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UPON WHOM FALLS RESPONSIBILITY?

THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF TIMMONSVILLE WRITES TO OTHER SIMILAR BODIES.

IS FORCED TO PLANT COTTON

Actual Expense Incurred in the Cultivation of Twenty-five Acres is Estimated to be \$900.00

Timmonsville. — The banker, the merchant, the fertilizer companies and the landowner are the ones who will be responsible for any overcropping of cotton planted in South Carolina this year, according to a letter sent out by the Timmonsville chamber of commerce to every like organization in the state. After going into the situation from every angle, Roy Swindell, secretary of the Timmonsville chamber of commerce, has discovered that the tenant farmer starting out the first of the year with nothing but his mule will, under the present existing conditions, be forced to plant from 15 to 20 acres of cotton to protect his rent, his fertilizer account his merchant and his banker. The following is found to be what the farmer will absolutely have to have to carry him during the year:

Rent on 25 acres of land at \$10 per acre, \$250; line of credit with merchant, \$250; money borrowed from bank, \$100; fertilizer, \$250; other expenses, \$50. Total expense for year \$900.

All of these accounts the farmer must secure with cotton to be planted. This is demanded of him by those advancing him. At 15 cents per pound, one bale to the acre, it will take 15 1/2 acres to protect this amount.

Rock Hill. — At the meeting of the board of directors of the chamber of commerce and representatives of automobile and gas concerns a committee was appointed to interview Senator John R. Hart of York and urge the killing of the house bill imposing a tax on gasoline and oils or at least that it be amended so as to apply all funds received from that source to road building in respective counties.

Sumter. — The Sumter fire department is daily expending a big new Seagrave triple combination auto truck which was ordered by the city at a cost of \$12,000 and shipped from Ohio last week. The truck is to be equipped with a pump of 750 gallons capacity per minute. It will also carry a chemical tank, hose and ladders.

Columbia. — Barney Evans, Columbia attorney, who was arrested by the South Carolina house of representatives for an attack on Representative Claude N. Sapp and who spent the night in the city jail, made a public apology when brought before the house of representatives and his apology was accepted. Mr. Evans was released.

Gaffney. — Those in charge of the work of compiling Gaffney's new city directory made announcement that arrangements have been concluded by which the names of all residents of rural routes will also be included in the new volume. It is decided that this will give the business men of Gaffney a complete index of the entire county.

Darlington. — The South Carolina dairy and cattle show under the auspices of the South Carolina Dairy-men's association will be held in connection with the annual meeting of the association. The premium list shows over \$500 in cash prizes, and several special prizes will be offered by individuals.

Sumter. — The news of the tragic death of Baker Spann at Sewanee, was received here and brought sadness to his extensive family connections and large circle of friends. So far but little is known except that he was instantly killed by a horse falling on him.

No Failures in Darlington. — Business conditions in and around Darlington have improved wonderfully within the past few weeks. During the worst depression they were never so bad as they seemed to be in other sections. As a matter of record not a single retail merchant failure has occurred in town and but one wholesale failure. The one failure occurring, however, was not due, it is reported to hard times, but to decline in prices in commodities purchased at the peak of the high markets.

Presbyterians to Gather. — Greenville. — Plans are being made on an extensive scale here for the reception and entertainment of more than a thousand Presbyterian laymen from Georgia, Florida, North Carolina and South Carolina who are expected here March 8 and 9 to attend the seventh biennial convention of the Laymen's Missionary movement of the Presbyterian church. As the hotels here will not be able to accommodate all the visitors, a canvass is being made of the private homes.

TO MAKE PARK OF HISTORIC GROUND

A TWO-YEAR OPTION SECURED ON LAND ON WHICH SECOND MANASSAS WAS FOUGHT.

TO BE SOUTHERN ENTERPRISE

An Association to be Formed to Hold Title, Each Southern State and Association to be Represented.

Richmond, Va. — Acquisition of the historic battlefield at Manassas, Va., and its formation into a memorial park will be undertaken through an association at Washington March 5, to which governors of the states of the South, and representatives of the United Confederate Veterans, Sons of Confederate Veterans and United Daughters of the Confederacy have been invited.

A two-year option on the Henry farm on which was fought and on which the second battle closed has been obtained at the price of \$25,000 by Major E. W. R. Ewing, past historian in chief, U. C. V., and Westwood Hutchinson, commander of the Manassas camp, U. C. V. It is planned to form an association to hold title and each southern state and organization would be represented on the board.

The Hardings Leave Florida. — St. Augustine, Fla. — After a five weeks' visit to Florida, President-elect and Mrs. Harding left St. Augustine for Marion, Ohio.

Ask For Return of Rifles. — Washington. — Immediate return of several thousand rifles, seized in 1916 by the American authorities in the Panama canal zone, is asked by the government of Panama, which desires to use them in repelling the reported invasion of Panama by Costa Ricans.

7,969 Victims Fall to Autos. — Washington. — Automobile accidents in the United States claimed 1,474 more victims in 1919 than were killed in accidents on American railways, according to comparative figures. Deaths from automobile accidents showed a total of 7,969.

William Dalton Captured. — Decatur, Ill. — William Dalton, who robbed a Chicago bank of \$772,000 in Liberty bonds, was captured at Heyworth, 28 miles north of here, according to Jack Draper, constable. He had all but \$500 worth of bonds.

Huns Would Pay \$8,250,000,000. — Berlin. — Germany's total reparations offer will be, roughly, 33,000,000,000 gold marks (\$8,250,000,000) it was learned from the highest authority. This sum will include costs of the army of occupation, deliveries of coal and other materials.

Woman Suffrage for Uruguay. — Montevideo, Uruguay. — President Baltazar Bruin believes that Uruguay is well in the forefront of advanced legislation in many respects and that it will soon take steps which will lead eventually to full suffrage for women.

Democratic Congressman Loses. — Washington. — Patrick McLane, of Scranton, democratic representative from the tenth Pennsylvania district, was unseated by the house on charges of violating the corrupt practices act and because of election frauds.

Declaration of War Signed. — Panama. — It was learned officially that President Belizario Porras has signed a proclamation declaring war against Costa Rica, but is holding it temporarily in abeyance.

Would Use Forged Passports. — Washington. — Forged passports to undesirable and dangerous aliens to enter the United States are being issued in almost every European country, it was announced at the state department.

Japs Not Given Concessions. — Mexico City. — Japanese have not been granted valuable oil concessions on the western coast of Mexico, it was declared at the presidential office.

Champ Clark Ill. — Washington. — Physicians reported that the condition of Representative Champ Clark, who will be 71 years old March 7, had suddenly taken a turn for the worse. The former speaker has been ill for several days with cold and rheumatism.

Radio Plans Abandoned. — Washington. — The plan to have President Harding's inaugural address broadcasted over the country by radio phone on the night of March 4 has been abandoned.

Benevolences Increase. — Staunton, Va. — Within the last two years benevolences in the Southern Presbyterian church have increased 67 per cent, while during the same period additions to the church through confessions of faith have decreased 9 per cent.



EAGE BRINKMAN. Eage Brinkman, president of the Siberian-Danish Importing Corporation, came to America for the purpose of promoting Danish-American business relations.

A "ROUND TABLE" DISCUSSION

Mill Men at the Convention Asserted That the Textile Markets are Not As Good as Ninety Days Ago.

Greenville, S. C. — Two hundred superintendents, overseers and textile agents interested in the cotton mill industry convened here at a meeting of the weavers' section of the Southern Textile Association. Representatives of the weaving department of cotton mills in Alabama, Georgia, North and South Carolina are holding what they termed a "round table" discussion of manufacturing problems.

Mill men at the convention asserted that the textile markets were not as good as 90 days ago and they said no improvement is expected so long as there is a declining cotton market. It was stated that most cotton mills are running merely to keep the organization of employees intact and to prevent financial ruin of stores and other business houses in vicinity of the mills.

Verdict Against Ford Upheld. — New York. — Damages of \$60,000 awarded by a trial court to the Hotel Woodward company against the Ford Motor company were upheld here by the United States court of appeals. Failure of the Ford company to complete a contract was the basis for the suit.

Divorce is Made Easier. — Raleigh, N. C. — Divorce on the grounds of separation was made easier in North Carolina when the Clement divorce bill, reducing the period of separation as a ground for absolute divorce from ten to five years was passed by the senate.

Newspaper Plant is Burned. — Breckenridge, Texas. — Starting in a bedroom over a gasoline filling station, fire here destroyed 27 business houses, hotels and apartments in the business section and caused an estimated loss of \$500,000. The plant of the Daily American newspaper, was destroyed.

U. S. Cannot Prevent It. — New York. — Federal Judge Augustus N. Hand handed down an opinion denying the petition of the United States government for the right to prevent the Western Union Telegraph company from laying the cable from the Barbadoes to Miami, Fla.

Day and Night Service. — New York. — A continuous day and night air mail service between San Francisco and New York city will be established on May 1 as the result of the record-breaking cross continental trip completed by postal airplanes.

Irwin Given One Year. — Belfast, Ireland. — The Rev. J. A. Irwin, a Presbyterian minister, who was arrested in January was convicted by court martial of having a revolver and ammunition in his possession and sentenced to one year in prison.

Eight Buildings Burned. — Pascagoula, Miss. — Eight buildings, including the plant of The Pascagoula Chronicle, in the business district of this town, were burned with a loss estimated at \$75,000.

Liquor Raids in Washington. — Washington. — Federal prohibition agents picked from the Maryland and Ohio forces visited many hotels here arresting employees in the first effort on a large scale to break up the alleged traffic in whiskey.

Whipped by Night Riders. — Scottsboro, Ala. — Silas Blevins, tenant on the farm of Henry Caperton, was taken from his home and given a severe whipping by night riders, according to the victim's statement to county authorities.

Washington. — An appropriation of \$35,000 for the infantry school at Camp Benning, Georgia, is contained in the army appropriation bill has been reported to the senate.

Hughes, Friend of Italy. — Rome. — Satisfaction with the appointment of Charles E. Hughes as American Secretary of State, which was reported here early this week, is voiced by a number of newspapers, which profess to see in Mr. Hughes a friend of Italy.

UNITED STATES AT ISSUE WITH JAPAN

INSISTENT DEMAND IS MADE THAT ISLAND IN THE PACIFIC BE INTERNATIONALIZED.

NO RIGHTS OF CONFISCATION

American Companies Contend That French and American Governments Have Seized Cables Unlawfully.

Washington. — The United States government demands freedom of cable communication across the Pacific to the far east and insists that the important way station on the small island of Yap shall not be given to Japan by the League of Nations.

The American government in its latest note, the exact text of which has not yet been made public, does not ask that Yap be given to the United States but that the island be internationalized so that it will always be under the joint control of the great powers, Great Britain, the United States, France and Japan.

The United States contends, moreover, that Japan never had any right under international law to seize the trans-Pacific cable at Yap and that the status which existed before the war shall be restored.

Back of the entire question of cable communication through the island of Yap is a greater and even more involved controversy over the cutting of the German cables in the Atlantic. The American companies contend that both England and France have seized these Atlantic cables unlawfully and are today depriving the people of the United States of direct cable communication which is so important to commercial intercourse with Germany and Central Europe.

Taking Care of Tumulty. — Washington. — President Wilson has proffered Joseph P. Tumulty, his private secretary for ten years, an appointment on the international joint commission which is entrusted with the arbitration of disputes between the United States and Canada. In confirming the tender of the appointment Mr. Tumulty said:

"It is true that the President has just asked me to accept an appointment on the international joint commission. I very much appreciate the generous offer, but I have not had time to decide the matter."

Ford Wants Quick Action. — Detroit. — A telegram urging the senate elections committee to set date for taking balance of testimony in the Newberry-Ford election contest and asking that further witnesses be called, was sent by Henry Ford to Senator Spencer, chairman of the election committee.

Rockefellers Make Gift. — Washington. — It was announced here that the starving Chinese will receive a gift of \$500,000 from the Rockefeller estate of this \$250,000 was donated by John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and an equal amount by the Laura Spellman Rockefeller fund according to the American committee for Chinese relief.

Tom Watson Matter Settled. — Buford, Ga. — Indictments against Senator-elect Thomas E. Watson, growing out of the incident in Miss S. E. Wiley's hotel here on August 18, last, during the senatorial primary campaign, have been settled out of court, it was announced.

Widespread Rebellions. — Copenhagen. — Reports that widespread rebellions have broken out in eastern Russia and that the soviet government has dispatched large forces to attempt to restore order were telegraphed from Helsingfors.

Want Action on "Par Collections." — Washington. — Solicitor Gen. Frier-son joined with counsel for the federal reserve bank of Atlanta in urging the Supreme Court to advance for early hearing the "par collection case."

Harding to Use Historic Bible. — Washington. — President-elect Harding plans on taking the oath of office March 4 to press his lips to the Bible that was used at the first inauguration of Washington.

Blockade Souvenir for Kramer. — Greenville, S. C. — John F. Kramer, federal prohibition commissioner, was "the man with the hoe" in this county, personally breaking up a 25 gallon moonshine still. The copper condenser was preserved for Mr. Kramer as a souvenir.

Another Enoch Arden Found. — Lafayette, Ga. — Fred Williams, who went away to war in 1917, will return home in a few days to find his "body" buried here, his war insurance policy paid and his bride the wife of another. What action he will take has not been announced.

Tariff of 35 Cents on Wheat. — Washington. — A compromise agreement fixing the tariff on wheat at 35 cents a bushel was reached by senate and house conferees considering the Fordney emergency tariff bill.



ARTURO ALESSANDRI. A recent photo of Arturo Alessandri, the new President of Chile.

WILSON WILL CUT NO FIGURE

Harding May Call at White House on Evening of March Third, Merely to Pay his Respects.

St. Augustine, Fla. — While the cabinet awaits his final decision, President-elect Harding has determined upon the details of the inauguration at Washington on March 4. The customary ride of the president and president-elect will be dispensed with. Mr. Harding will go to the capital just in time to be sworn in at noon. President Wilson will have gone there some time earlier in the day to sign the bills of the dying congress and thus to make them into law.

It would seem from present indications that the outgoing President of the United States will cut less of a figure in the inauguration of his successor than ever before in the history of the United States. This is not due to any design on the part of Senator Harding but, inasmuch as virtually all of the inaugural customs are to go by the boards this year, it would seem that President Wilson, after he signs bills in the marble room of the senate, will fade completely out of the picture.

While no arrangements have been made to that end, it is the general supposition that Mr. Harding, on the afternoon of the third of March, will call at the White House and pay his respects to President Wilson.

Mother of Nine Asks Divorce. — Everet, Wash. — Marie Elseth, the mother of nine children, has entered suit for divorce here against her husband, Anton Aleseth. She alleges extreme cruelty, non-support and intemperance, and asks custody of all nine children.

Want Hun Bonds Secured. — Washington. — Congress will not act at this time on President Wilson's message submitting the proposal that the United States consider the acceptance of German reparations in exchange for Belgium's debt to America of \$171,780,000. Nor does the executive, expect any action until America is convinced that the German reparations bonds are worth something.

French and Soviets Fighting. — Constantinople. — French destroyers cruising along the eastern coast of the Black Sea, have been engaged with soviet forces at Gagry. Reports here state that the bolsheviks lost heavily from the fire of the French warships.

Concentrating Red Troops. — Harbin, Manchuria. — Military operations by the Russian Bolsheviki against Japanese forces in Siberia are believed to be foreshadowed by concentrations of soviet troops in the eastern end of the country.

Transportation Act Condemned. — Washington. — Declaring the transportation act a failure both in theory and effect, William G. McAdoo, director-general of railroads during the war, said that the carriers were drifting toward government ownership.

Eight Persons Killed. — Shelton, Conn. — Eight persons were killed and 25 injured when two trolley cars collided head-on on the Bridgeport-Shelton line, near High Bridge.

Surveying New Railroad. — Roanoke, Va. — Preliminary surveys will be started soon on a railroad between Pineville, Ky., and Williamson, W. Va., a distance of 150 miles, to cost approximately \$25,000,000, according to reports.

Partial Payments Permitted. — Washington. — The opposition to the Winslow bill to permit partial payments to railroads from the government guaranty fund collapsed completely in the senate and the measure was passed without a record vote.

Protest Against Wage Cut. — Winston-Salem. — Protesting against a second wage cut of 20 per cent, and against the discharge of a fellow workman, 100 employees of the R. F. Huntley Furniture company went out on strike.

Bill to Organize All Fields. — Washington. — Approval was given by international union heads and their attorneys to tentative draft of a bill to legalize the right of labor unions to organize all fields of industry, it has been announced.

STUDENTS AT CAMP JACKSON

Total Enrollment of 3,478 of Which Number 1,404 are Illiterates of the English Language.

Camp Jackson. — Six hundred and forty-six new soldier students who recently arrived in the recruiting drive will start in the educational and vocational schools at Camp Jackson, bringing the total enrollment to 3,478, of which 1,404 are illiterates of the English language. The men entered various departments of instruction, showing a diversity of tastes and opinions on their choices of agriculture, motor mechanics, electricity, moving picture projector operation, music, painting, plumbing, printing, and the like and unlike. Others enter the educational schools, being admitted to the high school and to the junior high school.

The illiterates are sent to the recruit educational center where the foundations of the language are taught through the infinite patience of women instructors. The direct method of teaching the language is employed. Men in one of these classes come from 13 nationalities. Armenians and Turks sit at the same desk and in the same class are men from Norway, Syria, Ohio, Russian Poland, Mexico, France, Austria, South Carolina Italy and a few others. At the same time as the language is being taught, the elements of arithmetic and similar instruction is given.

Darlington. — For a little over a year Miss Louise McMaster, librarian of the Darlington public library, has been in Darlington co-operating with the library committee and others in preparing the library building for a formal opening and use by the public. By midsummer the tremendous job of organizing a library, purchasing new books and preparing the building and grounds for use, all of these, including many details and many delays, reached a stage at which the library could be opened for public use.

Richmond, Va. (Special). — C. E. Alexander of Oconee county, S. C., will have to serve six months in jail and pay a fine of \$300 for illicit distilling, so decided the federal circuit court of appeals affirming the judgment of the district court of Anderson, S. C. The appellate court held that Alexander's contention that the sections of the revised statutes under which he was convicted were repealed by the national prohibition act which became effective in January 1920, was wholly devoid of merit.

Columbia. — General D. Cardwell, who has been in the service of the Southern railway for 52 years, and assistant general freight agent, died at a hospital here.

Winnboro. — A northbound freight was delayed here on account of a hot box. The flagman on going on the opposite side of the train from the box to further examine the car was held up by two white men and a new 21 jewel gold watch and \$10 in money was taken from him. The flagman notified the sheriff and policeman, and a quick pursuit was made, but the parties escaped.

Gaffney. — The stockholders of the American State bank held a special meeting at which time they voted to increase the capital stock of the institution from \$60,000 to \$200,000. The absorption of the Carolina Trust company will give the bank an additional \$85,000 of capital so that very little new stock will be put on the market.

Spartanburg. — The South Carolina Light, Power & Railway co., owners of the Gaston Shoals power development plant in Cherokee county, the gas plant, the street railway lines and electric lighting system of the city of Spartanburg, was placed in temporary receivership by Judge H. H. Watkins of the United States court.

Columbia. — The Southeastern Express company will soon be ready for business, the \$1,000,000 capital stock for the company being sold in one day according to a telegram received in Columbia by W. E. McGee, division passenger agent from Fairfax Harrison, president of the Southern railway.

Few Homicides in Dillon. — Dillon. — Criminal court convened here. A grand jury for the ensuing year was sworn and the presiding judge charged the members, explaining and outlining the duties which they are expected to perform. His charge was masterly and to the point. There are no murder cases before this court. At the opening of the court Solicitor Spears informed the court that Dillon county had the unique record of having had fewer homicides than any in the United States, considering population.

Two Potato Schools in March. — Clemson College. — The extension horticulturists are planning to hold two sweet potato schools early in March, one at Hodges for the benefit of the sweet potato growers of the Piedmont section and one at Johnston for the growers of the lower part of the state. The plans for these schools include lectures as well as demonstrations in which there will be a model sweet potato house, crate recommended, specimens of sweet potato grades, charts and specimens of diseases.

LEVER CONTROL ACT UNCONSTITUTIONAL

CONVICTION OF CHARGING AN EXCESS PROFIT ON SUGAR SET ASIDE BY COURT.

FARM LOANS CONSTITUTIONAL

Chief Justice White Said that Lever Food Control Act is as Broad as Human Imagination.

Washington. — Sections of the Lever food control act under which the Department of Justice has brought many actions for alleged profiteering in necessities were declared unconstitutional by the supreme court. Chief Justice White read the court's decision.

Conviction of the L. Cohen Grocery company of St. Louis, in having charged an unreasonable profit on sales of sugar, was set aside by the court. Justices Brandeis and Pitney concurred in the opinion, but dissented from "the reasoning by which it was reached."

The conviction of the firm of Weeds, Inc., Binghamton, N. Y., also was set aside. Chief Justice White said the statute was "as broad as human imagination."

In the case brought by merchants of Jackson, Miss., the court reversed the decree of lower courts refusing to issue an injunction restraining the attorney general from prosecuting under the Lever act.

Washington. — The Federal Farm Loan act was held constitutional by the supreme court. This is the act under which land banks were established to extend loans to farmers.

Liquor Conviction Set Aside. — Washington. — Conviction of Lawrence Amos in South Carolina on charges of removing distilled spirits on which the taxes had not been paid to a place other than a distillery warehouse and of concealing such spirits was set aside by the supreme court.

The appeal was based on the allegation that the fourth and fifth amendments had been violated when Federal officers searched Amos' home without a search warrant.

May Libel Merchant Vessels. — Washington. — Merchant vessels, which are the property of a friendly state or in its own service, can be libeled in American courts the supreme court ruled.

The opinion of the court was given in the cases of the Italian ships Jesso and Carlo Poma, which had been libeled by shippers for damages resulting from losses to cargoes. Decrees of the district court at New York dismissing the libel attachments were overruled.

Sixteen Dead and Missing. — Washington. — One naval enlisted man is dead, 15 are missing and two are injured as the result of a collision between the American destroyer Woolsey and the American steamer Steel Inventor off the Pacific coast of Panama.

The Woolsey was cut in two at the after tank by the collision.

Slump in Cotton Exports. — Washington. — Exports of cotton the principal commodity exported from the United States in January, dropped to \$60,899,089 from \$92,355,393 in December, according to figures given out by the Department of Commerce.

Soviets are Overthrown. — Riga. — Rumors that the soviet authorities in Petrograd have been overthrown are in circulation in Moscow, says a report from the Russian capital received here.

"Going Away" Cup to Marshall. — Washington. — A large silver loving cup was presented to Vice President Marshall by the senate as a "going-away" gift.

Attacked by Forty-two States. — Washington. — The validity of the transportation act as construed by the Interstate Commerce Commission to give it final authority over state railroad rates was attacked in the supreme court by 42 states.

Kentucky Laws Invalid. — Washington. — Kentucky laws levying a special tax on liquors withdrawn from bonded warehouses were held invalid by the supreme court. Several millions in taxes collected were involved.

Wilson Approves Extension. — Washington. — President Wilson approved an act extending the federal farm loan act to Porto Rico.

Continue Present Policy. — London. — The British government does not intend to alter its present policy for maintaining order in Ireland, Mr. Lloyd-George, the prime minister, announced in the house of commons. The chief secretary for Ireland, he said would be allowed to carry his administration to a successful conclusion.