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COTTON SPINNING SHOWING ACTIVITY

INDUSTRY SHOWS GREATER ACTIVITY THAN FOR MANY MONTHS—THE NOVEMBER CONSUMPTION IS 577,561 BALES

Washington, Dec. 14.—More cotton was utilized during November than in any month since October, 1917, the census bureau announced today in its monthly report on cotton consumption. The cotton spinning industry has showed increased activity for several months.

Cotton consumed during November amounted to 577,561 bales of lint and 55,122 of linters, compared with 533,950 of lint and 62,406 of linters in October this year 527 of lint and 57,949 of linters in November last year, the census bureau announced today.

Cotton on hand for November 30 in consuming establishments amounted to 1,731,425 bales of lint and 95,969 of linters, compared with 1,379,770 of lint and 82,169 of linters compared with 1,379,770 of lint and 82,169 of linters on October 31, and 1,655,359 of lint and 152,652 of linters on November 30 last year.

Cotton on hand November 30 in public storage and at compresses amounted to 4,198,095 bales of lint and 21,634 of linters, compared with 4,329,902 of lint and 16,212 on October 31 and 5,292,941 of lint and 177,378 of linters on November 30 last year.

Active spindles numbered 34,664,630 in November, compared with 33,859,076 in October this year and 34,428,339 in November last year.

Imports and exports not available.

Statistics for cotton growing states follow:

Consumed during November 363,813 bales, compared with 346,435 in October this year, and 322,593 in November last year.

Cotton held November 30, in consuming establishments totaled 1,107,826 bales, compared with 855,981 on October 31 this year and 877,486 on November 30, last year.

Cotton held November 30 in public storage and at compresses totaled 3,983,041 bales, compared with 4,124,598 on October 31 this year, and 4,952,202 on November 30, last year.

Cotton spindles active during November numbered 15,859,962 compared with 15,831,959 in October this year and 15,489,965 in November last year.

Cotton exports for November were 835,337 bales, including 2,872 bales of linters, compared with 798,664 bales, including 1,535 of linters in October.

FIRE AT PROSPERITY

Newberry, Dec. 14.—Fire that at one time threatened the business section of the town, today destroyed the Southern railway passenger station at Prosperity. A bucket brigade saved the other buildings after the Newberry fire department which was summoned was unable to get in action because of lack of water facilities.

COLUMBIA VISITORS

Hon. J. Fraser Lyon and Mrs. Lyon are here from Columbia and will spend a few days with Mrs. J. Hayne McDill at her home on Greenville street.

Not Afraid of the Weather

Miss Dolly Carlisle braved the bad weather today and came into the Curb Market. She brought a dozen fresh eggs along and had a dozen customers for the one dozen eggs.

OWSLEY OUTLINES PLANS OF LEGION

EFFORT MADE FOR LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM—HOPE FELT FOR ENACTMENT OF PROPOSED MEASURES BEFORE NEXT MARCH.

Washington, Dec. 14.—A legislative program which the American Legion will seek to have enacted by congress before March 4, including passage of the bonus bill and the shipping measure, was announced tonight by Alvin M. Owsley, national commander, after a two days' conference with past national commanders and committee chairman.

Legislation for relief of disabled former service men, action "to protect the interests of veterans" in the civil service, suspension of all immigration for a period of years and enactment of the Bursum bill providing for retirement of more than 1,000 emergency army officers disabled in the World war, also will be sought.

Legislation for the disabled "was given first and supreme importance in the outline of purpose. This includes efforts to bring about passage of the Sweet bill and to liberalize the war risk insurance law in such a way as to extend the time for obtaining certificates of disability, extend the period in which tubercular and mental disabilities are automatically rated as being of service origin, provide that tuberculosis other than pulmonary be compensatory and extend the time for conversion of term insurance policies.

With reference to the bonus, it was determined "that the fivefold adjusted compensation bill be pushed to enactment; this to contain a land reclamation feature, preferably the Smith-McNary amendment."

W. A. HAGEN DEAD

W. A. Hagen, of the Level Land section of the county, died suddenly at his home yesterday, December 14th, from heart trouble, with which he had been afflicted for a number of years. Mr. Hagen was about 60 years of age. He was a member of the Presbyterian church.

W. A. Hagen was the second son of the late Alexander Hagen, who lived near the Buckstand. His mother was a Miss Stevenson before her marriage. For a number of years W. A. Hagen owned the old Hagen home place in that section, but he sold it sometime ago and moved into the Level Land section.

The deceased is survived by his wife, who before her marriage was Miss Susie Perry, and three children, Erskine Hagen, Mrs. Ellen Pruitt and Henry Hagen, the latter a student at Erskine College. He is also survived by one brother, Robert G. Hagen of Abbeville, two sisters, Mrs. B. P. Greene and Mrs. L. A. Jackson of Abbeville, and large numbers of other more remote kindred residing in the county.

The funeral services were held today and interment was at Long Cane.

STUDENTS AT ANDERSON QUIT UNTIL JANUARY 2

Anderson, Dec. 14.—Studies at Anderson college were suspended yesterday afternoon for the Christmas holidays and the resumption of work at the institution will begin Tuesday, January 2. Practically the entire student body and members of the faculty were leaving today for their homes where they will spend the holidays.

Mr. Cobb and the Co-Operative

At a meeting of the directors of the Co-operative Mercantile company held Wednesday night, the directors re-elected Mr. O. H. Cobb as manager of the concern for next year. Mr. Cobb's friends will take this as good news and will be pleased that he is to stay with us.

NEW TREATY ON WARSHIPS PROPOSED

COMES AS SURPRISE IN HOUSE. UNITED STATES MAY ENTER INTO PROGRAM IN SWIFT CRUISERS—PRESIDENT NOT CONSULTED.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Blunt notice that the United States can not avoid a new naval program in swift cruisers and fleet submarines unless treaty limitations are extended to such craft, was served by the House appropriations committee today in reporting the \$293,806,538 naval appropriation bill. A six line provision placed in the bill by the committee requested President Harding to negotiate with Great Britain, France, Japan and Italy for such an extension of the treaty limitation of aircraft to be included.

The committee report said large cruiser and submarine programs were planned a broad-ening in other words, competition is on again in the single direction to which the unratified agreement (the Washington naval treaty) does not extend, and if it be allowed to go unchecked, the purse strings again must be relaxed and this government, like all others, will be constrained to launch a new program to the extent necessary to keep up at least abreast of any of the other powers.

President Harding was not consulted by the committee with relation to its limitation conference request. The project for negotiations apparently came as a surprise even to naval officials. It was originated by Chairman Kelly, of the naval appropriations subcommittee. The chief reason prompting Mr. Kelly to propose a new naval conference was understood to have been the light cruiser program recommended by the navy general board. No mention of this is included in the published copies of committee hearings on the bill. The program urged, however, as necessary to keep the United States navy on a parity with other navies in cruisers included sixteen light cruisers, within the 10,000 ton size limitation of the Washington treaty and to cost \$68,000,000.

JAPANESE BEETLE MEANS REAL THREAT

One of Most Dangerous Insect Introductions Made in Country in Years.

Washington, Dec. 14.—A real Japanese invasion threatens the country in the form of the Japanese beetle, Dr. C. L. Marlatt, chairman of the federal horticultural board, announced today in his annual report. He expressed the belief that this is one of the most dangerous insect introductions made into the country in many years, threatening large future losses, particularly to fruit and forage crops. There is no question, he said, that in time it will spread throughout the United States.

Vigorous combat was given during the year to insect pests that yearly do millions of dollars damage to American crops. The work of eradicating the pink boll worm is in better status now than ever before, substantial reduction in the infested areas having been effected.

CHRISTMAS VISITORS.

Mrs. W. C. Reedy and young son, William, of Maiden, N. C., are in the city and will spend until after the Christmas season with her father, Mr. C. A. Haigler. Dr. Reedy will come down later. Mrs. Wistar Harmon, of McCormick, is also here visiting her father.

Due West Visitors

Mrs. Leila Todd and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Todd were here from Due West Thursday shopping in our stores. They are always welcome visitors.

BROADSIDES FIRED AT SHIPPING BILL

PROPOSERS LAUD MEASURE AS AID TO FARMERS—SENATOR FLETCHER CHARGES MOVEMENT AS "DIRECT RAID ON TREASURY."

Washington, Dec. 14.—The administration shipping bill was held up before the Senate today as a measure "for the benefit of the American farmer, the American business man and the American nation" and on the other hand as "a direct raid on the treasury to pay some people to do what they ought to do without payment."

The measure was praised by Senator Jones, of Washington, chairman of the commerce committee, and attacked by Senator Fletcher, of Florida, ranking Democratic member of the same committee.

Meanwhile foes of the measure and advocates of rural credits legislation further cemented their alliance designed to displace the ship bill in favor of the farm measure. Indications became increasingly apparent, however, that this move could not be made in the near future, as no rural credit bill possessing any considerable degree of support appeared in sight in the Senate committee work rooms.

Senator Jones in concluding his opening statement which he began yesterday appealed for support by the farmers and by labor. He emphasized the national defense probabilities of a firmly established Merchant Marine and declared the German merchant marine won the war for the Allies. When Senators expressed surprise at the declaration he presented figures to show that German ships which were seized in American ports carried 600,000 American soldiers to France whereas American ships transported only 248,000 troops.

"Why Senators," he explained, "if we had gotten only about 240,000 troops overseas, the result of the World War would have been different."

HIGHWAY COMMISSION MET YESTERDAY

Will Ask For Three And a Half Mills Levy For Up-Keep Of Roads

The State Highway Commission held a meeting Thursday in the office of Supervisor Keller and transacted such business as came before the body. The Legislative Delegation met with the Commission and discussed means of keeping up the roads that have been built. A levy of three and a half mill will be asked for and the commission will retire thirty thousand dollars worth of bonds in the next two years and will borrow thirty thousand dollars with which to build additional roads. This will not increase the levy but will lengthen the life of the bonds for two years, making them the equivalent of thirty two year bonds. The commission will also ask for an appropriation with which to build bridges.

The meeting was well attended, there being present, J. S. Stark, chairman, J. A. Gilliam, J. R. Lomax, C. B. Leonard, S. J. Wakefield, R. L. Barmore, Dr. Hicks, J. B. Claude Ashley, T. O. Kirkpatrick, L. W. Keller and Sanford Howie, the clerk of the commission.

COTTON STATISTICS

Mr. S. S. Boles, of Lowndesville, who is cotton enumerator for the county of Abbeville reports the number of bales ginned up until Dec. 1, as 8,392 while the crop of 1921 was 16,114, a falling off of nearly half the crop.

RIVER PROBLEM NOT SECTIONAL

NEW ORLEANS REPRESENTATIVES DECLARE CITY IS KEEPER OF MOUTH OF MISSISSIPPI—DEMAND FOR ACTION.

Washington, Dec. 14.—A broader view of the problems of the Mississippi river and its tributaries was urged on the house flood control committee today by citizens of the lower Mississippi valley, who declared that they were constantly being subjected to the hazards of flood water notwithstanding that their districts had not contributed "a drop of water to the swollen streams."

One after another the witnesses before the committee insisted that the problem was one for the nation as a whole. James E. Edmonds of New Orleans said years ago the slogan was "After the Panama canal, the Mississippi river," but that the dream had never been realized. The witness told the committee of huge acreage of rich top soil being carried away by the river, while at the same time the country was draining marsh land and irrigating arid lands to provide for the fast growing population. At the same time, they said, an enormous wastage of water resources and transportation possibilities was going on. Great sums were being spent for temporary work which should go into a permanent program, they said, and threats of floods were stifling investment and reducing the purchasing powers of many communities.

The New Orleans delegation took the view that New Orleans was the "keeper of the mouth of the Mississippi" and Mr. Edmonds said the problem was how to keep an immense tool of commerce from becoming a destructive force.

SHERIFF McLANE SICK

At His Home Here.—Suffering From An Abscessed Tooth.

Foster B. McLane, Sheriff of Abbeville County, is seriously sick at his residence in the city. Mr. McLane has been suffering with an abscessed tooth for some days and yesterday was unable to be out. Last night his condition became alarming and physicians were called in. He was found to be suffering from blood-poisoning.

The news from his bedside this afternoon is that he is some better though his condition remains very serious. Members of his family have been called to his bedside.

ATTENDS LEGION MEETING

Major R. B. Cheatham commander of the Abbeville Post American Legion, went to Greenwood Thursday and was a guest of the Post at that place. The meeting at Greenwood was attended by about two hundred veterans and the annual election of officers was held. After the business a banquet was served by the Legion Auxiliary and a thoroughly pleasant evening was spent.

ATTENDS MEETING

At the meeting of the State Board of Civil Engineer Examiners held in Columbia last week, Mr. H. B. Humbert was the only Abbeville man to take and pass the examination. This puts him on the list of accredited engineers.

COTTON MARKET

Cotton on the local market today was 26 cents. Futures closed

December	25.29
January	25.24
May	25.26
July	25.32

BROADEN SCOPE OF NAVAL LIMITATION

RECOMMENDATION IN ANNUAL NAVAL BILL—WITH FOREIGN POWERS TO LIMIT CONSTRUCTION OF SMALLER TYPES OF WAR VESSELS.

Washington, Dec. 14.—A request that President Harding seek to broaden the scope of the naval limitation agreement, so as to include a limitation on construction of smaller types of war vessels and on military and naval aircraft, is included in the annual naval bill as reported today by the house appropriations committee.

Under the bill as brought in the house the president would be asked to open negotiations with Great Britain, France Italy and Japan for an agreement which would limit future building of all surface and submersible types of warcraft having a tonnage of 10,000 or less and on all classes of army and navy aircraft.

In its report the committee pointed out that the arms conference did not limit the number of war vessels and added that information had reached congress that "already large programs are planned of vessels up to the maximum size permitted under the agreement and that new and large types of sub-surface craft have begun to put in appearance."

"In other words," the report continued, "competition is on again in the same direction to which unratified agreements does not extend and if it be allowed to go unchecked the purse strings again must be relaxed and this government, like all others, will be constrained to launch upon a new program to the extent necessary to keep us at least abreast of any of the other powers."

For completion of 16 warships, permissible under the arms conference treaty, the appropriations committee proposed to make available during the coming fiscal year a total of \$55,000,000, or \$14,000 more than the amount recommended in the budget, to be made up by a direct appropriation of \$20,000,000 and \$35,000,000, indirect, out of cash to the credit of the naval supply account and small stores funds.

WINSTON CHILDS IN TROUBLE

Winston Childs, who is a familiar figure around town got into trouble Wednesday night when he broke into Sam Edwards Pressing Club and helped him self to a suit case, an over coat, two or three suits of clothes and a skirt or two. He packed up his suit case and started to Greenwood but tarried long enough to take a pistol out of Dr. Gambrell's car and one out of Dr. Power's car. He rode a freight to Greenwood where he was promptly arrested and was brought back to Abbeville Thursday night by Chief Johnson and Policeman Schroeder. The negro was given 60 days in the Mayor's court this morning for the theft of the two pistols and by ten o'clock was on his way to "the gang." The higher court will deal with him on the question of clothes. "Winst" will have plenty of time to think over his sins.

LANDER GIRLS HOME

Misses Mildred Cochran, Lena Belle Johnson and Fannie DuPre came today from Lander college and will spend the holidays with their home folks. The students made up two days in their studies and are at home before the other college girls. Miss Lila Teal came home with Miss Mildred Cochran and will spend several days before going to her own home in Chesterfield.