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SMITHFIELD'S FINE MARKET.

More Than a Million Dollars Paid Out Here Already This Season for Tobacco and About a Half Million Pounds Yet to be Sold. The Average Price Nearly Twice as Much as Last Year.

Up to November 5th, the Smithfield tobacco market had sold 3,835,540 pounds of tobacco at an average price per hundred of \$28.27. The total amount of money already paid out for tobacco on this market is \$1,068,633.51.

Last year for the whole season 3,095,250 pounds were sold for \$508,240.05, an average price of \$16.42 per hundred pounds. From this it will be seen that the price this year is almost twice as high as it was last year. The amount of money paid out here for tobacco is already more than twice as much as was paid out by the warehouses for the entire season last year.

We are informed that about half a million pounds yet remain to be marketed. The record this year is a fine one and shows that the people know where to bring their tobacco to get the best prices obtainable in the State.

Wednesday's War News.

Germany's submarine campaign is waning as the result of the stringent measures that have been taken to combat it by the British and American naval forces. Last week only six British merchantmen were sunk, and only one of these was a craft exceeding 1,000 tons.

This is the smallest total of vessels sent to the bottom during any week since the submarine warfare began, the lowest previous figures having been 12 merchantmen, eight of these in the category of 1,000 tons and over and four less than 1,000 tons.

While the Italians continue to hold tenaciously to most of the new line along the Piave river from the Adriatic sea to the region of Feltre and through the northern hills westward from Feltre to Lake Garda, they again have been compelled to give ground in both sectors to the Teutonic allied armies.

Upon the shoulders of the Italians alone for several days must rest the security of the Piave line and of historic Venice, for the information has been vouchsafed by Major General Maurice, chief director of military operations at the British war office, that it will be "some days yet" before British and French fighting forces can be placed in the field to reinforce the Italians.

Meanwhile the enemy is striving energetically to force passages of the Piave at various points and again has been successful on southern reaches in crossing the stream at Grisoria, four miles distant from its mouth and some 20 miles northeast of Venice. Here, however, in the swamp regions, the Teutons are being held by the defending forces from further gains.

To the north around Zenson, where the stream was negotiated by the Austro-Germans Tuesday, fighting is still in progress with the Italians holding the upper hand but not yet having been able to drive back the invaders to the eastern bank of the stream. Still farther north attempts to gain a foothold on the western bank of the Piave, between Quero and Fenere, were repulsed with heavy casualties.

In the hilly region from Tezze, on the Trentino front, eastward to Feltre, a distance of about 12 miles, the Italians have fallen back before the enemy, who also had gained additional vantage points on the Asiago plateau and the Sette Comuni. On the western bank of Lake Garda the Austro-Germans attempted to push forward southward, but were held by the Italians.

On the western front in France and Belgium the situation remains normal, with only heavy bombardments and minor infantry operations in progress on various sectors. The Germans have not renewed their attack against the Canadians in the region of Passchendaele, where Tuesday night they were which they sought to regain lost ground.

The British drive against the Turks both along the Tigris river and in Palestine continues successful. Under the pressure of the British the Ottoman forces have now withdrawn their line from 30 to 50 miles north of Tekrit, placing them virtually 150

miles northwest of Bagdad on the Tigris.

In Palestine the Turks have been forced back an additional seven miles. It is reported that they have lost half their effectives in men killed, wounded or made prisoner since the operation began. A British torpedo boat destroyer and a small monitor have been sunk by an enemy submarine while operating in conjunction with the Palestine column. Thirty-three men from the two vessels are missing.

The internal situation in Russia still remains obscure. Although dispatches sent out by the Finnish telegram bureau assert that Premier Kerensky again is in control in Petrograd, other reports are to the effect that he has set up his government in Moscow and that fighting still continues in the capital. No advances have been forthcoming from provisional governmental sources.

UNANIMOUS IN THEIR PRAISE.

What North and South Carolina Soldier Boys Say About the Army Y. M. C. A. At Camp Sevier.

President Woodrow Wilson has spoken of the Young Men's Christian Association "as a valuable adjunct and asset of the Government." The commanding officers of Camp Sevier do not hesitate to express almost daily their deep appreciation of what is being done for the men by this organization.

One of the Secretaries a few days ago in asking the commanding officer for a detail of men to do a little work about the building, received this reply: "Secretary, if you need a roof on the Y. M. C. A. building, I would send a regiment if necessary to do the work. I am willing to do anything I can for the Y. M. C. A."

An expression heard many times every day, "I don't know what I would do without the Y. M. C. A." The soldiers flock to the buildings and ask every evening, "Is there anything doing this evening?" They are looking to this institution to furnish them wholesome entertainment and religious instruction.

"Can I get one of those testaments?" is another question which is always welcome to the ears of the Secretary, and it is of so frequent occurrence that it is impossible to keep a supply of pocket testaments on hand.

Three Hundred and fifty attended the Sabbath School at Y. M. C. A. Unit No. 84 last Sunday morning, and 600 attended the religious service that evening, and when Chaplain B. R. Lacy, Jr., of the 113th Field Artillery spoke, "Splendid institution; a true and loving parent to every officer and enlisted man. I wish every loyal American could know the Y. M. C. A. as I know it. I have found the secretaries employed in this work gentlemen and the soul of earnestness." Chaplain Eugene T. Clark, 114th Field Artillery.

"From what I have seen of the work of the Y. M. C. A. among the North Carolina men, I feel that it is the most vital force in existence for the moral and spiritual well-being of the soldiers."—Chaplain B. R. Lacy, Jr., 113th Field Artillery.

"Here is \$1.00 for the Army Y. M. C. A. Fund," said one of the military police on the evening of Nov. 8th to a secretary behind the desk at No. 82. "I want to do my bit. If everybody would do this much, it would help out considerably." "It takes the place of Church and Home," said P. D. Horner of Company D, 105th Eng.

At a recent meeting in one of the buildings the Secretary asked how many were glad that the Y. M. C. A. was here. The answer was the rising of all in the well-filled building. He then told them that they would find the Y. M. C. A. wherever they went. This was received with a round of applause. The "Y" furnishes a comfortable place for the soldiers to write letters, and supplies the stationery. It furnishes good entertainments, and they are of the highest class. It is the only place where the men collect in the camp for a social time. Its moral effect is beneficial to all.—Ser'gt Harrison F. Thomas, Supt. Co. 115th F. A.

News is sent out from Washington that there will be no shortage of toys this season. The American manufacturers have developed an industry which will not only supply the demands for Santa Clause goods, but will have a surplus for export this year.

DEMAND BIG WAGE INCREASES.

Conductors and Brakemen on All Railroads of the Country Taking Secret Vote. Increase of 42 Per Cent Will Be Asked and Would Mean An Addition of About \$109,000,000 to Payrolls.

New York, Nov. 13.—Demands for wage increases average 42 per cent are involved in a secret vote being taken this week by railroads in the United States, it was learned in railroad circles here today. Advance copies of the demands have been received by eastern railroad officials and it was explained that the vote now being taken is preliminary to a strike vote.

It is estimated the proposed increase would mean an aggregate increase throughout the country of \$109,000,000.

According to the information given railway officials the men in the movement include 32,000 passenger train employees, 85,000 freight men and 32,000 yardmen.

The demands are said to involve mileage rate increases of from 20.6 per cent for conductors to 51.5 per cent for baggage men. It is proposed to raise the minimum monthly basis for conductors from \$135 to \$162.90 and for baggage men from \$82.50 to \$116.40.

In through freight service the conductors ask for an increase in the mileage rate of 32 1-2 per cent and the brakemen 42.7 per cent. Local freight conductors demand an increase of 28.9 per cent, and brakemen 42 per cent in their mileage rates. The demands for yard conductors and brakemen involve an increase of 44 per cent in daily rates of pay.

AT THE CAPITAL OF BANNER.

Benson, Nov. 15.—Mr. Leary Wood of Norfolk has been in town for the past few days with relatives.

Mr. Julian Godwin of Elevation township has moved his family to town. They occupy the residence on Church Street recently vacated by Mrs. C. A. Fisher.

Chief of Police Tew, of Goldsboro, spent Sunday here with friends.

Miss Lillian Putnam has been here recently visiting Miss Alta Boon.

Mr. Paul Lee of Camp Sevier has been here this week visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Lee.

Mr. G. I. Smith of Coats was business visitor here Monday.

Messrs C. Harvey Benson and Chimer Benson of Danville, Va., were here Monday.

Mr. J. C. Barbour of Elevation was a visitor here Monday.

Mr. W. H. Canaday of Richmond spent some time with relatives.

Mr. L. A. Hodges of Camp Sevier has been home with his family for several days.

Mr. J. E. Wilson returned last week from John Hopkins Hospital where he received treatment for blood poison. He will leave for Hot Springs Arkansas today to take treatment there.

Mr. Clarence Britt has been home several days on a visit from Massey's Business College.

Mr. Lewis Ryals of Durham is a visitor here this week.

Dr. F. T. Moore and wife have been visiting friends in Cary this week.

Mr. Brosia Porter of Camp Sevier arrived this morning and will spend a few days with his family.

Mrs. J. L. Hall, Mrs. H. M. Peacock, and Mrs. J. W. Whittington have been attending the Woman's Missionary meeting in Selma yesterday and today.

Revenue officers captured another still the first of the week a few miles from town, near Bentonsville.

How the Money Will Be Spent.

The thirty-five million dollars being raised for Y. M. C. A. work this week will be distributed as follows: United States troops at home

United States troops at home	\$11,120,000
United States troops abroad	11,994,000
Russian army work	3,305,000
French army work	2,649,000
Italian army work	1,000,000
Prisoner of War Camps, all nations	1,000,000
Expansion, increasing costs, etc.	3,932,000
Total	\$35,000,000

The British casualties for the week ending November 13, total 4,676 killed and 20,383 wounded and missing.

IN THE LOCATION OF U-BOATS.

Once the German is Located, His Destruction is Comparatively Simple. Daniels Discusses the 40,000 Separate Suggestions Made to the Naval Board.

Washington, Nov. 13.—Important progress has been made in the problem of locating submarines, after which their destruction is a comparatively simple matter, Secretary Daniels said today in a statement discussing the 40,000 separate suggestions, plans or models of devices submitted to the naval consulting board since the United States entered the war against Germany.

The idea that the submarine will be overcome by a miraculous invention is not now seriously considered," the secretary said. "The more intimate knowledge the civilian obtains on this subject the more convinced he is that the submarine can be conquered by the weapon of which he is most afraid. This is the armed service boat, equipped with all the latest scientific devices and typified in the modern torpedo boat destroyer. Foreign naval authorities have frankly stated that their admiration of the degree of perfection of American designs.

"In regard to the protection of ships against torpedo attacks, the undeniable evidence of recent months of submarine activity has demonstrated that the immunity of a vessel depends very largely on its speed and maneuvering ability. There is a possibility that some artificial means of protecting cargo-carrying vessels may be found practicable. In no other field have so many suggestions or so many duplicate inventions been presented to the board."

THE WEEK'S NEWS IN SELMA.

Selma, N. C., Nov. 15.—Mrs. Geo. H. Morgan left Saturday to visit her daughter Mrs. C. D. Wood in Wilson. Messrs. R. A. Creech and R. D. Broadwell left today for Petersburg, Va., where they will work on the Government Cantonments.

Mess. J. A. Jones and W. A. Strickland attended an entertainment at the home of Mr. Wayland Brown Tuesday night.

Mr. Otis Strickland of Pine Level has accepted a position as salesman with Mr. W. A. Strickland.

Attorney W. W. Cole of Smithfield was here Wednesday morning on professional business.

Mess. W. B. Roberts, W. H. Stallings and W. L. Stancil spent Sunday at Dunn.

Mr. J. M. Beatty of Smithfield was here Wednesday for a few hours.

Mr. W. D. Mazingo has bought the Selma Pressing Club and will continue the business at the same stand.

A meeting of the citizens of Selma has been called for tonight at the Graded school building to take steps to raise money for Army Y. M. C. A. fund. The meeting will be held at 8:00 o'clock.

At a meeting of the Merchants Association held last Friday night, it was decided to observe Dec. 10th to 15th as "Pay-Up-Week" for the town of Selma. Thursday, Dec. 13, in this week is to be designated as "Dollar Day." These events will be thoroughly advertised and the merchants will offer special inducements to their customers to come in pay up their bills during Pay-Up-Week.

Quite a surprise marriage was solemnized in the Merchants' Association office here last Saturday evening, when Mr. T. A. Holder of Wendell, and Miss Lucile Nowell also of Wendell were married by W. L. Stancil, J. P. Miss Nowell had been the guest of Miss Sarah Creech during the past week. Mr. Holder came down Saturday afternoon accompanied by Mr. William Richardson and Miss Minda Hocutt, and in a few minutes they were married and on their journey home. Mr. Holder is the son of Mr. Everett Holder of Wendell, while the bride is the lovely and accomplished daughter of County Commissioner W. M. Nowell of Wilders township.

A large crowd of colored people have been passing through here today enroute to the colored fair at Smithfield.

Mrs. J. H. Stancil and Mrs. Pearl Baker of Wilders township will arrive tomorrow to visit Mrs. Sallie Upchurch who is ill.

Mr. C. A. Corbett has gone to Warsaw today on business connected with the sale of the Briscoe automobiles.

Mr. Corbett has the agency for this car, and is selling them more rapidly than he can secure them.

Mr. N. E. Edgerton bought a Cadillac Limousine last week, which is easily one of the smartest cars on the market today.

Mr. L. D. Debnam returned Wednesday from a business trip to Charlotte and Petersburg.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Henry spent Sunday with the family of Mr. Henry's uncle, Mr. J. E. Henry in the country.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Pool, Jr., spent Sunday with Mrs. Pool's mother, Mrs. John Wall near Arther.

A marriage of more than passing interest will be solemnized tonight at 9 o'clock at the M. E. Parsonage, when Miss Maggie Whitley becomes the bride of Mr. Matthew Ransom Wall. Rev. C. K. Proctor, their pastor, will perform the ceremony, and only a few intimate relatives and friends will witness the ceremony.

Miss Whitley is the lovely and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Thad Whitey, and is very popular in social and church circles, while the groom is the efficient and genial cashier of the People's Bank. The best wishes of a host of friends throughout this and other counties will be extended them.

THE WEEK'S NEWS IN CLAYTON.

Clayton, N. C., Nov. 14.—Mrs. G. H. Johnson who for the past several days has been visiting her parents left Monday for her home at Enfield. Mr. A. Sam White spent a few days this week with his father at Concord.

Mrs. W. R. Smith and children, of Selma, are visiting relatives here this week.

Mrs. E. B. Owen, of Raleigh, has spent a few days this week with relatives here.

Mrs. W. P. Creech and little son, Preston, returned Tuesday from Norfolk, Va., where she has been visiting relatives.

Mrs. A. Sam White went to Durham Sunday to visit her sister Miss Telza Barnes who is at Conservatory of Music.

Mr. Tom Rand, of Raleigh, visited relatives here this week.

Many of our town people are attending the Woman's meeting in session at Selma on Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

The members of the Red Cross society here are doing a great work. A patriotic spirit is surely being shown in the interest of our boys in training.

Mrs. M. G. Gulley is visiting her son Mr. S. R. Gulley at Norfolk, Va.

Miss Genie Thomas of Meredith College spent last week-end here with her parents.

Mr. James Puckett went to Raleigh today to see his brother, Isaac, who is in Rex Hospital with appendicitis.

Mr. P. A. Wallace made a business trip to Raleigh Monday.

Mr. J. R. Williams spent Monday in Smithfield.

Mr. and Mrs. John S. Barnes went to Durham Sunday to visit their son, John, Jr., who is in school at Trinity Park.

Mr. C. R. Tomlinson, of Wilson's Mills, was here Monday on business.

Mrs. L. M. Edgerton and Miss Blanche Ellis went to Raleigh Monday P. M.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Yelverton and little daughter, Jane Hall, of Fremont, spent a few days this week with parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hall.

Mr. C. L. Barnes spent Tuesday in Raleigh.

Mr. A. V. Gulley and little son, Blye, of Smithfield, spent last Saturday here.

Mr. Ashley Horne returned to Bedford City Tuesday after spending several days here with parents.

Mr. Irving Gower, of the Ambulance Corps stationed at Camp Lee, Va., spent Sunday here with his parents. He had only twenty-four hours off.

Mr. Turner Vinson who is in training at Camp Jackson, S. C., was in town Monday shaking hands with friends. He had a five day furlough, and says the boys down there are living fine, the only fear is in going to France, yet the group of young men are brave and say they are ready to sail at Uncle Sam's command.

H. S. Lowry, a traveling salesman of Raleigh, met with an accidental death Wednesday evening by falling through an open trap door in the sidewalk on Wilmington street in that city. He fell to the basement seven feet below and death was instantaneous. He was about 62 years old.

MISSING MAN FOUND IN WELL.

Charlie Starling Was Foully Murdered Three Weeks Ago and Body Weighted With Brick Bats and Thrown In Well. Body Found Sunday.

Selma, Nov. 15.—Herald readers will remember an account in this correspondence some weeks ago of the disappearance of Mr. Charlie Starling, of finding of blood near his home, and of sacks of sand and blood being found in an unused well also near his home. Later the County Commissioners offered a reward for the apprehension of the guilty party or parties. Last Sunday evening Mr. C. R. Hatcher who lives near Carter's Chapel church, and not very far from the home of Mr. Starling, went to an old saw mill place near his home to see if he could find there some remnants of lumber that he needed about his farm. While walking through the deserted mill site, he came near to the well that was formerly used to get water for the boiler, and discovered something floating on the surface of the water, the water being nearly even with the ground, and no curb around the well. He immediately gave the alarm, and soon a crowd of neighbors gathered, and found that the floating object was Mr. Starling, who had been missing three weeks. A sack full of brick bats had been tied around his neck when he was thrown in the well to keep the body on the bottom, and when the body rose to the surface of the well the bricks were still about his neck. County Coroner was summoned and viewed the remains Sunday night. An examination of the body showed that he had been shot with a shot gun through one arm, and in the top of the head before being put in the well. The prevailing opinion seems to be that his assailants shot him first in the arm, and he fell, after which they again shot him in the top of the head. We understand that coroner's inquest will be held Friday morning when quite a number of witnesses will be examined. So far no arrests have been made.

HOOVER FIXES STANDARD LOAF.

One Pound the Smallest When Bakeries Are All Put Under Control on December 10.

Washington, Nov. 11.—The baking industry of the country is to be put on a war basis on Dec. 10 under Government regulation. After that date loaves of standard sizes only may be baked, and the industry must accept a formula prepared by the Food Administration. There will be no more fancy rolls, in the making of which large quantities of sugar are used.

While the Food Administration will not demand the mixing of other cereals with wheat—a policy adopted in France and England—the new war loaf will differ in many essentials from that which is baked at present. Herbert C. Hoover, the Food Administrator, believes that a saving of 100,000,000 pounds of sugar and an equal amount of lard will be effected within a year.

The acceptance of "returns" by bakers also will be forbidden, and it has been estimated that this action will mean the saving of at least 600,000 barrels of flour. Investigators have found that many thousands of loaves of bread have been a total loss because of this practice.

FINANCIERS BACK Y. M. C. A.

Morgan, Rockefeller and Others Indorse Appeal for \$35,000,000.

New York, Nov. 11.—Six of the leading financiers of this city have signed and indorsed a letter sent to the presidents of all corporations having headquarters in New York asking them to aid the \$35,000,000 campaign of the war work council of the Young Men's Christian Association, it was announced tonight.

The signers are J. P. Morgan, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Arthur Curtiss James, Elbert H. Gary, Cleveland H. Dodge and George F. Baker.

News has reached America of the sinking of the American steamer D. N. Luckenbach by a German submarine on October 27, in the Bay of Biscay, a hundred miles off the French coast. Five of the crew were killed. The survivors, numbering 24, were picked up by a Danish steamer two days after the sinking of the ship.