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SPECIAL SALE!

An Immense Stock of Enameled Ware Now On Sale at Reduced Prices

This includes the celebrated Lisk Four-Coated Ware. See our show windows, where we have displayed a few pieces, then walk into our store and we will show you thousands of pieces of Enameled Ware and will give you prices that will induce you to buy. ☐ We have a few Ice Cream Freezers left that we will sell at reduced prices. The same offer applies to Window and Door Screens. ☐ Our stock of Hardware is complete and we sell only the best of everything in our various lines. Remember, it is quality that counts—we have it!

Coffins and Caskets.

Kingstree Hardware Co.
EVENTUALLY--WHY NOT NOW?

We Lead--Others Follow.

Our Tobacco Market Opens JULY 22

Our house is now open for your convenience. Our house charges no storage on tobacco left with us. Bring your tobacco to us, we will take care of you.

Morgan & Nesmith

BINDER TWINE

We have a limited amount of Binder Twine on hand which we can sell for 10c per pound. If you are in need of any Twine see ours before placing your order.

WILLIAMSBURG HARDWARE COMPANY,
Headquarters for Guaranteed Goods.

SITUATION THOUGHT TO BE GRAVE.

OFFICIALS AT WASHINGTON IN DOUBT AS TO OUTCOME OF DEMANDS ON GERMANY.

Washington, July 10:—Official Washington takes a grave view of the situation produced by Germany's refusal to meet the demands of the United States growing out of the sinking of the Lusitania with a loss of more than 100 Americans.

Upon President Wilson rests the burden of deciding the policy which the United States is to follow. Quietly and carefully he is considering the situation. It was stated at the White House, after telephone communications with the President at Cornish, N. H., that the country may expect him to act with "deliberation as well as firmness" when he has examined all phases of the problem.

What action the United States will take officials today could not predict with certainty. Some of those who have been familiar with the President's point of view and with the details of the present situation pointed out there seemed to be but one course on which to maintain the dignity and honor of the United States—the continued assertion and exercise of rights of neutrals on the high seas in accordance with the established principles of

international law. Responsibility for any rupture in friendly relations which might subsequently ensue between the United States and Germany, it was declared, would then fall upon the Berlin Government.

There is as yet no definite crystallization of opinion among officials as to details, but the distinct tendency is toward a reiteration not only in a formal note but in actual practice of the principles for which the United States has been contending. The unanimous verdict of high officials was that the German reply was thoroughly unsatisfactory, and leaves the situation exactly at the point where it was in the days immediately following the sinking of the Lusitania.

While the continued exercise of American rights in the future is urged as a logical course to be followed, it is recognized also that the United States cannot abandon the demands it has made for the disavowal of intent to drown Americans and the question of reparation.

There is little disposition in official quarters to hurry a decision. Since the negotiations began two months ago, it was pointed out, no belligerent ships carrying Americans were torpedoed without warning. Since German submarine commanders have made their practice in accordance with international law to that extent, officials do not believe the rule of the German Government itself to give explicit assurances will be followed by any overt acts involving

further loss of American lives.

The controlling factor in the situation, according to indications in official quarters, is the attitude the United States should take as a result of the Lusitania tragedy itself.

There was no denial in any quarter that the general situation was fraught with grave possibilities.

DEATH AND RUIN IN ITS WAKE.

Destructive Storm Sweeps over Central West.

More than fifty persons have been killed and several score injured by the violent wind and rain storm which extended from Nebraska to Ohio Wednesday night of last week. The property damage is estimated at several million dollars.

The greatest loss of life was in Cincinnati and its vicinity, where 33 are known to be dead and 15 missing. Eighteen of the dead were deck hands who were drowned by the capsizing of the towboat convoy, on the Ohio river.

In eastern Missouri the storm assumed the proportions of a tornado, demolishing 162 blocks at St. Charles, a town of about 11,000 people.

St. Peters, a town of 300 inhabitants, and Gilmore, a village of 100, were almost wiped out. At St. Peters and St. Charles there was no loss of life and at Gilmore only one was killed. In Lincoln and Custer counties, Nebraska, wind and hail caused heavy crop damage and in the village of Callaway several buildings were unroofed.

In southern Illinois the storm caused heavy damage. At Mound City the business part of the town was flooded. In central and southern Indiana three persons were killed and many injured. Telegraph and telephone service was demoralized and buildings unroofed.

A dispatch from Cincinnati under date of July 8 says:

With twenty-five known dead, missing and a property loss that will exceed a million dollars, Cincinnati tonight was making a valiant effort to recover from probably the worst storm in its history. Twelve of the dead were claimed by the Ohio river.

At 9:30 o'clock last night the storm broke; one-half hour later the city and its suburbs lay stricken. Its telephone system had been paralyzed, its street car service suspended and its citizens were groping in darkness, trying to ascertain the toll the storm had taken.

Two steamers had gone down in the Ohio river; probably a hundred houses were leveled; a half-dozen church spires had fallen and when the full extent of the damage was ascertained late today it was found that few houses had escaped damage.

Down-town streets were strewn with electric signs and glass, while in the residence district and in the suburbs all traffic was blocked by trees thrown across the thoroughfares.

Some fifty club houses along the Ohio river were swept into the stream and floated away.

Tonight found the city with its

street car service virtually normal. The telephone service is rapidly recovering and the city had done almost miraculous work in cleaning up the debris. Search for bodies in the collapsed houses continues.

At Terrace Park, a suburb, a special train carrying race horses from Latonia to the Eastern tracks was wrecked and nineteen thoroughbreds were killed. Three of their caretakers were killed and a number of others, including several jockeys, were injured.

The Kentucky side of the river was hit as hard as was Cincinnati itself. Damage to Newport, Covington, Bellevue, Dayton, Fort Thomas, Fort Mitchell, Latonia and Ludlow, it is believed, will almost equal damage done in this county.

Three more bodies were recovered tonight from the ruins of a dwelling. This puts the total of known dead at 25.

OF VALUE TO SCHOOL OFFICERS

State Superintendent Swearingin Makes Useful Suggestions.

Columbia, July 8, 1915.

To School Officers and Trustees:

Gentlemen:—Your school district will probably desire to receive a continuance of its State aid during the scholastic year 1915-16. Before your board has completed all its plans for next session I recommend that you consult your County Superintendent about a term extension application, a rural graded school application or a high school application. Last year there were 677 term extension districts, 400 rural graded school districts and 130 high school districts.

I urge you to plan for a seven months' term, if possible. This term can be secured if your monthly salary account is adjusted to your estimated income. If you find it difficult to run your school seven months, please communicate with your County Superintendent and the State Superintendent.

The State Department of Education recommends that no teacher be allowed or required to take charge of more than fifty pupils in one classroom. This suggestion is offered in the hope of preventing the wasteful and hurtful over-crowding of the first four grades.

Teachers and trustees of State-aided schools should communicate with the State Superintendent whenever they find it difficult to limit the number of pupils to fifty to the teacher.

Section 1761 of the Code authorizes trustees to employ only those teachers who hold valid South Carolina certificates. Attention to this requirement of the law before the opening of the school will help to avoid confusion later.

Application blanks for term extension aid, rural graded school aid or high school aid are obtainable from either the County Superintendent or the State Superintendent. A full supply of these blanks has already been sent each County Superintendent.

In filling out an application of any

kind please see that all data are neatly, fully and accurately entered. Please do not make the mistake of sending in an application unless it has been carefully examined and verified both by the trustees and by the County Superintendent.

Notwithstanding the business unrest and industrial depression, the scholastic year 1914-15 was in many respects the best in the history of our schools. I wish every school continued progress and greater usefulness during 1915-16.

It will be a pleasure and a privilege to serve you at any time to the best of my ability and to co-operate in any constructive plan for the betterment of your school and your district. Yours respectfully,

J. E. SWEARINGIN,
State Supt. of Education.

The Local Thermometer.

Sunday was a hot one,
Monday was a singer,
Tuesday was a hummer,
Wednesday as hot as ginger,
And Thursday—well, it's a sizzler.

Governor Manning has paroled during good behavior, W. M. Cook, a young man of Columbia convicted of breach of trust last January and sentenced to two years.

TOBACCO MARKETS TO OPEN JULY 22.

EARLY OPENING DESIGNED TO EASE MONEY SITUATION WITH THE PLANTERS.

At a largely attended meeting of the warehousemen of the East and West-side Pee Dee markets, held at Florence last Saturday, it was decided to open all the tobacco markets in South Carolina Thursday, July 22.

There was some opposition to the opening up of the markets before August 1, but a majority of the tobaccoists thought it best to open on the 22d, as it would greatly help out and relieve the money situation with the planter patrons.

There were about seventy-five present and all markets were represented.

Mr. W. O. Lea of Timmonsville presided, and Mr. G. H. Pegrum was secretary.

The two organizations, the East-side and West-side Pee Dee tobacco markets, were consolidated.

The convention of the Hardware Association at Charleston closed today.

"Pittsburgh Perfect"

THE QUALITY FARM FENCE

Since opening our new hardware store we have had numerous calls for "Pittsburgh Perfect Fence" but as we were not agents for this scientifically designed fence and not having any in stock, we simply lost the greater part of the fence business. That question is now solved. We are agents for this guaranteed fence and can take care of the fence trade. We have unloaded a car containing several styles. When it comes to buying fence, every person wants a fence that has quality, strength and durability. These are just the features that "Pittsburgh Perfect Fence" has. Every rod guaranteed perfect. We are satisfied, without a doubt, that we now have the fence for your particular purpose. Just request us to give you figures on what we can do your fencing for. That is all we ask you to do.

The King Hardware Company
The Popular Hardware Store
Kingstree, - - - So. Car.



The careful man doesn't allow himself to be talked into haphazard investments—he puts his money in the Bank where it is safe for some good business opportunity

EVERYBODY KNOWS THE STORY OF THE ARAB WHO COULD NOT SAY NO, AND WAS FINALLY CROWDED OUT OF HIS TENT. SOME PEOPLE CAN'T SAY "NO" TO THE GLIB STRANGER WHO HYPNOTIZES THEM INTO INVESTING IN SOMETHING THAT EXISTS ONLY ON A PIECE OF PAPER. SOME PEOPLE "BITE" AT THE "GET-RICH-QUICK" SCHEME BECAUSE THEY BELIEVE A STRANGER INSTEAD OF THEIR OWN BANKER. LISTEN, IF THAT GET-RICH-QUICK SCHEME IS SO GOOD, WHY DOES A SMOOTH STRANGER HAVE TO PEDDLE IT TO YOU?
BANK WITH US.

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