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THESE WILL BUY A BALE.

Postmaster D. D. French and Messrs. White & Gough will buy a bale of "distress" cotton at 10 cents. Cotton must belong to a widow who is unable to hold—who will join this movement?

Postmaster D. D. French and Mr. A. E. White of the firm of White & Gough, authorize The Robesonian to state that they will buy at 10 cents per pound a bale of cotton from some widow who is unable to hold her cotton. Mr. French will purchase a bale for himself and probably will put it in front of the postoffice with a label "I Have Bought a Bale at 10 Cents. Have You?" and the firm of White & Gough will do the same thing. The first bale of cotton tendered either Mr. French or Messrs. White & Gough that meets the conditions named above will be purchased, and the cotton will be held until the price goes to 10 cents.

Who will join this movement? The Robesonian will be glad to publish the names of any individuals or firms that will agree to purchase one bale or any number of bales at 10 cents the pound. This plan is very popular all over the country and it will help boost the market. Every merchant who can get a Northern creditor to purchase a bale will also help.

Farmers & Merchants Bank Buys a Bale—Committee Soliciting.

Since the above was put in type, Mr. K. M. Barnes has advised The Robesonian that he has purchased a bale of "distress" cotton for the Farmers & Merchants Bank from J. W. Davis. The bale is setting in front of the bank. Messrs. Dennis W. Biggs and Postmaster D. D. French had a paper drawn up this morning and are making a canvass to induce men and business concerns to buy a bale within the next two weeks. It is very likely that The Robesonian will be able to publish in Monday's issue a long list of those who will buy a bale.

VILLA STARTS SOMETHING

Disavows Carranza As First Chief—Will Not Participate in Constitutional Convention.

Washington Dispatch, 23d.

General Villa has telegraphed General Carranza disavowing the latter as first chief of the Constitutional army in charge of executive power in Mexico. This was announced in a telegram from General Carranza tonight to the Constitutional agency.

General Villa announced at the same time that neither he nor his delegates would participate in the National Convention called for October 1 at Mexico City to designate a provisional president.

The exchange of telegrams resulted from General Carranza's order to suspend railroad communication between August Calientes and Torreon until he could learn whether or not General Obregon, commander of the division of the Northeast, was held under arrest by Villa.

Dog Tried To Eat Baby.

A neighbor's dog had apparently made up his mind to eat the 2-month-old baby at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Spivey, who live 5 miles from Lumberton on Fairmont road, Tuesday, when Mr. and Mrs. Spivey, who were picking cotton right at the house, were warned by the cries of the infant and arrived on the scene in time to scare the dog away before much damage was done. When Mr. and Mrs. Spivey rushed into the house the dog was dragging the baby from its crib by a leg. There were scratches on the baby's face made by the dog's teeth, indicating, apparently, that the dog had tasted and found that the helpless young thing was soft and sweet and had decided to pull him out and finish him. The father of the baby is a brother of Mr. A. E. Spivey of Lumberton.

Millinery Openings.

Millinery openings of unusual interest to the ladies of Lumberton and near-by towns are being held in Lumberton this week. Tuesday day, the first day of Miss Josephine Breece's opening, her exclusive millinery store was crowded all day with enthusiastic customers and ladies have been flocking to her store every day since. Her opening will continue all this week. Miss Amelia Linkhauer, who has charge of the millinery department of Messrs. R. D. Caldwell & Son's department store, is having her opening today and tomorrow, and this store is also the mecca of the ladies. The hats, aside from the beauty of shapes and materials, are both large and small, and unusually becoming. The smart military effects are very prominent. Phasant tails, mercury wings, gold and silver roses and ribbons, Roman stripes and persians are especially good. The promising shades for the season lean strongly toward black and white, paris, brown and green, and midnight blue.

Who said "War?"

THE WAR SITUATION.

Status of Warfare On Long Line in France Remains Unchanged—Allies Continue Attacks Upon Strongly Entrenched Positions of Germans—Single Submarine Sunk British Cruisers.

Again the status of warfare on the long line in France remains unchanged, according to the official report of the French war office.

The battle has developed into a war of assault, with the Allies in the role of attackers against the strongly entrenched positions of the Germans, which are fortified with large and small artillery pieces and hedged about with barbed wire entanglements. The French report says in these circumstances progress necessarily must be slow must be slow.

In the eastern war zone the Russians report that they are still pursuing the retreating Austrians in Galicia, while on the German frontier the German and Russian armies are in close contact, but no engagement has occurred.

A press despatch says the Servians have retaken Liubovia from the Austrians and that in the fighting the losses were heavy.

A news agency dispatch is authority for the statement that the Germans have entrenched and mined approaches to Brussels and also are fortifying the region around Ath, northwest of

on the Germans should a retreat be forced.

In reply to German's protest against China's violation of neutrality of neutrality by permitting Japanese troops to land on her soil, China said she was unable to defend her neutrality.

A German official report says the Russians lost in the battles near Tannenberg 150,000 men killed and 90,000 captured.

Another German report says that a single German submarine sank the three British cruisers lost in the North Sea Tuesday. While the location of this daring torpedo attack has not been established definitely, it is assumed the attack took place off the mouth of the Kiel canal. This deduction was made from one of the survivors of the British ships, who said the vessels went down "thirty miles off the new waterway." The latest estimate of casualties in the district gives about 1,400 of the 2,100 officers and men on board the three warships as lost.

British aeroplanes have invaded Germany and dropped bombs on a Zeppelin airship hangar at Dusseldorf. The Germans claim no damage was done by the aerial attack.

An official statement issued in Berlin says the German art commission for Belgium reports that all art works and monumental buildings in Louvain and Liege were saved during the German bombardments. The town hall of Louvain, the report says, was not damaged by the German shell fire.

A Vienna despatch says the Hungarian minister of the interior reports there has been nine cases of Asiatic cholera among the wounded in Hungary.

According to a despatch from Paris a Russian cruiser has sunk a German cruiser and two German torpedo boats in the Baltic.

McAdoo Will Coerce National Banks.

Washington Dispatch, 23d.

Secretary McAdoo tonight adopted stringent measures to urge National banks to extend legitimate credit and charge normal interest rates on loans. He telegraphed to ten national banks in the four reserve cities in the South that their requests for additional crop moving funds from the Federal government would not be granted at this time, and made it clear that his action was taken in connection with reports of excessive interest rates and restrictions of credits.

In a statement made public with the telegram, Mr. McAdoo declared there was an extraordinary hoarding of money by banks throughout the country and piling up of reserves without occasion.

The German Emperor has taken up his quarters in Luxembourg according to a Paris dispatch to the Exchange Company. Thousands of troops are stationed around the legation where he resides. To guard against possible raids by French aviators, a squadron of aeroplanes is in constant readiness to beat off attacks.

The Marconi Wireless Telegraph Co. of America announced at New York Tuesday night it was preparing papers for a suit in the Federal courts to determine whether the United States Government has the right and power to close its plants for not observing the naval neutrality regulations. Secretary Daniels says that he does not propose to allow court litigation to interfere with the enforcement of neutrality at all wireless stations.

IMPROVED CONDITIONS SOON

When Federal Reserve Act Gets in Operation Next Month Southern Banks Will Be Able to Get More Money—A. W. McLean Explains why Southern Banks Cannot Get Much Money Under Aldrich-Vreeland Act, Which He Says is a Delusion and a Snare—No Further Aid Need Be Expected From Government.

Mr. A. W. McLean returned Tuesday night from Washington, where he attended Monday a conference on the cotton situation. He was also a member of the committee that waited on Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo Tuesday. Mr. McLean thinks the financial situation will be very materially improved next month when the new Federal Reserve System is put into operation and he was not at all surprised when Secretary McAdoo told him and the other members of the committee that the Federal Government can do nothing more to relieve the situation that confronts cotton farmers. A month ago when he returned from one of the first conferences on cotton held at Washington he said he was satisfied that no relief could come from the national Government and the plan he advanced then was pronounced at the conference in Washington Monday as the most feasible plan that had been advanced, the only objection urged being a doubt as to whether the Legislatures

of the issue of the necessary bonds.

Among the North Carolina delegates to the meeting Monday were Governor Craig, Attorney General Bickett, Dr. Clarence Poe of Raleigh, Dr. H. Q. Alexander president of the State Farmers' Union, and other members of the Union. The Governors of Alabama and Mississippi were also there. They attended a hearing on the Henry bill before the committee on banking and currency of the House of Congress. This bill provides for the United States Government to purchase one-half the cotton crop at 12 cents per pound and hold it, and also provides some law to prevent planting next year more than 50 per cent of the acreage this year. It is the general opinion that this bill will not pass. North Carolina Congressmen say it is impossible to get Congressmen from other sections to vote for this bill because they would want other products to be included and for the further reason that the Government could not provide the money because Government receipts have been greatly diminished by the falling off in customs duties on account of the shortage of imports caused by the European war.

Mr. McLean suggested that Gov. Craig and the Governors of other Southern States should adopt his plan, which provides for a system of State licensed and bonded warehouses and lending money on warehouse receipts at 8 cents a pound to take off the market about one-half the crop, when a satisfactory price could be obtained for cotton. Governor Craig and some of the Members of Congress admitted that Mr. McLean's scheme was the best that had been proposed, but Governor Craig and Gov. O'Neal of Alabama said they did not think their Legislatures would pass such a bill and that they would not call a session for that purpose.

Mr. McLean insisted that the provisions of the Aldrich-Vreeland bill should be extended to State banks and that the severe restrictions being imposed in regard to bonding warehouses and commercial paper should be eliminated, because under the present conditions none of the banks in the South have the class of commercial paper required to any great extent, most of their loans being to merchants and farmers on accommodation paper, with endorsements or collateral.

The class of commercial paper required is that class of paper produced by drawing against existing values; for instance, if a farmer should sell cotton to a merchant or a mill and get a note or accepted draft in payment for the cotton in 90 days or 4 months, that would be commercial paper. Southern farmers and merchants do not do business on that plan, hence the paper held by Southern banks does not come within the rule. Mr. McLean stated that this is the main reason why the banks of the South have not been able to get any large amount of currency under the Aldrich-Vreeland bill, which he declared is a delusion and a snare so far as meeting present conditions is concerned. It was passed by a Republican Congress in 1908 and framed for the special benefit of large banks in New York and other financial centers North. As soon as the Democratic measure known as the Federal Reserve act gets in operation Mr. McLean believes conditions will be much better.

Senator Overman, who was chairman of the meeting held Monday appointed Representatives H. L. Godwin, E. Y. Webb and E. W. Pou, Senator Simmons, Drs. Alexander and Poe,

FARMERS' BONDED WAREHOUSE

Farmers and others Co-operating to Get Farmers' Bonded Warehouse in Operation in Lumberton—Committee Appointed to Have Warehouse Company Bonded—Arrangements Progressing Satisfactorily.

Arrangements for getting the Farmers' Bonded Warehouse Co., of Lumberton in working shape are progressing satisfactorily and will be completed, it is confidently expected in a few days. At a meeting Tuesday of the committee appointed recently by the county Farmers' Union to make arrangements to operate the Lumberton tobacco warehouse, which was tendered for the use of farmers free of rent, Messrs. K. M. Barnes and W. P. Barker of Lumberton were appointed a committee to have the warehouse bonded, and this committee is busy and will be ready to report in a day or so.

The Farmers' Union committee that has had this matter in charge and that has held several meetings lately is composed of Mr. D. H. Britt, president of the county Union, Messrs. M. Shepherd, Ira F. Townsend, Jno. E. Carlyle and Jno. T. Singletary. Every member of this committee except Mr. Carlyle has agreed to sign the necessary bond to put the warehouse in operation as a bonded warehouse, and the following have agreed to sign with them: Messrs. Evander

breth, N. A. Townsend, W. P. Barker, K. M. Barnes, Geo. L. Thompson, L. H. Townsend. It is expected that enough others will agree to sign with these to bring the total number to twenty or twenty-five.

That is the sort of co-operation that counts. When the farmers make up their minds to work together like that something is bound to be accomplished.

VIRGINIA VOTES DRY.

State-Wide Prohibition Won at Polls in Virginia.

The State-wide prohibition forces won a sweeping victory at the polls in Virginia today, returns at midnight showing that they had won by a majority of 32,825. This figure will be increased largely in favor of the drys when further returns are received from counties which tonight are inaccessible.

With complete returns from all the cities and 44 of the counties and with scattering returns from other counties, the total vote is 121,763. It is estimated that the final total vote will reach 150,000.

Of this vote the drys received 77,453 as against 44,618 for the local optionists. The cities which were expected to roll up a majority for the local optionists, sprung a surprise by giving 1,315 for the drys.

Only four cities Norfolk, Williamsburg, Alexandria and Richmond—returned majorities for the wets. The total votes cast in these cities was 40,997 of which the drys got 20,146.

Plans to issue postage stamps bearing the American and British flags to commemorate the one-hundredth anniversary of peace between the two countries have been deferred indefinitely. It is thought that it would be injudicious to issue such a series during the war. The American Peace Society has approved the postponement.

Attorney General Bickett and Mr. McLean a committee, Mr. Overman also being a member of the committee, to call Tuesday upon Sec. McAdoo, who told them he had done all he could do. He said he thought conditions would rapidly improve, that transportation to Europe soon would be resumed and a good deal of cotton would be exported. The Federal Reserve System would be ready, he said to begin business by October 15, and a good deal of money could be had by Southern banks under the provisions of that system.

Mr. McAdoo called attention to the fact that in 1911, when there was no war and business conditions were normal, and the cotton crop about the same size as the crop this year, that cotton was selling at this time of year at 8 and 8 1/2 cents, and he declared that one of the great troubles is Southerners are expecting to get a great deal more for their cotton than they would be getting if there was no war. He said that the crop is so large that those who would ordinarily purchase would not be willing to pay what they paid last year when the crop was 2 or 3 million bales less than the present crop.

After the conference with Mr. McAdoo Tuesday Governor Craig issued a statement in which he said that hope that the Federal Government would issue millions of dollars of currency on cotton or on State bonds with which to buy cotton might, as well be abandoned, but that conditions are rapidly improving, that the farmers are holding cotton and are going to hold it until the prices improve.

ALLEGED BLOCKADER CAUGHT.

Officers Found a Still in Operation in Howellsville Township and Arrested W. B. Smith—Hearing This Afternoon.

Deputy Marshal Austin Smith, Sheriff R. E. Lewis, Deputies A. H. Frevatt and Wm. Freeman, and Rural Policemen Eli Phillips, Willis Britt and L. H. Townsend yesterday afternoon raided the place of William B. Smith, in Howellsville township, 6 1/2 miles north-east of Lumberton, and captured Smith at a whiskey still which was running full blast. It was a crude affair made of something like an oil tank. Beer amounting to about 350 gallons and a small quantity of whiskey were destroyed. Smith objected to the destruction of the juice claiming that it belonged to another man. He was placed in jail last night and is being given a hearing before United States Commissioner W. H. Kinlaw.

Smith told the officers last night that he could lead them to two other stills in the same neighborhood and this morning the officers named above, with deputy Marshal Leak Smith, went out with Smith, but they failed to find a sign of stills where Smith said they would be found. They brought back Geo. Allen on the charge of getting, but having no evidence against him he was turned loose.

Death of Miss Vick Paul.—Personal Mention.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Buie, Sept. 23.—Miss Blanche McCallum of Rowland spent a few days in the Philadelphia community visiting at the home of Misses Annie and Janie Humphrey.—Dr. W. A. McPhaul of Lumberton visited relatives at Bide-a-Wee farm in the Philadelphia community last Friday.—Miss Clelia Britt visited friends in the Raft Swamp community Sunday.—Misses R. D. Buie and Laura Jones were Lumberton visitors Tuesday.—Misses Mary Cattie Brown and Mattie McGoogan and Mr. Robert Brown spent Wednesday at Jackson Springs.—Messrs. Walter McMillan and Peyton McMillan and Miss Maria McMillan and the writer spent Monday evening in Fayetteville.—Mr. I. P. Ray after spending several days with relatives at Laurinburg has returned home.—Messrs. I. T. Brown and J. S. Brown spent Thursday in Lumberton.—Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Brown of Fairmont were visitors at Bide-a-Wee farm in the Philadelphia community last Tuesday.—Mrs. Talmage Kenyon has returned to Washington after a very pleasant stay with relatives.—Mr. and Mrs. John M. Brown and Miss Margaret Brown and their two boys and W. H. Brown spent Saturday in Fayetteville.—Mr. Fred Brown and Kenyon Biggs were Lumberton visitors Monday.—Messrs. Paisley McMillan, Walter McMillan, W. B. Malloy and J. B. Humphrey spent Monday in Barnesville.—Mr. W. R. McNeill spent Monday in Lumberton.—Mr. Walter McMillan and Miss Maria McMillan were Lumberton visitors Tuesday.—Mr. Charlie McNeill was among the visitors in Lumberton Tuesday.—Mr. John McLeod visited friend in the Antioch section Sunday.—Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Graham visited relatives near St. Pauls Sunday.—Messrs. W. G. Britt and Sanford Britt were among the visitors in Lumberton Tuesday.

We are sorry to report the death of Miss Vick Paul, which occurred last Saturday. She being in the bloom of life makes her death the sadder.

WAR NOTES.

The German cruiser Emden captured six British merchant steamers in the Bay of Bengal in six days and sank five of them.

The British government has placed an order at Richmond, Va., for 1,000 sets of artillery harness and 500 cavalry saddles to be ready for delivery in six weeks. It is understood cavalry and artillery mounts are also being bought in Virginia.

President Wilson told his callers Monday that he was "prayerfully working for peace in Europe," but it is known that for the present he will take no further steps either to sound the belligerents or otherwise press the offer of the American government to mediate. The president indicated that he was studying the best method and most opportune time for the United States to exert its influence for a cessation of the conflict. The general view among Administration officials is that none of the belligerents is receptive as yet to a discussion of peace terms, and with a feeling of resignation, the progress of the opposing armies is awaited.

The German Government denies that peace negotiations are going forward at Washington, according to a New York dispatch of the 21st.

WATCH—Watch the label on your paper if renewals are not in by date on label paper will be stopped.

BRIEF ITEMS OF LOCAL NEWS

—Born, to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Walker, a boy, on Monday night.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Arsenio Campos and Rebecca C. Smith, I. P. Ivey and Emma Bullard.

—As will be seen from her advertisement elsewhere in today's paper, Miss Lorena Lewis of Fairmont will have her millinery opening October 1 and 2.

—A charter has been issued for the Maxton Drug Co., Maxton, capital \$10,000 authorized and \$3,000 subscribed by G. R. Patterson and others.

—Mr. F. J. Thomas, who has been sick for some time, is undergoing treatment at the Gladman hospital at Southern Pines. He has been there for the past week.

—Mr. D. H. Britt of Broad Ridge passed through town Monday evening en route to Madison, Wis., where he has accepted a position with the Wisconsin Southern R. R. Co.

—Mrs. J. A. P. Conolly of Lumberton Bridge was among the shoppers in town Monday. Mrs. Conolly is a

ed around and made her label read right.

—Frank W. Bankhead, representing a Baltimore house, was before Assistant Recorder E. M. Johnson Tuesday on the charge of distributing free samples of medicine over town. He was found not guilty.

—Mr. C. V. Brown, cashier of the National Bank of Lumberton, will go tonight to Raleigh to see about pulling down a bunch of money from the tightwads that rule the distribution of the currency in the State just now.

—Mr. M. N. Folger is having erected a 6-room cottage on Eighth street, just east of Cedar. Mr. D. P. Walters, who has the contract, began work this week and it is expected that the residence will be completed by the first of November.

—Miss Rosamond Waddell spend Sunday in Charlotte with her sister Mrs. W. L. Burkheimer of Wilmington, who is very sick at the home of her sister-in-law Mrs. H. D. Burkheimer of Charlotte. She became sick while on a visit and has not been able to return home.

—Mrs. J. S. McDonald and infant daughter, Margaret Elmore, arrived Tuesday night from Bryson City, where at the home of Mrs. McDonald's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Elmore, the baby was born 7 weeks ago. Mr. McDonald met them Monday night in Raleigh, where they stayed until Tuesday afternoon at the home of his parents.

—Miss Lillian Proctor will leave tomorrow morning for Spartanburg, S. C., to enter upon her second year as a student at Converse College. Miss Evelyn Whaley will leave Thursday of next week for Hendersonville, where she will enter Fassifern school. She will be accompanied by her mother, Mrs. L. E. Whaley, who will spend a week at Hendersonville at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Tebeau.

—Dr. R. S. Beam will leave tomorrow evening for Philadelphia, Pa., where, as stated recently in The Robesonian, he will take a special course in diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat. Dr. Beam has been located in Lumberton for the past 10 months and has built up a good practice here, but he has decided to give up general practice and specialize. He expects to return to Lumberton about the first of the year and take up his special work.

—Mr. E. Hood, manager of the local telephone exchange, received a telegram yesterday advising him that his father, Mr. A. E. Hood, was very sick at his home at Blenheim, S. C., and today at noon another wire stated that there was no hope for his recovery. Mrs. C. O. Rogers, a daughter of Mr. A. E. Hood, and Mr. E. H. Hood another son, left last evening for Blenheim, and upon receipt of the second telegram another daughter, Mrs. W. E. Horn, and her husband left in auto. Mr. E. Hood will go to Blenheim tonight.

Yom Kippur Next Week.

The Jews of Lumberton observed the Jewish New Year, Rosh Hashanah, which began at sundown Sunday and closed at sundown Monday, both Monday and Tuesday by closing their places of business and worshipping at their synagogues. Many out-of-town Jews were here during the two days. Yom Kippur, Day of Atonement, begins at sundown, Tuesday, Sept. 29, and lasts until sundown the following day. This day is observed as a day of prayer and fasting.