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Governor Calls On People To Prepare For Boll Weevil Situation In State

An Appeal by the Governor of North Carolina To The People Of The State to Increase The Raising of Food in The State and Thereby Avert The Disaster Threatened by The Boll Weevil; and The Annual Hazard of Growing Money Crops on Food and Supplies Purchased Elsewhere.

North Carolina has been pushed to a account of our long summer seasons high comparative position among the States of the Union in the production of money crops for the market; but our whole agricultural life is weakened by the fact that we have neglected the production of sufficient food on the farms of the State to make our agricultural life independent, and give it strength to stand the periodic vicissitudes of misfortune to the money crops, due to slump in prices, or other causes sure to occur. Much improvement has been made in the last few years in this well understood weakness of the State, but there is yet much to be done. It is hard to "get out of a rut."

A highly competent authority declared recently: "There is not a single county in the State in which there is raised enough food in value or quantity for the human and animal life of the county."

Independently of the approach of the Boll Weevil, this phase of our agricultural life should be strengthened throughout the State; but the approach of the Boll Weevil threatens a serious blight to a large area of the State, particularly the great areas devoted largely to the growth of cotton. If the Boll Weevil should have the devastating effect upon the crops this year in the cotton sections of the State that it has had in some of the States to the south of us, and if the people in the cotton sections of the State do not raise more food supplies for themselves and their animals than they have heretofore raised, it will certainly result in widespread suffering and destitution. This threatened danger and distress can be largely averted, if it comes, as there is reasonable ground to fear it may, and at the same time, a policy adopted in the agricultural life of the State which will greatly strengthen the whole life of our people, not only in the cotton sections, but in the entire State.

We must so order our agriculture as not to require the immense outlay of money rendered necessary largely to buy the food upon which the people live who grow money crops in the State for the market. The small farmers and tenants cannot stand the periodic slumps which occur from various causes, and the wealthier men and large land owners cannot withstand the Boll Weevil blight, if it comes, and feed their tenants and farm laborers through it. Buying our food elsewhere and raising money crops requires too much capital, and is too hazardous for our people to engage in on an extensive scale.

I have made every effort to excite the interest and active efforts of the State College of Agriculture and Engineering, the Department of Health, and the Department of Education, and the Health Department of the State Government to lead the people to organize and prepare without delay to increase the production of food raised in the State for home consumption, not only in the threatened areas, but in the whole State. These great departments of our State Government are splendidly organized and equipped to help the people in this all-important matter, and they are now moving with energy through their splendid organization of expert men to help I appeal to the people of the whole State for their active cooperation in the movement.

WE MUST INCREASE OUR HOME SUPPLY OF MEAT. We cannot raise beef profitably in a large part of the State, but we can raise hogs and poultry of every description on

A Noted Screen Star Admits Love For Dead Film Director

SCENTED NOTES OF LOVE WHICH SHE HAD WRITTEN HIM FOUND.

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 7.—A scented note dropped from one of Taylor's books while detectives were examining his effects bearing the monogram of Mary Miles Minter. The note read, "Dearest, I love you, I love you, I love you." Numbers of Xs followed, the last one two inches high. Miss Minter admitted the authorship, saying that she loved Taylor deeply, Taylor directed her first film efforts.

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Independently of the Boll Weevil threat, because of the periodic slumps in the prices of cotton and tobacco, now raised at such enormous hazard upon purchased supplies, the State ought to tremendously increase hog and poultry raising, home gardening, and the supply of milk, butter eggs in the State, not for the purpose of making them our money crops, but in order to have abundant, wholesome and cheap food, whatever vicissitudes may overtake the money crops; but the approach of the Boll Weevil makes it absolutely folly not to do so.

And further, our illiterate and unformed people ought to be made more generally aware of the supreme importance to health of the balanced ration, and of an enlightened world's knowledge of the necessity of nutritious and varied foods.

In furtherance of the foregoing purpose, and in co-operation with the State College of Agriculture and Engineering, the Board of Agriculture, the Department of Health, and the Department of Education, I appeal to the people of the State to have community meetings, and give consideration to this important matter; and to quickly organize for the purpose of promoting a State-wide program for more and better home gardens, a heavy increase of the poultry and eggs and milk and butter supply, and the raising of more hog meat in the State.

We urge the people of the State to a careful study of how to make this increase in food in the State economically, and that they adhere to it, not only during the threat of the Boll Weevil disaster, but until North Carolina becomes a great food raising State, independent of the threat of periodic disaster through failure to make profit on the money crops.

I do not think it will be wise for our people generally to undertake at first to raise food stuffs for the market, they will not be successful at first in making money, and will become discouraged and stop. In course of time, through study and experience we are quite sure these foods can be raised by our people for the market profitably; but present efforts should best be confined to supplying the family, and feeding the labor raising the money crops.

We ought also to raise every pound of food necessary for our animals. The annual bill of North Carolina for food purchased elsewhere for our animals is enormous. WE MUST RAISE IT ALL. It is pure speculation to buy food for men and animals upon which to raise cotton and tobacco in North Carolina. Let us organize and learn how to raise all the food we need to feed the animal life of our State, as well as the people. For years we have known this would make the State rich and independent, and yet we have failed to do it.

We suggest no new thing, but we are moving with great hope that we

Weather Bureau Warns of Severe Storm Coming

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Feb. 7.—Warning of a storm of marked intensity central near Cape Hatteras is sent out by the weather bureau. It will extend rapidly northeastward attended by gales.

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Work on Battleships Will Cease When Treaty is Ratified

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Washington, Feb. 7.—President Harding will order suspension on all work on naval vessels scheduled for scrapping under the naval treaty only when the treaty is actually ratified, the White House said.

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Old Lexington Hotel At Richmond, Va., Destroyed By Flames

SEVERAL KNOWN DEAD AND MANY OTHERS INJURED FLAMES SPREAD TO ADJOINING PROPERTY ENTAILING HEAVY LOSS. PROPERTY DAMAGE ESTIMATED AT \$150,000

Richmond, Va., Feb. 7.—Three persons are known to be dead, twenty-five injured, several critically, in the Lexington Hotel fire. The hotel wall collapsed and it is believed imprisoned several. The property damage is estimated at one hundred and fifty thousand.

Several guests were injured in leaping from the windows, including David H. Pitts, of Albemarle, a member of the House of Delegates.

The flames spread to the Savings Bank of Richmond, the Pearl Laundry, and the Co-Operative Exchange, The Anderson-Wilson Paper Company and Clyde W. Saunders Printing Company, which were practically destroyed.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 7.—Four persons known dead and a number injured in a fire which destroyed the Lexington Hotel and five adjoining buildings at twelfth and Main Streets.

The dead are Sheriff C. M. Thomas, of Albemarle County, Hiram F. Austin, Fincastle, Va., M. J. Cox, Williams-

Mount, N. C. Of the sixty-seven guests in the hotel when the fire started, twenty-seven were missing at eight-thirty this morning.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 7.—Firemen are searching the smoking ruins to determine if any person is buried beneath the debris. It will probably be several days before definite casualties are known.

Clerk Frey said that he saw flames and fire roaring up the elevator shaft and that the fire alarm was caused by disordered telephone.

Many guests jumped from windows receiving serious injuries. The probably fatally injured are: K. N. Hanger, Boydton, E. P. Howell, Norfolk, George Cutter, Buckroe Beach, B. G. Wright, Newport News, Elmer Difton, Lexington, all of Virginia. The less seriously injured are W. W. Bourne, Spartansburg, S. C., Charles Benton, Wilson, N. C., and J. E. Ford, Kocky-

"THE ARMY HAS ITS MISSION IN PEACE"

(By U. S. Press.)

Washington, Feb. 7.—When the Knickerbocker Theatre disaster occurred the first agency for organized relief to get onto as ground was the fire department. The police were there in large numbers. Naturally, there was endless confusion, and no one seemed to know exactly what should be done. Then the soldiers arrived, and they gave a demonstration of efficiency the like of which has never been witnessed under circumstances of such peculiar stress.

"The people of the United States ought to be proud of their Army," said President Cuno H. Rudolph, of the Board of Commissioners, of the District of Columbia. In an official statement he has added:

"Every citizen in the District of Columbia owes a debt of gratitude to the Army for the prompt, workmanlike and unselfish manner in which it responded to the call for help during the Knickerbocker Theater disaster—a debt which our people can never repay. The Army furnished hundreds of willing hands and provided the tools with which they worked to rescue with all possible speed, the scores of dead and dying victims trapped in the mass of snow-covered wreckage."

It has been reported to me that the first acetylene torch and the gas to work it, the first jacks, picks and shovels, were rushed to the scene of suffering in Quartermaster Corps trucks by Quartermaster men. It is abundant proof that our Army has its mission in peace as well as war, and the Nation can count on it in the future as it has in the past. I thank God that the Regulars were so close at hand when they were so urgently needed in the Nation's Capital."

Washington, Feb. 6.—Important changes have developed recently in the foreign demand for American machinery, according to analyses just completed by the Industrial Machinery Division of the Department of Commerce. From 1915 to 1919 the increase in exports to Japan was sensational, rising precipitously from less than a \$1,000,000 in 1915 to over \$25,000,000 in 1919, and increasing at a slightly slower annual rate to \$29,000,000 in 1920. Exports to Cuba and other "Latin American countries" began to increase at about the same time as those to Japan and progressed upward at a slightly more obtuse angle to 1918, when the rising curve for other Latin American countries lessened, but exports to Cuba increased more rapidly in 1919. In 1920 exports to Cuba fairly shot upward, from a little under \$20,000,000 in 1919 to over \$40,000,000 in 1920. Exports to other Latin American countries continued upward, but at a considerably slower rate than those to Cuba.

Freight Train Crashes Into Shifting Engine Near Weldon

Early this morning a shifting engine of the Atlantic Coast Line stationed at Weldon started out for cars at the Weldon Lumber Company's plant just South of Weldon and was struck by an incoming through freight. In the contact numerous freight cars were piled up in the wreck, the freight engine thrown from the track and overturned and the fireman on the freight engine injured. No one was killed.

Owing to the wreck mail and passenger service here has been more or less tied up. The north bound train from Kinston went on through to the wreck and transferred passengers and mail, the southbound train being unable to get through.

Working crews have been at work all day trying to clear the track for traffic but at time of going to press traffic was still delayed.

Expanding Markets For Machinery

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Andrew Fuller Hancock Died Last Night

Andrew Fuller Hancock, one of the oldest citizens of Scotland Neck died about two o'clock last night after a lingering illness.

He was born July 8th, 1858, and was therefore sixty-three years of age. He is survived by his wife, one son, W. S. Hancock, of Roanoke Rapids, and four daughters: Mrs. C. C. Lawrence, of Muflesboro, Mrs. R. H. Martin, of Kinston, Misses Lilla and Estelle Hancock, and one brother, Mr. J. E. Hancock.

The funeral will be held tomorrow morning from the house at 10:30, Dr. Chas. Anderson officiating.

The active pallbearers will be Messrs. S. A. Dunn, L. L. Cherry, C. F. Burroughs, Hugh Johnson, L. M. Pittman and B. F. Tillery.

The honorary pallbearers will be Messrs. G. W. Bryan, Dr. H. G. Thigpen, H. C. Bell, Thomas Johnson, J. D. Ray, R. S. Shaw and Hon. Claude Kitchin.

Would Aid The Miners

(By U. S. Press.)

Washington, Feb. 7.—Representative Foster of Ohio and Thomas of Kentucky appeared before the House Mines and Mining Committee this week and urged the immediate passage of \$500,000 appropriation for relief of coal miners in the bituminous fields of West Virginia, Ohio, Kentucky and other states. The Congressmen pictured dire distress as prevailing in these particular coal mining regions.

Daugherty Preparing For Big Coal Strike

(By U. S. Press.)

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Nearly all of the craft were undermanned. The remainder of the destroyer squadrons, with 50 percent complements, will remain through the winter at the Charleston base.

COTTON MARKET	
TODAY'S MARKET	
16.75	16.31
15.88	15.87
15.35	15.35
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YESTERDAY'S MARKET	
16.65	16.65
16.41	16.41
16.04	16.04
15.49	15.49
15.40	15.40

Your Obedient Servant,
CAMERON MORRISON.