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## PRICE OF COTTON SEED IS TOO LOW

DR. POE ASKS THE GOVERNOR TO TAKE SOME ACTION TO REMEDY THE SITUATION.

## REFERS TO SOUTH CAROLINA

Alabama Oil Mills Too Have Agreed to Pay a Much Higher Price Than Is Offered in This State.

Raleigh. As chief executive of North Carolina and as President of the North Carolina Cotton Association, Gov. T. W. Bickett was asked to remedy the situation in this state brought about by what Dr. Clarence Poe, editor of the Progressive Farmer terms, "the shamefully low prices offered our North Carolina cotton growers" for cotton seed.

The appeal was made to Governor Bickett by Dr. Poe who declared: "I do not know just what the price of cotton seed should be, but I do know that it is inexcusable that North Carolina growers should be getting \$10 per ton less than growers, just across our boundary line in South Carolina."

His letter to the governor follows in part: "In many sections our North Carolina farmers are complaining vigorously about the low prices they are being offered for cotton seed.

"In contrast to the shamefully low prices offered our North Carolina cotton growers, let me call your attention to the fact that the cotton oil mills of Alabama after a conference with the representatives of the farmers last month agreed to pay \$75 per ton for seed during the month of September; while the South Carolina oil mill interests after a similar conference a few days ago, agreed to pay \$70 per ton in car load lots, or \$67 per ton from wagons, and South Carolina farmers are protesting that even these prices are far too low.

### Portrait of First Governor.

For many years there has been a search among the widely scattered descendants of Governor Caswell for his portrait. It is probable that at last one has been found. Col. William Caswell, of Knoxville, Tenn., the only descendant of the governor who bears the Caswell name, has written Chief Justice Clark that a kinsman of his, Caswell Sanfley, of Kentucky, wrote him a few years ago that he had found a portrait of Governor Caswell at Philadelphia and had a copy made. The Historical Commission of this state has taken up the matter and will procure a copy if it proves authentic.

Governor Caswell was the first governor of this state under our republican form of government, and was six times elected governor at the annual elections by the legislature which was the method under the Constitution at that time.

### State Board Changes Plan.

The six members of the state board of examiners and institute conductors have reached an agreement whereby each member is assigned a special group of counties in which that member will be in entire charge of the board work in that group, with A. T. Allen looking after only five counties around Raleigh and being in charge of the headquarters here. Miss Mattie Parrott gets 21 northeastern counties, D. F. Giles 23 extreme western counties, Dr. Elphinstone will have charge of 19 counties, east central, and Mrs. Johnson 18 west central counties.

### Session of State Historians.

R. B. House, collector of war records for the North Carolina Historical Commission, has just returned from an important conference of state historians in Washington, where he represented the North Carolina Historical Commission. This conference was one called by Dr. James Sullivan, state historian of New York to consider plans and methods for preserving war records in the various states of the union.

### State Commission Named.

Governor Bickett has named the membership of the state reconstruction commission as provided for, to promote the industrial, commercial, economic, sociological and military needs and requirements of the state as produced by the world war and the readjustment of the state to peace conditions.

The commission is to make all needed investigations and take action to meet requirements for fullest development and co-operation with other states and federal authorities.

### Wholesale Grocers Organize.

The North Carolina Wholesale Grocers' Association, to have its home offices at Goldsboro, was chartered by the secretary of state. Among a number of prominent wholesalers in the state T. H. Holmes, Goldsboro; F. E. Hahagon, Wilmington, and J. T. Barnes, of Wilson, are incorporators.

The association is a non-stock corporation and in its application for a charter sets forth as its object "to foster and promote the feelings of fellowship, sociability and good will among the wholesale grocers of North Carolina, to eliminate or minimize business methods contrary to good morals, and to promote a high standard of business ethics."

### Short Course for Salesmen.

A short course for fertilizer salesmen and sales managers of North Carolina and Virginia will be held at State College, beginning September 29th and running through October 3rd. The school will be under the direction of C. B. Williams, Dean of Agriculture.

### A Study in Soft Pork.

The Animal Industry Division will shortly begin a new series of experiments to determine the effect of peanuts in softening the bodies of hogs. Mr. Dan T. Gray has just closed a cooperative arrangement with the bureau of animal industry at Washington for some joint work of this kind. The object of the experiments will be along the same line as previous experimental work at this station, namely, to determine exactly how rapidly peanuts make the bodies of animals soft and exactly how rapidly these bodies can be made firm after once being made soft as a result of eating the peanuts.

### Gives Up Health Work.

Dr. J. R. Gordon, for the past six years chief of the bureau of vital statistics, has tendered his resignation to the State Board of Health and surrenders a state job for a stock farm near Richmond. The bureau that he leaves will be co-ordinated with the bureau of epidemiology and both will be in charge of Dr. P. M. Register, who recently succeeded Dr. A. McR. Crouch as state epidemiologist.

Before becoming deputy state registrar of vital statistics, Dr. Register was for twenty-five years a practicing physician at Jamestown, Guilford county. He represented that county in the legislature of 1905, 1907, 1909, 1911 and 1913, and was active in the passage of several health measures.

### Conformity in Electric Control.

Emphasizing the importance of conforming strictly with state and local regulations governing the installation of electric service wires and other equipment, State Electrical Inspector N. E. Cannady has returned from Greensboro, where he spent a strenuous week in getting that city in line for a "standard status" of electric advancement. Inspector Cannady has several cities in the state to visit with the purpose of securing conformity with state and local laws.

### Corporation Commission Leaves.

The Corporation Commission, with Attorney General Manning as counsel, has gone to Washington City to participate in the hearing before the Interstate Commerce Commission with respect to proposed increased freight rates between points in Official Classification territory and points in North Carolina and generally throughout the South.

### Some New Corporations.

Charters were filed with the Secretary of state for the following corporations in North Carolina: Barnes-Harrell Co., of Tarboro, wholesale and retail mercantile business, with \$100,000 authorized capital and \$30,000 subscribed. The incorporators are J. T. Barnes, W. N. Harrell and W. D. Adams, all of Wilson. Albemarle Coal and Ice Company, of Albemarle, with \$50,000 authorized capital and \$2,100 subscribed. The incorporators are T. M. Hines, Clarence Heath and J. E. Ewing, all of Albemarle.

### Death Sentence Commuted.

Commutation from death sentence to 30 years imprisonment was granted by Governor Bickett in the case of Will Davis, negro, who was scheduled to die in the electric chair on the charge of killing Charles White, electrician for the Southern Utilities company, at Winston-Salem during the race riot there some months ago.

A number of good men, including police and officials of city and county and one of the prosecuting attorneys express hope of guilt and recommend executive clemency.

## The Golden Rule

(Matt. 7:12)

(By Rev. B. A. Culp, Grace M. E. Pastor)

In these days of world upheaval, when many devout people are in dumb despair, wondering what law or order will adjust the problems of the new day, the great masses seem to have forgotten the Golden Rule. Whoever as a fair and righteous man, ye would have from others, that do to others. What you feel would be right for you in their place, that concede yet to them in their own place. Make their case your own, and think then what you could fairly demand. This is not a new but an old rule, the Law and the Prophets. It is a condensation of the principles of the Old Testament. It is a divine ratification of the law written upon the human heart. It is indeed, the central axiom of right, the divine concentration of human morality, the test of social justice. When the sons and daughters of America, from prophets, priests and kings, to the private citizens obey this law the unrest and troubles of our fair land will come to an end.

Ride forth, victorious Conqueror, ride Till all thy foes submit, And all the powers of hell resign, Their trophies at thy feet.

(Rev. H. B. Schaeffer, Lutheran, next week.)

### A RIGHTEOUS JUDGE AND A SENSIBLE SENTENCE.

Recorder B. T. Falls received much commendation for the manner in which he disposed of the case here Thursday for Ed Gilbert shooting Arthur Taunt and seriously wounding him in East Kings Mountain August 5th last. This and the case of George Ferguson for carrying a concealed weapon were the only causes to come before Judge Falls Thursday. George Ferguson was fined 75 and taxed with the cost of \$4.55 for pistol totting. He failed to raise the money and was taken to jail at Shelby.

Ed Gilbert, 16-year-old son of John Gilbert, was arraigned on the triple charge of the larceny of a pistol from the oil truck of the Piedmont Oil Co. for carrying a concealed weapon and for assault with a deadly weapon on the person of 3-year-old Arthur Taunt, son of G. C. Taunt, on August 5th. The Piedmont Oil Company was not disposed to push its case and did not appear at the trial. The father of the wounded boy was not vigorous in his prosecution as the whole affair was looked upon as a boyish act and accidental as to the shooting of Arthur Taunt. Both boys told practically the same tale to the effect that on Saturday Gilbert took the pistol from the oil truck and carried it home and hid it under the house. That afternoon he took Taunt under the house and showed it to him. Monday following the two boys together took the pistol down in the woods to shoot some. Gilbert fired the pistol twice and handed it to Taunt who fired it once and handed it back to Gilbert. Taunt looked around and the pistol went off, the bullet entering Taunt's back. Neither seemed to know why the pistol went off or why Taunt was hit.

Judge Falls at first indicated his intention of getting Gilbert into the Jackson Training School, but Attorney J. G. Carpenter, of Gastonia, appearing for Gilbert put in a plea that the boy be given a chance at home under supervision of the court. After some deliberation Judge Falls made the following ruling for which he was commended by many:

First, that John Gilbert be required to appear before the court periodically and certify that Ed Gilbert has been in regular attendance at all services of the church and Sunday school. The court suggested that John Gilbert and family line up with the church of their choice, which was indicated as the Methodist.

Second, that Ed Gilbert be put in the city schools and that a report of his attendance and application to his studies, as given by his teacher, be presented to the court each month. The father was required to give a one hundred dollar bond for the performance of his trust as pertains to Ed Gilbert.

It was made plain by the judge that failure to comply on the part of Ed Gilbert would be cause for taking him again into custody. It was shown that Ed Gilbert could not read or write and the wish of the court is that he be given a chance to make a man of himself.

It was brought out in court that John Gilbert had proposed to pay half the hospital bill for Arthur Taunt while under treatment for the wound caused by the shooting. Gilbert also paid the cost of the suit.

### DEFINITE DATE OF RETURN OF KIAO CHAU REQUESTED

Washington.—Officials here in the absence of President Wilson and Secretary Lansing, will not comment upon the report that the United States has asked Japan to set a definite date for the return of Kiao Chau to China. The general impression in official circles is that the report is well founded. Japan's answer to such a request by the government would have an important bearing on the senate's consideration of the peace treaty.

Sanford.—The Peoples' bank opened its doors for business. The management was well pleased with the way money came in from tobacco sales, as well as the general run of depositors.

This makes three banks for Sanford.

Lexington.—Lexington is well represented in the colleges of the state this year, a large number of young men and women leaving for Trinity, St. Mary's, Salem, North Carolina College for Women and elsewhere. A number of young women went to G. C. W., and a large number of young men will enter A. & E. college.

Charlotte.—Meeting for the first time of the fall season, directors of the Charlotte Y. W. C. A. accepted the resignation of Mrs. J. A. Durham as treasurer and named Miss Kate Stratton to that office.

Asheville.—When an automobile left the road and ran over an embankment on the Asheville-Canton highway Arthur May, of this city, was instantly killed and M. L. Lowe was seriously injured.

Gastonia.—At an enthusiastic meeting of citizens of Gastonia it was decided to go ahead at once with the establishment of a Y. M. C. A., to cost not less than \$150,000.

Wilmington.—Work will begin in the near future on a handsome \$100,000 office building which will be occupied on completion by Alexander Sprunt & Sons, Inc., one of the largest cotton exporting corporations in the world.

Rocky Mount.—Approximately 40 gallons of white lightning whiskey, otherwise known as monkey rum, with a total valuation, according to prevailing prices, of about \$1,600 and a big Mitchell touring car were seized when police officers arrested L. J. Bridges, a railroad man and O. D. Murray, a local plumber.

Gastonia.—Frank I. Carpenter, one of the most popular and best known men in Gaston county, died suddenly at his home in Dallas.

Kinston.—Damage estimated at more than \$10,000 resulted from the destruction by fire of a packhouse owned by M. A. and A. L. Moore, brothers, in Lenoir county.

Wilmington.—"The Camp Bragg News," the official newspaper for the soldiers of the great field artillery training camp at Fayetteville, will be published hereafter in Wilmington.

Durham.—Plans for the establishment of a large hosiery plant in this city under the direction of the Golden Belt Manufacturing company, a part of the American Tobacco company, were officially announced.

Fayetteville.—Charles F. Hackbarth William Salisbury and John C. Davis, charged with robbery of the post-offices of Wagram and Rowland, were discharged by United States Commissioner W. S. Cook for lack of evidence.

Asheville.—Preparations are going forward for the annual meeting here this month of the southeastern section of the National Electric Light Association. The members of this association with their wives will gather here on September 17.

Rocky Mount.—In special session the board of aldermen accepted a resolution under which an election will be called to determine whether the city will issue bonds not exceeding \$30,000 to be used in providing another school building for the colored residents.

Lumberton.—Robeson superior court for the trial of civil cases adjourned. Ten divorces were granted during the term, which was perhaps the largest number ever granted at one term of Robeson court.

## COAST TOUR ENDS AT LOS ANGELES

PRESIDENT'S PLEA FOR EARLY RATIFICATION OF TREATY IS HEARTILY APPROVED.

## IS INTRODUCED BY A WOMAN

Mrs. Cowles Tells the Audience That "Political Partisans" Are Out of Place in This Discussion.

Los Angeles.—President Wilson completed his week of speechmaking on the Pacific coast with a monster mass meeting here at which thousands shrieked approval of his plea for early ratification of the peace treaty.

Welcomed to the city by a crowd which densely packed the downtown section, the President was cheered tumultuously everywhere he appeared during the day. Along the line of a 10-mile parade he rode in a din of applause and later at a public dinner cheers greeted his declarations that the treaty should and would be accepted.

When he entered the auditorium for his night speech he was cheered for more than two minutes by a crowd estimated by the police at 6,000. The hall was jammed and outside were thousands waiting since early morning for the doors to open.

At the auditorium meeting Mr. Wilson was introduced by Mrs. Josiah Evans Cowles, national president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, who told the crowd that the league must and will become the bulwark of a war weary world for all time. The "political partisan," she asserted, had no place in a discussion of the peace treaty.

## GENERAL PALMER RECOMMENDS AN ARMISTICE OF SIX MONTHS.

Freeport, Pa.—An absolute industrial armistice for six months was urged by Attorney General Palmer here to permit the solution of economic problems arising out of the changes wrought by war.

Such a period of freedom from unrest, he declared, would result soon in increased production which would bring about an era of "easier living and better times" for all. On the other hand, the attorney general warned, selfish demands by any one class cannot stimulate the national prosperity or permanently benefit even those obtaining such demands by force.

## CORPUS CHRISTI LOSSES MORE THAN \$20,000,000.

Corpus Christi, Texas.—Fuller reports received from devastated storm area of which Corpus Christi is the center, swell the death roll of last Sunday's hurricane and confirm estimates that the property damage will exceed \$20,000,000.

Little progress was made in the recovery of bodies floating on the bay, despite that there was no let up in this work.

## LABOR AGITATOR IS SHOWN THE WAY OUT OF SAVANNAH.

Savannah.—J. C. Sullivan, former member of the Macon fire department was taken into custody here by Police Chief Woods and will be placed on board a train for Macon. Chief Woods said that he apprehended the ex-fireman upon direct orders of Mayor Stewart.

Sullivan, it was stated, had expected to call a meeting of firemen for the purpose of explaining the advantages of unionism.

Mayor Stewart in a statement declared that "there will be no unions in the Savannah police or fire departments, and any man joining a union will lose his job immediately."

## TREATY SHOULD BE RATIFIED AS IT READS WITHOUT DELAY.

Watertown, N. Y.—"The treaty should be ratified without delay and without change," declared Secretary of State Robert Lansing here in the first public utterance made by him since the statement of Wm. G. Bullitt before the senate foreign relations committee, in which it was alleged that the secretary of state on May 19, in Paris, said that if the American people knew what was in the treaty they would defeat it.

## FIFTY THOUSAND HEAR PRESIDENT

BOTH ROOSEVELT AND LODGE QUOTED AS ENDORSING IDEA OF LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

## EFFICIENCY OF ARBITRATION

"Would be Death Warrant of Children of Country" Said the President, Should the League Fail.

San Diego, Calif.—An extract from a magazine article written in 1914 by Theodore Roosevelt was read by President Wilson in an address here as an argument in favor of the league of nations.

Speaking to a cheering crowd which filled the great San Diego stadium, the President also quoted from Senator Lodge, one of the most bitter opponents of the treaty in its present form, and declared that in framing the league covenant, the Versailles conference and followed the advice of these and other republican statesmen.

"I am glad to align myself with such utterances," said Mr. Wilson, while the crowd cheered. "Here in concrete form is the fulfillment of the plan they advocated."

The address was interrupted many times by applause from the crowd, which local officials estimated at more than 50,000.

Emphasizing the arbitration feature of the covenant, the President said an example of the efficiency of discussion was shown in labor controversies. He asserted that whenever either side to such a controversy refused to discuss its case the presumption was that it was on the wrong side.

It would be the "death warrant" of the children of the country, declared the President should the league fail.

## NEW POLICY INAUGURATED FOR WATER TRANSPORTATION

Washington.—A new rate making policy for the protection of water transportation was urged before the house interstate and foreign commerce committee by ex-Chairman John H. Small, North Carolina, of the rivers and harbors committee. Mr. Small asked that the Eech bill be amended so that railroad lines competing with water lines may not destroy water traffic. This should be supplemented, he said, by legislation permitting cities and towns along streams to erect terminals.

## RETAIL PRICES FOR FOOD INCREASED DURING AUGUST

Washington.—Retail prices of food increased one per cent in August, as compared with July, and reached the highest point in the nation's history despite the government's campaign to reduce the cost of living.

The increase—probably already apparent in the consumer—was revealed when the department of labor's bureau of labor statistics made public its monthly report.

The foodstuffs increasing in price were eggs, rice, potatoes, milk, pork chops, butter, cheese, coffee, sugar, dry beans and bread. Prices declined for sirloin and round steak, rib and chuck roasts, onions, bacon, flour, cabbage and canned peas, corn, beans and tomatoes.

## RECOMMENDS DECREASE IN NATION'S WHEAT ACREAGE

Washington.—A reduction in the acreage to be sown to winter wheat this fall of approximately 15 per cent from last year's acreage was recommended by the department of agriculture. This reduction, which would mean a total of about 42,000,000 acres this year, was recommended, it was said, on the basis of prospective conditions of world supply and demand as judged by specialists of the department who were sent abroad to report on the crop status of European countries.

## STOCK OF RAW COTTON SMALL IN HANDS ENGLISH SPINNERS

Washington.—Present stocks of raw cotton in the hands of British spinners are very small, probably no mill having a supply for more than two or three weeks ahead, according to a report from the American agricultural trade commissioner at London on the cotton situation in United Kingdom. Labor conditions and the high price of cotton, together with the uncertainty of exchange, have made the spinners cautious.