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TRADE THROUGH SOUTH PORTS

Cleveland, May 18.—Cleveland has lost to nearly one hundred and fifty business men from the Southern States including Governors Bickett, North Carolina; Cooper, South Carolina; and Dorsey of Georgia. The party is seeking to develop export shipments from the West through the South Atlantic ports.

LOUISIANA'S STRAW BERRY CROP BROUGHT \$7,507,500 THIS Y'R.

The Department of Agriculture Estimates

77 HUNDRED ACRES

New Orleans, May 18.—Louisiana's strawberry crop this year was worth \$7,507,500 according to Department of Agriculture estimates. Record prices were received. About 7,700 acres were planted.

WORK TO RELIEVE FREIGHT CONGESTION

Washington, May 18.—Resolving to telegraphic appeals to the Interstate Commerce Commission with the Interstate Commerce Commission to relieve practically a nationwide freight congestion.

RELEASE ASKED FOR ANARCHISTS

Washington, May 18.—A committee of socialists headed by a woman called on Secretary Baker and presented a memorial asking for the release of the conscientious objectors.

TENN. WOMEN VOTERS OPEN TWO DAY SESS'N

Nashville, May 18.—The Tennessee League of women voters with prominent women representing both political parties present opened a two day session.

SEN. DEADLOCKED ON ARMY BILL

Washington, May 18.—Senate and House conferences deadlocked on an army reorganization bill.

GARDNERS URGED TO PLANT POTATOES

A Second Crop of Irish Potatoes for Fall and Winter

PRICES WILL BE HIGH

Washington, D. C., May 18.—If you have any garden space to spare by all means plant some of it to potatoes. This is the advice of the United States Department of Agriculture to gardeners who want to avoid the high prices for potatoes which seem to be in prospect for next fall. The early crop of potatoes in the Southern States is now well advanced and soon there will be a supply of new potatoes on all the markets. These will last but a short time, however, and can not be depended upon for use next winter. The late or main crop produces most of the potatoes that go into storage and supply the markets all through the winter months. Home gardeners can help to make this supply adequate.

WHOLESALE PRICES NOW AND IN 1913

Retail Prices in This Country Have Reached Higher Levels

MAKEMOREANDSAVE

Figures published in a recent memorandum of the Supreme Council of the Peace Conference show that general wholesale prices have advanced since 1913 approximately as follows:
United States 120 per cent.
Great Britain 170 per cent.
France 300 per cent.
Italy 300 per cent.
Belgium 300 per cent.
Retail prices undoubtedly have advanced to an equal or greater extent in this country according to the memorandum. In publishing these figures, the Supreme Council pleads for increased production, economy and saving as remedies for the situation, and as a safeguard against still higher price levels.

DEPARTMENT STORE DOWN 20 PER CENT

Knoxville, May 18.—A large department store inaugurated a twenty per cent reduction in the entire stock except in case of a few contract prices.

SUGAR BROKERS INDICTED BAY CITY

Bay City, Mich.—Two sugar brokers were indicted charged with the violation of the lever act.

LESS STRINGENT LAWS FOR IMMIGRATION

New York, May 18.—Senator Edge speaking before the National manufacturers association urged a temporary modification of the immigration laws to permit the influx of desirable immigrants to meet the labor shortage.

GREEK AND TURKISH CLASH NEAR SMYRNA

Constantinople, May 18.—The Greek and Turkish troops clashed about twenty five miles east of Smyrna.

HEAD OF STOCKYARDS SHOT AND BEATEN

Chicago, May 18.—John Kukulski head of the stock yards labor council is the latest victim of the labor feuds. He was beaten and shot and wounds may be fatal.

LABOR BOARD CONSIDER WAGE DEMANDS

Chicago, May 18.—The railroad labor board consider wage demands the increases of passenger conductors, ticket collectors, baggagemen, flagmen and breakmen.

\$70,000,000 LOSS OF COTTON BY EXPOSURE TO WEATHER

Enough To Build Warehouses Lost In One Season

LEFT FOR MONTHS IN WEATHER

MORAL SUASION ONLY IN GERMAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Canning and Castigation not in Keeping with the Times

TO REPORT IN A YEAR

Berlin, May 18.—Corporal punishment in German schools is to be abolished says a decree just promulgated by the Ministry for public instruction. The decree declares that caning and other forms of castigation are inconsistent with the spirit of the times and should be discontinued altogether in favor of moral suasion. It is added that in on case girls should be subjected to corporal punishment. In a year from now, a report is to be made by schoolmasters and mistresses on the effects of moral suasion upon the German youth.

PALMA OPPOSED BY DEM. FACTION IN PENN.

Philadelphia, May 18.—Delegates to Chicago and San Francisco are being elected in Pennsylvania. Attorney General Palmer is opposed for the Presidential endorsement in the Democratic primary by a faction.

MISTRIAL OF JAKE GOSNELL

Greenville, S. C., May 18.—Mistrial resulted in case Jake Gosnell charged murder Henriex Rector.

What would you say if you saw a man deliberately destroy \$70,000,000 worth of clothing by placing it in a rainstorm? No one has done that, but it occurred is no more probable than that act would be.

Specialists of the Bureau of Markets, United States Department of Agriculture, conservatively estimate that during the past year cotton growers of the United States suffered a \$70,000,000 cotton loss through damage to cotton by exposure to weather. They say that, after ginning, cotton is permitted to remain in the weather for months at a time instead of being properly sheltered and that although cotton is one of the hardiest of farm products its strength is not sufficient to withstand such exposure to the elements.

The Bureau of Markets maintains that the amount of money lost through this cause in a single season would probably be sufficient to build the warehouses needed, and that after the first year these warehouses would become practically surplus assets in the hands of the farmers. It advocates also the construction of such warehouses upon a co-operative basis, if necessary, and is prepared to advise those interested in undertaking such projects.

It is also pointed out that re-properly operated warehouses are accepted generally as collateral for loans, the interest charges for which are more than paid for by the profits accruing to the farmer through his ability to sell his cotton as it is needed by the mills.

COTTON MARKET

May	42.10
July	39.34
October	36.59
December	35.56
January	34.90
March	34.38

Community Chautauqua June 13 To 17th

Our Community Chautauqua is but a few weeks away and Scotland Neck is waxing enthusiastic over the prospect of its coming. Tickets will soon be on sale and will go rapidly due to the splendid efforts of the local committee and the generous co-operation of the citizens, who realize what a Chautauqua means to the town. Because of the splendid program of lectures, music and entertainment many people are planning to spend their vacation here where they may have all the comforts of home and at the same time be entertained by the best talent of the country at a minimum price. The Community Chautauqua's reputation for presenting the finest five-day program in America has been upheld. A glance at

the great array of talent more than justifies the claims. This remarkable all-star program opens with a lecture on the first evening by the great writer, scientist and student, Albert Edward Wigam, who, in his own inimitable style will present one of his two famous lectures, "How Eli Got There" or "Forty Kinds of Fools." He will be precluded by a splendid program given by the Boston Light Opera Revue, a company composed of six attractive young ladies. These artists present selections from the most popular light modern operas—songs and music which always score a decided "hit". Lovers of good music are to be given a treat on the second day of the Community Chautauqua

when the All Press All-Star Company present a musical program filled with many melodies which are sure to please. One of the great events of the week comes on the second evening when Dr. J. W. Skinner presents his great, illustrated lecture on South America. To attend this lecture is to take a trip into the very heart of that great continent and to learn of the great opportunities for American enterprise existing there. Nothing could be more appropriate in view of the extensive commercial interest in South America since the war. The third day brings a trio of Chautauqua favorites—The Theresa Sheehan Concert Company, with their happy, wholesome

songs, recitations and music. These three young artists radiate the spirit of the Chautauqua and never fail to make a lasting, pleasing impression with their audience. On the third evening Denton C. Crowl, the second Sam Jones, will launch one of his famous hard-hitting truthful messages. Mr. Crowl is a master satirist, and his kindly, thoughtful, humorous messages are full of that ringing sincerity and clean humor which so characterized the Sam Jones of a generation ago. He is also one of the most able editorial writers in the newspaper world. A complete production of that popular play "Fine Feathers," a hit of two seasons in the larger

cities, is the outstanding attraction of the week. It is a play that will make you laugh and smile and think. It touches on the high cost of living problem and will be of vital interest to all. A full evening's entertainment with special scenery and professional Broadway players. The last day will be "Music Day." Weltman's Famous Cosmopolitan Orchestra will give two splendid concerts, presenting the standard classics and the best of modern popular music in a style and finish that is individual and unusual. These eleven artists which include a phenomenal boy organist and a brilliant operatic soprano soloist have achieved

distinct success throughout the country and Chautauqua patrons may indeed consider it a privilege to see the Orchestra appear twice on this last day and crown one of the most superb entertainments ever offered on a Chautauqua program. When it is considered that this five-day entertainment can be obtained for only \$2.20 by the lucky five hundred who buy their season tickets early and for \$2.75 for those less fortunate, every one will understand why this has been called the greatest vacation obtainable anywhere at any price. The Chautauqua will be here from June the 13th to 17th inclusive.