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STANDARD TARE WEIGHT 21 LBS.

COTTON CONFERENCE AGREES UPON STANDARDIZATION.

Washington.—Tare limited to 21 pounds composed of bagging weighing two pounds a yard and ties weighing 45 pounds per bundle, including buckles, was adopted as standard covering for cotton bales at the gin by cotton shippers and bagging manufacturers in conference at the department of agriculture.

This action is regarded as a definite step in the direction toward dealing in cotton on net weight basis instead of the present gross weight and is the result of agitation for the improvement of the quality and appearance of the American cotton bale in international trade. As a result, an effort will be made by the department to have this type bale adopted as standard for all of the cotton exchanges of the world. At present the tare in this country ranges from 18 pounds in California to 30 pounds in Georgia and South Carolina, and a score of different type materials are used for bale covering.

To assure the use of the standard material, the manufacturers agreed not to manufacture any other kind of material for stock after 1925.

The question for patches for the bale was not settled. The shippers summed up their case as follows:

The shippers are seeking a patch that is large enough to cover the sample holes, say between 22 to 30 by 40 to 48 inches, weighing from 2 to 2 1/2 pounds, which has a sufficient durability to stand the strain of compression and which has a surface capable of taking and holding markings, and which can be bought at a reasonable price.

The manufacturers contended: "The supply of material is an important factor and there is a question as to whether a patch described by the shippers can be manufactured with sufficient strength at a reasonable price and several manufacturers expressed a willingness to make samples and submit them to the cotton committee in the department of agriculture with which to experiment."

J. M. Locke, chairman of the tare committee of the American Cotton Shippers association of Muskogee, Okla., told the committee that because of the lack of a standard tare, importers and mills in Europe had to sample the bale to determine the tare and it was estimated that the sampling cost \$500,000 annually.

Ford Opens New Bank.

New York.—The entrance of Henry Ford into Wall street was seen by some bankers in the announcement that the Guardian Detroit company had been established as the New York investment branch of the Guardian Trust company of Detroit, of which Edsel Ford is a director.

Relationship of the Ford interests to the new banking enterprise in Wall street also was given a direct contact by the naming of Ernest Kanzler, vice president of the Ford Motor company, as a director of the Guardian Detroit company.

The Guardian Trust company of Detroit, a recently organized institution which is believed to have the backing of the Ford millions obtained its foothold in New York by the acquisition of Keane, Higbie and company, Inc., an investment firm which has specialized for many years in the underwriting and distribution of municipal bonds and other high grade securities.

The New York office of the firm, was announced, had been regarded as the nucleus of the Guardian Detroit company of which Jerome E. J. Keane will be made manager and John C. Greer, president.

Memphis Bids Baptist Adieu.

Memphis.—The city of Memphis bid goodbye to its 6,000 Baptist visitors, who formally closed the 76th annual meeting of the Southern Baptist convention.

With a sermon in the morning by Dr. George W. Truett of Dallas and one in the evening by Dr. M. E. Dodd of Shreveport, the churchmen concluded what leaders declared to have been one of the most successful and interesting conventions ever held. Outstanding among controversial subjects with which the convention concerned itself were those of the theory of evolution and a proposed participation in the activities of the Y. M. C. A.

A committee appointed by the 1924 convention to consider the advisability of issuing a new statement of faith and message, reported, through its chairman, Dr. E. Y. Mullins of Louisville, a statement which did not refer directly to the evolution theory.

HOPEFUL SIGNS FOR BUSINESS

BASED ON FUNDAMENTALLY CONSTRUCTED DEVELOPMENTS.

New York.—Conflicting business movements last week failed to obscure a general improvement in sentiment based on fundamentally constructive developments.

Downward price revisions and further contraction of output in certain industries indicated that the process of readjustment was by no means completed, but signs of recovery were plainly visible in other fields.

April exports of merchandise, as reported by the department of commerce, were the largest for that month in five years, bringing the favorable trade balance to this country for the past ten months near the billion dollar mark. The showing was considered significant for several reasons, testifying to the healthful growth of our foreign commerce in the face of natural barriers and reflecting the economic recovery of Europe, which has been able to expand its purchases of American goods.

The general average of commodity prices last week showed a slight increase for the first time in several months. Most of the gains were recorded by foodstuffs, while textiles were among the most conspicuous weak spots.

Railroad freight traffic continued at unprecedented levels. Car loadings for the week ended May 2 were close to a million cars, exceeding the volume of business for any previous week this year as well as corresponding week of the last five years.

A marked expansion took place in the movement of grain, coal, ore and general merchandise. Prospects for an increase in freight rates in the northwest were believed to be good and were reflected in the strength of these roads' securities.

Steel operations proceeded at about the same pace as in recent weeks. A further moderate curtailment of primary production was reported but the lower price levels of iron and steel products appeared to be attracting fresh buying orders. Structural steel was in good demand and railroad purchases increased, with several unusually large equipment inquiries overhanging the market. Prices of other metals were firmer, and the copper industry was cheered by the larger first quarter earnings.

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Time to Pay, is Word of U. S. Washington.—After more than three years of waiting, the United States government has initiated steps to obtain funding settlements from its foreign debtors.

The powers to whom this nation made war or post-war loans, have been made acquainted with American opinion that some move should be made by them toward liquidation.

Although officials of this government insisted that they held no desire to press unduly for payments, they feel, and France, Italy, Belgium, Rumania and Czechoslovakia have been so advised, that the American government is entitled to have funding proposals submitted.

The other principal debtors, Yugoslavia, Estonia, Latvia and Greece, are awake of the Washington view also, but it was not made clear whether American diplomatic officials in those countries have been asked to carry debt settlement questions directly to them.

Liquor Fleet Driven From Coast.

New York.—A semi-official observation cruise over the Atlantic from Narragansett Pier, R. I., to Atlantic City, N. J., revealed only twelve rum carrying ships in that area, which provided anchorage for more than 80 rum vessels at the time the Coast Guard blockade was inaugurated, May 5.

It was further indicated on the cruise which took a party of newspaper correspondents to points between 30 and 40 miles from shore, that virtually no contraband liquor is being smuggled into the country from this area.

As a result of the inspection, Lieutenant-Commander Stephen S. Yeazle, chief aide to Rear-Admiral F. A. Billard, Coast Guard, commandant, announced that he considered the rum blockade in this area entirely successful.

Check From Oil Kings.

New York.—A substantial check from John D. Rockefeller is to pay the expenses of the four months' European honeymoon of his 21-year-old granddaughter.

This most apt present of the hundreds she received is carried in her handbag by Mrs. David Merritt Weiler Milton, who was Abby Rockefeller

DOINGS IN THE TAR HEEL STATE

NEWS OF NORTH CAROLINA TOLD IN SHORT PARAGRAPHS FOR BUSY PEOPLE

Chapel Hill.—A local fraternity, Delta Pi, at the University of North Carolina was installed as the North Carolina Gamma Chapter of the Theta Kappa Nu Fraternity.

Rocky Mount.—Plans have been practically completed here for the special train which will take members of Zeta temple No. 248, Dramatic Order Knight of Khorassan, to the annual session of the Imperial council in Providence, R. I., next August.

Kinston.—Governor McLean will address the North Carolina Press Association at Asheville the night of July 8, it was announced by the president, H. Galt Braxton. The executive's address will follow a banquet tendered by Asheville residents.

Greensboro.—Frank A. Brooks, of this city, was installed as president of the Carolina Lumber Dealers' Association, at the opening meeting of a two day convention here. Mr. Brooks was elected president of the organization at its last regular annual meeting. This is the spring meeting.

Charlotte.—The program for the annual convention of the Carolinas Retail Hardware Association, to be held at Spartanburg, S. C., June 9-10, has been completed, it was announced by Arthur R. Craig, secretary-treasurer of the association. "Retail Efficiency" will be the general theme of the convention.

Beaufort.—After an illness of several months John H. Neal died at his home here. He was a locomotive engineer and for 30 years had been in the employ of the Atlantic and North Carolina and the Norfolk and Southern roads and was a highly valued employe.

Asheville.—After a sojourn of six months in the South, J. D. Alexander, of Fremont, Ohio, who was elected Asheville declares that North Carolina is the most progressive State in the South. Mr. Alexander plans to remain in this city two or three weeks. He is accompanied by his wife.

Fayetteville.—After an eight hour search by members of the Fort Bragg garrison, Miss Leona Jones, 45, of Monticello, Ga., who disappeared from her brother-in-law's quarters was found wandering through nearby woods in a deranged condition.

Guilford College.—This year's annual award of the Bryn Mawr and Havard scholarships from Guilford College were made to Miss Sara Hodges, of Mocksville and Robert K. Marshall, of Hillsboro, respectively, according to a statement given out by Miss Eva Lasky, college registrar.

Winston-Salem.—C. C. Taylor, Jr., a well known young man who has been connected with a local life insurance company, lies in a local hospital in a critical condition as a result of a pistol shot wound, fired either with suicidal intent or by accident, in his room on West Fourth street.

Within the next several days a committee of Durham men will wait upon James B. Duke in his Charlotte home and invite him as the guest of honor to a civic dinner here, at which time Durham will take occasion to formally express the city's appreciation for his generosity to the cause of education, to North Carolina and to Durham through Duke University.

Organization of the Morehead City Rotary club was perfected by Gene Newsome, governor of the Thirty-seventh Rotary district, assisted by John M. Aberly, special representative, and Dozier L. Latta, president of the local club, it was announced here. The new club becomes the "baby" club of the Thirty-seventh district.

Greensboro.—Married for 20 years, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Dillon, of Guilford College, went their separate ways, signing an agreement of separation because of inability to get along together. The father gets three of their children, and the mother the other one. Mr. and Mrs. Dillon are members of prominent families in Guilford county.

That F. M. Dean of this city may share in an estate valued at \$400,000 was learned here when a letter was received by Mr. Dean from Hox and Six, attorneys of Sunset, Texas, in which it stated that his uncle, W. Sam Hamilton, had died and left his property to be divided among nine heirs.

Kinston.—The funeral of Herman Braxton, a merchant drowned in a Cravi county stream was held in Greensboro. Braxton and a companion on a fishing trip, were thrown into the water when their boat capsized. Other persons rescued the companion as he was sinking the third time. Braxton, 29 years of age, is survived by his widow and three children.

TEACHERS WOULD TAX WHOLE STATE

DECLARE TAX REFORM AND MINIMUM TERM OF EIGHT MONTHS.

Raleigh. Declaring that "the equalization of educational opportunity is the chief objective of the North Carolina Educational Association" the committee on objectives of the body has formulated a program which includes a term of at least eight months for all schools and a system of support which will virtually mean that the State will be taxed as a whole for the support of its schools.

On the latter point the committee says:

"Wealth and income wherever they are found must contribute their just share to the education of children wherever they are."

The committee is composed of the following: J. Henry Eubank, State high school supervisor, Raleigh; R. H. Wright, president East Carolina Teachers' College, Greenville; Mrs. Harvey Boney, teacher, Rose Hill; E. E. Sams, superintendent Lenoir county schools, Kinston; T. Wingate Andrews, superintendent High Point schools.

Carrying out the program for "a stabilized all inclusive membership and the entire profession at work on its problems," the committee has issued the following statement of objectives:

1. An adequate supply of adequately trained teachers.

The problem of Teacher Training: (a) in Colleges, (b) in Normal schools, (c) in Summer schools.

The colleges turn out each year about 1,500 graduates one half of whom enter the teaching profession. The demand each year is about 3,000 teachers. The solution of this problem of a supply of trained teachers involves the establishment of a sufficient number of normal schools to meet the demand.

The individual teacher is the prime factor in carrying on the educative process. His training, social background, and intellectual outlook are matters of first importance. His function is to make education vital, enlarging experience to the child. "To exalt the teacher through adequate training, proper salaries, a secure tenure, provisions for retirement, opportunity for special study and travel during the service and a citizen's part in public affairs is of first importance to the welfare of the child and the society."

Noell Named as Service Officer. Appointment of Paul G. Noell, of Lexington, State Adjutant of the American Legion as Service Officer with a salary of \$3,000 a year effective June 1, has been announced by Frank Grist, Commissioner of Labor and Printing.

The appropriation was not contemplated in the appropriation made to the department by the General Assembly but Mr. Grist stated that he considered the work to be done by the new employe of sufficient importance to justify curtailing other functions of the department. Before making the appointment, Commissioner Grist conferred with Governor McLean, who as Director of the Budget, must approve all expenditures made after the beginning of the new fiscal year on July 1.

Mr. Grist who was himself wounded in the World War and who received an organized support from legionnaires and exservice men in his campaign for the nomination for his office, regards the work of assisting former soldiers in making out their claims against the government as of the utmost importance. The government maintains a sub office of the veterans bureau in this State, which was some time ago moved from Raleigh to Charlotte.

Allows Increased Car Fare.

Following a hearing on January 23 at which both sides were represented, the North Carolina Corporation Commission granted in part the petition of the Tidewater Power Company for increases in city and suburban street railway fares in and near Wilmington.

The commission granted requested increases of five cents on most of the suburban lines out of Wilmington and modified a request for an increase within the city. The company was permitted to change its fares from seven to eight cents instead of from seven to ten cents. Four tickets will be sold for 30 cents, which was also proposed under the ten cent fare.

A request to be allowed to sell a weekly pass good for an unlimited number of trips by one individual for \$1.25 was also allowed.

FATHER AND CHILD KILLED

Fred Thompson, of Goldsboro, and Little Daughter Lose Lives When Boat Capsizes.

Goldsboro.—Fred Thompson of this city and his little daughter, Julia Mae, aged five years, were drowned at Stevens' Mill, twelve miles north of here when a boat capsized in the pond.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, their two daughters, Julia Mae and Helen, and a brother of Mr. Thompson who was visiting the family stopped at the mill and while Mrs. Thompson and her husband's brother remained in the car Mr. Thompson and the two children went for a row.

Julia Mae, according to the account given afterward by her sister, suddenly reached for some object she saw floating in the water, lost her balance and plunged into the waters of the pond. Her father leaped in after her, the force of his leap knocking Helen out of the boat. She however, managed to get back into the skiff and was saved. Mr. Thompson swam about twenty feet, then disappeared from view.

Mrs. Thompson and her brother-in-law knew nothing of the accident until they heard the terrified screams of Helen. A large number of men from this city were at the pond conducting a search. Mr. Thompson was a good swimmer and it is thought that he was seized with cramp. Beside the wife and daughter, he leaves his mother, Mrs. Bryant Thompson, of Cameron; two sisters, Mrs. W. D. McCraney, of Vass, and Mrs. W. D. Hunter, of Goldsboro; and seven brothers, B. C. Thompson, of Mt. Gilead; G. W. and H. L. Thompson, of Hamlet; Robby Thompson, of Aberdeen; H. H. K. and Joseph Thompson, of Vass and E. B. Thompson, of Cameron.

An Unusual Operation.

Kinston.—A patient in Parrott Memorial Hospital here is convalescing after an unusual operation. Twenty-seven pounds of fat were removed from the abdomen of a woman whose 325 pounds of avoirdupoise were burdensome to her. Dr. Albert McK. Parrott, of the hospital staff, performed the operation. The patient is "doing nicely," it was stated at the institution.

An incision was made from flank to flank and a layer of fat eight inches wide laid back to remove the fat. A "pad" weighing 27 pounds was taken off and the patient was "sewn up" again weighing less than 300 pounds. She came here from a down-country point.

Allowed \$4,000 For Death of Husband.

Winston-Salem.—A verdict awarding Mrs. Julia Swain \$4,000 for the alleged wrongful death of her husband, Ernest Swain, was brought in Yadkin county superior court, by a jury.

The verdict is against Deputy Sheriff O. G. Sills, L. A. Borge, and J. O. Gaithorpe, and Professor R. H. Lankford, deputized to aid the officers in the arrest of Ernest Swain and four companions for alleged breaches of the peace at Harmony, Iredell county on May 8, last year the plaintiff was asking for \$5,000 compensatory damages, an original demand for \$15,000 being dropped because such damages are not allowed when a person is killed. Judge W. P. Harding presided over the term, and the case had attracted wide attention.

Meet Next in Due West, S. C.

Statesville.—A session of the General Synod of the Associate Reformed Presbytery Church, Rev. A. J. Ranson, returned missionary from India, was chosen moderator for the next convention, and Due West, South Carolina, was selected as the place of the 1926 meeting.

The session which was the second of the three day meeting being held with the First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church here, was featured by an able sermon by Rev. M. H. Plaxco, of Louisville, and a message of greeting from the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church extended by its representative, Dr. J. O. McCown.

Provide For Inmates.

Kinston.—At a meeting of the new board of trustees of the Caswell Training School, held here, the following resolution was adopted: "It is resolved that it is the policy of this board not to dismiss any inmate of this institution for lack of financial support."

The following members of the board were present and took the oath of office: L. P. Tapp, of Kinston; C. W. Lasker, of Spring Hope; Prof. T. E. Whiskey, of Oak Ridge; Dr. G. H. Macon, of Warrenton; L. A. Bethune, of Clinton; S. F. McCotter, of Vandemere; Dr. W. W. Dawson, of Grifton; J. H. Alexander, of Scotland Neck, and V. O. Parker, of Raleigh, were unable to be present.

AWARDS MEDALS OF DISTINCTION

THREE HONORED BY ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION.

Washington.—In the east room of the White House, President Coolidge presented medals awarded by the Roosevelt Memorial association to Governor Pinchot, of Pennsylvania, George Bird Grinnell, of New York, and Miss Martha Berry, of Georgia. The awards are made annually for distinguished service in any of 10 fields of endeavor.

Addressing Governor Pinchot, who received the medal for his services in behalf of conservation, President Coolidge declared that "no American who is familiar with the history of the great movements inaugurated by such men as John Muir, Edward A. Bowers and Secretary John W. Noble, and later sponsored by President Roosevelt, for the preservation of our forests, our waterpower and our mineral wealth, will question the justice of this award."

"In the development of a policy which became one of the most significant of Mr. Roosevelt's administration," Mr. Coolidge told the governor, "you were from first to last his counselor and helper." To his vision and practical experience which was essential. You have preached your gospel eloquently and, in office and out of office, have put it into action with an effectiveness which has rightly won you the gratitude of your fellow Americans, of which this medal is a symbol."

On presenting the medal to Mr. Grinnell, an editor and publisher, who was honored for his work in promoting outdoor life, the President recalled that he had been with General Custer in the Black Hills and with Colonel Ludlow in the Yellowstone, had lived among the Indians, and that his study of the language and customs of the Blackfoot tribe, of which he is a member, are considered authoritative.

"You had done so much for you, none have done more," added the President, "to preserve vast areas of picturesque wilderness for the eyes of posterity in the simple majesty in which you and your fellow pioneers first beheld them. In the Yellowstone Park you prevented the exploitation and therefore, the destruction of the natural beauties. The Glacier National Park is peculiarly your monument. As an editor for 35 years of a journal devoted to outdoor life, you have done a noteworthy service in bringing to the men and women of a hurried and hurried age the relaxation and revitalization which comes from contact with nature."

General Miles Dies Suddenly.

Washington.—Lieut. General Nelson A. Miles, nestor of American army leaders, premier Indian fighter, diplomat and author, has taken up the long trail.

His career, spanning four of the six important military periods of his country's history, ended suddenly in the big tent of a circus just as a fanfare of trumpets announced the opening pageant. General Miles was surrounded by happy children, including those of his family's third generation excited over the prospect of witnessing reproductions of scenes which in their childhood had occupied so important a phase of his own life.

Turning to Mrs. W. B. Noble, mother of his daughter-in-law, the general complained that he felt ill. Before help could be summoned, he collapsed into the arms of Dr. A. E. Craig, sitting directly behind him.

The body was removed, under the direction of the doctor, where a hasty examination in the diagnosis showed that the illness had resulted from my-carditis and acute dilation of the heart. This was confirmed later at the hospital to which the body was rushed.

Chinese Shoot 35 and Wound 16.

Peking.—The Tientsin Times correspondent reports that 35 bandits were shot to death and sixteen wounded as the result of a ruse by the soldiers stationed at Kaifeng, Honan Province.

The bandits, stationed near Kweitsh, Honan, were given a promise that they would be taken into the army. Accordingly about 50 bandits boarded two cars attached to a passenger train and local provincial troops occupied the station at Kaifeng to await their arrival.

When the train ran into the station, the two cars containing the bandits were detached at the next platform and the main train proceeded for a short distance. The soldiers then surrounded the train and riddled the bandits with bullets, but not before many soldiers were wounded by random firing. When the shooting was over, the soldiers looted the train.