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The Sumter Watchman was founded in 1850 and the True Southron in 1868. The Watchman and Southron now has the combined circulation and influence of both of the old papers, and is manifestly the best advertising medium in Sumter.

For a parallel to this coal strike, the ice men should strike next winter.

The cup that cheers often does a thorough job nowadays. It also embalms.

It is cruel of the President to leave Congress to its own discretion.

If words were deeds, Trotsky would be an Alexander.

As long as Henry Ford and John D. don't go into partnership, the poor motorist can worry along somehow.

Now Japan has enacted a prohibition law. We can suggest, of hand, a way to make Japan dry. The Japan drier.

A recent New York episode teaches us that whether it's smoke or powder, woman is determined to take her puff in public.

A German high official says, "The reparations commission's decision of March 21 disappointed us most grievously." Who won the war anyway?

The proposed establishment of recreation camps just outside the three-mile limit is in keeping with the demand for wild life sanctuaries.

More Church Members

The writers who see the country turning its back on religion and going to the dogs should take course from last year's church statistics. Church membership increased 741,727 in the year 1921.

One observer thinks that the increase can be explained by hard times, but this is only criticism. The increased church membership is a natural sequence to the spiritual hunger aroused during the war, with its realities of life and death. It shows also that the church, fully aware that the Devil has been going up and down in the world with an especially attractive set of temptations, itself has been active in the field and to good effect.

Good is always on the gain, in spite of gloomy prophecies to the contrary, and church membership will always be on the increase as a whole. The only reason why it sometimes seems as if the Devil had all the luck is because he makes more noise about it, and his triumphs, being exceptional, attract more attention.

More Schools—Less Crime

Doubling the police force, remarks the Washington Herald, will not lessen crime permanently, but doubling the school appropriations will. That may be a bit difficult to believe for the man who has just been relieved of a roll of money at the point of a gun. It is strangely true, none the less.

Adequate police protection is needed, of course. In these days of an admitted crime wave, police protection must be increased. Yet the taxpayer needs to remember that the capture and punishment of today's criminals will not prevent the growth of a whole new crop of criminals tomorrow.

The Herald cites the story of a young gunman recently hanged. This man had been thrown at the age of 12 years among hoboes and crooks, men lacking in moral sense. Nerve and brute courage he had, but from his childhood all his ideals had been wrong; his environment had been degrading. With boyhood conditions changed, he might have turned out very differently. At 12 years he should have been playing baseball on a school team instead of riding brake beams with a vagrant.

When growing boys and girls have the sort of education which makes for fine character-building, when they have playgrounds, organized athletics and community interests, when they are given their birthright chance to develop their

own special talents or interests normally and under wise and kindly leadership, they will seldom be charged in later years in a gang of criminals. Eliminating crime by increasing the school appropriations is a slow process, but it is likely to prove the only sure one.

FRENCH REPARATION

The New York Times' Paris correspondent tells why the French are not greatly impressed with Germany's protest that she cannot make the reparation payments demanded for the present year. "This year," he says, "every man, woman and child in France contributes the equivalent of \$35 in gold to repair the devastation the Germans wrought in France. This year every man, woman and child in Germany is asked by the reparations commission to contribute the equivalent of \$3 gold in cash and \$6 gold in material."

Since the end of the war, he adds, France has paid \$200 gold per capita for the repair of German devastation, while the total cost to the Germans so far in reparation to all the Allies is only \$40 per capita.

Naturally the Frenchman will not admit that it is harder for the German to pay \$9 a year, and two-thirds of that in goods, than it is for the Frenchman himself to pay \$35 a year, especially when it is the Frenchman's country that is damaged and the Germans who did the damage.

NEWSPAPER AND POSTOFFICE

Newspapers are to play a more vital part in postal affairs than ever. Postmaster General Work has ordered all postmasters to send him clippings of news items and editorial comment bearing on postal service. It offers a fine opportunity to knock incompetent service, but it is to be hoped that where praise is merited it will be found recorded just as freely.

The postmaster himself will have little defense. He might use a derogatory item concerning his own office to kindle the kitchen fire, but some other postmaster is just as likely to post it and send it in. So the fate of the individual will hang on keeping the service at the highest possible mark.

Like the telephone, the postoffice is really marvelously prompt and accurate. Its mistakes are few in comparison with the amount of business handled. All complaint and comment should take fair note of this. But any suggestions which make for improvement should be welcomed, from the postoffice headquarters at Washington to the grocery store at the corners.

ANTI-BUDGETING

The way to budget is to budget. The only known way to make any budget system work is to live up to it.

Thousands of business men and housekeepers have found this out, but Congress evidently has it still to learn. Congress fell down on the first clean test of the financial efficiency scheme that it had approved with so much self-approval. It was in connection with the rivers and harbors appropriation, where the sum involved is not large, as governmental expenditures go, but where the principle is as plain as a pikestaff.

Waterway expenditures have always meant "pork", in congressional parlance and in public opinion. Here was a noble opportunity to eliminate pork, with a rare flourish of self-righteousness. And the House fumbled it, unblushingly adding \$15,000,000 to the outlay which Budget Director Dawes had set down as the maximum and which the committee had recommended. Naturally porcine cries flew thick and fast in the debate, and the budget lost about \$100,000,000 worth of prestige right there.

We needn't be unduly severe on the House, though. An appetite for "pork" is strong; and what private budgeteer ever made a go of it the first time?

MOTOR MANSLAUGHTER

More and more widely the taking of human life by careless driving is recognized as a serious crime, heavily punishable. That the crime is committed involuntarily makes little difference.

The Rocky Mountain News points out that convictions for involuntary manslaughter resulting from reckless or careless operation of automobiles have been sustained already by the supreme courts of Arkansas, Connecticut, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Nebraska, New York, Ohio and Tennessee.

"Involuntary manslaughter" has been a part of the common law for

centuries, and so may be invoked in any state, regardless of the absence of definite statutory recognition. The Colorado Supreme Court has held that this offense may consist in the taking of human life, without any intent to do so, "in the commission of a lawful act without due caution and circumstances." The application of this definition to careless automobile driving is obvious enough.

A Colorado statute, moreover, which has its counterpart in most of the other states, provides that "where such involuntary killing shall happen in the commission of an unlawful act which in its consequences naturally tends to destroy the life of a human being, the offense shall be deemed and adjudged to be murder." A strict construction of such a statute would mean evidently that if a motorist kills a person while he is breaking the speed limit, he is properly chargeable with murder.

Here is matter for serious reflection on the part of any motorist who is disposed to take traffic regulations lightly.

THE BUSINESS OF ALL

With new educational and uplift movements being started all the time, the National Economic Organization may attract less attention than it deserves. This body, with a backing of prominent financiers and business men, plans a campaign of national education on present economic conditions and their solution. It will try to bring to the American people, through press, platform and public exhibits, "a better understanding of economic questions such as taxation, tariff and European readjustments, to the end that sound legislation may be promoted and unsound proposals defeated."

Nothing is more needed at the present time. Never have economic problems been so big and complex and the need of understanding so widely felt. And unfortunately it happens that the economic discussions which reach the biggest audiences are usually those of politicians, who are not thoroughly equipped for handling such topics, and whose primary interest is not a scientific and lasting solution but their own re-election to office or the fortunes of their own party.

The very word "economics" has a highbrowish and repellent sound to most people. What it means is simply the business of all of us, and what the economists aim at is better business and more comfort in the material things of life through intelligent understanding and organized action.

With politically disinterested experts handling economic problems, there is a better chance of getting somewhere. The plan is fundamentally simple. The promoters, realizing that Congress fails to deal adequately with pressing problems, propose to educate the public and trust to the public eventually to bring pressure to bear on Congress in the right directions. It is sound enough, provided the promoters themselves can keep clear of all suspicion of personal or partisan bias.

ARMY POSTS.

Congress, in its desire to make a good showing for economy, wants to make a drastic cut in the size of the United States army. Secretary Weeks, not unwilling to economize but differing with Congress as to the number of troops required, has hit upon a telling opposition argument.

He gives the congressmen to understand that if the army is reduced as they demand, it will mean the abandonment of various military posts scattered around the country. That hits Congress where it lives. Every attempt ever made to reduce the number of army posts has met with the implacable opposition of the local community and the local congressmen.

The general public, recognizing the human appeal of this argument to localities affected, also recognizes that it has nothing at all to do with the main question, which is how many soldiers are actually needed by the country for federal policing and national defense. The general public, too, sees that this very army post question is one that ought to be determined on lines far broader than those of mere local interest.

Scattering the army in small units all over the country not only means a lot of unnecessary expense in itself, but it means a loss of efficient training and strategic value.

It is about time to inquire whether the army posts are maintained for the army or the army is maintained for the army posts.

To-day's Best Jokes and Stories

The term oil starts many a turmoil.

The aftermath of war is intense application to high math.

Don't pity the man with the hoe. He's probably after bait.

The only place where eats come before sweat is in the dictionary.

Recipe for solving any Government problem: First soak the taxpayer.

Thank God, pedestrians don't have to lose time changing gears when eluding a speeder.

You can usually tell a resident of Easy Street by the fact that he grunts when he bends to lace a shoe.

Credit for winning the war is immaterial; the essential thing is credit to keep it won.

As we compare official promises, we observe that John Bull differs little from the American brand.

The length of the cigarette holder seems to be in exact proportion to the paucity of wit behind it.

"The green of spring brings with it some element of pathos." Very unlike the long green of commerce.

They never say "master" of the sea, but always "mistress." This is also true of the matrimonial sea.

The railroads need not feel that their achievement is unique. At one time Atlas held up the whole world.

In this free land no man is so great that you cannot approach him and say "Gotta match?"

A man is never down until he is down in the mouth.

God made the world round; only men can make it square.

About the only thing as rare as an unmixed motive is a mixed drink.

"Man with eleven wives may be insane." It sounds darned reasonable.

A lot of people who are too nice to say "sweet" say "perspiration."

The greatest menace to civilization appears to be the civilized nations.

When death draws near, the sensation is probably very like that experienced when the speed "cop" draws near.

There is something wrong in Europe. Not a single Cabinet has resigned this week.

As we understand it, the effort of reformers is to place bucket shops without the pall.

A coal strike isn't wholly without merit. It always boosts the price of land in Florida.

Thrift consists in loving a savings account more than the good opinion of the neighbors.

So far the bandits in other localities have not threatened to move to New York if further molested.

"Business needs more able executives." That's encouraging. For a time we feared it would need an executor.

Freedom: The state of mind of those who are not chafed by the collar.

Guns are commonly used; but the best way to protect the honor of your home is to marry the right kind of woman.

A European, touring America, says he could break Monte Carlo. But why should he, when he can lecture in America?

Pull has its value, but you will observe that the cars parked on Easy Street are all equipped with self-starters.

Evidently most of the modern evils are under control. The pure in heart have begun to jump on poor old Darwin again.

It is doubtful, however, if our currency will ever be sufficiently elastic to stretch from pay day to Monday morning.

There's one good thing about a soda fountain. You don't have to drink ten milkshakes in order to set 'em up in your turn.

How would Alcoholicwood do for a name for the Los Angeles Movie suburb?—Philadelphia Evening Public Ledger.



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Evening Cotton Letter. New Orleans, April 8.—The market assumed a waiting attitude today, showing no decided tendency, although developments and general news warranted better results.

Cables were about as due, Manchester reports were favorable and Liverpool advices were to effect that while the engineers' strike remained unsettled the outlook for an early ending of the dispute was hopeful.

The associated press reported from Constantinople that the Turkish Nationalists government at Angora has accepted, with reservations, the armistice proposition recently made by the allies.

As the date April 10th for convening of the Genoa economic conference approaches, foreign government securities show a hardening tendency, reflecting confidence in probable beneficial results to come of the meeting of representatives of the European nations.

Instead of the needed dry warm weather in all sections of the belt, the weather bureau predicts showers or rain for nearly all districts of the cotton region tonight and Friday.

Preparations for the new crop are rather backward in the major portion of the belt and if weather returns immediately a further delay in farm work would result.

Much replanting will likely be made necessary by the inundating of low lands in the Mississippi Valley by backwaters and by overflowing of streams in Texas due to the recent torrential rains.

It is imperative, therefore that the best climatic conditions prevail from now on to permit farmers to catch up with their work and to seed an acreage sufficiently large that would insure a good crop were it not for the presence of the weevil over a wider area than ever.

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COTTON MARKET

Table with columns: New York Cotton, Open, High, Low, Close, Ystdy's. Rows for Jan, May, July, Oct, Dec.

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Liverpool Cotton

Table with columns: January, March, May, July, October, December. Values for 9.84, 9.78, 10.28, 10.22, 10.00, 9.90.

THIRD HOP FOR AVIATORS

St. Vincent, Cape Verde Islands, April 5.—The Portuguese aviators who are attempting a flight across the Atlantic from Lisbon to Brazil arrived here safely this afternoon at 5:20 o'clock from Las Palmas, Canary Islands. They left Gando Bay, near Las Palmas, at 8:30 o'clock this morning.

The Portuguese aviators, Capt. Scandura and Coutinho, left Lisbon in their light hydro-aeroplane at 7 o'clock last Thursday morning. They landed safely the same afternoon at Las Palmas, Canary Islands, having flown a distance of more than 1,000 miles. The second leg of the transatlantic flight, from the Canary Islands to Cape Verde Islands, which they successfully accomplished this afternoon, is about the same distance. The third hop, from the Cape Verde Islands to the Island of Fernando Noronha, is nearly 1,700 miles and is considered the most hazardous part of the flight.

WANTED—One thousand or more cords of gum and poplar pulp wood; size six inches and up in diameter, five feet long. Must be shipped over Southern or Northwestern railroads. R. G. Scarborough.

WANTED—Planters of beans of all kinds, peas, soy beans, peanuts, or any legumes to use Nira Germ and greatly increase yield and quality. I can prescribe to order if pure and fresh at short notice from our culture beds. And will be glad to converse with anyone on the subject and benefits of inoculation. Respectfully, Thos. S. Sumter.

LISTEN—We are overstocked on screen doors and windows. We are going to sell them now when you need them at greatly reduced prices so as to reduce our stock. Booth & McLeod.

\$25.00 THE LADIES' SHOP \$25.00 SPECIAL SALE OF Betty Wales Dresses 25 New Betty Wales at \$25.00. Just a Little Easter Offering of Real Value. THE LADIES' SHOP \$25.00 \$25.00 \$25.00

MOSCOW, CITY OF CONTRASTS

Some Revel in Luxuries While Many Suffer For Bread

Moscow, March 2.—Moscow has become more than ever a city of contrasts in this first winter of free trade under Communist rule. Black bread, the staple food of most of its inhabitants, grows dearer and scarcer nearly every day but chocolate creams, sweet pastries, silk stockings and Paris gowns become more plentiful though high priced.

The famine throughout a great section of Russia grips tighter and kills faster than "rave diggers can work but many Muscovites are eating more, drinking more and wearing better clothes than for years past and are burning all the wood they can buy.

Many others struggling on comparatively low wages or no income at all against increasing prices and fluctuating currency, are huddled in heatless rooms with little to eat. A considerable quantity of cotton goods from some of the Russian factories has appeared in the cooperative shops and the market stalls and there is a very limited showing of woolen stuffs but it is easier to find silk than gingham, satin than serge and lace than worsteds.

New restaurants, with white linon, rare porcelain, high salaried orchestras and closely written menus a foot long, are opening to cater to crowds that mingle with the sleek, white-collared, newly prosperous traders with a sprinkling of unshaven, dark-shirted and sometimes unwashed diners who appear to content with their lot to both with barbers or washwomen.

Wine is now sold secretly and soon will be sold openly under li-

PALMAFESTA QUEEN CONTEST

Friday, April 21st, announcement of Palmafesta queen. Palmafesta queen's parade, industrial and floral parade; 8:30, crowning pageant. Queen of Palmafesta, style show, vaudeville, band concert. Saturday, April 22nd, baby and educational parade; 8:30 vaudeville, band concert, style show, fireworks, closing of Palmafesta.

One of the interesting features of Palmafesta will be a daily demonstration of the Radiophone, by which concerts and lectures in distant cities throughout the country will be received by wireless "amplified" in the big steel building and heard by all visitors.

Wedding Fees Increased in London

London, March 17.—Civil wedding fees here are about to be increased and the church authorities, alarmed at the growing popularity of register offices, are expected to seize this opportunity to induce bridal couples to come to the altar.

According to the Registrar General civil wedding fees have not been altered since they were first fixed about 60 years ago and now he proposes to introduce a bill into the house of commons which will give him the power to increase them.

It is a mighty small calibre of official who has not been photographed listening in on a radio set.—Indianapolis Star.

Another Taylor murder suspect has been released. Why not organize them into a regiment.—New Orleans Item.

It is always brightest just before life hands you a black eye.

One difference between hugging and dancing is you dance in a crowd.

APRIL 10TH TO 15TH WILL BE VICTORY WEEK FOR THE South Carolina Cotton Growers' Co-operative Association Sumter County has signed up over nineteen thousand bales, but why should we stop. Marlboro County has over thirty thousand. Darlington and Calhoun are both ahead of Sumter. THE MORE COTTON THE ASSOCIATION CONTROLS, THE BETTER WILL IT OPERATE. MR. FARMER: WILL YOU SET YOUR PRICE ON YOUR PRODUCT, OR WILL YOU CONTINUE TO SELL AT THE OTHER MAN'S PRICE? COOPERATIVE MARKETING ASSOCIATIONS ARE THE ONLY METHODS YET DEvised BY WHICH THE FARMER CAN HAVE A VOICE IN SETTING THE PRICE ON HIS OWN PRODUCT. Over two hundred and fifty Sumter County Farmers believe in cooperative marketing of cotton. There are numbers who have had no opportunity to sign up. You can help get them. Sumter County is showing to beat the boll weevil. One way is to get "More Money for Cotton." Sumter County has organized a Creamery. Sumter County has organized a Truck Growers' Association on the cooperative plan. The Sumter County Tobacco farmers have joined the Tobacco Association. It took Sumter County to put over the South Carolina Cooperative Livestock Association. SOUTH CAROLINA EXPECTS SUMTER COUNTY TO GO FAR BEYOND HER QUOTA IN THE COTTON ASSOCIATION. LESS THAN FOUR WEEKS REMAIN. GET YOUR COTTON GROWING FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS, AND ACQUAINTANCES, TO SIGN THE CONTRACT. (INFORMATION RELATIVE TO ALL THE ABOVE MENTIONED ASSOCIATIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS MAY BE HAD FROM THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, PHONE 200.) THIS SPACE CONTRIBUTED BY THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK, THE SUMTER TRUST CO. NATIONAL BANK OF S. C. CITY NATIONAL BANK,