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Horrible Fate Experienced by Syrians.

Joseph Adamy, a Syrian who lives in Greensboro, received the first letter this week that he had had from home in more than four years. The letter was from his sister, and informed him that she was the only surviving member of the family, mear and more distant relatives to the pumber of 30 having died. A reporter of The Greensboro News, who saw the letter, says:

"Human interest was touched when the sister described bitterly the noble fight they made for life. Her husband, she said, denied himself food that it might be left for the children, and as a result he died more than a year ago, Left by herself to care for the little ones, she attempted to raise food in a garden, but the Turks made another cruel raid, leaving desolation in their wake. Roofs were removed from the houses, she continued, and every piece of woodwork was seized by the Turks, as well as all of the farming devices. But when they left, she walked to Mont Lebanon, a distance of more than 30 miles, to get food the children. With no shoes and only the tatter ed garments she had worn for more than three years, she completed the journey, but was only able to obtain two pounds of flour. Alas, when she returned home tired, sick and almost starved, she found two of the children dead. With only a small stick she dug two little graves, and the children were given a Christian burial.

"Boys and girls walked through the streets crying for bread, and it was not uncommon for a small child to plead "For God-Mercy, for Christ, give me just a biscuit." Boiled grass and a sort of bread made from oats were almost all they had to eat except, perhaps, the carcass of domestic animal.

"But the invasion by Allied troops brought partial relief, she said hopefully, 'and we praise God for the Allies, especially America.' The Americans have promised us to bring more food." In speaking of the United States soldiers. the last line was well translated verbat-"They to us are as the soldiers of the Jesus Christ."

THE LITTLE SCHOOL MA'AM.

(Written for The Gazette.) Only a little school teacher. With a very big heart inside And nobody knows of the trouble that flows Into that heart of pride.

Only a plainly dressed school ma'am, Some folks call them "common," you know.

But there's something so sweet, so plain, and so neat About them, that "common" wont go.

Only a busy school teacher. One of the "much oppressed." Yet she murmurs not of her busy lot, But makes of it all the best.

Only a tired little school ma'am, Wearing that tired sweet smile. And she never complains when it snows

But feigns happiness all the while.

Only a vexed little school ma'am, Something gone wrong somewhere, Her temper gets loose, and you'd better vamoose!

Or you'll wish you had been nowhere

BY ONE WHO KNOWS THEM.

STERN NECESSITY.

Stern necessity demands at the present a union of nations the world over. This union must have a federal head with sufficient "force of arms" to enforce its demands. With all the nations in this union mutually agreed, there will be no enemies at which to shoot. Unless

this federation should have a tyrant or a

fool at its head, there should be no danger of such a union. Force of arms will always be necessary to quell great disturbances such as the world has just experienced, but above all must be brains to guide the Ship of State. With all the great nations in council, the world will be made a fit place

for mankind to dwell. S. S. PETERSON, M. D. Gastonia, N. C., March 14, 1919.

PARIS, March 12 .- With President Wilson's arrival 48 hours away the supreme war council is today giving final consideration to the military, naval and air terms for Germany. Delegates also finally determined the northern and eastern boundaries of Germany and will take up the Western German border Friday. These will be considered Saturday with President Wilson present. Germany will not be allowed to change the terms of the treaty. Premier Lloyd George and President Wilson will lead the movement for the abolition of conscription, with some European nations opposing it.

TEXAS PREPARING TO REDUCE ACREAGE

Along the Same Lines That Are Being Followed in Other Southern States.

Press dispatch from Dallas says: Cotton Growers, with 1,600.000 bales stored away, see danger of losing money

Fearing cotton prices will sink near the pre-war levels, unless measures are taken to prevent it, Southern cotton growers are joining in a movement for general reduction of 1919 acreage. In Texas the move has taken the form of a pledge to reduce acreage to two-thirds of that of 1918. The State Agricultural Department is emphasizing the benefits of planting grain on the acreage thus saved.

The Government crop report placed last year's Texas production at 2,580,-000 bales. Cotton was around 35 cents a pound at the close of the picking season, but many growers and some speculators felt it would reach 40 cents and did not sell. Prices fell, however, with the signing of the armistice, and since then have beet wavering between 21 and 25 cents.

Bankers who loaned money to growers found their security diminished, and plantation owners found their crops of less value than when harvested. Texas growers estimate there are 1,600,000 bales stored by individuals and in the compresses. Thev declare much of this has been damaged by winter rains.

While cotton at 21 to 25 cents is higher than before the war, growers say production costs is so much higher that they will lose money at

25 cents a pound. Last year's government reports placed the Texas acreage at 11.235,-000. By reducing this one-third. bankers and agriculturists feel that prices can be held to a point that will bring a profit and also bring a higher price for the unmoved crop

The council of defense chairman in each county and the county agricultural agent have been named as cornmittees to aid in an extensive advertising campaign to persuade all planters to sign the two-thirds acreage pledge.

MUST STAND TOGETHER.

The farmers will all have to stand together or they will all fall together. Co-operation is the one salvation of the farmers and when they undertake as they have done to all hand together in order to force a higher price for the product on which so much of their financial future depends, no fair minded person can do otherwise than wish them well.

And the farmer, committed to the plan of holding his cotton as a means of boosting the price, ought to die play genuine building tenacity. It will not do to held a couple of weeks and then let go inst because the market shows a little unward slant. This will not be kneping the pledce. This is not the sort of attitude that will make an impression on the man and the interests who are matching their wills with those of the farmer !! the farmer wints to prove to those men and three interests that he is in deadly earnest he will have to show more than but a little termorary determination to bold his cotten.

Nor is coldistarout the only incen tive that should move the farmer in the preesnt emergency. Equally as spirit of lovalty to his fellow formers The cotton grower has his obligation to his fellow cotton grower as well as to himself and it cortainer sceme that he owes it to the rost of the men in the calling to adhere closely to the program which the majority seem to feel is the wisest under the circum-

There has been a disposition on the part of one part of the public to take it for granted that the farmer has been making hig money in recent years. And the farmer has done better than in the pre-war years, but the high cost of living and of materials has hit the farmer as severely as it has any one else and his net profits have been by no means extravagant. He is entitled to the sympathy of every one who wants to see fair play in the great game of American enterprise.-News and Observer.

The following information in regard to the progress of the cotton association's fight was given out: "Editors in the leading financial papers state that 'the organization of cotton farmers throughout the entire cotton belt, we find, is more complete and the most systematic and most thorough. The men behind the movement understand the importance of the vital necessity of the organization. A personal investigation of men in the field convinces us that beyond a shadow of doubt the pledge reductions will be carried out to the letter. Furthermore, that most important of all, indications are that steps being taken will lead to remarkable changes in the marketing of cotton. It is an unwritten law that following all wars remarkable changes and various phases of business usually result and the chances are that one of the most remarkable changes will take place in the commercial life of the South."

IDEAL

George Larkin and Betty Compson in "THE TERROR OF THE RANGE" "BUMS AND BOARDERS" Big V Comedy

'LOVES YOUNG SCREAM'' Rolin Comedy

TUESDAY

Tom Moore in "GO WEST YOUNG MAN"

"THERE AND BACK"

WEDNESDAY: JANE AND CATHERINE LEE SWAT THE SPY"

These two imps never fail to furnish the best of entertainment.

THURSDAY

'THE MANTLE OF CHARITY' Featuring Beautiful

Margurita Fisher "FORD WEEKLY"

FRIDAY

William Farnum in

Zane Grey's Dramatic

Masterpiece "THE RAINBOW TRAIL"

Sequel to The Riders of the Purple Sage'

COMING

ANNETTE KELLERMAN IN "QUEEN OF THEISEA"

A SERMON IN SAND.

(By E. C. Gottry, Wilwaukee, Wis.) The Master sat by the roadside,

Far away from the town and its din And the Pharisees brought for judgment A woman o'ertaken in sin.

A woman whose name had been tarnished And blackened by tangue and by pen-Whose every mistake had been published By a rabble of self-righteons men.

And they told of her life full of errors, With many an "T've heard" and "they say. But she stood mute, nor ever made an

swer. Nor turned from the Master away. She stood thus accused, said and friend

With no one to take her part, And rested her ease with the jurist Who judges the human heart.

The Master sat listening in silence To each charge by the rabble bold; And the law laid down by the lawyers. With precedent heavy and old: But He spake never a word nor a sen-

tence, As He gazed on the throng pressing round-

He also knows every life story-And He stooped and wrote on the ground.

He wrote in the sand of the desert. That no record might ever be made. That no other eyes might behold the lines.

Nor tongue repeat what He said. And the shifting sands of the desert. As they tossed in the playful wind, Wiped out the words that the Master wrote.

And left no record behind.

He wrote not on parchment or paper; He wrote not with pencil nor pen; His words were for the time and the moment;

For a woman and self-righteous men. But the moral will live through the ages, And forever as pattern will stand; Teaching mortals to judge kindly of

And write of their errors in sand.

We know naught of what was then writ-

For the writing passed with the day; But the indictment penned by the Master Caused the accusers to steal way. Perchance, 'twas a tale of men's honor; Perchance, of their erime and their

shame, In which each self-righteous accuser Saw written his own guilty name.

Or again, perchance, of the woman; Of her life and her friendless lot; Of the temptations spread out before her; Of the many hard battles she'd fought. We know not one word that was written, But here is a thought that's grand: That the Master wrote with His finger,

CALOMEL DYNAMITES A SLUGGISH LIVER

Crashes Into Sour Bile, Making You Sick and You Lose a Day's Work.

Calomel salivates! It's mercury, Calomel acts like dynamite on a sluggish liver. When calomel comes into contact with sour bile it crashes into it, causing eramping and nausea.

If you feel bilious, headachy, constipated and all knocked out, just go to your druggist and get a bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone for a few cents which is a harmless vegetable substitute for dangerous calomel. Take a spoonful and if it doesn't start your liver and straighten you up better and quicker than nasty calomel and without making you sick, you just go back and get your money.

If you take calomel today you'll be sick and nauseated tomorrow; besides, it may salivate you, while if you take Dodson's Liver Tone you will wake up feeling great, full of ambition and ready for work or play. It's harmless, pleaslike it.

Report of the Condition of THE BESSEMER CITY BANK,

it Bessenier (i.y in the State of North 'arolina, at the close of business, March

RESOURCES Loans and Discounts\$59,562.51 Furniture and Fixtures 1,000.00 Due from National Banks.... 8,600,74 Silver Coin, including all minor coin currency National Bank Notes and other

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock paid in \$10,000,00 Undivided Profits, less current expenses and taxes paid.... Desposits subject to check..... 42,784.96 Time certificates of deposit., 19,155,80 Cashier's checks outstanding .. 1,423,65

\$75,092.86 State of North Carolina-County of Gaston, March 15, 1919. I. O. M. Vernon, Cashier of the above-

named Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. O. M. VERNON, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 15th day of March, 1919. J. H. Wilkins, Notary Public

1. A. WHITE,

CORRECT-Attest: R. C. KENNEDY, JOHN J. ORMAND.

Directors.

Report of the Condition of THE MOUNT HOLLY BANK,

at Mount Holly in the State of North Carolina, at the close of business, March

RESOURCES

KESSOCKCES	
Loans and Discounts	75,114.31
Overdrafts, secured	262.41
North Carolina State Bonds and	
W. S. Stamps	44,216,00
Furniture and Fixtures	700,00
Demand Loans	32,204,50
Due from National Banks	6,830.98
Due from State Banks and	100
Bankers	11,820,64
Gold Coin	80,00
Silver Cair, meluding all min-	
or coin correscy values.	743,50
National Bank Notes and oth-	
et F. S. Notes	3,220,000

\$178,192.34 LIABILITIES

Undivided Profits, less current expenses and taxes paid. . . . 7,949.30 Deposits subject to check 101,529,71 Time certificates of deposit. . . 42,078.04 Cashier's checks outstanding.. 644,29 Accrued Interest due deposi-

tors 500,00 Total \$178,192.34 State of North Carolina-County of Gaston, March 14, 1919.

I, J. A. Costner, Cashier of the abovenamed Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. A. COSTNER, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 15th day of March, 1919.

G. B. Howard, Notary Public. CORRECT-Attest:

A. P. RHYNE, H. A. RHYNE, J. A. COSTNER.

And wrote in the shifting sand.

The sland rous word, like an arrow, Goes forth on an out-going track; And the calumny, once it is spoken, Will never, no never, come back. Then, let's carve others' virtues in gran-

ite-In rocks-that forever shall stand; But if we know aught of their errors, Write these in the shifting sand.

LONDON, March 13.-By a surprise attack German government troops outflanked and drove back the Spartacides at Lichtenburg, said dispatches this aftornoon. The Reds fled in a panic, abandoning their material. The main force of Spartacides is now consolidated with government troops and is advancing on the Reds, driving them to desperation. The Reds are committing brutal atrocities. Both sides are fighting without mercy. If the fighting continues long many may starve.

Charter No. 4377

REPORT OF CONDITION OF

Reserve District No. 5

\$1,645,053,38-

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

at Gastonia in the State of North Carolina, at the close of business on March 4th,

RESOURCES. Loans and discounts, including redis-

counts, (except those shown in b and Deduct: Notes and bills rediscounted (other than bank acceptances sold) (see Item 57a) 376,742.54

. S. Bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value) \$250,000,00 l'. S. bonds and certificates of indebted-

ness pledged as collateral for State or other deposits or bills payable 150,000.00 U. S. bonds and certificates of indebtedndss owned and unpledged \$100,000,00 500.000.00 Liberty Loan Bonds, 3 1-2, 4, and 4 1-4 per cent, unpledged 34,197.61

Secureties other than U. S. bonds (not including stocks) owned unpledged 25,000.00 Stock of Federal Reserve Bank (50 per cent of subscription 13,500.00 Value of banking house, owned and unincumbered. 195,249.81 Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank 92,325,66 Cash in vault and net amounts due from national banks 213,768.28

Net amounts due from banks, bankers, and trust companies other than included in Items 13, 14, or 15. 70,407,26 hecks on other banks in the same city or town as reporting bank other than Item 17) ... 17,546.78 Total of Items 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18, \$301,722,32

becks on banks located outside of city or town of reporting bank and other each items 2,467,46 Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due form U. S. Treasurer 12,500.00 Interest carned but not collected approximate—on Notes and Bills

Receivable not past one 2,231.19

LIABILITIES 'apital stock paid in \$ 250,000,00 Less current expenses, interest, and taxes paid 14,317,08 55,219.60 Interest and discount collected or credited, in advance of maturity and not earned (approximate) 16,217.81 Circulating notes outstanding 250,000,00 Net amounts due to National banks ... 35,759.18 Net amounts due to banks, bankers, and trust companies other than included in Items 31 or 32)..... 232,008,22

Certified checks outstanding 163,25 'ashier's checks on own bank outstanding 61,834.38 Total of Items 32, 33, 34, and 35 \$329,765.03 Individual deposits subject to check.... 952,316,26 Total of demand deposits (other than bank deposits) subject to Reserve, Items 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, and 41....... \$952,316.26 Certicates of deposit (other than for money borrowed) 575,728,72 Total of time deposits subject to Reserve, Items 42, 43, 44, and 45 \$575,728.73

War loan deposit account 45,000.00 Bills payable with Federal Reserve Bank 150,000.00 Total \$2,824,247.43 Total contingent liabilities (57 a, b, and c) \$ 376,742.54

Of the total loans and discounts shown above, the amount on which interest

and discount was charged at rates in excess of those permitted by law (Sec. 5,

197, Rev. Stat.), exclusive of notes upon which total charge not to exceed 50 cents-

was made, was \$101,462.14. The number of such loans was 187.

State of North Carolina, County of Gaston, ss: I. S. N. Boyce, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

S. N. BOYCE, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of March, 1919. D. M. Robinson, Notary Public.

CORRECT-Attest:

J. H. SEPARK. S. A. ROBINSON, THOS. L. CRAIG.

Directors.



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Has Not Learned Life's Lesson. A man who has lived and has not grown tolerant toward others does not deserve to meet with tolerance

Report of the Condition of THE BANK OF GASTONIA,

himself.—Turgeniev.

at Gastonia in the State of North Carolina, at the close of business, March 4th, 1919. RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts \$278,572.40 Overdrafts, unsecured United States Bonds and Lib-Furniture and Fixtures... 1,878.70 Due from National Banks .. 9,062.12 Checks for clearing Silver Coin, including all minor coin currency 1,298.14

Total \$329,507.51 LIABILITIES

er U. S. Notes 2,039.06

National Bank Notes and oth-

Capital Stock paid in \$ 50,000.00 Undivided profits, less current expenses and taxes paid 6,226.31 Notes and Bills rediscounted 10,000.00

Bills Payable 88,500.00

Deposits subject to check.... 109,079.73-

Time Certificates of Deposit. . 43,357.14

Savings Deposits

Cashier's Checks outstanding . . 351.40 Due to National Banks 3,508,53 Due to State Banks, Bankers, and Trust Companies 18,138.65

Total \$329,507.51 State of North Carolina-County of Gaston, March 13, 1919. I, Wade S. Buice, Cashier of the above-

knowledge and belief. WADE S. BUICE, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 13th day of March, 1919.

named Bank, do solemnly swear that the

above statement is true to the best of my

F. C. Abernethy, Notary Public-CORRECT—Attest: J. WHITE WARE, W. H. WRAY, A. S. KARESH,

Directors.

345.75