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THE COTTON CRISIS.

With but a few intervening years to dull the memories of the price disaster at the outbreak of the war and the scourge of the boll weevil, Southern cotton growers face today what competent observers estimate at more than a billion dollars loss as the result of the market collapse. It is declared the cost of producing the 1920 crop was not less than thirty five cents a pound. Texas officials put the figure for that state at forty six cents; North Carolina at thirty one. In late December the New York price was a fraction above fifteen cents a pound, but it is reported from parts of the South that, even at this figure, there were no buyers.

As a measure of immediate relief progressive leaders of the South are bending all their energies toward insuring a gradual marketing of the crop. It is obvious that a wholesale dumping of it would be certain further to depress prices.

But these same leaders declare that no matter how successful, such an expedient will not touch the South's vital problem that is, putting the growing of cotton on a cash instead of a credit basis. Under the old system, the farmer came to harvest time heavily in debt for feed, food and supplies. He was forced to sell his crop at once, usually taking the lowest price for it.

Other sections of the country have come to grief by following a one-crop system; they have retrieved their fortunes by turning to good live stock and home-grown food and feed. The slogan is that the Southern farm must be made self sustaining.

Cotton will remain the South's great cash crop. The soil, the climate, the skill acquired by generations of experience make this certain. But cotton is a world crop; its grower cannot be entirely protected against great fluctuations in price, though much may be done to stabilize the market. The farmer's best hope is to come to harvest time with several eggs in his basket most of all without a crushing load of debt.

It comforts little the man in trouble to say that good often comes from seeming disaster, but The Country Gentleman hopes that out of the present acute situation may arise a system of farm management such as the South's thoughtful leaders have been urging for decades, which alone will make it possible to realize all the agricultural possibilities of that great region.—*The Country Gentleman.*

Publication.

It is hereby brought to public notice that Income Tax return forms may be obtained at the Office of the Despatching Secretary for the town and country District of Christiansted and at the Office of the Police Judge, Frederiksted for the town and country district of Frederiksted. Special attention is invited to the following requirements concerning Income Tax:

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For failure to make return on or before March 31, any person (including corporations) required to do so by the terms of the Ordinance shall be liable to a penalty of not less than Francs 100.00 nor more than Francs 5,000.00.

Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States, St. Croix, January 29, 1921.

C. W. FOX,
Despatching Secretary.

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