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Stewart's WASHINGTON LETTER

BY CHARLES P. STEWART, NEA Service Writer.

Washington—Sunday morning, a few minutes before 11, the First Congregational church, the Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, pastor, Tenth and G streets, here in Washington. Through the main door, this time, come the Coolidges. They're preceded by a couple of ushers—or are they secret men? They're followed by another pair. There's no use mistaking them. They, unquestionably are of the secret service.

The party walks almost the whole length of the main aisle—to the third pew from the pastor's platform. There it's seated. Then, down sit the congregation. The service is no different from any other Congregational church service. The sermon is something rather out of the ordinary, for Dr. Pierce is an exceptionally able speaker.

The Coolidges behave as any other human beings would behave under similar circumstances.

There's the benediction. The congregation is standing. It remains standing. The Coolidges and their secret service attendants are filing out of their pew now, however. Some of the congregation has been snooping out through the side door in the meantime, to join the crowd at the main entrance. The well-behaved bulk of it stands at attention until the Coolidges have taken their departure.

An automobile receives them. President Coolidge lifts his plug tile to the crowd. Mrs. Coolidge smiles affably. The auto whisks them away. It whisks the secret service men likewise. What a life!—to be whisked nowhere except ahead of a wake of secret service men.

Latins seemed to be the language of diplomacy near the close of the 17th century.

BY WILLIAMS



MOMENTS WE'D LIKE TO LIVE OVER—TREASURE ISLAND, A PAN OF BUTTERED POPCORN AND DON'T HAFTA GO T' BED TILL TEN O'CLOCK.

CONGRESS TO DISCUSS BIRTH CONTROL

Should Every Child Have the Right to Be Well Born or Not Born at All?

The Pathfinder. The question of birth control is again bobbing about in the limelight and attracting more attention than ever. Its enemies are many, but of late, the movement has obtained some new converts in the ranks of educators, clergymen and scientists.

The other day, in addressing a session of state health officials, Dr. Clarence Little, president of the University of Michigan, pleaded for a slowing down in the production of children to a point where the child can be guaranteed proper care and education. "To produce to the point where we cannot adequately care for them is un-Christian," he asserted. "I am suggesting a revolutionary thing. Limitation is now a fact in many families. The need of limitation of the population was admitted by the immigration limit. In our stumps 'the children are worse off than in so-called barbarous foreign countries.' Dr. Little favors sterilization of criminals and insane.

"Not long ago 4,000 physicians meeting at New York, adopted a resolution asking that more attention be given to birth control. They see a relation between an uncontrollable birth rate and many national problems, including material mortality, child labor, poverty, insanity and crime. President Coolidge was urged to form a Federal birth rate commission to investigate the subject.

"Italy's terrible infant mortality is directly traceable to too frequent child bearing and over-large families," Prof Edward East, of Harvard told the Institute of Politics. "Why should man emulate the lobster in the matter of reproduction when God has given him brains?"

The Rev. Paul Dresser, of Bath, Maine, ascribes social wrongs, crimes and a good share of poverty to indiscriminate procreation. "In the struggle for numbers," he asserts, "it has been overlooked that the worst evils, civil and religious, are due to over-production of the human kind." He advocates scientific birth control. Though admitting likelihood of abuse of the practice, he insists that intelligent application of the majority would more than outweigh the other.

In the presence of Mrs. Coolidge at the dedication of a new home for unfortunate girls in Washington, Dr. J. Stanley Durkin, president of Howard university, urged that knowledge of birth control be communicated universally.

Rabbi Rudolph Coffee, of Oakland, Cal., believes that "it is high time for human beings, by practicing birth control, to improve the type of children now being born into the world." He thinks parents should limit their offspring to conform to the finances of the father and the physical condition of the mother.

"Every child has the right to be well born or not be born at all," Owen Lovejoy, of the National Child Labor committee, said recently. "We should inculcate into the world and erect legal shackles to prevent the truth from entering. Then we doom whole armies of them to disease and other perils."

Judge Ben Lindsey, of Denver juvenile court, is "heartily in favor" of birth control.

On the other hand, because of religious doctrines or other reasons a great mass of our best citizens are arrayed against birth control. The government sternly suppresses birth-control literature. The Catholic Church, always a foe to the movement, is opposing a birth control measure planned to be introduced in the new Congress.

"The movement would turn marriage into an indescribable condition of free love," Bishop Schrembs, of Cleveland, told The National Council of Catholic Women. "It is not desirable to eliminate the feeble-minded class," remarked the Rev. Thomas Moore, of Catholic University. "Without them who would do the menial work?"

According to Dr. Louis Dubin, statistician of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company birth control would hamper the American spirit of progress and adventure. Dr. Max Serapp, director of the New York children's court clinic, sees peril in the growing number of unfit, but does not think that birth control can remedy the situation.

One of the largest and most influential trade unions in the world is the Union of German Metal Workers, which embraces all workers connected with the mining and manufacturing of metals in Germany.

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Raising Funds Now For National Park in the Smoky Mountains

Nearly one-quarter of the million dollars, which is being sought in North Carolina and Tennessee for the purchase of lands in the Great Smoky Mountains for a national park has been raised. Of the half million to be raised in North Carolina, \$66,525 has been subscribed to date in Asheville and Buncombe county, approximately \$30,000 in Swain county, \$10,000 in Jackson county and \$1,000 in Clay county. Of Tennessee's half million around \$132,000 has been subscribed in Knoxville during the first four days of the campaign.

In Asheville and Buncombe county, where \$250,000 is being sought as the county-city quota, it is expected that at least \$150,000 will be raised before the campaign closes from large gifts, which are now being actively solicited, but as yet no announcement has been made of the large gifts received. The balance, which being made up by smaller subscriptions is virtually two-thirds raised and the campaign, it is expected will be successfully terminated this week. The balance of the half million is to be raised in western North Carolina, where the campaign will be carried after the first of the year.

The Tennessee campaign which began December 7th will be intensively waged during the present month. In Knoxville \$215,000 is being sought by popular subscription, and in the other cities and towns of eastern Tennessee a total of \$200,000 is the goal. The balance of the state quota is to be raised in central and western Tennessee, where the campaign will be continued after the holidays.

The first million for the purchase of the national park site is being asked of the people of North Carolina and Tennessee, and when this sum is subscribed, it is the announced intention of the federal park commission to ask the people of the nation for the balance of the funds needed to acquire the several hundred thousand acres of land in the Great Smoky Mountains, which are to be included in the proposed national park. Of the sum subscribed, the campaign provisions are that twenty per cent, be paid immediately or within thirty days, and the balance is to be collected in three annual installments, but these will be payable only if the government creates the Great Smoky Mountains national park and takes over for improvement as a park these mountain lands. The three payments of the subscriptions are payable, according to the campaign provisions, on or before January 1, 1927, January 1, 1928, and January 1, 1929.

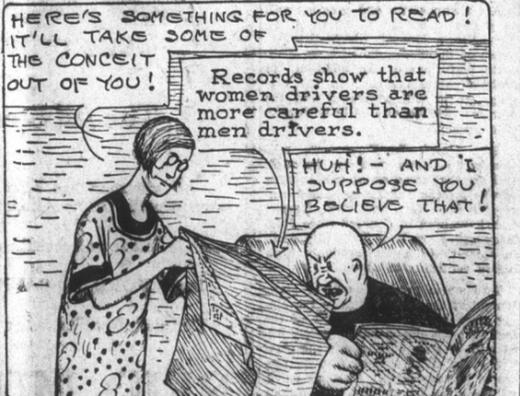
Weekly Cotton Review.

New York, Dec. 18.—The cotton market has shown a declining tendency during the past week. The break which followed publication of the last government crop report was interrupted by rallies at the beginning of the week, but prices met increased offerings, and prices eased off again with May contracts breaking below the 18 1/2 cent level on Thursday under liquidation and southern selling. Local brokers as a rule attributed the declining tendency of the market to a belief that final ginning returns are more likely to exceed than fall short of the government's crop estimate of 15,608,000 bales, and that the supply of cotton available is large enough to encourage a conservative policy in buying forces during the balance of the season. Selling on this theory is supposed to have been promoted by prospects for large ginning figures from the census bureau on Monday, the recent relatively easy ruling of Egyptian and East India cotton and rather disappointing reports from the cotton goods markets, particularly in the reports from Manchester. Both Egyptian and East India cotton is moving to market more freely. Prices for these varieties were above a normal parity with American cotton earlier in the season, but the recent declines have placed them more nearly on a competitive basis, and this is supposed to have been partly responsible for increased discounts on low grades in the South. It may also have figures to some extent in the recent relatively easy ruling of Liverpool which now is selling below a parity with the American markets which leads to some selling here against purchases abroad. Private authorities estimate ginnings to December 13th at from 14,730,000 to 14,760,000 bales which would mean an out-turn of over 800,000 bales for the last period compared with 554,000 for the same time last year and would be regarded by local traders as pointing to a crop of probably over 15,000,000 bales. Some traders are looking for an improvement in the cotton goods trade right after the turn of the year, and the decline here was held in check toward the end of the week by covering and trade buying or price fixing around the 18 1/2 cent level for May.

Post and Flagg's Cotton Letter.

New York, Dec. 18.—The market continues a pre-holiday affair with no suggestion of any important change in either direction. The ginning report due Monday may supply a fresh incentive for trading but

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Twelve Grid Captains Are Named So Far. Charlotte, Dec. 18.—Guards were holding an edge in the selection of football captains for the 1926 campaign on the basis of returns from three states, North Carolina, Virginia and South Carolina. Twelve institutions over this trio of states had chosen leaders for the next season, with three of these 12 playing guard positions. Captains chosen so far follow: Stanley D. Whisnant, University of North Carolina, guard. B. G. Rackley, Wake Forest, quarterback. F. G. Logan, N. C. State, center. Lee Griffith, Presbyterian College of South Carolina, tackle. Rauber, W. and L., fullback. Payser, Lenoir-Rhyne, end. Mackall, Virginia, guard. John Fain, V. M. I., end.

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