

SOUTH HELPS MOST KEEP DOWN COST OF LIVING IN NATION

Bulk of Its Population Rural Dwellers and Producers, Says Ransdell

CITIES TAKE FROM FARMS

Great Numbers People, Until Today Nearly Half Population Is In Urban Districts, Commercial Congress Hears

(By the United Press) Norfolk, Dec. 11.—Abnormal growth of the urban population, especially through migration from rural districts cityward is one of the most "fruitful causes" of the high cost of living, according to Joseph Ransdell, addressing the Southern Commercial Congress. He said migration of farmers to Canada also causes soaring prices. Thirty years ago 70 per cent. of the American people lived in the country; now only 53 per cent., he said.

"An interesting fact is that the South is the mighty balance wheel of the nation. If it was not for the South, with 77 per cent. of the country people, the average of the nation would be greatly changed and prices might now be even higher," he said. The South's rural increase in the past decade was much greater than its urban. In the fertile southern regions with large numbers of food producers, lies the nation's very strongest hope of solving the high cost of living problem.

A plea for passage of the Webb bill to lawfully permit the formation of a combination of African exporters for foreign trade was made by Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Peters.

Probe Begins. Washington, Dec. 11.—With the departure of Special Assistant Attorney General Anderson for Cleveland to assume direction of the grand jury in the high cost of food probe the government's real work started. Anderson carries evidence tending to prove "vicious collusion" of food speculators in the Middle West. Big packers are under suspicion.

ARGENTINE'S RADICAL A MYSTERY TO PEOPLE

By CHAS. P. STEWART, Buenos Aires, Nov. 18.—(By Mail) "Man of Mystery" is a threadbare expression which should have been saved for Hipolito Irigoyen, first radical president of Argentine. People supposed they would "get a line" on Irigoyen after he took office, but he is as much a mystery as ever.

Irigoyen was elected president of Argentine on no platform. He made no promises. As radical party leader he professed no purpose beyond getting a fair national election. It is generally agreed that he got it. It was at this election that Irigoyen was chosen president.

It was assumed that Irigoyen would outline a policy in his inaugural address. He made no inaugural address. It was expected he would explain himself through a manifesto. He had issued no manifesto. It was surmised that the make-up of his cabinet would give the public some inkling concerning his plans. The consensus of opinion is that his cabinet, as subsequently constituted, consists of eight rubber stamps, each bearing the impress: "Hipolito Irigoyen."

CONGRESSMAN AND WIFE HAVE 44 CHILDREN LIVING.

Rio de Janeiro, Dec. 11.—Comes a story from Ypanara, department of Parana, that Jacinto Chilver, merchant and congressman, and his wife are the proud parents of 44 children, who have been arriving for twenty years in squads of two, three and even four, and are all living and in good health.

A FIRST-CLASS CASE OF RELIGION MAKES A NEW MAN OF ONE

Dr. Spilman Tells Congregation In the First Baptist Church—What Happened to Jacob When Home Got Too Hot for Him

Rev. B. W. Spilman, D. D., Field Secretary of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, preached both morning and evening at The First Baptist Church Sunday. The congregations were large. Dr. Spilman is always an attraction extraordinary in Kinston.

At the morning hour Dr. Spilman preached on the conversion of the Phillippian jailor. He drew the contrast between the masters of the maid in Phillippi, whose first object in life was the acquisition of wealth even at the expense of a poor, half-crazy fortune teller, and Paul and Silas, who could forget the hardships of life and sing praises to God even while in jail. He showed how the whole attitude of the jailer was changed with his conversion.

"When a good, first-class case of religion gets into a man's life it makes a new man of him. From a brutal, wicked Roman jailer this man became a kind, hospitable friend of the servants of God. That is what religion does for a man," said the Doctor; "it changes his attitude toward God, toward the message of God, toward his own household and toward the servants of God."

At the evening hour Dr. Spilman preached on Jacob's return to Bethel. "Jacob was a home-loving boy. But he was too keen a trader to keep out of trouble. So when he and his mother carried out the plan by which he received the blessing which had been intended for Esau, things became so hot around home that he decided to leave home for a few days. The few days lengthened out into twenty years.

"On his way to Paddan-Arama Jacob dreamed at Bethel and in his dream had seen the angels of God ascending and descending the ladder. God promised him prosperity, and Jacob promised to serve God faithfully. But he went away into a distant land and became so busy with his new life and with acquiring wealth that he forgot God and his promise to Him.

"One day God told him it was time for him to go back to Bethel and make a fresh start. He returned, renewed his vows with God, made a fresh start, had his name changed from Jacob to Israel.

"As the years slip away we look backward. The past experiences of our lives pass in review and help us on the upward way. It is well for all of us to stop now and then and remember Bethel—the place where we met God. But we must not make a permanent camp there. Jacob did the best work of his life after he came back to Bethel. It was his starting place for a fresh hold on God and a fuller, richer life."

CALDWELL COMES BACK TO FORMER HOME TOWN

Mr. Barron Caldwell, a former superintendent of the City Schools, is here for a short stay from Cliffside, N. C., where he is engaged in a manufacturing and development business. He was here until last June. Mr. Caldwell says Kinston looks good to him and something about he'd rather live here than any place. Western Carolina is exceedingly prosperous, he declares. He is connected with quite large interests in the western section.

WEEKLY WEATHER FORECAST.

For South Atlantic and East Gulf States: The weather will be generally fair with temperatures much below the seasonal average until toward the end of the week when warmer weather is probable.

BELIEVE ASSAILANT LONDON AND PARIS ENGLAND WILL PAY HEALTH RULES FOR UNITED STATES IN

French Take New Courage With England's Enthusiasm—Are Not Bothering About Balkans—Want Daring, Quick Action

(By the United Press) Durham, Dec. 11.—R. R. Jones, white, 23, is held in the Greensboro jail on a charge of attempting criminal assault on a 12-year-old girl there Saturday. He is believed by the police to be the same man who on Tuesday assaulted the 13-year-old daughter of John Becker here.

Jones left a local hotel mysteriously early Wednesday following his crime. Miss Becker has gone to Greensboro to identify him. Feeling here is intense.

JAPAN HAS A CROW TO PICK WITH THE UNITED STATES AFTER THE WAR

(By RALPH H. TURNER, United Press Staff Correspondent) Tokio, Dec. 11.—Japanese approval is given here today to the statement made in America by Baron Sakatani that after the war Japan would attempt to bring about a settlement of her immigration problem with the United States.

While the Japanese never have voiced the desire to break the gentlemen's agreement, they feel that it is a most unsatisfactory arrangement. With the rise of Japan's power and her world commerce, the sentiment that the American ruling is discriminatory becomes stronger. The belief that a revival of the question is inevitable is expressed by the Tokio Asahi, regarded by some persons as the leading newspaper of the capital.

"Baron Sakatani only voiced the sentiment of the Japanese nation," says the Asahi in speaking of the Baron's declaration in the United States. "Why should the Japanese Embassy have found it unnecessary to deny his statement? That the Japanese-American problem must be solved was a most representative opinion for Baron Sakatani to give.

"The gentlemen's agreement was not a fundamental solution. It was only a temporary expedient. Baron Sakatani expressed the wishes of the Japanese nation that the two countries come to a perfect understanding of each other so the issues pending may be solved satisfactorily to all concerned."

CONGRESS WILL LET THE FARMERS ALONE

Not Going to Monkey With Embargoes Which Might Inconvenience New Great Power in the Country, Belle of Mr. Lewis, Private Secretary to Floor Leader Kitchin

There are going to be no embargoes on foodstuffs passed at the present session of Congress, in the belief of Mr. E. B. Lewis, private secretary to Majority Leader Claude Kitchin, back from a visit to Washington. The consensus of opinion around the Capitol is that the embargo resolutions will not be taken seriously, he says. Mr. Lewis expects practically nothing to come out of the congressional efforts to reduce the cost of living; departmental investigations may discover some illegal carryings-on, with remedial action resultant, but the lawmakers are not going to meddle in the situation to any depth, Mr. Lewis believes.

FILLED WITH A NEW ATTENTION ONLY TO VICTORIOUS PEACE

London, Dec. 11.—Premier Lloyd-George today suffered a severe chill and by physicians' orders will remain indoors during the day. It resulted from his superhuman efforts to reconstruct the government.

London, Dec. 11.—Engand's every resource is to be turned into the war. Every luxury is to be cut off, every penny of hoarding. This is the publicity turned into the serious business belief after the announcement of the new cabinet.

BRITISH STEAMER SUNK BY SUBMARINE

(By the United Press) Norfolk, Dec. 11.—A submarine reported to have been sighted off the Virginia coast was a Britisher, in the belief of members of the American naval collier Proteus, on shore leave. Officers will not discuss the story.

Berlin, Dec. 10.—(Via London)—The British steamer Caledonia was sunk by a German submarine on December 4, after she had tried to ram the undersea boat. Her captain was taken prisoner.

SUBMARINE OFF NORFOLK

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 10.—That a German war submarine was cruising off the Virginia coast ten days ago was the report brought to Norfolk today by members of the crew of the U. S. S. Proteus which arrived in Hampton Roads late today.

SPEEDING ENDED IN ACCIDENT AT CORNER

Five Men in Car Had Narrow Escapes in Northwest Kinston—Had Been Making Limit of Machine's Speed—Police Looking for Three Unknowns in the Party

Before no children were at their accustomed play on the sidewalk near the Southwest intersection of Lenoir and Pollock streets Sunday afternoon between three and four o'clock perhaps accounts for their being alive now.

There were no casualties other than a few minor hurts of the five occupants of a new Ford car, which was driven at a speed to excite the attention of those whom it passed route to the point of accident and overturned on the sidewalk at the above mentioned corner. One onlooker when asked what he thought the speed of the machine was prior to the accident, was "How fast can the things run?"; another thought forty to fifty miles not an overestimate.

Who the owners and drivers of the car were could not be ascertained for the simple fact that they declined to divulge their cognomens. Three of the men, including the driver, were evidently under the influence of liquor, and when asked their names they gave various aliases and said they came from Beaufort and Swan Quarter. They claimed to be en route to look at a farm. Their story in that regard was substantiated by Mr. Julian Everett, who was an occupant of the car and who claims that he was directing the men to his father's farm. Dewey Belcher a young man of town was also in the car and according to his story was acting as guide, he having been obtained to direct the way to the home of Mr. Julian Everett.

Mr. Everett sustained a sprained back but was out on the streets as usual Monday; Belcher had a sprained thumb and the three "unknowns" suffered more or less bruises and skin lacerations. The car was badly scarred up but was able to come under its own engine's power to the repair shop. The police are looking for the three men and will make arrests if heard of.

BRIEFS IN THE NEWS OTHER CITIES AND COUNTIES OF SECTION

John Talton of Goldsboro was killed and Arthur Klass of Hemp, N. C., was probably fatally injured when a Norfolk Southern freight struck a motor truck on which they were riding near Raleigh late Saturday. The engine and several cars ran over Talton.

AMBITION CONQUER

Paris, Dec. 11.—More and more England's limited war council idea is gaining support in France, and more and more Lloyd-George is regarded as England's man of the hour. France is not wasting time in pessimistic reflections over Roumania and Greece, but contrarywise, the entente is setting its jaws more firmly in demanding action immediate and daring.

Roumanians Retake Ground. Petrograd, Dec. 11.—By vigorous counter attacks the Roumanians have won back positions along the high road from Ploeschto to Miselu, which they lost Saturday. It is officially said England Electrified.

London, Dec. 11.—Energizing the nation alforce, Lloyd-George's magic touch electrified the nation. While the new war director was forced to bid in London today in his fever of enthusiasm for the new order, the seemingly impossible was accomplished. The hard shell of British conservatism was cracked and precedents discarded.

Bulgars Report Success

Sofia, Dec. 11.—The capture of the west bridgehead at Czeravoda is announced officially.

Another Protest From Greece

Athens, Dec. 10.—King Constantine's government made a formal protest to the Allied powers today against the continuance of the Allies' blockade.

EPSTEIN GOES FREE ON CHARGE KILLING FIANCE'S BROTHER

Goldsboro, N. C., Nov. 10.—Hyman Epstein, charged with the murder of Leonard Edwards in this city last April, was today declared not guilty by the jury selected to try the case in Wayne Superior Court.

Following the verdict, this morning Judge May placed the defendant under a \$200 bond for appearance at the next term of Superior Court to answer to the charge of carrying a concealed weapon.

Young Epstein is alleged to have been engaged to Miss Judith Edwards, and the killing occurred in front of the home on the night of April 25, 1915. According to testimony Epstein had repeatedly been warned to cease his attentions to Miss Edwards and stay away from the Edwards home, and the tragedy occurred when he was in front of the Edwards home waiting for his sweetheart to come out and attend a dance with him.

WANT WAGE INCREASES FOR GOVT EMPLOYEES

Washington, Dec. 10.—An organized effort directed by the American Federation of Labor to induce Congress to grant wage and salary increases to all employees of the United States government from President down to the humblest laborer, was planned at a meeting here today presided over by Samuel Gompers.

HEALTH RULES FOR SCHOOLS ANNOUNC'D BY SUPERINTENDENT

Below is a synopsis of the health rules for the Kinston City Schools, given out by Superintendent K. R. Curtis Monday:

The Superintendent, principals, or school nurse of the schools of Kinston shall have authority to send home for medical examination any pupil showing signs or symptoms of any contagious disease.

No child recovering from measles will be allowed to return to school until all desquamation is entirely complete and the child has recovered from the intercurrent bronchitis. At least two weeks should elapse from the beginning of the attack before the child will be allowed to return to school, other conditions being favorable. Those exposed to measles last exposure. This rule may not apply in the judgment of the school nurse, in the case of children who have previously had measles.

No child recovering from scarlet fever will be allowed to return to school until at least three weeks from the appearance of the rash and all desquamation is complete and there is an entire absence of discharge from the ears, nose, throat or suppurating glands, and the child and premises are disinfected. Those exposed to scarlet fever are excluded ten days from last exposure; except in case of children who have had scarlet fever, who may return in one day, provided they are isolated and their clothing disinfected.

No child recovering from diphtheria will be allowed to return to school until a throat culture made, shows absence of the KLEBSLOEFFLER BACILLUS and the child and premises are disinfected. At least ten days should elapse from the beginning of the disease. Those exposed to diphtheria are excluded ten days from last exposure, except in case of child receiving immunizing dose of antitoxin. Then child will be allowed to return to school in five days after receiving antitoxin provided child is not exposed to diphtheria after receiving antitoxin and is free from sickness.

No child recovering from whooping cough will be allowed to return to school until the spasmodic stage of the cough has ceased for one week, usually about eight or nine weeks from beginning of disease. Those exposed to whooping cough are excluded for two weeks from last exposure, except in case of those who have had this disease previously.

No child recovering from mumps will be allowed to return to school until all swelling has subsided.

No child recovering from chicken pox will be allowed to return to school until the scabs are all off and the skin smooth.

All cases of tonsillitis are excluded until entirely recovered.

DUAL ROLE AT END OF WAR IN EUROPE

Must Be Both Strong Man and Good Angel for All the World

OUR GIFTS NOT SO GREAT Only One-Twentieth of One Per Cent. of What We Have Received, Comptroller Williams Tells Commercial Congress

(By the United Press) Norfolk, Dec. 11.—"This nation must be ready after the war to stand both as a Samson and a Good Samaritan in its relations to the world," Comptroller of the Currency Williams told the Southern Commercial Congress today. America must be strong but magnanimous. He drew a comparison between the fatality of war trade and the nation's tattered purses of this nation as the contributions to suffering Europe. "Our gifts," he said, "have been but one-twentieth of one per cent. of our profits."

Congress Convenes. Norfolk, Va., Dec. 11.—With "the changed outlook," produced by the European war, as its theme, the Southern Commercial Congress convenes here today will go thoroughly into the question of commercial preparedness to meet the anticipated cut-throat competition from across the waters with the return of peace and commercial phases.

Economic, financial, agricultural and commercial phases of the problem will be discussed by experts from this country and abroad. A number of the most notable men of the country are scheduled to address the congress.

BLUE MONDAY YOUR OWN FAULT IN MOST CASES

By Samuel G. Dixon, M. D., LL. D., Pennsylvania Commissioner of ... (Pennsylvania Health Commissioner) Do you start for the office Monday morning with a frown on your face and a glare in your eye that starts the whole force with a grouch? It isn't possible in a few words to describe the Saturday to Monday habits of everyone. The majority of people, however, are apt to fall into two general divisions. One class tries to crowd too much into the time and take up their business Monday morning exhausted and overtired. The other goes to extremes by overeating and under-exercising.

NEW YORK LEGISLATURE TO ATTACK LIVING COST

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 11.—Many matters now claiming the attention of the people will be brought up for consideration in the Senate and Assembly convening January 3. One of these is the high cost of living. The Wicks investigation committee, is expected, will make a report and recommend legislation which will lighten the burden of the consumers. Efforts will be made to secure legislation which will provide market facilities in New York and other large cities with a view of eliminating the middlemen. An act of this nature will be urged by John E. ...