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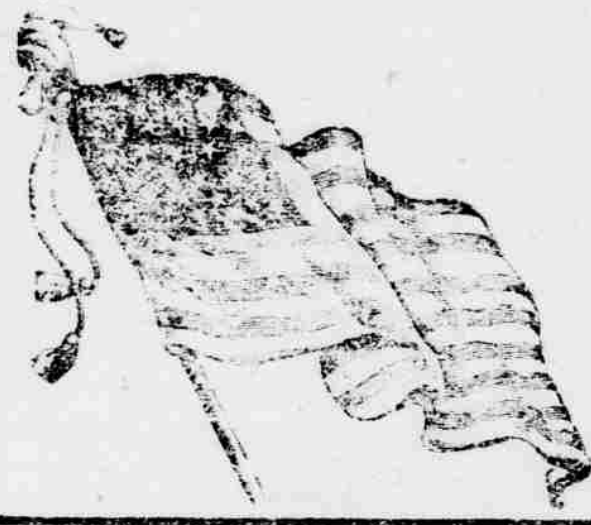
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"HOLD AND CUT"

For eight weeks past the busi-  
ness of the South has been pass-  
ing through the "Valley of the  
Shadow of Death," or rather we  
have felt as if we were because  
of the inability to see far enough  
ahead and view the bright sun-  
shine of prosperity that is just  
behind the hills of time.

The drop in the price of cotton  
was so sudden that the shock was  
a solar plexus blow from which  
we have not yet recovered. This  
change in price came just at a  
time when the south was actually  
expecting higher prices and high-  
er prices would have been real-  
ized except that we did not take  
into consideration this length of  
time necessary for the world to  
change from a war to a peace  
basis, this period being drawn out  
on account of the formation of the  
"Society of Nations" which has  
now assumed definite shape and  
leaving only the details to be  
worked out which, of course, will  
require some further time.

Everything now depends as far  
as cotton is concerned on the de-  
termination of the Farmer to hold  
and cut. He must keep his cot-  
ton off the market until the de-  
mand starts up and he must cut  
his acreage for the new crop at  
least one third. If the Farmer  
pursues this policy consistently  
cotton will very shortly be again  
selling for over 30c per pound for  
there is an actual world shortage  
of the staple and the law of sup-  
ply and demand will be the con-  
trolling price factor.

The gamblers, speculators and  
New England textile interests do  
not believe that the movement to  
cut acreage is of any price. Their  
conception of the cotton farmer is  
of the old bay seed variety and  
they believe he is a fool and are  
trying to handle him like they  
would a child. They do not know  
the southern farmers as you and I  
know him and can't realize that  
some of the best brains of the  
South are to be found on the cot-  
ton plantations. This is one time  
I believe that the cotton farmers  
will beat the speculator and gam-  
bler at his own game and within  
the next sixty days the world will  
be begging for cotton at high pri-  
ces, provided the farmer not only  
holds the cotton he has, but ac-

tually cuts his average by at least  
one third.

The Department of Agriculture  
estimates that the world is short  
(4) million bales of cotton under  
normal conditions. Under actual  
conditions the world is probably  
short one million bales and as  
the different countries are allow-  
ed to take raw materials the de-  
mand will increase.

Germany and Austria are not  
allowed to buy cotton, but these  
restrictions will shortly be lifted  
gradually and immediately prices  
will rise. Germany and Austria  
have not as much as a single  
pound on hand. Their annual re-  
quirement under normal condi-  
tions are (3) million bales, they  
will need reserve stock to keep  
mills running. (1) million bales or  
a total of (4) million bales. So  
that when this demand starts  
something will be sure to happen.

The South has only to sit steady  
in the boat for a month or two  
longer before she enters a period  
of great prosperity, provided the  
cotton farmer "HOLDS AND  
CUTS."

(This is published by courtesy  
of Mr. R. L. Clancy, sales man-  
ager of the Southern Cotton Oil Com-  
pany, and is a fair idea how the  
big men of the South regard the  
Cotton situation.)

**ALL RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT  
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koff, a representative of the All  
Russian government who has just  
arrived in the United States in  
the interest of his country.

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