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NOTICE.
 We will discontinue the 8-page edition of the News, for a while at least, with issue of December 17, 1914. Lack of support is the reason we cannot continue this valuable feature of the News, few caring for the additional matter or the excellent serial stories, three in number, published during the service. All subscribers to this edition having a balance to their credit will be advanced time due them on 4-page edition.
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The Sunday morning fire at Jasper cleaned up four excellent business houses of the place, leaving nothing now on the north side of square. The value of property destroyed by fire on that plot of land in the last twenty years is excessive, dating back to the destruction by fire of the old, historic Mitchell House with adjacent livery stable and Alexander Store building. A large amount of property was destroyed in the burning of the printing office of the Statesman-Democrat last May, located on same site and this third fire is not far removed from the same spot.

Coffee county defeated the proposed issuance of \$12,000 road bonds. The majority against the project was only 28. It would be interesting to line the people up for and against this measure and make a study of their reasons therefor. At any rate a scotch has been placed in the progress of the county, for the building of these pikes meant work for somebody, and the bringing of money out of vaults where it is securely locked.

The Memphis News-Scimitar remarks that if the European war is to continue until all the food supply is exhausted the end of the world as predicted by the Adventists would not be such a bad thing. There would be no use, says the Scimitar, in sticking around and starving to death.

Be sure to start all the gossip you can. The world wants juicy scandal to chew over, so forward the movement. Some day, perhaps, the scandal will turn the other way and you won't like it quite so well.

Judging from the headlines of the dailies, the world just now is in anything but a pleasant frame of mind. Killing seems to be the principal occupation. What is the matter with people, anyway?

While we are contemplating spend-\$12,000,000 on a dreadnaught, why not spend the same amount of some of the roads of the country, and then wait to see which will prove the most benefit.

This is an awful good time to clean up rubbish around your home. Tin cans, rocks, sticks and trash look very unsightly, with no grass to partially conceal them.

Get your order in early for your Christmas jug. It won't do to let Christ's birthday pass by without a dram.

A big pile is being spent for rivers and harbors, but good roads is never mentioned in the deal.

No one has yet caught sight of that missing railroad up Sequachee Cove.

You can't swill whiskey and have the confidence of your fellow men.

The finest grained modeling clay in the world comes from Italy.

Armageddon is not hard to find nowadays. It is a fight for most people to live, and those who try to carry on a business are by no means exempt in the battle.

The Pope is asking the European combatants to quit for Christmas, but the request falls on deaf ears. On with the killing is the cry.

Emperor William of Germany has pneumonia. This is refreshing to note as many people thought he had rabies.

Shop early and you can't shop late, for your funds will be exhausted this year long before that.

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POSSIBLY ARMAGEDDON.

I had concluded to pay no further attention to my opponent, but since Blalock has come out with such intolerable abuse of Pastor Russell, I feel that I must defend the truth. Paul says, "Woe unto me if I preach not the gospel." Brother Russell has never claimed to be a prophet. His teachings are all from the Bible. He proves everything he teaches by the unerring Word of God. He has never said that the kingdom of Christ would be fully set up this year. The rock that was cut out of the mountain without hands most first crush the kingdoms of earth. Then it will fill the whole earth and the earthly kingdoms are now being crushed. In the 13th chapter of Daniel, first verse, we read, "and in that day Michael shall stand up and there shall be a time of trouble such as has never been since there was a nation," and Jesus, referring to the same time says, "No, nor ever shall be," and except that time should be shortened no flesh would be spared, but thanks be to God the trouble is to be cut short, but it will be awful while it lasts, for the Scripture says every man's hand will be against his neighbor, and there will be no peace, either going out or coming in. Michael is soon to stand up, for the trouble has begun over in the old country, and it will be world-wide, but thanks be to God, when it is at its worst, Jesus Christ will stand up and say, "Peace, be still," and the awful storm of human passion will cease, and there will be a glorious calm. Satan will then be bound and Christ will reign a thousand years. Then all enemies of righteousness will be destroyed in the second death and there will be no more sickness, sorrow, pain or death. As to Pastor Russell's writing for money, or receiving a salary, he does not. He has put fortune into his work and only gets his expenses. He works every day and never takes a vacation. His sermons are published in thousands of newspapers. He is giving out spiritual food to thousands of hungry hearts, which is much more profitable than debating. Although debating is sometimes profitable it is nothing to be compared with the great work of Pastor Russell in dispensing God's word. I am truly sorry for all who are so narrow minded and prejudiced that they cannot understand God's wonderful plan of salvation and the wisdom of His mercy. I trust that soon their eyes will be opened so they will learn to study their Bibles aright, "rightly dividing the word of truth."
 The language of the Bible is often figurative or symbolic. All students of theology should know this. The Book of Revelation is full of instruction, but it is given in symbols and figurative expressions. When two Scripture texts seem to be in opposition to each other, let us not take the one that suits our belief and leave the other, but let us study them in connection with other scriptures and see which is a literal statement and which is a figurative statement. The figurative must bend to the literal. If we study the Bible in this way we will find that it is a beautiful, harmonious book from Genesis to Revelation. We will find that first the figurative language of the Bible, represents destruction, and sometimes, to make the statement more forceful, brimstone is mentioned in connection with fire, for what is more destructive than the fumes of burning sulphur. Is it not very foolish to suppose that "anything would live in a lake of fire and brimstone."
 All who have read my articles know that I have never written about the end of time. I only mentioned the Gentiles' times. True, one of my letters was headed with something about the end of time but I did not write the headlines. Jesus said "Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles till the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled." Jerusalem represents the Jewish people, and if we read the newspapers, we find that the Jews are no longer persecuted. On Sept. 5th, the Czar of Russia issued a proclamation to all the Jews of his Empire stating that the Jews might have access to the highest rank in the Russian army, and that the Jewish religion was to have the same freedom of other religions in Russia, so the Jews are no longer down-trodden. Many of them are now in Jerusalem and soon more will return to their own land and possess it. God says thru His prophet, Amos, "And I will bring again the captivity of my people of Israel, and they shall build the waste cities and inhabit them, and they shall plant vineyards and drink the wine thereof. They shall also make gardens and eat the fruit of them." Amos 9:14. If I wrote endurance instead of abideth it was a mistake, but not so bad after all, for there is little difference in the meaning of the two words, and we have other Scriptures to prove that the earth will not be destroyed, but that the present order of things, all the evil systems, must be obliterated. The kingdoms of this world must be demolished. They must give place to the kingdoms of Christ. Those who do not believe that Armageddon is now begun, should read the eighth verse of the third chapter of the book of Zephaniah: "Therefore wait ye upon me saith the Lord, until the day that I rise up to the fray, for my determination is to gather the nations that I may assemble the kingdoms to pour upon them mine indignation, even all my fierce anger, for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy for then I will turn unto the people a pure language that they may all call upon the name of the Lord to serve him with one consent." You see the people will still be here after the fire but they will be so humbled that when they get the pure, unadorned word of God, they will accept it. Then notice the words of our Lord: "Nations shall rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom, there shall be famines and pestilence, and earthquakes in divers places." And He goes on to say: "These are the beginning of sorrow." Have any nations rose against each other? Have we heard of any uncommon wars? Is there not 7,000,000 people starving in Belgium. This battle of Armageddon is no nightmare, but a grim reality. The big black headlines in the newspapers tell the story of slaughter, want and suffering. The world stands aghast. It cannot account for the

EUROPEAN WAR SHATTERS KING COTTON'S THRONE

FLEECY STAPLE MUST PAY RANSOM INTO THE COFFERS OF WAR.

Nation Rings With Cries of Stricken Industry.

By Peter Radford
 Lecturer National Farmers' Union.

King Cotton has suffered more from the European war than any other agricultural product on the American continent. The shells of the belligerents have burst over his throne, frightening his subjects and shattering his markets, and, panic-stricken, the nation cries out "God save the king!"
 People from every walk of life have contributed their mite toward rescue work. Society has decried before the king; mildy has decreed that the family wardrobe shall contain only cotton goods; the press has pleaded with the public to "buy a bale"; bankers have been formulating holding plans; congress and legislative bodies have deliberated over relief measures; statesmen and writers have grown eloquent expounding the inalienable rights of "His Majesty" and presenting schemes for preserving the financial integrity of the stricken staple, but the sword of Europe has proved mightier than the pen of America in fixing value upon this product of the sunny south. Prices have been bayoneted, values riddled and markets decimated by the battling hosts of the eastern hemisphere until the American farmer has suffered a war loss of \$400,000,000, and a bale of cotton brave enough to enter a European port must pay a ransom of half its value or go to prison until the war is over.
 Hope of the Future Lies in Co-operation.

The Farmers' Union, through the columns of the press, wants to thank the American people for the friendship, sympathy and assistance given the cotton farmers in the hour of distress and to direct attention to co-operative methods necessary to permanently assist the marketing of all farm products.

The present emergency presents as grave a situation as ever confronted the American farmer and from the viewpoint of the producer, would seem to justify extraordinary relief measures, even to the point of bending the constitution and straining business rules in order to lift a portion of the burden off the backs of the farmer, for unless something is done to check the invasion of the war forces upon the cotton fields, the pathway of the European pestilence on this continent will be strewn with mortgaged homes and famine and poverty will stalk over the southland, filling the highways of industry with refugees and the bankruptcy court with prisoners.

All calamities teach us lessons and the present crisis serves to illuminate the frailties of our marketing methods and the weakness of our credit system, and out of the financial anguish and travail of the cotton farmer will come a volume of discussion and a mass of suggestions and finally a solution of this, the biggest problem in the economic life of America, if, indeed, we have not already laid the foundation for at least temporary relief.

More Pharaohs Needed in Agriculture.
 Farm products have no credit and perhaps can never have on a permanent and satisfactory basis unless we build warehouses, cold storage plants, elevators, etc., for without storage and credit facilities, the south is compelled to dump its crop on the market at harvest time. The Farmers' Unions in the cotton producing states have for the past ten years persistently advocated the construction of storage facilities. We have built during this period 2,000 warehouses with a capacity of approximately 4,000,000 bales and looking backward the results would seem encouraging, but looking forward, we are able to house less than one-third of the crop and warehouses without a credit system lose 90 per cent of their usefulness. The problem is a gigantic one—too great for the farmer to solve unaided. He must have the assistance of the banker, the merchant and the government.

In production we have reached the high water mark of perfection in the world's history, but our marketing methods are most primitive. In the dawn of history we find agriculture plowing with a forked stick but with a system of warehouses under governmental supervision that made the Egyptians the marvel of civilization, for who has not admired the vision of Joseph and applauded the wisdom of Pharaoh for storing the surplus until demanded by the consumer, but in this age we have too many Josephs who dream and not enough Pharaohs who build.

great struggle among the nations, but if we go to the Bible for information and study its chronology, we will see that this present struggle, which is to end with the overthrow of all present governments has been foretold by God's mouthpieces, the holy prophets. I shall not answer all the arguments pitted against me because it would make my letter too long. Thanks to Wm. Louch for his compliment. With christian love to all News readers.
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