

PORTUGAL NEEDS SOUTH'S COTTON

is Importing Large Amounts of Staple, Reports Show.

Statistics Show Thousands of Bales Used by Portuguese Mills Monthly.

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Washington, Nov. 17.—Consul General W. L. Lowrie, reporting from Lisbon, October 16, gives the following on cotton requirements of Portugal.

Statistics furnished to the Lisbon consular office by the cotton mills of Portugal show a monthly requirement of 6,000 to 7,000 bales. The annual consumption of the 40 factories at or near Oporto and the four in Lisbon is around 80,000 bales. Imports during the present year have been: Lisbon, 48,801 bales; Oporto, 19,335 bales. Only one-tenth of the cotton is used in Lisbon, so that the total

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for Oporto includes a large per cent of the importation here. According to the records of the Esplanada de Porto de Lisboa, the stock on hand in Lisbon on August 27 was 19,227 bales. The arrival of four ships with large cargoes within a short period is responsible for the unusually large quantity. Difficulty in local transportation has retarded shipments to Oporto, where the cotton has been needed urgently. With no further arrivals, the stock will be exhausted in about three months. The number of bales of cotton imported through the Oporto customs during the first seven months of the current year totals 17,252, weighing 6,328,315 kilos, or 6,456,250 pounds, representing an average of 2,765 bales a month. Of the 19,335 bales, 93 per cent were of American origin, as only 1,225 came from Brazil, and 150 were Egyptian. The actual consumption of Oporto and district is in excess of 6,000 bales a month. Channels of Imports. The importation is done by way of one of the following trade channels: (1) In direct vessels from the United States to Oporto, chiefly in Portuguese sailing ships from New Orleans, Savannah, or Norfolk; (2) In steamers from New York to Lisbon, thence by trans-shipment into coasting vessels to Oporto; (3) In steamer from New York to Lisbon, thence direct by rail to the different mills in northern Portugal. Only in the first case is the cotton imported and duties paid at Oporto customhouse. In the second and third cases it may or may not happen so; and very often the cotton is cleared at the Lisbon customhouse, a fact which explains the difference existing between import returns and actual consumption. That the requirement of 6,000 bales a month, or about 72,000 a year for Oporto, is not exaggerated is proved by published official statistics. The weight of 72,000 bales at 500 pounds a bale is 36,000,000 pounds, equaling 16,326,699 kilos. The Oporto customs returns for cotton imported in 1915 showed 16,307,127 kilos, one of the highest on record, but it must be taken into consideration that the mills are working at full time now, executing army orders as well as filling other orders.

Welcome to Methodists

In the published program for the western North Carolina Methodist church Wednesday, the following welcome to the delegates and visitors is extended by the central committee on entertainment, of which Rev. E. E. Barnhardt, pastor of Tryon Street Methodist church, is chairman: The Methodists of Charlotte extend a glad welcome to the members of the conference and want to do all possible to promote the pleasure and comfort of every visitor in our city. The influenza epidemic made it necessary to change the seat of the conference from Monroe and then at the last moment Charlotte's invitation was accepted, but in view of the epidemic, the servant problem and the war conditions, the bishop and presiding elders decided upon the "Harvard plan" of entertainment, which in brief means simply that hosts will furnish guests with lodging and breakfast, while guests will themselves make provision for other meals. We trust this plan may work no hardship on any one of the visitors. There are various places in the city, conveniently situated, where good meals can be secured, but we specially commend the establishments which are advertised in the conference directory. We pray the conference may bring rich spiritual blessings to the whole community and that its deliberations may be so directed of the Holy Spirit that the work accomplished shall be well pleasing unto the Lord. Let our thought and conversation be so directed that growth in grace and consequent preparation for larger service shall be one of the richest results of this annual gathering.

ORDERED TO RESUME WORK ON NORTH COLUMBIA CAMP. Columbia, S. C., Nov. 17.—Orders were received from Washington late today to continue construction of the North Columbia cantonment where barracks to accommodate four brigades are being erected. The work was discontinued several days ago of instructions from Washington and 4,300 laborers released. About one-third of the work has been completed. SPECIAL TERM CALLED. Columbia, Nov. 17.—On application of Ira C. Blackwood, solicitor, Governor Manning has called a special term of the general sessions court for Spartanburg county. The term is for a week beginning on the second Monday in December.

DALLAS

Dallas, Nov. 16.—A most enjoyable evening was spent at the home of Mrs. C. C. Cornwell Friday night, when Miss Marion Thompson was hostess to a number of her friends. The parlor was beautiful with a profusion of pink Killarney roses. Interesting games of rook were played at four tables. The prize, one of Browning's books, was given to Mrs. Clara W. Geer, who made the highest score. The consolation to Miss Harrell, Miss Thompson, assisted by Mrs. Cornwell, served a delicious salad course. Those present were Misses Katie Lee Lewis, Emma Cornwell, Corinne and Artelle Puett, Muriel Buiwinkle, Lela Friday, Willie Webb, Harrell and King, Madeline John Puett, Clara Geer, and Evon Houser. A time party Friday night at the home of Mrs. Joe Gribble for her music pupils, proved to be the keynote with which to reopen the class. Each year a favorite selection and a general discussion followed as to how the most good could be obtained from the practice hour. Much enjoyment was found in the musical games, and puzzles especially the auction sale. Quiver packages of every size and shape were sold to the highest bidder. Paper money was used. At a given signal the unwrapping began and in every package was found the same number of large, juicy apples, which served as refreshments. Dr. S. A. Wilkins received a card this week announcing the safe arrival overseas of his youngest brother, Lieut. F. W. Wilkins.

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COULD HARDLY GET HER BREATH

On Account of Tight, Smothering Feeling, Caused From Aching Lump in Stomach. Black-Draught Relieved This Lady. Kings Mountain, Ky.—Mrs. Belle Jenkins, of this town, says: "For about four years I suffered with stomach trouble. It seemed like a lump formed in my stomach and I could hardly get my breath for the tight, smothering feeling. This lump, or whatever it was, ached constantly. I couldn't sleep at night. I had no appetite and I began falling off. I am naturally a large woman but just weighed 135 lbs. I got so nervous I felt I could not stand it any longer. I knew in my condition I could not live long. We had one doctor, he said 'indigestion.' I took medicine from him, but it did not seem to help me any. We had another doctor. He said it was 'neuralgia of the stomach.' I took his medicine. Finally the doctor decided it might be a decayed tooth, and advised me to have my teeth drawn, which I did. I didn't get any better. One night my husband brought home a sample of Black-Draught. I had been unusually restless. I took the sample next morning. I told him I believed I felt better. He brought home a package, and two packages cured me and I fully believe saved my life. I weigh 152 lbs. and am the picture of health." Your druggist sells Black-Draught. Try it.—(Adv. No. 12.)

THE WEATHER

Washington, Nov. 17.—Weather forecast: North Carolina: Rain Monday, followed by fair in west, cooler; Tuesday fair, cooler. South Carolina: Fair, cooler Monday; Tuesday fair, cooler in east. Local Office United States Weather Bureau, Charlotte, Nov. 17. Sunrise... 7:09 a. m. | Sunset... 5:16 p. m. Temperature (in degrees): 8 a. m. ... 66 | 4 p. m. ... 74 | Noon ... 72 | 8 p. m. ... 61. Highest temperature ... 75. Lowest temperature ... 52. Mean temperature ... 68. Excess for day ... 13. Mean temperature this date last year ... 53. Precipitation (in inches): Total for 24 hours ending 8 p. m. ... 1.49. Total for the month to date ... 4.65. Excess for month04. Deficiency for year ... 10.82. Prevailing wind direction ... S. S. W.

Society

DAILY CALENDAR

Monday. 10 a. m. to 5 p. m.—The Red Cross work rooms in the Mint building will be open. 8 p. m.—The Camp Greene Officers' club will give a smoker at the Southern Manufacturers' club. Tuesday. 10 a. m. to 5 p. m.—The Red Cross work rooms in the Mint building will be open. 10:30 a. m.—The Literature department of the Woman's club will meet with Mrs. W. L. Pierce, at 211 Elizabeth avenue. 3:30 p. m.—Society will meet with Mrs. Isaac Hardeman, Jr., at her home on Queens boulevard, Dilworth. 8 p. m. to 10 p. m.—The Red Cross work rooms in the Mint building on West Trade street, will be open to business women. Wednesday. 10 a. m. to 5 p. m.—The Red Cross work rooms in the Mint building will be open. 4 p. m.—The Charlotte branch of the Southern Association of College Women will meet at the Y. W. C. A. 7:45 to 11 p. m.—Dance at the Soldiers' club for enlisted men, stationed at Camp Greene. 8 p. m. to 12.—The Mecklenburg chapter D. A. R., will give an officers' subscription dance at the Southern Manufacturers' club. Thursday. 10 a. m. to 5 p. m.—The Red Cross work rooms in the Mint building will be open. 5:30 to 7:30 p. m.—The Dilworth Parent-Teacher association will give a reception at the school. Friday. 10 a. m. to 5 p. m.—The Red Cross work rooms in the Mint building will be open. 8 p. m.—The Athenae Book club will meet with Miss Violet Alexander, at her home on West Trade street. Saturday. 10 a. m. to 5 p. m.—The Red Cross work rooms in the Mint building will be open.

CONCORD PRESBYTERY TO MEET IN STATESVILLE

Session November 26 Necessary as Result of Meeting of North Carolina Synod Being Postponed. Moderator J. M. Clark, of the Concord presbytery, has issued a call for a special meeting of that body to be held at Statesville, November 26, at 10 o'clock in the morning. The calling of this meeting was made necessary by the fact that there was no meeting of the synod of North Carolina, except for a brief session for the purpose of adjournment, and the adjourned meeting of the Concord presbytery, which was to have been held during the meeting of the synod, went by default.

WILL HOLD EXAMINATIONS

Washington, D. C., Nov. 17.—Civil service examinations will be held for postmaster appointment at Concord, N. C., on Wednesday, December 14. The examination will be held at the home of Mr. J. A. Crisp, who has been named postmaster at Fontana.

BARACA AND PHILATHEA WORK TO BE DISCUSSED

Mrs. N. Buckner, general secretary of the Baraca-Philathea association of North Carolina, will address the Baraca and Philathea classes of Charlotte Tuesday night at 8 o'clock at First A. R. P. church. The announcement last night said "every Baraca and Philathea in the city is urged to be present and hear Mrs. Buckner lecture on what has been accomplished by Baraca and Philathea members in North Carolina."

KILLED IN ACTION

Reidsville, Nov. 17.—L. L. Harrellson, of near Ruffin, received telegraphic notification from the war department on Wednesday that his son, Omar Harrellson, was killed in action overseas on October 10. Mr. Harrellson had two sons in France, also one in a cantonment over here, and two daughters in Red Cross service. Mrs. Harrellson this week received from Omar Harrellson a certificate for her son's Christmas box. She immediately went to Danville to make some purchases for the box and upon returning home found the message from the war department announcing the young man's death.

TO ASSIST YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING—OUR MAIL ORDER DEPT.

MAY EXTEND TIME OF BAPTISTS' BIG CAMPAIGN

Epidemic Throughout State Seriously Interfered With Progress of \$1,000,000 Drive.

As a result of disorganization within the Baptist congregations of Charlotte consequent to the quarantine the meetings scheduled for yesterday at the Baptist churches of this city in the interest of the \$1,000,000 campaign this denomination is conducting in North Carolina were postponed. Dr. Luther Little, pastor of First Baptist church, stated last night that these meetings probably would be held the second Sunday of December, when some of the state's leading Baptist ministers would deliver messages regarding the campaign and the proposed expenditure of the funds in the development of the Baptist educational institutions. The campaign has been in progress more than two months, but the campaign managers have been working under serious handicaps. A proposal to extend the time limit, originally fixed at December 3, to the first or middle of January is now being considered. Dr. Livingston T. Mays, of Charlotte, is one of the Baptist ministers assigned to active work in the effort to raise this large sum. Dr. Little said last night the central headquarters of the campaign, at Raleigh, had informed him that "in most instances the reports received from the central office have been of encouragement and enthusiasm in them, and those who are in charge of the campaign are determined to press it to a successful conclusion."

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OBSERVATIONS

By the Junior Observer.

Weighty Questions. In The Boston Transcript of recent date I read the following: "Butcher—This pound of butter you sent me weighs three ounces short." "Grocer—Well, I mislaid the pound weight, so I balanced it with the pound of chops you sent me yesterday."

CIVIL COURT SESSION OPENS THIS MORNING

A two weeks' term of civil court opens this morning in the Mecklenburg county courthouse with Judge Harding on the bench. Owing to the fact that the October sitting of the court was postponed on account of the Spanish influenza epidemic an exceptionally large number of cases are on the docket for this term.

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