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Conditions in the cotton trade in 1925 have been advantageous to the consumer. The crop produced in the United States was one of the three largest ever grown but the demand both at home and from abroad has been such that the producer has received better than average for his cotton considering the size of the crop.

While the spectacular course of securities has completely overshadowed commodity markets the past year, the fact that the exportation of eight and a quarter million bales of cotton during the twelve months ending July 1, 1925, returned to the United States about \$1,000,000,000 has been one of the most important contributing factors in the general prosperity.

This enormous exportation of raw cotton was made possible by the production of a 13,000,000 bale crop in 1924 and followed by a yield of 15,600,000, estimated by the Department of Agriculture for 1925.

A review of the year, from a standpoint of events in the course of the market itself, presents a striking contrast with many recent seasons when fluctuations of \$50 and \$75 in the cost of a bale of cotton were of frequent occurrence. Five years ago cotton sold from 40c down to 10c a pound. From 19c in 1921, prices had advanced to 37c in the fall of 1923.

Price Stability a Feature

The outstanding feature of both 1924 and 1925 has been price stability within a range of a few cents, a most welcome change to the consumer.

The average market price of middling cotton during the year ending July 31, was 24 1/4c and as the crop averaged middling, the Southern planter enjoyed one of the most prosperous seasons on record. While the crop of 1925 is turning out considerably larger than that of 1924, the area planted was the largest in the history of cotton culture and though some sections produced the best yield per acre in many years, other regions suffered almost a complete failure.

Speculation Orderly in the Main

From a speculative point of view, the year has been characterized by the normal rather than the unique, and, with the exception of semi-monthly days of excitement produced by totally unexpected Government reports, the market has moved steadily forward to its predestined end. Like its predecessor, 1924, the year contained the usual crop scares when days of anxiety resulted in temporary price advances but evidence of a liberal outturn was so overwhelming that the process of discounting a large rather than a small crop carried prices to a level of 18c in October. This compared with 21c, the low figure of the previous year and was less than half the price prevailing in November, 1923.

Nature Not so Orderly

Once or twice during the year, prices ran above 25c but held above 21 1/2c for nine months until the weight of the marketing movement in October carried quotations below the 20c level.

There is but little in so orderly and featureless a course of events to arouse the interest of the general reader but what the cotton markets of the world lacked in the way of spectacular and record-breaking developments, nature furnished the cotton grower of Georgia and the Carolinas.

To the planter of more than one section of the South, the year 1925 will be long remembered and an account of nature's shortcomings and excesses in the course of a few short months would be difficult to parallel in this or any other country.

Reserves at Low Ebb

As a direct result of three short crops from 1921 to 1923, reserves of cotton of all kinds were depleted to an extent that threatened a famine unlike any experienced in the past fifty years. There were neither manufactured goods nor raw material to draw upon and prices had advanced to figures which made cotton growing extremely unattractive.

Damage by boll weevil had virtually ruined many owners of large plantations. East of the Mississippi River and the number of abandoned farms in the South has of late exceeded those in New England. The tax exacted by weevil has amounted to several hundred million dollars annually, un-

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Suppose you had a wife and seven children to support on two dollars and a half a day. Where would you get money to pay rent and buy such things as heaters, cooking stoves, and furniture?

Wouldn't it take just about every cent of your money to buy food for all these hungry mouths?

There is such a family in Elizabeth City. The oldest of the children is about 15 years old. The youngest is two, two months old. The mother, of course, does all the work, with such help as she can get from the older children. The County Welfare Officer, calling at the home yesterday, found them occupying the kitchen floor.

This family has no cooking stove worthy of the name. They have an old worn out oil cooking stove, small and antiquated, inadequate to their needs. Most of their cooking is done on top of a cheap and half worn out heater. In the summer, the mother says, they manage to get along by doing part of their cooking out of doors. But in the winter she finds it hard to live the children their food properly cooked with the poor facilities that she has for cooking.

There are many needs in this family of course. But the greatest immediate need is a cooking stove. The County Welfare Officer asks if somebody in Elizabeth City will not provide them with one.

LEGACY GOES TO CARE OF ANIMALS

Royalties From Books of Novelist Will Carry on Humane Work

San Diego, Cal., Jan. 2.—A generous percentage of royalties from the books of Edgar Saltus, novelist, essayist and critic, goes toward the care of dumb and defenseless animals, as was his wish before his death. Mrs. Marie Saltus, the widow, is carrying it out.

Mrs. Saltus, herself an ardent humane worker, has aided in the founding of homes for the care and protection of animals and in spreading the gospel of humane education in the schools. An initial gift of \$1,000 by Mrs. Saltus made possible the founding of the first Southern California Bide-a-Wee Home for Dogs and Cats at Altadena, Calif., a few miles from Pasadena.

One of the contributors to the enterprise, the activities of which later were merged with the Pasadena Humane Society, was the late Mrs. Warren G. Harding, whose husband, the late president, was an admirer of Mr. Saltus' books. Among other leaders in the work was Mrs. Guy Bates Post, known on the stage as Adele Ritchie.

The home, while it operated as a separate unit, provided temporary shelter and food for lost and starving animals and endeavored to locate homes for the refugees. An average of 20 cats and dogs a day were saved from pounds and placed in homes.

Mrs. Saltus and Mrs. Post also aided the San Diego Humane Society in giving a benefit for a similar home for San Diego.

To a reader of Mr. Saltus' books his fondness for cats is remarkable. A contemporary writer recalls seeing him one wintry day on Broadway, New York, accompanied by several cats, and adds: "If by any chance you talked to him about a cat and stopped for a moment in your story, he would urge you, 'Go on, please.' It was said of him, he who was too aristocratic ever to go into a store to buy things for himself, would stop at the first butcher shop and purchase a piece of liver if he had just made the acquaintance of a stray cat in the street."

Mr. Saltus' regard for animals, and particularly for cats, is explained by his widow.

"Through a great extent," she said, "it was developed through my influence, as animal rescue work in every form is my life work. Owing to heart trouble, which made it difficult for him to lift any weight, I rescued dogs and Mr. Saltus cats. We made a practice of buying meat and bones for these dumb and defenseless little ones, and animals, with their unerring instinct, loved Mr. Saltus. His last act every night was to take our pet dog Toto for a walk around the square."

Upon the death of Toto, Mr. Saltus asked that its ashes be preserved in order that they might be interred with his own. This was done.

Mrs. Saltus, who has arranged that her estate shall go to the cause of animal rescue work in this rather plain statement: "From my experience, the addition, 'I realize that it is the human who need educating, as much as the animals saving, if the work is to be permanent.'"

High School Boys Relate Tale of Fifty Mile Hike

Five Elizabeth City Youths, Marooned by Cold Snap, Make Two-Thirds of 78 Mile Trip From Nags Head to Virginia Beach on Foot

Marooned at Nags Head, on the North Carolina Banks some 50 miles south of here, by the cold snap last week-end which paralyzed water traffic on the Carolina coast, five Elizabeth City high school boys arrived home last night after having walked nearly 50 miles of the 78 miles which separate Nags Head and Virginia Beach. They are none the worse for the experience.

The boys are: Charles Hollowell, 17, and his brother, Frank, 16, sons of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hollowell; Tyre Sawyer, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Sawyer; John Kramer, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Kramer; and Horace White, 18, son of Mrs. S. N. Duhan.

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Next morning, the Kitty Hawk Guardsmen took them to a boat at the station, where they stayed Thursday night.

"Fed 'em Like King"

"They had plenty of game there," Charles Hollowell remarked in telling of the trip, "and they fed us like kings."

All day Friday the boys tramped along on the last 49-mile lap of their trip up the beach, stopping only for dinner at a station near Caffrey's Inlet. They arrived in Virginia Beach at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and caught a bus into Norfolk. Thence they came home by train last night.

When the cold snap was at its height, fears were expressed that the pier at Nags Head would be swept away. It held firm, however, despite the weight of the ice floes. If the pier had gone, Nags Head would have been virtually cut off from the outside world until it could be rebuilt—a matter of many weeks.

The only contact the five boys had with the outside world during the most of their enforced stay at the beach resort was by radio, they stated, adding that each night they spent many hours at the home of Jake Work in listening up weather reports, concerts, and whatever they could. The Wool cottage is only a short distance from the Hollowell cottage, at which the five were living.

Local Auto Owners Warned Against 'Interloper'

Propaganda designed to induce Elizabeth City motorists to join the so-called National Motorists Association, carrying with it an aggregate membership fee of \$25, has brought a sharp word of warning from the American Automobile Association, largest organization of the kind in the United States.

In a letter to Chambers of Commerce and other commercial organizations, a copy of which was received by Secretary Job, of the local chamber, the other day, Ernest N. Smith, general manager of the American Automobile Association, reminds the public that the original National Motorists Association went out of existence as a district organization early in 1924, when it was consolidated with the A. A. A.

Mr. Smith quotes Judge Walter D. Meals, of Cleveland, as stating: "There is no National Motorists Association today. Anybody manufacturing in the name of the N. M. A. is an interloper, and those who claim to be the National Motorists Association have only stolen the name of the association without the substance." Judge Meals is a former president of the original N. M. A.

"There are fewer than a dozen fully functioning motor clubs in the United States today that are not members of the American Automobile Association," Mr. Smith writes.

GENERAL HART DIES AFTER AN OPERATION

Washington, Jan. 2.—Major General William H. Hart, quartermaster general of the Army, died today at Walter Reed Hospital here. He was operated on two weeks ago for what was feared to be a cancerous growth. For some time he appeared to be convalescing. He was in his sixty second year.

BELIEVES CONGRESS MAKE APPROPRIATION

Washington, Jan. 2.—Chairman Madden of the House Appropriations Committee today predicted that Congress would make the appropriation necessary to send an American delegation to the League of Nations preliminary conference on disarmament.

PLAINTIFFS WIN DAMAGE AWARDS IN HIGHER COURT

Receiver for Farmers' Ginning & Produce Company Given Judgment in Suits Against Several

FUNERAL CASE TIED

F. H. Ziegler, Undertaker, Wins Action Against Wil- loway; Other Cases Are Disposed of

The case of E. H. Ziegler, receiver for the Farmers' Ginning & Produce Company, against John D. Willoway, was decided in favor of the plaintiff yesterday. Mr. Ziegler was awarded a judgment of \$225, payable within 30 days after the close of the present term of court. The term, which is devoted to civil actions, will continue through the coming week.

Mr. Ziegler, as receiver for the Farmers' Ginning & Produce Company, also won Thursday in an action against O. A. McPherson, and was awarded a judgment of \$17.54 with interest from November 10, 1925.

In a suit against Richard Banks, Mrs. T. B. Coates, of this city, was awarded \$200 with interest from December 20, 1913.

In an action by B. A. Gibbs against A. G. Forbes, the plaintiff was awarded \$11.34 with interest from July 2, 1925. The total award being \$15.34.

Col. Forbes Must Pay Says Court of Appeals

Chicago, Jan. 2.—Colonel Charles R. Forbes, former director of the United States Veterans Bureau, today lost his appeal from conviction of conspiracy to defraud the Government in connection with contracts for hospitals for disabled soldiers. The United States Circuit Court of Appeals confirmed his conviction in the District Court.

FIREMEN WILL BE BURIED ON SUNDAY

Lexington, Jan. 2.—The firemen killed New Year's Eve will be buried here tomorrow. The death list still stands at three.

WANTED YOUNG FOLKS TO RULE IN RUMANIA

Milan, Italy, Jan. 2.—The Corriere della Sera, says that Prince Carol's differences with the Rumanian cabinet regarding the military program arose from his desire to form a new party of young people based on the same principle as Italian fascism.

SEEKS AID COURTS TO ENTER AMERICA

Washington, Jan. 2.—Countess Catherine Karolyi today sought aid of the courts in her fight to gain entrance to the United States. Through her attorney she filed petition asking that Secretary Kellogg be forced to instruct the American consul in Paris to give her a passport.

SALES NEW AUTOMOBILES HAVE BEEN HEAVY

San Francisco, Jan. 2.—The sales of new automobiles in the last fortnight have been very heavy here, but even liberal advertising did not suffice to move used cars.

DEPT WANTS LANGLEY HAD FAIR TRIAL

Washington, Jan. 2.—Representative John W. Lingley of Kentucky, recently convicted in that state of violating the prohibition law, "had a fair trial and was properly convicted," Solicitor General Mitchell advised the Supreme Court today in asking that it refuse to review the case.

NORMANDY'S CITY OF CULTURE IS FLOODED

Paris, Jan. 2.—The city, then known as the intellectual capital of Normandy, is suffering severely from the overflow of the Orne river. Property damage will reach several million francs. Only one death has been reported thus far.

Medals? He's Got 61 of 'Em



This is Fatty La Beauve of Lake Charles, La., one of the ranking Boy Scouts of the country. His first name just misses "Fatty," but he has just won his 61st scout medal.

BOYS AT DEATH'S DOOR WHEN HELP FINALLY ARRIVED

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HAD GIVEN UP HOPE

Neither Able to Leave When Boat Departed from Banks Village for Here Wednesday Night

Old Boreas, grumbling, has reluctantly loosed his grip on the Carolina Sound country. After having been locked tightly in Manteo by piled-up ice for three days, the steamer Trenton made her regular run yesterday, for the first time since Monday, when continued cold trapped her on her return to the Roanoke Island capital.

W. Roosevelt Stowe and Milton Hasket, both of this city, who left here a week ago on a trip to Hatteras in the former's speed boat, and were stranded on Kinnebeck Reef, about 20 miles from their destination, still are at Hatteras. The two youths waited two days, subjected to cold, thirst and hunger, before they were rescued by Stowe's father and brother.

Word received today from Captain Isiah Ballance, of the gas-buggy Kathleen, from Hatteras, who talked with relatives of Stowe before leaving for this city Wednesday night, was to the effect that rescuers reached the two boys just in time to save their lives.

"Stowe wouldn't have lasted until 8 o'clock that night," Captain Ballance quotes the youth's father as saying. "He had given up all hope, and was slowly freezing to death."

"Hasket wasn't much better off, and both boys probably would have been dead before morning."

Mrs. L. C. Lassiter, Stowe's sister, with whom he has made his home since he came to Elizabeth about 15 years ago, stated today that she expected the two youths on the next boat from Hatteras. She expressed the opinion that it would arrive either Sunday or Monday night.

Later information from the almost fatal escapade of Stowe and Hasket in venturing on a boat trip to Hatteras on the eve of the worst December cold snap in the recollection of this generation, apparently does not bear out the first wire reports to the effect that, while Stowe was in a serious condition, Hasket was entirely safe and sound.

In discussing the condition of the youths, Captain Ballance stated that neither was able to return to Elizabeth City with him, who he left for here Wednesday night.

DISMAL SWAMP ROAD IS HOLDING UP WELL

The roads to Bertie County, by way of Winton, Aulander and Ahoskie, are good, according to W. S. Morris of Lewiston, who was in the city on business Saturday. Mr. Morris says the drive toward Lewiston was made without untoward circumstance in between three and four hours. However, the dirt roads were still frozen this morning, and Mr. Morris does not vouch for them, when they begin to thaw. So far, he says, the road across the Dismal Swamp is not very badly cut up.

MRS. SHARBER DEAD

Newland, Jan. 2.—Mrs. Fannie Sharber of Newland, age 78, died Thursday morning at 4 o'clock at her home after a few days illness.

Mrs. Sharber is survived by one sister, Mrs. Charity Turner; by six children, Mrs. W. A. Beamon, Mrs. C. H. Harris, J. G. Sharber, W. D. Sharber, Jim and Gan Sharber and by 21 grandchildren and nine great grandchildren all of Newland.

A funeral service will be conducted Friday by the Rev. W. F. Walters at 2 o'clock at the Newland Methodist Church where Mrs. Sharber has been a member for many years. Burial was in the Whitney cemetery. The pallbearers were her grandsons, Walter and Bruce Jones, Logan, Eugene and Raleigh Sharber and Everett Beamon.

COAST GUARD OPENS RECRUITING OFFICE

A Coast Guard recruiting station was opened in Elizabeth City Saturday, with Frank Bartell, chief machinist's mate, in charge. Headquarters are at the Chamber of Commerce. Some likelihood is seen that this city may early become a permanent recruiting station for the Coast Guard, according to Secretary Job.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS TO RESUME MONDAY MEETINGS

The Men's Bible Class of Blackwell Memorial Baptist Sunday School will resume its regular meetings on Monday night at 7:30 o'clock. There will be an illustrated talk by their teacher on "How we Got Our Bible."

Trenton Ploughs A Path Through Ice To Get Here

A tale of an eventful trip aboard the steamer Trenton to her run Friday from Manteo to this city—her first since the waters of Manteo harbor and Roanoke Sound froze Monday night—is told by P. D. Midgett Jr., now of Chapel Hill and a former resident of Manteo. Mr. Midgett was returning from a holiday visit to relatives.

For nearly eight miles from Manteo down Roanoke Sound to a point near the black lagoon opposite Fort Raleigh, the Trenton had to break her way through a sheet of solid ice," Mr. Midgett stated. "She was the first vessel to leave Manteo after the harbor froze."

"The steamer would go forward until the ice brought her to a halt. Then her engines would be put in reverse, she would back off a little way, and then, graving ahead, she'd hit the ice again."

Timbers in the Trenton's hold cracked and strained under the continued impacts, Mr. Midgett declared, adding that he would have been worried awfully if there had been any wind. There was none, however, and the sea was quiet. The steamer made the trip without mishap, though she arrived here considerably later than usual.

At Hollywood-By-Sea

Hollywood, Fla., Jan. 2.—The Elizabeth City party arrived here safe and happy yesterday. They are expressing great surprise at the wonderful beauty of Hollywood-By-The-Sea. They have enjoyed a motor trip from Jacksonville to Palm Beach and Miami.

VAUDEVILLE GIRL IS BELIEVED BE SUICIDE

Balsbury, Jan. 2.—Companions today attributed the death of Grace Matthews, 24 year old member of the vaudeville troupe, to self-administered poison.

BEGIN INVESTIGATE RUBBER THURSDAY

Washington, Jan. 2.—The House Commerce Committee expects to begin its investigation of the alleged monopoly on crude rubber by the British Colonial Governments next Tuesday. Secretary Hooten is expected to be the first witness.

ROPES HANGING WILL BE CONVICTS FATE

Chicago, Jan. 2.—Mrs. Eliza Nobauer, 58-year-old grandmother, hopes that hanging will be the fate of John Walton Winn, 37, convict, whose love affair with a 15 year old girl, the killing of her husband, Albert, she today confessed completely in the plot.

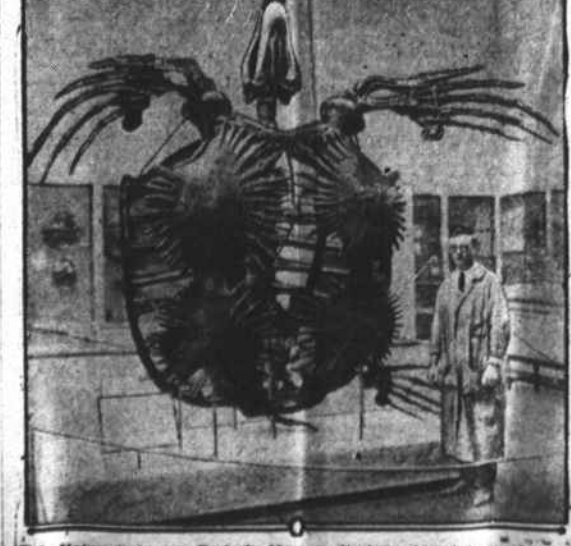
ISSUES CALL TO BANKS

Washington, Jan. 2.—The comptroller of currency today issued a call for the condition of all national banks at the close of business Thursday, December 31.

COTTON MARKET

New York, Jan. 2.—The cotton exchange is closed today on account of the New Year's holiday.

He Was the Biggest Turtle



Tale University's new Peabody Museum displays the skeleton of a prehistoric turtle—the largest turtle that ever lived. A member of the museum staff is shown beside it. One of the turtle's feet is gone. The evidence, scientists say, is that this foot was chewed off by a giant some time before the turtle's death.