

MIDDLE WEST WHEAT SUFFERS

Crop Conditions Not Favorable in Several States; Sweet Potato Crop Nearly All Dug.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Crop conditions for the last half of November are covered in reports received by the Bureau of Markets and Crop Estimates, United States Department of Agriculture, from its field agricultural statisticians in the different states.

The husking of the corn crop is about completed throughout the north central and leading corn-producing states. The yield is generally good, but the quality is being damaged considerably by the corn ear worm and mold. The harvesting of the late crop is nearly completed throughout the Gulf States, and good yields of high quality are reported.

Winter wheat is entering the winter in good condition throughout the north central states. The condition continues to deteriorate in southern Nebraska and Kansas due to drought and is generally poor. Rain has broken the drought in Texas during the past week, but much more moisture is needed. The condition in Washington has been benefited by recent rains and snows.

Winter rye crop has made vigorous growth and is generally in good condition.

Cotton is mostly picked and ginned. The favorable weather has caused a considerable percentage of weevil punctured bolls to open, and fields have been picked unusually clean due to the poor yield.

Irish potatoes are practically all harvested, and with a few exceptions yields are generally low but of good quality. The yield and quality are both above average in Maine and North Dakota, and the crop has been harvested in excellent condition.

The digging of sweet potatoes is nearing completion. The yield is generally fair to good and the quality excellent.

Condition of the citrus crops in Florida has been benefited by the recent rains and quality of the fruit is very good. Shipments of citrus fruits continue from Arizona and California. The pecan crop has been harvested under favorable conditions in Texas and Louisiana. The yield is reported to be fair to good and of good quality.

All classes of live stock are generally in good condition. The hog choker situation has improved considerably throughout the north central states, and is now under control. The feeding of new corn is causing some trouble among horses and cattle in Illinois, but the situation is not serious.

Meadows and pastures are still furnishing some feed throughout much of the central belt of states from the Atlantic to the Pacific oceans due to the mild autumn. Ranges are in good condition in the far western states, and have generally been benefited by recent rains.

O-W Settling Its Claims Rapidly

PORTLAND, Dec. 13.—Many claims for personal damages for injuries resulting from the O-W, R. & N. railway wreck near Celilo already have been settled without resort to legal entanglement. An official of that company said yesterday that every attempt is being made to settle all claims amicably by agreement direct with the injured persons. About 35 of those who received minor injuries already have received damages in full. Arrangements have not been made yet to settle the more serious cases, such as those where death occurred and those who received injuries from which they have not yet recovered.

H. W. Hicks, traveling passenger agent, reported yesterday the case of

one man passenger on the eastbound train who slept entirely through the wreck period and until the train reached The Dalles. It was on the car this man occupied that the porter, C. J. Yarbrough, was killed. This is one that is not a damage case.

Flanders Poppies To Be Plowed Under

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Poppies transported from Flanders fields to bloom upon the dump heaps of Jersey will not see another spring.

The federal horticultural board has adjudged them a nuisance and a pest to agriculture and ordered them plowed under until they haven't the heart to rise again. The poppies were brought over in earth ballast, shipped in France by troop transports. They threaten to overrun surrounding gardens and truck farms.

"The reason the poppy blooms in France and Belgium is because the farmers can't get rid of it," said Harry H. Shaw, pathologist of the federal horticultural board, today.

Auto License Plates To Be Mailed Out Soon

SALEM, Dec. 13.—Sam A. Koser, secretary of state, has announced that the work of mailing out motor vehicle plates for the year 1922 will get under way this week. Approximately 10,000 applications for these plates have been received at the secretary of state's office. There yet remain more than 100,000 applications to be received based on the registration for the year 1921.

Mr. Koser said that applications were not coming in as rapidly as has been anticipated and indications pointed to the usual eleventh-hour rush.

Under the traffic laws motor vehicle owners who operate their machines without a 1922 license after January 1 will be subject to arrest and prosecution.

TRAPPING IN FULL SWING IN MANITOBA

THE PAS, MAN., Dec. 13.—Trapping, the big business of this north country for the next few months, is now in full swing and most of the men engaged in the work are out on their trap lines again. Reports say the catch of fur bearing animals is good everywhere in the district.

Muskrat trapping is reported exceptionally good and it is thought 100,000 pelts will be marketed in The Pas. Local buyers have been paying more than a dollar for muskrat skins.

Several buyers, with \$30,000 in cash, left on the Hudson Bay Railroad recently to purchase furs. The train stops at each trading post for only a few minutes, but in this brief period the buyers rush on the trader or trapper and make offers for their furs. This method of buying has been followed for years by many.

PRINCE TO GO TO RANGOON

(By Associated Press) RANGOON, Dec. 13.—The coming visit of the Prince of Wales to Burma has given rise to much speculation as to the nature of his reception. Undoubtedly he will receive in Burma all the ovations usually accorded a traveling prince.

In Rangoon may be seen many people with British flags pinned on their breasts. "God save the King" is a common expression. The Karens of Burma are especially loyal to British rule.

On the other hand, the Prince will meet with a large element—no one can say just how large—of aloofness and silent opposition. In Burma the national movement is still strong, and is continually fanned into flame by the multitude of nationalist journals which are sold on the streets. Bernard Houghton, writing in New Burma expresses what is most likely to be the attitude assumed by the Burman nationalists toward the visit of the Prince. In part, he says:

"No one in Burma, any more than in India, has any personal animus

against the Prince; on this we are all agreed. Were he only a distinguished visitor, as for instance M. Clemenceau, there would be no question as to his welcome. But he is more than that. He is a definite, integral part of the British system of government. His movements, as a Prince, are decided and regulated by the Cabinet. In India he will be the symbol of the British government as a living entity.

"Now, the British government has always stood—and never less than today—for the domination of India and Burma by Britain. It enforces by armed men its will upon them in all big questions of policy and event in the details of administration.

"This assumption of power, Indian and Burmans resent vehemently. They claim to manage their own affairs, to determine their own destiny, to follow their own ideals. Hence a violent clash of opinion between them and the British, in fact, to put the matter plainly, a crisis of the first magnitude.

"What should be the attitude of Indians and Burmans? As free men, they would gladly have given the Prince a hearty welcome but they cannot greet him, while in bondage, struggling to be free. They can see in him the symbol of that power which binds them and which bars them from any real liberty. Their attitude should then be one of silent and dignified protest. They should hold

themselves aloof from the public functions. But at the same time they should make it clear that the Prince will receive a very different welcome from self-governing Burma."

Drilling in the forest service well in the Fort Rock section of Duchesne county has ceased at a depth of 715 feet, leaving a column of water 36 feet high in the well, sufficient to irrigate 115,200 acres.

Ben A. Haghurst, city treasurer of Gladstone, has resigned and three candidates are seeking the vacancy. C. A. Chambers has also resigned from the council.

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