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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1919.

The only regret about the resignation of Dr. H. Q. Alexander is that he didn't retire from the public eye long before this. Some members of the Farmers' Union have resented the expressions of the press in regard to their executive, but they must remember that criticism was not directed at him in an official capacity, but for the interference he made against the war, bonds and other matters pertaining to the welfare of the country. In those strenuous times of a few months ago an American citizen, if his conscience forbade him supporting war measures, should have at least kept quiet. The doctor announces that he will henceforth devote his time to the practice of medicine.

The sailing looked pretty good for John M. Morehead in the ninth district until it became known he was opposed to the ratification of the League of Nations pact. Now, if we know anything at all about the temper of the people in this part of the country, some Republicans will join with a united Democracy to bring about his defeat. If the Democrats wish to play good politics they should make the issue between the two candidates a clear-cut fight on the peace treaty. Hoey, the Democratic nominee, naturally, standing for its ratification without reservation. Mr. Hoey seems disposed to favor the league of nations pact, having announced he was a "Wilson Democrat." Success for the Democratic nominee would be an assured fact, and the district would have an opportunity to speak its sentiments in no uncertain terms.

A Daring, But Cavalier Bandit.

A daring, cavalier sort of bandit like Bill Carille, who was caught at Douglas, Wyoming, after a sensational chase lasting several weeks, encourages crime among the youth of the land a hundred times more so than the acts of a dozen petty thieves and robbers. Like the exploits of the famous James boys, the thrilling escapades of Carille have a tendency to weave a thread of romance around crime, and his courteous treatment of women and children fires the imagination of both old and young.

Carille began his career by holding up the passengers of a Southern Pacific train. After announcing that that he did not rob women and children, he calmly went through the pockets of the men passengers, collecting quite a pile of money and valuables. For a time after this hold-up he eluded the officers, but on being captured, he was given a long term in the penitentiary. While in prison he knitted sweaters for the soldiers, and bought Liberty Bonds with the money he earned making souvenirs. He escaped from prison by hiding in a box of manufactured goods, which were shipped to a distant point from the seat of the penitentiary.

The other day, when surrounded by a posse, and wounded, he stated, after falling into the hands of the officers, that he had an opportunity to shoot a number of men from his point of vantage, but did not fire his gun because he was "no killer."



Scene from Shepherd of the Hills Strand Theatre, Friday, Dec. 12.

ONE BALE OF COTTON RETAINS BIG PROFIT TO THE MILL MEN

Wannamaker Says a Profit of One Hundred Dollars Per Bale or Twenty Cents Per Pound is Really Moderate at This Time.

In a statement recently issued as a result of investigations by the American Cotton Association, President Wannamaker calls attention to the relation of the manufactured product prices to the prices paid for raw cotton. In view of the meeting of cotton association workers and the executive committee in Raleigh recently when plans for the permanent organization of the North Carolina division were considered, Mr. Wannamaker's statement about what the association is doing to help maintain the present price of cotton is of special interest.

"Profits of manufacture," the statement says, "have reached such proportions that their ability to pay for good grade cotton has created a bulging factor of extraordinary power. A profit of one hundred dollars per bale or twenty cents per pound is really moderate at this time. Narrow print cloth sold this week on a basis that gives the manufacturer a profit of thirty cents a pound or one hundred and fifty dollars a bale. Wide print cloth sold on a basis that would provide a profit in excess of thirty-five cents per pound or one hundred and seventy-five dollars a bale. We find in our investigations a few cases in which goods of special construction are turning a profit of seventy-four cents a pound or three hundred and seventy dollars a bale. The cotton used in the manufacture of these goods is strict middling, one inch cotton."

Based on the cost of production Mr. Wannamaker says that cotton to-day at fifty cents the pound is cheaper than five-cent cotton was in 1890. The cotton supply is so short to-day that a failure of the 1920 crop would be a world calamity. In view of the Cotton Association is making arrangements to warehouse its cotton and sell it as the spinners need it, sell it direct from the warehouses to the cotton mills, thereby getting the benefit of the profit that has hitherto been collected by the speculators.

This task is a big one and cannot be accomplished unless the cotton farmers and business men of North Carolina and every other part of the South aid the head of the association in carrying the plans out.

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