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FARM PRODUCTS IN 1916 ATTAIN RECORD VALUE

Worth Over Thirteen Billion Dollars, or Nearly Three Billions More Than in 1915—Cotton is King—Level of Prices is Over Fifty Per Cent Higher Than 1915.

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Jan. 18.—American farm products attained a group value of \$13,199,000,000 in 1916, making that year the greatest in point of value of any in the nation's existence. That estimate today by the department of agriculture exceeds by \$257,400,000 the total of 1915, the previous record, and by more than three and a half billion dollars the value in 1914. Crop production for the year was comparatively low and did not reach record figures except in a few instances.
Cotton was valued at \$1,406,000,000 and tobacco at \$169,000,000.
The level of prices paid to producers for the principal crops was about 55 per cent higher than the year previous.

MANUFACTURERS ANNOUNCED BY THE SOUTHERN RAILWAY

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 18.—The lines of the Southern Railway company, the Cincinnati, New Orleans and Texas Pacific Railway company, the Alabama and Great Southern, the New Orleans and Northeastern and the Northern Alabama hereafter will be operated as the Southern Railway system and will be grouped for administrative purposes into divisions known as "lines east" and "lines west" according to announcement by Edifax Harrison, president of the Southern and made public here by Vice-President H. W. Miller.

Changes of several officials effective at once also was announced. J. M. Cain, for many years vice-president of the company has retired from active duty at his own request, and hereafter will serve in an advisory capacity. The administration of the traffic department will be under T. C. Powell, vice-president at Cincinnati, and Lincoln Green, former freight manager of the Southern, who is promoted to vice-president and will have headquarters at Washington.

E. H. Cozeman, formerly vice-president and general manager of the Southern, becomes vice-president in charge of operations of all lines. G. R. Lovell, formerly general superintendent of the middle division of the Southern, was selected as assistant to Vice-President Cozeman.

W. N. Foreacre, former general superintendent of the eastern division of the Southern will be general manager of the "lines east" with headquarters at Charlotte.

Horace Baker, formerly general manager of the Cincinnati, New Orleans and Texas Pacific and Alabama Great Southern, becomes general manager of the "lines west" with headquarters at Cincinnati.

HICKORY SPINNING CO. PURCHASES A SITE

The Hickory Spinning Company, the new corporation formed last week, has purchased the Waits Abee property of 23 acres in West Hickory and the work of constructing a building and placing the machinery will proceed as rapidly as possible. All supplies have been ordered and the company will make things move if the weather will permit.

NEW WAR INDUSTRY

(By Associated Press.)
Goes, Netherlands, Jan. 18.—The latest war industry in Holland is the building and salting of mussels for human consumption. It is assumed to be a very profitable one here and in neighboring places. Up to a month or two ago these humble shellfish which abound in the shallow waters of the Scheidelt delta were retained for local consumption, and constantly a cheap popular food. They have now suddenly disappeared from the market, and instead of being eaten are salted down in great quantities and bought up for Germany. Some of the workmen's families that have taken on the new occupation are earning about \$6 a day, for them a princely wage.

WITHDRAWS ACTION AGAINST PRINCIPAL

Announcement was made this afternoon that Mr. George Tarnes had withdrawn the warrant charging Superintendent McIntosh with whipping his brother and that the matter has been settled to the satisfaction of those concerned. Mr. Tarnes and Mr. McIntosh will publish statements in the Record Friday and these will be read with interest by the friends of the principals of the schools.

COMFORT TAKEN IN BRITAIN'S REPLY

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Jan. 18.—Great Britain's supplementary note amplifying the allied reply to President Wilson's peace note has given much encouragement to American officials who are hopeful that a league of nations will result eventually.

Although the principal portions of the foreign minister's note delivered to the state department yesterday are designed to justify the severity of the entente in their reply, the sanctity of treaties is regarded as a step in that direction.
It has been stated officially that President Wilson's next move has not been determined.

BOST BLEEDS TO DEATH FROM A WOUND IN LEG

Newton, Jan. 18.—Death came with a bound to Jesse Post Tuesday night at his home in the Love school house community, following the severing of an artery in his leg by an accidental blow from an axe in the hands of his brother, while the two were hewing cross ties in the woods. He bled to death before a surgeon could reach him.
The two brothers were at work, back to back, the unlucky man using an axe while his brother wielded an ordinary axe. The axe slipped from the cross tie and the force of the stroke threw it behind the man who held it, striking his brother on the leg. Just why the limb was not cordoned is not learned. It is said efforts to stanch the flow of blood were confined to backing the wound with bandages. Some time elapsed before the family could get in touch with a surgeon and by the time one reached the place, Post was dead.

IRELAND IS PROSPEROUS

(By Associated Press.)
Belfast, Ireland, Jan. 18.—The confined balance sheets of the big Irish banks having their head offices at Belfast indicate that Ireland is in an exceedingly prosperous condition. There has been an unprecedented expansion in deposits, investments, and cash on hand, while the banks in advances and bills discounted seems to indicate that business men are to a larger extent than ever financing their business operations from their own pockets.

Craig is Sustained by Senate in Giving Money to Families of Convicts

Record's Special Legislative Report

Raleigh, Jan. 18.—By a vote of 35 to 10, the upper house of the general assembly today approved the action of Governor Craig in giving to each dependent family of North Carolina convicts the sum of \$10, and the bill was sent to the house for concurrence.

It is thought the debating is well night over, though there may be some explanation of voters. Oratory which has been straining the buttons of the prince albert of Senator Person of Franklin county for nearly two weeks has spent itself in opposition against the measure this morning and left that senator, who was lashed by Senator Jones of Buncombe, into the highest state of redness, short of wind, but flatly declaring that he was a man of heart, although he did not vote as did Oats of Cumberland who spoke of weighing dollars against humanity.

The senators voting against the bill were Bernhardt, Blue, Bray, Joyce, Holderness, Person, Rose, Warren and Williams.

The feature bill introduced in today's session of the general assembly was one by Person of Franklin in the senate. The bill proposes to amend the constitution of the senate to provide that officers shall not be held for more than two consecutive terms.
Governor Ickett's inaugural recommendation for a constitutional amendment in the aid of home-builders found a champion today in a bill introduced in the house by Beasley of Union. It would encourage the lending of money to home-seekers and exempt from taxation not less than five nor more than 20 years. The Beasley bill provides for the election in November, 1918, conducted under the regular law.

The house passed Representative Clark's anti-usury law providing that where usury is charged the entire interest does not need to be paid.

The omnibus bill of justice of the peace act was also passed.

The lobbies were crowded today with Pender county citizens to fight against a state law.

City council was exactly right in closing the pool rooms in Hickory, and these places should be kept closed.

(By Associated Press)

The Russians apparently are still on the offensive along the Rumanian front Berlin in its official report records no aggressive activities by the Teutonic forces except by raiding operations, while mentioning the repulse of Russian attacks elsewhere.
On the Franco-Belgian front the driving back of the British near Loos is reported by the German staff. The recent British attack near Serre was made upon an advanced position which had been evacuated by the Germans, the British attacking after the empty trenches had been bombarded three days.

On the naval side of the war interest centers in the German sea raider in the South Atlantic, which has sunk or captured at least 13 merchant vessels and so far as is known is still at large. Latest reports were that the raider was apparently working northward to lanes of steamship travel more frequented. More than a dozen of British cruisers are in pursuit.

No news has been received of the whereabouts of the steamer Yarrowdale said to have on board the crews of the steamers captured by the raider, in addition to those landed by a Japanese steamer.
Petrograd's statement on the operations in Rumania chronicles a Rumanian victory on the Moldavian front, where a height was surrounded, a large number of prisoners taken and four machine guns captured.

No gains for either side are reported elsewhere on the Rumanian front.

TRYING TO GET COUNSEL IN INQUIRY

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Jan. 18.—The house rules committee investigating the alleged leak on President Wilson's peace note held no session today, but the committee centered their efforts on agreeing on counsel.

Pending the selection, the taking of testimony will be held in obedience for a few days and those called to testify will be allowed to return home.

The committee worked late last night, but obtained no result. The difficulty was over the selection of counsel satisfactory alike to Democrats and Republicans. As soon as a selection is made the Democrats will submit the names to the Republicans.

Mr. Hugh M. Miller returned this morning from a business trip to Wilmington.

MARKETS

COTTON FUTURES

	Open	Close
January	17.23	17.49
March	17.39	17.66
May	17.59	17.86
July	17.57	17.66
October	16.30	16.54

HICKORY MARKETS

Cotton	17.00
Wheat	\$2.00

CHICAGO WHEAT

(By Associated Press.)
Chicago, Jan. 18.—Prospects of an increasing drain on the rapidly diminishing domestic supply of wheat tended to advance in prices today. Opening prices, which ranged from the same as yesterday's finish to 1-2 cent higher, with May at 1.88 to 1.88 1-2 and July at 1.50 1-4 to 1.51, were followed by an upturn.

THE WEATHER

(Philadelphia, Jan. 18.—The condition of Harry K. Thaw, who is in a hospital here recovering from self-inflicted razor wounds, is today reported to be in a satisfactory condition. The doctors denied that Thaw was growing weaker, but said he was steadily recovering. His mind is still clouded.

SHELL SHOCK IS MANY BRITISH CRUISERS COMMONER IN BRITISH

(By Associated Press.)

London, Jan. 18.—It has been found that cases of shell-shock are far more common in the British armies than among the French or Germans, while in the Balkan and Turkish armies it is comparatively rare. This is probably due to the fact that British armies have made large inroads on their store or nervous energy.

Soldiers from cities of factory districts, for example, are far more likely to become victims of shell-shock than men from the farms or the country.
Men suffering from shell shock are always unwounded. "No case of shell-shock is ever found to occur in a soldier who has a wound, no matter how trivial," says a British report. "It appears that the rending of the flesh by a bullet or fragment of shrapnel acts as a sort of safety valve against shell-shock, localizing in the injury destructive force that otherwise is spent on the nervous system."

"Here is a description of the typical case: 'A shell exploded in the vicinity of a soldier. He is unwounded, but violently shaken, perhaps knocked over or buried. He loses his senses for a varying period, and his nervous system, having suffered a violent shaking, is no longer functional, and recoveries may occur at any time, weeks or months later, in a way suggesting that the use of miracles is not yet past. But the fact remains that a great many never recover, while others only improve under the most painstaking treatment.'

"Hypnotism is occasionally successful, and rather good results are being obtained in other cases by simply placing the patient under chloroform. A man who had been deaf and dumb for three months was placed under light anaesthetic. During the struggling stage various incoherent sounds proceeded from his lips, and finally these crystallized into words and the patient continued able to hear his wife when he came out of his anaesthetic sleep."

"Quite a number of cases have been treated with chloroform, the theory being that some great shock is needed to cure a condition that has been originally caused by a shock, and that has been kept in being by the man's feeling of helplessness."

In addition there are many men who have never been subjected to sudden violent contact with the explosion of a shell or mine, but who have broken down under the steady day-by-day strain of the trenches and the booming of the guns.

In a mainly urbanized population like the British," says the report, "many are on the verge of neurasthenia—that is, possess a nervous system whose energy is soon exhausted, and war acts as the immediate prompt exciting cause to tumble them over."

MR. AND MRS. HARTE LEAVE FOR OXFORD

Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Harte left at noon today for Oxford, where they will reside in future and where Mr. Harte is pastor of the First Baptist church. It is needless to say that their friends not only in the First Baptist church here but in the entire city regret to see them leave, but wish for them the very best of success in their new home.

TEACHING WOMEN

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Jan. 18.—More than \$750,000 is being spent this year carrying into effect the provisions of the cooperative extension law bringing the knowledge and information of the state colleges of agriculture to women on the farms. Part of the money is being used to employ women county agents. Last year 602 women were employed, 350 of whom were county agents.

FREE TRADE TO BE ISSUE IN ITALY

(By Associated Press.)
Rome, Jan. 18.—Free trade is again to be a political issue in Italy. A free-trade paper, the L'Unita, has just made its appearance, as the organ of the new propaganda. The chief item of the program for the present will be the lowering of tariff duties between the allied powers as a step toward a future and wider application of the principle.

CONDITION OF THAW CONTINUES BETTER

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SEARCHING FOR RAIDER

Fifteen Fast Vessels Looking For Commerce Destroyer—Damage Done Already Amounts To Nearly \$20,000,000—London Papers Comment Liberally on Matter.

MANUFACTURERS IN SESSION IN RALEIGH

(By Associated Press.)
Raleigh, Jan. 18.—Manufacturing enterprises from every factory center in the state were represented here today at the meeting of the North Carolina Manufacturers' Association. The meeting was not open to the public and no statement as regards what occurred was made. It was understood the manufacturers were here in the interest of legislation.

NOT LIKE VOLCANOES

Battlefield craters with the explosions creating them, do not reproduce natural volcanic phenomena, and Enile Belto has been imitating volcanoes more perfectly by the action of steam, confirming the old theory that natural eruptions are due chiefly to the penetration of sea water to molten rock. In the experiments the bottom of a shallow basin about two feet square is covered with a wet mixture of sand and clay. One side of the plastic mass is raised to represent a continent and the depressed side is covered with water to imitate the sea. The metal basin itself is somewhat the contour of the higher scale. Heat being applied under the lower side, in ten minutes or so volcanic phenomena appear near the top of the slope, fumaroles escaping from a volcanic chimney, and the ejected material building up a crater. The water directly over the heat remains cool. The effect of impermeable layers in leading steam and other gases to a distance is shown by burying plates of slate just above the bottom of the basin, when a line of vents may appear on several plates may concentrate the action at some particular point. With a plate touching the bottom toward the upper side of the basin, the steam may be forced through the water, giving tidal waves. The varied phenomena initiated include large craters that become crater lakes, submarine volcanoes, bombs of mud and even an oblique stream column like the destructive cloud from Mont Pelee. The experiments suggest a connection between steep continental or island coasts and much volcanic activity.

INCREASE IN WOOLENS 30 PER CENT IN LONDON

(By Associated Press.)
London, Jan. 18.—Women bargain hunters who have been going over the offerings in the new year bargain sales find this year an average increase of thirty per cent in woollens, silks, and shoes, as compared with the bargain prices of a year ago. One of the big department stores has its counters decorated with notices informing shoppers that owing to the shortage of dress material, this month is probably the last time that it will be possible to offer any materials on the bargain counters.

TELEGRAPH OPERATORS HERE ARE COMMENDED

Hickory people have noted how neatly the operator's office at the depot always is kept, and it seems that this condition has not escaped the attention of the officers of the Southern Railway. Mr. W. C. Hudson, superintendent of the Asheville division, after a trip to Hickory, has written the following letter to Messrs D. L. Miller, C. E. Abernethy and P. A. Sizemore, operators:
"Not since I have been in railway service have I found a telegraph office in such nice condition as the one at Hickory yesterday, and I wish to congratulate you gentlemen on the neat appearance of your office."

JAPAN WON'T ALLOW COMMUNICATION WITH ENEMY

(By Associated Press.)
Tokyo, Jan. 18.—The Japanese government has promulgated an ordinance designed to prevent communication with the "enemy." By the term "enemy" is meant Germany, Austria, Hungary, Turkey and Bulgaria.
By the new regulation telegrams and mail to and from the above mentioned countries will not be forwarded by the telegraph and postoffice. A punishment is provided for violations. Prisoners-of-war are exempt from the application of the ordinance.

CAPTAIN MOTT'S HOME HAS HAD OCCUPANTS

Somebody owes Capt. and Mrs. T. A. Mott, former Hickory citizen, rental for the use of their pretty bungalow on Sixteenth street, but who that somebody is Chief Lentz has been unable to learn. The intruder used the captain's coal and beds, dropped orange peelings on the floor and otherwise made himself at home for a considerable period. It was evident from the looks of the house today that the housekeeper was not very particular, but the damage was not serious. It is not known how long the bungalow has been a place of refuge.

MANG KBRITISH CRUISERS 3

(By Associated Press.)
New York, Jan. 18.—With the possibility that the German sea raider which sank or captured from 15 to a score of allied merchant ships was confirming her depredations, marine underwriters and shipping circles were in a panic today.

The losses in ships and cargoes thus far represent from \$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000. A cordon of British cruisers, believed to number 15, is sweeping the southern seas for the raider which, according to one report, is believed to be the auxiliary cruiser Venetia or the Moeve, the same vessel that raided the ocean a year ago.

Steamship circles were especially concerned today over a wireless warning that the German raider was working northward to more frequented lanes of travel. The possibility that the raider may have arrived one or more of her captures also caused uneasiness.

One report was that the British steamer St Theodore was thus transformed. Definite news of the fate of this vessel and of the Yarrowdale is eagerly awaited.

NO NEWS IN LONDON

(By Associated Press.)
London, Jan. 18.—No definite news of the operations of the German raider in the South Atlantic is published here this morning beyond the official announcement in regard to loss of ships. The statement of the admiralty and Lloyds are given a public place in the morning papers, which otherwise print nothing but comment and speculations.

It is generally admitted that the raider may enjoy a long immunity as long as he does not venture to find a needle in a haystack than a ship in the Atlantic.

Anxiety is felt over the fate of cargoes of grain and meat from Argentina and steel from the United States. It is admitted that the loss of such cargoes may be severely felt, coming on top of the depredations of submarines.

A number of steamers distinctive from those reported missing, are posted at Lloyds as missing. The vessel is believed to be the same as reported having passed off Scotland early in December.

ENGINEER FRANCES DIES AT ASHEVILLE

Mr. Robert L. Francis, engineer on the Southern Railway, died last night at 11 o'clock in a hospital in Asheville after an illness of a few months. He had been running an engine on the Asheville division since 1888, and had pulled the passenger trains on this line for a number of years. He was very popular with the railroad men and had many friends among the public from one end of the line to the other. He was considered one of the safest engineers of the system.

WEBB TO PUSH BILL TO RETIRE DECRETIF JUDGES

Washington, Jan. 18.—Representative Webb said that he would press for action on the bill to retire judges who have become too old and decrepit to attend to the duties. He said the bill is not intended to take men off the federal bench unless it is for the public good.
"I know of but one judge who would be retired under the proposed law," said Mr. Webb, "and he does not live in North Carolina."

It is generally understood that a federal judge in Georgia would virtually be retired by the bill in question.
The following named persons are discussed in connection with the judgeship in North Carolina: C. W. Tillet of Charlotte, E. J. Justice of Greensboro, Walter E. Moore of Webster, W. C. Newland of Lenoir, E. Y. Webb of Shelby and Locke Craig of Asheville.

BUILDING & LOAN STOCKHOLDERS MEET

Stockholders of the Mutual Building and Loan Association will hold their annual meeting at the Chamber of Commerce tonight for the purpose of electing directors and officers and receiving the report of the secretary for the past year. Every stockholder is urged to be present to take an active part in this live institution.