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4,171,000 Cotton Bales Bought From America

H G HESTER GIVES FIGURES ON
WORLD'S TAKINGS FOR YEAR
ENDING JULY 31.

New Orleans, Aug. 6.—The world's takings of American cotton during the year ended July 31, was placed at 14,171,000 bales by Secretary H. G. Hester, of the New Orleans cotton exchange, in his annual report issued today. These figures compare with takings of 13,519,000 the previous season, and 14,512,000 bales two seasons ago.

Southern mill takings placed at 4,047,000 bales, broke all former records, according to the report, as did takings of 505,000 bales by Japanese, Chinese and East Indian mills.

Secretary Hester placed the total value of the commercial crop for the year at \$765,700,560, compared to \$593,432,978 the preceding year, and \$977,844,114 the year before. "These values," the report explained, "are for cotton only, and do not include the value of the cotton seed, which this year more than any past year, constitutes a specially important item. The value of the 1915 crop with seed added would total \$958,200,000; the previous year \$749,384,978, and the year before \$1,134,444,114."

The country's commercial crop for the year was 12,938,256 bales, a decrease under the previous year of 2,169,755 bales and 1,944,237 bales under two seasons ago.

"Of the decrease in deliveries under last year," Mr. Hester reported, "fifty-six and nine-tenths per cent. was in Texas, 27.2 per cent in the other gulf states, and 15.9 per cent in the Atlantic states. In grade the crop ranked with the best during the last five years, averaging middling to strict middling, and it was marked by a scarcity of low grades and irregular cotton. The average price for middling for the year was 11.99 cents per pound, compared to 7.94 last year and 13.49 the year before.

"A short crop and increased consumption demand, especially from American mills, offset in a measure the influence of the European war and the large carry-over at the end of the previous season, resulting in restoration of values to a more normal basis. The records indicate that not only was every bale brought into sight from the fields consumed, but that the visible and invisible supply left over from last year was treasured upon to the extent of almost 2,000,000 bales. In brief, the problem of war and the enormous growth of 1914-15 have thus far been met to an extent more satisfactory than anticipated by the most sanguine."

A MORNING PARTY.

Miss Lavinia Coleman is entertaining at a card party this morning in honor of her lovely visitors, Miss Mabel Kennedy of Troy, and Miss Nelle Livingston of North. There will be about sixteen young ladies present to meet the visitors.

A SICK BABY.

Interested friends will regret to know that the little baby of Mr. and Mrs. Jordan Ramey is quite sick at their home on South Main street and hope to hear soon of its complete recovery.

FARMER SHERARD.

Mr. W. C. Sherard has our thanks for a bag of the finest beans we have seen this season. He takes the prize when it comes to gardening for these beans are nearly a foot long and are tender and succulent. The beans are of the McCaslan variety, which is becoming quite popular in Abbeville.

A CHARMING VISTOR.

Miss Hattie McMurray, of Lancaster, is in Abbeville for a visit to Dr. and Mrs. C. H. McMurray. Miss McMurray is a graduate of Winthrop college and is receiving a warm welcome from her old classmates. She is also an expert first grade teacher.

HOME FROM THE MOUNTAINS

Judge and Mrs. Frank B. Gary are at home after a stay of nearly a month in the mountains of North Carolina. They report a pleasant time despite the constant rains.

AT HOME FOR THE SUMMER.

Mrs. Wyatt Aiken and family have returned to Abbeville for the summer, after spending the past year in Washington. Mrs. Aiken is a general favorite in Abbeville and her friends welcome her back after her long absence.

A TENT FULL OF MONEY.

"We had \$65,000 in real money in the tent yesterday," said an officer of the National Guard at Camp Moore yesterday. It was joy day at the camp. Ninety men were paid off in ten minutes, the officer said.—The State.

Tillman Request Congressmen to Re- main in Washington

APPROPRIATION FOR CHARLES-
TON NAVY YARD IN
DANGER.

Washington, August 5.—Senator Tillman is making the fight of his life for the Charleston Navy Yard. There is an item in the naval appropriation bill of \$1,085,000 for lengthening of the dry dock there. It is now wide enough and deep enough but not long enough. The bill is in conference and must be agreed on by the House and the Senate before it can become a law.

Senator Tillman said today: "The matter is of vital importance, not only to the City of Charleston, but to the State of South Carolina.

"It concerns the whole South, in fact, and the navy, too, which must have such a dock somewhere south of Hatteras.

"I have urged the members of the House from South Carolina to remain here and help me with this bill until it becomes a law. The conferees are now meeting daily to prepare to report on it, if they can agree. This item will go back to the House to be voted on.

"I feel that the South Carolina delegation can help a great deal with their friends in both parties, that is the reason I am asking them to remain here.

"The people always took care of me when I stayed here and attended to their business, and I believe they will take care of their Congressman who do the same." K. F. M.

Letter from Padgett.

Congressman Whaley has received the following letter from Chairman Padgett, of the House committee, on naval affairs:

"House of Representatives,
"United States,
"Committee on Naval Affairs,
"Washington, D. C., Aug. 4, 1916.

"The Hon. Richard S. Whaley,
House of Representatives.—Dear Mr. Whaley: In view of your deep personal interest as expressed to me in your several interviews with me concerning the Senate amendment of the naval appropriation bill relating to the enlargement of the dry dock and the establishment of a foundry at the Navy Yard at Charleston, S. C., I feel it my duty to inform you that there will be opposition to the retention of these two items in the bill and a vote thereon will be taken in the House. In view of these matters, I think it advisable and your duty to be prepared to give the matter your personal attention and to remain here so that as the local representative you may look after the matter when it comes up for consideration and action in the House.

"Please do not think me obtrusive in calling these matters to your attention, which I do because of the interest you have manifested in these matters with me heretofore."
"Very truly,
L. F. Padgett."
K. F. M.

DANCING.

The young people of the city have taken to dancing as the favorite amusement, and delightful dances are held every Thursday night in the Rosenberg's hall. There is much dancing at private houses also. Monday night the young people danced at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Leslie, and this Thursday night the dance will be given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Cothran.

SEEKING THE PLACE.

Miss Hannah Cochran, who "sets up" the Medium, showed us a twenty dollar bill Tuesday, which leads us to believe that there is graft in the printing business somewhere. We are still looking for the "somewhere," and will divide with the man who locates it.

A BRIDGE PARTY.

Mrs. W. A. Lee has issued invitations to a Bridge Party Wednesday afternoon at half past five o'clock. This party is a compliment to Mrs. Lewis T. Bryant, of Atlantic City, and Mrs. Z. B. Rogers, of Elberton, who are in Abbeville spending the summer with Mrs. V. D. Lee.

VISITORS FROM BATESBURG.

Mrs. L. L. Perry and Mrs. N. A. Bates are here from Batesburg for a visit of several days with Mrs. J. M. Gambrell. Mrs. W. E. Cason is down from Anderson also and will spend the month of August.

YOUNG LADIES BRIDGE CLUB.

At the meeting of the young ladies bridge club last Thursday morning at the home of Miss Esther Graydon, the guests other than the members were, Miss Margaret Burton of Newberry, Miss Lucy Thomson of Atlanta, Miss Sarah Perrin and Miss Lavinia Coleman.

PREACHING AT WARRENTON

A protracted meeting will be held at Warrenton, beginning next Sunday, August 13, conducted by Rev. James L. Martin.

DEATH OF MRS. ROBERT Y. SIMMONS

Mrs. Robert Y. Simmons died at her home on Church street after an illness of some months, at midday Saturday, August 5th, 1916. Mrs. Simmons had not been well for many months and recently was taken over to Atlanta for treatment, under which she improved slightly and returned home several weeks ago. Her last illness was short and her untimely death was a surprise and a shock to her friends and family.

Mrs. Simmons was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Wilson, and was born in Fort Pickens, October 26th, 1882. On December 24th, 1903 she was happily married to Mr. Robert Y. Simmons, since which time they have made their home in this city, Mr. Simmons being one of the substantial men on the Seaboard.

To Mr. and Mrs. Simmons were born two children, Robert Y. Jr., and James Leroy, both of whom died in infancy. This was a bitter grief

to the parents and with the death of Mrs. Wilson some months ago, the health of Mrs. Simmons was seriously undermined.

Funeral services were held in the Methodist church Sunday afternoon at four o'clock, conducted by Rev. J. L. Daniel, and the interment was at Long Cane cemetery. The floral offerings were beautiful and expressed the sympathy of a host of friends.

Mrs. Simmons was a woman of charitable heart and did much to help the sick and suffering. She will be greatly missed in her church, where she was an earnest worker.

Mrs. Simmons is survived by her husband, and her sisters, Mrs. Carl Womansky, Mrs. Lewis Sprouse and Miss Della Wilson, and her brother, E. L. Wilson, all of whom have the sincere sympathy of a host of friends in this deep sorrow.

BOY, AGE 15 YEARS TRAVELING SALESMAN

The Athens Hide company is boasting what is thought to be the youngest traveling salesman in the state of Georgia in the young person of H. Bruce Fant.

Young Fant is 12 years of age and has been on the road for the Athens Hide company for more than thirty days. His maiden trip for the company was to Franklin, N. C., about a month ago and since that time he has been to many different points in Georgia and South Carolina. He has just returned from McCormick, S. C., and Cornelia, Ga., and is leaving again this afternoon for Cornelia and local points.

Bruce was an honor student in his school last term and is an exceptionally bright young fellow. Although the lad is only a boy, he has proven to be a very valuable salesman for the hide company.

This young man stated to his father, Mr. H. E. Fant, at the close of the

last school term that he wanted to go to work and make some money during the holidays. Mr. Fant knowing of nothing for the boy to do, got him his present position with the hide company and gave him a little coaching, after which the boy was sent out to buy hides.

Young Fant does all of his own figuring and estimating and it is said that his report sheets tally to the letter when they are received by the home office. He will leave the hide company as soon as school opens in order that he may resume his studies.

The boy lives with his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Fant, at Abbeville, S. C., and was an honor student in the sixth grade of the grammar school in that place last year. He was also an honor student at an Athens school previous to his leaving here for Abbeville.—Athens Observer.

COMMITTEE APPOINTS ELECTION MANAGERS

Following gentlemen have been appointed to manage the election on August 29:

Abbeville No. 2.—T. C. Seal, W. C. Sheppard, J. L. Clark.
Abbeville No. 1.—J. R. Cochran, J. A. Long, J. A. Cheek.
Abbeville Cotton Mill.—W. M. Blanchett, John Evans, G. E. Putnam.
Antreville.—John F. Grey, Eugent Patterson, Fred Crowther.
Calhoun Falls.—E. N. Tucker, F. C. Nance, R. O. Bell.
Cold Springs.—Alvin Ellis, J. Kay Carville, Eugene Newel.
Central.—J. W. McKee, W. A. Hannah, Tom Nickles.
Donalds.—D. S. Kennedy, D. M. Humphreys, R. L. Barmore.
Due West.—D. S. Edwards, James Pruitt, J. C. McDill.

Hampton.—W. C. Smith, Will Ables, Bob Crawford.
Hillville.—A. C. Bowie, R. S. Ul-drick, J. V. Smith.
Keowee.—J. Claud Ashley, T. R. McMahan, J. E. A. Branyon.

Lowndesville No. 2.—J. L. Drennan, W. R. Nance, G. W. McNair.
Lowndesville No. 1.—J. W. McCalla, A. D. Broadwell, L. B. Loftis.
Level Land.—W. W. Wilson, M. S. Ashley, W. N. Ellis.
Lebanon.—J. F. Gibert, J. S. Williams, Andrew Bass.
Means Chapel.—A. Mack Reid, Jesse B. Cochran, O. S. Cochran.
Mountain View.—M. A. Simpson, J. A. Hodge, R. C. Grant.
Rock Springs.—J. A. Black, C. M. Kay, S. J. Barts.
W. N. GRAYDON, Ch'rn.
E. C. HORTON, Sect'y.

PALMETTO REGIMENT OFF TO THE FRONT

The First Palmetto Regiment entrained at Columbia on Monday and moved towards the border. The regiment moved in three sections, the first battalion leaving Columbia at 9 o'clock. They reached Greenville at 3 P. M., going by way of Spartanburg over the Southern.

At Greenville the first battalion, made up of the Machine Gun Company, the Butler Guards, and the companies from Anderson, Pelzer and Laurens detrained and paraded up Washington Street, down Main to the Masonic building, and then retraced the route. All of Greenville was out to see the boys and to cheer

them on their way. The battalion was commanded by Capt. Gossett, of the Machine Gun Company, on the parade.

Among the soldiers in this battalion were Gottlob A. Neuffer, Jr., W. D. Wilkinson, Paul B. Kennedy, and Ralph Ferguson, Charley Lyon and Wardlaw Lyon, all members of the Machine Gun Company. All were looking fine, and in great spirit over the trip to the border. They sent their good wishes to the people of Abbeville through a representative of the Press and Banner, who was present to see them on their way.

KITCHENER SOUVENIRS ARE MUCH IN DEMAND

Since the beginning of the European War the name of Lord Kitchener has been constantly before the reading public and since his untimely death some weeks ago, many in America have felt that England has lost her greatest soldier. Already souvenirs of Lord Kitchener are of the greatest value and in view of this fact, it is interesting to know that Judge Benet, who is so highly esteemed in Abbeville, has two cordial personal letters from him thank-

ing the Judge for copies of his war ballads, which have been used extensively over England at recruiting stations and by military bands.

Judge Benet's music is not wholly military for at Easter he published an Easter hymn which was most favorably received by music lovers, the words and music of which were published in "The Churchman," the organ of the Episcopal church in America.

Germans Recapture Thiaumont Work in Powerful Attack

TURKS DO NOT MENTION THE
VICTORY OF THE BRITISH
FORCES.

Paris, Aug. 8.—The Germans recaptured the strong Thiaumont works northeast of Verdun in a powerful assault early this morning. Fighting is still raging around the redoubt.

Last night there was a terrible bombardment in five violent attacks by a large force directed at the French positions from Fleury to the Thiaumont redoubt. The Fleury attacks were repulsed. In joint attacks at Guilmont, north of Somme one reached the outskirts of the village.

A new shell with a fragmentation of from 10,000 to 15,000 pieces has been introduced. The Germans are believed to have tried glass shells to secure high fragmentation from powdered glass, but abandoned them because the fragments were too minute. The tests of the German shells shows immense advantage to the French.

DR. AND MRS. POWER HAVE ARRIVED

D. and Mrs. Rayford Power have arrived in Abbeville and are at home to their friends at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. McMillan for the present. Dr. Power is liked wherever he is known and Mrs. Power is already endearing herself to many of our people.

A FINE BABY.

Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Parthenos are happy these days in the possession of a fine baby girl, born to them last week. Both the little girl and her mother are getting one nicely and the delighted father is receiving the congratulations of a host of friends.

This is the second Greek baby ever born in Abbeville and our people wish for her a bright and happy journey through life.

THE BOOK CLUB.

The book club was most pleasantly entertained last Wednesday morning by Mrs. W. S. Cothran. In the absence of Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Horton presided and by her request for current topics added much to the interest of the meeting. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting to the fifteen members present.

WHITENING UP THE TOWN.

There was no snow in Abbeville last week as a casual observer would have supposed, but the white on the ground was simply a generous response to the request of the city board of health that the premises be cleaned up and lime scattered. The prolonged spell of wet weather will certainly bring about much sickness in the city unless our people are careful to keep clean.

MRS. GAMBRELL'S YARD.

Abbeville has many beautiful yards and one that gives us great pleasure is the yard of Mayor Gambrell, which we pass every Sabbath morning on our way to church. The trees are majestic, the rose garden is well cared for and just now in full bloom while the vine clad chimney is beautiful to behold. Chief of the many beautiful flowers is the crepe myrtle in brilliant bloom and of artistic shape, which stands in the corner of the yard and the old fashioned pink althea which distracts our attention every time we stand up for prayer during the morning service.

CLOSES BUSINESS.

Col. A. M. Stone, who has been selling the Overland cars in this county for several years, has given up the agency and will go into other business. His place of business on Washington street will be closed in a few days. Mr. Stone will likely move to Columbia, where he is offered a position.

DR. CLINKSCALES HERE.

Dr. John G. Clinkscales was in Abbeville for a short stay Tuesday, on his way to Calhoun Falls, where he made a public address Tuesday night. Dr. Clinkscales has recently published a book "On The Old Plantation," which is being read with interest by many friends and admirers. The book appeals especially to Abbeville county people as the doctor was born and raised in this county and all the story centers around people we all know or have heard of.

French, Russians and British Continue to Push Germans Back

IN VERDUN REGION, FRENCH
MAKE MORE GAINS NEAR
THIAMONT.

The Germans have suffered further losses at the hands of the French between the Hem wood and the river Somme, losing there a line of their trenches and 120 prisoners and ten machine guns. In the Verdun sector the French also made progress south of the Thiaumont work, capturing five machine guns and taking some houses in the western part of the village of Fleury.

After a heavy bombardment of the British position, the Germans launched violent Infantry attacks north and northeast of Pozieres and at two places succeeded in entering British trenches. Their success was not long lived, for the British soon drove them out, inflicting heavy casualties.

Amid continuous heavy rains which have turned the country into a quagmire, the Russians are keeping up their strong offensive against the Teutonic Allies in northern Galicia and have pushed further forward their lines against them in the Sereth and Graberki rivers region.

Also along the Stokhod river, in Volhynia, near the town of Zarecz, the Russians have driven the Teutons from their trenches and occupied them, taking 12 officers and 200 men prisoners and capturing one machine gun in the operation. In the Carpathians the Germans report the capture of two peaks from the Russians.

Constantinople reports a series of gains for the Turks fighting against the Russians, and Petrograd admits at least one of the claims—that the Russians have been forced to retire under pressure to the region east of Kermanshah, Persia.

The latest reports concerning the attack of Turks against the British forces with the Suez canal their objective indicates that the Ottoman forces met with a reverse even more serious than was first chronicled. Driven back 18 miles into the desert, fighting rear guard actions, they suffered heavy casualties and of their total force of 10,000 lost 45 officers and 3,000 men made prisoners. They now have been entirely cleared from the Katia-Umaishi basin.

Violent fighting is in progress between the Austrians and Italians on various sectors, especially around the Gorizia bridgehead on the Doberdo plateau, and on the lower Isonzo, river. Near Monte Sabotino and Monte San Michele the Italians captured advanced Austrian positions but Vienna says the greater portion of these were later taken by the Austrians. On the lower Isonzo, Rome reports the capture by the Italians of hill 85, which was held against violent counter-attacks.

THE BRIDGE CLUB.

The Bridge Club will meet Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. P. Greene, at five o'clock.

A FARMER.

Roger Williams was a business visitor to the city Saturday. When he comes to town his business is to sell something raised on the farm, and not to buy something which should have been raised there. Therefore, he is a farmer.

HOME FOR THE SUMMER.

Miss Ivy Calhoun is at home from Little Rock, Ark., where she has been for the past season doing library work. Her friends are delighted to have her back.

MISS ZACHARY RETURNS

Miss Lucy Zachary has returned to the city from her home at Sylva, N. C., where she has been spending her vacation with her home people. Her many friends welcome her back to the city.

LEAVING ABBEVILLE.

Col. A. M. Stone has accepted a position with the McKee Motor Sales Company, and left Abbeville Sunday night for Columbia to take up his work. The Colonel has been in Abbeville for the past five years and our people like him and give him up with regret. We wish him good luck in his new work and prosperity throughout his life.

Mrs. Stone will go to Columbia as soon as apartments can be secured. Since coming to Abbeville she has endeared herself to everyone and we feel genuine sorrow at her departure. In her church work she has been most energetic and her place will be hard to fill.