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MONDAY, MARCH 17, 1919.

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.

His sister, and informed him that she was the only surviving member of the family, near and more distant relatives to the number of 30 having died.

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.

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MUST STAND TOGETHER.

The farmers will all have to stand together or they will all fall together. Cooperation is the one salvation of the farmers and when they undertake as they have done to all band 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.

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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 big 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.

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."

S. S. PETERSON, M. D. Gastonia, N. C., March 14, 1919.

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THE LITTLE SCHOOL MA'AM.

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" won't 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 or rains, 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 near.

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.

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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 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 been 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. They declare much of this has been damaged by winter rains.

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IDEAL

TODAY: George Larkin and Betty Compson in "THE TERROR OF THE RANGE" "BUMS AND BOARDERS" Big V Comedy Also "LOVES YOUNG SCREAM" Rolin Comedy

TUESDAY: Tom Moore in "GO WEST YOUNG MAN" and "THERE AND BACK" Comedy

WEDNESDAY: JANE AND CATHERINE LEE in "SWAT THE SPY" These two imps never fail to furnish the best of entertainment.

THURSDAY: "THE MANTLE OF CHARITY" Featuring Beautiful Margurita Fisher Also "FOUR 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 THE SEA"

A SERMON IN SAND.

(By E. C. Gentry, Wilwaukee, Wis.)

The Master sat by the roadside, Far away from the town and its din; And the Pharisees brought for judgment, A woman overtaken in sin. A woman whose name had been tarnished, And blackened by tongue and by pen; Whose every mistake had been published, By a rabble of self-righteous men.

And they told of her life full of errors, With many an "I've heard" and "they say," But she stood mute, nor ever made an answer.

Nor turned from the Master away, She stood this accused, sad and friendless, With no one to take her part, And rested her case with the just, 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 hoary and old; But He spoke never a word nor a sentence, 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 others And write of their errors in sand.

We know naught of what was then written, For the writing passed with the day; But the indictment penned by the Master Caused the accusers to steal away.

Perchance, 'twas a tale of men's honor; Perchance, of their crime 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 squalifies! It's mercury. Calomel acts like dynamite on a sluggish liver. When calomel comes into contact with sour bile it crashes into it, causing cramping and nausea.

If you feel bilious, headache, constipated and all knocked out, just go to your druggist and get a bottle of Dodson's Liver Tonic 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 Tonic you will wake up feeling great, full of ambition and ready for work or play. It's harmless, pleasant.

Report of the Condition of THE BESSEMER CITY BANK,

at Bessemer City in the State of North Carolina, at the close of business, March 4, 1919.

RESOURCES table with columns for Loans and Discounts, Overdrafts, Furniture and Fixtures, Due from National Banks, Silver Coin, National Bank Notes, U. S. Notes, and Total.

LIABILITIES table with columns for Capital Stock paid in, Undivided Profits, Less current expenses and taxes paid, Deposits subject to check, Time certificates of deposit, Cashier's checks outstanding, and Total.

Total \$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. J. H. WILKINS, Notary Public. CORRECT—Attest:

R. C. KENNEDY, JOHN J. ORMAND, L. A. WHITE, 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 4, 1919.

RESOURCES table with columns for Loans and Discounts, Overdrafts, North Carolina State Bonds, W. S. Stamps, Furniture and Fixtures, Demand Loans, Due from National Banks, Due from State Banks and Bankers, Gold Coin, Silver Coin, National Bank Notes, U. S. Notes, and Total.

LIABILITIES table with columns for Capital Stock paid in, Undivided Profits, Less current expenses and taxes paid, Bill Payable, Deposits subject to check, Time certificates of deposit, Cashier's checks outstanding, Accrued Interest due depositors, and Total.

Total \$178,192.34

State of North Carolina—County of Gaston, March 14, 1919.

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

J. A. COSTNER, Cashier. G. B. HOWARD, Notary Public. CORRECT—Attest:

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

And wrote in the shifting sand.

The sland'rous word, like an arrow, Goes forth on an outgoing track; And the alumnus, once it is spoken, Will never, no never, come back.

Then, let's carve others' virtues in granite— 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 afternoon. 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 Reserve District No. 5 REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

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

RESOURCES table with columns for Loans and discounts, U. S. Bonds, U. S. bonds and certificates of indebtedness, Liberty Loan Bonds, Securities, Stock of Federal Reserve Bank, Value of banking house, Cash in vault, Net amounts due from national banks, Checks on other banks, Checks on banks located outside of city, Redemption fund, Interest earned, and Total.

LIABILITIES table with columns for Capital stock paid in, Surplus fund, Undivided profits, Less current expenses, Interest and taxes paid, Interest and discount collected, Circulating notes outstanding, Net amounts due to National banks, Net amounts due to banks, Certified checks outstanding, Cashier's checks on own bank, Total of items 32, 33, 34, and 35, Individual deposits subject to check, Total of demand deposits, Items 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, and 41, Certificates of deposit, Total of time deposits, War loan deposit account, Bills payable with Federal Reserve Bank, and Total.

Total contingent liabilities \$ 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 15th day of March, 1919.

D. M. Robinson, Notary Public. CORRECT—Attest: J. H. SEPAK, 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 himself.—Turgenev.

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

RESOURCES table with columns for Loans and Discounts, Overdrafts, United States Bonds and Liberty Bonds, Furniture and Fixtures, Due from National Banks, Checks for clearing, Silver Coin, National Bank Notes, U. S. Notes, and Total.

LIABILITIES table with columns for Capital Stock paid in, Undivided profits, Less current expenses and taxes paid, Notes and Bills rediscounted, Bills Payable, Deposits subject to check, Time Certificates of Deposit, Savings Deposits, Cashier's Checks outstanding, Due to National Banks, Due to State Banks, Bankers, and Trust Companies, and Total.

Total \$329,507.51

State of North Carolina—County of Gaston, March 13, 1919. I, Wade S. Buice, Cashier of the above-named Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. WADE S. BUICE, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 13th day of March, 1919. F. C. Abernethy, Notary Public. CORRECT—Attest: J. WHITE WARE, W. H. WRAY, A. S. KARESH, Directors.