

VAST COTTON ACREAGE MAY BE ABANDONED

8 to 10 Million Acres to Be Plowed Under to Boost Price.

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WASHINGTON, June 10.—So the south may profit, eight to ten million acres of growing cotton either will be plowed under to make way for feed and food crops, or abandoned to rot in the soil under the plan now being considered by the new farm relief administration.

But farmers, who destroy or abandon their cotton acreage, will receive adequate compensation.

And if the plan works, picking time may see the higher prices for cotton that always resuscitates the south, its people, its employment, its industries.

It is for this great stake that the farm relief administration is playing, and if congress and the President agree it will be prepared to put up \$100,000,000.

Cut Acreage 20 Per Cent

The cotton plan, said by southern senators to have been agreed upon tentatively, would work something like this:

The farm relief administration will go to cotton farmers of the south and propose that each give up 20 to 30 per cent of his acreage, so that a total abandonment of from eight to ten million acres may result.

The government would offer to lease the land taken out of production at, say, from \$8 to \$10 an acre. Such a price is estimated to pay farmers' planting costs with a slight margin of profit.

If he wants to, the farmer may abandon this 20 to 30 per cent of his acreage altogether, or plow the cotton under and replant with crops that will feed his animals or his family.

Crops to Be Reduced

Or, the cotton farmer may agree to take an option on a portion of the government pool of cotton, set up from stocks already owned under the cotton-option phase of the farm relief act.

If he accepts this plan and takes the option at, say, 6 cents per pound, he would receive less rent for his abandoned acreage, \$3 to \$4 per acre, perhaps.

Under this plan, even though his cotton is just sprouting, he would be assured of a crop—a crop already in a warehouse.

Then, at selling time, the cotton from his own acres, untouched by the relief plan, he would harvest and sell as he chose; but on the pool cotton he would receive the difference between the option and the selling prices, and the hope is that the latter will be the larger.

If this plan works, the coming cotton crop will be reduced by from 2,500,000 to 3,000,000 bales.

Has Roosevelt's Approval

And if the general business pickup continues, the result will be greater domestic consumption, with the result that the great carry-over will become less a burden on this and the world market.

It will take approximately \$100,000,000 to finance this plan, pay land rentals, administrative costs, etc., and an amendment to the national recovery bill allocating this sum from the \$3,300,000,000 public works bond issue is pending now in the senate. It is said to have President Roosevelt's approval.

Apparently under this plan, the farm relief administration does not contemplate putting this country's cotton production on a domestic consumption basis. It was warned not to do so by the "colossus of cotton," Will Clayton of Anderson, Clayton & Co.

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The Lind quartet of father and three sons, which has been appearing in a number of the larger cities of the country the last few months, will sing at the Knesses Israel Congregation synagogue at 8:30 Sunday night.

The father, Joshua Lind, is known as the "Father of Cantors," and has composed many Hebrew chants.

Conservation

Indifference Is Peril to State Streams, Forests

BY WILLIAM F. COLLINS

WHEN Jesus of Nazareth gathered unto himself his twelve disciples He selected fishermen, all but one, and that one was Judas the betrayer.

"He maketh me to lie down in green pastures. He leadeth me beside still waters. He restoreth my soul," will not apply to Indiana in another twenty-five years. Where from here will our children go then?

I fail to find a statement in the Bible relating that the Son of God preached a sermon in any other location than out of doors. His feet on the ground and the sky overhead.

But once He drove the money changers out of the temple and returned the following day to challenge his questioners. Plain fishermen, not financial magnates or money changers to carry His messages to posterity; nature, not asphalt pavements, to restore the souls of weary men, and the temples of the forests and the skies, not monoliths of stone, from which to convey His sermons.

If the woods were God's first temples, we will have to pass an amendment to that statement in a few more years and make it brush piles. The green pastures will have degenerated to barren hillsides and the still water to pestholes of filth.

The fishermen will have passed over the divide into the limbo of things past and forgotten and our leadership will come from the innermost sanctum of Wall street.

Then you will be classified according to preferred methods and made to like it.

Whence, do you think, if ever you have stopped to think about it at all, have the leaders in American thought come? The majority, if not all, spent the early years of their lives out on the sod.

All, if I have read their biographies correctly, were rooted deep in American soil and the dynamic steam that carried them to success was generated early in life by burning the free oxygen of the country-side in their lungs instead of gasoline in their chariots along the city streets.

His concepts of Christianity furnish us a working background and a positive foundation from which we also may launch our campaign to restore to posterity, if not to our own generation, those vital things in life without which we can not lead; without which we can not develop; even leadership.

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