

Famed Editor Denies South Is No. 1 Problem

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answers:

I deny that the South is the "Nation's No. 1 Problem," or the nation's problem at all. The South was left with a problem in 1865 when it was stripped of its wealth and it has been working on it ever since and with remarkably successful results.

Reliable estimates have shown that in 20 years after the Civil War 5,000,000 of the best young men of the South left to seek their fortunes elsewhere. Notwithstanding that migration, and the political misrule from which the South suffered for years following the War Between the States, the South has gone along solving its own problems, which it will continue to do if reformers from other sections, and people who are jealous of its success, let it alone.

Unfortunately there are those in the South who have been prone to call for help whenever the price of cotton is low, or whenever a crisis of some kind, as a part of the economic picture, affects the South. Some of the Southern newspapers have fallen into the habit, and are doing so today, of saying we need national help. The only help the South needs is fair treatment.

As an agricultural section for generations it will be recognized, although the South today is fast becoming a manufacturing region, that per capita wealth cannot be expected in a few years to equal that of industrial sections. Agricultural states or countries never have gained the wealth that manufacturing brings. Home markets created through industrial development are necessary too for successful agriculture. But the South has now set about in earnest developing its natural resources for manufacturing which are unequalled in any similar area on earth.

Facts From Census Reports
Below are facts taken from United States Census reports, which I think are convincing:

It is a fact that the value of the South's manufactured products is 2 1/2 times that of its agricultural products.

It is a fact that the value of the South's manufactured goods in 1935 was \$8,632,238,000, or nearly 20 per cent of the total value of manufactured products of the entire United States, the South included.

It is a fact that the value of the South's manufactured products declined less than 17 per cent between 1927 and 1934, compared with a decline of over 29 per cent for the rest of the country.

It is a fact that the South regarded as an agricultural area, has nearly 25 per cent of the manufacturing establishments of the United States.

It is a fact that the material, containers, fuel and purchased power, the South in 1935 paid \$5,411,460,000, or more than 26 per cent of the amount spent for similar purpose by manufacturers of the country, the

Once Rich, but Now—



Francis French . . . he asks WPA job

Once a member of the social set at Newport, R. I., Francis French, father of Mrs. John Jacob Astor, III, now reveals he has filed application for a WPA job. French, who still spurns aid from his wealthy daughter and son-in-law, took a job driving a taxi when he went broke. His daughter is the former Ellen "Tucky" French.

South included.

Productions of the South
It is a fact that the value of the South's mineral production in 1936 was \$1,739,431,000, compared with \$2,922,569,000 for the rest of the country, the South included.

It is a fact that the value of lumber products produced in the Southern States for 1935, which is the latest figure available was \$229,474,000, or nearly 42 per cent of the value of lumber production of the entire United States, the South included.

It is a fact that the South produced in 1936, 70 per cent of the natural gas produced in the United States.

It is a fact that in 1937 the South produced 67 per cent of the crude petroleum produced in the United States.

It is a fact that the South produced in 1937, 23 per cent of the electricity produced in the United States by public and private plants.

It is a fact that the capacity of the public utility plants of the South is 24 per cent of the capacity of

public utility plants of the United States, the South included.

It is a fact that the internal revenue tax paid in 1937 by the South was almost 24 per cent of the total paid by the entire United States, the South included.

The South's Manufacturing
It is a fact that 87 per cent of the cotton used in all American mills is consumed in the South by the textile establishments.

It is a fact that installed spindles in the South are 18,913,455, compared with 8,069,000 for the rest of the country.

It is a fact that the South has more than 70 per cent of the rayon manufacturing capacity of the country.

It is a fact that the South produces 47 per cent of the country's output of coal, excluding Pennsylvania anthracite.

It is a fact that the South produces virtually all the sulphur produced in the United States.

It is a fact that the South produces the entire output of the country's bauxite.

It is a fact that the South produces practically all the carbon black from natural gas.

Cotton Not Sole Income
It is a fact that while cotton is the leading crop, cash farm income from cotton last year was \$645,325,000, while the total cash farm income of the South during the same period was \$2,851,052,000 so that cotton represents less than 25 per cent of the income the South derives from its agriculture.

It is a fact that the South manufactured 25 per cent of the blasting powder and high explosives made in America.

It is a fact that the South manufactures in its 478 fertilizer factories 70 per cent of the dollar value of fertilizer produced in America.

It is a fact that last year the total commerce passing in and out of Southern ports reached a dollar value of \$1,475,624,582, or an increase over the year preceding of 29 per cent, while the value of exports through Southern ports totals nearly 30 per cent of the value of exports of the United States.

It is a fact that in 1936 a total of almost one billion dollars was invested in new construction work for buildings, roads, streets, industrial and engineering projects. Of this total \$322,000,000 was for industrial plants.

It is a fact that in the last two years \$100,000,000 has been invested in new paper and pulp mills in the South. In this branch of industry a total of more than \$200,000,000 is now invested in 12 of the Southern States.

It is a fact that in 1936 the South bought \$4,000,000,000 worth of new life insurance, as compared with \$11,000,000,000 for the rest of the United States.

Three species of rattlesnakes, and two of water-moccasins may be seen alive in the natural habitat by visitors to the State Museum, a division of the State Department of Agriculture.

Everything we have is taxed—even our credulity and patience.

Scouts Promoted By Court Of Honor

Eagle badges were presented to William Barton and Brainard Burrus, of Canton, troop 1, and the bronze eagle palm to Seascout Ben Colkitt, of Waynesville, troop 2, at a session of the court of honor of the Daniel Boone council of the boy scouts held in Canton Tuesday night. Forty-six other scouts were promoted and awarded merit badges.

William Medford presided and the awards were made by L. M. Richeson, Carleton Peyton, B.E. Colkitt, George Arthur, A. M. Fairbrother, and Scout Executive A. W. Allen. The August meeting of the district court also will be held in Canton.

Promoted To Tenderfoot

Those promoted were: Tenderfoot, Luther Rollands, Canton, troop 1; Herman Wyatt, Hazelwood, troop 5; Richard Peck, Lake Junaluska, troop 8; David Smathers, Canton, troop 4; and Harry Sherrill, Canton, troop 4.

Second class, Calvin Shope, Canton, troop 1; Earle Justice, Canton, troop 1; Aldeen Hall, Waynesville, troop 3; Harry Clarke, Canton, troop 4; Howard Pressley, Canton, troop 4; Carl Cagle, Canton, troop 4; Lewis

Seruggs, Hazelwood, troop 5. First class, Frank M. Childers, Canton, troop 4; George Saunders, Canton, troop 4; and Billy Alexander, Canton, troop 1.

Bill Harrison, of Canton, troop 4, was promoted to the rank of star scout and Charles Willis, of Canton, troop 1, and John Ahlim, of Canton, troop 1, to the rank of life scout.

Awarded Merit Badges
The following merit badges were awarded:

Charles Willis, of Canton, troop 1, horsemanship; Billy Haliburton, Canton, troop 1, cooking and bird study; Bruce Sharp, Canton, troop 1, bookbinding; Wayne Park, Canton, troop 1, public health, personal health, and bookbinding; Raymond Richards, Canton, troop 1, handicraft and bookbinding; T. S. Grogan, Jr., Canton, troop 1, civics; George L. Snyder, Canton, troop 1, handicraft and cooking; William Barton, Canton, troop 1, farm layout and building arrangement; Bryson Ledford, Canton, troop 1, farm layout and building arrangement; Carey Wells, Canton, troop 1, pathfinding, friendship; Carol Powell, Canton, troop 1, first aid and handicraft; Wallace Wilson, Canton, troop 1, handicraft; Bobby Smathers, Canton, troop 1, safety; Billy Alexander, Canton, troop 1, pathfinding. Joe Haliburton, Canton, troop 1,

LOSES LICENSE

The drivers license of Ned [name] route two, has been revoked because of a "hit and run" charge, according to the state highway department.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the friends and relatives for the kindness and sympathy shown during the illness of our son, Earl [name]. Mr. and Mrs. F. A. [name] Family.

firemanship; Ben [name], Waynesville, troop 2, electricity; Bradley, Waynesville, troop 2, work; Rex Muse, Canton, troop 1, poultry keeping; Frank [name], Waynesville, troop 4, poultry keeping; forestry, machinery, agriculture, engineering, and automobile; Ralph Childers, Canton, troop 4, handicraft; Noel Sharp, Canton, troop 4, first aid and handicraft.

Extended rainy and cool weather occurring in North Carolina this June has delayed crop growth and generally, crops are from two to three weeks later than usual, reports the State Department of Agriculture.



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