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**CAUSE FOR OPTIMISM**

An item here and there, statistics from this source and that, this legislation and that, all tend to create a spirit of optimism and are an assurance of better times ahead.

Figures have just been released showing the amount of United States trade with Germany last year. The total exports of raw materials from the United States to Germany for the last fiscal year exceeded in value those of the pre-war high record year, 1914. Raw cotton was the biggest single item; in fact, the quantity of cotton sent to Germany in the fiscal year just ended is greater than to any other country in the world except to the United Kingdom.

The consumption of American cotton last year was around ten million, two hundred thousand bales, which was the smallest year offered.

Reports show that Japan is now taking practically a normal supply of American cotton and England is rapidly reaching that goal. With a crop of eight million two hundred thousand bales predicted it and with the great havoc now being wrought by the boll weevil, the outlook for cotton is encouraging.

Another factor which should be considered is the bill now pending in the Senate which would provide funds for cotton credits at home, as well as for financing exports, and which also provides two hundred million dollars for loans to farmers through the Federal Land Banks.

With all of these factors taken into consideration, together with the small cost of producing this year's crop, it looks as if a real handsome profit would be realized from this cotton crop. This should serve to ease conditions considerably, and if people throughout this section and the South will only continue to operate on the same basis they are now on, will work hard, practice economy, and attend strictly to business, the recovery from the period of depression should be much more rapid than has generally been expected. We see great hope of the future. The worst is undoubtedly past and the time for optimism has undoubtedly arrived.

**STEAMER GROUNDS ON SAN PABLO REEF**

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 9.—The steamer San Jose, with 33 passengers and 66 members of the crew aboard, grounded this morning on San Pablo Reef.

Wireless calls sent out said the ship was listing, but was holding out until assistance reached her.

A steamer was sent out from here at full speed to rescue the San Jose.

**ARMY GIVES CHAMPION EATER HIS DISCHARGE**

SUNBURY, Pa., Aug. 9.—The army's champion eater has returned to Sunbury with an honorable discharge, having eaten himself out of a job. Samuel Ding, of Hartleton, is the champion. He came back under escort of a corporal, who had orders to be sure and get him home safely.

"Why, he ate the potatoes, skins and all," said the corporal. "Two loaves of bread and a half-dozen helpings of meat were his single meal capacity and he cried all night when he couldn't have a meal at taps. That settled it. Sam got his discharge."

**\$50,000 GIFT TO QUAKERS FOR POLISH RELIEF WORK**

NEW YORK, Aug. 9.—The largest individual donation ever given to the Quakers has just been received by the American Friends Service Committee in Philadelphia. It is a check for \$50,000, sent by a Maine man now in California, to be used in relief work in Poland. A singular condition is attached by the donor, who wishes his name withheld: the money must not be spent in former battlefields. Announcement of the gift is made by the East Galician Relief committee which has just started a campaign to raise funds for relief in Eastern Galicia.

**CENTRAL FIGURE IN POISON PLOT CASE IS NEAR DEATH**

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Aug. 9.—Mrs. Ruth Crawford, central figure in the sensational poison plot case which stirred the country until the grand jury's inquiry cleared her attendants, is near death today at the home of her nephew, following a stroke of paralysis.

Her latest illness was unexpected, for she had been improving rapidly, according to relatives, and Dr. Singerland had hopes she would recover from her long illness which kept her in bed for three years. Just before her recent stroke she was able to walk about the house.

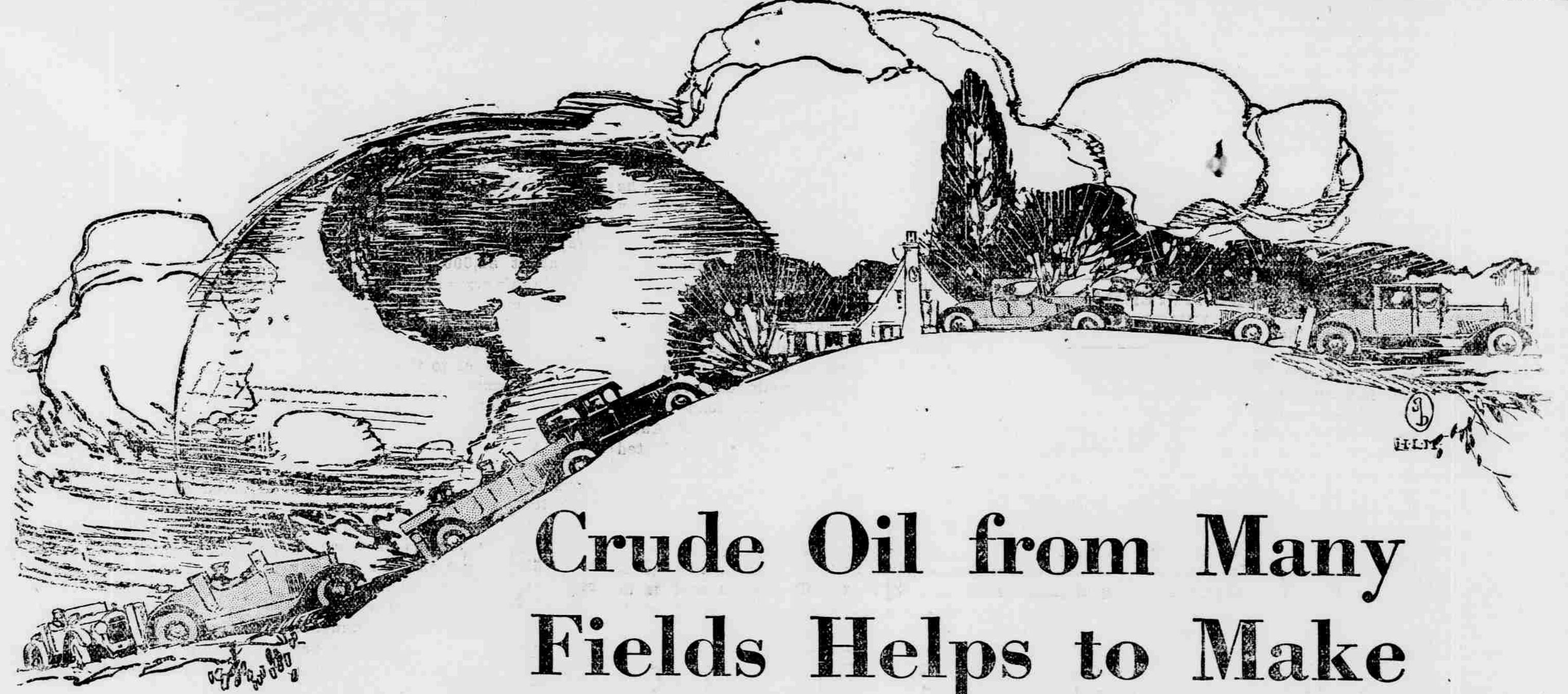
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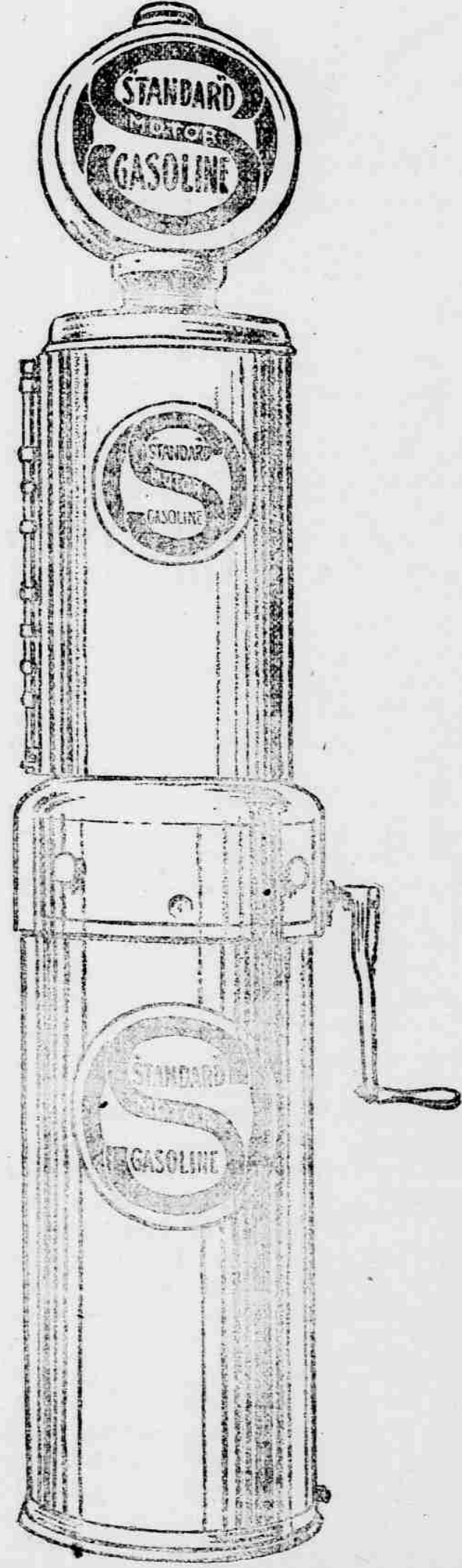
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