

EUROPEAN WAR SHATTERS KING COTTON'S THRONE

FLEECY STAPLE MUST PAY RANSOM INTO THE COFFERS OF WAR.

Nation Rings With Cries of Stricken Industry.

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King Cotton has suffered more from the European war than any other agricultural product on the American continent. The shells of the belligerents have burst over his throne, frightening his subjects and shattering his markets, and, panic-stricken, the nation cries out, "God save the king!"

People from every walk of life have contributed their mite toward rescue work. Society has danced before the king; infidelity has decreed that the family wardrobe shall contain only cotton goods; the press has pleaded with the public to "buy a bale"; bankers have been formulating holding plans; congress and legislative bodies have deliberated over relief measures; statesmen and writers have grown eloquent expounding the inalienable rights of "His Majesty" and presenting schemes for preserving the financial integrity of the stricken staple, but the sword of Europe has proved mightier than the pen of America in fixing value upon this product of the sunny south. Prices have been bayoneted, values riddled and markets decimated by the battling hosts of the eastern hemisphere until the American farmer has suffered a war loss of \$400,000,000, and a bale of cotton brave enough to enter a European port must pay a ransom of half its value or go to prison until the war is over.

Hope of the Future Lies in Co-operation.

The Farmers' Union, through the columns of the press, wants to thank the American people for the friendship, sympathy and assistance given the cotton farmers in the hour of distress and to direct attention to co-operative methods necessary to permanently assist the marketing of all farm products. The present emergency presents as grave a situation as ever confronted the American farmer and from the viewpoint of the producer, would seem to justify extraordinary relief measures, even to the point of bonding the constitution and straining business rules in order to lift a portion of the burden off the backs of the farmer, for unless something is done to check the invasion of the war forces upon the cotton fields, the pathway of the European pestilence on this continent will be strewn with mortgaged homes and famine and poverty will stalk over the southland, filling the highways of industry with refugees and the bankruptcy court with prisoners.

All calamities teach us lessons and the present crisis serves to illuminate the frailties of our marketing methods and the weakness of our credit system, and out of the financial anguish and travail of the cotton farmer will come a volume of discussion and a mass of suggestions and finally a solution of this, the biggest problem in the economic life of America, if indeed, we have not already laid the foundation for at least temporary relief.

More Pharaohs Needed in Agriculture.

Farm products have no credit and perhaps can never have on a permanent and satisfactory basis unless we build warehouses, cold storage plants, elevators, etc., for without storage and credit facilities, the south is compelled to dump its crop on the market at harvest time. The Farmers' Unions in the cotton producing states have for the past ten years persistently advocated the construction of storage facilities. We have built during this period 2,000 warehouses with a capacity of approximately 4,000,000 bales and looking backward the results would seem encouraging, but looking forward, we are able to house less than one-third of the crop and warehouses without a credit system lose 90 per cent of their usefulness. The problem is a gigantic one—too great for the farmer to solve unaided. He must have the assistance of the banker, the merchant and the government.

In production we have reached the high water mark of perfection in the world's history, but our marketing methods are most primitive. In the dawn of history we find agriculture plowing with a forked stick but with a system of warehouses under governmental supervision that made the Egyptians the marvel of civilization, for who has not admired the wisdom of Joseph for storing the surplus until demanded by the consumer, but in this age we have too many Josephs who dream and not enough Pharaohs who build.

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MEETING OF NATIONAL LEAGUE MAGNATES

By Hal Sheridan

(Written for the United Press)

New York, Dec. 8.—National League magnates assembled at the Waldorf today in annual convocation, with President John K. Tener in the chair. The meeting was set for 2 o'clock. The board of directors of the league were scheduled to meet two hours earlier.

Two important questions were expected to hold the spotlight during the best part of the sessions. One was the proposed extinction of Charles W. Murphy and his mentor, Charles P. Taft, as far as baseball is concerned. The other was the funeral arrangements and formal burial of the Federal League. Both questions were expected to furnish no small amount of work.

It was realized that Murphy and Taft, with about \$700,000 (valuation approximated) worth of Chicago National League stock in their possession, would be difficult personages to extinguish. After the fiasco of last year when the National League solemnly announced Murphy's extinction and the latter recently bobbed up with great handfuls of Cub stock, the magnates were determined to settle the question, this time fairly and openly, for all time. There was plenty of talk about the Waldorf corridors, and in other spots that are not so dry, that Murphy must go some time and it might as well be now. The gossip was that the magnates might compromise by ridding the league of Murphy in some way, and making no fight on Taft, who, by the way, has a pretty strong following in the league.

As to the interment planned for the Federals, even more trouble is expected. Despite the fact that the league has been pronounced dead for over a year, there were evidences of life remaining in the corpse today in the shape of Fed scouts who haunted the Waldorf to entrap and ensnare any of the meandering baseball players who are flocking about the National League magnates in droves, as they always do on these yearly gala occasions. That a complete change in the plan of battle for next season will be promulgated seemed certain. It was the program to adopt some mode of warfare to which the American League magnates, who are due to meet here soon, would agree without squabbling and turmoil.

One thing is certain. Any agreement will be reached between the Organized Baseball and the Federal League (we say might be) will have to have the sanction of Dave Fultz,

Players' Fraternity, or there will be more trouble stirred up. A great many folks have spoofed Fultz and his methods and purposes but, however, small, he is a noticeable factor in baseball. His worst enemies also must admit that there is quite a good-sized working majority of gray matter in his head. He has the courage of his convictions, and thinks he's dead right in organizing the baseball players. The fact that such a man as Christy Mathewson, is a member of the fraternity stamps it at once as being anything but a snide organization. The Fraternity is growing stronger every year and looks like it's here to stay.

MISSOURI'S CAPITOL BUILT WITH NATURE BLACK WALNUT

Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 8.—Missouri's new state capitol now being built may after all include in its structure some of Missouri's famous black walnut. The fast disappearing wood, now produced only in Missouri's forests is preferable according to the contractors in charge of the work, and there is also a sentimental campaign being waged to have the native product used in the capitol.

In other days Missouri black walnut was used in making rail fences but now the shipments find their way into the homes of the wealthy. Many large consignments were sent to Germany for building purposes until the war crippled commerce.

PLAN MUNICIPAL R. R. DEPOT

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 8.—A municipal depot, owned by the city and possibly rented by the railroads is today being urged in Minneapolis. Douglas Fiske, former president of the civic commerce associations was one of the chief constituents of the plan. Such a building, if erected, would cost millions of dollars, and be paid out of the city funds, and erected under the supervision of the city. For several years business men of St. Paul have been waging upon the railroads, in an attempt to bring about the erection of a new union depot in St. Paul. The battle has not reached a decisive stage.

O! She will sing the savageness out of a bear.—Othello.

So many laws argues so many sins.—Milton.

Of evening tint, the purple-streaming amethyst i sthine.—Thomson.

Twenty Small Farms to be sold tomorrow at the Stevenson Farm.

REPORTS OF DAMAGE BY STORM, WHICH CONTINUES UNABATED

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 7.—The northeast storm sweeping the Atlantic coast since Saturday continued tonight with unabated fury. Nearly three and a half inches of rain had fallen in Philadelphia at midnight. Reports from Atlantic City, Ocean City, Wildwood, Cape May, Rehoboth and other seaside points told of heavy damage by wind and time.

Scores of vessels of every description were lying today in the shelter of the Delaware breakwater waiting for the weather to moderate.

New York, Dec. 7.—Huge seas, backed by a mighty tide and a howling northeast gale, battered the New York coasts today, smashing houses, wrecking boats, flooding villages, devastating summer resorts and forcing steamers to remain outside Sandy Hook and fight the storm.

New York bay and harbor were practically cleared of all craft by the gale. One fireboat was sunk at her pier.

The worst damage in this vicinity was suffered at Coney Island, where the loss within the past twenty-four hours is estimated at \$200,000.

REVISED VERSION.

Mrs. Ormond was very busy with several guests, and little Austin was left to his father, who decided to take the boy to Sunday school. It was quite a little walk, and Mr. Ormond endeavored to improve the time by teaching Austin the golden text, the words of which were, "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

Austin repeated it obediently after his father several times and seemed to have mastered the correct wording.

During the Sunday school exercises the teacher turned to Austin and said:

"Now, let me hear if you can say the golden text."

Mr. Ormond, who was seated near by, heard the question, and listened attentively to his son's answer. Austin hesitated for a moment and then answered:

"Whatsoever a man sews always rains."—Harper's Magazine.

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