

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

SOUTHERN COTTON REVIEW

Market Showed Decided Steadiness in Early Part of Week, but Closed Under the Previous Week.

New Orleans, Feb. 14.—The cotton market closed last week at a net loss of 10 to 15 points. In the early part, steadiness was shown, chiefly as the result of the large export movement, but sentiment favored a reaction from the advance. Political news in relation to the probable effect on the trade of the country was accepted as a good basis for sales.

THE COTTON SITUATION

Market a Trading Affair—Doubt Pending Government's Taking Charge

New York, Feb. 13.—The price movement during the week was more or less circumscribed owing undoubtedly to the impending inauguration of Woodrow Wilson as president of the United States.

It is not expected, however, that this remaining influence will be protracted, and when the government's policies become clearly defined through practical application trade will have little trouble in adjusting itself to the new system.

Little has developed throwing any light on the prospective crop situation. Recent dependable advices from the United States, however, suggest a reduction of 25 per cent. in acreage. It is a matter of current comment that arrangements for fertilizer and other purchases preliminary to field work are not being pushed as early as usual.

MARINE DIRECTORY

List of Vessels in Port at Wilmington, North Carolina.

PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

Prepared by Rodgers, Plummer & Co., Inc.

IMPROVEMENT IS EVIDENT

Increasing Activity of New Financing Reflects Improvement in Money Situation

(Special To The Star) New York, Feb. 13.—No better evidence of financial improvement could be recorded than the increased activity of new financing.

Recovery has been gradual, and in January the total rose to \$127,000,000, or only \$3,000,000 below the same month in 1914.

While we are facing beyond doubt an urgent demand for capital, it is not likely under existing business depression—that there will be any great demand from really new enterprises.

At present the war is being carried on by all belligerents largely by means of short term obligations, although the United States is aiming to pay a considerable share as current expenses.

The most important local factor in the financial situation is the abundance of loanable funds at reasonable rates. This is due partly to the dullness in trade and partly to the satisfactory working of the Federal reserve banking system.

There are thus sufficient depressing influences to keep the market more or less under the control of the government, but creating a bear party of some consequence.

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Of the Haar Stock of Dry Goods and Fixtures continues until mid-March. Wholesale cost. (advertisement.)

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REVIEW

Number of Important and Unusual Developments in Stock Market During Week.

New York, Feb. 14.—A number of important and unusual incidents governed last week's irregular stock market. Prices rose in the early period in response to the maintenance of regular disbursements by several of the leading railroads and industrial companies whose dividend stability had been brought into question and made further gains on the excellent tone statement of the United States Steel Corporation for January.

Another interesting development of the week was the further decline in exchange between New York and London, which caused the Bank of England to relinquish a part of the gold sent by American bankers, to Canada in the early stages of the war.

General trade, including steel and copper, manifested distinct improvement during the week and most lines of merchandise made further progress toward the normal.

Our exports are being further expanded by heavy shipments of wheat and cotton. Meanwhile our importations are running very light, owing to the interruption of supplies by the war.

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THE WEATHER.

United States Department of Agriculture—Weather Bureau. February 15, 1915. Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M. yesterday.

Temperature at 8 A. M., 44 degrees; at 8 P. M., 60 degrees; maximum, 72 degrees; minimum, 44 degrees; mean, 58 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall for the month, to date, .70 inch.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river, at Fayetteville, at 8 A. M. Saturday 8.5 feet.

THE WEATHER.

For North Carolina—Showers Monday; Tuesday, cloudy and cooler.

The Port Calendar, Feb. 15, 1915. Sun rises 6:57 A. M. Sun sets 5:56 P. M. Day's length 10 hrs. 59 min.

THE TIDES.

High water. Low water. A. M. P. M. A. M. P. M. Wilmington . . . 10:49 11:02 5:48 6:09 Southport . . . 8:48 9:08 2:36 3:03 Masonboro Inl. . 8:37 8:57 2:16 2:48

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS.

February 14, 1915.

Table with columns: STATIONS, Weather at 8 P. M., Highest today, Lowest last night, Precip. total at 8 P. M.

WASHINGTON'S GOOD ADVICE

The Star's Page of Presidents a Feature—Don't Forget the Gold.

"Observe good faith and justice toward all nations. Cultivate peace and harmony with all. Religion and morality enjoin this conduct. And can it be that good policy does not equally enjoin it?"

AMERICAN WOMAN TO TALK IN GERMAN UNIFORM

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TRINITY CHOOSES HER DEBATERS FOR CONTEST

Debate Held Friday Night and Speakers Against Swarthmore Named (Special Star Correspondence)

Trinity College, Durham, N. C., Feb. 13.—The preliminary contest for the making of places on the Trinity debating team in the inter-collegiate debate between Swarthmore College and Trinity College was held in East Duke building at night between seven and nine o'clock.

The debate this year with Swarthmore marked the beginning of a new debating team at Trinity, and they will doubtless sustain Trinity's record in this sort of endeavor.

The debaters representing the two colleges will meet this year at the home of Swarthmore, Swarthmore, Pennsylvania, Feb. 22. The following year the debate will be held here, and the final clash, if necessary will take place on the Swarthmore stage.

Charleston, W. Va., Feb. 14.—The Kanawha county jail here was quarantined today when four cases of smallpox were found among the prisoners.

SEABOARD AIR LINE RAILWAY

The Progressive Railway of the South Bulletin of Special Round Trip Rates in Effect from Wilmington:

CINCINNATI, OHIO \$20.40 On sale February 20, 21 and 22nd, limited returning Midnight, March 3rd.

ATLANTIC COAST LINE

The Standard Railroad of the South Bulletin of Special Round Trip Rates.

TAMPA, FLA \$22.30 On sale February 9 to 15th, inclusive, limited returning February 26th.

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SUBURBAN SCHEDULE

In Effect October 12, 1914. WINTER PARK, WRIGHTSVILLE, WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH AND INTERMEDIATE POINTS.

Table with columns: EASTBOUND, WESTBOUND. Rows for Leave Front and Princess Park for Winter Park, Leave Front and Princess Park for Wrightsville, Leave Front and Princess Park for Beach, Leave Winter Park for Wilmington, Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington, Leave Beach for Wilmington.

SPECIAL FOR SUNDAYS.

Leave Front and Princess streets every half hour from 2:00 to 5:00 P. M.

FREIGHT SCHEDULE.

Leave Ninth and Orange streets, 3:30 P. M. Freight Depot open from 2:30 to 3:30 P. M.

ATLANTIC COAST LINE

Arrivals and Departures of Trains at Wilmington. Effective Nov. 22, 1914. Time Not Guaranteed.

Table with columns: DEPARTURES, TO AND FROM, ARRIVALS. Rows for Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Eastern North Carolina points, Jacksonville, Newberry and intermediate stations, Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington, Solid train between Wilmington and Mt. Airy, Jacksonville, Newberry and intermediate stations, Chadbourn, Florence, Augusta, Atlanta and the West, Asheville and the West, Fayetteville and intermediate stations, Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk, Washington and New York, Pullman Buffet Sleeping Cars, Wilmington and Washington, Chadbourn, Florence, Augusta and Atlanta, Asheville and Columbia.

For folders, reservations, rates of fares, etc., call 'phone 160. W. J. CRAIG, Passenger Traffic Manager. T. C. WHITE, General Passenger Agent.

GASPARILLA CARNIVAL—TAMPA, FLORIDA.

MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION NEW ORLEANS, MOBILE AND PENSACOLA.

Excursion Tickets will be sold for the above occasion from Wilmington on February 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15, at fares named below, by the

ATLANTIC COAST LINE

THE STANDARD RAILROAD OF THE SOUTH

Table with columns: TAMPA, FLORIDA, NEW ORLEANS, La, MOBILE, ALA, PENSACOLA, FLA. Rates: \$22.30, 26.75, 23.35, 23.35.

Tickets will be limited, at time of purchase, to February 26th, but an extension of final return limit to March 15th may be obtained by depositing tickets prior to expiration and upon payment of \$1.00.

For Schedules, Reservations, Etc., Inquire of Atlantic Coast Line Ticket Agents, or address

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Table with columns: Schedule in Effect Nov. 22, 1914. Rows for Lv. Norfolk, Lv. Petersburg, Lv. Durham, Lv. Lynchburg, Ar. Cincinnati, Ar. Columbus, Ar. Chicago, Ar. St. Louis.

Ships sailing from Baltimore every Friday afternoon 5 o'clock, arriving in Wilmington, Sunday afternoon. Low through rates and other information furnished upon application.

Office and P. O. Box, 112, Raleigh, N. C. HENRY WILLIAMS, Jr., General Freight Agent, Baltimore, Md.

CLYDE LINE TO NEW YORK

GEORGETOWN, S. C. New York to Wilmington. Steamship Cherokee, Friday, Feb. 12th. Steamship Seminole, Friday, Feb. 19th.