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NOT AS SEVERE AS IT LOOKS

The studied fight against the cotton marketing plan which is being promoted in this country, among the producers of cotton, ought not to be allowed to have weight until the issue has been studied through by the individual farmers, the evidence properly weighed and a decision reached in a calm and quiet and unprejudiced fashion.

The cotton marketing plan looks to be severe if one is satisfied to study it only from a distance, but, looking more closely into the scheme, one discovers that it is rational and embraces the cardinal principles of marketing.

When a farmer signs up with the organization, he commits himself to it, cot on and all. For five years, the pledge says, every pound of cotton he makes must be turned over to the farm bureau organization which, in turn, will control it and sell it whenever it gets good and ready.

There's nothing wrong with this effort and if Mecklenburg farmers will study it thoughtfully, relieve themselves of all spites and prejudices and approach the matter with a view to bettering themselves and their neighbors, they will arrive speedily at the conclusion that this movement is entitled to their cordial and permanent support.

Right-thinking men of all classes must find themselves at this time very strongly hopeful that Samuel Gompers, the veteran leader of organized labor, will not be dethroned in favor of John L. Lewis, head of the miners' federation of the organization. Mr. Gompers is getting pretty old, but he is yet showing enough vitality to give rational direction to organized labor, and in view of the criticalness of these times, it would appear to be grossly unwise to change leaders in the midst of a stream.

THE SITUATION AMONG THE MILLS AND THEIR PEOPLE

The claim has been made by officials of the Textile Workers of America that in Charlotte, Concord and Kannapolis there are 15,000 operatives out on strike which began June 1. From the best information which this newspaper is able to command as to the wages being paid these operatives when they retired, they were getting about an average of \$15 per week, weavers and spinners both figuring in the calculation.

We have no way to tell what the material circumstances of these operatives are at this time nor how long they will be able to remain away from employment. Neither have we any estimate of what losses the mills are suffering by reason of the idleness of their looms and spindles.

This being the apparent status of the strike, it is evident that mutual harm is resulting to both the mills and their workmen and that the moment has arrived when the issue deserves serious, sober, prayerful thought on the part of the principals in the strike. Obviously, present conditions can not be perpetuated indefinitely.

And this is a contingency that the community may well determine to avoid. Widespread suffering for the necessities of everyday existence is intolerable in a society such as ours, and we respectfully submit, that it is this phase of the situation, likely to develop at any moment, toward which public thought should be turned and toward which also, the better thought of the employers and the employees of the mills should be concentrated.

It is not the purpose of this newspaper to enter into any extensive argument on the issues involved. It is generally known that the strike resulted from cuts in wages which the workers thought were unjustified or, at least, which they were influenced to believe, were unnecessary. Nobody likes to accept a reduction in wages, but such deflation has been somewhat general throughout the country and the whole world within recent months, and it is an admitted truth that the same general deflation must be uniform and universal before adjustment is attained, nobody must be left out. Cotton mill wages especially went skyward

It is more than an item of passing interest to old students of the University to note the election of Louie Graves to the professorship of Journalism at the University of North Carolina. The student of 20 years ago remembers him mighty well and can to this good day visualize the agile and ambitious young man as he stood at the quarter-back position on the football team of that time and directed the movements of that machine, and in the classroom master the intricate courses of study with an ease that was the despair of his fellow-students.

He is now Professor Graves of the faculty of the University of North Carolina and he comes back to the Hill from experience on metropolitan newspapers and special magazine work to teach the young men of the State how to become journalists. We don't know much about professional instruction in journalism. We have had some rather decided misgivings as to its practicality. The newspaper business is one that experience alone can master, and yet it has been demonstrated in many of the leading colleges and Universities that journalism is a subject that belongs to the curriculum and that the training given young men in the classroom stands the min eminent stand when they reach the experimental stage.

It is imperative, therefore, to accept what has been proven as a static fact and to lay aside doubts and prejudices and uncertainties of opinion, and so doing, we lay down the forecast that Professor Louie Graves will come as near turning out skilled and polished newspaper men from the University of North Carolina as any other professor anywhere holding a similar chair. He is back where he can do the State a fine service and where, it is certain, his efforts will be properly appreciated.

UNABLE TO FIND AIRMEN'S BODIES

Newport, Va., June 23.—Nearly two score airplanes, led by General Mitchell, chief of the army air service, this morning covered the wreck of the old battleship San Marcus and the waters of Chesapeake Bay nearby with flowers in memory of Captain Howard Douglas and Lieutenant M. J. Plumb, killed yesterday when their machines collided in the air.

Scout machines from Langley field slowly combed the surface of the water for several square miles in search of the bodies of the flyers, but without success. Both officers were strapped in their machines and are believed to be resting on the bottom where the weight of the engines took them. Only a few pieces of wreckage have been found.

General Mitchell, it is understood, holds that neither airman was to blame for the accident. Lieutenant Plumb was soaring upward after releasing a bomb and Captain Douglas, advancing in a quartering direction, could not see the rising craft in time to avoid the crash.

Maneuvers have been suspended for today in honor of the dead and no program has been mapped out for tomorrow. A corps of nurses and a great deal of emergency hospital equipment had been assembled at Langley field in connection with the bombing tests, it was learned today.

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The social editor has a job to pacify the town and cater to the howling mob who want things written down. They never dare let her alone, and she has anger in her tone each time she hears from them. Her golden locks fly here and there as she grabs up a pad and scribbles down some swell affair that Mrs. Coolcash had. She writes a hundred names or so and cries out in despair and woe. "I wish that I were dead," she says. "I wish that I were dead."

Copyright, 1921, by News Publishing Co. UNABLE TO FIND AIRMEN'S BODIES Airplanes Cover Waters of Chesapeake With Flowers for Two Comrades.

PLANNING ANOTHER TRIP TO THE ARCTIC

Vancouver, B. C., June 23.—Another expedition to the Arctic slope under the direction of Vilhjalmer Stefansson, Canadian explorer of the Northlands, was indicated today when incorporation of the Stefansson Arctic Exploration and Development Company was announced under way. The company will have a capital of one hundred thousand dollars and it was understood a suitable vessel for the trip has been found and is now located in the North.

LURE OF JAZZ. Boston.—The lure of jazz music was explained and condemned before a girls' conference of women workers at the Twentieth Century Club by Miss Maude E. Miner, secretary of the New York Probation and Protective Association. The speaker outlined dangers to young girls from dark galleries in moving picture shows and promiscuous automobile riding.



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