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## FRENCH TIGER TO SAIL FOR FRANCE

### Closes His "Peace Mission" in United States With Speech At New York

New York, Dec. 13.—Surrounded by friends of France, in a hall festooned with the intertwined flags of America and his own land, Georges Clemenceau last night came to the end of his "peace mission" and took leave of the United States.

He appeared in the grand ballroom of Hotel Pennsylvania, before 1,300 members of the American Committee for Devastated France. Immediately after he had spoken he motored to the steamer Paris, on which he sails back home today.

The Tiger of France received ovation after ovation—first when he entered the hall to the strains of the "Star Spangled Banner," again when he was referred to in an address by Jules J. Jusseand, French Ambassador to the United States, again when he was introduced by Owen Winter and several times during his brief talk.

Clemenceau spoke only about ten minutes, explaining he "was tired, had a sore throat, and wanted to go to bed."

"I cannot find words," he began, "to express my gratitude for so kind a welcome."

"I had made up my mind about a week ago to make here tonight a long and elaborate speech to prove a great many things that need not be proved and to tell you many things which you know as well as I do."

"Why should I speak? I have got a sore throat, I am tired, I am old, and I want very much to go to bed."

"But all this will not prevent me from saying one more word that I ought to say. I came to this country to accomplish a duty which nobody asked me to accomplish. I came to appeal to the American mind, and the answer came from American hearts."

"My dear friends, I have seen your suffering in this bloody cruel war. I am a witness for them, if they need any. I know from the first mo-

ment that you were going to win very much longer. You have done splendid work, as great I should say or greater than could be expected from your sons and brothers and husbands; but there remained a duty, and the greatest part of it was beautifully accomplished by the ladies that I have beside me, who with generosity, with kind hearts toward those who had suffered so much, did more than they could have been expected to do."

"For this I am not to thank you—that is not enough. I do not believe in reward. I think each good heart is its best reward to itself."

"I want simply to tell you that we acknowledge it, and we are ever thankful for it. When the Americans came they arose among us great hopes. We had been promised the end of the war, pity, generosity, all the great dreams that man has when promoting with himself under the stars. These dreams have never been realized. We were told they were going to be and we all believed it."

"But now a sorry time had come. No more question of killing or dying or inflicting wounds and bleeding. Now the time for peace, that is, for duties which may be harder than it seems."

"America left after having disinterested herself from the action of the treaty. I know the feelings was all right. I do not suspect a moment that there was in American heads anything than this, that they had accomplished their duty and could leave the right to other times."

"They thought, seeing the soldiers coming home, 'we are through.' The trouble is you were not through; at least we were not. We were left and struggled and suffered, and we were not paid, and we have to bow and spend money for reparation that Germany ought to have paid, but which nobody has found ways to oblige her to pay. In that way we suffered and we did not complain."

"But as far as I am concerned, I suffered very much more when I heard that we were charged with being militaristic and imperialistic in America and that made me jump from my very pleasant seat on the ocean and come to America to ask you what was the matter."

"What the matter was, I know it now. The matter was that you were not well informed. The matter was that you did not know what was our condition. The matter was that you thought France was militaristic and imperialistic, when Germany was militaristic and imperialistic. And that fact was that as soon as you understood it, I heard but one cry—'Vive La France.'"

"In a few hours I am going to sail back having accomplished a mission which I have not received, as

## BLUE SKY STOCK ARTISTS BONDS MUST BE PAID

### Two Men Alleged To Have Swindled Farmers, Fail To Appear For Trial

Greensboro, Dec. 12.—Solicitor J. C. Bower will demand at this term of Guilford superior court, now in session, that the bonds of J. B. Pegram and L. R. Rabe, two alleged blue sky artists, be paid, as the men have not put in an appearance since they were ordered to appear before a magistrate on a charge of violating the laws of the state regarding stock selling.

The two were arrested last summer after, it is said, they had roamed the rural sections of Davie, Forsyth and Randolph counties, devouring the shekels of the thrifty farmers, on promises of great wealth to be made by the stockholders of the High Point Springline Shade company. The people who are supposed to clutch a dollar a long time before they will turn it loose, fairly tumbled over themselves in giving their gear to the slickers, it was stated at the time of the men's arrest.

They did not show up after they gave their bonds of \$1,000 each, and Mr. Bower is determined that they shall be paid. He called for them this morning, by a motion, but on account of the absence of one of the men's lawyers the motion went over until next week.

## BOLD BANDITS ESCAPE WITH \$96,000 LOOT

### Hold Up Bank Manager in Crowded Lobby And Speed Away In Motor Car

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 13.—Three bandits rushed into the crowded lobby of the live stock exchange building here yesterday, shot and probably fatally wounded Thomas F. A. Henry, credit manager of the Drovers' National Bank, and escaped with \$96,000 loot.

A house detective and three other employes of the stock exchange building were accompanying Henry from the postoffice substation on the main floor of the building when they were confronted by the bandits.

Henry was pushed his way through a nearby door into a commission firm's office. One bandit shouted "Get back there, or I'll kill you."

Then Henry attempted to toss the money bag over a small partition which subdivided the room. One of the bandits fired point blank into Henry's back. Henry crumpled to the floor. The bag rolled to the floor and the bandit caught it.

The three others backed out of the lobby, holding their pistols leveled at the watchers. They leaped into a large motor car and sped away. The money bag contained \$100,000 in cash. One package of \$4,000 was recovered when the robbers dropped it in their rush to escape.

Five men were arrested in the vicinity of the robbery and held for investigation.

## MOTHER AND FATHER PNEUMONIA VICTIMS

Lumberton, Dec. 13.—Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Britt, of Route 4, Lumberton, were buried in the same grave Tuesday afternoon, both having died Monday night of pneumonia, following influenza. There was only two hours' difference in the time of their deaths. Two of the five small children surviving are seriously ill with influenza.

If you consider your time, money and land worth anything, read and land worth anything, don't waste it by using poor seed next spring.

I told you but hoping that I give you matter to think over, to ponder on. You see in France we are almost at the eve of the greatest difficulties we have encountered since the end of the war. We have been quarrelling too often with England and this might have been avoided if America had been there.

"We do not ask for anything. I do not ask for pity. I do not ask for charity. I do not ask for help. We want to do our duty ourselves."

"You have been good toward our widows, toward our children, toward our fatherless orphans, and for this we thank you. And in doing this you certainly have done more than a great many nations would have done for themselves."

"If you think that now this great motion for liberation has carried France and a part of Europe through war for independence and if you think you can do something for them, as has been done for you, My Friends, it is for you to judge."

"I end by this simple word which I have repeated very often, and which I want you to ponder—a nation can not be great one day and small another."

## FINAL FORECAST OF COTTON CROP

### Smallest in 20 Years, Excepting Last Year; Ranks Fourth in Value

Washington, Dec. 12.—This year's cotton production is the smallest in twenty years, excepting last season's small crop but based on December 1 farm prices, it is the fourth most valuable ever grown with an aggregate of \$1,134,608,366, not including the value of linter cotton and cottonseed which will total many billions of dollars more.

The crop this year was placed to-day by the Department of Agriculture in its final estimate of the season at 1,767,262,000 pounds of lint, which is equivalent to 9,964,000 bales of 500 pound gross weight (487.4 pounds of lint and 31.6 pounds of bagging and ties estimated per bale.) This final estimate is smaller by 171,000 bales than any of the government's forecasts of the season made from condition reports during the growing season.

While there was a large acreage in cotton this year, the boll weevil got in its work with extremely heavy damage and drought in many sections materially assisted in keeping down the production. South Carolina and Georgia were hardest hit of any of the cotton growing States, their production being about forty per cent of the average of the five years, 1916 to 1920.

The farm price of cotton on December 1 averaged 23.8 cents per pound, which ranks fourth highest in the history of the industry, being exceeded only by the price in 1917, 1918 and 1919.

Statisticians estimate the dimensions of this year's crop in bales to be equal to a cube six hundred feet square and six hundred feet high.

The average per running bale this season is estimated at 503.5 pounds gross.

The estimated production by States follows:

South Carolina	580,000.
Georgia	725,000.
Florida	25,000.
Alabama	835,000.
Mississippi	1,010,000.
Louisiana	357,000.
Texas	3,290,000.
Arkansas	1,040,000.
Tennessee	400,000.
Missouri	149,000.
Oklahoma	85,000.
California	85,000.
Arizona	42,000.
All other States	15,000.

Prior to December 1 there had been ginned 9,318,144 running bales, as announced by the census bureau. That would indicate there are approximately 646,000 bales remaining to be ginned.

## THE CHRISTMAS TREE THAT SATISFIES

"No human being, of himself, is satisfied. For this reason Christ came into the world. Last Christmas Paul Rader sent to his personal friends a strikingly beautiful Christmas message. He said, in part: "How beautiful a type of our loving Lord is the Christmas tree. It is cut down, as he was, for the use of others; cut down and taken from his home to our homes for joy. His cutting down on that cruel cross, becoming a curse for us, satisfied—yes, praise God!—fully every desire of our hearts. The Christmas tree sparkles with iridescent light, cheerily, merrily, brightening the room and the happy faces; but He is light with all its glow and glory of color, cheering, lighting, warming, comforting, delighting. His light alone satisfies; for it alone can put away all darkness, letting us 'walk in the light, as he is in the light.' This light alone brings fellowship. Loneliness cannot reach us; he satisfies. The Christmas tree is loaded with presents. He came to give gifts to men—the more abundant life for spirit, soul and body. In him and through him for us today are gifts, gifts for every need. Our names are written on them, but we have never opened them. Will you with me this Christmas draw up close to him, 'thankful, oh, so thankful, dear Lord,' and take! take! take! For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness."—Selected from Sunday School Times by D. H. Hood.

Simple designs are the most beautiful. The best dressed woman is one of whom people do not say "what a beautiful gown," but rather "what a beautiful woman."

Every thought of giving your son a partnership in the farm business? Present the matter to him this Christmas.

## ATHLETICS

### (By Mattie Brown)

The Dunn High school basketball team played their home game of the county series in Asheville on Friday, December 7. The boys won by a score of 26 to 15. The Asheville boys put up a good fight, and the Dunn boys were made by Blagden and the Dunn boys had a good game in agility and teamwork as well as shooting. The Dunn boys shot to Asheville girls by a score of 35 to 23.

The second game of the series was played on the home court Tuesday, December 12, with the Dunn boys playing a very good game which was featured by shooting and shooting of Blagden. The score was 36 to 15 in favor of Dunn. The game totals the Dunn boys have a record of six straight for Dunn. The Asheville boys have a record of four straight for Asheville. The following are the players for Dunn: Dunn, Dowd, Wilson, E. L., Jackson, T., Farrell, Field goals, Dowd, Wilson, E. L., Wilson, E. L., 2; Farrell, 2; Field goals, Woodworth, 4, L. L., 2. Foul goals, Woodworth, 1 out of 4. Referee, Bill Scorer, Mr. Wright.

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## BIG LAND SALE ATTRACTED CROWD

### Property Sold Well And People Enjoyed Barbecue And Other Refreshments

One of the most unique and successful land sales ever held in this section was staged Wednesday on East Broad Street when a portion of the E. O. Townsend property was disposed of by The Atlantic Coast Realty Co.

Promptly at the appointed hour Astoria's splendid band formed at the intersection of Broad and Railroad streets and began to dispense some good music as a preliminary to the event. After a few popular airs, a greatly-crowded assembly and the throng, on mass, moved to the location of the property where a still larger concourse of citizens and buyers had gathered.

As soon as possible the wagon of the auctioneer was placed in position, the band played, the condition of the sale was announced by M. Ferrell, and the bidding started up on time. For three hours Dunn Street citizens, believing in the future of the East-Town and anxious to make an investment that will inevitably yield big returns, displayed their liberality by acquiring portions of this property. The one hundred lots, 25 x 150, brought approximately twenty thousand dollars, or an average of two hundred dollars each.

The number was fine, the land sold well, and all present, both the operators and participants seem to be well pleased.

At the conclusion of the sale and while the \$100.00 was being awarded to the lucky ones, Wm. H. Ferrell, flew over in his big plane and dropped six small parachutes which contained the names of the prizes to be given away. This precipitated a mad rush which resulted in the survival of the fittest. Various Turf operators, who were present, were also present.

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## CHRISTMAS CHECKS FOR COTTON DUE SATURDAY

### A Second Advance of \$25 On Each Bale—Receipts Show Lot-Up

Raleigh, Dec. 13.—The first batch of "Christmas checks" from the North Carolina Cotton Growers' Co-operative association are due to go out Saturday. These checks will represent a second advance of \$25.00 on each bale of cotton delivered to the association up to December 1.

The last two weeks has been the quietest that the headquarters of the co-operative has had. In addition to having to prepare for sending out thousands of checks to growers, the association has been receiving cotton right along at the rate of nearly 1,000 bales a day. There has been a considerable lot-up in deliveries since the close of November, it is stated, but receipts are still heavy.

The association headquarters report receipts to date of more than 125,000 bales on which advances totaling more than \$8,000,000 have already been made and on which more than \$3,000,000 will be advanced within the next few days.

The physical task of handling thousands of accounts with members will govern all checks from going out on December 16, but they will begin moving then and the various batches will follow each other in quick succession.

It is safe to say that there will be no Christmas presents this year that will be more gladly welcomed than these advance checks.

## COATS-MASSONIC LODGE OPPOSED TO THE KLANNS

### Adopts Resolution Heartily Disapproving of Masked Mob Violence—Also Favors Special Act

Coats Lodge A. F. and M. S. of Coats, N. C., passed a resolution at a regular communication held December 12, condemning masked mob violence, and went on record as favoring a special act to be passed by the state legislature.

The resolution was adopted by a vote of 1