

EUROPEAN WAR SHATTERS KING COTTON'S THRONE

FLEECY STAPLE MUST PAY RANSOM INTO THE COFFERS OF WAR.

Nation Rings With Cries of Stricken Industry.

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King Cotton has suffered more from the European war than any other agricultural product on the American continent. The shells of the belligerents have burst over his throne, frightening his subjects and shattering his markets, and, panic-stricken, the nation cries out "God save the king!"

People from every walk of life have contributed their mite toward rescue work. Society has danced before the king; merrily has decreed that the family wardrobe shall contain only cotton goods; the press has pleaded with the public to "buy a bale"; bankers have been formulating holding plans; congress and legislative bodies have deliberated over relief measures; statesmen and writers



have grown eloquent expounding the inalienable rights of "His Majesty" and presenting schemes for preserving the financial integrity of the stricken staple, but the sword of Europe has proved mightier than the pen of America in fixing value upon this product of the sunny south. Prices have been bayoneted, values riddled and markets decimated by the battling hosts of the eastern hemisphere until the American farmer has suffered a war loss of \$400,000,000, and a bale of cotton brave enough to enter a European port must pay a ransom of half its value or go to prison until the war is over.

Hope of the Future Lies in Co-operation.

The Farmers' Union, through the columns of the press, wants to thank the American people for the friendship, sympathy and assistance given the cotton farmers in the hour of distress and to direct attention to co-operative methods necessary to permanently assist the marketing of all farm products.

The present emergency presents as grave a situation as ever confronted the American farmer and from the viewpoint of the producer, would seem to justify extraordinary relief measures, even to the point of bending the constitution and straining business rules in order to lift a portion of the burden off the backs of the farmer, for unless something is done to check the invasion of the war forces upon the cotton fields, the pathway of the European pestilence on this continent will be strewn with mortgaged homes and famine and poverty will stalk over the southland, filling the highways of industry with refugees and the bankruptcy court with prisoners.

All calamities teach us lessons and the present crisis serves to illuminate the frailties of our marketing methods and the weakness of our credit system, and out of the financial anguish and travail of the cotton farmer will come a volume of discussion and a mass of suggestions and finally a solution of this, the biggest problem in the economic life of America. If, indeed, we have not already laid the foundation for at least temporary relief.

More Pharaohs Needed in Agriculture. Farm products have no credit and perhaps can never have on a permanent and satisfactory basis unless we build warehouses, cold storage plants, elevators, etc., for without storage and credit facilities, the south is compelled to dump its crop on the market at harvest time. The Farmers' Union in the cotton producing states have for the past ten years persistently advocated the construction of storage facilities. We have built during this period 2,000 warehouses with a capacity of approximately 4,000,000 bales and looking backward the results would seem encouraging, but looking forward, we are able to house less than one-third of the crop and warehouses without a credit system lose 90 per cent of their usefulness. The problem is a gigantic one—too great for the farmer to solve unaided. He must have the assistance of the banker, the merchant and the government.

In production we have reached the high water mark of perfection in the world's history, but our marketing methods are most primitive. In the dawn of history we find agriculture plowing with a forked stick but with a system of warehouses under governmental supervision that made the Egyptians the marvel of civilization, for who has not admired the vision of Joseph and applauded the wisdom of Pharaoh for storing the surplus until demanded by the consumer, but in this age we have too many Josephs who dream and not enough Pharaohs who build.

STARVE THE RED SPIDER.

The "red spider" has been doing a good deal of damage to the cotton in different sections of Oconee. As the leaves will soon begin to die on the cotton, the spider will be compelled to look elsewhere for his food, and this is where the farmer can do a little "head work" and "hard work" and starve the spider out during the winter, thus preventing him from being present in the cotton field next year. "An ounce of preventive is worth a pound of cure" in this case.

As the spider lives over winter on evergreens, and especially violet and poke weed roots, it will be worth while to take a little time to grub up the poke root and cut down the violet.

I reproduce here a description of the red spider and the effect of his depredations. This matter is furnished by Clemson College, as follows:

"The red spider is a very small, reddish, spinning mite on the under sides of cotton leaves. It is injurious during dry weather. As soon as dry weather sets in, begin to watch for the mite. It is not hard to recognize it. Infested leaves become deep red on their upper surfaces. By looking on the under surfaces of such leaves one can notice the red spiders moving about. The earliest sign is merely a blood red spot on the upper surface of the leaf.

"The lower leaves of the plant are affected first. The red spider spreads by crawling and is also carried by birds, domestic animals, workmen and wind. The leaves that it attacks become distorted and brittle and drop off, thus weakening the plant. Several species of insects attack the mite and in some seasons do much good, but man must do the greatest part of the preventive work himself."

Germany Has Lots of Cotton.

New York, Sept. 8.—Germany has sufficient cotton for military purposes to last two years, said Wm. L. Walker, of New York, who was an arrival on the Holland-American liner Ryndam. Mr. Walker has been in Bremen for the last nine years representing an American cotton firm.

A substitute for cotton made of wood pulp cellulose has been discovered, he said, which is now being exclusively used in the textile industry.

Weevil in Three Ga. Counties.

Dawson, Ga., Sept. 8.—A ripple of excitement was created here this afternoon by the announcement that the boll weevil had arrived in Terrell county. The weevils were discovered by Assistant State Entomologist W. V. Reed, who is in the county to-day.

Mr. Reed stated that the pest had also been found in Lee county and in Dougherty. While Terrell county holds the record for cotton production, many of its best farmers have already been preparing for the weevil by making hay, grain, sorghum and other food crops.

The spot which is found to be infested is about two miles north of town, on one of the plantations of T. B. Raines.

Peary for National Defense.

Portland, Maine, Sept. 8.—Robert E. Peary, who was retired by act of Congress with the rank of rear admiral in recognition of his discovery of the North Pole in 1909, has offered his services to the Navy Department for any duty he may be called upon to perform. It was learned to-day that he had offered to take the necessary physical examination and perform any services that may be required of him in the development of the program for national defense.

No Effort to Conceal Gun.

Queenstown, Eng., Sept. 8.—There is absolutely no doubt that a gun was mounted on the Hesperian. It is understood the gun was visible to all who cared to look at it, no secret being made of its presence.

It has been established that an American named Wolf was lost on the Hesperian. Wolf signed as an able seaman of the Hesperian's crew. He came from Newark, N. J., and was of Dutch parentage.

Church Janitor Hanged.

Sacramento, Cal., Sept. 10.—David Fountain, a church janitor, was hanged at Folsom prison to-day for the murder of 10-year-old Margaret Milling in the basement of the German Lutheran church here on December 5, 1914.

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NOTES FROM LITTLE RIVER.

Little River, Sept. 7.—Special: Mrs. Elbert Hudson and children, after spending some time visiting in this section, have returned to their home near Fair Play.

J. B. Burgess, of Jocassee, made a hurried visit in this section the first of last week.

Mrs. Mary E. Holden, one of the most elderly persons in this section, spent last week with her daughter, Mrs. L. R. Cantrell. Mrs. Holden is nearing her 90th mile-post and can get about exceedingly well for one of her age. She makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. W. M. Perry.

John Alexander and family, of North Carolina, have moved to Pickens, near the home of Mrs. Staten Cantrell, his mother-in-law. His many friends wish for him much success in his new home.

Mrs. W. A. Pearson, with her eldest son Edwin and baby girl, of New Hope, were guests of Mrs. James L. Talley and family the past week. This is Mrs. Pearson's first visit to her old home for some time. She also visited her old friend and chum, Mrs. W. M. Perry, during her stay in this section.

Miss Sue Sligh has closed her school at Smetzer for two weeks for fodder pulling.

The lecture on temperance at Salem was very well attended on last Thursday, considering the busy time in the fodder fields.

B. F. Coward and Commissioner D. E. Nicholson, of Whitewater, made a business trip in this section the past week. They report good crops in their section. They also report a bountiful crop of squirrels in the mountain section of Oconee.

Mr. Stribling, the game warden for Oconee, had seven men before Magistrate Green, of Salem, recently. They were given \$5 apiece for violation of the game laws. A few cases like this and some of the nimrods will take warning.

Mrs. Ben Alexander and son, of North Carolina, were circulating among their relatives in this section the past week.

Bryan Holden, one of our boys, is talking of trying the West this fall. Glazener Abercrombie has rented land from J. B. Burgess and will take his bride to their new home.

Brack Lusk made a business trip to Whitewater the past week.

Charlie Perry will attend the Walhalla High School the coming session. His friend, Dock Moody, of Cheochee, will also attend.

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Nurse Falls; Breaks Baby's Skull.

Savannah, Ga., Sept. 10.—While going down the steps with the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Winters in her arms this morning, the colored nurse fell and broke the infant's skull. Death ensued in a few minutes.

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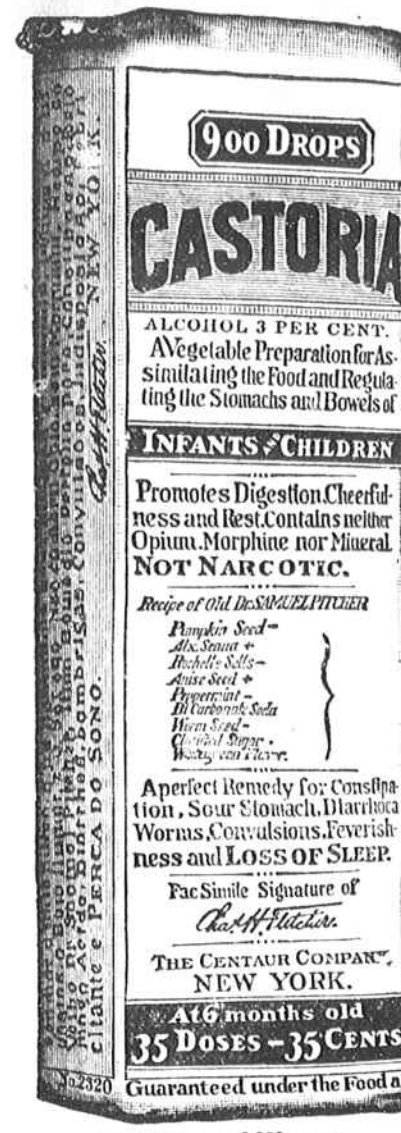
The Thornwell Orphanage.

In view of the approaching Orphan Work Day, (September 25th.) on which day everybody in the State will be busy for his or her own orphanage, I think it may be well for the information of all concerned, to mention a few facts about this Presbyterian Home for Orphans, for the Thornwell Orphanage is owned and controlled by the three Synods of South Carolina, Georgia and Florida.

The institution is not an asylum, nor a reformatory, but it is a home and school for orphans only. It is now full to overflowing, with some 200 applicants waiting for admission. Three hundred children are now in the cottages and schools of the home. Children with living fathers, even though deserted, cannot be received. The children need and deserve help, but the State should see that fathers do their duty by their children.

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	First Class, Passenger, Daily.		First Class, Passenger, Daily.		First Class, Motor Train, Daily.		First Class, Motor Train, Daily.		Second Class, Mixed, Daily Ex. Sun.		
	A. M.	P. M.	A. M.	P. M.	A. M.	P. M.	A. M.	P. M.	A. M.	P. M.	
EAST-BOUND—											
Leave Walhalla	7:40	3:10	11:40	6:15	5:30						
Leave West Union	7:45	3:15	11:45	6:20	5:35						
Leave Seneca	8:05	3:33	1:15	6:53	6:30						
Leave Jordania	8:08	3:35	1:17	6:55	6:33						
Leave Adams's Crossing	8:24	3:52	1:31	7:09	6:57						
Leave Cherry's Crossing	8:27	3:55	1:33	7:11	7:01						
Leave Pendleton	8:39	4:07	1:45	7:23	7:17						
Leave Autun	8:47	4:15	1:53	7:31	7:29						
Leave Sandy Springs	8:50	4:18	1:56	7:34	7:33						
Leave Denver	8:55	4:24	2:01	7:39	7:41						
Leave West Anderson	9:10	4:38	2:13	7:51	8:00						
Leave Anderson (Passenger Depot)	9:15	4:43	2:18	7:56	8:05						
Leave Anderson (Freight Depot)	9:17	4:45			8:17						
Leave Erskine's Siding	9:33	5:05			8:35						
Arrive Belton	9:45	5:15			8:45						
NUMBER OF TRAIN	12	10	24	30	8						
WESTBOUND—											
Leave Belton	7:25	11:22			9:45						
Leave Erskine's Siding	5:35	11:34			9:55						
Leave Anderson (Freight Depot)	5:50	11:48			10:13						
Leave Anderson (Passenger Depot)	5:52	11:50	8:05	3:05	12:25						
Leave West Anderson	5:57	11:57	8:10	3:10	12:33						
Leave Denver	6:10	12:10	8:23	3:23	12:53						
Leave Sandy Springs	6:15	12:15	8:28	3:28	1:01						
Leave Autun	6:17	12:18	8:31	3:31	1:05						
Leave Pendleton	6:24	12:26	8:39	3:39	1:17						
Leave Cherry's Crossing	6:34	12:36	8:49	3:49	1:33						
Leave Adams's Crossing	6:36	12:39	8:51	3:52	1:37						
Leave Jordania	6:43	12:57	9:07	4:06	2:01						
Leave Seneca	6:53	1:15	9:10	4:30	2:45						
Leave West Union	7:11	1:33	9:28	4:50	3:15						
Arrive Walhalla	7:25	1:42	9:35	4:55	3:23						
NUMBER OF TRAIN	11	9	29	25	7						

Flag Stations: Anderson (Freight Depot), West Anderson, Denver, Sandy Springs, Autun, Cherry's Crossing, Adams's Crossing, Jordania. Steam trains will stop at following flag stations to take on and let off passengers: Welch, Toxaway, Phinney's, James.

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HUSBAND RESCUED DESPAIRING WIFE

After Four Years of Discouraging Conditions, Mrs. Bullock Gave Up in Despair. Husband Came to Rescue.

Catron, Ky.—In an interesting letter from this place, Mrs. Bettie Bullock writes as follows: "I suffered for four years, with womanly troubles, and during this time, I could only sit up for a little while, and could not walk anywhere at all. At times, I would have severe pains in my left side.

The doctor was called in, and his treatment relieved me for a while, but I was soon confined to my bed again. After that, nothing seemed to do me any good.

upon the Christian public. Of course, the appeal for them is made principally to Presbyterians, but as children are received from all denominations or without respect to the parents, aid from any and everybody is appreciated. The plan of Orphan Work Day is

I had gotten so weak I could not stand, and I gave up in despair.

At last, my husband got me a bottle of Cardui, the woman's tonic, and I commenced taking it. From the very first dose, I could tell it was helping me. I can now walk two miles without tiring me, and am doing all my work."

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to interest young and old to help us by their labors. Contributions are made by these on the Sunday following (September 26) and the gifts promptly forwarded. The address of the Thornwell Orphanage is Clinton, S. C. Individual gifts are always acceptable. W. P. Jacobs.

Death of E. W. Burdette.

(Farm and Factory.) E. W. Burdette, who at one time made his home in Oconee county, died August 31st in Atlanta, Ga. He was 56 years of age, having been born September 2, 1859. He was a son of Zebidie and Malinda Burdette, who are well known in this county. Mr. Burdette made many friends wherever he went and was a devout Christian. He had been ill for some time before his death and was attended by several physicians at an Atlanta hospital. They believed him too weak to undergo an operation and told his family there was no hope of prolonging his life. He was carried to his home Tuesday afternoon and died at 12 o'clock the same night. The body was brought to Westminster Thursday and interred in the Baptist cemetery. Rev. Don Cain conducting the funeral services.

In 1882 Mr. Burdette was happily married to Miss Elizabeth Burns, and she and eleven children survive.

The sympathies of a host of friends go out to the bereaved ones in their hour of sorrow.

Savannah Editor Found Dead.

Savannah, Ga., Sept. 9.—Elmer N. Hancock, for more than 30 years editor of the Savannah Morning News, was found dead in bed this afternoon. It is presumed acute indigestion caused his death. He had not been feeling well for several days, but his death came as a great surprise to his associates. He was a native of New Jersey.

Mr. Hancock, who was about 71 years old, came to Savannah 35 years ago from Washington, where he was the correspondent of the New Orleans Times-Democrat. He had formerly been city editor of the New Orleans Times. Little is known of his family, although he is known to have a brother in Philadelphia.

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