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Commissioner Summers Comments on Drop in Cotton

REPORT TO LEGISLATURE

Charges That Bitter and Acrimonious Fight is Being Made on South.

Columbia, Dec. 15.—Following the upsetting of labor conditions in the South by the establishment of military training camps in this section and the unprecedented wages paid artisans and common labor, "it was particularly cruel and unjust that, at this moment, the government should have been hoodwinked by designing persons who sought to manipulate the cotton market for personal speculation and private aggrandizement," will say the annual report of A. C. Summers, State Commissioner of Agriculture, Commerce and Industries, to the General Assembly.

The report charges that the bitter and acrimonious fight being made on the South and the South's staple crop, cotton, camouflaged under a plea of administration favoritism to this section, is but an effort to beat down the social and industrial fabric of the Southern section of the nation and to cause the South to revert to "a condition of feudalism and great estates."

This section of the report will say: "The industrial life of the country was metamorphosed during the period of the war. It appears to have been the policy of the government not to establish new industries, but to convert the 'non-essentials' to war purposes and to enlarge existing plants. For that reason there was not a great amount of industrial expansion in the South.

"Certain sections of the country which rallied at the administration at Washington because military camps were established in the South, appear to have been unmindful of the fact that the government was very generous to the industries of other sections of the country, and that the South did not murmur because of any apparent sectional favoritism thereby shown. Had the administration been partial, to the South, new industries of great magnitude would have been located here.

"As it is, the building of military camps has greatly upset labor conditions in the South. The South's main industry is agriculture, and removing from that industry thousands of workers and giving them undreamed of wages as artisans and mechanics not only interfered with crop-making and crop-gathering for the present, but also has given to a portion of that class a distaste for farm work in the future.

"This was the fortune of war and we accept the result as gracefully as we may, yet it is a fact that is well known and a condition which must be faced, particularly here in South Carolina. This is indeed a crisis in the agricultural history of the State. While all branches of trade and industry are naturally apprehensive, all waiting for a strong hand a strong head, a strong heart to give them directing, yet the condition in the agriculture of our State are peculiarly sensitive at this moment.

"For this reason it was particularly cruel and unjust that at this moment the government should have been hoodwinked by designing persons, who sought to manipulate the cotton market for personal speculation and private aggrandizement.

"There was at stake more than the mere price of the crop of 1918. The far-reaching effects of this dastardly attack upon the South may be observed at a glance when it is understood that cotton is the South's industry as well as the South's crop. If the South should be beaten down and disheartened in this attack, the South would suffer continuously. The South's main industrial would be discredited. The fight which leaders of Southern thought have been waging would be doomed to failure and the South, instead of enjoying industrial freedom, would revert to a condition of feudalism and great estates. The effort of the State Department of Agriculture and of other progressive agencies for the last fifteen years has been to arouse the people of the South, to cause them to get out of the rut and to show them that agriculture can be made profitable and enjoyable. The rural South has been the truest type of Americanism. To destroy the opportunities for developing the South by bringing failure as the reward of service would be very cruel indeed, and yet to those who try to look into the future this is the sole conclusion that can be

reached. The South in fighting to preserve the price of the product of her industry is striving to save that industry rather than to get rich hurriedly because of any fortuitous circumstances."

BOYS ON HOME SOIL AGAIN

Cheer Lustily as They Land at Norfolk.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 15.—Cheering lustily as their heels dug once again into the soil of America, more than 600 officers and enlisted men of the navy, in the aviation service, all of whom saw service with the American fleet operating in the sea war zone of Europe, landed early this morning from the American transport Susquehanna, at the Hampton Roads naval operating base.

Alternating rain and driving mist banks greeted the men and prevented a demonstration. With their personal belongings on their shoulders the men marched ashore and they were billeted at the base to await further orders.

Secretary Franklin K. Lane, Mrs. Lane and daughter boarded the Susquehanna from a naval lunch off Old Point and met Lieut. Franklin K. Lane, Jr., one of the returning officers.

PUT TO FLIGHT BY WOMEN

Hostile Demonstration Against Former Crown Prince.

Amsterdam, Dec. 15.—A crowd of women recently went to the island of Wieringen and made a hostile demonstration against the former German Crown Prince, who is interned there, according to a report published by The Telegraaf.

Frederick William, it is alleged, saved himself from the hands of the women by flight.

"The police force on the island later took action, which resulted in a German baron who was staying at a hotel there and the Amsterdam women leaving the island.

THE XMAS GIFT STORE

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