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## \$600,000 Worth of Cotton Bought by One Concern in Baltimore at 10 cents

Baltimore has delighted the South and astonished the country by the promptness and extent of the aid she is giving to the move for the relief of cotton planters.

Decision of the Crown Cork and Seal Company to purchase \$600,000 worth of the Southern staple, following the announcement last week that the Fidelity and Deposit Company would invest as much as \$50,000, gives Baltimore a commanding lead in the movement now going on in a number of cities to insure the cotton-growing sections against severe loss because of the great drop in exports, due to the war.

No other city in the country has done as well, although some have been proclaiming loudly their good intentions. A \$600,000 purchase by one business concern is "doing something"—it will probably be a long time before any other place matches it.

### Action is Stimulating.

In the meantime, members of the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association are responding to the request sent out by the special committee this week, and subscriptions to the general pool to be got up by Baltimore business men are coming in.

All over the city today people were talking of the action of the Crown Cork and Seal Company and commendation was heard on every side. Such spirit as this, the theme of comment ran, is exactly what is needed to attract attention to Baltimore and demonstrate her business enterprise.

Below are a number of specimen comments:

### Richard H. Edmonds.

Richard H. Edmonds, editor of the *Manufacturers' Record*, said: "In every cotton trading point in this country the action of the Crown Cork and Seal Company will be discussed to the advantage of Baltimore, as well as to the advantage of the cotton interests of the South. If the great business concerns of this country in one way or another directly in touch with the ramifications of the cotton trade will take hold of the cotton situation in the same broad way as this company has done the whole situation will soon be cleared up. "In studying cotton it should be distinctly understood that while it is grown in the South it is the nation's greatest asset in foreign trade. We have been exporting to foreign countries, mainly to Europe, over \$500,000,000 worth of cotton a year. It is this enormous foreign cotton demand which has made possible the maintenance of the balance of trade in favor of the United States."

### Far Ahead of Gold Mines

"During the last 24 years exports of cotton to foreign countries amounted to \$14,813,000,000 or almost exactly twice as much

as the total output of all the gold mines of the world for that period, and to \$4,817,000,000 more than all the gold and silver combined mined in the world in that time. More than 55 per cent. of the value of the exports during these 24 years was in the last nine years, from 1906 to 1914. During that period the South produced over 117,000,000 bales of cotton, having an aggregate value, including the seed of \$8,093,000,000.

"About 60 per cent. of the South's cotton crop is taken annually by foreign markets and the balance consumed in this country. The sudden shutting off all foreign buying at a time when cotton is being rushed to the market, in the late summer and early fall, brought about complete stagnation in the trade. American mills were not in a position to stock up in advance, and as there was no foreign buying, a crop of about 15,000,000 bales was coming on the market without anybody to purchase.

"It should be emphasized that the temporary stagnation in the cotton market is not due to any poverty in the South, but to a temporary financial cataclysm of the war which made it impossible for the South, or for that matter for any other section, to finance itself immediately. Every bale of cotton that can now be shipped out of this country and sold abroad helps the situation greatly. What is needed not only for the South but for the whole country is to get as much of our cotton as possible in Europe and get back the money for it, in order that the regular channels of trade may be kept open.

The Crown Cork and Seal Company has done a great piece of work. It demonstrates a broadness of vision which is sure to command wide and favorable attention to Baltimore as well as to the company."

### Reynoldson News Items

Miss Velma Hines visited friends in Hobbville last week.

Mrs. Milton Leggett and children who have been visiting her sister Mrs. W. T. Pittman returned to her home in Georgia this week.

Messrs. Emmett Hines and Frank L. Bell visited at Mr. I. A. Hines' Sunday.

Miss Ella Freeman was the guest of Miss Margy Lowe Sunday.

Mr. Ed Parker called on Miss Edward Sunday.

Misses Laide and Allie Hobbs and Messrs. Shirley Carter and Tom Trotman of Hobbville were the guests of Misses Joyce and Velma Hines Sunday.

Rev. G. C. Lowe and wife entertained a number of their friends Saturday evening.

Misses Beard and Miller were the guests of Misses Elizabeth and Lillie Smith Sunday.

Mr. Tom Pittman of Holland, Va. visited his parental home Sunday.

The B. Y. P. U. of Reynoldson Baptist church conducted Prayer meeting Sunday evening.

The day of harsh physics is gone. People want mild, easy laxatives. Doan's Regulets have satisfied thousands. 25c. at all drug stores.

## Wilson's Proclamation Approved

### Action Without Precedent

Washington, D. C., Sept.—The action of the President in issuing a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to pray for peace in Europe, and setting aside Sunday, October 4, as a day of prayer, was received with approval by Christian people all over the world, as well as in our own country. Some of the editorial expressions from leading papers are given here-with:

### A Nation On Its Knees

"By his proclamation, naming Sunday, October 4, as the day of general supplication, the President, in his own words, has recognized the 'special wish and longing of the people of the United States in prayer and counsel and all friendliness to serve the cause of peace'."

"The purport of the appointment of the day of prayer is felicitously stated by the President 'to take action which shall prove conducive to that concord among men and nations without which there can be neither happiness nor true friendship nor any wholesome fruit of toil or thought in the world.'"

His effort for the world's peace was shown in his attitude in the patient vigil he kept in every exasperating circumstance to maintain a benevolent aloofness toward the combatants in Mexico. Some of those who, at the time wanted belligerent action have come to a different way of thinking, as they have read the tale told in Europe from one hideous day to another. It must stir even the consciences of the war-makers and the fire-bringers to know that thousands of miles away a nation is on its knees in prayer that the peace of God which passeth understanding may once more prevail.—Philadelphia Public Ledger (Rep.)

### The Day of Prayer

President Wilson's proclamation calling for a national day of prayer on October 4 for the cessation of war in Europe probably is without precedent in this or any other country. But, if so, it is the most beautiful precedent that has ever been set in any nation. There are prayers for peace in our prayerbooks, and days of prayer for the speedy termination of wars have been often fixed by official proclamation in countries engaged in them; but for a neutral nation of more than 90,000,000 of people to get down on its knees and pray for peace in other countries will be one of the most impressive as well as one of the most unusual spectacles ever presented on earth. We believe everybody in the United States will offer up a prayer on that day in the earnest spirit of altruism, which the President's message suggests. And if anything can make a path for peace "where men can see none," we believe unselfish supplication from the heart of a great country can open the doors of divine compassion.—The Baltimore Sun.

### Gatesville News.

Mr. Norman Hollowell has resigned his position as clerk for Mr. W. J. Deans and is now attending high school at his home in Hobbville.

Mrs. Leon Hoffer and children of Warrenton, N. C. are visiting at the home of Mr. Willis Hoffer.

Mrs. M. M. Williams, Misses Alma Fisher, Lucy and Maude Williams and Mr. Thurman Ellis motored to Norfolk Thursday.

Mrs. L. L. Williams is visiting relatives in Suffolk.

Mr. I. E. Story and daughter Miss Lydia of Eure spent Wednesday in town.

Messrs. L. C. and J. R. Riddick visited at the home of Mr. J. B. Hathaway on Sunday.

Mr. C. B. Hinton spent Monday in Norfolk.

Messdames J. A. Eason and L. L. Williams, Misses Laura Leigh Riddick and Lucy Williams and Mr. Thurman Ellis spent Tuesday in Suffolk.

Mr. W. J. Deans has secured Mr. John Rabey of Gates as clerk.

Mr. Elbert Riddick and daughter Mrs. T. E. Hoffer spent a few days last week with Mrs. W. P. Riddick of Drum Hill.

Rev. G. W. Fisher is conducting revival services at the Methodist church this week.

Messrs. W. J. and E. L. Deans motored to Suffolk one day last week.

Mrs. J. J. Riddick's family, Miss Mag Riddick and Mr. C. O. Edwards motored to Suffolk Tuesday.

Mr. W. B. Williams spent Monday and Tuesday in Norfolk.

### Selwin News.

Mr. and Mrs. Lycurgus Hollowell left Monday for their home in Suffolk after spending several days here with his parents Mr. and Mrs. David Hollowell.

After a visit to his uncle Mr. J. C. Bunch, Mr. Carl Bunch left Monday for his home at Deep Creek, Va.

Mrs. Elisha Spivey of Winfall is here the guest of Mrs. Daisy Spivey.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Riddick and children of Troville spent Sunday afternoon here as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Stallings.

Messdames Ephraim and N. L. Bunch and Miss Annie Bunch spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. James Riddick.

Miss Ida Spivey of Durants Neck was the guest of Miss Dessie Hollowell last week.

Born on Friday Sept. 25th, 1914, to Mr. and Mrs. Osia Bunch a son.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Hobbs of Troville spent Sunday here as the guests of relatives.

Miss Nellie White and brother Johnny of Hertford spent Wednesday and Thursday as the guest of Miss Carrie Bunch and brother.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Dail and children of Edenton were the guests of her sister Mrs. W. D. Hollowell last week.

Mrs. Davrd Hollowell still continues ill.

Mrs. L. P. Hinton and baby of Vivian were the guests of her mother Mrs. Mollie Riddick last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dock White and baby of Sunbury spent Saturday

and Sunday here with her parents.

Mr. Wm. Stallings and children of Troville were the guests of her sister Mrs. Will Hollowell.

Mr. Owen King accompanied Miss Dessie Hollowell to preaching Sunday night.

Mrs. J. O. Bunch and daughter spent Tuesday with Mrs. A. F. Stallings of Sandy Cross.

Mrs. W. H. Riddick visited her sister Mrs. T. D. Hollowell Tuesday morning.

Mr. Diaz Hollowell is able to be out by the aid of crutches.

Miss Ira Hollowell was the guest of Miss Gladys Hinton of Hobbville Sunday.

### Tyner News.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Holmes and Mr. Joe Vail of Edenton were in town Wednesday.

Mrs. I. E. Ward and children attended revival services at Warwick Swamp Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Boyce spent Thursday in Edenton.

Mr. Leary of Edenton was in town Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Perry spent Thursday afternoon in Edenton.

Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Bunch of Mege spent Sunday at Mr. E. O. Perry's.

Rev. J. O. Alderman of Edenton filled his regular appointment at the Baptist church Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Hobb returned from Bethany Sunday, where they attended revival services.

Mr. C. E. Lane and son Winston of Edenton spent Monday in town the guest of Mrs. W. H. Lane.

### Hertford News.

J. C. Blanchard left Sunday night for Lumber Bridge to visit his brother, Lawrence Blanchard.

The Hertford Graded School opened Monday Sept. 28 with a large attendance. Mr. Crawford is superintendent.

Mrs. R. A. Willis who has been the guest of her father, W. S. Blanchard has returned to her home in Littleton.

The "tackiest" event of the season was a "Tacky Gathering" given at the home of Miss Janette Darden Friday evening by Misses Ruth and Mary McMullan and Janette Darden. Lemonade was served for punch on the front porch in a large dish pan, old fashioned cups of thickest crockery being used. Each "tacky" boy took his "tacky" partner to the moving picture show where the front seats were reserved for the bunch. After spending an hour at the movies, they marched back in parade to Miss Darden's.

Ice cream and wafers were served in large white plates with tin spoons. The tackiest of the bunch were Mr. Will Hudson and Miss Caine, and the prizes, a bottle of Hoyte's were awarded to each of them. It was very much enjoyed by all. Those in costume were Misses Kate and Jane Blanchard, Pattie Whidbee, May Wood Winslow, Lucile Towe of Chapanoke, Lydia Doxey of New York, Julia Chalk, Bessie B. Winslow, Myra Skinner, Mary and Ruth McMullan, Ellen Winslow, Janette Darden, Fannie Newbold, Myrtle Chappell, Florence Evans, Adelaide White and

Miss Coine of Baltimore; Messrs. Joseph and Beverly Tucker, John Saunders, Jr., W. M. Martin, Ellis Broughton, Trim Wilson, Roulac McMullan, J. S. McNider, Tim Brinn, Simon Rutenburg, J. H. Bagley, Vivian Darden, Henry Stokes, Carol Berry, Wood Gaiter, Walter Rawlings, W. M. McCallum of Fayetteville, Hillary Winslow and Mrs. Tom Cox.

Mrs. W. S. Blanchard and daughter Eugenia returned Saturday from a visit to Greensboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Cox and Miss Mary Morris left Wednesday for Raleigh.

### Hobbville News.

People around Hobbville are quite busy harvesting their crops. Mr. John Blanchard and mother of West Va. are visiting C. B. Blanchard.

Messdames E. A. Rountree and Alex Carter called on Mrs. T. E. Blanchard Monday night.

Messdames R. Hinton, Jim Blanchard and Miss Gladys Hinton were callers at the Hotel Tuesday.

Mrs. E. A. Rountree and Miss Mary Mitchell visited out of town Tuesday.

Miss Sibyl Russel left Tuesday morning for Greenville where she will enter school.

Miss Velma Hines returned to her home in Reynoldson Sunday.

Miss Sate Hobbs delightfully entertained a number of her friends Monday night.

Miss Allie Hobbs returned to her home in Corapeake Tuesday after spending several days with her cousin Miss Laide Hobbs.

Quite a number of our boys serenaded on the corner of Bank and Ward streets Tuesday night.

Emmit Hoffer was a caller at the hotel Monday night.

Mr. Gussie Briggs took his best girl to church Sunday.

Bevival services closed at Warwick Swamp church Sunday. The meeting was conducted by Rev. Josiah Elliott assisted by Bro. Reid of E. City. Many were benefited by their able sermons and twenty-five were baptised Monday.

Miss Elizabeth Britton of Portsmouth, Va. is the guest of Miss Lucille Jordan.

Mrs. James Smith was the guest of Mrs. Elinor Winslow Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nowell and Mrs. Bettie White and daughter Addie spent Saturday in Parkville.

Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Winslow spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. E. T. White near E. City.

Mrs. W. Britton of Portsmouth Va. is the guest of her mother Mrs. W. H. Nowell.

Mr. A. C. Layden married Miss Mae Jessup to Temperance meeting Sunday afternoon.

Mr. George Nowell made his usual call Sunday.

Miss Myrtle Nowell left for Hertford Monday where she will teach in the Graded school.

Mr. Wray Smith spent Sunday at Simons Creek.

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