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A FRENCH WOMAN'S "SONS."

An army chaplain who has been with the Americans at Le Mans sends back to America the sweet, simple story of an old French mother's devotion to all the "sons" who save their lives for the final victory.

This woman had a son in the French army. He was captured, taken into Germany and put into a prison camp.

"I know he is dead," she says, "each day when an American soldier is buried I make a little wreath of flowers and put it on the grave."

Rain or shine, she slowly travels the mile to the cemetery in spite of crippled limbs, and places flowers on the little mounds that mark the resting places of some of our American boys.

It is a touching tribute, and means more than all the protestations of friendship uttered by public officials can ever mean.

REALITIES IN RUSSIA.

Walter Lippman, in a most keen and interesting exposition of "The Political Scene" in the current New Republic, says of Russia:

"It is possible to make war upon a nation organized under a government. There is no way of winning a war against several hundred thousand more or less independent villages. Yet that is the fundamental condition in Russia today."

He follows this with a somewhat complex scheme for an international trading corporation somehow under the wing of the League of Nations.

"Now the raising of the standards of life resulting from this trading, and from relief, might gradually restore the contact of the Russian people with the outer world."

business which is necessary to the revival of Russia." And there, hidden in that sentence, lies the key of all Russia's troubles.

Gaping at unrealities, Russia is starving and dying of cold and misery and disease. Her sense of real values must in some way be brought back to her.

Most governments have been badly ministered in the past. So has most business. But to throw them away means to throw order overboard.

The development of the dairying industry in Sumter county waits upon the establishment of a pasteurization plant in this city which will afford a certain and profitable outlet for all the milk that can be produced within ten or fifteen miles of the city.

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AN AMENDED CONSTITUTION.

President Wilson is to be congratulated by friends and opponents alike for reversing his uncompromising attitude on the League of Nations.

Many able authorities of both parties, including former President Taft and former Attorney General Wickersham, have held that the document as it stood was sound in its fundamentals.

Nevertheless even the friendliest critics have suggested the wisdom of making certain clauses more clear and definite, and inserting certain amendments in order to reassure those who feared that vital American rights were being surrendered.

Recent reports indicate that the president has taken their advice, and given serious and respectful attention to such recommendations of his political opponents as were obviously honest and constructive.

Year's Coal Output

Report on Production of West Virginia Mines

Charleston, W. Va., March 27.—Mines of West Virginia produced 674,913 gross tons of coal during the fiscal year which ended June 30, 1918.

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Thus a great deal of honest opposition is already demanded. At the same time, a good deal of opposition whose sincerity or intelligence was open to question has been dissipated by the discovery that the nation is overwhelmingly in favor of the league idea.

All patriotic citizens may well rejoice over the fortunate outcome now promised for what lately seemed about to arouse a bitter political conflict over an issue that has nothing properly to do with partisan politics.

the Constitution when finally submitted to the senate will be approved by an almost unanimous vote of Republicans and Democrats alike.

MERCHANTS AND WEATHER MAPS.

The up-to-date merchant studies the weather map. Time was when only the farmer was supposed to study the clouds and remark, "mackerel sky—it'll be wet before dry."

Such advance has been made in the study and forecasting of weather conditions that it is possible by a perusal of the maps issued by the bureau of Washington to have a fairly accurate idea of what atmospheric changes are likely to be for some time ahead.

The weather Bureau urges that more use be made of this information. One man proved its wisdom in the electrical goods business last summer. The season was late and the heat long continued.

Similarly the umbrella dealer can determine the wisdom of a sale of umbrellas, the dry goods merchant of the retention of winter underwear or prominent shelves for a few days longer or the advisability of getting his cases of spring goods opened and ready.

Fruit growers and gardeners long have availed themselves of these weather maps, but evidently they can be studied to advantage by men engaged in many varieties of business.

Negroes Held In Jail

Judge Townsend Overrules Extradition. Flea From Georgia

Two men are being held in the Sumter county jail as fugitives from justice, and thereby hangs an interesting tale.

Several days ago Governor Cooper honored a requisition issued by the governor of Georgia for two negroes, Isaac Murray and Christian Harrison, who are wanted in Richmond county, Georgia, on the charge of burglary and who had been arrested at Sumter. Then the prisoners employed J. H. Clifton, who went before Judge W. H. Townsend with a writ of habeas corpus and demanded their release on the ground that the Georgia official did not bring a copy of the indictment with him, and Judge Townsend granted the writ and ordered the prisoners released.

The Georgia sheriff then had the men rearrested on a fugitive warrant and again placed in jail. Governor Cooper has the matter under advisement and has asked the attorney general for an official opinion. The governor has not said what he will do, but it is likely that he will order the Sumter sheriff to turn the prisoners over to the Georgia officials.

The constitution provides that extraditions are solely within the jurisdiction of the executive department. The following is a copy of the order issued by Judge Townsend in ordering the prisoners released:

"This is an application upon writ of habeas corpus for the discharge of the petitioners from the custody of the chief of police.

"It appears that the chief of police holds them under arrest upon requisition papers signed by the governor of Georgia and the governor of South Carolina. It is recited in these requisition papers that the defendants are charged with burglary, but there is no copy or other evidence of their indictment or of any affidavit charging them with such an offense.

"I am of the opinion that the extradition warrant does not authorize their retention in the custody of the chief of police or extradition from the State, because it does not show that they are charged with an extraditable offense.

"It is therefore ordered that the petitioners be discharged from the custody of the chief of police."

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Prison for Debs

United States Supreme Court Refuses Application for Re-hearing of Case

Washington, March 31.—Eugene V. Debs' application for a rehearing of his appeal from his conviction and sentence of ten years imprisonment for violating the espionage act was denied today by the Supreme Court.

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"Trading Upon The Misery of the World"

(By L. I. Guion, Lugoff, S. C.)

This heading is from Gov. Henry J. Allen's communication to J. S. Wannamaker, chairman of South Carolina acreage reduction committee. Gov. Allen makes this serious charge against the Southern people who have clothed him and his for half a century while the cotton producers lived in misery.

Gov. Allen speaks of thirty-five cents cotton being equal as remunerative as \$2.27 wheat. Right here is where a great part of the world gets a wrong impression.

Perhaps the people of the West would be interested to know a common saying of the negro of many years standing, and always remember the meat was bought on time from a man merchant. "A pound of cotton is worth a pound of meat."

Anyone who lives near a tourist town gets sick and sore hearing these gentry, most of whom have gotten rich out of some phase of the cotton industry, complain of our roads and the general inconvenience of traveling in the South.

Mr. Allen, late dispenser of Christianity in France, should remember that the lowest deed a man can be guilty of is to steel his neighbor's good name. It is evident he is "willing," but he will not get any further than he did in Washington in his effort to besmirch the American army in France.

There is no crop that requires as much hard labor as cotton. If any one seeks the truth it will not be hard to find. How many cotton planters, large or small, can be found in the South who can be called rich, judged by today's standards? There is not one who has made his wealth growing cotton.

Our honorable secretary of agriculture is reported to have stated that there was no such thing as the cost of production of cotton. Surely there must be an average cost of producing cotton and the producer should be allowed a reasonable profit on his venture.

In 1916 the average cost of cotton from Georgetown to the mountains, was near 60 cents per pound. The torrential rains swept the whole wealth of the State and thousands merely existed the following year. Should not the cost of the 1916 crop work in to an average of years? One might argue this was only a local condition and should be disregarded; yet this condition existed over all of Alabama, part of Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina and this year the drought in Texas has raised the cost of raising cotton in localities to \$1 per pound.

Similar Cases Being Published in Each Issue.

The following case is but one of many occurring daily in Sumter. It is an easy matter to verify it: You cannot ask for better proof.

W. M. Folsom, proprietor dry goods store, Main Street, says: "I used Doan's Kidney Pills for trouble with my back and kidneys. My back pained me nearly all the time and any quick move I made caused the pains to be all the more severe. It was difficult to get up after sitting down, because of the pains. My kidneys acted irregularly and the secretions were highly colored and contained sediment. Doan's Kidney Pills, procured from Zemp's Pharmacy, gave me the desired relief. Backaches and kidney trouble vanished. I felt better in every way."

(Statement given March 17, 1908.) On February 14, 1918, Mr. Folsom added: "I can always recommend Doan's Kidney Pills as being reliable. Doan's have proven so to me, as I have always had good results from their use."

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The farming lands on the Atlantic coast are the oldest and most depleted lands in America. The cotton crop, because of its clean culture, is a great destroyer of soil fertility. When Kansas was a howling waste so wild and fierce that tornadoes were afraid to travel singly and went in pairs over the State, South Carolina and her eastern sister State were in their highest state of fertility. Today while Kansas is drawing upon her natural resources (her soil fertility) the cotton states are resorting to the use of commercial fertilizer to grow crops. Only one addicted to their

Cotton Market

LOCAL. P. G. BOWMAN, Cotton Buyer. (Corrected Daily at 12 o'clock Noon). Good Middling 26. Strict Middling 25 1-2. Middling 25. Strict Low Middling 22 1-2.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET.

Table with columns: Yes'd/y's, Open, High, Low, Close. Rows for May, July, Oct. (Old Style) and May, July, Oct. (New Style).

Russians Bitter Against League of Nations

Red Handed Murderers Hate Allies Because They Do Not Lay Aside Everything to Render Material Aid to Russia

Vladivostok, Feb. 4 (Correspondence of The Associated Press)—"The Russian nation follows with a harsh feeling of bitterness all the efforts for creating a League of Nations," declares Dr. Vaclav Girska, local member of the Czech National Council.

"Russia today is in need of assistance. First of all she needs reorganization of her railroads. Nevertheless any form of assistance to Russia is imaginable only in conjunction with a military expedition which would be able to guarantee that the undertaking will not be destroyed by pernicious rebellions and disorders which have become chronic along the Siberian railroads.

"In order, however, that such military intervention and economic assistance shall succeed, it is necessary to carry it out according to a clearly defined plan, that is to say, the removal of the Bolshevik government from Russia, the reestablishment and maintenance of order and peace throughout the country up to the time when it will be possible for the Russian people to constitute for themselves, freely and without coercion, their desired form of government. Such allied intervention will be accepted with exultation and with full confidence by all notwithstanding its even more efficient interfering with internal Russian affairs."

Adherence to the principle of non-interference with Russian internal affairs, he said, prevented the allies from supporting either the Siberian government or the government of the Ufa directorate because of lack of assurance that either constituted a government having the confidence of the nation. Similarly, he pointed out, neither of these governments, even with the best programs they could devise, were able to win the confidence of the nation because they lacked the support of the allies. The result is a deadlock and a situation affording fertile ground for new revolutions calculated to strengthen Bolshevism by driving into their ranks the wavering left-socialism.

Chinese Consider Peace

Peking, March 21.—The reopening of the peace conference between representatives of north and south China at Shanghai next week has been indicated in official circles.

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