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## AMERICA'S CROPS FOR 1908 WORTH HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS

Farm Value of All Farm Crops  
This Year Is  
\$7,778,000,000.

GREATEST TOTAL  
IN NATION'S HISTORY

Sec. Wilson of U. S. Department of Agriculture, Makes Report.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14.—After twelve years of service as head of the Department, the Secretary of Agriculture in his Twelfth Annual Report to the President, issued today, renders a comprehensive account of his stewardship and presents a review of the progress of agriculture in the United States during this period. Concerning the farm production of 1908, he says that the farmer has created wealth by the billions. Production has been above the average of recent years with few exceptions; and, while some prices have fallen, others have risen.

The farm value of all farm products of 1908 reaches the most extraordinary total in the Nation's history—\$7,778,000,000. This is about four times the value of the products of the mine, including mineral oils and precious metals. The farmer contributes 87 per cent of the raw materials used in those manufacturing industries which depend mostly or considerably upon agricultural materials, and these industries use 42 per cent of all materials used in all industries.

The gain in value of farm products in 1908 over 1907 is \$290,000,000 and would have been much larger had not the prices of cotton and hay been low. The value of products in 1899, the census year, being taken at 100, the value for 1903 stands at 125; for 1904, at 131; for 1905, at 134; for 1906, at 143; for 1907, at 159; and for 1908 at 165. During the last ten years the wealth production on the farms of this country has exceeded the fabulous sum of \$60,000,000,000.

Corn.—Greatest of all crops is Indian corn, whose production this year is 2,643,000,000 bushels. The value of this crop is \$1,615,000,000. This wealth, grown out of the soil in four months of rain, sunshine, and some drought, is enough to cancel the interest-bearing debt of the United States and to pay for the Panama Canal and fifty battleships. This crop is worth this year nearly as much as the great crops of cotton, hay, and wheat combined. Compared with the averages of the preceding five years the quantity is 2 per cent higher and the value 43 per cent higher.

Cotton.—It seems likely that the cotton crop is one of the highest three ever produced, but with a value next to the highest or perhaps more, although the farm price of cotton this year is below the price of last year by more than one cent. For the first time in the history of this country's agriculture, the value of the cotton crop, including seed, has apparently exceeded the value of the hay crop which has heretofore held second place.

Hay.—The greatest hay crop in history has been gathered this year, 68,000,000 tons, or 12 per cent above the average of the preceding five years. Its price is \$2 per ton less than it was a year ago, but still the farm value of the crop is \$621,000,000, or 6 per cent above the five-year average.

Wheat.—Wheat is 1 1/2 per cent above the five-year average in production and 23 per cent above in total value. The 660,000,000 bushels of this crop are estimated to be worth \$620,000,000 to the farmers, or 66,000,000 more than the most valuable wheat crop heretofore produced.

Oats and other cereals.—Although the oat crop suffered from drought the value is \$321,000,000 for 759,000,000 bushels, or 10 per cent above the five-year average value.

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## ROOSEVELT IS READY FOR IT

Squelches Foraker's Attempt to Stir Up Brownsville Affair By Special Message.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Senator Foraker today introduced an amendment to the bill providing for the re-enlistment of the negro troops who were discharged without honor because of their alleged participation in the affray at Brownsville, and addressed to it to the senate committee concerning the amendment. He proposes, in his measure, to establish a tribunal consisting of retired army officers before whom evidence may be submitted and the defendants themselves may appear to answer the charges. The measure is so drawn as to practically take it out of the hands of the nation's executive and give it to the tribunal with full authority to act.

Senator Foraker said he had letters from the discharged soldiers saying their movements are dogged by detectives, and Foraker stated while he approved their ferreting out, he declared there was a right way to do it.

At the conclusion of Foraker's remarks, a special message from the President on the subject was read. President Roosevelt enclosed a letter from the Secretary of War transmitting the report of the investigation made by Herbert J. Browne, employed by the department in conjunction with Captain W. G. Baldwin. The investigation of what happened at Brownsville, August 13, 1906, according to reports, establishes clearly that the colored soldiers did the shooting. President Roosevelt states that the investigation has not gone far enough to determine all the facts, but it appears that all members of the Company must have been actively concerned either to the extent of being participants or encouraging the participants, and that the facts were concealed because of the dire threats made by those who were actually engaged in the shooting. President Roosevelt believes that some allowance should be made for the misconduct of those who were spectators who may now come forward and truthfully tell what happened, and he recommends their re-instatement within one year.

OREGON GETS \$25,854.30.  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14.—The general land office has made public its account with Oregon for the year ending June 30, 1908. Gross proceeds from the sale of public lands were \$540,881.58, from which amount is deducted the pro rata share of expenses chargeable to the state of \$10,849.28, making the net proceeds \$517,086.09 of which amount the state is entitled to 5 per cent or \$25,854.30.

## HAINS' TRIAL OPENS TODAY

Author and Seafarer Charged With Being An Accomplice In Annis Murder.

(By Associated Press.)  
FLUSHING, L. I., Dec. 14.—The trial of Thornton Jenkins Hains, author and seafarer, charged with being an accomplice in the murder of William E. Annis who was shot and killed at Bayside Yacht Club last summer by Captain Peter C. Hains, commenced this afternoon before Justice Crane in the Supreme Court.

## JAPAN TO KEEP SUBJECTS HOME

Mikado's Government Will Prohibit Immigration to America After a Certain Date, According to New Treaty.

(By Associated Press.)  
CHICAGO, D. C., Dec. 14.—A special dispatch to the Record-Herald from Washington says all Japan emigration to the United States will be stopped by the Japan government. Baron Kamura, minister of Foreign Affairs, will make an official announcement to the Diet that the government has decided to prohibit all emigration to the United States after a given date. Thus will disappear the last remaining difference or possible cause of trouble between the United States and Japan. A dispatch says the Tokio government was brought to this decision after a long series of conferences between Secretary Root and Baron Takahira. Had the matter been left unsettled and although neither governments desired war, both, nevertheless, might have been forced into it had the anti-Japanese riots occurred in San Francisco or elsewhere on the Pacific coast.

## HARRIMAN WINS IN HIGH COURT

United States Supreme Court Rules Against Interstate Commerce Commission's Plea In Stock Investigations.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14.—In an opinion by Justice Holmes, the Supreme Court of the United States today held that E. H. Harriman and Otto Kahn, the New York banker,

should not be required to answer the questions, concerning the dealings in stock between the Union Pacific and the other roads to which they refused to make responses when subpoenaed at the investigation in New York.

Construing the decision of the court in a dissenting opinion, Justice Day expressed the opinion that the construction given to the Interstate Commerce law takes from it all the power of investigation.

## WOULD BUILD ITS OWN DOCK

Oregon Coal and Navigation Company Securing Figures On Cost.

P. Hennessy, superintendent of the Libby mine, and local representative of the Oregon Coal and Navigation Company, has been instructed by that company to ascertain the expense of constructing a wharf and warehouse on the company's water front on North Front street. He is gathering data on it today.

The reason for the company's activity is the fact that F. S. Dow's lease for the site of the warehouse now used by the M. F. Plant and Alliance expires May 1. In order to be ready to handle its business after that date, the company is planning to provide a home of its own.

It is barely possible that the Alliance will enter into an agreement with the Oregon Coal and Navigation Company to use its new dock and warehouse. Prentiss Gray, one of the owners of the Alliance, who is now here, is investigating the matter.

The Oregon Coal and Navigation Company owns several hundred feet of water front near the Cold Storage plant and probably plans to utilize it.

## CHINESE MUST BE GOOD NOW

Warring Highbinders of 'Frisco Must Stop or Relatives In China Will Suffer.

(By Associated Press.)  
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14.—The Chinese consul general here has notified the warring "Highbinders" of 'Frisco that another affray will cause him to send their names to the viceroy of Canton who will cause their relatives in China to be punished for their misdeeds in America.

Careful estimates show that the average business man walks a mile in eighteen and one-half minutes, while the ordinary letterer, who has no business on his mind, requires twenty-nine minutes to walk it.

The Ladies of Baptist church will have a sale of Xmas goods in church parlors, WEDNESDAY afternoon, December 16.

## RAINFALL IS BELOW AVERAGE

Precipitation On Coos Bay Not As Heavy As Usual During Past Month.

The rainfall for the past two months on Coos Bay is below the average, according to the summary of the weather for October and November which has just been issued by Mrs. E. Mings, government weather observer here. Mrs. Mings' report is as follows:

United States Department of Agriculture, weather bureau, station Marshfield; county of Coos, state of Oregon. Summary meteorological report for the month of November 1908.

Temperature.  
Mean maximum—60.3.  
Mean minimum—43.4.  
Mean—51.8.

Maximum—72, date 3d.  
Minimum—29, date 27th.  
Greatest daily range—30.

Precipitation.  
Total—6.42 inches.  
Greatest in 24 hours—1.40 of an inch, date 23d.

Total precipitation from September 1st, 1908—13.51 inches.

Normal precipitation from September 1st to November 30th, for the past six years—15.41 inches.

Deficiency for 1908—1.90 of an inch.

Number of days with .01 inch or more precipitation, 13; cloudy, 17; part cloudy, 1; clear, 12.

Dates of—  
Lunar halo—8th, 12th and 14th.  
Thunder—22d and 23d.  
Hall—23d.

Prevailing wind direction—South-west.

## CABIN FIRE CREMATES TWO

Pat. Carroll and Eugene Lugen Burned to Death Near Fresno.

(By Associated Press.)  
FRESNO, Cal., Dec. 14.—Pat. Carroll and Eugene Lugen, timber cutters, were burned to death in their cabin in the mountains, fifty miles from here early this morning. They had a roaring fire in the stove in the cabin and burned while they were asleep.

Choice oat hay at HAINES.

## DUTCH CRUISER SEIZES COAST GUARD SHIP OF VENEZUELA

## ALLIANCE IN FROM PORTLAND

Steamship Makes First Trip With Capt. Parsons In Command.

The Alliance arrived in early this morning from Portland in command of Captain Parsons, he having taken charge of the vessel at Portland last Saturday. Captain Olson, the retiring master, and Mrs. Olson came down on the Alliance. They will visit here until the Nann Smith comes in when Captain Olson will assume charge of her. Mrs. Olson will probably make the first trip with him on the Nann Smith.

The Alliance's incoming passenger list follows:  
Capt. B. W. Olson, Mrs. B. W. Olson, A. B. Daly, G. Warner, L. A. Kleckner, H. A. Kleckner, G. Gettleben, C. W. Smith, M. Linquist, Ed. Anderson, Mrs. C. Canterbury, Miss Canterbury, Gladys Canterbury, J. D. Schmaker, J. L. Barnaman, L. A. Hemsath, Mrs. Jas. Brown, C. W. Viers, Mrs. Viers, Joe. Ritter, F. W. Payne, Mildred Wood, Wm. Hahn, Chas. J. Gratton, W. F. Gordon, Jas. J. Kieth, N. Nelson, Jimmie Bowman, Mrs. Bowman, F. T. Sherwood, Al. Gill, R. Clark, S. Wasson and twelve steerage.

M. F. Plant In.  
The M. F. Plant arrived this morning from San Francisco and will sail for that point tomorrow afternoon. While the wind was favorable coming up, the sea was quite choppy. Among her incoming passengers were the following:

A. C. Hall, Mrs. W. S. McFarland, Mrs. Kammerer, E. Duncan, A. Duncan, F. J. Haston, Mrs. Haston, Floyd Haston, Lu Haston, G. Falconer, Mrs. Falconer, Thos. Zeldon, Li Hung Chang, R. E. Thompson.

Movement of Boats.  
The Eureka arrived in this forenoon from Eureka. Captain Noren reports that the Eureka bar was very rough, a number of vessels being bar bound there. The Eureka is especially adapted for bar work and can cross almost any bar at any time.

The Breakwater was unable to get out Saturday night or Sunday owing to the southwest gale and storm that prevailed. Captain Magness expected to get out this afternoon.

The Bandon has completed loading at the C. A. Smith mill and will sail soon.

## SPERRY PAYS HIS RESPECTS

Commander of Atlantic Battleship Fleet Makes Official Visit In Ceylon.

(By Associated Press.)  
COLOMBO, Ceylon, December 14.—Rear Admiral Sperry landed from the battleship Connecticut this morning to pay his official visit to Sir Henry McCallum, governor of Ceylon. The admiral was given an enthusiastic reception by the natives and the Europeans.

AGENT BAKER QUILTS.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 14.—William A. Baker has tendered his resignation as agent of the Portland & Coos Bay Steamship Company, operating the Breakwater, and also as general overseer of the Oak-street dock, to take effect January 1. Mr. Baker has a number of offers to take a similar position with navigation lines operating out of Seattle, but as yet he is undecided about leaving

Action Likely to Bring South American Trouble to A Focus.

VESSEL WAS VERY POORLY EQUIPPED

President Castro Is En Route to Berlin and Appears to Be A Sick Man.

## VENEZUELAN PREPARES FOR ITS DEFENSE

(By Associated Press.)  
CARACAS, Venezuela, Dec. 14.—The news of the capture of the Venezuelan coast guard ship Alexis by the Dutch cruiser Gelderland, became known in Caracas Sunday morning. A big crowd on the Plaza and boulevards demonstrated in support of the government. A decree issued by Acting President Gomez, places the republic in a state of defense.

(By Associated Press.)

WILLEMSTADT, Dec. 14.—The seizure of the Venezuelan coast guard ship Alexis by the Dutch cruiser Gelderland, revealed the fact that the Alexis carried only six rifles in poor condition and a small quantity of ammunition. The captain of the Alexis declared the Alexis was a merchant steamer, but a passenger on board said she was a guard and a search of the captain brought forth her pennant.

## VENEZUELA IS ANGRY.

Foreign Minister Says Holland Will Be Held Responsible.

(By Associated Press.)  
CARACAS, Venezuela, Dec. 14.—Foreign Minister Paul in a note to a member of the diplomatic corps, protesting against the action of the Dutch warships on the Venezuelan coast, says, "Venezuela protests with energy against these aggressions upon the territorial integrity of the republic and she holds Holland responsible for the consequences."

## CASTRO SICK AGAIN.

President of Venezuela Is En Route to Berlin.

(By Associated Press.)  
COLOGNE, Dec. 14.—President Castro arrived here last evening and today proceeded to Berlin. He appears to be a sick man.

(By Associated Press.)  
BERLIN, Dec. 12.—President Castro arrived tonight but it is not believed in official circles that he is coming to Germany on a political mission.

## PAVE WAY FOR TWO NEW STATES

Bill to Admit Arizona and New Mexico Separately Introduced In Congress.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14.—Separate statehood for Arizona and New Mexico is provided in two bills which were introduced by Senator Foraker today. This is in compliance with President Roosevelt's message urging that the states be admitted to the Union. It is believed that the bill will pass this session.

Portland. For the past ten years has been identified with the leading companies of this city.