

PROSPERITY IS COMING SOON

Progress and Prosperity are the Portions of Czechoslovakia; Has Put House in Order after War.

(By Associated Press.)
PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia, Aug. 1. (By Mail).—Although the Czechoslovakia Republic is only three and a half years old, it is one state in Europe which has set its house in order and has avoided the evils of the printing press. The Czechs or Bohemians are a hard-working and plucky race, full of common sense, and they have built up an economic and industrial fabric which has made the country one of the most prosperous in Central Europe. Its industry today is beyond the needs of its own population. The Czech crown, which until last autumn had followed the fluctuations of the German mark, has now established its independence in the world's exchange.

Since the creation of the republic the bulk of trade has been with Germany, although the United States is gaining an increasing share of it. According to official figures, 7.7 per cent of Czech imports in 1921 came from Germany, the latter country taking 36.2 per cent of Czech exports. Every Czech realizes that the future of the country's trade is in Central Europe, but he is anxious to avoid as far as possible any economic dependence on Germany.

Like many other European countries, Czechoslovakia's most vital problems concern the much-needed reduction in production costs, the reduction of taxation, and amelioration of the housing situation. At present Prague is one of the most expensive cities in Europe. One of the causes is a tremendous national budget, which is swollen by heavy military expenses.

Compared with Vienna and Budapest, Prague presents an appearance of prosperity and alertness. There is not that sense of despair, uncertainty and indecision which the American traveler meets in Vienna. While other European capitals suffered by the Great War, Prague was hardly affected until the revolution of 1918, when she awoke suddenly to find herself one of the great capitals of Europe.

Czechoslovakia's political system is based upon the strictest democratic principles, her policy being one of innovation and evolution along republican lines. Bolshevism has been crushed. Drastic land reforms have been made, to appease the appetite of the masses. No one is allowed to hold more than 250 hectares of arable land or 500 hectares of forest land. Owing to increased wages, the working classes live in comfortable content. There is little unemployment.

As in most other European cities, the housing problem in Prague is acute. Any owner of a flat or house is liable to have his quarters commandeered by the state. In spite of the government's endeavor to encourage the erection of new buildings, the building trade has remained virtually suspended. Many of the poorer nobility have migrated to Vienna, Munich, Berlin, Poland or Hungary, in order to benefit the rate of exchange. Others occupy a small corner of the vast palaces which have been in the possession of their families for centuries.

WILL JOIN TO MARKET HAY

PENDLETON, Aug. 25.—An increase of practically double the acreage and more than double the membership, in one year of operation, is the remarkable record of the Oregon Co-operative Haygrowers, with headquarters at Hermiston. The original contracts when the co-operative plan was evoked were among 115 members with an acreage totaling 4000. There are now 250 members with approximate acreage of 6000 in the sphere of the co-operative agency.

In the Hermiston country, which is one of the big shipping points of the Oregon Haygrowers, hay is now selling for \$18.50 f. o. b. Hermiston, several dollars higher than it usually is at this time of the year. This price is being obtained for first and second cuttings, the hay now being moved. The average yield this year on three crops to the season is about four tons, according to L. A. Hunt, manager of the Oregon Haygrowers, with the four crop land of heavy yield, running higher. Haygrowers are pleased with their return this year, and the higher price is generally attributed to the efforts of the co-operative association which is feeding the crops to market in an orderly manner. "Hay is sold every month in the year by us," Manager Hunt of the Oregon Haygrowers, declared.

Announcement has just been made by the co-operative organization that their state certified weights have now been accepted as shipping weights by the railroads, thus eliminating the trouble of figuring on adjustments which other companies have to do. "We are the only hay selling organization that has secured this beneficial arrangement and it will mean much to us," Manager Hunt stated.

Three to four cars of alfalfa hay are being shipped daily at the present time by the Oregon haygrowers, and this movement to market is expected to be kept up steadily. Many west county people who are interested in stock raising are selling their hay because of the favorable price and may make other arrangements to feed this winter.

Fifteen Engines Lost in Railroad Fire



Police of Portland, Ore., are trying to learn if a fire that destroyed in southeast of the Malheur National Forest a Malheur railroad was of incendiary origin. Explosions were heard before the fire was extinguished.

SHORT IDAHO APPLE CROP

NAMPA, Aug. 25.—Elliott and Payette orchards will produce about a 50 per cent yield of apples this year, according to A. T. Pennington of Weiser, supply salesman, who was in the city Wednesday. In the Weiser section a nearly normal crop will be harvested, he said.

Apple growers of these sections, Mr. Pennington said, are in a strategic position because their apples are all of the winter varieties. The crop he added, will produce a large crop of early apples and Idaho growers should sell the late crop to good advantage.

Hood River packers have a great quantity of early varieties principally Jonathan, but few late apples, which, he believes ought to help the market for Idaho fruit.

Mr. Pennington estimated that the early varieties will bring about \$30 a ton to the grower and later apples about \$50. Like potato buyers, apple buyers are not bidding cash but are taking everything on consignment, owing to the strike situation.

September 15th and 16th have been set as dates for the twelfth annual Hood River county school fair. Canning and garden teams will be sent to the Salem state fair.

DEAUVILLE TO SEE ROYALTY

(By Associated Press.)
DEAUVILLE, France, Aug. 7. (By Mail).—Deauville will see a notable gathering of kings during this month of August. King Albert of Belgium, King Alfonso of Spain, King Ferdinand of Rumania, the Shah of Persia, and the Emperor of Annam are expected to spend several weeks in this fashionable watering resort. Most of them will bring their wives, and a gay season is anticipated.

Deauville hopes that King Constantine of Greece may be lured temporarily from his throne to taste some of the pleasures and diversions of the smart seaside town, and that King Alexander of Yugoslavia and his youthful consort, Queen Marie, may spend a part of his protracted honeymoon here.

As all the sovereigns are well known to one another, it is likely they will seize the occasion to talk over affairs of state and the national problems of their countries. This will be the first time in a generation that so many European rulers have gathered at one spot. "A Conclave of Kings" is the phrase applied to the event by Deauville's chamber of commerce, and Emperor Francis-Joseph's historic admonition to King Ferdinand of Rumania

is recalled: "It is a time for us kings to stick together."

James Sperry, who died recently at Brownsville at the age of 87, had been a resident of that section for 71 years, having crossed the plains with his parents in 1851.

OFFICERS THINK HE IS THE MAN

PENDLETON, Aug. 25.—Confession of his identity as an ex-convict out of Wyoming state penitentiary, was made Tuesday morning by Fred Blake, suspected of both the Huron holdups of several weeks ago and of the shooting and holdup of a Portland soft drink establishment, in which one man was fatally shot. The arrest of Blake was made by Deputy Sheriff Jake

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Marin yesterday morning at Happy Canyon while the wanted man was asleep with a .38 calibre revolver in his hand. A flashlight and two pairs of pinners were also found on him. Blake will be turned over to the Portland authorities. It is believed, but if they did not have a strong enough case against him, he will be ried here for his alleged part in the Huron railroad camp holdup. Jim Ryan, arrested as he attempted to cash one of the stolen checks is said not to be in a mood to reveal his partners.

A man giving the name of C. F. Wilson, who came from Portland with Blake, is also held here.

EDITOR AT PILOT ROCK DISAPPEARS

PENDLETON, Aug. 25.—Where is Jean Kirkpatrick, publisher of the Pilot Rock Record? Members of the newspaper man's family, his friends and others are seeking some trace of the man who has been gone from home during the past 10 days. The motive for his disappearance, if he left voluntarily, or the causes for an attack against him, if he met with foul play, are

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not known to his friends according to statements secured today. One report is to the effect that Kirkpatrick was in straitened financial circumstances and may have departed to get away from the burden of his obligations, but this story is scouted by his friends.

The Kirkpatrick family, which consists of Mr. and Mrs. Kirkpatrick and a five-year-old son, recently moved to Walla Walla, where he assumed the editorship of a publication which is said to have been planned as an organ of the Ku Klux Klan. He left there August 15, a week ago last Tuesday and told Mrs. Kirkpatrick that he would be

back within two or three days, according to the report received here by his friends. Mrs. Kirkpatrick became alarmed when he had not returned home Saturday, so she called the Record at Pilot Rock and asked if her husband had started back for Walla Walla.

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