

## COTTON GROWING SOUTH'S CURSE: HER CROPS MUST BE DIVERSIFIED

(By Richard H. Edmonds, Editor of Manufacturers' Record.)

Cotton growing has been a curse to the South from the day it was introduced into that section. The South would be infinitely better off financially and in every other way if it had never raised a bale of cotton. But the world would have been tremendously enriched if it had not been able to use the many hundreds of millions of bales of cotton which the South has furnished, by the toil of its young and old of both sexes, to mankind.

Wealth untold for the benefit of the world has been created by the South's cotton, but the South has secured that wealth. By virtue of conditions which have existed since the Civil war, forced upon the South as a result of that disaster, the South has simply been "the hewer of wood and the drawer of water" in the world's cotton trade.

Mr. Basil N. Edmonds, chairman of the cotton growing committee of the cotton manufacturers, recently contrasted the income tax paid by Massachusetts with the income tax paid by the entire South as though that was greatly to the discredit of the South, ignoring the fact that the prosperity of Massachusetts has largely come from the manufacture of cotton raised in the South and sold by the South at little profit to itself. New England has grown rich on taking the raw cotton of the South and turning it into the finished product. This was the foundation in the early days of a very large proportion of the enormous manufacturing business of New England.

It was the cotton trade which enabled England to so quickly recover from the losses due to the Napoleonic wars, and yet, while England and New England were growing rich out of the utilization of the South's cotton, this section, except for a brief time prior to the civil war, never made adequate profits out of cotton growing.

It would have been impossible for the South to raise cotton at the prices which have prevailed on the average for the last fifty years except through the work in the cotton fields of many women who should have been in their homes and of children who should have been in school. Any man, whether he lives in New England or in the South, or in Great Britain, who seeks to break down the price of cotton is seeking to hold the cotton farmers, black and white, in the South in economic slavery and illiteracy.

Mr. Durfee may not, perchance, knowingly intend to be guilty of that sin against humanity, but he and every one else who joins with him in the campaign for low priced cotton is guilty, nevertheless. He says:

"With the present conditions and the needs of the world, it is the patriotic duty of the Southern farmer to plant every available acre in cotton this spring."

I unhesitatingly say it is not the "patriotic duty" of the South to do this.

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Says you really feel clean, sweet and fresh inside, and are seldom ill.

If you are accustomed to wake up with a coated tongue, foul breath or a dull, dizzy headache; or, if your meals sour and turn into gas and acids, you have a real surprise awaiting you.

Tomorrow morning, immediately upon arising, drink a glass of hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate in it. This is intended to first neutralize and then wash out of your stomach, liver, kidneys and thirty feet of intestines all the indigestible waste, poisons, sour bile and toxins, thus cleansing, sweetening and purifying the entire alimentary canal.

Those subject to sick headaches, backache, bilious attacks, constipation or any form of stomach trouble, are urged to get a quarter pound of limestone phosphate from the drug store and begin enjoying this morning inside-bath. It is said that men and women who try this become enthusiastic and keep it up daily.

Just as hot water and soap cleanse, purify and freshen the skin, so hot water and a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate act on the stomach, liver, kidneys and bowels. Limestone phosphate is an inexpensive white powder and almost tasteless.

## CANADA'S ACHIEVEMENTS IN MUNITIONS WONDERFUL RECORD

During the mad days while war was raging, individuals and nations were too busy to take stock of their accomplishments. Now that the cannon are silent and the world is turning its face to peace-time activities, they find time to consider the magnitude of their war-making efforts. Some of them are surprising and none more so than the sum total rolled up by the Canadians.

Canada gave prodigiously of men, money and munitions. Men and money out of all proportion to its population, were thrown into the battle arena. This is generally well known in the United States for the little bands piped it from coast to coast during the British and Canadian recruiting campaigns. The prodigious amount of munitions manufactured and sent overseas is something to marvel at, especially when it is remembered that recruiting had drained Canadian shops and factories of a heavy percentage of workers. The credit for Canada's achievement in this respect is due in large measure to her women who stepped into the

places left vacant by the men, as well as newly created places, and kept the wheels of industry humming. Considerable experimental work had to be done before the production of munitions could proceed smoothly. The Nova Scotia Steel Company did useful pioneer work in obtaining the exact grade of steel required. The heat treatment proved a hard problem, but was solved largely through the efforts of W. A. Peterson of the Canadian Pacific Railway and C. S. Winslow of the Ingersoll Rand Company. The first lot of munitions was turned out by the Canadian Pacific's Angus Shops near Montreal under the supervision of H. H. Vaughan who later headed a munitions company of his own and is an authority on this industry in Canada.

During 1917 Canada supplied no less than 30 per cent on six sizes of shells furnished to the British government for the use of the Allied armies. At the close of the war Premier Lloyd George and Winston Churchill, British minister of munitions, sent letters of congratulation acknowledging

the achievements of the Canadian munitions industry. The British minister of munitions, Lord Curzon, also sent a letter of appreciation to the Canadian minister of munitions, Mr. Bennett.

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## GERMANY AND THE FOURTEEN POINTS

The more the delegates at the peace conference are getting away from the fourteen points the more eagerly is Germany adhering to them. It is natural that the enemy should do so, for under those fourteen points, arbitrarily insisted upon, he stands to get much easier terms than he will if they are enlarged or departed from.

Moreover, he hopes that by demanding a treaty within those points he may the more readily gain a hearing at Versailles from the American delegates, if not from others. His object is to haggle and object and to pin President Wilson and the conference to terms and conditions which he asserts prompted an appeal for an armistice. This, of course, is untrue. It was the knowledge of defeat and of the complete military disaster which would result from a continuance of the war which made Germany seek an armistice. But one He is as good as another to Germans, and this is rather more plausible than most.

Take the recent remarks of that wolf in sheep's clothing, Prince Max of Baden. "Public opinion," he says, "has been deceived if it is accepted that we surrender unconditionally. Our guarantee is the treaty (sic) which President Wilson concluded with the Entente and with Germany, stipulating that peace should be concluded within the fourteen points formulated by him."

There is no divine command resting upon the South to raise cotton either for the purpose of maintaining the supremacy of this country in the cotton trade or for clothing the world. There is no divine command which says that the Western farmer who can make more money in raising corn shall be compelled to raise wheat. No moral responsibility whatsoever rests upon the farmer to raise any crop except that which pays him best. It would be utterly absurd to say that a manufacturer shall change his line of production without regard to the profitability of the business, or to say that a business man shall stop selling groceries and go to selling dry goods, alleging that the world needs to be clothed more than it needs to be fed.

If the South can raise corn and other crops more profitably than it can raise cotton, he must indeed be a fool or a criminal who would lead out no intelligent man can for a moment take that ground.

There is no obligation upon the South to raise cotton merely to maintain the supremacy of this country in the cotton trade of the world. If other countries can raise cotton by means of the cheap labor in China or India or Egypt at a lower cost than the South can raise it, there is no earthly reason to compel the South to sacrifice its people in order to produce cotton at the starvation wages which are paid to the cotton growers of India and Egypt and China.

The circular which was issued by the South Carolina Cotton Association and which is in keeping with all the efforts that are being made looking to a reduction of cotton acreage, says: "By cutting down your cotton acreage you need not reduce your land under cultivation. A farmer's business is to farm, and every acre he can make productive adds that much more to the wealth of the world.

"Diversification of crops is a common sense policy for a farmer. If your cotton crop goes wrong you have your corn, your cattle, your hogs or other crops. During 1918 you will make more money by cutting your usual cotton acreage and putting more land into feed and food crops. Plant corn, feed it to the hogs if necessary, or even better, sell it for seed."

"Plant some of your land in feed-stuffs and foodstuffs, then you will be helping to both feed and clothe the world and make a reasonable profit for yourself."

Surely there is nothing in this statement of the situation to which any one could object unless their mental vision is so twisted that they can see but one side, and that their own.

Let me repeat a few facts with the hope that they will sink deep into the consciousness of the food people of New England, who, I am sure, would be as loath to feel that they are binding the whites and the blacks in the cotton fields of galling slavery and illiteracy as would have been their ancestors of earlier days had any one charged them with seeking to fasten the chains of physical slavery tighter around the blacks.

The South could today abandon the raising of cotton and concentrate on diversified agriculture to its great benefit, dropping cotton growing as rapidly as it increased its interest in cattle and hogs and corn; but on the other hand, the commercial and manufacturing strength of the world would be tremendously shocked by the loss of the South's cotton.

Shall the South keep on growing cotton, as it has done for one hundred years, to its own impoverishment in order that its manufacturing may enrich other sections and other countries?

The world needs cotton goods, but if the cotton mill interests of New England could make twice as much money in some other industry as they can make in cotton manufacturing would Mr. Durfee insist that duty to the world compelled them to keep on making cotton goods regardless of their own loss as compared with the profit of doing other things?

It may not be amiss to say that I have no financial interest whatever in cotton and never buy or sell a bale, nor have I any connection in any way with the cotton trade. I am writing solely in the interest of justice to the cotton grower, black and white, and against the slanders of those who seek their own enrichment through the impoverishment of others.

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