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DID THE PROPHET FORESEE THE AUTOMOBILE?

Some think that the Prophet Nahum foresaw the automobile. Nahum, 2nd chapter and 4th verse says: "The chariots shall rage in the streets, they shall jostle one against another in the broad ways: they shall seem like torches, they shall run like the lightnings."

TWO VIEWS OF THE WAR.

Mr. E. H. Coapman, general manager of the Southern Railway, is quoted as saying that the war "is going to last five years at least" and may "continue ten years." Another man who knows just as much about it as does Mr. Coapman, Mr. Elihu Root, said in a speech at Moscow last week that "the end of the war will be reached in 1918." Neither of these men knows when the end will come, but there are many who hope that neither is correct. They hope the war will end in 1917.

FORECAST OF COTTON CROP.

A cotton crop of 11,633,000 five-hundred pound bales for this year is the forecast made public by the Department of Agriculture yesterday. In making this estimate the Bureau of Crop Estimates based its calculations on the condition of the growing crop on June 25th. Last year's crop was 11,449,930 bales; the crop in 1915 was 11,190,820 bales. The Bureau places the acreage in cotton this year at 34,600,000. The acreage in cultivation a year ago was 36,052,000.

The condition of the growing crop on June 25th was placed at 70.3. A year ago it was on the same date placed at 81.1, and the ten year average on same date is 80.

The figures given for North Carolina follow:

Condition on June 25th, 67; on June 25th last year, 76.

Acre in cultivation 1,476,000; last year 1,490,000.

The report says that the crop was in good condition in Tennessee and fairly good progress was being made in North Carolina where warmer weather was needed. The drought was serious in Louisiana. In Texas the drought prevailed to some extent but the crop was standing the condition well and making progress.

To-morrow is July Fourth. One hundred and forty-one years ago the Immortal Declaration of Independence was signed at Philadelphia.

A little whiskey taken by a youth of twenty may be considered a right and proper thing by some folks, but when we look at what happened near Franklinton Saturday we see the awfulness of it all. The young man in Wake County jail almost crazed over the awful wreck now sees that he has no right to do as he pleases.

July Fourth a Holiday.

The banks and the post offices will be closed to-morrow, it being July Fourth. Make your deposits to-day and secure your stamps.

THIRTY-NINE PER CENT IN A YEAR.

There is no end to the increase in food prices, and unless some drastic methods are employed to stop the skyward tendency the American people are going to find themselves in hard places before many more months. While it is to be regretted that the necessity of the times demand food regulation, this, it appears, is the only way to stop the food speculators and those who are so heartless that they never see the suffering and sorrow of their neighbors. Some idea may be gained of the increase in the past few months by reading the figures given out by the Bureau of Labor last week and published in Friday's dailies. The item follows:

"Retail food prices in the United States advanced on an average 5 per cent from April 16 to May 15 as shown in figures compiled today by the Bureau of Labor statistics. During the year ending with May 15 they increased 39 per cent.

"The biggest jump during the month was in flour which advanced 29 per cent. The increase in corn meal was 15 per cent; beans 14 per cent; bread 13 per cent and rice 11 per cent. The only drop in price was in onions, 36 per cent, and butter 9 per cent.

"Some of the month's increases are given as follows: Beef, 2 to 4 per cent; bacon, ham and lard, 8 to 10 per cent; hens, 1 per cent; Salmon 10 per cent; eggs 3 per cent; cheese 3 per cent; milk 3 per cent; potatoes 6 per cent; sugar 5 per cent; coffee and tea 1 per cent.

"The greatest advance during the year was made by potatoes, which advanced in price 149 per cent and in flour, 122 per cent.

"In the last four years retail food prices generally have advanced 56 per cent."

NORTH CAROLINA NEEDS MEN.

This week is called National Guard Week in North Carolina and an appeal is made to bring the North Carolina units up to the full war strength. This State still needs 3,949 men to recruit all branches up to the maximum strength required by the War Department.

The total strength of the guard up to June 30 was 6,051 men and officers. A statement issued by the Adjutant's office shows the organizations to stand in this State as follows:

First Infantry, 1,555 men enlisted and 447 more needed.

Second Infantry, 926 men enlisted and 1,076 more needed.

Third Infantry, 1,248 men enlisted and 754 more needed.

Cavalry Squadron, 392 men enlisted and 28 more needed.

Coast Artillery, 675 men enlisted, which is 21 beyond maximum strength.

Company A Engineers, Wilmington, 109 men enlisted, 55 more needed.

Company E Engineers, Charlotte, 144 men enlisted and 20 more needed.

Company S. Engineers, Greensboro, 113 men enlisted and 63 more needed.

Ambulance Co. No. 1, Canton, 88 men enlisted and 63 more needed.

Supply train, one company of which is being organized in Raleigh has 58 men but to complete the train for the Ninth Division 266 men are needed. These will be supplied by the draft.

Field artillery, with batteries being organized at New Bern, Washington, Durham, Mooresville, Lenoir, Wadesboro-Monroe, 357 men enlisted and 933 more needed.

Engineering train, Wilmington, 15 men enlisted and 151 more needed.

Machine gun cavalry troop, Gastonia, 40 men enlisted and 30 more needed.

New radio company requiring 75 men has not yet been started toward organization and no home station has been selected for it.

Take Care of the Sacks.

If every farmer wastes from three to five dollars worth of sacks each year it will amount to a large sum if you count up the farmers. Mr. R. A. Wall, of the Clayton Oil Mill, asks us to urge the farmers to take care of the sacks they get. Sacks suitable for acid phosphate now cost \$190.00 per thousand f. o. b., cars at Richmond, or Philadelphia, and may be counted at \$2.00 for the sacks for a ton of acid or a ton of guano. Mr. Wall has bought these same sacks at \$80.00 per thousand and when the price went to \$100.00 per thousand sacks were considered high. Inside coffee sacks are now worth eighteen cents each. Cotton seed meal sacks now cost ten cents each. Oil mills bought them a few years ago at four cents each.

Time robs the rose of its freshness and beauty, but has no effect on the thorn except to make it sharper.

PROF. L. T. ROYALL RE-ELECTED

Board of Education Select Him For Another Term of Two Years at Meeting Held Yesterday. Miss Mattie Hudson Elected Supervisor to Succeed Miss Elizabeth Kelly. School Committeemen Appointed.

The Johnston County Board of Education held its regular meeting here yesterday with all members present. Mr. W. G. Wilson, Chairman of the Board, succeeds himself for a six-year term, having been chosen to this place by the last General Assembly. Mr. Wilson was re-elected chairman of the board.

The biggest work of the board at yesterday's meeting was the selection of a County Superintendent to succeed Prof. L. T. Royall whose time was out. Prof. Royall was a candidate to succeed himself. The friends of Prof. Fred Archer, Superintendent of



the Selma Graded Schola, presented his name as a candidate to succeed Prof. Royall. Both candidates had strong friends working in their behalf. The election resulted in the choice of Prof. Royall to succeed himself for another term.

In their selection of Prof. Royall to succeed himself, the members of the Board recognized the faithful service of the County Superintendent who has been at the head of the Johnston County schools for the past seven years. In these years there has been a wonderful development in the schools of the county. Many schools have been consolidated and made more efficient. A number of special tax districts have been established and the schools greatly improved in many ways. In all these years Prof. Royall has given his time and best energy and talent to the school work. He has wrought well and his hundreds of friends throughout the county will hear of his re-election with unbounded satisfaction.

A matter of importance was the selection of a candidate to succeed Miss Elizabeth Kelly, who recently resigned to accept a position in the State Department of Education at Raleigh, as rural supervisor.

The board selected Miss Mattie Hudson, of Smithfield, who was a supervisor of schools in Wake County the past year, to fill this responsible position. As a teacher and school worker Miss Hudson is well known as one of the best in this county. Her work in Wake County for the past year has been highly satisfactory and we are glad to see her come back to her home county to engage in this great work. She will begin work in this county on September first.

As supervisor for the Negro schools of the county the board re-elected C. L. W. Smith, of Smithfield, who has held the position since it was established. He is chosen for six months each year at a salary of sixty dollars a month for the time he is at work.

In addition to these matters the board appointed several school committeemen and transacted the usual routine work.

The Farm Demonstration Work.

At their meeting here yesterday the County Commissioners decided to suspend the farm demonstration work temporarily. Mr. Lacy John, who has had charge of this work for the past year, will give it up on August first to take up work elsewhere. He has laid some of the foundations for a larger work in this county and has made many friends who regret to see him give up the work here.

We understand that it is not the intention of the County Commissioners to stop this work entirely, but that they hope to take it up again at an early day. In this decision the farmers of the county will rejoice. Farming is the greatest enterprise of the county and anything that helps for better farming helps for a better county.

In ancient times the city of Tyre was famous for its output of purple.

GENERAL NEWS PARAGRAPHS.

Some of the Events of the Day Told In Brief.

There are 7,366 National banks in operation in the United States, a gain of 47 during the past year.

Fifteen persons lost their lives in the fall of the big water tank on to the whale back steamer at Milwaukee Saturday.

A socialist peace parade in Boston Sunday ended in a riot. The police were called in to stop the trouble and little damage was done.

A belt-line car on the great Gorge route just below Niagara Falls plunged down a 20-foot embankment Sunday, resulting in the death of nine persons.

Eighty-seven of the German merchant ships seized in American ports at the outbreak of war were turned over by President Wilson to the shipping board Saturday for operation. The other fourteen already are in possession of the navy department.

An official announcement was made in Paris Friday night that the armored cruiser Kleber had struck a mine off Point St. Matheu on Wednesday and sunk. Three officers and thirty-five men were lost. The Kleber had come from Dakar, Africa, and was on its way to Brest.

Brazil's navy has begun co-operating with the American fleet in South American waters in hunting down German sea raiders and watching for German submarines. Official notification of Brazil's revocation of her neutrality decree came Saturday in dispatches from Ambassador Morgan at Rio.

Secretary Daniels announced that all persons residing on the old Jamestown exposition site must vacate by August 1st. This is a part of the plan to make Hampton Roads one of the greatest naval bases in the world. Work will be begun at once on a naval training station to accommodate 10,000 men.

After six weeks of work, the Senate Finance Committee Saturday night finished its re-draft of the war revenue bill passed by the House. As revised, the measure calls for a tax levy of \$1,652,170,000, which is \$148,000,000 less than Secretary McAdoo told the House that the Government would need for un the war for this year.

The soldiers of new Russia have assumed the aggressive. For the first time since the revolution last March, Russian troops have begun an attack on an extensive scale. Along a front of eighteen and one-half miles in the region of Brizzany, Galicia, Russian troops have stormed the German positions. Berlin says the Russians suffered losses and were compelled to retire before the German fire.

Broadway theatrical and movie stars were started Saturday, says the New York Times, when they heard that Charley Chaplin, the English comedian, had received an offer of a salary of \$1,000,000 for his services for one year, beginning Sept. 1. According to the report that reached the Rialto, Chaplin, who is now at work at Los Angeles on the final part of his contract with the Mutual Film Company, for which he is paid a salary of \$670,000 a year, will average more than \$20,000 a week in his new job, as he is to receive a bonus of \$50,000 for signing the "million-dollar contract."

The Price for Threshing Grain.

The price for threshing grain in this section is too high. This has been a discouragement to farmers to plant grain. They feel that after they have made the grain and saved it they should not be forced to give the 12th to get it threshed. In the wheat growing sections of the country nobody charges over the 20th to thresh grain and many of them thresh it where they find large lots for the 25th part of the grain. The wheat farmers further south who cut their wheat earlier and had it threshed when the price of wheat was higher than now, would have paid about thirty dollars per hundred bushels in paying the 12th as a toll for threshing. We know farmers who fed their wheat to hogs rather than have it threshed for the 12th. Of course this was when the price of wheat was lower than it is now. The men who run threshers will have to do their work some cheaper if they expect farmers to plant wheat extensively. We remember when cotton ginners charged the 15th, but the people would not stand the heavy toll and then the ginners reduced it to the 20th and later began charging a certain price per hundred pounds of cotton. If farmers are to raise wheat they cannot afford to give the 12th of it to have it threshed.—B.



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NOTICE—I HAVE TAKEN UP A

white sow which I found in my cornfield. Mark: Crop and slit in left ear and slit in right. Owner can get her by paying expenses, including cost of this notice. T. H. Daughtery, Pine Level, N. C., R. 1.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE JOHNSTON COUNTY BANK & TRUST COMPANY, At Smithfield, N. C., at the Close of Business June 20, 1917.

Table with columns for RESOURCES and LIABILITIES. Resources include Loans and discounts, Overdrafts, Banking Houses, etc. Liabilities include Capital stock paid in, Surplus fund, Undivided profits, etc.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, County of Johnston, June 29, 1917.

I, T. C. Evans, Cashier of the above-named Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

T. C. EVANS, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 29th day of June, 1917. LUTHER T. PIERCE, Notary Public.

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