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A new reason has been added to those already given why the cotton acreage should be reduced; or rather more strength has been added to the arguments for reduction. The government ginners' report shows total ginnings for the year of over 13,000,000 bales of cotton, about 200,000 bales more than was anticipated. The market is already glutted. Why glut it more?

Railroad workers and meat cutters in the packing industry are making a desperate effort to hold on to wartime wages, but with the change in attitude on the part of the public they will find that their fight will be in vain. There is no reason why any class of workmen should be more favored than another in regard to time and pay, and even the great body of workers is coming to realize that there are certain classes whose demands are endangering the prosperity of the country.

REDUCE ARMAMENTS

Judging by the naval estimates of this country, England and Japan, the larger nations of the world are expending every effort possible in building up naval power while the people back home are paying the bills. All of us thought that at least one result of the late war would be the reduction of armament, especially since the arch-enemy of peace is grovelling in the dust. But it seems that unless some kind of pressure is brought to bear at the national capitals the taxes for war armaments will be greater rather than smaller than ever.

America could well take the lead in reducing naval armament. It is the strongest nation in the world today and least liable to have a war upon its hands. Even Japan is not thinking seriously of an armed conflict with this country, despite her diplomatic strokes. In the position she occupies this country ought to serve notice to other nations that she is going to reduce her fighting establishment and that she will expect them to follow after her. After a reasonable time elapses and other nations fail to respond then it will be time to reverse the policy and build a navy that will be the equal of any.

Wars are not over with and will not end until the spirit of conquest is overcome in the minds and hearts of people but the cost of getting ready for them can at least be reduced. The cost of these we have already had are burdensome enough.

JOE TOLBERT TALKS OF STATE PATRONAGE

Cochran for District Attorney and Tolbert for Internal Revenue Collector. Washington, March 19.—Sprucely attired except for the absence of a necktie, National Republican committeeman J. W. Tolbert, of South Carolina, who also holds the position of Republican State chairman, called on President Harding this morning and discussed patronage matters affecting the Palmetto State.

After emerging from the Presidential offices the committeeman said that he had substantiated no general "relate" but had directed his attention especially to two offices which are immediately open for appointment.

One of these is the collectorship of internal revenue for South Carolina, which was left open when former Governor Heyward resigned. For this place the national committeeman has recommended R. R. Tolbert, of Abbeville. The other post is that of district attorney for the western district, now held by William Thurmond, whose renomination last year was not confirmed. Ernest F. Cochran, of Anderson, has been endorsed by Committee Tolbert to succeed Thurmond.

Committeeman Tolbert remarked that he was not now "gunning" for efficient officers who were merely serving out the end of terms, for which they had been confirmed, but that he would in due course make recommendations of persons to fill these positions as the terms expired. He intimated that there was plenty of time to take up these cases as the situation further developed. It has not been officially announced as yet, for instance, what will be the modus operandi as to Presidential postoffices.

After calling on the President, by whom he was cordially received, Committee Tolbert proceeded to pay a visit to Attorney General Daugherty.

YOUTH CONFESSES

KILLING FRIEND

Virgil Decker Says the Devil Drove Him to Attacking His Comrade.

Warsaw, Ind., March 19.—Officials of Kasckusko county today continued their efforts to draw from Virgil Decker, 19, of Atwood, Ind., the reasons for the attack upon his chum Leroy Lovett, of Elkhart, Ind., which led to the latter's death. Early today Decker confessed he had struck his chum on the head with an iron bar in a cottage on the Tippecanoe river near here, while Lovett was asleep, and several hours later returned to the cottage with a horse and buggy, taking Lovett's unconscious form to a nearby railroad crossing, where it was struck by a train.

"The devil drove me to it," Decker told Sheriff C. B. Moon, after signing his confession, and would add no other explanation. He contradicted his previous statement that a man named "Guy" was with them, finally admitting he had committed the crime unassisted.

He denied that his transfer of his own clothing to Lovett's body had been a part of a plan to collect insurance totalling nearly \$30,000, payable to Fred Decker, his brother, in event of death by accident of Virgil Decker. In his confession Decker said that about 10 a. m., on March 12, last, he and Lovett arrived at the cottage, and shortly lay down to sleep. Later he awoke, his confession said, and "the piece of iron you have just shown me is the piece which I used to strike LeRoy on the head."

"Thinking him dead, Decker said, he went to the home of his brother, and returned about 6 p. m.

He said he found Lovett on the floor and he "lifted him, led him out of the cottage door and helped him into the buggy."

Several times, he said, he drove across the railroad crossing nearby, trying to make up his mind to leave Lovett on the crossing.

"Finally I saw a train coming from the east," he confessed, "and drove down on the railroad track, unhitched the horse, leaving the buggy with LeRoy lying in the seat on the track, and I ran down the road south in the direction the horse went."

Lovett died later from the injuries which it was at first believed he sustained only in the railroad crossing accident.

"The reason I placed my suit of overalls and shoe on LeRoy was that I thought when the train struck the buggy LeRoy would be cut so bad he could not be identified and some of my clothes would be found on him and they would think it was me and I would have a chance to get away."

1920 COTTON CROP

18,197,775 BALES

South Carolina's Total Ginnings Were 1,639,470 500-Pound Bales.

Washington, March 21.—Production of cotton, exclusive of linters, amounted to 18,197,775 running bales, counting round as half bales, or 18,365,754 equivalent 500-pound bales for the 1920 crop, according to the final ginning report of the season issued today by the census bureau.

The 1919 crop was 11,325,532 running bales, or 11,420,763 equivalent 500-pound bales, and the 1918 crop was 11,906,480 running bales, or 12,040,522 equivalent 500-pound bales.

An estimate of 12,978,000 equivalent 500-pound bales for the 1920 crop was forecast by the department of agriculture last December.

Included in the 1920 production are 211,893 bales which ginneries estimated would be turned out after the March canvass. Round bales included are 206,534 compared with 115,305 for 1919. American-Egyptian included was 91,965 bales, compared with 40,437 for 1919. Sea Island included was 1,735 bales, compared with 6,916 for 1919.

The average gross weight per bale for the crop, counting round as half bales and excluding linters, was 506.4 pounds, compared with 504.2 for 1919 and 505.6 for 1918.

Ginneries operated for the 1920 crop numbered 19,426 compared with 18,815 for 1919.

Total ginnings, in equivalent 500-pound bales by states follow: Alabama, 670,721; Arizona 104,852; Arkansas, 1,177,095; California, 77,443; Florida, 19,194; Georgia, 1,446,577; Louisiana, 1,639,470; Tennessee, 313,747; Texas, 4,130,197; Virginia, 20,844; all other states, 12,673.

New Propeller.

A propeller invented by a Massachusetts man for motorboats has a single blade that oscillates like a fish's tail or the motion of an oar in sculling.

The Puzzling Twins.

The new baby twins looked as alike as two peas in a pod. Harold stood looking at them, and looking up at his father he asked, "and aren't there even lefts or rights to 'em?"

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DIVERSIFYING WILL KEEP

\$110,000,000 IN SOUTH CAROLINA

Columbia, March 14.—South Carolinians imported \$110,000,000 worth of food and feedstuffs from the West last year, according to figures compiled by the committee on banking, legislation and warehousing of the South Carolina Division of the American Cotton Association. The importation of this enormous amount of foodstuffs into the state was made necessary by the eagerness of the farmers to raise cotton, many of them planting seventeen acres to the plow.

In a statement issued yesterday the association declared that there was no reason for the farmers of the State to be panic-stricken over the fact that the price which cotton is now bringing forbids them planting over a half crop of it next year. It is declared that a study of the figures collected by the committee on banking, legislation and warehouses of the association, ought to convince them that a diversification of crops in South Carolina will prove profitable.

According to the committee statement the importation of food and feedstuffs into South Carolina from the West last year as follows: Corn, \$15,000,000; mixed feeds \$13,000,000; hay, \$12,000,000; Oats, \$10,000,000; flour, \$20,000,000; beef, \$15,000,000; bacon, \$20,000,000; eggs and butter, \$3,000,000 making a grand total of \$110,000,000.

"These figures," says the association "are purchases from this state only before the goods are delivered together and every item must be paid for in cash with the freight. This amount could be spent at home if the farmers of South Carolina would get their minds off of cotton for a few minutes."

BROOKLYN'S TULIP BED

Ten Thousand Bulbs Set Out In the Botanic Garden.

More than 10,000 tulip bulbs have just been planted in the Botanic Garden of Brooklyn, at Flatbush Avenue and Malbone streets, east of Prospect Park.

The tulip is of a very ancient origin and its early history is quite uncertain. Linnæus the father of modern systematic botany, described the tulip in 1753, but it is known that the flower had been cultivated by Europeans for 200 years before that and previously by the Turks for an indefinite period. This modern and most artistic way of planting tulip bulbs through the grass, and having the hillsides spotted with their glowing colors, is the latest method of raising the natural touch which is the perfection of art.

It is told of a famous gardener that when he wanted to plant several thousand tulip bulbs he sent a man with a basket of them to the top of the hill, where they were to be planted, and had him empty the basket there, the bulbs rolling down the hill and stopping wherever they found a slight depression or some obstacle, in a blade of grass or a stick or stone. Where the tulips stopped rolling, they were planted, and the result was a lack of order or regularity, which was "natural" in the highest degree. Here was a group, there one, or perhaps two, and the grass was sprinkled with the single beauties here, there and everywhere.

Luke Rielly Says "The Rat Died Before Reaching the River"

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Building Material—See me for all kinds of building material. Just received shipment of brick, lime and cement. C. H. Duckett. 36-51-pd

For Sale—Marlboro Prolific seed corn. Been planted one year, \$2.00 per bushel. Z. H. Tinsley, Laurens Rt. 5. 36-21-pd

Horse-Clipping—Have your horses and mules clipped at F. P. & J. H. Childress' stable. 36-11-pd

Lost—Black sow, weighing about 200 pounds. Got out first of week. Reward for her return or information as to whereabouts. J. T. Brownlee, Watts Mills. 36-11-pd

Notice—This is to notify the public that on account of all supplies being sold on a cash basis I will be forced to demand cash of my patients who do not pay in full their accounts this spring. If I can collect the accounts due me I will be in a position to continue serving as a physician, but if I do not, it will be necessary for me to go on a cash basis also for my service. Those interested will take due notice and not be disappointed if they are refused further credit. J. L. Donnou, M. D. 36-41-pd

For Trade—We have some new buggies and wagons which will either sell or trade. Will trade vehicles for cars or cars for vehicles. Come along with your trading goods. T. B. Sumnerel. 36-11-c

Wanted—Mule or horse to work for feed or will pay rent if suitable. W. E. Adair, Laurens Rt. 6. 36-11-pd

Buggies and Wagons Cheap—We are now offering for cash during the next two weeks a few buggies and wagons at less than cost. T. B. Sumnerel. 36-11-c

For Sale—Two nice heifers, one Jersey, one Holstein. Prices right. Also fine Berkshire boar ready for service. A. R. McGill, Laurens, Rt. 1. 36-11-pd

Cows For Sale—Some that are already fresh and others which will be fresh in a few days. Prices from \$40 to \$100. T. B. Sumnerel. 36-11-c

For Sale—Five cows, fresh in milk. J. D. Culbertson, Madden Station, Laurens Route 4. 25-11

Wanted—To buy your chickens. Best market prices paid. Any quantity. Armstrong's Market. 35-51-pd

For Sale—Sassa Daisies, 10 cents each or \$1.00 per dozen. Mrs. J. H. Cunningham, 327 Laurel St., Laurens. 35-11

For Sale—500 bushels Cleveland Big Boil Cotton Seed. First year from the originator, 75¢ per bushel. C. A. Owens, Clinton, S. C. 33-51-c

Cars Cheap—Used Fords, Maxwells, Chevrolets, Overlands, from \$200 up. Cash or terms. Sumnerel Motor Co. 36-11-c

For Sale—1920 model 1-1-2 ton Re- public truck, fully equipped with pneumatic tires and body to haul anything. Has not been run over 350 miles. Reasons for selling, do not need it. W. B. Knight. 33-41

Notice—This is to warn all persons from buying or renting my land, situated one mile east of Princeton, Laurens County, S. C., as it is my share of my father and mother's estate. Anyone wishing further information, address, Miss L. C. Glickerson, 619 North McDuff Ave., Anderson, S. C. 32-41

Notice—I have arranged to be in Laurens two days each month. If your piano needs tuning leave order with S. M. & E. H. Wilkes & Co. O. M. Tully, Piano Tuner. 28-41

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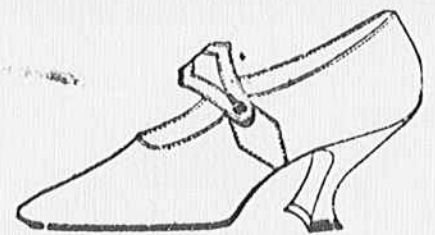
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