

WYATT AIKEN TALKS OF COTTON QUESTION

ATTITUDE OF CONGRESS ON MATTER OF LENDING AID TO FARMERS

SEES LITTLE HELP

Takes Step Which He Believes Might Help in Boosting Price of Staple.

(From Thursday's Daily.) Hon. Wyatt Aiken, Congressman from the third district, is visiting in Anderson for a few days. Asked yesterday for a statement as to the attitude of Congress on the question of lending aid to the cotton growers of the South, Mr. Aiken gave out the following:

"While Southern congressmen have from the beginning felt the sincerest sympathy with the cotton grower in his extremity and almost without exception they have voted and worked for every measure of relief offered, it has been apparent from the beginning that little help could be expected from the National Government—even Democratic Congressmen—from non-cotton growing sections could not be brought to see the question except as a sectional measure and the Republicans generally were against any legislation of the character sought.

"There are phases of this cotton question that should be well considered before being adopted. The United States still has a practical monopoly of cotton production but that monopoly is falling away year by year.

"Varying statements of the world supply of raw material places the foreign production at about 42 per cent, averaged.

"Cotton is an adopted crop in the United States, while it is indigenous to the soils of India and South America. It grew wild in India from the earliest recorded times and as early as 300 years before the Christian era cotton was cultivated there and the staple woven into cloth that constituted the principal article of clothing worn by the natives.

"When Cortez conquered Mexico he found the natives clothed in cotton garments of their own weaving.

"Unquestionably the temperate section of South America, a great part of India and Egypt, and the temperate section of Africa are as well suited to cotton raising as is the United States, and European interests are developing the cultivation of cotton in these sections. The first great impetus that was given to cotton production by foreign countries came as a result of the war of secession. From a principal production in previous years, Egypt produced in 1853, 1,611,228 bales and in 1875, 392,575 bales. In 1914 she produced 984,000 bales, weighing 700 pounds. Last year she produced a few more than one million weighing 700 pounds.

"The same growth is noted in the production in India. That country produced in 1888, 2,657,000 bales and in 1910, 6,317,000 bales. India now produces more than six million bales.

"While the idea of diversification and reduction of cotton acreage is undoubtedly a good one, this reduction should not be radical. The cotton crop is and should always be the money crop of the South, and radical reduction of acreage means to turn it over to the foreigner.

"Cotton spinning has undergone perhaps even greater changes of locality than cotton production. It may surprise some to know that 300 years ago Spain was the center of cotton manufacturing in the world. Today England holds that honor with the United States second and all other countries well distanced. Japan is coming into importance in the manufacture of cotton, and owing to her proximity to eastern markets, bids fair to become a formidable competitor.

"This country should not take a step backward either in the production of or manufacture of cotton and the safest way to guard against this danger is to produce enough, and just enough, cotton for the world's supply under extraordinary war conditions. In guarding against present disaster, of which every true Southerner must approve, the cotton grower should not incur the greater danger of losing his hold on the greatest money crop known to the industry of the world. Though the Southern farmer's present ordeal may be chargeable to cotton it must not be forgotten that the South cannot compete successfully with the West and Northwest on an extensive scale in the production of grain and cattle, while under normal conditions the cotton crop should grow more and more valuable with each recurring year. The supply now is barely equal to the demand.

"The public should understand that cotton is not listed as a contraband, either absolute or conditional, by any of the belligerents; on the contrary, cotton is non-contraband articles. The department of state recently received a statement from the British Ambassador in Washington, in effect that cotton is not listed as contraband by his government, the British authorities have no intention of interfering with shipments of cotton on neutral vessels to any of the countries of Europe. The cotton situation is complicated by the complications and no difficulty should be experienced with shipments of cotton to any of the European countries, including those of the belligerents, when shipped in American or other neutral vessels and not complicated by other shipments of articles which may involve the question of contraband.

"I have recently requested the secretary of agriculture to ascertain and publish as early as practicable the acreage of small grain sown this fall in the cotton belt. Such publication might help in boosting the price of cotton.



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CLAIM RUSSIANS ARE VICTORIOUS (CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE.)

Frontier while action is being taken against those in Zemplin. Along the east and south coasts of England preparations are being made to repulse any possible attempts at invasion by Germany. Plans have been completed for the withdrawal of women and children from areas which may be threatened and for the withdrawal of live stock and anything that may be useful to the invaders. Rifle clubs have been organized and are drilling.

Germany also fears an invasion by the Allies and is making extensive preparations to guard against such an eventuality, according to a Copenhagen dispatch. It is said the Germans are strengthening old fortresses in the former Danish territory of Schleswig-Holstein and a line of entrenchments along the northern side of the Kiel Canal. It is on the shore of Schleswig, the report says that an invasion is feared.

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Cabbage Plants FORTY MILLIONS OF GENUINE BEST PLANTS... Bleckley & Heard UNDERTAKERS

A dispatch from Berlin says it is reported there that the British Indian troops along the Suez canal have been defeated and that the Turks are advancing with heavy batteries to destroy the constructive works of the canal and bottle up the British warships now in that waterway. Considerable diplomatic activity in the Balkans is reported. There is talk of a reorganization of the Balkan league which would bring to the side of the Allies all the Balkan states. The Earl of Beauchamp, first commissioner of works in the British cabinet in a speech at a banquet to the officers of the Santa Claus ship Jason at Plymouth, made a statement which is attracting considerable interest. In expressing England's appreciation of the peace treaty between Great Britain and the United States he was not at all sure that within the next few months the possibilities of future peace would not be along the lines suggested by President Wilson and Secretary of State Bryan.

(By Associated Press.) LONDON, Nov. 25.—While the Russian army headquarters remains silent and the Germans claim to have checked attempts on the part of the Russians to take the offensive, the military party in Petrograd has shown its full confidence in the unofficial report of a Russian victory in northern Poland by celebrating the event. It is even said in the Russian capital that the victory was greater than has been reported previously and there is talk in Petrograd of an entire German army corps having been broken up. Reports received there say that trains have been ordered which will accommodate 50,000 wounded and prisoners. Heretofore, Grand Duke Nicholas, commander-in-chief of the Russian forces, has withheld his reports until the work is set about had been completed, so that the world may have to wait for some days yet for his official statement.

In East Prussia and before Cracow, Galicia, the Germans also claim to have broken the Russian advance to a stop. The other side is yet to be heard from in regard to this statement. Probably the most significant piece of news regarding Russian operations comes from Budapest, where it is admitted the Russian troops again have invaded Hungary and again reached the county of Ung which is about 35 miles south of the Carpathians, and the county of Zemplin, 50 miles south of these mountains. The troops, which invaded Ung, according to this report, have been driven back to the frontier, while action is being taken against those in Zemplin. Except to the north of Verdun, where the Germans attacked, were repulsed and held for an armistice which was refused, fighting in the western theatre still is largely an actual exchange. There is evidence, however, that the German command plans another desperate effort to get through to the French coast ports.

Every report from Belgium by way of Holland shows that the Germans are bringing up reinforcements and guns, but so closely is the secret guarded that there is no indication as to where the blow is to be delivered. It will doubtless be a heavy one, backed by all the men, guns and other machinery of war of which the Germans seem to have unlimited supplies. The Allies have made every preparation to meet this assault. At the same time preparations have been completed for the defense of the east coast of England, for the opinion still holds here that if the Germans fall in their latest plans they will attempt a raid on England with warships and transports, for which German submarines are trying to prepare the way. There is considerable diplomatic activity in the Balkans and important developments are expected soon. It is regarded in official circles here that with the Austrian army on her spill Serbia will be more likely to listen to Bulgaria's demand for a slice of Macedonia as the price of her support. There also is talk of an arrangement between Rumania and Bulgaria—in fact of a reorganization of the Balkan league which would bring the Balkan states over to the side of the Allies.

COTTON PRODUCTS COMPANY FORMED (CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE.)

plans and purposes of the new corporation, saying: "The company will be chartered under the laws of Louisiana and will maintain headquarters at New Orleans. It was organized by the Southern Cotton Association, cooperating with the Farmers' Union and allied organizations. Subscriptions will be taken in cash or cotton, and in cotton at 10 cents per pound, middling basis. The first object of the Cotton Products Company will be to retire from the market as much of the surplus of the present crop as possible.

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and its first business after organization will be to secure loans on negotiable warehouse receipts on cotton held in storage. The temporary officers of the company will be the present officers of the Southern Cotton Association. Permanent officers will be selected from among the leading financiers and business men of the South. The Southern Cotton Association will begin immediately to solicit subscriptions in every cotton-producing county of the South. "The Cotton Products Company, when organized, will construct modern warehouses, issue negotiable warehouse receipts and attempt to bring about many economic reforms in marketing and handling the cotton crop. It will undertake to stabilize cotton values at prices fair and reasonable to the cotton grower, and otherwise aid in the development of the cotton industry."

CHEDDAR SCHOOL

After another week of study we come with a short message from our school. The enrollment has been steadily increasing each week until now all three rooms are nearly filled. As yet no special date has been set apart for clean-up day, but we have been doing some general work on the outside, and expect to soon have our building looking as if "dunt"—had never been a visitor there. We are planning Thanksgiving exercises, a report of which we will give later. Miss Gertrude Clinekeles, our principal, attended the meeting of the School Improvement Association in Anderson Saturday and from there went to her home near the city where she spent the week-end with home folks.

Mr. Frank Johnson who has been in the U. S. army for the last three years has returned to Cheddar and is visiting friends here for awhile. Misses Ethel Brooms, Uga, Shaw and Ermis Warnock of Belton were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Copeland Sunday. Miss Madge Price of Pendleton is visiting relatives here.

NEWS FROM SENECA

Special to The Intelligencer. SENECA, Nov. 25.—An unusually interesting meeting of the K. of P. lodge of this place was held Monday night, when the Third degree was conferred in long form, illustrated by stereopticon slides. The lodge purchased a Bausch & Lomb Balaopticon, some time ago, and its use in conferring the degrees has greatly revived the interest. Union Thanksgiving services will be held in the First Baptist church. The Rev. T. M. Galphin will preach. The offering will be devoted to the orphanages of the State. Dr. E. C. Doyle has been appointed committee man for Oconee County to have charge of the Belgian relief fund. The stores will all be closed here on Thanksgiving. For awhile there was some doubt as to whether this movement would go through this year, but the success of it was assured when Messrs. C. H. Elliott and I. E. Pincannon yielded to the pressure and put their names to the paper. Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, the mother of Mr. John L. Smith, left last week for Cross Anchor, S. C., to spend the winter with relatives. Mrs. Smith is about 85 years of age, but remarkably active for that age. Mr. A. W. Forett has gone to Augusta on business. Miss Rosa Dilworth of Westminster has been visiting the family of Mr. W. K. Kay on Fairplay street. Mr. Hugh Holoman, the accommodating baggage master at the Union station, left for Cornelia, Ga., where he is to be married to Mrs. Burris of Walhalla. He was accompanied by his nephew, Mr. Whit Holoman. Mrs. A. R. N. Folger and young son, Douglas Merrett, have been visiting her mother, Mrs. J. H. Reeder, in Westminster. Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Shepherd of Charlottte are in Seneca on a visit to Mrs. Shepard's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Wood. Mrs. Brown of Atlanta is visiting at the home of Mr. W. K. Livingston. Mrs. Thomson of Spartanburg is visiting her son, Dr. D. P. Thomson, on Fairplay street. A Good Woman Passes Away. Mrs. Amanda Tannery passed away at her home in this county last Thursday. Mrs. Tannery was the widow of the late John Tannery, and the mother of five sons and four daughters. Three of her sons are prominent railroad men: Messrs. Egan, and Alfred Tannery of Raleigh, N. C. and J. Leard Tannery of Charleston. Another son is Mr. Marshall Tannery of Pikesville, and the other is Mr. Oscar Tannery of this county. Dr. C. H. Burges of Iva was among the visitors in Anderson yesterday. Dr. W. W. Watkins of Pendleton spent yesterday in Anderson.

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