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**J. Skottowe Wannamaker Says
 Senator Smith Will Introduce
 Resolution at Once**

Columbia, March 23.—J. Skottowe Wannamaker, president of the American Cotton association, said yesterday that the association had asked congress to order a recount of the surplus cotton in the country to see how much of it is spinnable and that a resolution to this end would be introduced at once by Senator Smith.

Mr. Wannamaker also made public the first report of the American Cotton association for 1920 and declared that it revealed startlingly bullish conditions. A canvass of the belt, he said, showed that preparations for the 1920 crop are at least five weeks late; that labor is extremely short, that the mild winter with the late start on the new crop spells certainty of serious insect damage, on account of the rapid spread of the boll weevil and that the pink worm had appeared in two parishes in Louisiana and in some sections of Texas. He declared that the world is facing an enormous shortage. The statement issued by Mr. Wannamaker follows:

"The census bureau, by special request of the American Cotton association, in their final ginning report issued Saturday separated snaps and bollies. The report convinces us that the world is faced with a demand that will exceed the supply before the 1920 crop can possibly become available.

"The total ginning figures of 11,258,117 includes 580,000 bales of snaps and bollies which must be deducted, leaving a balance of only 10,678,117 bales. Each season there is a discrepancy between the supply and distribution figures of cotton amounting in the average to about 200,000 bales as shown by the census department in their regular bulletins. We find that the average weight per bale ginned is the lowest in the last 25 years and this will certainly result in a material reduction.

"This crop carries the largest proportion of low grade cotton of any crop in the last 25 years. Congressional action has been requested to have a recount made of the so-called surplus to ascertain the actual amount of spinnable cotton. Senator Smith will introduce a resolution to this end at once.

The "Francis Marion."

Every school boy in South Carolina knows or ought to know the story of the entertainment of a British officer by Francis Marion. The gallant "Swamp Fox" had nothing to offer his guest save roasted sweet potatoes. However the partisan soldier was limited by necessity in arranging his bill of fare, it was a good dinner that he gave the Englishman for there is nothing else quite so good as a sweet

potato roasted and the potatoes of South Carolina are perhaps a little better than those that grow elsewhere. Francis Marion, was an officer and a gentleman of excellent gustatory habits and he had nothing on the historic occasion to apologize for. The roasted potatoes spoke for themselves with unanswerable eloquence.

In Charleston they are to have a new hotel, whether of 10 or 20 stories one does not at the moment remember but it is to be called the "Francis Marion" and no other name quite so suitable or quite so promising could have been chosen for it. If always it will give its guests plenty of roasted Carolina potatoes they will have no reason to complain, though if Sundays they serve with them potatoed pigs roasted, according to the fashion of Old S. C. fame of the inn will be the more swiftly sent to the upper parts of the earth.

The auguries for Charleston and the hotel are favorable. there is much in a name and sweet potato will be forever associated with Francis Marion—The State.

"O PROMISE ME"

Something About Reginald De Koven's Most Famous Song.
 New York Times.

sky,
 This song, which was sung by Alan-a-Dale in the late Reginald De Koven's "Robin Hood" for 20 years and is still popular, was not in the original score of the opera. It was set to music by the composer, who chanced upon the verses by Clement Jessie Barlett Davis in the role of Shorter Scott, a London critic, in a newspaper, and interpolated it in the opera shortly after its first production.

O Promise Me!
 O promise me that some day you and I
 Will take our love together to some sky,
 Where we can be alone and faith renewed,
 And find the hollows where those flowers grew—
 Those fresh, sweet violets of early spring,
 Which come in whispers, thrill us both and ising
 Of love unspeakable that is to be—

O promise me!
 O promise me that you will take my hand,
 The most unworthy in this lonely land,
 And let me sit beside you, in your Seeing the vision of our paradise;

Singing God's message, while the organ rolls
 Its mighty music through our very souls;
 No love less perfect than a life with thee—
 O promise me! O promises me!

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