

COTTON PRICES ARE TO BE SET BY GOVERNMENT

EXECUTIVE ORDER SOON TO BE ISSUED BY PRESIDENT WILSON

WILL BE 25 CENTS

This is Figure Tentatively Agreed Upon by Government Officials.

P. M. Harding, of Vicksburg, federal food administrator for Mississippi, has issued an order providing that no cotton be ginned within the borders of the state for a period of ten days. The order becomes effective at midnight tonight and will remain in force until September 28 at midnight.

The order is said to have been issued because cotton seed are laying up rotting, as the railroads are so busy hauling freight for the government that they can not spare cars to transport them to points where oil mills are located. In addition to this, the government officials seem to be of the opinion that farmers should devote their time to picking while the weather is propitious, and not be in such a hurry to get their cotton ginned.

A press dispatch from Vicksburg giving the details of the order follows:

Beginning Thursday night at midnight all cotton gins throughout Mississippi will cease ginning for a period of ten days, in compliance with an order issued from the office of P. M. Harding, federal food administrator for Mississippi late today. This was agreed upon and announced at a meeting which was attended by representative farmers, ginners and cotton seed crushers throughout various sections of the state.

READY FOR DRIVE.

The Lowndes County Woman's Committee of the Fourth Liberty Loan drive to be launched on September 28, has completed its organization and have planned an intensive campaign both in volume and in amount. Mrs. H. F. Sinsall, whose ability and enthusiastic interest has been factored in the success of former loans, is the chairman for the county; Mrs. F. P. Phillips, vice-chairman; Mrs. William Baldwin, sales-manager; Miss Mary Billups, publicity manager.

A thorough canvass of the city and county has been arranged.

BREWER RAILROAD SURGEON.

Dr. W. C. Brewer has been appointed local surgeon for the Southern Railway in Mississippi, the appointment having been made by Chief Surgeon Inge, of Mobile. Dr. Brewer succeeds Dr. R. C. Molloy, who recently went to Mobile to engage in government work.

GASOLINE ORDER OBSERVED.

The request of Fuel Administrator Garfield, that owners of automobiles refrain from using them for pleasure purposes on the Sabbath was rigidly observed here last Sunday. Trucks were used in hauling mail and for other necessary purposes, but the number of joy riders was so small as to be practically negligible.

LEAVE HERE TODAY.

Messrs. Carrol Hackleman, Harvey Cook and S. M. Nash, Jr., who have been drafted, leave today for A. and M. College, where they will begin instruction for war work.

PIGGLY WIGGLY STORE OPENS SATURDAY NIGHT

Everything will be in readiness for the big opening of the Piggly Wiggly store on South Market street Saturday morning at 9 o'clock, and which will remain open until 10 p. m. While the Piggly Wiggly is the latest style of grocery business, the one in this city will make the sixty-seventh to be opened in the United States.

Mr. W. E. Carothers, of Memphis, special agent of the Piggly Wiggly Stores, is here supervising the opening of the new store, which is to be managed by Messrs. Cox, of Starkville.

The public is invited to attend the opening.

You will feel better if you keep your War Savings pledge.

PEACE OFFER OF AUSTRIA HAS BEEN REJECTED

PRESIDENT ISSUES STATEMENT THROUGH SECRETARY LANSING

TERMS WITHHELD

Will, However, Entertain No Offer for Mere Discussion of Peace.

Washington, Sept. 8.—The United States Government's unconditional rejection of the peace proposal by Austria-Hungary speaks for all the nations arrayed against the Central Powers is the belief of officials here today. America's answer issued by Secretary Lansing last night upon authorization of President Wilson almost immediately upon delivery of the Austrian note by the Swedish minister constitutes one of the shortest important notes recorded in American diplomatic history.

After stating that "the U. S. feels that there is only one reply which it can make to the Imperial Austro-Hungarian government," President Wilson set forth the position of the United States government in a single sentence as follows:

"It has repeatedly and with candor stated the terms upon which the United States would consider peace and can and will enter no proposal for a conference upon a matter concerning which it has made its position and purpose so plain."

Prof. J. R. Vaughan, whose home is at Steens, and who recently went east to take up Y. M. C. A. work abroad was rejected and has returned to this city. An order was issued allowing no one in the draft age to do overseas duty, unless it be domestic service, and Prof. Vaughan decided to return to Steens and take up farm work.

Mrs. Sarah Sheffield has been named to represent the Y. M. C. A. in the unified drive for funds for war activities which is to be undertaken here in November.

Among the many Caledonia citizens who spent yesterday in Columbus, were Messrs. C. V. Ussery, T. J. Smith, G. W. Myers, J. Y. Whitley and T. L. Dowdle.

Mr. James M. Savage left the past week for a visit to San Antonio, Tex. He was accompanied as far as Memphis by his mother, Mrs. H. M. Savage.

Mrs. O. B. Sears, who has been spending the summer with her husband in Missouri, has returned to take up her work at I. I. & C.

Mrs. Lyda Sykes' many friends are glad to welcome her home after an absence of several months.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Staub have named their little daughter Martha Virginia.

Mrs. Harry Wood, of Starkville is visiting Mrs. J. W. Jones.

MICKIE SAYS

IF THERE'S ONE OF THESE IN YOUR WINDOW, WHY JUST REMEMBER THAT YOUR SOLDIER BOY'S GOT SOME SPARE TIME WHEN HE SITS 'ROUND AND WONDERS WHAT IS GOIN' ON BACK HOME. WHY DON'TCHA SEND HIM THE OLD HOME PAPER? WE DON'T CHARGE ANYTHING EXTRA 'T SEND IT TO FRANCE.



H. S. NICHOLS SHOT BY W. M. WARE IN DISPUTE OVER BUSINESS MATTERS

Mr. Ware, Who Claims He Shot in Self Defense Immediately Gave Himself Up to Sheriff Williams

In a difficulty which took place on the Ware plantation, about eight miles northeast of Columbus yesterday evening, Mr. W. M. Ware shot and almost instantly killed Mr. H. S. Nichols.

According to statements made to officers, Mr. Ware was entirely justifiable in the shooting, his life having been threatened by Mr. Nichols, who was armed and who was in the act of drawing his pistol when shot down. The tragedy resulted from a dispute over business matters, Nichols, it is said, having refused to surrender receipts for cotton which belonged to Ware and to which he had brought to Columbus to be stored. The two men had a heated conversation over the telephone while Mr. Nichols, who rented land from Mr. Ware, was in Columbus, and it is said that when Nichols went home he went prepared to fight.

Mr. Ware, who has a son who commands the battleship Truxton in the United States navy, came to this county a number of years ago from Kentucky, and has made numerous friends, being generally recognized as an honorable, high-toned gentleman. Immediately after the shooting he came to Columbus and gave himself up to Sheriff Williams.

Nichols had been living in the county only a short time, having come here a few months ago from Wisconsin. He was about 35 years old and was married.

MAER IS NAMED COUNTY DIRECTOR

EDITOR OF COLUMBUS DISPATCH TO DIRECT GENERAL WAR WORK CAMPAIGN.

Hon. P. W. Maer has been named as chairman for Lowndes county for the general war work campaign which is to be undertaken in November, the appointment having been made by former United States Senator LeRoy Percy, of Greenville, state chairman. Mr. Maer, who is editor of The Columbus Dispatch, is well known throughout both Mississippi and Alabama, having served for four years as collector of the port of Mobile.

Mr. Maer has selected the following staff to assist him in the campaign: Treasurer, A. B. Lawrence; director of extension work, F. P. Phillips; director of advertising, V. B. Imes; director of speakers, R. E. Johnston; director of colored speakers, Porter Harris; director of women's work, Mrs. Z. P. Landrum. District chairmen have been named as follows: District 1, Dr. E. W. Jamison; district 2, J. P. Woodward; district 3, Prof. B. G. Hull; district 4, R. B. Hardy; district 5, Galus Bush.

SMALL FIRE AT CAFE.

Fire which broke out at about 1 o'clock Monday afternoon at Bush's cafe on North Market street, caused damage amounting to about \$75, several hundred oyster shells and other stock having been burned. The fire made its appearance on the second floor of the building, and its origin is a mystery.

Miss Marie Cady left Monday for Houston, Texas, where she goes to teach in Rust school, of which Prof. Richard Leigh, a former Columbian, is principal.

COL. J. P. MAYO IN NEW POSITION

RESIGNS COMMISSIONSHIP TO ACCEPT JOB AS WATERWAYS DISBURSING OFFICER.

Col. John P. Mayo, a former prominent citizen of Columbus who for the past four years has been commissioner of immigration at New Orleans, has tendered his resignation to accept a position as disbursing officer of the Mississippi-Warrior Waterways Commission.

Col. Mayo during his long residence was recognized as one of the city's most progressive, patriotic and public spirited citizens, and has numerous friends here who will be interested to learn that he has undertaken this new and exceedingly important work.

LIEUT. HARDY PROMOTED

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Hardy, of the prairie, have received a telegram from their son, Lieut. Robert Hardy, stating that he had been promoted to first lieutenant.

Lieut. Hardy entered the camp without previous military training less than one year ago. Lieut. Hardy, who is now stationed at Columbia, S. C., having graduated as second lieutenant from the third officers' training camp at Camp Pike, Ark., four months ago, has made a fine record showing for himself a very quick promotion.

The W. C. T. U. members are urged to attend an important meeting to be held at the home of Mrs. John E. Laws, this afternoon at 5 o'clock.

Is your word to Uncle Sam and his soldiers good? Then prove it. Back the Boys! Make good your War Savings pledge.

EXPRESS AGENTS ARE TRANSFERRED

JOYNER GOES TO JACKSON, TENN., AND BROOME COMES HERE FROM MACON MISS.

Mr. J. W. Joyner, who for a number of years past has been agent of the Southern Express Company in this city, has been transferred to Jackson, Tenn., and is to be succeeded by Mr. James Broome, now agent at Macon, Miss.

The company, like all other similar corporations, is under federal control, and the change was made by direction of government officials.

Mr. Joyner has made a most efficient agent and deserves his promotion. Mr. Broome, his successor, is well and favorably known here, having served for sometime as cashier of the local office before being transferred to Macon.

Miss Anna Barringer's friends in Columbus will regret to hear that she will not return to the I. I. & C. this winter but will be in Washington doing government work.

Mrs. Will Hamner and little daughter, Harriett, will leave tomorrow for their home in Greenwood, after a lovely visit to Mrs. Hamner's mother, Mrs. A. T. Sale.

Mrs. John Ethridge and children left Monday for Meridian, where they were met by Mr. Ethridge, and they will leave this week for their home in Jacksonville, Texas.

Miss Reita Craddock left the past week for Lake Charles, La. Mrs. Craddock will join her later and they will keep house there.

Mr. C. M. Flynn left Monday for Washington, D. C. to attend the Lumber Convention.

NO COTTON TO NEW DRIVE IS BE GINNED FOR 10-DAY PERIOD

ORDER ISSUED BY STATE FOOD ADMINISTRATOR P. G. HARDING

EFFECTIVE TONIGHT

All Gins Must Stop at Midnight and Not Resume Operations Until Sept. 28th.

A press dispatch sent out from Washington Tuesday states that the Federal government will soon fix the price of cotton, and that the price agreed upon is 25 cents per pound, with a possible increase to 28 cents later. The present market price of the staple is 33 cents.

For some time past pressure has been brought to bear on the government to have the price of cotton fixed. The movement, however, was stubbornly opposed by Southern senators and congressmen, and it was thought for a while that this opposition would prove effective; but the Western representatives became too insistent. They contended that as the government had fixed the price of wheat the same policy should be adopted with regard to cotton, and the government seems to have finally reached this conclusion.

WOMEN DOING THEIR PART.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—Women by the thousands are responding to the appeal of employers to take the places of men entering the army and to fill new positions created by industrial expansion, according to the monthly review of the federal reserve board. From all parts of the country come reports that women are helping in factories, offices, stores, warehouses, street cars and on the farms where harvesting created an immense demand for workers. The rate of increase of women's employment now is much greater than two months ago, and some indications are that in a few more months a number of men withdrawing for military service.

The review as made public today shows that women are spending more of their new earnings for clothing. Retail dealers in all cities where many women recently have left their homes to work elsewhere report booming business. This is contrary to the policies of economy and self-denial urged by all government agencies as a war measure.

Owing to recent government supervision of employment agencies, industries now report much more stable labor conditions, but a continued excess of demand for more workers than can be supplied. Many anticipate a shortage this month with the return to school of thousands of teachers and children who have been working during the summer.

AGED LADY DIES.

Death came suddenly yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock to Mrs. Alice Mims, of Tampa, Fla., who was her visiting her daughter, Mrs. S. J. McConnell, on College and Ninth streets. Mrs. Mims was taken ill late Tuesday night and gradually grew worse until the end came.

Mrs. Mims, who was a noble Christian woman, was known by many people in this county who join the Commercial in extending sympathy to her two daughters and one son.

The funeral will probably be held at Crawford today.

TOM EVANS PROMOTED.

The many friends of First Lieut. Tom Evans, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Evans, of the prairie, join the Commercial in extending congratulations to him upon being promoted to a captaincy. Captain Evans for some time past has been stationed at Camp Travis, Texas, but he will probably be transferred to some other camp at an early date.

Prof. T. F. McBeath has received a message from his son, Mr. Thomas McBeath, stating that he has been promoted to sergeant first class. Sergeant McBeath is now stationed at Carothers Field, near Fort Worth, Tex.

Mrs. G. M. Cox and Mrs. E. P. Wilkinson leave this week for Louisville, Kentucky, to visit Ev. and Mrs. Dunbar Ogden.

NEW DRIVE IS LAUNCHED BY THE BRITISH

DIRECTED TOWARDS HUN POSITIONS NORTHWEST OF ST. QUENTIN

METZ THREATENED

Americans Make Appreciable Advance and Gain New Strategic Positions.

With the Allied Forces in France, Sept. 18.—With the Americans smashing forward south of Metz, the French advancing north of the Aisne river, and the allied forces plunging ahead on the Balkan front, the British struck a brand new blow northwest of St. Quentin today.

The new British assault followed a successful blow on Tuesday which put Holnon village in their possession. Holnon is only two and a half miles from St. Quentin.

The Americans have taken and passed Vendieres on the Moselle and were almost in Pagny-sur-Moselle at last reports.

Pagny-sur-Moselle is about 10 miles southwest of the great German fortress of Metz, but is much closer to the double chain of defensive works surrounding the city.

The French after a series of brilliant attacks have now gained a foothold on the western end of the Chemin-des-dames, the road which lies upon the strategic line of hills just north of the Aisne river.

"POLITICAL HOPES" IN TWO GRAVES

Monticello, Miss., Sept. 18.—Two graves, purporting to contain the political hopes of Governor Theodore Bilbo and Senator Vardaman, were found on the court house square Sunday morning. The following inscriptions were placed at the head of these graves:

"At Rest" over that of Governor Bilbo, and "Mr. Too, Bilbo" over that of Senator Vardaman.

The funeral party was composed of unidentified persons.

The many friends of Captain John R. Dinmore (Personnel Officer) of the 347th Infantry, 87th Div., will be interested in knowing that he has landed safely over seas. Captain Dinmore was practicing law in Macon when diplomatic relations with Germany were severed. He attended the first Officers' Training camp at Logan H. Roots and was commissioned as Captain there. Later he was promoted to Personnel Officer. Mrs. Dinmore who is pleasantly remembered here as Miss Avery, a graduate of 1917 class of I. I. & C., will reside in Memphis with her mother during the absence of the captain.

PAULINE FREDRICK AND 'AL' LIED WAR REVIEW AT THE PRINCESS TODAY.

The attraction at the Princess for today is an exceedingly strong program. Pauline Fredrick, in "The Final Reckoning" is the feature attraction, it is a big powerful modern drama, the kind best suited to the art of Miss Fredrick.

Also as an added feature, the Princess will offer every Thursday in addition to the regular program, "The Allied War Review." These are official Government pictures, and are genuine authentic scenes of the Allied Governments. One of these War Pictures will be shown every Thursday.

The program for to-day should prove a big attraction, and no doubt large crowds will be in attendance. Admission is 10 and 15 cents.