

GOOD ADVANCE IN COTTON FOR WEEK

October Selling at 10 1-2 Cents or \$14 a Bale Above December's Low Level; Reduced Acreage and Weather Are Factors

New York, April 2.—Still higher prices were reached in cotton during the last week, with October selling at 10 1/2 cents or \$14 a bale above December's low level. Doing was quiet as general a boom on the advance of the previous week, and there was considerable resistance towards the close of the week. Heavy east-coast clearance, reduced reports of released acreage with a big falling off in the use of further, unseasonable weather in the South and indications of increasing activity in the dry goods trade sustained the advance.

RALEIGH COTTON MARKET.

(Reported by Parker Bros. and Co.)
Receipts yesterday, 45 bales.
Good Middling 15-18
Strict Middling 14-15
Middling 13-14
Low Grades 6 to 7 1/2

THE BUSINESS SITUATION.

Domestic Trade Gains Slowly, But War Orders and Fees Experts Continue Heavy.

New York, April 2.—H. G. Dun and Company's Review of Trade and Commerce for the week ending April 1st shows that domestic trade gains slowly, but war orders and fees continue very heavy and in all branches of business. The big advance in cotton is a great relief to the depression in the month.

A notable expansion of stock exchange is a speculative expression both of the improved business condition and of the increasing hope of peace. The action in restrictions upon stock trading means a complete return to normal market conditions.

Clearings, commercial failures and other statistics of business still reveal the wide extent and effect of the depression that was produced by the war, but it is significant that these indices of trade activity are growing better month by month. It is noteworthy that American bankers are arranging large credits for European buyers of American commodities.

Retirement of the wage scale with sheet and tin plate workers, permitting independent plants to resume the most noteworthy development of the week in iron and steel.

Considerable activity has prevailed in the retail dry goods trade, and reports from western distributing centers indicate a steady movement with an increase on the better grades of staple merchandise. In the primary markets, cotton goods have been stronger and in broader demand, advances being named on several lines.

Wholesalers are displaying more interest in the foot wear market, and an increased volume of business is soon expected.

Bank clearings for the week total \$2,040,292,961, a decrease of 15.4 per cent as compared with the same week last year.

Commercial failures for the week number 472 against 341 for the corresponding week last year. Failures in Canada number 47, compared with 45 for the corresponding week a year ago. For the first quarter of this year liquidations in the United States were 1,216.

NEW YORK PROVISIONS.

New York, April 2.—Butter firm; cheese steady.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

New York, April 2.—Wool was today offered at lower prices for clothing and dress goods. Certain grades of carpet knolls scarce. Cotton goods firm. Yarns steady. Ready to wear goods were in better demand for immediate delivery to the retail trade.

CHICAGO CATTLE.

Chicago, April 2.—Hogs higher. Bull 6.50@6.75; light 6.60@6.85; mixed 6.65@6.85; heavy 6.50@6.75; rough 6.50@6.60; pigs 6.50@6.60.

Cattle steady. Native steers 5.90@6.15; cows and heifers 5.00@5.75; calves 6.00@6.50. Sheep steady. 7.25@8.40; lambs 7.75@10.15.

NEW YORK MONEY.

New York, April 2.—Merchandise paper 3 1/2; sterling exchange steady; day bills 4.77 1/2; for cables 4.79 1/2; for demand 4.79 1/2.

PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

(Reported by Rodgers, Plummer and Co., Inc.)
SPANISH—Farmers' stock, market quiet, 50c per bushel.
VIRGINIA—Farmers' stock, market steady.

Fancy Jumbo, 2 1/2c per lb.; Fancy band picked, 2 1/2c per lb.; Extra prime 2 1/4c per lb.; Shelling stock 2 1/2c@2 3/4c per lb.

NORFOLK COTTON MARKET.

(Reported by Holmes and Dawson.)
Good middling 9 1/2c; strict middling 9 1/4c; middling 9c; strict low middling 8 1/2c; low middling 8c; market steady.

FRANK K. THOMSON Architect and Engineer

15 YEARS IN STATE'S PRISON FOR NEGRO

Civil Court Begins at Wilmington Tuesday—Camp Ground May Be Sold.

Wilmington, April 1.—Judge M. H. Justice cleared the criminal docket in Superior court in two days and a half and left yesterday afternoon for his home at Rutherfordton, where he will remain until Monday, when he will return to open on Tuesday a two weeks' term for the trial of civil matters. The grand jury has not yet completed its work, so court merely took a recess and will be allowed to expire by limitation. The criminal docket was featured this term with storebreaking and housebreaking cases and in nearly every instance the defendants were convicted and sentenced to the roads or farm. There was only one homicide case at this term, Cornelius McNeill, colored, tendered a plea of guilty of second degree murder for stabbing to death Robert Keaves, also colored, one night two weeks ago. He was sentenced to 15 years in the State penitentiary. There were a number of other cases of varying interest and importance. Judge Justice makes things move in his court, but does it in a very quiet way.

Property at present held by the city, located on Wrightsville Sound, will very probably be sold and the proceeds used for improvement of Greenfield Park in the southern part of the city. The sound property was once the camping ground for the North Carolina militia, for which purpose it was originally deeded. It was provided that if the State should ever abandon the property as a camp site it would revert to the city of Wilmington. The property has been held by the city for several years. E. C. Sibbury, Esq., has entered the property, but the city has served notice that it will contest the case. When the matter was brought up in Council yesterday it was practically decided to ask for bids for the property.

A resolution introduced in City Council yesterday by Councilman Wood to submit to a vote of the people at the regular municipal election in May the question of whether or not the people want the public water supply obtained from deep wells was defeated by a vote of four to two. Members voting against the resolution considered that it would eventually all the people of Wilmington want the water supply obtained from deep wells provided it is available and took the position that this being so it would be useless to submit the question to a vote of the people, and besides there was danger of confusion resulting from the election being held at the same time of the election for candidates for mayor and councilmen. The only thing that is holding the city back from using deep wells as the public water supply is the State Board of Health.

Within ten days the work of building a clay-gravel road to Carolina and Wilmington beaches will be commenced by the contractor, Mr. C. R. Humphreys. The work is to be paid for jointly by the county and the companies owning the beach developments. There are 7 1/2 miles of road to be built and it is expected the contract will be completed in the late fall.

Dr. Abram Simon, of Washington, D. C., a prominent rabbi, delivered a public address at the Temple of Israel here tonight, being heard by a large audience. He also made an address at a meeting of the Cape Fear Chapter Rose Croix, Scottish Rite Masons.

REV. G. T. ROWE TO PREACH COMMENCEMENT SERMON

Dr. J. Y. Joyner Will Deliver Address At Mt. Airy—Granite Popular At Building Material.

Mount Airy, April 2.—Rev. G. T. Rowe, of High Point, will preach the annual sermon before the graded schools in May. Dr. J. Y. Joyner will deliver the commencement address.

Mrs. B. C. Smith and little son left on Wednesday for New York State, they go to join Mr. Smith, who is in the dairy business there.

From the indications a lot of men in this city want office—just any kind of an office.

Mr. J. H. Fulton has begun work on his big garage which is to be built of Mt. Airy granite. The largest granite building in Mt. Airy is the Banner warehouse. Granite is becoming more and more popular as a building material here. The First Baptist, Friends and Presbyterian churches are constructed of granite.

Prince Henry, Inspector General of the German fleet, is the only brother of Emperor William.

NORFOLK PEANUT MARKET.

Fancy No. 1 3 1/2c
Strict prime 3 1/4c
Prime 3 1/2c
Shelling 2 1/2c@3c
Spanish 2 1/2c

HYDE HAD BULLY TIME IN PRISON

"It Was The Most Worth While Sixteen Months of My Life," He Says

Atlanta, Ga., April 2.—Frederick A. Hyde, formerly a millionaire clubman and business leader of Oakland, California has been released from the Federal penitentiary here after serving 16 months in connection with land frauds and will leave for his home tomorrow. Prison officials announced today that Hyde left the prison late yesterday.

President Wilson recently remitted the fines and costs assessed against Hyde, the total of which never had been definitely determined and which had resulted in his staying voluntarily in prison four months after his sentence had expired. Hyde originally was sentenced to two years imprisonment but this was commuted to a year and a day before he began his term. In taking action in the case, President Wilson directed that Hyde be released at once.

News of Hyde's release did not become public until late today. In announcing his intention to leave tomorrow for California Hyde said: "I had a bully time in prison. It was the most worth-while sixteen months of my life."

In 1904 President Roosevelt ordered an investigation of alleged land frauds which resulted in the indictment of Hyde and several others on charges of conspiracy to defraud the government out of thousands of acres of land on the Pacific coast. Hyde was tried and convicted in 1908. The case attracted attention throughout the country and was taken before the United States Supreme court three times. After a notable legal fight Hyde began serving his sentence in December, 1912.

Application for Hyde's pardon had been presented to President Wilson, so when his sentence expired about four months ago he remained in prison, declaring he wanted to be released through a pardon rather than to be discharged. During his term Hyde gave money liberally to assist in providing sports and recreation for the prisoners.

WOMAN MAIL CARRIER QUILTS POSITION TO WED

Miss Nicholson, of Duplin Marries Farmer of Duplin County.

Statesville, April 2.—Miss Aida Nicholson, of Statesville, who had the distinction of being one of the very few woman mail carriers in the United States, will carry the mail no more. She has decided to housekeep for a Duplin county farmer. Miss Nicholson and Mr. W. V. Ferrell of the vicinity of Warsaw, were married Wednesday noon. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride's father, Dr. W. M. Nicholson. Rev. C. L. McCain officiated. Mr. and Mrs. Ferrell left Wednesday afternoon for Durham, where they will spend a few days with Mrs. Ferrell's sister, Mrs. J. L. Rives, before going on to Warsaw. Miss Nicholson had been carrier on rural mail route No. 2 from Statesville ever since the establishment of the route a dozen years ago. Efficient and regular in her work, she gave the best of satisfaction, and was respected by the patrons of a route and held in higher esteem than was Miss Nicholson.

John Hoke, a well known mechanic of the town, fell from a scaffold while at work on a house in East Statesville and received very painful injuries. His face, which caught the force of the fall, was badly bruised and lacerated and it is feared that his nose is broken.

Mr. W. H. Shepherd, former superintendent of the Bradford Knitting Mill of Statesville, left yesterday for New Castle, Pa., where he has secured the position as manager of a new hosiery mill which is just beginning operations. His family will continue to remain in Statesville until the close of the present term of Statesville Female College, of which his daughter is a member of the graduating class.

SUBMARINE'S ENGINES AND BOILERS RELIABLE

Secretary Daniels Issues Statement After Conference With Naval Constructor and Admiral Griffin.

Washington, April 1.—Rear Admiral Moore, in charge of operations to raise the long submerged F-4, at Honolulu, called to the Navy Department today that he was proceeding with the work, pending the arrival of special diving apparatus and expert divers from New York.

The apparatus was forwarded to San Francisco late today to be shipped to Honolulu on the cruiser Maryland.

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Rear Admiral Moore's dispatch said he "would not be able to report any progress for several days" but that he was "making preparations to lift."

The diving apparatus is due to reach San Francisco late Monday night and the five divers were under orders to proceed immediately to embark on the Maryland.

That the divers were entirely confident of their ability to work on the ocean bed 300 feet or more below the surface, was indicated tonight in a statement by Secretary Daniels, although he said there was "considerable risk" in diving operations at such depth.

Secretary Daniels, after a conference with Naval Constructor Taylor and Rear Admiral Griffin, chief of the bureau of steam engineering, issued a statement replying to what he considered unwarranted criticisms as to the condition of the submarine's engines and boilers.

"Cause assigned for the loss of the F-4" he said, "are that her engines were of poor design and that her battery required overhauling. The engines were in every way reliable and were in good working condition. Recent reports from the F-4 show that both engines were in excellent condition during a 48-hour run. As to the battery a report of January 1915 states that an overhaul had been completed and that the battery was in good condition."

"To Use Diving Tube Today." Honolulu, April 1.—Repeated tests were made today of the diving tube constructed by engineers for the purpose of facilitating the work of raising the submarine F-4. It is understood the tube proved satisfactory and it is expected that the divers will use it tomorrow at the spot where the F-4 is believed to have been located.

A movement was begun in Honolulu today to raise a relief fund for families of the crew entombed in the submarine.

EAST SPENCER IS TO HAVE ELECTRIC LIGHTS

Rowan A. & M. Alumni Association Formed—Five Couples Apply For Marriage Licenses.

Salisbury, April 2.—The town of East Spencer is to have electric lights. A contract for 15 years has been signed with the North Carolina Public Service Co. and a plant will be installed at once.

The Rowan county A. & M. alumni association has been organized with John E. Ramsey, president; S. L. Poard, vice president, and J. H. Robertson, secretary.

Mr. James H. McKenzie, who was for a number of years sheriff of Rowan county, has been appointed a deputy marshal under Marshall Webb.

One result of the large gathering at the county commencement here yesterday was the application of five couples for marriage licenses. It was the first time since Register Deaton has been in office that applicants had to line up and await their turn.

Mrs. Charles Coulter of Vancouver, wore a pedometer for one month, at the end of which time she found that she had walked more than 400 miles in doing her household duties.

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I KNOW, MAGGIE-BUT LOOK-

ILL LOOK YOU-YOU HURRY AND GET TO BED!

WHAT A FOOL I WUZ NOT TO TAKE THE PILLOW!

By GEORGE McMANUS