RAILROAD SHARES STILL IN MARKET LEADERSHIP

Prices Placed Near High Level Established Prior to Sinking of Lusitania.

BIG ADVANCE IN LACKAWANNA

Free Absorption of Investment Shares on Largest Scale Witnessed in Many Weeks Was Distinguishing Feature of Day's Session.

BY BROADAN WALL.

NEW YORK, September 25.—Railroad shares continued in leadership of the stock market to-day, with advances of from 1 to 7 points that placed prices near the high level established prior to the sinking of the Lusitania. Brokers reported that the public were displaying a disposition to follow the upward trend in the rails just as they have in the industrials and expectation in that Monday's session will witness a continuation of the movement.

Industrial shares were irregular, specialties, like American Beet Sugar and American Woolen, being rescinnary, whereas Central Leather and American Hide and Leather were in demand, the former at a new high price for this year. A revival of activity and strength in the coppers created a favorable impression.

Opening prices displayed overnight gains, which were enlarged during the first hour. Week-end profit-taking appeared in substantial volume in the second hour, but buying orders were more than sufficient to offset realizing. Closing prices were fractionally under the best.

LACKAWANA RISES ON ACCOUNT OF SMALL SUPPLY

Lackawanna Steel was the center of attraction in the last hour, scoring an advance of about 30 points and selling at the new high price of 79. Rumors current were that the company would be taken into the new steel combination, but the sharp rise was really the result of the small supply of stock, the price moving up rapidly on the increased demand. The company is understood to be making large earnings from the utilization of its by-products for the making of ammunition.

Railroad earnings were favorable and gave added impetus to the demand for the rails. Atchison for August announced an increase in gross of $701,555, and a gain in operating income of $99,742. For the two month ended August 31 operating income increased $603,602.

The sharp advance of more than 3 points in International Mercantile Marine deferred on the curb was attributed to the unearthing of between $8,000,000 and $9,000,000 of assets, consisting of railroad and steamship company stocks by the accountants for the Wallace Protective Committee.

SELL 600,000 OF INVESTMENT SHARES

NEW YORK, September 25.—Free absorption of investment shares, chiefly the high class railways, on the largest scale witnessed in many weeks, was the distinguishing feature of today's two-hour session in which the trading approximated 600,000 shares, or on the basis of 1,200,000 shares for a full day. Gains in the railways were a substantial character, Pennsylvania, the most active stock of its class, advancing 2½ points to 114, while Canadian Pacific, the Harriman New York Central and Baltimore and Ohio gained 1 to 2 points.

The specialties were not entirely neglected. Baldwin Locomotive gained 7 to the new high price of 84½, while Lackawanna Steel jumped 7 to 79 and Texas Company, up 2½ to 82½, also surpassed all previous quotations. Bethlehem Steel and a few other war shares made slight improvement on small dealings, but Bethlehem Steel preferred declined 12 to 370, and some of the less prominent industrials fell away moderately. United States Steel was less active than usual, but showed underlying strength. Many of the motor issues showed the sensational upturn of late, but, in contrast, General Motors retained virtually all of its sixty points advance. The bank statement furnished a genuine surprise in that the estimated cash gain proved to be an actual loss of almost $15,000,000. The mercantile agencies reported a general expansion of trade.

Bonds were strong, with total sales, par value, at $2,000,000.

United States bonds unchanged on call during the week.

NEW YORK, September 25.—Mercantile paper, 3¼@4%. Sterling, sixty-day bills, 4.76 60; for demand, $4.7950; for cables, $4.7929. Bar silver, 79½. Mexican dollars, 58½.

BOND LIST

Atlantic Coast Line 1st 4s	86
A. C. L.—L. and N. 4s	82½
A. C. L. cv. 4s (in Baltimore)	85½
Chesapeake and Ohio cv. 4½s	76½
Liggett and Myers, 5s	102
Lorillard 5s	116½
Norfolk and Western cv. 4½s (ibd)	112½
Seaboard Air Line stamped 4s	74½
Seaboard Air Line adj. 5s	21
Southern Pacific cv. 4s	87
Southern Railway 4s	64
Southern Railway 5s	88½
U. S. Registered 2s, 1930 (ibd)	97
U. S. Registered 4s, 1925 (ibd)	107
U. S. Registered 4s, 1925 (ibd)	105
U. S. Panama Registered 2s, 1963 (ibd)	96½
U. S. Steel 2d 5s	102½
Va.-Brown Bros. (W. Va.)	5
Va. Ry. and Power Co. 5s (ibd)	54
Va.-Car. Chemical 5s (ibd)	56

RICHMOND STOCK MARKET.

(By Castle G. Burch & Co.)
Richmond, Va., September 25, 1915.

STATE SECURITIES.	Bid	Asked.
Va. 3s, Old, C. and R.	87	...
Va. Centuries, 2, 3, C. and R.	86	...
STREET RWY. BONDS.		
Norfolk and Ports. Traction 5s	75	...
STREET RWY. STOCKS.		
Va. Ry. and Power Co., com.	35	...
RAILROAD STOCKS.		
Atlantic Coast Line, com.	108	110
Chesapeake and Ohio	71	...
Norfolk and Western, com.	175	...
Seaboard Air Line, pfd.	38	...
Seaboard Air Line, com.	15	...
Southern Railway, pfd.	56½	...
Southern Railway, com.	19	...
BANK AND TRUST COMPANY STOCKS.		
Broad Street Bank	52	...
First National Bank	220	225
National State and City Bank	187	...
Old Dominion Trust Co.	163	...
Virginia Trust Company	200	...
MISCELLANEOUS.		
Va.-Car. Chemical, pfd.	108	...
Va.-Car. Chemical, com.	39	...

COTTON MARKETS.

NEW YORK, September 25.—Still higher levels were reported in the cotton market here to-day, with January contracts selling up to 12.25c or $5.50 per bale above the low level of last Monday and 25 points above last night's final figures, on a continuation of active general buying.

Closing prices were strong at a net gain of from 2 0to 25 points for the day. Firm Liverpool cables, unfavorable weather, encouraging reports from the goods trade, rumors of very low private condition figures and bullish spot market advices were among the factors on the advance. The market opened firm, 9 to 14 points higher in response to cables, and quickly sold 17 to 22 points above last night's closing figures. It was reported that there was more Southern hedge selling here on this advance than on any day previously this month, and there was also heavy realizing, but offerings were readily absorbed on reactions of 8 or 9 points from the best, and prices soon developed renewed firmness on a further broadening of Wall Street, commission house, and trade demand. October contracts sold up to 11.56c, December to 11.93c, and March to 12.35c, with the general list showing net gains of from 24 to 28 points.

Offerings increased at this level, and figures were somewhat irregular, final prices were at practically the best price of the day. Reports that the disturbance in the Carribean Sea, moving toward the Gulf was of considerable intensity, and the course of the low barometer west of the belt, led to predictions of unsettled weather over Sunday and the private crop advices received during the day were of a bullish nature.

The larger amounts of cotton on shipboard at the close last night, 141,000 bales, against 88,000 bales the previous week, encouraged the talk of increasing exports, and some of the local spot people reported an increasing demand from domestic spinners.

Futures closed strong.

	Open.	High	Low.	Closed.
October	11.40	11.68	11.40	11.58
December	11.85	11.99	11.85	11.97
January	12.00	12.15	11.99	12.10
March	12.25	12.39	12.24	12.36
May	12.39	12.53	12.36	12.52

Spot cotton, steady; middling, uplands, 11.70c. Sales, 500 bales.

NEW YORK, September 25.—Middling, 11.75c. Sales, 700 bales; stock, 290,537 bales.

Total to-day at all ports—Net receipts, 42,046 bales; exports, 28,677 bales; stock, 951,535 bales.

Total for week—Net receipts, 42,615 bales; exports, 28,677 bales.

Total for season—Net receipts, 771,300 bales; exports, 441,916 bales.

NEW ORLEANS, September 25.—All high records for the season were again passed in the cotton market to-day, buying being in sufficient volume to offset heavy liquidation from profit-taking longs. The demand was stimulated by a better Liverpool than due, renewed warnings concerning the tropical storm, heavy rains in the western belt, lack of October tenders and a rise of 25 points in the spot department. At the best of the day prices were 22 to 23 points up. The close was 2 0to 27 points up on a steady tone.

In the early trading prices rose about 15 points. Brisking bidding for October and spot of the tropical storm warning started the market onward again, and this tendency was maintained until the close.

January sold up to 11.87c, profit-taking around that level preventing its touching 12c. Previous high marks for the season were exceeded by about 10 points.

It was estimated that less than 2,000 bales of cotton were tendered against October, and notices were promptly stopped. Bullish action in bidding for large lots of October showed their readiness to take up cotton on contracts. This proved one of the most bullish influences of the season. Trading was heavy throughout.

Futures closed steady at a net advance of 20 to 22 points. Closing: October, 11.43; December, 11.81; January, 11.95; March, 12.21; May, 12.45.

Spot, steady, 25 points up. Sales, on the spot, 500 bales; to arrive, 1,500 bales; middling, 11.25 bales.

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

NEW YORK, September 25.—No sugar market to-day. Butter, firm. Cheese, steady. Spot coffee, quiet; Rio 7s, 6¾c; Santos 4s, 8c.

The cottonseed oil market was active and strong, with new outside buying prompted by the strength in cotton, which was thought to reflect poor crop prospects, and on covering. Closing prices were 15 to 22 points net higher. Sales, 12,700 barrels. The market closed strong. Spot, 6.60 bid; September, 6.60@6.75; October, 6.68@6.75; November, 6.70@6.74; December, 6.76@6.80; January, 6.83@6.84; February, 6.90@6.95; March, 6.92@6.98; April, 7.00@7.12.

RICHMOND PRODUCE MARKET.

Wholesale Quotations.
(By Levy Commission Co.)
Richmond, Va., September 25, 1915.

Live Poultry.			
Chickens, choice, small, lb.	18	@	19
Chickens, choice, medium, lb.	18	@	19
Chickens, large, lb.	17	@	18
Hens, per lb.		@	14½
Roosters, each	35	@	40
Ducks, large, young, lb.	12	@	14
Eggs.			
In crates, near-by, fresh, doz.		@	23
Guinea eggs, doz.		@	15
Butter.	Per	Pound.	
Family, choice, fresh	32	@	35
Merchants', fair		@	19
Live Stock.			
Veals, choice to fancy	9½	@	10
Veals, poor to fair	7	@	8
Calves, runners	5	@	6
Sheep	4	@	5
Lambs, spring	7	@	8½
Hogs	7	@	7¾
Country-Cured Bacon.			
Hams, well smoked, small	16	@	20
Hams, well smoked, large	16	@	17
Sides, well smoked	14	@	25
Shoulders, well smoked	11	@	17

Meat not well smoked hard to sell.

MARKET CONDITION.

Poultry—Chickens and hens, active; receipts, light. Eggs—Remain firm. Butter—Market firm. Veals—Remain scarce. Live stock—Market dull.

HIDE AND WOOL MARKET.

(By Old Dominion Hide and Fur Co., Inc.)
Richmond, Va., September 25, 1915.

Hides.	Per	Pound.	
Dry flint	26	@	27
Dry salt	24	@	25
Green, salt	14	@	15½
Green	17	@	17½
Green, damaged	at value.		
Tallow.			
Good bright	5	@	6
Dark or burnt	4	@	5
Beeswax	26	@	27
Wool.			
Free of burrs	28	@	30
Medium burry	22	@	24
Heavy burry	17	@	18
Light burry	25	@	27

MARKET CONDITION.

Hides—Very dull; likely to go lower. Wool—Market dull.

RICHMOND FRUIT MARKET.

(By W. C. Crenshaw & Co.)
Richmond, Va., September 25, 1915.

Apples.			
Fancy, large, red, per bbl.	$ 2	25	
Fancy, large, green, per bbl.	2	25	
Red stripe, per bbl.	2	25	
No. 1, per bbl.	2	00	
Fancy Duchess, per bbl.	2	00	
Fancy crab, per bushel		75	
Pears.			
Fancy Bartletts, per bbl.	$ 5	00	
Fancy Seckels, per bbl.	6	00	
Fancy Bartletts, per bushel	1	75	
Fancy Seckels, per bushel	2	00	
Fancy Leconte, per bbl.	1	50	
Fancy Kieffer, per bbl.	1	00	
Fancy Clapp's Favorite, per bbl.	3	00	
Peaches.			
Fancy Georgia Belles, per crate	$ 1	25	
Fancy yellows, per half-bushel basket		50	
Fancy whites, per half-bushel basket		50	
Plums.			
Fancy red, per six-basket carrier	$ 1	00	
Fancy Burbanks, per six-basket carrier	1	00	
Fancy Wickshams, per six-basket carrier	1	25	
Damsons.			
Fancy blue, per bushel	$ 1	25	
Grapes.			
Fancy Delaware, per six-basket carrier	$1	25	
Fancy Niagara, per six-basket carrier	1	25	
Fancy Delaware, four-pound basket, per basket			20
Fancy Niagara, four-pound basket per basket			15
Fancy Concord, four-pound basket, per basket			12
Onions.			
Fancy potato, per bushel	$	50	
Fancy white, per bushel		60	
Potatoes.			
No. 1 Irish, per bushel	$	50	

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET.

CHICAGO, September 25.—Bearish estimates of the yield in the domestic winter wheat crop belt made wheat prices to day fail to hold an early advance. The market closed heavy, ⅝c off to ⅛c up, compared with last night and with December at 94⅝@94¾c, and May at 97c. Corn lost ⅛c to 1c net; oats finished 1-16 down to a like advance, and provisions, unchanged to 90c higher.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Closed.
WHEAT—				
September	1.06	1.07¾	1.06	1.06¾
December	95⅝	96¼	94½	94¾
May	98	98¼	97	97
CORN—				
December	55½	55¾	55¼	55⅜
May	57⅝	57¾	57⅛	57⅛
OATS—				
December	36¼	36¼	36⅛	36⅛
May	38¼	38⅜	38	38⅛
MESS PORK—Per bbl.				
October	12.75	12.82	12.72	12.75
January	15.40	15.42	15.40	15.40
LARD—Per 100 lbs.				
October	8.15	8.20	8.15	8.20
January	8.70	8.70	8.65	8.67
RIBS—Per 100 lbs.				
October	8.42	8.42	8.35	8.40
January	8.60	8.60	8.55	8.60

Cash grain closed: Wheat—No. 2 red, $1.12@$1.12; No. 3 red, $1.08@$1.10; No. 4 red, 90c@$1.02; No. 3 hard, $1.08@$1.10. Corn—No. 2 yellow, 72@72½c.

RICHMOND GRAIN MARKET.

Richmond, Va., September 25, 1915.
WHOLESALE QUOTATIONS ON 'CHANGE.

WHEAT—Car lots.			
No. 2 red Western, new	1 14	@	1 16
No. 2 red, Virginia, new		@	1 13
No. 3 red, new		@	1 10
Virginia, bag lots	90	@	1 08
Virginia, bag lots (for seed)	1 19	@	1 12
CORN—Car lots.			
No. 2 white		@	83
No. 3 white	81½	@	
No. 2 mixed	82	@	
No. 3 mixed		@	81
Virginia, bag lots, white	82	@	84
OATS—Car lots.			
No. 2 mixed		@	38½
No. 3 mixed		@	38
No. 2 white	40½	@	
No. 3 white	38	@	
Winter seed, bag lots	45	@	60
RYE—Car lots.			
No. 2 rye	1 01	@	1 02
No. 3 rye	96	@	
Virginia, bag lots	92	@	93

RICHMOND HAY MARKET.

Richmond, Va., September 25, 1915.

No. 1 timothy		@	20 00
No. 2 timothy		@	18 00
No. 3 timothy	nominal		
Light clover, mixed		@	18 50
No. 1 clover, mixed		@	17 50
No. 2 clover, mixed	nominal		
No. 1 clover	nominal		
No. 2 clover	nominal		
Sample hay	nominal		
STRAW—Compressed		@	9 00
Loose-pressed, large bales		@	9 00
MILLFEED.			
Shipstuff, winter		@	27 50
Bran, winter		@	22 50
Shipstuff, spring		@	27 00
Bran, spring	22 50	@	

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

CHICAGO, September 25.—Hogs, weak; bulk, $7.70@$8.20; light, $7.60@$8.40; mixed, $6.35@$8.40; heavy, $6.60@$8.25; rough, $6.60@$6.80; pigs, $7.75@$8.25. Cattle, steady; native beef cattle, $5.60@$10.40; cows and heifers, $2.85@$8.25; calves, $7.25@$11.00. Sheep, steady; wethers, $6.50@$6.85; ewes, $5.25@$6.75; lambs, $6.50@$9.60.

RICHMOND LIVE STOCK MARKET.

(Sales at Union Stockyards.)
Richmond, Va., September 25, 1915.

Best steers, 7½@8c; choice, higher; medium to good, 6¾@7½c; common to fair, 5@6c. Best heifers, 6@6½c; choice, higher; medium to good, 5¼@5c; common to fair, 4½@4¾c. Best cows, 5¼@5¾c; medium to good, 4½@5¼c; common to fair, 3½@4½c. Best oxen, 5@6½c; medium to good, 3¾@4c; common to fair, 4½@4¾c. Best bulls, 3¼@3¾c; light, 2½@3¼c; calves, 5@8c; common, lower; cows and calves, $20@$75 per head. Best sheep, 5@5½c; medium to good, 4¼@4¾c; common to fair, 3½@4c. Best lambs, 9@9½c; common to fair, 7½@8½c.

MISCELLANEOUS MARKETS.

COTTON GOODS.

NEW YORK, September 25.—Wide sheetings and pillow cases have been advanced, the new prices to take effect Monday. All cotton goods and cotton yarns were active and rising to-day. Linens were very firm. Burlaps higher and knit goods in more active demand.

Bank Statement.

NEW YORK, September 25.—The statement of the actual condition of clearing-house banks and trust companies for the week shows that they hold $199,073,930 reserve in excess of legal requirements. This is a decrease of $22,209,170 from last week.

The statement follows:

Actual condition:

Loans, etc., $2,766,340,000; increase, $37,519,000.

Reserve in own vaults, $512,876,000, of which $440,733,000 is specie; decrease, $13,830,000.

Reserve in Federal reserve bank, $144,216,000; increase, $1,906,000.

Reserve in other depositories $29,912,000; increase, $580,000.

Net demand deposits, $2,826,358,000; increase, $61,421,000.

Net time deposits, $124,722,000; decrease, $12,537,000.

Circulation, $26,587,000; decrease, $99,000.

Aggregate reserve, $687,035,000.

Excess reserve, $196,013,920; decrease, $22,209,170.

Summary of State banks and trust companies in Greater New York, not included in clearing-house statement:

Loans, etc., $685,386,900; decrease, $2,577,300.

Specie, $49,707,000; decrease, $184,500.

Legal tenders, $8,823,200; increase, $289,100.

Total deposits, $762,826,700; increase, $153,700.

Banks' cash reserve in vaults, $10,541,000.

Trust companies' cash reserve in vaults, $48,045,400.

PREMIUMS ON CASH WHEAT AGAIN SUFFER A DECLINE

This, Coupled With Reports of Record Loadings, Principal Factors in Deferred Months.

CHICAGO, September 25.—Premiums on cash wheat, which were so stiff during nearly all of this week, suffered a decline to-day. This, coupled with reports of record loadings of this grain in Western Canada, and of increased loadings in our own Northwest, were the principal factors in the deferred months, which closed at losses of 1-2@5-8c. Sentiment on the far-away months was bearish and in case of favorable weather the coming week it would not surprise the writer to see further declines for the December and May and a possible weakening of the September. September wheat closed at an advance of 3-4c, selling at 1.06 to 1.07 3-4, and off to 1.06 1-4, as a resting spot.

The movement of wheat must increase with weather favorable, for threshing and hauling of the grain to the railway stations. The increase will not only be in the spring wheat country, but will also be seen in the winter wheat belt. Receipts at Western markets last week were 15,757,000 bushels, which was 1,100,000 bushels in excess of the previous week, but 1,900,000 bushels smaller than the corresponding week last year. Cash sales of wheat here were next to nothing, millers taking only 5,000 bushels.

Advices received to-day from Minneapolis said that an additional amount of Canadian wheat was bought at Winnipeg to be brought to Minneapolis.

There were declines of 1-4 to 1c in corn values with the increased returns by farmers the leading bearish help. Oats showed but little change. There was an indifferent demand for the cash article with sales of only 123,000 bushels. There have been deliveries of fair proportions, including some No. 3 white.

January hog products were in greater demand than other commodities, and there was a large cash trade reported in meats and lard. The price of provisions from this time forward will pivot on the receipts of hogs at the Western markets coupled with the demand for meats and lard for shipment abroad.

Dry Goods Review.

NEW YORK, September 25.—Cotton goods markets have been strong and active, with prices advancing in many lines. The buying has been stimulated by the rise in cotton, as well as by the more settled state of general affairs. Activity in wide print cloths has carried some prices a full half-cent a yard up from the prices current a month ago. Bleached cottons have been advanced ⅛c a yard. Dress ginghams were reduced two weeks ago, but sales have been free, and advances are now predicted. Prints and percales have been selling freely for later delivery. Duck has been advanced twice, and some grades are very scarce for quick delivery. Brown sheetings are very firm at higher levels. Many new colored goods are being offered, and they are being accepted in the trade in lieu of the fast color cotton bitterts standard in this country. Quotations: Print cloths, 39-inch, 64s, 3¾c; 64x60s, 3¼c; 38½-inch, 64x68s, 3½c; brown sheetings, Southern standard, 6½c; denims, 9 ounce, indigoes, 16½c; other colors, 15c; tickings, 8-ounce, 11½c; staple ginghams, 6¼c; prints 5¼c; dress ginghams, 8½c.

Trading on Curb.

NEW YORK, September 25.—Trading on the outside securities market to-day was fairly active, and prices held about steady at or near the level of the previous close. There were a few exceptions, and these were International Mercantile Marine and Kennecott Copper, the shares of which were good, active and strong. Considerable interest was attached to the rise in the price of Marine preferred which amounted to more than 4 points. Kennecott Copper was strong near the close, and closed at near the top. The balance of the list was fairly active and firm.

SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA

This Year's Crops Surpass Anything Ever Seen in the History of the State.

ABINGDON, VA., September 25.—A gentleman who travels extensively in Southwest Virginia, in conversation with a newspaper man here, said the crop conditions in this part of Virginia were never, in his observation, equal to the present, and this applies also to the crops that have been harvested. He declares the corn crop wherever he has been is surpassing in quality and promises a yield greatly in excess of anything ever before heard of in the history of Virginia farming.

TO RESUME NEGOTIATIONS OVER SINKING OF ARABIC

German Ambassador and State Department Will Again Consider Points at Issue.

WASHINGTON, September 25.—Negotiations between Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, and the State Department over the sinking of the White Star liner Arabic probably will be resumed next week. The German ambassador is understood to have received several messages from his Foreign Office giving its opinion of the evidence submitted by the United States, to show the ship was torpedoed without warning, and did not move to attack the undersea boat.

It is not known definitely whether Germany is prepared to disavow the sinking of the Arabic, with the loss of American lives, or intends to suggest the submission of differences on questions of fact to The Hague. President Wilson's position is unchanged, that the principles involved can not be submitted to arbitration, although questions of fact or amount of indemnity might be settled in that manner.

Ambassador Bernstorff's latest advices, it is said, are in accord with intimations in press dispatches from Berlin of a desire to settle amicably the entire dispute, but the chief obstacle in the way of a settlement, according to the German ambassador is the alleged policy of Great Britain with respect to ramming submarines. There are intimations that before modifying completely her submarine policy, Germany will seek through the United States some assurance that British merchantmen will submit to visit and search.

THE HANOVER-MILWAUKEE STOCK FARM ENCOURAGING

Others Will Doubtless Follow—Local Stock Raisers Find Cheer in This Development.

That Hanover-Milwaukee stock farm is attracting attention already. The Rockbridge County News has this to say about it:

"The industrial section of the Richmond Times-Dispatch notes the purchase of a Milwaukee, Wis., farm of 3,000 acres of land in Hanover county near Richmond. Purchase of Virginia lands by people from the Middle West have not been uncommon for a generation. But this purchase is made for a reason which carries special significance. The purchase, after thorough investigation and consideration, is made by a firm owning and operating a large meat packing establishment at Milwaukee. Their purpose, as made known by a member of the firm, is to improve every acre and make of this old plantation an up-to-date stock farm, on which will be grown cattle and hogs to supply their packing plant. It has been known that packers not infrequently own and carry on large stock farms in the far Middle West. But to find them coming to old Virginia to seek out and to select such a farm appears like working backward. But they are distinctly a forward corporation and represent a decidedly progressive movement. Doubtless they are appreciative of the good climate and absence of cyclones for their employees; but it is the dollar they are after and they seek a stock farm in old Virginia. Their action is full of cheering possibilities for the worn-out parts of this State. Their selection will doubtless inspire others interested in stock growing to do likewise and should inspire with renewed confidence such people in lower Virginia as have ventured into the stock business."

The Reidsville Market.

REIDSVILLE, N. C., September 25.—All of the tobacco buyers are now on the Reidsville market in full force. Receipts continue light yet, except as to primings. The market has opened in fine shape so far as prices are concerned, the weed bringing figures that are much more satisfactory to the farmers than those obtained on the opening sales of last year's crop.

Greatly Improved Road.

SOUDAN, VA., September 25.—The bad places in the Southern Railway track between here and the North Carolina line, which have so long been an eye sore, have been put in first-class shape, and all of the roadbed and rails on the six-mile stretch put in perfect order. The result is the trains make this six miles in just half the time they used to.

RULES ON LANGUAGE TEST

Redfield Announces Government's Interpretation of Clause of Seamen's Act.

WASHINGTON, September 25.—The government's interpretation of the language test clause of the seamen's act, passed by the last Congress, was announced yesterday by Secretary of Commerce Redfield. It sets forth that the law does not require "the use of any particular language on the part of officers and crew of any vessel," but that "any language which is understood in sufficient measure by officers and the proper proportion of the crew will comply."

The requirement that members of the crew shall be able to understand any order given them by their officers is construed as "meaning only such orders as may normally be given to members of the crew in each department of the vessel in the course of the usual performance of their regular duties. Among these duties, however, should be included lifeboat work or emergency work for such members of the crew as may be called upon to perform these classes of work."

In conclusion, Secretary Redfield says the language test is understood to require the safeguarding of a vessel "in such a manner as shall be helpful and not hurtful to our maritime commerce, and that it is in no sense intended to be used to create embarrassment or to cause unnecessary expense or delay."

TO WEAR 'EM THIS YEAR

Pantalettes, a Russian Innovation, Will Be Part of Women's Dress During Present Season.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

NEW YORK, September 25.—They're going to wear 'em this year, in fact, the stores along Broadway are brazen about it, and display 'em in the windows for all the world and her husband to gaze at. What? Pantalettes, of course.

Here is how they are described by one who has bought a pair:

"Certainly, pantalettes are to be part of women's dress this season. Some of the dearest little models have just arrived from Paris. They are a Russian innovation, but most of the models received here are coming from Paris. They will be silken with edgings of fur.

"The favorite color this season will be a dull Russian red, to match the blouse. They are all in one piece, so if you want to lounge in your room before putting on your tailored suit, you just make yourself perfectly comfortable in your pantalettes and blouse.

"They do away entirely with the timehonored petticoat. The petticoat is an extinct garment—as dead as the dodo."

MAKE NATION-WIDE APPEAL ON BEHALF OF ARMENIANS

Americans Will Be Asked to Render Assistance Similar to That Made for Homeless Belgians.

WASHINGTON, September 25.—Information from Ambassador Morgenthau, at Constantinople, to the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions concerning the plight of Armenians in Turkey banished to isolated towns for alleged hostility to the Turkish government, will be the basis of a nation-wide appeal to the American people for assistance, similar to that made for homeless Belgians.

The plan for sending help to the Armenians will be carried out without any official participation by the United States government, for it is understood that the Turkish Foreign Office has let it be known that it will brook no interference with its policy from any foreign power.

It was revealed at the State Department to-day that since Ambassador Morgenthau's protest to the Foreign Office in Constantinople against reported ill-treatment of Armenians, nothing further had been done by this government. Minor concessions from the Turkish government resulted from Ambassador Morgenthau's action, which was taken under general instructions from the State Department. The Turkish officials claim that the steps which they have taken against the Armenians were necessary as a war measure to prevent rebellion and plotting against the government.

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