

WOOLEN MARKET AFFECTS ALL WHO WEAR CLOTHES

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GUARDED SECRET

Condition of Woolen Mills Not Known But Prices Are Expected to Be Somewhat Lowered This Year

(Copyright, 1925, by The Advance) New York, Jan. 28.—The opening of the heavyweight woolen lines of textiles, scheduled to take place within the next week, will affect the pocketbooks not only of hundreds of thousands of textile workers, but of everybody in America who wears clothes.

It is reported in mill and clothing circles, that when the leading New England interests open its heavyweight lines for 1926, Monday, prices 7 1/2 to 10 per cent below those of last year will be quoted for woolens. Worsteds are not expected to be reduced to so great an extent.

The exact condition of the woolen mills, as regards raw materials is a closely guarded secret. But the adjustment of raw wool costs downward in the last year means that fundamentally the woolen manufacturers are well situated to do a good business.

The shearing season in this country is still two months or more away, except in the extreme Southwest. The domestic wool held over are relatively more plentiful than the foreign offerings.

Decisions as to not know how much of the present buying is to cover immediate requirements and how much is in anticipation of orders after the heavyweight openings, but the activity is significant of the fact that manufacturers at least feel they have a good prospect for business.

The report of spindleage in New England, just made by Government officials, is indicative of the improved and improving conditions of the cotton mills of that territory. It reached 14,762,000 last April but there are indications it will surpass that figure this spring.

Raw cotton has undergone a revision downward under pressure of a huge crop. This condition is favorable to the cotton mills, which have been facing severe pressure from the finishing trades for fabrics at reasonable costs.

Many plants which never before made anything but high grade goods are buying low grade cotton freely and adapting their machinery to handle the shorter staple. They are being helped out materially by the use of rayon.

Every fabric man in the world is aware of the extra ordinary advance in production of rayon and in the demand for rayon and rayon cotton fabrics. The cotton mills of Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Rhode Island have made notable advances in the use of this chemical fibre.

So great has this use grown that there are rumors that sales of rayon are being made slightly below the pegged figures for the first quarter but there is ample evidence that the larger rayon producers are finding ample call for their products and are holding strictly to quotations.

Woolen manufacturers are not using synthetic raw materials to as great an extent yet every woolen textile engineer is preparing for a time when they will do so, although this may not be a prime factor this year.

Plan for Better Police Protection Is Discussed

With Somebody Available by Telephone at Chief's Office Every Hour of Day and Night, Many Think Serious Trouble Might Be Averted

The need for more systematic operation of the local police force, and especially for some sort of an arrangement whereby any resident of the city may be sure of reaching an officer of the law at any time, day or night, is being discussed at a great deal here at present.

Some, while willing to give the present force credit for doing everything that should be expected of it, as matters stand, are arguing that the present system under which a policeman is expected to be in the office above the First & Citizens National Bank, or within hearing distance of the "loud-speaker" telephone at Main and Dindexter streets, isn't sufficient guarantee of security.

These hold that a man should be available over the telephone at all hours, day or night—a man who would never leave it in answer to a summons, but who would keep in touch with the officers on duty and report to them any calls he might receive.

Of course, would necessitate all policemen on duty, except those on special assignments, phoning the office at given intervals through the day and night—every hour, for instance.

The man at the telephone, keeping in touch with the others, would have no enormous duties to perform. He need not be a high priced employe, it is argued, provided only that he be thoroughly dependable. Two men on 12-hour shifts, with an arrangement under which the regular officers would relieve them at meal hours, would be required if this system was put into effect.

There has been some intimation that those interested most keenly in improving the policing of Elizabeth City will bring a suggestion on the order of the foregoing before the City Council in regular meeting Monday night.

With the limited number of men at his disposal, Chief of Police Holmes is given credit generally with doing as well as any police executive obtainable here could do. The chief is intelligent, experienced, and conscientious, but he is handicapped by lack of sufficient men to afford the maximum of protection that Elizabeth City folks have a right to expect.

Or, at least, that's the way a good many folks here look at it.

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CITY MANAGER OF NORFOLK TO BE ROTARY SPEAKER

Walke Truxton Has Accepted Invitation Address Local Club at Weekly Luncheon Friday Night

LOCAL OFFICIALS TOO

County and City Government to Be Represented by Club's Guests in Community Service Program

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TWO CAROLINIANS CARNEGIE HEROES Pittsburgh, Pa., Jan. 28.—The heroism of two North Carolinians was today officially recognized by the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission, meeting here.

To one, a bronze medal was awarded; to the other, a life in the heroic action which the commission today recognized, and the medal was awarded his widow, with death benefits at the rate of \$65 per month, and \$5 a month on account of each of the three children.

Rudolph Lane lived to know that his heroism was recognized; the man who gave his life in attempting to save that of another was H. Bunyon Thomas. His widow lives on route No. 2, Unionville, N. C.

Thomas, aged 33, a farmer, died in an attempt to save J. Thomas Terry, 49, another farmer, from suffocation, at Monroe on September 9, last. Lane, a seventeen-year old student saved another student, L. Athens Mayo, 16, from drowning at Bagley, N. C., on June 22, 1922. His attempt to save another sixteen-year old student, J. Howard Cobb, at the same time, was unsuccessful.

SHOCK IS RECORDED AT CHARLOTTESVILLE Charlotteville, Va., Jan. 28.—An earthquake shock of almost two hours duration was recorded on the seismograph here today, the shocks continuing from 5:41 until 7:13.

WILL FIGHT HASTE ON THE TAX BILL Washington, Jan. 28.—The Senate opened consideration of the tax bill today with opponents of the measure declaring they would fight hasty action even if tax reduction were delayed beyond March 15 when the first income tax payments are due.

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The Church You Sing About



Remember the old song about "The Little Brown Church in the Dale"? Well, this is it—the 70-year-old church at Bradford, N. C., about which the song was written. Inset shows the pastor, Rev. George Hanna. The church has lately become popular as a place for clippers to be married.

PRINCE OF WALES FALLS AND BREAKS HIS COLLAR BONE

Leicester, England, Jan. 28.—The Prince of Wales suffered a broken collar bone when he was thrown from his horse today while hunting with Fernie hounds.

The accident occurred at Little Shelton this afternoon. He is returning to London for medical attention. The Prince fell on his left shoulder. It was his second fall in two days. Yesterday his horse fell dead under him.

No Report Yet On Outcome Inquest Over Skeleton

Camden, Jan. 28.—No report had been received here up to 3 o'clock this afternoon of the result of the coroner's inquest over the unidentified remains of a man found in the Pasquotank River Swamp near Burnt Mill last Friday. The bare bones of the skeleton were all that were left of the body when it was discovered.

Members of the coroner's jury that were to hold the inquest here shortly before noon today for the spot where the skeleton was found, but at 5 o'clock none of them had returned nor had any reports of the result of their investigations reached here. They are hardly expected to arrive here tonight as the distance from here is seven or eight miles and the roads are in very bad condition.

Octogenarians Have Their Health Club

London, Jan. 28.—Manchester octogenarian cotton men have established a club where they are doing their daily "jerks" and keeping themselves fit to the despair of subordinates who hope to step into their shoes.

Lord Incheape, at 73, is still the head of a great shipping organization and far more likely than many of his younger associates.

PRISON SENTENCE FOR MANSLAUGHTER

Charlotte, Jan. 28.—A sentence of five to eight years in State Prison was imposed on Zeh Larnell, 43 year old farmer, in Guilford County here today following conviction of manslaughter yesterday. Darnell was tried for the slaying of Joe Hinson, Pineville postmaster, who was killed Thanksgiving night following a party attended by both men. The plea of the defendant was self defense.

NOT EXPECTED OPPOSE NEW LUTHER CABINET

Berlin, Jan. 28.—The Socialist-Democratic party at a caucus today decided to abstain from voting in the Reichstag when the motion on confidence in the new Luther cabinet comes up for action. (This is regarded as favorable to continuance of the new ministry.

Rubber Is Making Liberia Of Much Interest

Washington, Jan. 28.—Because of the nearness of Liberia to a good rubber country, and American interests have undertaken to develop it as such, on a large scale, the chances are better getting to become a good deal better acquainted with it soon than we've been before.

To be sure, Liberia was invented by Americans, who brought colonizing freed slaves there in 1822, to get them out of the way.

Since Americans started it, it always has been an object of rather special interest in the Washington Government. An American customs receiver and treasury advisor presides over its financial affairs now.

The average American, however, probably never has heard much more about it than just its name.

But if it's about to become the chief source of our rubber supplies, it won't be long before we'll be looking it up on the map.

We'll want to be finding out about the place our tires come from. We'll be sending lots of Americans over to boss the job of getting the rubber cut of the trees and taping it down to the coast and loading it on boats, to bring across to us, for shipment out to Akron and Detroit and other places where it will do the most good.

It isn't likely we shall have many Liberians coming here, but we'll have plenty of Americans visiting Liberia, and they'll bring back the news.

They do say, up at the Commerce Department, which is very much interested in everything that has to do with rubber, just now, that Liberia is a funny spot.



When Ben H. Urbahn, state treasurer of Indiana, was dying he asked Governor Ed Jackson to appoint Mrs. Urbahn to his position after his death. Governor Jackson did so, and now Mrs. Grace Urbahn (above), is Indiana's treasurer.

SENATE CHEERED WHEN GENEVA HEARS REACTION VOTERS TO WORLD COURT ISSUE IN DOUBT

Conference of Jurists Informed by A. P. of Ratification of America's Adherence to World Court

FIVE HOURS' DEBATE

Rapid Fire of Roll Call Reservations Rejected by Overwhelming Majority Until Final Vote Taken

By The Associated Press Geneva, Jan. 28.—Informed by the Associated Press of the Senate's ratification of American adherence to the World Court, George W. Wickersham announced the news at the opening of today's session of the conference of jurists gathered in drafting a code of international law which is expected will vastly increase the usefulness of the Court. The announcement was greeted with expressions of gratification.

Washington, Jan. 28.—American adherence to the world court was approved Wednesday by the Senate by a vote of 76 to 17.

Operating under the drastic closure rule limiting the number of adjournment in order to reach the final vote. There was five hours of debate and then a rapid fire of roll-calls on which every reservation pressed by opponents of the court was rejected by overwhelming majorities.

The final roll call came suddenly after Senator Johnson, Republican, California, had made a dramatic last-minute appeal for rejection of the resolution of adoption. Party lines disappeared in the voting, 40 Republicans and 36 Democrats casting their ballots for adhesion and 14 Republicans, two Democrats and one Farmer-Labor member voting in the negative.

The resolution of ratification, offered by Senator Swanson, Democrat, Virginia, contains not only the Harding-Hughes-Coolidge resolutions, but declarations of policy worked out by friends of the measure which reassert the sovereign right of the United States.

These reservations are known to be acceptable to President Coolidge, but before this country has its signature officially affixed to the court protocol, and statute, they must be accepted through an exchange of notes by the other 48 nations already members of the court.

The salient features of the reservations are that the United States is to have no legal relation to the League of Nations, that it may withdraw from the court at its will and that the tribunal shall not, without the consent of this country, entertain any request for an "advisory opinion" touching any dispute or question in which the United States "has or claims an interest."

The part the klan has played in the Court debate may on the other hand prove a boomerang in some states where the pro World Court people will not be slow to charge that those who voted against the Court did so at the behest of the klan.

While the klan is not increasing its political power so far as surface indications go, there is no evidence that the klan issue has disappeared in certain populous sections of the country where religious warfare is always more or less noticeable in political campaigns.

One of the youngest church organizations in this city, Calvary Baptist Church on Riverside Drive, is exhibiting a spirit of healthy and vigorous growth in every department of its work.

When this congregation was organized the salary paid the pastor was \$200 a year. Subsequently this was increased to \$500, and when Rev. M. F. Boone came to the Calvary pastorate last October, giving half his time and preaching every Sunday night to this charge, the salary was increased to \$1,000 a year.

Calvary Baptist Sunday school now has an enrollment of 123 and has adopted the six point system of attendance records with excellent results. On a recent Sunday, 114 of the enrolled membership of the school were present, 20 of the 22 teachers and officers were in their places, and the collection taken amounted to \$113.35.

Cleveland Simpson is superintendent of Calvary Baptist Sunday School, S. S. Davis is assistant superintendent and choir director, and L. B. Twiford is secretary and treasurer.

BELGIUM PAYS LAST TRIBUTE TO MERCIER

Brussels, Jan. 28.—Belgium today said farewell to Cardinal Mercier. The king as chief mourner bore the casket on foot as it was borne through the streets amid the tolling of bells booming of minute guns and strains of funeral marches from massed army bands. Hundreds of thousands lined the streets to pay tribute to the Prelate whose stand against the German invaders incarnated him as the soul of the wartime nation.

ARMY AND NAVY ARE PROBLEMS FOR CONGRESS

While One Branch Economizes, Other Wants Know What Has Become of Lost Morale of the Services

WORSE THAN NONE

Though No War Clouds Congress Is About to Find Inefficiency in Army and Navy Pretty Bad

By ROBERT T. SMALL

Washington, Jan. 28.—Congress is perturbed once more over the state of the national defense. It probably will have to be a good deal more perturbed before it does anything to help matters.

In the corridors of the Capitol you would be led to believe that Congress is more or less amazed at the situation and has determined to inquire into it post haste to see what can be saved from the wreck of material and personnel; what can be done to restore the lost morale of the armed services.

Then you rub your eyes and you find the House of Representatives giving the Navy another big kick in the slats, out-economizing the economical wizard that directs the budget. Congress must know what it is doing when it votes constantly to reduce the Army and Navy appropriations and yet there is the outcry for an investigation into the state of the defense.

It was pointed out in these dispatches at the time of Colonel Mitchell's fervid outburst at San Antonio that the real trouble with the Army and the Navy was a lack of funds with which to carry out staff programs and with which to maintain the Navy on a

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Two Tugs Lost In Lake Storm

Muskegon, Michigan, Jan. 28.—Two fishing tugs, the Helen M., and the Indian, with eight men aboard, caught in a terrific gale on Lake Michigan, dropped out of sight at 2 o'clock this morning, the night and a blizzard made it impossible to locate them.

Shortly after daybreak the Coast Guard crew started out again in the blizzard in search of the tugs. During the night the Coast Guard got within half a mile of the tugs but could not shoot a line to the helpless vessels. The tugs went out yesterday morning spending the day at fishing grounds far off port unaware of the approaching storm.

COTTON MARKET

New York, Jan. 28.—Cotton futures opened toward at the following levels: March, 20.25; July, 18.95, Dec. 17.95. New York, Jan. 28.—Spot cotton closed quiet, middling 20.90, points unchanged. Futures, closing bid: March 20.15, May 19.58, July 18.95, October 18.20, December 17.94.

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