

## TRONA POTASH THE CAUSE OF TROUBLE

EXPERIMENTS WILL BEGIN AT ONCE IN INFECTED REGION FOR POISON CONTENT.

## NORTH CAROLINA AFFECTED

At Potato Conference on Long Island Trona Potash Was Shown to Have Injurious Effect on Potatoes.

Clemson College.—Clemson College authorities have investigated the potato situation which has given trouble in the Pee Dee section, and have traced the matter to its source in the use of trona potash, which contains impurities injurious to crops.

Other sources of American potash have given good results so far as investigations show. Since nearly all the soils of the coastal plains section of the state are in need of potash, it would be unfortunate to have all potash indiscriminately condemned along with this one source.

Director Barre announces that experiments will be begun at once at the Pee Dee station to obtain all possible information on the effort of this material on plant growth. Further study will be made in Darlington fields to assist farmers in securing data upon which to base claims for damages.

There has probably been injury to crops from this same source in other sections of the state, and if farmers think they have this trouble they should consult their county agents, all of whom have been posted about the matter.

Late in June Director H. W. Barre of the South Carolina experiment station attended a potato conference on Long Island to examine tests of all sources of domestic potash. Trona potash showed marked injury to potato plants, and the conference developed the fact that similar trouble was being experienced in North Carolina with cotton, tobacco and corn.

## Received With Military Honors.

Beaufort.—Governor Cooper was received at the Paris Island marine training station with military honors. General Pendleton and his staff, led the governor and his party and conducted them over the extensive marine reservation. The party was entertained by the general at luncheon after which the guests left for Lexington Hunting Club, on Hilton Head, where W. G. Smith, state warehouse commissioner, and Col. T. W. Cantler of the governor's staff are the hosts to the governor, W. G. Peterkin of Fort Motte and S. M. Guess of Yemassee. This club is famous for its quail and deer hunting but at this season the sport will be fishing and surf bathing.

## T. P. A. Plans Home Building.

Gaffney.—At a meeting of Post L. T. P. A., which was held in Gaffney, it was decided to build 20 dwelling houses in Gaffney in the near future. The houses are to cost not less than \$2,500 each and are to be modern in every respect. Committees were appointed to go carefully into the matter and to report to a meeting which will be called this week to decide upon the exact course to pursue. If these houses are built according to the plans outlined by Post L, the city of Gaffney will owe the organization a debt of gratitude, as scarcely a day passes that some one is not forced to pass the city by because there are no houses here for rent.

## Mill for Rock Hill.

Rock Hill.—A movement has been set on foot by C. L. Cobb, cashier of the People's National bank, and other interested citizens to erect a new cotton mill in Rock Hill. Replying to a telegram from Mr. Cobb, Alexander Long, president of the Aragon and Arcade Cotton mills of this city, now in New York, stated that he is willing to guarantee half of the sum necessary to build another cotton mill here, provided the balance of the required funds can be raised.

## Debarcation Flow At End.

Charleston.—The coming of the transport Madawaska marked the end of the flow of returning soldiers who have been landing here from France, thousands of men passing through Charleston to Camp Jackson with 21 arrivals of troop ships since the latter part of March. The whole movement has been handled smoothly, from the time the ships were taken in charge of by pilots of the harbor to the time the men had landed at the great government terminals and on their way to Columbia.

## Work on Highway Begins.

Laurens.—Actual work has begun on Laurens county's proposed system of sand-clay highways. Gregory and Thomas, with a large force of men and equipment, have the first contract awarded by the highway commission, and the project started is the Laurens-Hickory Tavern-Tumbling Shoals-Hickory Tavern, a distance of about 20 miles. N. C. Hughes, civil engineer employed by the county, will have general supervision of the road work until completed. More than \$300,000 is to be expended.

## WILSON SPEAKS ON HIGH COST OF LIVING

EPITOME OF REASONS FOR THE PRESENT EXORBITANT PRICE OF NECESSITIES OF LIFE.

## ONE REMEDY IS RATIFICATION

Energetic Enforcement of the Law is Recommended to Force Out Hiding Vast Stores of All Kinds.

Washington.—President Wilson laid several specific proposals before Congress for checking the high cost of living, but at the same time declared permanent results could not be expected until peace time bases were fully restored by ratification of the peace treaty.

High prices, the President told Congress, were not justified by shortage of supply, either present or prospective, but were created in many cases "artificially and deliberately" by "vicious practices." Retailers, he said, were responsible in large part for extortionate prices.

Strikes, the President warned the labor world, would only make matters worse and those who sought to employ threats or coercion were only "preparing their own destruction." Leaders of organized labor, the President said, he was sure would presently yield to second sober thought.

"Illegal" and "criminal" were the words the President used in characterizing the methods by which some present day prices have been brought about.

Present laws, he said, would be energetically employed to the limit to force out food hoards, and meet the situation so far as possible, but to supplement the existing statutes he specifically urged the following:

### Specific Recommendations.

Licensing of all corporations engaged in interstate commerce, with specific regulations designed to secure competitive selling and prevent "unconscionable profits" in the method of marketing.

Extension of the food control act to peace times and the application of its provisions against hoarding to fuel, clothing and other necessities of life as well as food.

A penalty in the food control act for profiteering.

A law regulating cold storage, limiting the time during which goods may be held, prescribing a method of disposing of them if held beyond the permitted period and requiring that when released goods bear the date of storage.

Laws requiring that goods released from storage for interstate commerce bear the selling prices at which they went into storage and requiring that all goods destined for interstate commerce bear the prices at which they left the hands of the producer.

Enactment of the pending bill for the control of security issues.

Additional appropriations for government agencies which can supply the public with full information as to prices at which retailers buy.

Early ratification of the peace treaty so that the "free processes of supply and demand" can operate.

### Immediate Steps Promised.

Immediate steps by executive agencies of the government promised by the President included:

The limiting and controlling of wheat shipments and credits to facilitate the purchase of wheat in such a way as not to raise, but rather to lower the price of flour at home.

Sale of surplus stocks of food and clothing in the hands of the government.

The forced withdrawal from storage and sale of surplus stocks in private hands.

### General Recommendations.

General recommendations included:

Increase of production.

Careful buying by housewives.

Fall dealing with the people on the part of producers, middlemen and merchants.

That there be no threats and undue insistence upon the interests of a single class.

Correction of "many things" in the relation between capital and labor in respect to wages and conditions of labor.

In concluding the President made a plea for deliberate, intelligent action, reminding Congress that an unbalanced world was looking to the United States.

"We and we almost alone," he said, "now hold the world steady. Upon our steadfastness and self possession depend the affairs of nations everywhere. It is in this supreme crisis—this crisis for all mankind—that America must prove her metal."

### May Discontinue Surcharge.

Raleigh, N. C.—The 10 per cent surcharge put on fire insurance premiums by insurance companies as applied in North Carolina, along with most of the other states, is to be discontinued August 15, following the adoption of resolutions insisting that this be done by the special committee of the national convention of state insurance commissioners.

Insurance Commissioner James R. Young returned from New York and brought this bit of interesting news for Carolina insurers.

## JAPANESE EDITORS CALM ON SHANTUNG QUESTION.

Tokio.—The newspapers generally are treating calmly in their editorial comment the various phases of the debate in the United States senate on the question of Shantung. The opinion most widely advanced is that the republican senators who are opposing the provision in the peace treaty relating to Shantung are using their arguments against Japan mostly for political purposes.

After pointing out that it is Japan's intention to restore Shantung to China and to conduct economic undertakings in Shantung jointly with the Chinese, The Hochi Shimbun interprets the attitude of the republican senators as being based on America's desire to achieve a world economic conquest including China, from which she desires to oust Japan economically.

## VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE TO PROBE INTO PROFITEERING.

Richmond, Va.—Governor Westmoreland Davis announced that he would have two bills offered in the special session of the legislature, directed to curb the profiteering in food.

One of the bills calls for a rigid enforcement to prevent hoarding and making it a crime to fail to report at stipulated intervals the amount of food held in storage. A license also will be demanded of the storage warehouses. The date of storage also must be stamped on the product and the date of its removal.

## CONFEDERATE VETERANS IN ATLANTA IN OCTOBER.

Mobile, Ala.—General William E. Mickle, chief of staff, United Confederate veterans, has announced that the next Confederate reunion will be held in Atlanta, October 7, 8, 9 and 10. The annual meeting of the Confederate Southern Memorial associations and the Sons of Confederate veterans will be held in Atlanta on the same dates, General Mickle announced.

## EVACUATION BY RUMANIAN ARMY BODES NO REAL GOOD.

Berlin.—The retirement from Budapest of the Rumanian army, owing to pressure from the entente, is probable, but it will be a sullen withdrawal, boding no good for the future, according to dispatches from the Hungarian capital.

## STEPS TAKEN TO CONFISCATE SUGAR UNLAWFULLY HOARDED.

Richmond, Va.—United States District Attorney Hiram Smith received instructions from Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer to take immediate steps for confiscation of all foodstuffs found to have been unlawfully hoarded. Advices have reached Attorney Smith that large quantities of sugar are being hoarded here and active search has begun. Two department of justice men were placed on the case.

## SEVEN BURNED TO DEATH ON A "SCENIC RAILWAY"

Montreal.—Seven persons were burned to death in a fire on a scenic railway at Dominion park, an amusement resort near this city.

The bodies of three men, three women and a boy were recovered from the ruins shortly before midnight. It is feared several more persons lost their lives and that the bodies will be recovered when search is resumed. It has been impossible so far to identify the dead.

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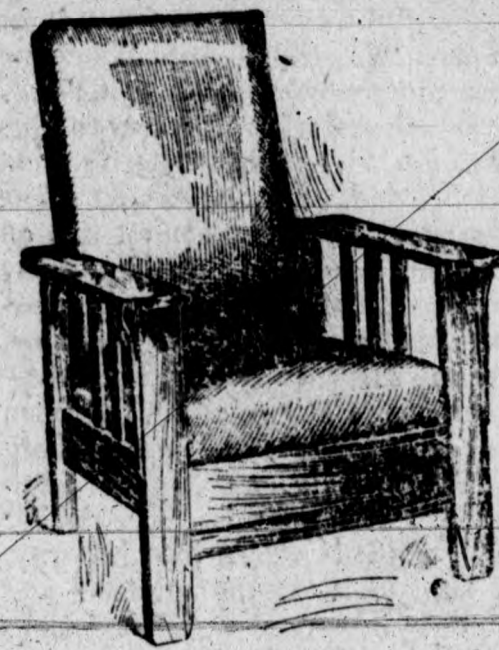
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