

FOOD SHORTAGE AND LONG WINTER AHEAD

Famine Is Literally Expected
By Russians During The
Next Few Months.

SITUATION DEPLORABLE

Associated Press Writer Gets Vision
From Personal Trip Through
Russia—Expelled From Mos-
cow, Landed in Finland.

(By Associated Press.)
Helsinki, Finland, Aug. 11.—
Flushed with success and confident
of Poland's ultimate defeat, soviet
Russia now faces approaching winter
with the grim problem of food as its
supreme test of power. With chaotic
conditions existing throughout the
vast empire, where no organized effort
has been made to produce the food
required by a hundred and fifty
millions of people, the outlook is not
reassuring. From the Far East to the
Finnish border, through a stretch
of four thousand miles of territory
where the bolshevik rule is undisputed,
the specter of starvation stalks
threateningly through the land,
and the far reaches of that
wide domain give up the cry for the
very necessities of life from a people
whose hearts, long sturdy in the
struggle for a "new day," are forced
to heed the demands of actual want.
An Associated Press correspondent
who has just arrived here has ob-
served these conditions in crossing
Russia, Siberia and all the way from
Vladivostok to Moscow, and thence
north to Petrograd, the appalling
situation is the same, and everywhere
through the almost endless miles of
the journey across that great coun-
try the heartbreaking cry of women
and children is heard for food and
clothing. In the far northland of
Russia the frosts of fall are already
becoming apparent, and unaided and
unendowed sufficiently to withstand
the blasts of winter, the population
looks forward to untold want and in-
cessant suffering. The correspondent
was deported from Moscow to Fin-
land because he had not been given
advance authority for crossing Si-
beria.

WARSAW, Aug. 11.—Concentration
and regrouping of troops for an
extensive Polish counter stroke on
the entire Warsaw front is reported
in today's newspapers. The plans are,
it is believed, to begin the counter
move within a few days. Military
men are expressing the opinion that
this is a propitious time for striking
back in an effort to drive off the
Russian soviet forces which are en-
deavoring to encircle the capital.

Russians Push Ahead.

PARIS, Aug. 11.—Russian troops
are now occupying a stretch of 24
miles of direct railway line between
Warsaw and Danzig, and a large
force of troops is pushing across to
cut the remaining railroad, accord-
ing to a French foreign official today.

Poles Fail to Appear.

COPENHAGEN, Aug. 11.—Representa-
tives of the Russian soviet com-
mission to treat with the Poles wait-
ing for the Polish armistice
delegation on the night of Aug. 9,
but neither the delegation nor any
message from Warsaw arrived, ac-
cording to soviet officials here.

Many Speakers
Here For Picnic

Several officers of the Oregon
Growers Co-operative Association
and together with speakers from the
Oregon Agricultural college are in
Roseburg today and more are ex-
pected tonight. They are gathering
for the big picnic to be held at the
Fair grounds tomorrow for all mem-
bers of the Oregon Growers Asso-
ciation in Douglas County and all
fruit raisers who are interested in
the organization.

A similar picnic was held in Sa-
lem yesterday and was a huge suc-
cess. More than 500 members and
their families gathered from all
parts of Willamette valley, many
driving from thirty to seventy-five
miles to attend. The principal ad-
dress was made by Dr. F. M. Cole-
man of San Jose, Cal., who is editor
of the prune and apricot growers
paper, the "Sunset Standard".

Prof. H. P. Barnes, and Prof. S. L.
Lorrett of the Oregon Agricultural
college, the heads respectively of
the departments of Plant Pathology
and entomology discussed these
subjects at length, and answered in-
quiries. C. I. Lewis, organization
manager reviewed the figures of the
association up to date. All of the
above speakers will be here tomor-
row and speak at the picnic at the
Fair Grounds.

Eugene Legion
To Stage Smoker

Two Roseburg boxing stars are to
perform in Eugene on August 20 for

TEACHER SHORTAGE IS VERY SERIOUS

Local School Board Elects Ap-
plicants To Fill Positions
And Await Contracts.

WILL CHARGE TUITION

Out of Town Pupils Will Be Re-
quired To Pay Tuition To En-
joy the Privileges of Roseburg
Schools.—Plan Good One.

The Board of School Directors has
elected applicants to all the posi-
tions in the Roseburg schools the
coming year and the complete por-
sonnel of the teaching force will be
announced as soon as signed con-
tracts are received. Teachers are
very scarce this year and many
who had accepted places later re-
signed. It is predicted by school
men that at least one third of the
teaching positions in the state will
be unfilled when school takes up.
At the meeting of the local board
Monday evening, it was voted to
charge tuition hereafter, for all non-
resident pupils. A great number
of out-of-town boys and girls have
been enjoying the privileges of the
Roseburg schools; the expense of
their education in the most part
being borne by the local taxpayers.
With the increased school mainte-
nance, a greater income is necessary
to operate the system. It seems fair
to the Board that outsiders should
bear their portion of the expense if
they prefer the local schools to
those in the country, another town
or state. Inquiries were sent out
to several other places and the tu-
ition charges elsewhere have a wide
range, from \$20.00 per year for the
grades at Hillsboro to \$177.99 per
year for high school students at
Marshfield. The average per capita
cost of maintaining the high schools
at Albany, Astoria, Corvallis, Cot-
tag Grove, Forest Grove, Hills-
boro, McMinnville, Marshfield, North
Bend, Oregon City, Salem and Sil-
verton during the past year was
\$93.05, while the cost of the Rose-
burg high school for 1919-1920
amounted to \$66.30 per student.
An expenditure of \$52.65 per year
was incurred in educating each
grade pupil.

Under an act passed by the last
legislature, the tuition of all high
school students, living in districts
without high schools, is to be paid
by the county as per capita cost.
District No. 4 had in attendance at
the local high last year 77 such
students. The county therefore pays
into this district some \$7500 this
year for the proportionate expense
of these students. This district is
getting tuition from the tax payers
of the county for students living in
non-high school territory while
nothing is contributed toward the
general expenses here by those
young people living where high
schools are operated.

In establishing a high school tu-
ition charge, it would not be fair
to ask of the individual less than
of the county. Therefore, the local
Board wishes to announce that for
this school year 1920-1921, students
attending the Roseburg high school,
coming from districts maintaining
such schools or from another state,
must pay each semester, in advance
a tuition fee of \$33.15.

The tuition charge for all grade
pupils coming from any locality
outside of District No. 4, Douglas
County, Oregon, will be \$45.00 per
year, payable semi-annually in ad-
vance.

At Monday night's meeting also,
the matter of the maintenance of
schools in West Roseburg and Eden-
hower was discussed at quite a
length and the resolution was adopt-
ed, whereby only six grade schools
be taught in the Fallerton school
the coming year; the 7th and 8th
grade scholars to attend the Rose-
burg school. In view of the prevailing
sentiment in the Riverside neigh-
borhood in favor of the transporta-
tion of the boys and girls to the
Benson building instead of operat-
ing a one room school there, the
Board voted to transport to the
Benson school all grade pupils living
in Riverside except the 7th and 8th
grade boys and girls who live on
the route of the carrier, south and
east of the Edenhower store across
from the Standard Oil plant.

WILL TAKE VACATION.

Justice of the Peace L. B. Riddle
for Winchester Bay where they will
spend the next two weeks enjoying
their annual vacation. During their
absence they will visit at Scottsburg,
Reedsport, Gardiner and other points
on the lower Umpqua. Mr. Riddle is
the republican candidate for county
clerk of Douglas county at the No-
vember election, and following his
vacation will look after the interests
of his campaign.

Mrs. Henry M. Cox, who has been
visiting at the J. W. Cox residence
on Deer Creek left this afternoon
for Sutherlin, where she resides.

POLAND WILL ASK AID UNITED STATES

Government States Position
Regarding Russo-Polish
Situation In Note.

FEAR OF BOLSHEVISM

Territorial Integrity of Both Coun-
tries Must Be Maintained—Op-
poses Anything Looking to
Dismemberment of Russia.

ASK U. S. AID.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11.—
That Poland will ask immediate
aid from the United States in
her fight against the Russian
soviet government, was an-
nounced by the Polish foreign
minister at Washington today.
It was stated that the aid re-
quested would probably be con-
fined to a plea for an extension
of credits for purchase of war
stocks.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—The
American government declared today
for the maintenance of the political
independence and territorial integ-
rity of Poland and against dismem-
berment of Russia.

In a note to the Italian ambas-
sador, Secretary Coby, speaking with
the approval of President Wilson,
said the United States "took no ex-
ception" to the efforts to arrange an
armistice between Poland and Russia
and would "regard with satisfaction"
a declaration by the allied and asso-
ciated powers that the "territorial
integrity and true boundaries" of Rus-
sia would be respected.

Reds Not Recognized.

The government stated, however,
that it would not, at least for the
present, participate in any plan to
expand armistice negotiations into a
general European conference, be-
cause it might involve two results
from which the United States
"strongly recoils."

"Recognition of the bolshevik re-
gime."

"Settlement of Russian problems
almost inevitably upon the basis of
a dismemberment of Russia."

The note was in response to an
"agreeable intimation" from the Ital-
ian ambassador that his government
would welcome a statement of the
American government views. Much
of it was devoted to a statement of
the sympathetic feeling of the
United States toward the Russian
people.

Do You Want A
Free Airplane Ride

The winners of the first,
second and third prize of an
essay contest launched today
by the News-Review will each
be rewarded with a free ride
in the airplane belonging to
the Dudrey Airplane Company
and better known as "Rose-
burg" which is due to arrive in
this city on Saturday, August
14. This airplane essay contest
is open to everyone, young,
old, big, small, male or female.
The subject of the essay is:
"Will Roseburg and Douglas
county benefit from the Air-
planes?" The essay must not
be over 250 words in length.
Write only on one side of the
paper and mail your finished
essay to "Essay Editor News-
Review." Here's your chance
to get a free ride in the clouds
over the beautiful Umpqua val-
ley. The contest will close on
Wednesday night, August 18th.

COMMISSION SHY OF MONEY.

At a meeting of the state
highway commission held in
Portland yesterday and today,
the problem of how to accom-
plish \$21,000,000 worth of
work with \$9,000,000 was dis-
cussed. A statement was is-
sued yesterday by the commis-
sion showing just exactly how
much work remained to be ac-
complished on the main trunk
system of the state. It is
thought that all secondary
projects will be trimmed con-
siderably in order that work on
the main lines may be pushed.
Included in the report was the
Roseburg-Cool Bay highway
and the estimated amount of
work is as follows: 48 miles
grading at \$240,000; 62 miles
macadam at \$496,000; eight
miles of paving at \$240,000;
four bridges at \$122,000. The
total amount to complete this
work is \$1,098,000.

OREGON CROP YIELD IS UP TO AVERAGE

Wheat Production For State
Should Total Practically
16,500,000 Bushels

OATS UNUSUALLY GOOD

Potato Crop Is Fully One Hundred
Per Cent Yield It Is Believed—
Oats, Hops and Hay Bring
Plenty Good Returns.

Unfavorable growing conditions in
the heavier spring wheat producing
states have reduced the 1920 crop
prospects from 291,355,000 bushels
on July 1, to 261,500,000 bushels
on August 1st, with the probability
of a still further reduction before
harvest. A condition of around
70.0 per cent is reported from some
of the spring wheat states. The
1919 spring wheat crop for the
United States was estimated (final)
at 299,351,000 bushels. The total
United States wheat crop for 1920,
based on August 1, conditions, is
estimated at 294,147,000 bushels,
compared with the final 1919 esti-
mate of 341,000,000.

Oats: July weather conditions
were very favorable for the develop-
ment of the oat crop, and the Aug-
ust 1st condition figures as report-
ed by field aids, (96 per cent) in-
dicates an average per acre yield
for the state of about 41.0 bushels.
With an estimated oat acreage of
350,000 the 1920 crop should
amount to about 14,350,000 bushels.
While very little threshing has so
far been done, the heads are well
formed and well filled and the pro-
spect is very promising. Cutting
is practically finished, except of
some late sown fields. The 1919
Oregon oat crop was estimated at
11,104,000 bushels.

Corn: The condition of the corn
crop in Oregon on August 1st, was
placed at 95 per cent, a gain of
two points over the July conditions
figure. Oregon corn is grown main-
ly for silage purposes, although an
increasing per cent is each year
grown for the grain. The United
States corn crop for 1920 gives
promise of a production of 3,900,
000,000 bushels, compared with the
1919 crop of 2,779,000,000 bushels.

Potatoes: Condition of the po-
tato crop in the State improved dur-
ing the month of July and was re-
ported as 100 per cent of normal
on August 1. This condition prom-
ises a yield of around 140 bushels
per acre for the state as a whole.
With an estimated acreage of 42,000
the 1920 crop should be approx-
imately 6,000,000 bushels, compar-
ed with the 1919 estimate of 4,230,
000 bushels.

The United States crop on August
1, 1920, is estimated at 532,641,000
bushels, which is an increase of
about 15,000,000 bushels over the
July 1st estimate. The final esti-
mate for 1919 was 732,000,000
bushels.

Hay: Reports indicate that the
state acreage devoted to hay crops
is about 3.0 per cent larger than
last year or about 880,000 acres of
some hay. Condition of the crop is
placed at 95 per cent of normal in-
dicating a total tame hay production for
1920, of about 1,920,000 tons, com-
pared with the 1919 production of
1,452,000 tons.

Apples: The Oregon total apple
crop is estimated for 1920 at about
3,425,000 bushels, about 60 per cent
of which will probably be of com-
mercial quality. The 1919 apple
crop was estimated at 5,579,000
bushels.

Hops: The Oregon hop acreage for
1920 is estimated at 9,000 acres
mature hops and 3,000 acres of
"baby" hops. The former should
produce about 1,000 pounds per
acre this season and the latter,
about 200 pounds per acre, making
a probable total state crop of about
9,600,000 pounds.

The condition of other Oregon
crops on August 1st, 1920, is es-
timated as follows: Barley 92%;
Timothy, 97%; Alfalfa, 97%; Pas-
ture, 94%; Field Peas, 96%; Field
Beans, 95%; Tomatoes, 95%; Cab-
bage, 54%; Onions, 94%; Peaches,
25%; Grapes, 70%; Pears, 65%;
Rye, yield per acre, 15.0 bushels,
quality, 95% per cent.

"A DEAR TEACHER."

A year ago a newspaper man in
Seattle invested most of his savings
in German marks, which were then
selling at three and a half cents
each. He was one of a group of
newspaper men who made such an
"investment."

These canny young men whose oc-
cupation forced them to study the
trend of events from day to day
thought they knew what they were
doing. They were positive that with-
in a few months German marks
would rise in value considerably.
Their "investment," they frankly ad-
mitted, was a gamble but they
thought the odds were in their favor.

Today German marks are quoted

FEATURE WRITER BOOSTS DOUGLAS

Believes That This County
Will Be Prize Winner At
State Fair This Year.

A SKELETON IN CLOSET

All the Trouble Concerning Judging
Which Raised Rumpus 3 Years
Ago Has Been Eliminated and
All Is Now Harmony.

David Hazen, the feature writer
for the Portland Telegram who re-
cently visited Roseburg with two
members of the state fair board has
written the following article which
appearing in yesterday's issue of the
Portland publication:

Turkeys and corn, prunes and
pumpkins, to say nothing of wheat
and loganberries and the summer
squash will occupy Douglas coun-
ty space at the state fair this year.
For the past two exhibitions that
section has been "dark," all on ac-
count of some weird judging at the
fair three years ago.

But yesterday afternoon promises
were made ambassadors from the
state fair board that assures old
Douglas of being at the coming
show with bells. These assurances
were made to J. D. Farrell, vice-
president of the Union Pacific system
and A. H. Lea, secretary of the state
fair board. Mr. Farrell has been
one of the liveliest wires on the board
of directors and is now making a
tour of Western Oregon in his pri-
vate car to stir up interest in spots
where it has been dormant of late.
The railroad is director in charge
of the agricultural department of
Oregon's fair.

Skeleton in Closet.

A C. Marsters, another member of
the board of directors, resides here.
Although he has been working for
the past year to get the Douglas
county folk to forgive and forget,
he has had a struggle. Three years
ago this county sent up an exhibit
that pleased the world. It was won-
derful in every way and the crowds
that attended thought sure Douglas
would win the blue ribbon. Every-
one thought this but the judges.

Now, it came to pass that the su-
perintendent of that department had
entered an exhibit from another
county. This is one of the skeletons
of the state fair. Said superin-
tendent selected exhibits. The
judges, at least one from the super-
intendent's county, at once picked
that county as winner. The result
didn't suit anyone save the superin-
tendent.

The board of directors called in
the judges and demanded to know
why such queer award had been
made. The directors could not
change the decision, but they could
demand reasons. These were given
but they were thought very weak.
The former superintendent was
outraged with the fair and the di-
rectors made a rule that hereafter
those in charge of departments can-
not enter exhibits therein.

Space Blank Two Years.

But the Douglas county folk,
knowing what a wonderful showing
they made and having been told by
many that the "umpires" had made
a mighty rotten decision, just kept
their grain and fruit and vegetables
away from the Salem exposition for
two years. This made a blank place
that was really missed, for this
county is one of the richest spots
on the Pacific Coast.

The question of winning the Dou-
glas back was brought up at the
meeting of the state fair directors
at Salem Saturday. Mr. Farrell
volunteered to take his private car
(railroad) with Secretary Lea and
visit Roseburg and other cities
where encouragement is needed.

J. Henry Roth, banker and for-
mer president of the State Fair
board, a resident of this city, right
off the bat promised his assistance
for the 1920 exhibit. County Judge
D. J. Stewart is strong for a pre-
sentation of old Douglas' crops, and
will call a meeting of the county
commissioners this week to select
someone to take charge of the
gathering and the arranging of ex-
hibits.

Preparations Begin.

R. A. Willett, proprietor of the
local creamery, announced that he'll
make an exhibit of butter that will
cause Tillamook and Coon Bay day-
dreamers to sit up and rub their eyes.
Willett is an old-time exhibitor, but
says that his output of state fair
butter this season will be the best
he has ever done. The fair will be
held at Salem the week of Septem-
ber 26.

W. J. Weaver, owner of the Ump-
qua hotel and a large fruit grower
and canner, says he will co-operate
with the local people in getting the
exhibit. So former Douglas county
people who visit the fair this year
will not miss the broccoli and the
little turks that they hoped to see.
The work of J. D. Farrell and A.
H. Lea has been rewarded.

ARM IS BROKEN.

Walter Metz was brought to this
city this morning from Rock Creek
suffering from a broken arm. Mr.
Metz was engaged in some logging
work in that vicinity when the ac-
cident occurred at about 5 o'clock last
evening. One of his fellow laborers
was felling a tree and yelled a
warning to Mr. Metz, who attempt-
ed to get out of the way. He was
unable to escape, however, and it
struck him on the head and a glance
at the right arm. The forearm
was broken squarely. He was
brought here this morning and Dr.
Hoover attended to his injuries.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Revmer and
son left today for North Bend,
where they will take an extended
vacation.

Boston Speculator Former Jail Bird

(By Associated Press.)
BOSTON, Aug. 11.—Charles
Ponzi, whose financial deals
have lately startled investors,
today admitted that he is the
same Charles Ponzi who served
a term in the Montreal peniten-
tiary for alleged fraud.

Real reports circulated Mon-
day to the effect that Ponzi,
under the name of Pazzi, had
operated his financial plan,
promising large returns, in
Montreal fourteen years ago.

Bank Commissioner Allen this
afternoon took charge of the
Hanover Trust Co. Ponzi's ac-
count, as financial was shown
to have been overdrawn in that
institution.

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