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COTTON SHORTAGE SEEMS PROBABLE

General Falling Off in Textile Production and Demand Is Increasing

By Bion H. Butler in News and Observer

Something over a year ago Paul Barringer, of Sanford, remarked to me one day that he anticipated a short crop of cotton seed and cotton, and that if we did not watch out we would find ourselves facing a textile famine. At that prediction people laughed. But from what he had to offer in the way of figures of production and consumption I was satisfied that Mr. Barringer had reason for his views. In February in New Orleans Colonel Hester, the foremost statistical authority in the world on cotton, told me that he looked for a cotton shortage, and explained why. His line of statistics was much like Barringer's but with a year more to back up the conclusion. A few days ago Richard H. Edmonds, writing in the News and Observer also intimated that we are running close to the end of the surplus of cotton. But I have had this thing in mind for months.

We have our supplies for textile goods, cotton, wool, flax and silk. For the last six years the cotton crop has been below the average. The flax crop has been shot to pieces. The wool crop has been given a similar jolt, and silk has its attack of heart-broken-down. Prior to the war the acreage of flax in the flax-growing countries of the world was about fifteen million acres. From what figures can be gathered for recent years the production is hardly half that acreage. Russia and British India, which were the great flax producing countries, have slumped, until no one knows what Russia is doing, and the United States and Canada have fallen away below the production of flax is so decisive that linen, which was a common fabric before the war, is hardly seen now. Linen is almost out of the running.

Silk and Wool Short

Silk is the least important of the

used to a large extent it is not of a substantial or durable nature, and is too expensive to count on as a dependable source of clothing. But it has suffered along with the others, especially in Europe and in the Asiatic provinces where war was most in evidence. But it is wool and cotton that provide the practical bulk of clothing material and cotton is the staple. But wool has its day of grief as well as cotton. The world eight years ago had over 530,000,000 sheep. Now it has almost a hundred million less. Sheep men say a scarcity of merino wool will be felt inside of a year, for the sheep that made the fine merino wool have been killed off, and the sheep that make the coarser wool have held a little better because they are bigger animals and of more value for mutton. So the wool that makes the better grades of goods is short, and the coarser wool is more plentiful than merino; but only because the world refuses to use it as a substitute for merino wool. The truth is that all wool is short, but the coarser wool would not be much service if abundant. The decline in merino wool is the catastrophe.

Everything in the way of textiles is short. With flax, silk and wool short the situation is worse when it comes to cotton, for everybody has known that the cotton crop has been below normal since the war commenced. A shortage of demand for lint has enabled the short crop to meet the needs up to the present time, but government investigation shows that the world on short demand is catching up to the short supply, and last week a bulletin announced the belief that by next year the surplus stock of lint cotton on hand will be getting dangerously small the demand for cotton is becoming normal again as compared to before the war, while the production is still much below normal.

Buying Movement in Prospect

If demand is becoming normal it is plain enough that the crop must be much bigger than any that has been raised in the last three or four years or the crop will be short of enough to meet the call for lint. It is well enough known that as soon as the world is able to buy cotton a buying movement will set in that will call for great quantities, for the people of all nations have been running on scant allowance since the war commenced. Old clothes were worn out long ago, and the compulsory habit of mighty economical restraint has been prominent over most of the world for the past eight years. Wardrobes are low, and if the world is returning to its ability to buy cotton a large amount of it will be needed to restock the bureau drawers and the clothes closets.

There again is one of the purposes

CHARLES MARSH GIVES BOND FOR APPEARANCE

Case of Fayetteville Automobile Man Will Come Up In August

Carthage, May 6.—Charles G. Marsh, automobile dealer of Fayetteville, N. C., who was held by the authorities in connection with the fatal automobile accident that occurred near Westend early yesterday morning was released on bail in the sum of \$1,000 by Sheriff D. Al Blue, after conferring by telephone with Solicitor M. W. Nash, of Hamlet, who advised this course. Marsh, who was suffering from painful cuts about the face and head caused by broken glass from the windshield, left immediately for his home in Fayetteville, accompanied by friends. The bond was for his appearance at the August term of the Superior court of Moore county, when the matter will come up for a hearing. The charge to be preferred by the solicitor will be that of manslaughter, it is said.

BUILDING BOOM AT NEW HEIGHT

April Broke All Records For New Construction; Figures For Eastern U. S.

New York, May 7.—April broke all previous records for the amount of construction started, according to the F. W. Dodge Company. There was an increase in every important class of industry, even in plants which have been the last group to pick up.

Building contracts in the Middle Atlantic States (Eastern Pennsylvania, Delaware, New Jersey, Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia and the Carolinas) amounted to \$48,661,000, which was an increase of 9 per cent over the preceding month and of 78 per cent over April, 1921.

Last month's total included \$20,299,000 for residences; \$9,598,000 for public works and utilities; \$6,409,000 for educational buildings.

Contracts awarded in the central West (comprising Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Wisconsin, Michigan, Missouri and portions of eastern Kansas and Nebraska) were \$90,023,000. The largest monthly total for this district since April, 1920. Last month's total was 6 per cent ahead of the previous month and 20 per cent ahead of the corresponding month of last year.

In Minnesota, the Dakotas and northern Michigan, building contracts were \$7,986,000. This total was 20 per cent under that of the preceding month and 4 per cent over that of April, 1921.

KILLED IN EFFORT TO STOP RUNAWAY

Rowland Veterinarian Gives Life To Save Lives Of Children

Rowland, May 6.—Dr. R. Harris was instantly killed here this morning about 11 o'clock while attempting to stop a runaway team of mules, carrying a wagon load of school children. Harris was thrown to the ground and the wagon, passing over his body, caused internal injuries from which he died immediately. None of the children in the wagon were hurt.

Dr. Harris located in Rowland several months ago and was engaged in the practice of veterinary surgery. In the short while he has lived here he built up a large practice and was universally liked by all who know him. The town and community is deeply saddened by his tragic death. Dr. Harris served as an officer in the army during the war. His home was in Fenton, Mich.

of the cotton conference which held its first meeting at New Orleans in February. The conference would have a complete study made of conditions all over the world and learn how much cotton the various sections can use and pay for. Right now the cotton planter of the United States would like to know just how much that amount is, for on that ability to buy and pay for cotton depends the price the planter will get for the crop he plants this year. But he is as completely in the dark as a bottle of ink in the bottom of a well at midnight in the dark of the moon.

SCOTTISH SOCIETY TO MEET AT FAYETTEVILLE

Red Springs, May 6.—The Scottish Society of America will meet at Fayetteville Tuesday, May 23, the sessions to be held at noon in the La-

GODWIN CHAIRMAN COUNTY DEMOCRATS

Neill Salmon Named Secretary and Will Assist Mr. Godwin in Campaign

Democratic executive committee of Harnett county met in the court house auditorium Monday for the purpose of electing a chairman and secretary to manage the coming campaign. The following representatives were present: Anderson Creek: John Elliott. Aversboro: O. P. Shell. Barbecue: E. P. Harrington. Black River: C. S. Adams. Buckhorn: J. R. Brown. Duke: Arthur Fowler. Grove: L. L. Levinson. Hector's Creek: W. L. Senter. Johnsonville: D. P. McDonald. Lillington: J. W. Halford. Neill's Creek: F. H. Taylor. Stewart's Creek: J. C. Byrd. Upper Little River: D. P. Ray. Mr. Chas. Ross offered his resignation as chairman, he being a candidate in the primary. Mr. Ross called attention to the necessity of inducing good men to accept the office agreed with Mr. Ross in his opinion of this need.

Immediately after Mr. Ross had retired, the committee went into the selection of a chairman. Hon. Hannibal L. Godwin of Dunn was nominated. From the Lillington precinct secretary came the report that this precinct endorsed Dr. J. W. Halford for chairman. Dr. Halford immediately arose and withdrew, stating that he felt he could be of great service in the ranks. Mr. Godwin was then elected unanimously.

Mr. McNeill McKay Salmon was unanimously elected secretary. Mrs. C. S. Adams presided as temporary chairman in the absence of Mr. Godwin.

Suggestions were offered for members of the County Board of Commissioners of candidate announced before the time expired. — Harnett County News.

WARNED TO LEAVE STATE, HE SAYS

Greensboro College Professor Decides To Quit His Job

Greensboro, May 8.—Dr. E. C. Lindeman, professor of social economics at the North Carolina College for Women here, has resigned, according to his answer to a query made by a local newspaper man today, effective at the end of the present academic year, September 1. Questioned further, he stated that he had been warned to leave the city several weeks ago. He said that he supposed that the warning came from the local Ku Klux Klan.

Several weeks ago it was rumored here that a negro woman, cook for the Lindeman family, was the honoree at a party given at the Lindeman home. It was denied from the Lindeman home that such was the case, it being stated that the cook had a birthday and invited several of her women friends to a party but that the party was not given in the Lindeman home proper, but in the basement and that only negroes attended.

Because of the stout denial of the rumor the affair never found its way into the newspapers here, or elsewhere, and it was thought the matter was ended, but in a few days, came other rumors to the effect that some persons had addressed criticisms to Dr. Lindeman of certain alleged acts and that the college had been asked to discharge him.

Dr. Lindeman stated today the "warning" is not the chief reason for his severing his connection with the college, although he said that it is one factor entering into the decision to leave. The main reason for his resignation, he said, is the fact that he is considering other propositions elsewhere. He had not yet decided where he will go he stated. Several attractive propositions have been offered to him, it is understood.

He came here several years ago from Illinois. He holds several degrees, is the author of several books on sociological subjects and has traveled extensively in Europe, studying at the centers of learning there, including Vienna. He is Scandinavian in origin. He is about thirty years old and married.

Fayette opera house. Governor Cameron Morrison, president of the society, will make the address, and after the meetings luncheons will be served in the armory. One of the features of the program will be the giving of the highland fling in costume by students of Flora Macdonald College.

CHURCH ADVERTISING PRAISE BY PASTOR

Says He Has Qualified His Membership in Four Prizes

Kearney, Neb., May 7.—Publicity has changed the automobile from an enemy to a friend of the church, according to Rev. O. Kene, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church here.

"When the people of the whole community know of a church and the kind of sermons preached the car will carry them to it instead of away from it," he said.

"By advertising in local papers I have quadrupled the membership of my church in four years. Christ said 'Go out and evangelize them to come in. What is more compelling than advertising in the newspaper?'"

"I often insert a quarter page or half page ad in the home town papers. The expense of advertising is met by the collection box, and the more people the advertising draws to church, of course, the larger the collections. So the money they pay for themselves in actual money. The good that is accomplished cannot be measured in dollars and cents."

"Advertising may be backed by a good, sound, honest gospel message from the pulpit. Nothing can take the place of the gospel; not movies, nor music, nor any kind of address on current topics. The man who goes once is apt to return and bring someone with him."

MAYOR PROCLAIMS OVER CEREMONIAL

Kinston Chief Executive Extends Welcome to Sudan Nobles

Kinston, May 8.—M. Happer, mayor of Kinston, in a proclamation bidding the nobles of Sudan Temple, Ancient A. O. N. M. S., to the city of Kinston, N. C., in this city on May 18th.

key business that will bring them here 3,000 strong. He respectfully suggested that they remove any bodies of candidates that might be lying around when they decamped.

Harper's proclamation follows: "Whereas, it has come to my attention that nobles of Sudan Temple, A. O. N. M. S., intend holding their Spring Ceremonial in our fair city of Kinston, and

"Whereas, it has come to my attention that there will be a number of candidates on hand to be initiated into the mysteries of this most excellent order, and

"Whereas, it behooves me, as mayor of our fair city of Kinston, to see that the nobles have a good time and the candidates a hot time, now, therefore, I do proclaim,

"1. That our citizens as a whole extend a most cordial invitation to Sudan nobles, their wives and sweethearts to take possession of our fair city on May 18th as they may see fit, providing they do not move the city hall nor set fire to the mayor's residence.

"2. That the said nobles of Sudan Temple be respectfully requested not to leave bodies of candidates on the streets after dark.

"3. That the initiatory ceremonies be held at such places where the agonizing screams of the candidates cannot annoy some of our more timid citizens.

"4. That the fair city of Kinston extends free burial places or hospital accommodations to candidates wherever found necessary.

"Done over my hand and seal while in a perfectly sober condition, this 3rd day of May, 1922.

(Seal) M. HAPPER, Mayor of Kinston.

FAYETTEVILLE PAYS TRIBUTE TO UNDERWOOD

Funeral Services at Episcopal Church For Former Mayor

Fayetteville, May 6.—The city of Fayetteville today paid the last tribute of respect and affection to the memory of John Underwood, who had twice held the highest office in the gift of the community, when a large concourse of his fellow citizens filled St. John's Episcopal church at the hour of the funeral services for the former mayor, who was killed yesterday morning in an automobile accident in Moore county.

The town hall in the historic city hall was tolled as the funeral cortege moved through the streets. The services at the church and at the cemetery were conducted by Rev. Archer Bogger, rector of St. John's. The number of floral offerings sent by friends and admirers was unusually large.

MORE DISTRICTS WANT SPECIALS

They Want Better Schools and Are Willing To Pay The Price

At Monday's meeting of the Board of County Commissioners two more school districts petitioned for special tax elections—Hector's Creek No. 1 and Duke.

Hector's Creek school district No. 1 petitioned for a special election, which was approved by the board, and the election date was set for June 10th. E. S. Mann was named registrar; J. H. Bellard and D. C. Hamilton.

Hector's Creek district 4 reported their recent election as follows: Total registrations 37; for 22; against 9; absent and counted against 6.

A special bond election for schools for Duke township was allowed and J. C. Cliffe is to prepare the petition. It was ordered by the County Fathers that N. McK. Salmon, special agent for collecting land sales, shall remit to the county each month the net face of the tax receipt, retaining all cost for his compensation for the 1920 taxes; but on all prior years the commission for collecting shall be 25 per cent of gross amount collected.

Special Agent Salmon reported amount collected since last meeting \$963.10; commission \$190.62.

The list makers for the various townships took the oath of office at the Monday meeting. According to law, they are required to list the acreage of land planted to various crops, and the county board agrees to pay them five cents each for these listings.

The road commission of Barbecue was "out" \$5 for a footing over Barbecue creek which was placed there for convenience of communicants of historic Barbecue church. The board reimbursed the commission.

Other matters before the board were of a routine nature. — Harnett County News.

HIGHER POSITION

Market During Week Advances 142 to 161 Points Higher; Rise Sustained

New Orleans, May 7.—Throughout the week just ended the cotton market stood at the advance, rising to its highest levels at about the middle of the week and holding its gain fairly well thereafter, in the face of considerable realizing from the long side.

At its best the active positions were 142 to 161 points higher than the close of the preceding week with July up to 18.70. The close was at net gains of 98 to 126 points with July at 18.23. In the spot department middling gained 112 points in the net results closing at 18.12 cents a pound against 18.08 on the close of the same week last year.

The demand was encouraged mainly by the unfavorable weather conditions over the greater part of the belt during the early days of the week, the heavy rains in Texas being regarded as the most important weather developments, although low temperatures and consequent failure of germination of seed were also features that made an unfavorable impression regarding the crop outlook.

Some sections of Oklahoma wired local cotton concerns that cotton seed were rotting in the ground as the result of the combination of too much moisture and too cool weather.

Toward the end of the week the weather took a turn for the better and this stimulated considerable realizing on the long side. More or less liquidation of long contracts was in evidence to the close, but this sort of selling was hardly as much as generally expected would be the case after the bull markets of the early part of the week. One reason for this was the better tone of trade reports, signs for a better demand for the actual cotton and the large mill takings for the week, 180,000 bales against 149,000 this week last year and 155,000 this week two years ago. Reports from some sections of the Carolinas was that some mills were running full time with a few mills even working nights. Liverpool consignees to local brokers noted more inquiry for cloth and claimed that trade was being done in a moderate way, by Manchester with all parts of the world which was accepted as meaning that confidence gradually was being restored. At the same time the cotton trade generally was little that was constructive in its developments at the Genoa conference.

J. H. PATTERSON DIED SUDDENLY YESTERDAY

Founder of National Cash Register Company Expires While Chatting With Valet

Atlantic City, N. J., May 7.—John H. Patterson, founder and chairman of the board of directors of the National Cash Register company, Dayton, Ohio, died suddenly today aboard a train bound for this city.

Mr. Patterson was stricken with a heart attack and died before medical assistance could reach him. He was seated in a chair chatting with his valet, his only companion, as the train passed through Kirkwood, Camden county, he suddenly fell unconscious.

Dr. T. F. Dradens, of Saranac Lake, N. Y., who was in the next car was summoned and tried to revive the stricken man but all restorative failed. He had been a sufferer from a chronic cardiac condition.

The body was brought to this city and the authorities ordered it sent to an undertaking parlor.

MISS CAMP SUBMITS REPORT FOR YEAR

Summary Of Her Work in County During The Past Twelve Months

The Director of School Extension for Harnett county submits the following report of the work done in this department during the year 1921-22.

The extension work began in this county May 3, 1921. It was suspended for five weeks during the summer and one week for the holidays, leaving ten and one-half months of actual work.

Number of meetings held 265
Total attendance, not including children under 12 24,940
Number of special programs connected with community meetings 25
Six Scout Troops organized 6
New Scout Groups organized 1

favorable results in West Virginia and Tennessee also is to be visited.

The directors adopted unanimously a resolution inviting Eugene Meyer, Jr., chairman of the war finance association, to come to Lexington and address a big meeting of the citizens of this section of the State at a date toward the last of May making it convenient.

Mr. Meyer will be in Atlanta about May 23, and it is planned to have him come to Lexington May 25 or 26, if he can come. Judge Robert W. Ewing, of Louisville, was appointed a committee of one to tender the invitation on behalf of the board.

Only Two Dues Collected
Director of Warehouses, Ralph H. Barker reported to the board on his work for far in agreeing upon valuations for final taking over the warehouses, saying that in all but two cases no arbitration had been necessary and in those two cases he had not been able to see the owners as yet. Some of the directors inquired what was being done in regard to prevention of visitors of the marketing contract who had sold their crops outside the association. They were informed by President James C. Stone that cases would soon be filed against the contract breakers.

It developed that opponents of the association in southern Indiana, have been circulating a report to the effect that the association had filed suits and had lost them in the courts here. The directors were informed that no suits have yet been filed.

A crop acreage survey of every farm in North Carolina is being taken this month by the tax listers. Instructions to the tax listers by the county commissioners of every county to take the number of acres planted to each crop, on each farm, are in compliance with the law, passed last year, relative to the collection of Agricultural Statistics. In order to facilitate the work of the listers each farm owner should prepare a list of the sum of his own and his tenants' plantings to be harvested this year, and give in at the time of listing his property for taxation.

An annual census of crop acreages bears the same relation to agriculture as an industry that an inventory does to other forms of business. It is a forward looking step that is in the interests of the farmers as a class, and of the state as a whole. Although this data is collected each year by with any increase of taxation. Reliable data of this kind tends to stabilize the market, and helps to save the farmer from losses brought about by the manipulation of the market by the speculative interest.—News and Observer.

Rocky Mount, May 3.—Ada Jones, musical star, died in a local hospital last night after a sudden illness. She was removed to the hospital Monday after suffering a collapse Saturday night at the conclusion of a concert engagement.

Miss Jones, who in private life was Mrs. Hugh Fishery, of New York, collapsed Monday morning following her appearance, in what proved to be her swan song, at a local theater Saturday night. The collapse occurred in her room at a local hotel some time Monday morning she was found in a semi-conscious condition by other members of her company when they came to her room prior to catching the train for Tarboro, where she was booked to have appeared last night.

She was immediately rushed to the hospital where her trouble was diagnosed as tremis and her condition realized to be most serious from the beginning.

Clinton, May 6.—Memorial Day exercises will be observed at Clinton on Wednesday. These exercises will be participated in by all veterans of Sampson county—Confederate, Union and World War.

At a joint meeting of Sampson camp, No. 127, United Confederate Veterans; Leon L. Daughtry post, No. 22, and the Legion and the Ashford-Sellers chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy it was decided to jointly celebrate May 10 as Memorial Day for all wars.

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NINE MILLION TO BE PAID MEMBERS

War Finance Chairman Invited To Be Present At Distribution

Lexington, Ky., May 6.—Owners of tobacco in Kentucky, Indiana and Ohio, who are members of the Smiley Tobacco Growers' Co-operative association, will receive May 29 another payment of approximately \$9,000,000 on their crops which they delivered to receiving plants of the association, the second payment to be of the same amount as the first, according to the decision of the board of directors of the association this week.

The manner of delivery of the checks to the growers is left to the directors in each district, to whom all the checks for growers in his district will be sent.

It is expected to make Saturday May 20, a day of justification in the district, with speeches at public meetings in most cases, followed by the delivery of the checks to the growers.

These details, however, are left to the discretion of the director in each district and uniform method of delivery has not been agreed upon. Each director will announce to the county papers the time and method of distribution to be followed in his district.

Quick to Bright
After thorough discussion of the outlook, with a review of sales already made and some others in immediate prospect, the directors were told that they could assure their constituents that those who had joined the association would receive more net money per pound for their tobacco than those who refused to join, besides paying expenses and the payments on the warehouses which are to be decided to the association by June 15.

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