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Our Agricultural Efficiency.

fact that Maryland trails closely after North Carolina and three other states in the matter of "agricultural efficiency." Perhaps it will be another of congratulations for Tar Heelia that her agriculture is ranked nationally as a self-seeking industry, about as near so as possible except in the one particular of livestock. Anyhow, it is sufficient to make the Baltimore Sun claim a share of the honor for Maryland, which is done editorially in this wise:

Maryland stands among the leaders in a special sort of agri-cultural efficiency. Its farmers raise 78.5 per cent of all the food which they eat, and a better record than this is found only in four other states-namely, Delaware, Virginia, North Carolina and Utah. The department of agriculture gives this information and it treats the subject as an important matter Obviously it is, for each farmer should by all means raise as much as possible of what he needs for his own use. Transportation by rail of food from one farming region to another is necessary to some extent, but it is disconcert-ing to discover that 9 per cent of the food which American farmers eat is so transported, although it might as well be grown in the localities where it is consumed who know may be allowed to tell why Maryland farmers come so near to raising all the food which they themselves need, but the fact that they do is de-cidedly to their credit in these days of transportation difficulties.

North Carolina farmers are given credit by the United States agricultural department for producing some 80 per cent of the requirements of the farms in food and feedstuffs. That may be surprising to many mere observers, but North Carolina produces record crops of the 22 leading American farm products, and in that respect she stands fourth among the five leading states, the rank being as follows: Texas, \$594,619,000; Iowa, \$418,414,000; Illinois, \$386,017,000; North Carolina, \$298,044,000; Californit, \$226,170,000.

Fifth is North Carolina's farm record in the value of all crops, the five leading states ranking as follows: Texas, \$716,408,000; Iowa, \$454,787,-000; Illinois, \$419,584,000; California, \$418,833,000; North Carolina, \$342,-

In total crop values for 1922 North Carolina fell back approximately \$10,-000,000, owing to boll weevil damage, but her increase in the value of 22 leading crops she gained \$77,467,000. The significance of that is that North Carolina's agriculture made a great stride towards being self sustaining.

North Carolina's importation of food and feedstuffs are due to North Carolina's industrial and urban population. Only 20 per cent of the feed and foodstuffs coming from other states is for our farmers. The other 80 per cent is to feed the city and industrial population. Since that 80 per cent is a huge amount, the farmers can raise surplus diversified crops and find an almost 100 per cent home market right here in the state.

Governor Gifford Pinchot, of Pennsylvania, has appointed a woman member of his cabinet. How many times will he have to listen to those ipated, he had to limit his efforts bewords, "Listen, now, Giff."

Down Columbus Way.

Making a city fit to live in is the function of a progressive municipal administration, Year by year, Whiteville is becoming a good residential town, as well as a growing town. Bonds have been sold for the purpose of installing a waterworks system, and for the construction of an electric lighting plant, and now the preliminary arrangements are being made for beginning work on both plants.

Somewhere down in the southeastern neck of North Carolina, there is bound to be a city, and Whiteville is going to be it. Few county seat towns in North Carolina have made the substantial progress scored by Whiteville during the past ten years. Whiteville's new court house is a handsome structure, and her new hotel is worthy of a town much larger. Whiteville's paved streets are impressive, EXPIRATIONS—Look at the printed especially the boulevard, connecting label on the paper. The date thereto shows when the subscription expires. vigorous Siamese twins. The evidences of prosperity in each are manifest on all sides, and while they are separate towns, a stranger would not the shifting about of diplomatic vergether. They have progressive banks, good schools and prosperious business

The Whiteville News Reporter is of one of the best county papers in North Carolina, and we expect Editor Keziah most any time to claim 3,000 population for his two towns in one. Whiteville is a tobacco warehouse market and it is a good cotton market when the staple is produced to any extent. However, the boll weevil picked Columbus county for its pioneer devastation in North Carolina, and cotton production in the county may not exceed 3,000 to 4,000 bales The Baltimore Sun is proud of the this year. Nevertheless, the boll weevil cuts no ice with the prosperity of a county so marvelously resourceful as Columbus. She grows fine yellow tobacco, and her strawberry production brings into the country several hundred thousand dollars in April and May. Columbus grows more papershell pecans than any county in North Carolina, and her progress in swine and poultry raising is hardly exceeded by any county in the state. Even Whiteville has become the center of a new strawberry industry, and effort's are being made to make it a station for the refrigerated train sering in Columbus. Here are just a few early glimpses furnished by the Whiteville News Reporter:

Many growers have already prepared their tobacco beds and have the seed sown. Within another week or two travelers who are unacquainted with tobacco growing will be wondering at the canvass covered beds that will be dotting the roadside all over the county. A hundred miles or so further inland farm work can hardly be said to commence until along about the middle of March. In Columbus everything gets a move on itself with the advent of year. One can go any where in Columbus now and find people busily engaged in cultivat-ing and hoeing strawberries. This crop, by the way, is said to be ex-ceptionally promising and the expectations are for a big produc-tion of the berries in Columbus.

Largely as a result of the poul-try exhibit at the county fair last fall there is now a great deal of interest being manifested in poultry raising in this county. Mr. Lazar and Miss Lankford, county and home agents, are working co-operatively in this matter. Mr Lazar reports quite a bit of recent activity looking towards better poultry raising. Mr. C. D. Har-relson of Tabor has just recently built a modern brooder house and a 100-hen poultry house. He has bought a good incubator and has taken off the second hatch of 140 chicks. He had 160 in the first. Mr. R. P. Britt has finished a 200chick brooder house and has off a hatch from his large incubator. He has also bought a second incubator and a good brooder stove.
Mr. B. B. Blake is now building a 200-chick brooder house. Mr. B. S. Britt hought a large incubator this week and there are others making similar ventures or plan-

ning to at an early date. Farmers in this county are yearly becoming more alive to the importance of agricultural lime on wet lands. One dealer here in Whiteville has made two sales of 100 tons each to be used on farms in the county, and many smaller sales are being made daily. One of the buys of 100 tons are Messrs Richard and Rone Lewis. They will use it on their farm at Cat Tail Bay, 12 miles below White-ville. About 250 acres of the Lewis farm is cultivated in corn. half one year and the other half The land is low-lying the next. somewhat marshy and ordinary fertilizers do not prove satisfactory. Corn and hogs are the chief productions on the place and it is understood that the plans are to make this place a hog farm, growing enough corn for all needs. About 90 head of hogs are now on the place and this number will be increased shortly until they hope to have enough for two or houses this summer.

A Virginian recently informed The itles for that branch of farm industry gard to the Washington government's even more remarkable than he antic. feelers. cause there is no creamery market in Wilmington. However, he devoted New York city is offered for sale at The Ohio State Journal has invited himself to diversified production of a \$40,000,000. Of course, that is what the contribution of "unmitigated kind that makes cotton growing look New York realtors want for it. It's

proposes to remain in Columbus and grow up with the county.

Whiteville has a chamber of com merce and its activities include prohogs than she ever did of cotton.

Expedient and Inexpedient.

The New York Times marvels at know it. They have about grown to- biage as it is used by the Harding administration. The Times says, for in-

> The state department has made large use of a truly blessed word explaining its policy and changes of policy. The familiar phrase, "It is expedient," is used again in connection with the or-der withdrawing our troops from Rhine. When President' Hard-wrote his letter to Senator Lodge deprecating the Boran amendment, it was explained that such a measure was not regarded by the administration as expedient. At that time, judging by one of the expressions of the president, it was apparently thought by the government to be highly expedient that this country should have a representative on the rep-arations commission. But at the end of last week this had become "inexpedient," according to the reply given by Secretary Hughes inquiring senators. It surely is a convenient word which, like the "bountiful answer" in the play, fits all questions. Now expediency always related to something e. It does not stand as a good in and of itself. If there is a clearly defined and firmly held foreign policy, a measure may be dubbed expedient or inexpedient according as it is an aid, or a hindrance, in carrying out that

We have to admit that at one time or other a thing may be expedient but may become inexpedient under changspring. Just now there is plenty do- all the difference in th world as to who is to be the judge of the appropriate time for action. Last Saturday when the senate passed the resolution of Senator Reed, suggesting the withdrawal of American troops from France, President Harding objected to it on the ground of "inexpediency." By an overwhelming vote, the senate troops home, so his plea of inexpe-

expediency of the recall of our soldiers, till we can judge from future results of our abandonment of Germany at a time when France began barrassment of our foreign relations. to carry out her military adventure. We do not suppose there will be any dispute about the fact that "adminis-Inaction has brought the administrawhich it should have taken action about long ago. We are at least two years too late.

Thieving Trickery

Negro boys have again revived the clubs. These thieves acquaint them- is quoted as saying the "ending of the selves with the conditions, so that nitely remote." when they appear they invariably give the right name of the pressing club and call the name of the gentle-man whose suit is inquired for so man whose suit is inquired for, so that the servant who delivers the suit before the Lausanne conference, and is naturally misled and imposed upon. This annoyance has cropped up re- the minorities have, had in the past. If anything can be worse than their peatedly for a long while, and it past, it is the future which these Asian seems to us that the pressing clubs should adopt some plan whereby they would give receipts for suits when delivered to their messengers on stationery of the pressing club. This, or some other safety device, should be employed by some concert of action by the pressing clubs.

The order withdrawing American troops from Germany seems to have Star that he had located in Columbus hurt France feelings. France seems to go into the farm dairy industry, to have been unmindful of the possiand while he found all the adaptabil- bilities of her insouciance with re-

The monster Equitable building in falsehoods," its aim being to publish like 30 cents. He never grew any cotton in his life and says he doesn't lers a fine opportunity to 1921 campaign managers who are now out of paign managers who are now out of a job.

New York realtors want for it. It's out before Judge Henry A. Grady, and held in jail in default of bonds in the right nice building but we have made up our mind that \$40,006,000 from men in his life and says he doesn't have to grow cotton in a county that will produce numbers of crops worth more than cotton to any farmer. He be a far better investment will be given out until k is a muleted.

We Are Not Out of the Woods Yet.

In the house of representatives at motion work in the entire county as Washington a few days ago, Reprewell as at the county seat. The cham- sentative Crothers of New York read ber is now making a fight for just numerous newspaper articles breathfreight rates to all points in the ing optimism about the industrial county. Whiteville is the home of and business outlook for this year. Representative Homer Lyon, and our He assumed at once that it actually sixth district congressman has assur- meant prosperity and he launched ed the Whiteville chamber that he into a speech giving the outrageous will render all the assistance possible tariff law all the credit for the ecoat Washington. Columbus wants rea- nomic improvement manifest in the sonable freight rates, for she expects United States. Well, it has been more to greatly increase her shipments of than four years since the armistice, strawberries and truck this season. and it ought to strike every one that Her swine raisers want low carload conditions would improve themselves rates so they can ship their hogs to in that time. Proseperity possibly the packing house market. Columbus may come in spite of the tariff but has folk who will do things and all the numerous optimistic prophesies they want is a wide open chance. broadcasted at the beginning of the Sooner or later Columbus expects to new year was only a way of shooting furnish more carload shipments of the bull. Conditions in some parts of the country have improved, but many portions do not feel any alleged buoyant effects of a tariff, which economically retards business instead of helping it. A cheerful and even hopeful outlook is good of itself, but a real satisfactory state of affairs actually depends on conditions to be met with next fall. The hopes we have certainly can not be based on a tariff which adds to the alerady great burdens of the people. It is not a good idea to fool ourselves till we actually get out of the woods.

CONTEMPORARY VIEWS.

GREAT BALTIMORE ASSET Walters art gallery is now open to the public on Wednesdays and Saturdays. This is perhaps a routine piece of news, for it is made public every year about this time; but there is one fact contained in it which has never been properly appreciated. The gal-lery is not always open. When, therefore, the time comes around for ad-mitting the public there should be at least a minor scramble of eager spec-tators. Properly handled by an advertising expert, the usual inacessi-bility of the Walters gallery should nake it one of Baltimore's most popular institutions.—Baltimore Sun.

WITHDRAWAL OF OUR TROOPS President Harding's decision that American troops are to be withdrawn from the Rhine, as announced by the secretary of state, comes at an un-favorable moment, when it is likely to be subject to considerable misinterpretation. It may not be intended as criticism upon French policy, and may be the outgrowth of a desire to keep American troops out of a zone o possible trouble. Almost inevitably it station for the refrigerated train serwill be given a broader significance.

Vice of the Atlantic Coast Line this
ed circumstances. However, it makes
This may have been intended by the
spring Just now there is plenty doall the difference in the world as to members of congress who secured the passage of the recent resolution on the subject. According to the information now made public, due notification was sent

to France some time ago that in the event of an invasion of the Ruhr our action would be inevitable. present No doubt the diplomatic requirements of the case have been complied with. But the fact remains that our action occurs at a very critical moment, and public opinion both here and abroad is regarded the recall of our troops as nearly certain to interpret it as a dientirely expedient. Within three days rect rebuke to French policy, at least It may well be that this withdrawal ought to have been effected some time apparent incendiarism. diency was abandoned for a policy of expediency, in line with the senate expediency, in line with the senate more significance since it has been so more significance since it has been so more significance with the senate more significance with long deferred. Precisely how this will After all, we shall have to suspend affect our reported offer to mediate or judgment as to the expediency or in aid in determining reparations is not clear, but it can hardly help the prospeets of that proposal. The action de-termined upon at Washington thus adds materially to the complexity, and apparently tends to increase the em--News York Journal of Commerce.

HOPELESS MINORITIES

It is the frong of fate that the only tration inaction" has resulted in this place in the world which bears the embarrassment for our government. where the minor peoples have no future—the land of hopeless minorities. tion face to face with a problem Yesterday's report from Lausanne inimates that the allies have abandoned hope of securing special guarantees for them or a permanent home. A note of poignancy is added by the separation of fathers from mothers and children. The report of Mr. Allen T. Burns of the national information bureau, who has just returned from Russia and the near east, states that the breadwinners of a half million women and children and old men refugees in Greece are held in Anatolia as practice of calling at homes and ask-ing for suits of clothes for pressing the head of the American Red Cross, need for American charity is indefi-

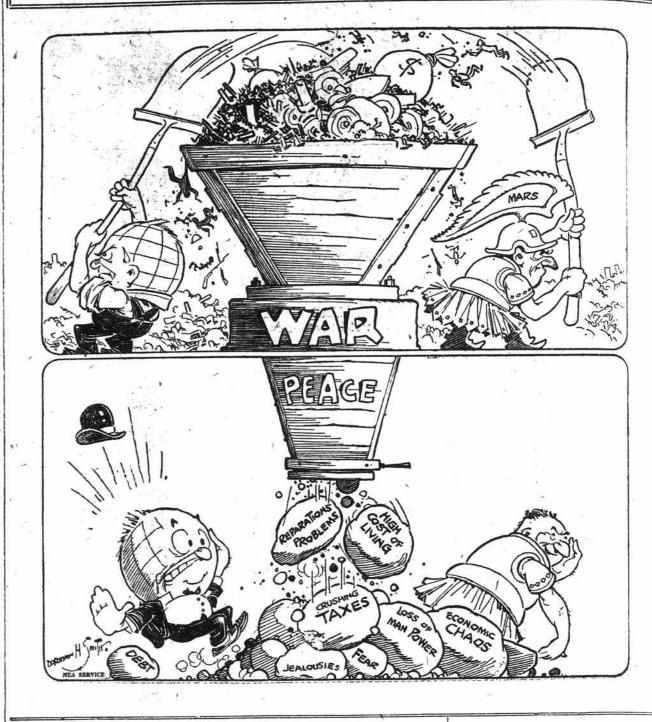
America has made eloquent insistence at Lausanne, but we have taken no responsible part, and as The Times correspondent at Lausanne says the will get just what the Turks proposed that is practically nothing more than the minorities have, had in the past. it might be different .- New York

New Bern Officials Probe Cause of Fire

(Special to the Star) NEW BERN, Jan. 12 .- An investigation aimed to determine the origin of the fire that destroyed the store of Robert Davis, negro, in James City, two weeks ago, with a \$3,000 loss, was started today by Deputy Sheriff James Bryan, who is also chief of the city fire department, with the co-operation of Sherwood Brockwell, deputy fire insurince commissioner of Raleigh.

Three negroes, alleged witnesses to the circumstances surrounding the fire which, Davis charges, was of incendiary origin, were arrested by Sheriff Bryan yesterday on a warrant sworn out before Judge Henry A. Grady, and

THE FUTILITY OF IT



FIRE BUGS APPEAR ON SENATOR'S TRAIL

Luther P. Tapp Twice a Heavy Loser By Alleged Incendiary Fires.

(Special to the Star)

KINSTON, Jan. 12 .- The authorities here today admitted they were at sea first of these blazes occurred the morning of December 23, when a student ning for improvements. passing the Atlantic warehouse, leased by Tapp from the B. W. Canady estate for many years, discovered "two or entirely expedient. Within three days in the absence of more satisfactory the president decided to order our explanations than have been given.

It may well be that this withdrawal consider the president decided to order our explanations than have been given.

The blaze yesterday morning which have been incendiary. The fire started in the rear of the house. One report said the flames were first noticed on th back porch. They quickly ate their way through the big dwelling. The firemen found the blaze difficult to cope with. The interior of the house was filled with smoke and fire. Water and flames did \$29,000 damage before the fire was brought under control, it was estimated. The dwelling is one of the largest in the district, and with contents probably represented on outlay of \$40,000 before the fire.

Tapp has been in the tobacco business here longer than any other man on the market. He has taken an active part in politics, and was at Raleigh as a member of the state senate when his home was fired. Mrs. Tapp was away from home, as were the two daughters of the family. His most intimate ac quaintances today could not understand why Senator Tapp should have an enmy, even for political reasons. The one slight clue that has been advanced indicates that the incendiarists do not reside within the corporate limits of the city. Each fire occurred at a time when there was little wind. This, the arson adherents believe, betokened consideration for other property owners.

Buncombe Sportsmen Want Fish Conserved

ASHEVILLE, Jan. 12. - Although heartily in accord with the proposed state-wide game law as drawn up by the North Carolina State Fish Game Development league, with hadquarters in Charlotte, members of the Buncombe County Fish and Game Protective association, meeting tonight, were of the opinion that the measure should also carry definite provisions for the conservation of fish.

A special committee, name in a recent meeting was requested to make inquiries necessary to determine whether or not provisions protecting fish are to be included, and write Horace Kephart, of Bryson City, editor of All Outdoors, asking whether or not he, as head of the Appalachian Fish and Game association, has drawn up a proposed bill containing such provisions. If not they will request that he undertake this work and such measure will be presented before a subsequent meeting of the association for their consideration.

A German coin was called the heller, wasting a perfectly good "er. Sunshine Laundry Damp Wash Service. Call 172 .- Adv.



Eastern North Carolina Towns Are On a Boom

(Special to the Star) KINSTON, Jan. 12.—As an indication of the construction boom that is under way in the South Atlantic states, a local engineer today cited public improvement programs in seven towns in the region, calling for outlays totalling more than \$2,000,000, that he has been retained to supervise. The improvements, will include waterworks lighting, sewerage and paving systems

Largest expenditures in the lot wil regarding the identify of incendiarists be made in eastern Carolina towns, one believed to have been wreaking ven-geance upon Luther P. Tapp for some million dollars and another \$350,000. fancied injury. The motive for two Georgia town will invest several hun-fires which have cost Tapp thousands dred thousands. All of the work wil of dollars remained a mystery. The be of a public nature. Many towns in the region are understood to be plan-



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