

MOTOR TRUCK FACTORY ON AN OLD BATTLE FIELD

New \$5,000,000-Dollar Industry Located in Virginia—Principal Offices to Be in Richmond.

PLANT WILL BE AT DOSWELL Some of Hostilities More Than Half-Century Ago Now Will See Industrial Activity—Large Forces of Skilled Workmen Required.

It is probable that one of the battle fields in Hanover County, made famous about fifty-five years ago, will before the summer's sun again shine down upon rifle pits still there, become the scene of a new industry for Richmond and Virginia.

As stated in The Times-Dispatch a few days ago, the Norman Motor Truck Corporation, a \$5,000,000 concern, has settled upon Virginia as the best point for the location of the big plant the company proposes to establish.

The corporation purchased 101 acres of level timber-covered land just a little north of the railway station on the east side of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac road and building a 100-foot set on that line.

Robert W. Crawford, the president of the company, said that just as soon as the cold waves cease there will be a force of hands will be put to work clearing the land and making the foundations for the necessary buildings.

When the permanent buildings shall have been erected and fully equipped with all of the necessary machinery the establishment will employ fully 2,000 workmen. The business will be to assemble and manufacture only the heavy motor trucks, such as will carry two and one-half tons of freight, and up.

It is hoped that the temporary buildings may be erected and the equipment installed so as to get to work turning out trucks by early summer. However, great difficulties, labor scarcity and other difficulties brought about by those who may interfere and delay matters some may be met.

The Norman Motor Truck Corporation was incorporated recently under the laws of the State of Delaware, authorized capital, \$5,000,000. A number of the stockholders are Richmond men, and they did not lose any time in pointing out the advantages of Virginia as the site for the proposed factory.

After careful investigation, it was decided to come to Virginia because of the favorable conditions as to transportation, labor and convenience to the big markets of the country. It was also decided to make Richmond the principal office and to locate the plant near to this city.

VIEWS AND NEAR-VIEWS, HINTS AND SUGGESTIONS

Investigator Who Investigates—Learned Green Valley in West—About Fuel Wastage—Country's Next Supply.

The investigation committees of Congress, now working overtime in Washington, are bringing out some very interesting facts that may be suggestive in these arts. For instance, The Senate commerce committee has found that a lack of proper housing accommodations is the cause of labor shortage in the shipyards.

The war is teaching us how to do things, and do them quickly, more expeditiously, and in a more efficient manner. A paragraph from a story in the Manufacturers' Record is suggestive. It says:

In order to meet the pressing need of the government for nitrates, Frank S. Wagoner, of the American Cyanamid Co., who is handling the enterprise for the War Department, will probably do a piece of construction which will greatly increase the output of this big thing can sometimes be done in this country.

The Bureau of Mines, United States Department of the Interior, recently requested opinions from a number of prominent fuel engineers throughout the country concerning the best way to conserve coal during the war.

There is not much of a meat shortage in this country at all. The United States Department of Agriculture reports beef cattle in the United States as 43,300,000 as against 40,350,000 in 1917. Sheep, 46,960,000 as against 48,500,000 a year ago; and 62,747,000 as against 67,345,000 a year ago.

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THE CHANGES IN WORLD'S BUSINESS AND TRAFFIC

Figures That Show Greatest Volume of International Trade Known. Changes in Character.

WAR UPSETS RULES AND LAWS Enormous Business Between the Allies, in Spite of U-Boat Menace. South American Countries Fall Off at Least One-Half in Imports.

It is interesting to note the effect of war on international trade conditions. Any war of any proportions naturally works changes in conditions as they relate to trade. Such a gigantic affair as that now on, involving pretty much all of the world, brings about many changes that it amounts to a general upheaval of all trade, and upsets all rules and customs.

What seems to be the most reliable data with estimates appears in a publication by the National Bank of New York. It is a result of a careful review of all available figures of world trade for 1917. It includes eleven months actual figures for the United States and United Kingdom, ten months for Canada, and somewhat shorter periods for the other principal countries.

Canada's total for ten months ending with October is over \$2,000,000,000, against \$1,880,000,000 for the same months of 1917. Japan for the same months ending with September, \$1,014,000,000, against \$507,000,000 for the corresponding months of 1917.

Small Sales in Lynchburg. LYNCHBURG, VA., January 5.—Sales were reported for the week ending January 5, 1918, as follows: Apples, 2,567,875 barrels and 5,023,105 boxes of apples.

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WAREHOUSES CLOSED IN LEAF TOBACCO MARKETS

Long-Continued Cold Snap Causes a Lengthening Out of the Usual Holiday Season.

A majority of the Virginia and North Carolina leaf-tobacco markets advertised to resume business last week, after taking a holiday, but none of them looked for zero weather and continuing snow storms.

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NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, ON THE EASTERN SHORE

Land of Potatoes and Profitable Trucking—Oysters and Fish Make Living Easy.

Every Farm Near to Railway Line. Transportation Facilities Ample. Soil That is Easily Cultivated and Brings Forth in Abundance.

One of the very prosperous counties of Virginia is Northampton, the lower Eastern Shore county. All of the Eastern Shore was once Accomac, but something over a century and a half ago the southern end was cut off and made into Northampton.

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OLD-TIME ICE HARVESTING IN BUCKINGHAM COUNTY

Some Incidents of Zero Visitation. Good Hauls in Cold Weather. The Wheat Prospects.

Three or four snows have been piled upon Saturday last, resulting in causing the government thermometers at New Canton to register as follows: Sunday morning, 12 degrees below zero; Monday morning, 2 below zero; Tuesday morning, 4 below zero; Wednesday morning, 13 above zero; Thursday morning, 3 above zero.

FINISHING WORK DONE AT HOME. BURLINGTON, N. C., January 5.—The National Finishing Works, completing its plant here, will employ ready operatives. The company has already contracted to do all of the dyeing and finishing work for the three large mill-construction buildings.

IRON WORK COMPANY ORGANIZED. NORFOLK, VA., January 5.—The Marine Iron Works, capitalized at \$50,000, has been incorporated here, and this week organization was effected at the election of B. O. Colton as president and W. B. Drewry as secretary.

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Salts Fine for Aching Kidneys

We eat too much meat which clogs Kidneys, then the Back hurts

Most people forget that the kidneys, like the bowels, get sluggish and clogged and need a flushing occasionally. We have backache and dull misery in the kidney region, severe headaches, rheumatic twinges, torpid liver, acid stomach, flatulence and all sorts of bladder disorder.

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