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Washington, Dec. 21 .- Fair Monday; rain about Tuesday, generally fair second half of week, with nearly normal temperatures, is predicted food gets cold. for coming week in the Southeastern States.

### CHRISTMAS.

The whole world is a Christmas tree. And stars its many 'candles be. Oh sing a carol joyfully, And welcome Merry Christmas!

At last, after four dreary years wherein a world torn by war laid aside all thought of feast days save by the H. H. Sanders to his mother, Mrs. C. slightest possible celebration to preserve their memory, we may truly ed. welcome Christmas and make it a merry one.

Christmas always has been essentially the children's day, because as it was a child Himself." One reason heretofore. why this Christmas seems unusually walk unafraid, sure of their heritage of happiness.

In a world unsafe for children there can be no joy, and that is one the Irish coast when we were chased of the principal reasons why what by two submarines, finally after a should have been the gladdest sea son of the year struck so heavily on human hearts during the war. Now the war is over, and peace is here, the kind of peace the angels sang about. and we have the good hope that it is here to stay.

The city made sacred by our Savior's birth is once more in Christian hands. This, like the Star which about five hours of an awful rough shone in the East so long ago, seems trip, we crossed the English chana happy omen that we stand on the nel and landed at La Harte. Camped no market for such linters and that

### HASTY SPAIN.

Spain is coming on. Prince Ratiber he German ambassador has been expelled, and the Spanish ambassador to Germany has been ordered home in disgrace. Both these dignitaries are part and parcel of an organization for Germanizing Spain.

to it. She has been more thoroughly steeped in German propaganda than any other nation except perhaps Holland, though she was ostensibly quite neutral.

ing on in the way of ridding the world of unnecessary incubuses like Ger-

democracy, but as the Atlanta Constitution remarks, it is safe for hoshomes, asylums and churches.

### Letter From Verdun.

The following letter from Private W. Sanders, Hagood, under date of November 26th, has just been receiv-

### Verdun Sector.

Dear Mother: Now that the censorship is a thing of the past, I will drop you some little Dickens says, "The Great Founder of news that I have had to keep quiet on to the end of the season.

On July 14th, last I left Camp Meade, Md., went to Philadelphia and deserving of celebration is that the boarded the Haverford, an English world is once more safe for children, liner, and arrived at Halifax, N. S., a place where our little ones may on the 18th. After a three days lay off in the Halifax harbor, we continued the voyage and July the 31st we disemarked at Liverpool, England. We had some exciting times off

battle royal, a well placed depth bomb from the "Northland," one of the ships in our convoy, we sank a submarine. A few minutes later one of our submarine chasers sunk another one. At Liverpool we went in a rest camp, "Knotty Ash," for three days. Then we went by rail to Ramsey to another rest camp for a couple of days. From Ramsey we hiked to

South Hampton (about 9 miles) and got aboard the St. George and after

# **Cotton Seed Situation** Mr. E. W. Dabbs Makes Report been made to me show that there has A Learned Japanese Official

## on Results of Price Fixing By War Industries Board.

To the Farmers of the State:

er members of the Cotton Seed Com- freight charges from the nearest sta-It took Spain a long time to come mittee of the South Carolina, Food tion. So far as I have been able to Administration desire to make the learn this has never been available the Associated Press),-Belief that following statement for your info-- because the mills would say: "We the next war will be the outcome of mation. Beginning with the confer- are crowded and can not take your race prejudices is expressed by Yukio ence in May in Charlotte one or both seed now." Of course they are Ozaki, formerly Minister of Justice, and her heart would beat very fast of us have attended every meeting crowded because by being the only and a leading member of the Consti- and made her uneasy," said Mr. A. J.

have from the first meeting in Char- at the oil mill ginnery.\* steadily were developing their civili- disorder and indigestion and my sleep lumbia yesterday protested against ones the food administration stated treatment as the white races, and that up of mornings I was about as worn many, Spain decided to do a little de- the iniquities of the rules promulgat- it was trying to protect in the interest the result would be an armed col- out as when I went to bed the night incubusing herself. It is to be hoped, ed by the Food Administration, and of the farmers, have run half time lision, however, that that fierce and easily have endeavored to secure absolutely and had not much to do then. The Mr. Ozaki recommended that at fair rules, or what we urged in the aroused Castilian temper will not lead beginning, free trade in cotton seed was protecting in making a wagon on behalf of all the Asiatic races to say that it has been a great bene-Spain to declaring war on Germany and its products. But as a war meas- price of seed three dollars per ton should introduce the racial and popu- fit to us both. My wife never has the right now and keeping everybody ure we cheerfully did all in our pow- less than car rate, it did not protect lation questions for consideration, and heart flutterings nor 'the choking waiting at the peace table until the er to enable the growers to cooper- them because they had to get out if possible, secure a solution. ate in the paramount issue-the winning of the war-and submitted as

ministration and the crushers were at their own gins. unjust. In some of our contentions Mr. Elliott and the crushers agreed a mill could pay \$71.00 or \$72.00 for said Mr. Okaki, the racial population pitals, orphanages, old women's with us, but the rules were fixed by Mr. Hoover and appeals did not do any good. To begin with we contended that if a scale of prices was to be fixed it should be a sliding one, beginning with say \$55.00 cr \$60.00 for green seed in August and advancing five or three dollars per ton each month as the seed dried out until a maximum price of \$\$0.00 was reached in January, and on to the end of the season, starting at \$55.00 for August seed. Or starting at \$60.00 for August seed and advancing three dollars per month to \$72.00 for February, and

Either one of these scales would

have worked no injustice to any one and would have prevented the congestion that has caused all the unrest and more or less losses to both mills and farmers. Losses to mills with green seed at \$69.00 and \$72.00 and losses to the farmers and dealers who have tried to cooperate by holding back seed to keep from glutting the mills. We have seen the price twice changed by the Food Administration against the farmers, once in lowering seed \$1.00 per ton and then in advancing meal two dollars per ton. At the meeting yesterday we were gratified to hear the mill representatives state that all of their difficulties were due to shortage of labor-that labor conditions were improving-that they want to, crush our seed and that if

we are patient all the seed will be taken. But they warned us that if the government refused to take the short linters they have made exclusively for munitions, there would be nied this, and presented figures to prvoe their nedial, but my own observation, and complaints that have

been enough of it to create a powerful spirit of resentment against the mills.

We further secured for farmers the privilege of hauling seed to the mills Col. Claffey and myself, the farm- and securing the car rate plus the

held by the Food Administration to place seed could be sold cotton for tutional Party. Mr. Ozaki said that in Wingate of Route 2, Sumter, S. C. When she saw what was really go- regulate ginning and cotton seed. We many miles around was ginned his opinion, the colored races which

gracefully as we could to rules that seed-Why? Because oil mills were ing rapidity, he said it was but nat-

I have contended all along that if ing to arms. From Japan's standpoint, and neighbors." car seed with an average freight questions were more important than charge of \$2.00, and the cost of un- President Wilson's "Fourteen Points" charges that it could pay at least the surrender. These racial questions, he

loaded into their storage rooms with- of souls in Asia. out charge That the food administain conditions of distance for wagon trampling under foot the rights of co treatment. seed when twenty tons would be de- other nations and peoples. livered in ten days. The fact that On the question of Japan's occumills got gin and wagon seed at \$5.00 pation of the German South Sea Iswith the flat price for all the season United States should dismantle her Advt.

has caused all the trouble. In conclusion Col. Fitzsimmons, the and that this would be more importgenial nestor of the cotton seed oil ant for Japan than the taking over business stated in an eloquent speech of the South Sea Islands. in Charlotte that he "thanked God when the food administration took over the business." I called his attention to that statement in Columbia yesterday. He said: "I repeat it. From last December to November 11 during the war, according to a state-I slept better than I have ever done ment by the Socialist Deputy Lucien since I have been in the oil business. I knew I had an assured profit, and this afternoon during the interpellait made no difference to me what tion of the government on demobiliprices were. Mr. Justice who came zation., from Washington to have our views on the continuance of seed regulation for the balance of this season said to factories without delay and continued: me at its close: "I heartily agree with vou that governmental control has not the problem of demobilization pre-

helped the farmers." The meeting unanimously agreed 6,900,000 men. We have had about that it would be disastrous to farmers 1,400,000 killed, while \$00,000 recovand seed dealers to remove restric- ered from wounds. We are going to tions before the end of this season. demobilize 1,200,000 reserves, terriand passed a resolution to that ef- | torials and heads of families." fect. But I am sure all the farmers

# The Next War

Thinks the Colored Racial Question More Important Than Wilson's Fourteen Points.

Tokio, Nov. 20 (Correspondence of

In a country like Japan where the

Mr. Ozaki warned the Japanese not

French Losses and Demobilization.

the number of 1,400,000 were killed

Verlin in the chamber of deputies

Deputy Verlin asked that the sol-

"I betray no secret when I say that

diers be returned to the soil and the

sents itself thus: We have mobilized

Paris, Dec. 20 .- French soldiers to

A. J. Wingate And His Wife Praise Dreco

Prominent Farmer Living on Route Two, Sumter, S. C. and His Wife Have Tried the New Root and Herb Medicine and Recommend It to Their Friends.

"My wife often had choking spells

"I myself suffered from stomach lotte to the last meeting held in Co- And local gins. the very zation would demand finally the same was badly broken so that when I got before.

"Both of us have tested out the very ones the food administration the Peace Conference, Japan acting new medicine Dreco and we are glad spells any more and my stomach trcubles are all gone. I sleep so well their seed houses and could not sell population is increasing with alarm- now that I find it hard to roll out in the morning when the time comes. The world is not only safe now for we clearly showed to the Food Ad- getting more than their daily crush ural that surplus population should Dreco is grand medicine and we are try to obtain an outlet even by resort- both recommending it to our friends

> Dreco is made from the juices, and extracts of many different roots, herbs, barks and berries which act on loading with occasional demurrage as laid down for a basis of Germany's the vital organs in a most pleasant and positive manner. It relieves consame price for gin or wagon seed un- said, concerned the future of millions stipation, restores the kidneys to full action, arouses a sluggish liver, induces sound sleep, quiets the nerves, tration and the crushers have recog- to develop the German system of State builds up the whole system and purinized the equity of this without agree- organization which in the present fies the blood. Rheumatism, caing to it is proved by the allowance war had proved to be a mere machine tarrh and other diseases have been of car rates plus freight under cer- for destroying civilization and for known to respond quickly to the Dre-

> Most all good drug stores now sell Dreco but it is specially recommendper ton less than car lots together lands, Mr. Ozaki declared that the ed in Sumter by Sibert's Drug Store .--

### A Skin Game

Old Country Negro Robbed By Two Fly-Coons.

A very pathetic tale is that of Dave Jones, an old colored man from St. Charles, who was the unfortunate loser this morning of \$65, this amount having been taken from him by two other negroes who seemed skilled in the game. Dave had just reached Sumter and was walking up Harvin Street when he and his companion, who later turned out to be an accomplice, noticed another negro pick up a pocket book. The finder claimed that the pocket book contained a hundred dollar bill and offered to divide it with the two other negroes if they would not mention the fact. The latter agreed and the three proceeded to the outskirts of the city where the divis-

ion was to take place. Since the large bill evidently had

forts in the Philippin's and Hawaii.

threshold of a new day wherein the a day or two here, then rode in box have no place.

of that blessed day. It is more than ever right that we should show our ter a couple of days at Lacourtine I joy by observing all the sweet old left the company and went to Dourcustoms, that we should give where bune and attended an auto school for we love, share where we pity, make our homes beatuiful as never before. and sing the carols with a surety of joy unmatched since that first morning when the angels sang over Judea.

### SAFE AND SANE BAR ROOMS.

chooses to remain nameless has provided a fund for turning bar rooms into clubs for men and boys. Several of business have already been reorganized on the new basis.

Little is done to change the rooms. anything sold across it is strictly nonceed under the direction of a teacher gathering places where from seventy to a hundred happy, interested boys else.

cial centers.

So successful is the experiment that definitely in his work of love. The saloons cannot close too fast for him.

The community center idea is not a the former saloon as the scene of operations which merits attention. Any saloon, be it the uptown cafe with its bidding, was located definitely with righ handy. The individual seeking to tell when I course. Have lots and other governmental course to hold it there, and it is either the stimulus of liquor or of the society of his kind never has far to go. It is this same element of accessibility which operates especially to- France. ward the success of these clubs as so-

cars for four days and came to Mont Since the first Christmas there was pup tents and had a pleasant little never such a one in all the history camp for 5 weeks. From St. Leomer we came on box cars to Lacourtine. there we went in brick barracks. Afa month. Was then sent back to my company at Lacourtine and in a cour of weeks we were loaded on box cars and sent to the front. Arrived at Dougris, in three days, unloaded the train at night, in the rain: slept in an old house that was all packs and hiked for about nine miles.

Stayed there for a couple of days and A New York philanthropist who left about 5 o'clock one evening. walked until 5 o'clock next morning. Imagine how I felt after such a hike with a heavy pack on my back.

I saw some awful action in the saloons which have recently gone out three days I have been here before the armistice. Frit was shelling the very hill where our dugouts were. I was on guard for gas one night, and

never in my life shaft I forget that The bar is still in evidence, though night. Uncle Sam was sending over a barrage for our doughboys to go over the top; they were to go over at intoxicant. Pool and billiard tables 5 o'clock the next morning. You could war industries board made them a .re in full operation, also checkers hear the awful roar of machine guns. and other games. Athletic stunts of etc. Our boys put Fritz on the run all sorts, including boxing bouts, pro- all right, but believe me, it cost some have let them out, but would have (infantryman) has to go through. of athletics. Places formerly the happened to be working on the road other States were in favor of acceptscenes of drunken revelry are now right by the first aid hospital, and ing same, but the South Carolina every few minutes an ambulance members of the committee turned it would roll by loaded with wounded. some with arms and legs shot off. justice that it would do to the growand men can be found nightly, harm- War is all Sherman said it is. I don't ing neither themselves nor anyone see to save my life how a human be- the dealers who on the faith of the ing can survive even for a month up fixed price by the government have

here, when every where you look you can see enormous shell splinters from congestion. its founder promises to keep on in- high explosives. schrapnel, handgrenades and gas shells and many mended for taking this loyal position other things to destroy life. Everything is quiet and pleasant up here now though. Now and then you can growers do not take enough interest new one, neither is the boys' club. hear our engineers shooting off a but it is principally the choosing of German "dud" (an unexploded shell) and cotton seed, to keep their repre-The weather has cleared off and it sentatives on the job of seeing that hasn't rained since the firing ceased. justice is done them. The small help well fortified: they had millions of to render has been made possbile by lights and elegance of appointment barbed wire entanglements and miles the food administration putting us on or the river-side dive, dingy and for- of tunnels and dugouts under the hills. the cotton seed committee, and payshanty with a good stove. Am ex- four or five meetings this fall. But reference to its accessibility. One pecting to leave in a day or two but we have no means to make investigareason why so many saloons flourish haven't the least idea when I am go- tions nor to present our side of this is that there are so many saloons ing, but if rumors are true, will be great question to the business world, to tell when I come.

Your devoted son.

"Hop."

The members of Trinity Junior Ep-

seed. My opinion of this is that horrors of oppression and war shall Morillion, hiked from there to a lit- such a cut would not be justifiable. tle French village. St. Leomer, pitched for they can now go back to cutting normal linters that yield 90 to 110 pounds per ton of seed and are worth for commercial purposes 7c to 10c per pound or about 1-4 to 1-3 of the price of cotton. So that the mills only stand to lose on the munition linters that the government may not take now in their hands, which would be so small a part of their year's work that it could be absorbed in their profits. And instead of loss would simply show that the mills did not make quite so much profit as they would have otherwise made. Eut we do not believe the shot up and the next day we slung government can in good morals, conscience, or equity threaten to close down mills if they do not cut 145 pounds of linters from each ton of seed-thereby causing them to have to add many expensive delinting gins to their outfit-thereby causing them to manufacture a product that has no commercial value except for powder making, and refuse to take all they had made up to the time they

are notified to make no more. Mr. J. J. Lawton stated that the mills have had a committee in Washington wrestling with this problem for two weeks or more. That the proposition to pay them \$3.00 per ton for all seed on hand which would left the holders of unsold seed to carry the bag-that crushers from down flat because of the grave iners who have not sold seed and to been unable to sell because of the

The crushers deserve to be com pity of the whole matter is that the in their own wonderful crop, cotton The Germans sure had this sector that Col. Claffey and I have been able that have so much to do with the suc- it goes out."-The Progressive Farmcessful running of our own business. We secured the modification of the Co F, 304th Am. Train, A. E. F., ginning charges that keep the farmer from paying for bagging and ties

> as excess weight. We secured the privilege of farmton farmers have done this. I have heard of no others that have done so In fact Col. Claffey's strongest indict-

present agreed to my sentiment :"As a war measure we stood it-but never more."

feelings for the crushers, ginners, and city. seed buyers we have met on the committee. And we found Mr. Elliott the staunch friend of the farmers, courteous and firm for the right. But in eeded.

who have bought all they can store and other rural health work. would cause a disastrous slump.

E. W. Dabbs. Mayesville, Dec. 18. \* Since this was written the Sumter

il mill had two days ginning at a time, cotton going there from from 15 to 20 miles away.

### Farmers Should Cut Out Shingle Roofs.

A special bulletin on fire-prevention and fire-fighting on the farm. Farmers' Bulletin No. 904, issued recently by the United States Department of Agriculture, states that "from a fire-protection standpoint it is unfortunate that nearly all farm buildings are covered with shingle roofs. A dry shingle roof is one of the most inflammable things imaginable.'

James R. Young, State Insurance Commissioner and Fire Marshal of North Carolina, urges farmers when a new building is being constructed or a new roof is being put on an old one. to consider the use of fireproof roofing.

"With the growing scarcity and high price of lumber, fireproof substitutes for shingles are becoming more numerous and available. When shingles are exposed to the weather for a short time they take on a rough. fuzzy appearance, due to the fibers on the surface becoming loosened. The sun from without and the heat from within the building combine to extract every trace of meisture from them. If the cinder or spark happens to strike the roof, the roughened sur-

### How They Celebrated in London.

Manchester, Nov. 18 (Correspondpeace in London the Guardian's Lonlon correspondent writes:

### Masaryk Enters Prague.

Paris, Saturday, Dec. 21 (Havas) .-I do not know that Col. Claffey and Prof. Thomas G. Masaryk, the presi-I will have anything more to do with dent of the newly formed republic of the seed situation officially. The Czecho Slavonia has made his solemn above tells you what we have tried entry into Prague, according to adto do. We have none but the kindest vices received here today from that

### The Health Survey.

Every citizen of this city and of the spite of it all the crushers were too county of Sumter who reads the corstrong with the powers that be, and respondence from Washington, pubhave had the advantage in every deal. lished in this issue of this paper Fe patient, stand firm for the prices entitled "Lever Takes Step for Rural now fixed. The world needs the oil Health," and covering official statistics and all the other by-products. If the in connection with his argument in price of seed changes, it will be to go his bill, just introduced, providing higher, as it should for those who have \$250,000 for 1919, and that much adtaken care of them until they are ditional each year until \$1,000,000.00 annually are appropriated for rural

Eu were all restrictions removed health work, will be convinced of the now the effort to unload by dealers necessity of rural sanitary surveys

Students of social and economic problems will find much food for thouht in this article, and especially in Mr. Lever's arguments in support of his bill. Congressman Lever argues that good health and sanitary surroundings, and modern agricultural methods go hand in hand.

If Sumter county puts up \$3,300 for the county health survey, and Mr. Lever's bill passes both houses of con-

gress, there is every reason to believe that the United States government will put up \$3,300 additional to match our \$3,300. The United States and the State government now have something more than \$5,500 up for the county health survey and rural visiting nurse in this county, if we raise \$3,200, and are ready to begin work early in January 1919. We stand a splendid chance, as before said, of getting additional financial aid from

the federal government, if we do our part in: nediately in putting up the money already covered, two to one by the State and national governments for immediate service.

Read the Washington letter in this issue of this paper if you want information about the value and necessity for rural sanitary work.

The Sumter County Council of Defense meets at 11 o'clock next Saturday morning, December 28th, at Sumter Chamber of Commerce. Every member is requested to attend and to be prompt as there is much business to be transacted of county wide importance.

Railroad and express freight handlers have apparently taken a solemn oath that no illicit liquor ship ments shall pass through their hands. Trunks and suit cases containing a quart or more of liquor are expertly ence)-Describing the celebration of opened, the liquor removed and nothing else disturbed, and the owner discovers his sad loss only when the trunk is unpacked. No baggage i

to be changed before his share would be forthcoming, Dave offered his roll, consisting of \$65, in order to expeditematters. The two negroes who made the haul, left for the house of a friend who lived nearby in order to obtain the amount necessary to make the change. They have been gone ever since. Dave is still hoping for the recovery of his money.

#### In The Police Court.

Though things around the police court are usually quiet, quite a number of cases came up before Recorder Harby this morning. As a result of these cases, several dollars were added to the city's treasury.

Jno. Richardson had been caught y Policeman DuRant while he was engaged in an interesting game in the Silver Moon Cafe, an establishment operated on West Liberty street. John plead guilty and had to pay a fine of \$5. Lewis McFadden, colored, who was also interested in the game, failed to put in his appearance this morning at court and as a consequence, forfeited his bond of \$10.

Maggie Wilder, charged with petty larceny, forfeited her bond of \$5.00, when she failed to be on hand to plead to the charge.

Senior Porter augmented the city's finances by \$10 by staying away from court when he had been notified to be on hand, having been charged with petty larceny.

Mr. C. F. Ketner, who is an apple lealer, was charged with doing business without a license. His case was lismissed when he agreed to take out the necessary license immediately.

FOR SALE-Registered Duroc Jerseys. 1 male, weight 600 pounds; 1 sow, weight 300 pounds, 2 gilts, weight 135 pounds each. Dr. A. J. Pennock, R. F. D. 3.

FARM LAND FOR SALE-In Sumter Lee and Clarendon counties. C. P. Osteen, Sumter, S. C.

7 PER CENT NEW MEAL-For prompt shipment; also blood, high grade tankage, potash, acid phos. ground phos. rock and ground lime stone. Call or write us for prices. Southern Broker.ge Co., Sumter, S. C.

BEESWAX WANTED-Any quantity large or small Am paying best cash price. See me if you have any. N. G. Osteen.

FOR SALE-F. O. B. cars, Camp Jackson, stable manure; very little straw. Car load lots only. Chemical and Fertilizer value rated very high by Clemson college. A. A. Strauss, Sumter, S. C.

