500,000,000 Every Month for the War.

The war bond issue will be started by the placing of \$2,000,000,000 to \$2,500,000,000 in bonds on the market, subscriptions to be payable in four monthly installments, according to a tentative plan of Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, made public Tuesday, says a Washington dispatch. The first installment will come into the treasury July 1, under the plan.

The present program provides for the apportionment of these monthly installments of at least \$500,000,000 each, among Great Britain, France, Russia, Italy and the United States. The war needs of the four European nations and of the United States all will be taken out of the big monthly payments.

If, upon the expiration of the four months, more money is needed another big issue will be declared and handled in substantially the same way.

In view of the fact that \$200,000,000 special issue of short term treasury certificates of indebtedness, announced by Secretary McAdoo last week, was oversubscribed, the secretary today decided to increase the issue to \$250,000,000. The amount of the oversubscribed issue is great enough so that it will more than take care of the additional \$50,000,000 issued by the secretary.

Because of the \$25,000,000 payment for the Danish West Indies made April 1, and of the increased government expenses due to the war, the treasury working balance has fallen off rapidly. The great bulk of the income tax will come in late in June but the government could not conveniently wait until that time for ready money to pay current obligations. With the \$50,000,000 added to the short term certificate issues today, the total issue is brought up to \$300,000,000.

NEW HOPE NOTES.

Mr. Zeb Richardson, of Kenly, spent the week-end in this section with friends.

Rev. J. G. Crocker filled his regular appointment at Antioch Holiness church Sunday.

Mr. Romy Morgan and Miss Surles, of Benson, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. P. L. Hayes.

Mr. J. W. Graham and family, of Sanders Chapel Ranch, spent the week-end in this section with relatives.

Mr. P. L. Hayes is attending court at Smithfield this week as ajuror.

Mr. Harvey Lee arrived Saturday from Virginia with his young bride. After spending Sunday at the home of his father, Mr. Nelson Lee, they left Monday afternoon for Falcon where they will make their home. The young couple have the best wishes of their many friends throughout this section for a long and happy life.

Misses Pauline George and Blanche Lee spent the week-end with Mrs. J. P. Sanders.

On Saturday night, April 21st, Miss Naomi Lee gave a birthday party at her home in Bentonsville township. Several games were played, after which confectioneries were served to all present.

CLERK ALL RUN-DOWN

Restored To Health By Vinol

Shelbyville, Ind.—"I am a clerk in a hotel and was all run down, no energy, my blood was poor and my face covered with pimples. I got so weak I had to put up an awful fight to keep at work. After taking many other remedies without benefit, Vinol has restored my health and strength."—Rox F. Brno.

For all run-down, weak, nervous conditions, nothing equals Vinol, which is a combination of the most successful tonics known. Try it on our guarantee.

HOOD BROS., Druggists, Smithfield, N. C.

BUSINESS LOCALS

SEE US FOR GALVANIZED ROOFING. We can sell you cheap. Cotter Hardware Co., Smithfield, N. C.

FOR SALE—AMES SAW MILL complete, good as new, with Ames 35 H. P. boiler, and 30 H. P. engine. For particulars see or write J. V. Smith, Four Oaks, N. C., R. No. 4.

SEE US FOR WELL TILING. Cotter Hardware Co., Smithfield, N. C.

BUY A COTTON SEED GRADER and increase your yield. Cotter Hardware Co., Smithfield, N. C.

ANOTHER LOT OF CHILDREN'S books, suitable for children from 4 to 10, just received at Herald Book Store.

SEE US FOR WELL TILING. Cotter Hardware Co., Smithfield, N. C.

FOR SALE—COOK'S STRAIN OF Buff Orpington Eggs from Madison Square Garden prize winners, \$2.00 for a setting of 15; \$6.00 fifty; \$10.00 for 100. I also have Byrd strain giant bone Mammoth Bronze Turkey Eggs at \$2.00 for 10; \$4.50 for 25; \$8.00 for 50. Peole Farm, J. W. Poole, Manager, Smithfield, N. C.

JOHN DEER CORN PLANTERS \$12.50. Cotter Hardware Company, Smithfield, N. C.

FRESH JERSEY COWS FOR SALE by E. F. Boyett, Smithfield, N. C.

DON'T PUT OFF SCREENING your house—do it now. Phone us, we have the Screens. Cotter Hardware Co., Smithfield, N. C.

FOR WIRE FENCING, ANY height, see the Cotter Hardware Company, Smithfield, N. C.

BUY A COTTON SEED GRADER and increase your yield. Cotter Hardware Co., Smithfield, N. C.

A FEW MORE OF SIMPKINS' Ideal Cotton Seed for sale at \$1.00 per bushel while they last. J. A. Kennedy, Wilson's Mills, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1.

WHEN YOU NEED SASH, DOORS and blinds see the Cotter Hardware Co., Smithfield, N. C.

THE SMITHFIELD BUILDING & Loan Association has helped a number of people to build homes. It will help others, and maybe you. New series of shares now open. See Mr. J. J. Broadhurst.

SEE US FOR WIRE FENCING. We have it in any weight. Cotter Hardware Co., Smithfield, N. C.

THE COTTER HARDWARE COMPANY can sell you galvanized roofing cheap. Smithfield, N. C.

AGENT WANTED IN THIS VICINITY. Renewal contract. Protected by Anti-Rebate and No-Brokerage rules. A good opportunity. R. C. & Frederick Aunspaugh General Agents. The Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co., Raleigh, North Carolina.

JOHN DEER CORN PLANTERS \$12.50. Cotter Hardware Company, Smithfield, N. C.

PLENTY OF OLD PAPERS NOW on hand at The Herald Office at 5 cents per bundle.

SEE US FOR WIRE FENCING. We have it in any weight. Cotter Hardware Co., Smithfield, N. C.

A GOOD MILK COW FOR SALE OR will trade for beef cattle. L. T. Royall, Smithfield, N. C.

PRINTED STATIONERY ADDS dignity to one's letters. Every farmer should have his farm named and then have his printed letter heads, note heads and envelopes. The Herald Print-shop is ready to do this class of printing on short notice.

GET OUR PRICES ON SASH, doors and blinds. Cotter Hardware Company, Smithfield, N. C.

NOTICE.

One George Fisher, of Salfsbury, N. C., having obtained from me by misrepresentation a note for \$37.50 due on January 1st, next, I hereby warn the public not to buy or trade for said note, as I shall resist the payment.

This April 27th, 1917. W. H. BARHAM, Smithfield, N. C.

WE HAVE WIRE FENCING IN any height. Cotter Hardware Co., Smithfield, N. C.

25-Cent Books At Special Prices

For the Next Few Days We Will Sell Any Book in the List Below for 20 Cents; Any 3 Books for 50 Cents; Any 7 Books for \$1.00.

The Boy Scouts on the Roll of Honor. The Boy Scouts with the Motion Picture Players. The Boy Scouts of the Flying Squadron.

The Boy Scouts of Naval Reserve. A Fool for Love. Wallingford, by Chester. Trolley Folly, by Phillips. The Motormaniacs, by Osborne.

Chimes from a Jester's Bell. The Princess Elopes. Four in Family. The Fifth String, by Sousa. Eccentric Mr. Clark. Four Years of Fighting. Flower Fables, by Alcott. Camping Out, by Stephens. The Lamplighter, by Cummins. Pretty Polly Pemberton. Six Little Princesses. A Modern Cinderella, by Alcott. Bertha's Christmas Vision. Aesop's Fables. Wood's Natural History. The Water Babies, by Kingsley. Greek Heroes, by Kingsley. Coming Back with the Spittalball. Tom Turner's Legacy, by Alger. Poor Boys' Chances, by John Habberton.

Tom Thatcher's Fortune, by Alger. The Automobile Girls Along the Hudson. The Young Editor. Frank's Campaign, by Alger. The Telegraph Boy, by Alger. Polly Perkins' Adventures. My Days and Nights on the Battlefield. The Boy Scouts with the Geological Survey. Folly in Fairyland, by Carolyn Wells. Hospital Sketches.....by Alcott. Adventures in Frozen Seas. Left on Labrador. Merle's Crusade.....by Carey. The Boy Geologists.....by Houston. Story of John G. Paton. Andy Grant's Pluck.....by Alger. Do and Dare.....by Alger. Another Year With Dennis and Ned Toodles.....by Mrs. Alcott. Herbert Carter's Legacy.....Alger. In a New World.....by Alger. Ruth Fielding of the Red Mill. Charlie Codman's Cruise. See Kings and Naval Heroes. Friends Though Divided.....Henty. In the Reign of Terror.....Henty. The Lion of St. Mark.....Henty. Through the Fray.....Henty.

Moods.....by Mrs. Alcott. Moods.....by Mrs. Alcott. Moods.....by Mrs. Alcott.

LIST NUMBER ONE OF 35-Cent Books.

Any book in this list for 25c., or any four books for 90c.

Campfires of the Wolf Patrol. Fast Nine; or a Challenge from Fairfield. Great Hike; or The Pride of the Khaki Troup. Endurance Test; or How Clear Grit Won the Day. Under Canvas; or The Hunt for the Cartaret Ghost. With Trapper Jim in the North Woods. Elsie Dinsmore. (3 copies). The Motor Mails by Rose, Shamrock and Thistle. Her Senator, by Gunter. Under Two Flags, by Onida. The Camp on the Big Sunflower. The Rivals of the Trail. The Strange Cabin on Catamount Island. Lost in the Great Dismal Swamp. Caught in a Forest Fire. Chums of the Campfire. The Chouans, by Balzac. Hans Brinker; or the Silver Skates. Mr. Potter of Texas, by Gunter. Peck's Uncle Ike and the Red Headed Boy. The Schonberg-Cotta Family. Larry Dexter in Belgium. Larry Dexter and the Stolen Boy. Tales From Shakespeare. The Bobbsey Twins at Meadow Brook. The Bobbsey Twins at Home. Dora Thorne, by Braeme. The First Violin.

LIST NUMBER TWO OF 35-Cent Books.

Any book in this list for 30c.; any two for 55c.; any three for 80c.; any four for \$1.00.

The Pioneer.....by Cooper. The Deer Slayer.....by Cooper. The Last of the Mohicans, by Cooper. The Spy.....by Cooper. Treasure Island.....by Stevenson. Louise deValliere.....by Dumas. Memoirs of a Physician, by Dumas. Barrack Room Ballads, by Kipling. Toilers of the Sea.....by Hugo. Cast Up by the Sea.....by Baker. The Adventures of Daniel Boone. The Boy Scouts on Sturgeon Island. The Boy Scouts on the Trail.

The Boy Scouts Through the Big Timber. The Boy Scouts in the Maine Woods. The Boy Scouts First Camp Fire. The Boy Allies on the North Sea Patrol. The Boy Allies Under Two Flags. The Boy Allies with the Flying Squadron. The Boy Allies with the Terror of the Seas. The Boy Allies at Liege. The Boy Allies with the Cossacks. Our Young Aeroplane Scouts in Turkey. The Boy Scouts on Belgian Battlefields. The Boy Scouts with the Allies in France. The Boy Scouts at the Panama-Pacific Exposition. The Boy Scouts on Sturgeon Island.

THE HERALD OFFICE, Smithfield, N. C.

Block's Candies advertisement with image of a candy box and text: "In offering you Block's Candies... we do so, fully convinced that it fully meets every requirement in purity, goodness, quality and assortment. Packages containing Block's Candies are the most artistic ever designed for this purpose—an added charm that women fully appreciate. 80c, \$1.00 and \$1.25 per pound. For Sale by CREECH DRUG CO., Smithfield, N. C."

NOTICE.

The undersigned having qualified as Administrator of the estate of C. C. Ingram, deceased, hereby notifies all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to me duly verified on or before the 2nd day of April, 1918, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery; and all persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment.

This 2nd day of April, 1917. J. MANG WOOD, Administrator.

WELLONS & WELLONS, Attorneys.

NOTICE.

The undersigned having qualified as Administrator on the estate of Howard M. Coats, deceased, hereby notifies all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to me duly verified on or before the 26th day of March, 1918, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery; and all persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment.

This 26th day of March, 1917. W. R. COATS, Administrator.

ABELL & WARD, Attorneys.

What Did God Say

When He finished the Heaven and Earth? That is what man said when he finished the Singer Sewing Machine—and it was so. Let me bring you one for free trial—if it does not answer all your sewing problems I will take it away at once without charge. Write me about this—it costs you nothing. If you now have a Machine, possibly it needs cleaning. I clean and repair Machines of all makes for little money. Guaranteed work. I handle the best needles for all makes of Sewing Machines.

Genuine Singer Oil is not only best but cheapest—it does not gum your Machine. Give me a trial. If I do you no good I surely will do you no harm.

W. L. KING, Smithfield, N. C.

JOHN DEER CORN PLANTERS \$12.50. Cotter Hardware Company, Smithfield, N. C.