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WAR DECLARED ON BOLL WEEVIL.

The spread of the boll weevil over Sampson county is becoming general, according to all reports this week. The pest, if not controlled, will ruin that part of a crop left by the bad weather of last month.

However, the fight against the weevil is strengthening, and every day sees more effort in this line. This week a demonstration on the Honeycutt farm, on the Dunn highway, will show the methods found most satisfactory by the American Cotton association in eradicating the pest.

It is urged that every cotton grower attend this demonstration. You owe it to your family and your community to do all that is possible toward the elimination of this agent of destruction.

"All films should end happily," says a writer. We agree. And the sooner the better.—Punch.

If Democrat could cast as many ballots at the polls as they do at conventions—good night G. O. P.—Brooklyn Eagle.

JUDGE DANIELS ON PROHIBITION.

Judge Frank A. Daniels, in his charge to the grand jury here Monday, spoke at length about the hypocritical churchmen who, to the world at large, denounce booze in all of its ramifications, yet who secretly trade with the dispenser of illegal beverages. The judge held that, if all of the men who are church members, should suddenly discontinue drinking in any form, bootlegging would soon cease through lack of financial support.

The judge also took a healthy swing at those who, in their violation of the law by the manufacture of booze, contend that they are fighting for their liberty and freedom of action. The almighty dollar, the judge said, was the ruling element, and without a big profit moonshining would soon cease.

The court room was packed with an overflowing crowd, which left after the charge with a strong conviction that the Goldsboro judge will give Sampson an excellent term of court with wisdom, tolerance and justice well balanced.

The easiest thing for an autoist to run into is debt.—Toledo Blade.

The king of Bulgaria is learning to drive a railroad locomotive. Well, you never know.—Punch (London)

TAKING A BIG STEP FORWARD.

Sampson's biggest school for girls—Pineland, of Salemburg, is taking a big and laudable step forward this year in the addition of a junior collegiate course to its curriculum.

Sampson is proud of Pineland, and no doubt will find the addition of the two year collegiate work a decided benefit to those seeking higher education. The addition of the collegiate course offers higher education to many who could not otherwise afford it. Founded and managed a school where an education may be obtained at a minimum cost, it will permit many young ladies taking collegiate work who otherwise would have to stop their schooling when they had finished the available high school courses.

Built from the ground up on limited means and by hard work, Pineland is a glowing monument to perseverance and determination. With the hardest part behind, there is no reason why this institution can not continue its forward march and become one of the greatest schools in the south. Certainly Sampson county will help and favor such a program.

Mr. LaFollette can provide the Bull if somebody will furnish the Moose.—Columbia Record.

Many a family budget has fallen down because it provided for only one of them getting a hair cut.—Knoxville Sentinel.

"German mathematicians lead the world." But look at the practice they've had figuring out rates of exchange.—Baltimore Sun.

Every day the world's facilities improve for transmitting intelligence, but the intelligence doesn't seem to keep pace with the facilities.—Columbia Record.

TEN YEARS AFTER.

(Greensboro News)

Tomorrow it will be ten years since Great Britain declared war and it became apparent that 1914 was not to be a repetition of 1870. Tomorrow it is possible that the German delegates will appear in London to sign the new agreement to put into effect the Dawes plan, the scheme worked out to make possible the payment by Germany of some part of the damage done by her armies in that war. In other words, it is almost ten years to the day from the declaration of war by the British to the resumption of peaceful relations that have some chance of enduring.

Yesterday the Daily News published a symposium gathered by the American Legion Weekly and consisting of the replies of men who are considered as among the world's greatest to this question: "What did the world gain by the World War? Among others who answered was John Maynard Keynes, admitted even by his enemies, to possess one of the keenest brains in the British empire. His answer is eloquent of the despair of many of those who have undertaken to repair the wreckage of the struggle. He said, "I don't know."

That answer was infinitely wiser than some of the longer and more facile ones. Three great autocracies were destroyed, but is that worth all the sacrifice of blood and treasure? Is it so certain that what has replaced them is a gain? Ask the Baptists who are suffering fiendish persecution in the newly-enlarged kingdom of Rumania; ask the Jews in Poland; ask the middle classes in Russia; ask the harried and oppressed minorities in Hungary; Czechoslovakia and Jugoslavia; ask the artists, scientists and professional men in Germany; ask anybody in starving Austria before you make your final answer. Russia, alone, is in position to overthrow the new regime if she would; but Russia alone, it seems, had an old system so unspeakably and incredibly devilish that even her present rule of homicidal maniacs is preferable to a return to old conditions.

But Russia theoretically was arrayed on the winning side, so if she finds bolshevism a slight improvement upon czarism, credit that as one of the fruits of victory. What of the other allies? France has gained a precarious security against German invasion, but she has been struggling frantically to keep it for five long years; and as part of that effort she is maintaining an army that is bankrupting her. In Italy democracy has collapsed competely, and the former kingdom is now ruled by an absolute despot, and a particularly brutal and bloodthirsty one at that. Great Britain is in the best position of all—always excepting our own—and even the former mistress of the seas has become a land of fierce and bitter poverty, her institutions crumbling under the stress of her economic burden, her great empire in imminent danger of dissolution.

And the United States of America? Well this country has become immensely rich. It has more millionaires than ever before, and more thieves in high office. It is thoroughly cured of its idealism. It sneers at international honor. It curses the memory of Woodrow Wilson. It scoffs at the notion that among the nations at whose side it fought honor and truth have any binding force, or that their solemn pledges of faith are more than so many scraps of paper.

Money and cynicism we have acquired by our participation in the great war—and monuments to a rich and cynical nation is doubtful. They commemorate the wrong thing. They are erected in memory of men who had neither of the gains that the great war has brought us, but went out and died for an ideal. We have lost them. Do our gains compensate us?

Some of our presidential timber is mostly bark.—Nashville Banner.

What times are these when the new Tammany boss got his start practicing at the bar instead of tending it?—Dallas News.

With wheat at \$1.23, keeping the "discontented farmer" discontented becomes more and more of a problem.—New York Herald Tribune.

Now we have it. John W. Davis is to run for president in the east and Charles W. Bryan is to run for vice-president in the west.—Toledo Blade.

A Russian poet has just taken back seven trunks full of patent medicines with him. This seems to us to explain quite a lot of Russian literature.—Punch.

"Chauffeur" being too professional, the word-smiths are looking for a term to designate a man who drives his own car. It is safe to say that the terms used by pedestrians will not be accepted.—Little Rock Arkansas Gazette.

We read in The International Book Review that in the past Mr. Coolidge's political success was in no small part due to his winsome wife. In the future, it will in no small part be due to his ability to winsome votes.—Norfolk Virginian Pilot.

REMOVE SUCKERS OR LOSE LANDS

Coast Line Expert Points to Fallacy of Bleeding Strength from Tobacco Lands

By A. G. CARDWELL, Agricultural & Industrial Agent Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Co. While in conference with an official of one of the large tobacco buying and manufacturing companies a few days ago in New York, the writer was forced to listen to some criticism of the southern tobacco farmers carelessness in leaving the stalks standing after harvesting the crop, thus robbing the soil of much needed plant food and providing a hotel for destructive insects.

Imagine my pleasure upon looking the Progressive Farmer, issue of July 26th, to find an article entitled: "Keep Tobacco Stubble Busy," which I am quoting in full:

A lot of mischief may come from neglect of tobacco land when the crop has been harvested. If suckers are allowed to grow, then these will remove as much plant food in proportion to the size of the crop of suckers as did the crop we took off. Further, when a tobacco field is allowed to grow up after harvest, the tobacco suckers become feeding and breeding places for the multiplication of tobacco diseases. If stubble is destroyed promptly after harvest, then we get three good results:

1. The sucker crop does not rob the soil of plant food and moisture.
2. Insect breeding and feeding places are destroyed.
3. Diseases have no place to multiply in while they lie in wait for the next crop.

Best Land on Farm
The tobacco land is usually the best land on the place, the most heavily fertilized and the cleanest of weeds, yet it is the tobacco land that is allowed to lie idle from harvest on. It is idle so far as producing what we want is concerned, but very active so far as producing future trouble is concerned. There are innumerable uses to

which this land may be put. It can produce a profitable crop before frost—and improve while doing so—and can then be sowed to another crop for maturing next spring. It is a fact that our tobacco stubble offers us exceptional opportunities for widening our efforts at diversification for increased production of food and feed, and for making the land better and richer.

In the lower or "new" tobacco belt of North Carolina and in all of the commercial tobacco area of South Carolina, tobacco is harvested in time to plant a surprisingly long list of field and garden crops maturing in a month or two and releasing the land for other crops; or other crops occupying the land until next spring or summer, or even several years as in the case with alfalfa, may be grown in tobacco land this summer or fall. There is a very long list of crops that tobacco stubble land released in July and early August can be planted to such as second crop Irish potatoes, sweet potatoes from vine cuttings, turnips, tomatoes, corn, beans, winter cabbage and 15 or more other vegetables. Tobacco land can with but little effort be gotten ready for fall sowed small grain, legumes and pasture mixtures.

We who have suffered from rain and we who may yet suffer from boll weevils may find a measure, and a good measure, of relief from our tobacco fields by putting them to work at the time we usually force them to loaf.

Strength of Farms
It was Lord Chatham who said: "Trade increases the wealth and glory of a country; but its real strength and stamina are to be looked for among the cultivators of the land."

Professor G. B. Williams, chief of the North Carolina experiment stations, says: "Our prosperity depends

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upon the soils and in order to build up soil in the most economical way we must use legumes like clover, vetch, peas and beans, and in order to grow these legumes it is necessary to use lime in most cases."

No good business man will, from day to day and year to year, spend his capital. The protection of capital is essential to business permanency. Likewise no good business man favors the expenditure or waste of his community's capital, which is nothing more nor less than its soil fertility. This is one of the principle reasons why bankers and business men everywhere should urge farmers to conserve soil fertility. It is much easier to conserve soil fertility than to build up the worn out soil, rendered unprofitable by careless methods.

Every farmer is a manufacturer. His farm is his factory and what he sells is his product. Years ago it made little difference what the product was or how produced because costs were low and fertility of soil was virgin.

But times have changed. Fertility of soil is going or gone, costs are higher and the wise farmer is looking ahead to see if there isn't some hope for better times for him.

Must Improve Lands
Of course there is an answer to this soil fertility problem. Every farmer should adopt as his slogan—

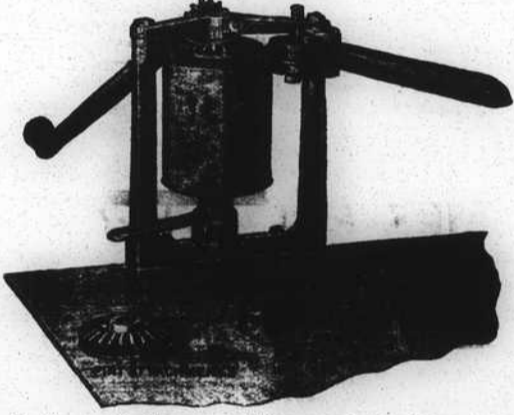
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"I will look for richer lands by planting legumes and other soil improving crops," and this should be put in practice on all lands before or after harvest.

While not generally applied, particularly in tobacco and cotton growing sections, it is well known that live stock, lime and legumes on the farm will return the exhausted soil to its original fertility, and maintain a high crop production, thus placing control of the cost of production almost entirely in the hands of the farmers. If he can materially increase his yields per acre, without increasing his production cost per pound bushel or ton he has enlarged his possible margin of profit. There has been a lot of talk about soil building, and the importance of this question is generally recognized. Everyone knows that the use of methods which will retain or increase soil fertility are most desirable, but very few farmers practice all they know about such methods.

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