

## THIS RED LETTER YEAR FOR STATE'S FARMERS

### Commissioner Graham in Annual Report to Board of Agriculture Tells of Prosperity Due to Raising Food Crops—Wheat Enough to go Round.

Raleigh, Dec. 1.—A year of unusual prosperity for the farmers of the state, a record year for the raising of wheat, says Commissioner of Agriculture, C. A. Graham, in his annual report to the board of agriculture, made to the board today. Especially in food crops, the commissioner declares, has the year been notable, and the farmers are in better condition than ever before in their history.

Mr. Graham's report was made to the board today at the regular December meeting. Matters of finance will engross the attention of the board for the remainder of the week. Details will be passed upon and other details of finance adjusted.

This fine condition of farmers, Commissioner Graham says, has been reached by their adopting largely the advice which the department for fifteen years has urged upon their attention—"to raise on the farm the provisions necessary for its maintenance."

"This year the wheat crop will afford about 180 pounds of flour for every man, woman and child in the state," says the report. "If we estimate the population at 4,000,000, the people can not consume this amount and there will be flour to export, as there will be of tobacco, corn, potatoes, Irish and sweet, and ground peas.

"With individuals, families, communities, states and nations, a supply of ration is the most important item. The body may suffer for raiment, but the mind for thought, but without food to nourish the body, life will become extinct and the mind and body cease, or the body will be so uncomfortable that it is useless. Happy is the man, the family, the community or the state that can provide a sufficiency of food for its requirements.

Better Than Ever

"Recognizing this, it has been the aim of the agricultural department to persuade the people of this state to produce an abundance of food for the needs of its people; not only because it is necessary, but because they can do it more economically than they can produce the funds necessary to produce it. It is not contended that each man should actually raise the ideal food, but that he requires for himself or his family's support, unless he is a farmer; then it is a sine qua non and unless he does it, he will find it more profitable to turn his attention to some other calling. The present prosperity of the North Carolina is because the farmers are in good condition, better than they

have ever been, and this condition has been accomplished chiefly by raising the supplies for their families and their farms. A happy contented yeomanry is a country's pride. This can only be supplied by contented homes, and this from sufficiency of food, as generally expressed by a full dinner pail.

"Every man can not raise the food in kind necessary for his family, nor is it desirable that he should; while bread is the staff of life, there are many other things necessary to the comfort of mankind and even to aid the farmer in the production of his crops. Experience and political economy teaches us that it would not be well for each individual to endeavor to supply by personal labor his needs, but let someone who understands the manufacture of the goods or the conduct of the business to this work buy his food from the farmer, and the farmer use other men for his benefit when he requires their services; hence the farmer must have more than that which will supply his own needs.

The Best Way

"The farmer has been so accustomed to work for himself that so far there has been no successful way evolved to get him to co-operate. In order to do this he must be independent. Take the cotton crop. When it is ascertained that there is a crop beyond present requirements, we hear of plans to relieve the situation by raising funds to retire a portion of the crop; but the farmer has learned that nothing permanent has ever been evolved by this course, but that the only way which will accomplish anything is for the farmer to own his crop when it is made and be able to sell or hold as the market suits him. The greatest move in this direction in our history has been made this year, and North Carolina leads in it. We hear of no farmers passing around the hat with the beggar's appeal, 'I raised too much cotton; please chip in a quarter.'

"The trouble has been that many of those who would lead in this matter do not comprehend the capacity of those they would benefit, but shoot entirely over their heads. It is not what could be done and probably will be done, but what should be done now. It is the North Carolina of today and not of tomorrow that confronts us. You may have meetings, have eloquent speakers, about conditions which will be in the near or remote future, but 'distance lends enchantment to the view,' entertain your hearer (Continued on Page 2.)

## JAPANESE TOYS SUPPLY WAR DEFICIT

(By Associated Press.)  
London, Dec. 1.—Japan has helped out the English Christmas shopping season by providing the bazaars with enough toys to supply the war deficit. Before the war, Germany controlled almost the entire British toy trade. English toy industries have since started up, but could not fill all of the orders from the shops. Then an importing firm sent samples of German toys to Japan. In some ways the Japanese output has exceeded expectations. The new Japanese toys include clockwork animals, such as jumping dogs and horses, cheap speaking dolls, and imitation skin animals. While not a musical people in the European sense, the Japanese also manufacture toy musical instruments.

### NEWTON MAN WON PRIZE

Newton, Dec. 1.—A. O. Yount, local trainer of birds, won first prize in the field trials at Waynesboro, Ga., Saturday with the celebrated "Baby's Sport" dog selling the dog immediately afterward. Sport was an All-American champion several years ago and is widely known among sportsmen.

## JEFFERSON PARISH UNDER MARTIAL LAW

(By Associated Press.)  
New Orleans, La., Dec. 1.—Governor Hall today issued a proclamation charging that a "reign of law" exists in Jefferson parish, which adjoins New Orleans, and formally placing the parish under martial law, the governor said, "to restore order and suppress lawlessness."

One company of state militia already is on duty in the parish.

## VERDICT FOR M'MICHAEL

Reidsville, Dec. 1.—The case of Attorney C. O. McMichael was concluded and given to the jury. The jury rendered a verdict Saturday morning, giving Mr. McMichael damages to the amount of five hundred dollars. The case was taken up Wednesday and the jury was secured just before noon Thursday. The only witness introduced was T. J. Betts, who was editor of the Leaksville Courier at the time the article in question was printed in his paper. Mr. McMichael was represented by Attorneys W. P. Bynum, W. M. Hendren, Thomas S. Beall, H. R. Scott and P. W. Glidewell. Appearing for Mr. D. F. King were Attorneys A. W. Dunn, W. W. Kitchin and J. R. Joyce.

The next case called was John L. Sharp against D. F. King, who was asking damages for slander. Appearing for Mr. Sharp were Attorneys W. M. Hendren, W. R. Dalton and P. W. Glidewell, while Mr. King was represented by Messrs. Kitchin, Joyce and Dunn.

## HICKORY ODD FELLOWS ELECT NEW OFFICERS

Hickory Lodge, No. 206, I. O. O. F., initiated one new member last night and elected the following officers: R. L. Abernethy, noble grand; G. A. Craig, vice-grand; W. W. Williams, secretary; J. W. Bowles, financial secretary, and J. O. Rhodes, treasurer.

The lodge held a get-together meeting a week ago, this proving one of the most enjoyable social events of the fall.

## WOODMEN OF WORLD MEET FRIDAY NIGHT

Hickory camp, No. 80, Woodmen of the World, will meet Friday night for the election of officers and transaction of other business. The present officers are: J. A. Reitzel, consul commander; B. A. Miller, clerk; H. A. Poovey, banker; A. O. Mitchell, advisory lieutenant; J. Z. Alexander, watchman; W. W. White, secretary.

There are 150 members of this prosperous and active order and it is urged that every member be present Friday night at 7:30.

## THREE FAMILIES LEAVE

Three families left Catawba county this week Mrs. Ellen Reinhardt and family moving to Morris town, Tenn.; Logan Reinhardt and family going to Florida; and E. O. Ramsour moving to Shelby. All are farmers living in the western section.

Attorney A. A. Whitener returned last night from Raleigh where he attended the session of the supreme court.

## FAIL TO DISCOVER CAUSE OF FATAL EXPLOSION IN HAGLEY PLANT OF DUPONT COMPANY

(By Associated Press.)  
Wilmington, Del., Dec. 1.—Although a formal investigation into the disaster was started by the Dupont Powder Company immediately after the explosion which caused the death of 31 workmen and the serious injury of six others in the company's Hagley yard yesterday, nothing of a tangible nature had been discovered.

Every employee who was near the building that was destroyed was put through a thorough examination but nothing was elicited. Not one of those in the building escaped. The investigators do not hope that the origin of the explosion ever will be determined.

Report that notices had been nailed to trees and fences leading to the Dupont plant at upper Hagley and Carney's Point warning employees of Teutonic origin that they were imperiling their lives if they continued to work were being investigated today. Not much credence was attached to the notices. Men who came in the direction of the plant reported seeing them.

The theory widely accepted was that the explosion was caused by a horse's shoe striking a stone or by a spark from a pulley in the powder room.

## GABINET CRISIS IN AUSTRIA CONFIRMED

(By Associated Press.)  
Amsterdam, Dec. 1.—Reports that several members of the Austrian cabinet have resigned are confirmed by an autographed letter of Emperor Francis Joseph published in a Vienna newspaper.

## EXTRA TAX IMPOSED UPON UNMARRIED

(By Associated Press.)  
Berlin, Dec. 1.—The city of Oschatz in Saxony is the first German municipality to impose an extra tax upon the unmarried. Two or three other German towns have a tax on bachelors, but the new Oschatz law applies alike to male and female. Only Catholic priests are exempt. Other unmarried persons above 21 must pay their regular municipal tax. On incomes from 1,800 to 2,400 marks yearly, five per cent; 2,400 to 4,000 marks, ten per cent; 4,000 to 6,000 marks, fifteen per cent; 6,300 to 10,000 marks, twenty per cent and above 10,000 marks, twenty-five per cent.

## MANY UNIVERSITY MEN ARE FIGHTING

(By Associated Press.)  
London, Dec. 1.—Over 11,000 Cambridge men are fighting with the colors, according to the university's latest war list. Of these men 614 have been killed, 900 wounded and 123 missing or prisoners of war. Three have won the Victoria Cross and others have received medals for distinguished conduct. Trinity hears the colleges with 2,500 soldiers and Pembroke follows with 1,052.

## SUPPER AND BAZAAR

The Ladies' Guild of the Church of the Ascension are preparing for a supper and bazaar Friday over the Blue restaurant, the hours to be from 4 until 10 P. M. Supper will be served, fancy work, oddities and confectioneries will be sold.

## FIFTEEN THOUSAND SERBIANS CAPTURED

(By Associated Press.)  
Berlin, Dec. 1.—Army headquarters announced today that with the capture of Prisrend in western Serbia, 15,000 Serbians were made prisoners.

## MARKETS

### NEW YORK STOCKS

(By Associated Press.)  
New York, Dec. 1.—Changes in standard shares were slight, but mainly upward in today's early dealings, while specialties once more bounded forward, Porto Rica Sugar advancing 7 to 163 and Cuban-American Sugar 2 to 175, both making new records. Pronounced gains were also made by Sears-Robuck, Texas Company and United States Industrial Alcohol, the latter scoring a new maximum. American Coal Products, Crucible Steel and Baldwin Locomotives were higher.

### NEW YORK COTTON

(By Associated Press.)  
New York, Dec. 1.—Relatively easy cables were followed by an opening decline of two to four points in the cotton market here today, with January selling at 12.28 and March at 12.52 on the call. January sold up five to ten points net higher.

### CHICAGO WHEAT

(By Associated Press.)  
Chicago, Dec. 1.—Foreigners buying futures rallied the wheat market today after a decline at the opening. Opening prices which varied from unchanged figures at one-half lower, with December at 1.04 1/2 to 1.05 and May at 1.07 1/4 to 3/4, were followed by an upturn.

### COTTON FUTURES

New York, Dec. 1.—Cotton futures opened steady and closed steady.

Active months	Open	Close
December	12.15	12.37
January	12.28	12.42
March	12.57	12.72
May	12.80	12.91
July	12.86	12.99

### HICKORY MARKETS

Cotton	12c
Wheat	\$1.21
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## THE WEATHER

### COMPARATIVE WEATHER

November 30—	1915	1914
Maximum	43	62
Minimum	27	47
Mean	35	54 1/2

### SUMMARY FOR MONTH

Maximum (Nov. 9)	63.8
Minimum (Nov. 16)	26.2
Mean (Nov. 16)	38.3
Total Rainfall	3.21
Total clear days	20
Total cloudy and partly cloudy	10

The rush of freight gorges the railway yards. Nothing very lean about this year, after all.—Detroit Journal.

## WOMEN REPLACE ENGLISHMEN IN LONDON

(By Associated Press.)  
London, Dec. 1.—Owing to active recruiting, the shortage of men in the labor market has become more acute and has greatly increased the demand for women and young girls as substitutes. Practically everyone capable of working, says the board of trade Labor Gazette, has an opportunity of being employed, and it is evident that still larger numbers of women and girls not previously employed in many occupations.

## SENATOR GARDNER RESTS VERY WELL

(By Associated Press.)  
Salisbury, Dec. 10.—O. Max Gardner, injured in the Salisbury wreck last Wednesday night, was resting very well this afternoon, it was announced from the hospital. Harry Tally of Charlotte was also reported as resting well, though he was very weak from the loss of his leg, which was amputated Monday night.

## MILITIA INSPECTION

Raleigh, Dec. 1.—The annual inspection of the companies composing the North Carolina National Guard will take place early in the new year, beginning about the middle of January to be completed by April 1. The itinerary is being arranged with a view to having Colonel Thomas Stringfield of Waynesville, inspector of small arms for the North Carolina guard, to take part in the inspection of each of the companies.

## NO VERDICT YET IN WATSON CASE

(By Associated Press.)  
Augusta, Ga., Dec. 1.—No verdict had been reached this afternoon in the case of Thos. E. Watson, the Thompson-Ga. editor on trial on the charge of sending obscene matter through the mails.

## THANKSGIVING DAY AT SANATORIUM

Sanatorium, N. C., Dec. 1.—Thanksgiving was observed by the patients and staff of the North Carolina sanatorium for the treatment of tuberculosis with great pleasure and profit. An excellent mid-day dinner was served in a dining room beautifully decorated with flowers, long-leaved pine and autumn leaves.

Services were held in the evening, being conducted by the woman's Missionary Society of the sanatorium. The offerings for the different orphanages amounted to \$38.89, divided as follows: Baptist \$16.00, Methodist \$9.54, Presbyterian \$8.10, and Odd Fellows \$5.25.

## THE RALEIGH BASEBALL CLUB UNDERGOES REORGANIZATION

Raleigh, Dec. 1.—The directors of the Raleigh Carolina League baseball club accepted the resignations of President J. C. Ellington and secretary and treasurer E. E. Broughton and elected J. E. O'Donnell, president; F. M. Jolly, vice-president, and B. L. Crocker, secretary-treasurer. Twenty applications for membership were before the directors, but no selection was made.

## OPEN DAYS AT WHITE HOUSE

Washington, Dec. 1.—President Wilson adopted today a regular schedule for seeing callers which he will follow during the session of congress. On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays he will see callers who want to pay their respects.

## ASK FOR PARDON

Newton, Dec. 1.—Application is to be made for the pardon of Garland Travis, white youth sentenced to four months on the roads in the recent term of superior court for larceny.

And now Boies Penrose has been suggested for president. If he were nominated the Republican party would be openly Republican.—Florida Times Union.

## ROUMANIA ONLY WAITING TO JOIN ENTENTE ALLIES

### Concentration of 500,000 Troops in Balkans will be Signal for Ultimatum to Austria—Russia Confident of Shattering German Defense in East.

(By Associated Press.)  
London, Dec. 1.—Roumania will deliver an ultimatum to Austria as soon as the entente allies concentrate 500,000 men in the Balkans, it is reported in Bucharest, says a Central News dispatch from that city.

(By Associated Press.)  
London, Dec. 1.—The Balkan states continue to dominate both the military and diplomatic situations. Roumania's attitude toward the central powers, while Greece's refusal to accord the entente allies unrestricted use of facilities at Saloniki, continue to worry both sides.

Roumania is said to be only waiting for a preponderant military force in the Balkans before dispatching an ultimatum to Austria and German military critics, according to reports from Berlin, express dissatisfaction with the military and diplomatic difficulties ahead, despite the brilliant victory of Field Marshal von Mackensen. Moreover, it is reported that Austrian statesmen are opposed to German domination in the Balkan states, and that this was responsible for several resignations.

Greece steadfastly refuses to concede the entente demands for the unrestricted use of the Greek port of Saloniki as a base and furthermore declines to move her army from Macedonia.

Except for the capture of Prisrend by the Bulgarians, there has been no marked change in the Serbian military situation. The fate of Monastir remains obscure, notwithstanding the fact that neutral consuls had arranged to turn it over to the invaders. But later dispatches indicate that the Serbs are still in control.

The eastern front has been comparatively quiet. The Russians are reported as being greatly strengthened along the Riga line, imbued with a confidence that they can shatter the German defenses whenever a forward move is deemed expedient.

Italy reports continued progress in the capture of Gorizia, a task necessarily slow.

May Attack Allies.

German papers state that Field Marshal von Mackensen's army with Bulgarians and Turks is to be directed against the Anglo-French forces in the south, but doubtless many of them are going down the Danube to meet the Russian menace. The public is expecting every day to hear of the movement of the Russian army, which the emperor recently reviewed in Bessarabia, but apparently the negotiations with Roumania for the use of the Danube have not been concluded. A Budapest report goes so far as to say that Roumania has received permission from the Russians to use the river through Roumanian territory, which would be the most convenient route for an attack on western Bulgaria.

There also seems to be some hitch in the allies' negotiations with Greece for nothing is yet forthcoming as to the latter country's reply to the latest demands for guarantees of safety and facilities for the entente's armies operating near the Greek frontier. The Greek reply was expected yesterday and the delay in its receipt leads to the supposition that the Greek cabinet is not prepared to go as far as the entente powers desire.

Artillery, grenade throwers, miners, sappers and airmen continue their activity on the western front, and British monitors also are making things lively for the Germans along the Belgian coast.

The Russians by a counter-attack in the region of Iloukhat have driven Field Marshal von Hindenburg's men a little further from the Dvina river. These, however, are only incidents, doubtless undertaken to test the strength of the opposing forces.

## German Embassy Now in Possession of Secret Code Used Supplying Cruisers

(By Associated Press.)  
New York, Dec. 1.—The abstract of the Hamburg-American line's agreement with the German government whereby the former agreed to supply the former's cruisers at sea with coal and supplies has passed into the keeping of the German embassy at Washington, Dr. Carl Buentz, director in the line, so testified at his trial today.

Doctor Buentz testified that all correspondence on the subject by letter or by cable likewise has formally been turned over to the German government's embassy. The cablegrams were in the German naval code and when it was thought there was danger of their becoming public through this trial and thus revealing to England, France and Russia the secrets of the German government, the documents were surrendered, Doctor Buentz said.

## Villa is Planning Raids Across Border in Revenge, General Funston Learns

(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, Dec. 1.—Attributing his present situation to the failure of the United States government to support him, General Villa is planning raids across the American border, according to information reaching Major General Funston. In reporting this to the war department today, General Funston said he could not believe Villa really contemplated any such hazardous undertaking.

General Overton will ask permission to move 5,000 troops over the border to attack Villa.

An additional machine gun and four troops of cavalry have been sent to Naco, Arizona. It is believed the other garrisons are strong enough.

## Lively Session of Senate Democrats on Question Adopting Cloture Rules

(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, Dec. 1.—Democrats of the senate in caucus today failed to reach an agreement to provide for cloture of debate, postponing action until tomorrow. The special rules committee was not ready to make any definite recommendation.

The caucus also deferred action on the election of a president pro tempore. Senator Kern, conference chairman, said the election was deferred by common consent. Several senators have opposed Senator Clark of Arkansas and have sought to induce Senator Pomerene of Ohio to be a candidate.

On the steering committee Senator Kern named Senators Martin, Thomas, Williams, O'Gorman and Reed. Senators Luke Lea, Hoke Smith and Clark of Arkansas retire from the committee. The new committee will make up committees for the new senate. Senator Simmons, chairman of the finance committee, has proposed that his committee be enlarged so that Senator Underwood of Alabama former house leader, might have a place on it.

## ICE-BREAKERS WORK NEAR ARCHANGEL

(By Associated Press.)  
Newcastle-on-Tyne, Dec. 1.—The master of a local steamer just arrived in the Tyne from Archangel, stated that there are now fifteen ice-breakers at work in the vicinity of that port. Some are constantly stationed there, others have arrived from Canada and some from Vladivostok to the White sea via the north of Siberia. Hopes are entertained that steamer traffic will be maintained to and from Archangel till the end of January when the railway line to Kola Bay should be ready for use.

## EARLIER STORY

(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, Dec. 1.—Senate Democrats wrestled further with the problem of cloture when they resumed their caucus today. At the same time Democrats of the house ways and