

## REAPERS MOVE TO THE NORTH

**TOPEKA, Kan. (AP)**—The harvest army that is now employed gathering the crops of the great central wheat belt states outnumber the entire peace time strength of the United States army. The advance guard started northward in Texas early in June, adding recruits by the thousands as the season moved into the pivotal wheat state of Kansas in mid-June, and swelling in numbers to more than 100,000 as it reached its peak activity in the Sunflower state about July 1, according to statistics available at the state court of industrial relations here.

"It requires 100,000 men to handle this harvest and provide for replacements," remarked J. H. Crawford, presiding judge. "To visualize this great army takes the imagination. Witness 162 trains, made up of ten passenger coaches and each coach carrying 45 men, rushing from south, east and west to the points of distribution. Then stand for 24 hours until these men march single file past a given point and stretch along the highway a distance of 75 miles. Do this and you will see the army of harvesters distributed through the wheat belt annually.

"In addition, the public employment service recruited 55,000 men and distributed them where needed as cotton laborers, potato pickers, corn huskers and for apple, berry and sugar beet labor, making 156,283 seasonal laborers supplied in 1923.

"Kansas, which grows more wheat than any other state in the nation, is harvesting approximately 2,000,000 acres and the crop is estimated to exceed 100,000,000 bushels. Kansas wheat fields occupy 15,000 square miles having an area as great as the total land surface of Massachusetts, Connecticut and Delaware combined. It is estimated the total wheat area of the wheat belt states, from Texas to North Dakota and Minnesota, is approximately 32,000 square miles of winter wheat, while in the northern states the spring wheat aggregates 15,000 square miles, a total area of 47,000 square miles."

**MILL CITY SCHOOLS IMPROVED.**  
**MILL CITY, Ore.**—During the summer vacation considerable repair work is being done on the Mill city schools. One more room is being fitted for use in the new high school building, and both schools are being given a fresh coat of paint on the inside. The gymnasium building is being refitted in, which will make the building easier to heat and improve its appearance. Additional desks are also being installed.

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## Warming Up for Campaign



Robert M. La Follette taken in an unusually striking pose at Washington, D. C., while announcing the issues of the campaign he will wage for the presidency.

### IDAHO DROUGHT HOLDS UNBROKEN

**BOISE, Ida.**—While showers fell around the outskirts of southwestern Idaho last week the drought for most part remains unbroken, according to the weekly summary of the United States weather bureau. In the irrigated districts conditions were reported generally favorable for the progress of crops.

"From a physical standpoint," says the report, "it was a delightful week. Temperatures were moderate; sunshine was abundant."

Corn, potatoes, beans and sugar beets are reported advancing rapidly, although beans have been damaged by light and heavy frosts in some parts of the Twin Falls district, continues the report. Harvesting of second cutting alfalfa is well under way and weather conditions being ideal for the work, the crop is being secured in prime condition.

Grain harvest is making good progress, says the report, and threshing has begun in the other sections. Apples and prunes in commercial orchards are doing well, but growers are uneasy because of the shortage of irrigation water, many ditches being now dry or very low.

Animals are short, and range feed, while still sufficient, is not abundant. Much live stock is being shipped because of the threat of scarcity and consequent high price of feed.

In southeast Idaho the week was cool and dry with the exception of Sunday, when good rains fell, beneficial to all crops. Frosts in Fremont county damaged seed peas in some of the higher sections. Fall wheat is reported ripening fast and in some sections harvesting has begun.

Spring wheat, oats and barley in the southern sections are generally short and poor, but they are reported doing well in parts of Bingham county. The first cutting of alfalfa has been finished in some sections and progressing in others. The second crop is reported making fair to good growth. Potatoes are making good growth and setting well. Beets are growing slowly. The range is poor and dry, cattle are reported to be holding their own. Many cattle have been removed from some forest ranges on account of shortage of feed.

### Norwegian Lutherans Plan Drive in Missionary Field

**FARGO, N. D.**—Efforts to create a more extensive interest in the establishment of missions in China and Madagascar, and the subsequent intensive religious and moral training of 10,000,000 heathen, will constitute the main work and aim of the general mission conference of the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America, at its fall national convention here, fifteen internationally prominent missionaries and religious workers will speak. The convention is expected to launch a drive throughout the nation for more and better equipped Lutheran missions.

All meetings will be held under the auspices of the foreign mission board of which the Rev. Gustafson of Minot, North Dakota, is chairman.

The Lutherans, according to the Rev. J. D. Ronsvold of Fargo, secretary of the mission board, spend \$25,000 each year alone for its missions. One hundred and fifty missions are already in the field, he states, and are accomplishing exceptional results.

**Cherry Crop Was 151 Cars.**  
**WENATCHEE, Wash.**—Bert Baker, secretary of the Wenatchee Valley Traffic association, today announced that the cherry crop amounted to 72 cars, in addition to 61 straight cars shipped by express. While the cherry crop proved to be more than twice as large as estimated, he said, the apricot crop of the district seems to be running below estimate. Total shipments to date are 56 cars. Nearly all apricots have been picked.

## ICE CREAM IN ORIENT NOW

**TECHOW, Shantung. (AP)**—Having imitated the foreigners in many other respects, the Chinese are now taking to the summer drink of ice cream and iced drinks, and especially iced tea. A short time ago ice cream was obtainable only in Peking in the Legation Quarter hotels and in foreign communities in the port cities; now the Chinese shops that sell it are legion and the urchin in the street has the ice cream cone habit. Iced cream etahn etahn riduput etahn shridu etahn etahn vbg.

Bottled soda water, pop and lemonade can be bought anywhere, iced tea stands with dirty glasses and awarining flies, are frequent along the streets even in inland Chinese cities away from the tourist routes.

The widespread imitation of the foreigners' custom of indulging in cold drinks, without a corresponding imitation of the sanitary methods employed by the foreigners in their preparation, promises serious consequences. Drinking water in most Chinese cities comes from polluted wells or filthy rivers, and the ancient custom of drinking only boiling water or boiling tea has been the salvation of the Chinese. In taking to cold drinks they are abandoning this old time protective custom.

The iced tea stands are the most dangerous of the innovations. The vender gets his ice supply from some stagnant pond perhaps in the middle of the village. This ice is put into the tea and not around the container. Thus the native unthinkingly mixes with his new drink water that in former days he would not have dreamed of drinking without its first having been boiled. Doctors predict that if the custom continues to increase certain epidemics are bound to occur.

**Hand Throws Portlander.**  
**COTTAGE GROVE, Ore.**—Alph Hand, Cottage Grove middleweight wrestler, defeated Jack Reynolds of Portland at Reedport. After the match had gone 50 minutes Hand grabbed his opponent for a merry-go-round, which is just what the name indicates, and then slapped him to the mat and tied him tight in a hammerlock. Reynolds was unable to come back.

This was the first time Hand had ever tried the merry-go-round on an opponent, but more and more he is getting away from the too-held with which he has won so many matches.

### LOADERS SET RECORD

**KLAMATH FALLS, Ore.**—A record run that is expected to stand for some time in Klamath county has been made by the Argonne lumber company. The company, on July 21, with the McGuffey loader, wheeled and loaded 49 cars, 89 tons of 16-ft logs for a total scale of 429,600 feet. Actual loading time was seven hours, thirty-five minutes. Those logs were accepted by the Southern Pacific inspector with the exception of one car, on which a chain broke.

The logs were loaded at the landing by Joe Severance and verified by government scalers, and were loaded by John McKay, loader and J. P. Baker, holdman. The rest of the loading crew were: O. Larson, S. P. Quinn, A. G. McCarter, F. L. McCarter, bookers; George Stebbins, chairman; Howard Bennett, 2nd loader; George Schuler, faggie knocker.

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### Water Demand is Less

**PENDLETON, Ore.**—The Cold Springs reservoir, which contains the storage water which supplies the Umatilla government project in the west end of the county, contains 29,000 acre feet of water, according to measurements made on the government gauge there by government officials.

During June and July the farmers of the project use an average of 15,000 acre feet. The second crop of hay already has been cut, and irrigating is under way for the third and final crop. With the decrease in the length of the days the demand for water becomes less, so it is expected that the supply will be adequate until September 15.

### Gold Ore Reported Found

**MAIRSHFIELD, Ore.**—Two thousand dollars, a ton gold ore is reported to have been found in the Salmon mountain district by C. Campbell, a miner who had been prospecting and doing assessment work on a claim belonging to his wife. On completing the assessment work Campbell was prospecting on a ledge not far away, when he opened up a stringer of gold-bearing ore a few inches in thickness. It was said, descriptions of the vein given here by Campbell convinced old miners that Campbell had struck the best gold prospect that has been uncovered in southern Coos county in years.

### Telegraph Lineman Injured

**HAIRSBURG, Ore.**—Ed Jones, about 25, of Pendleton has been unconscious in a Hairsburg lodging house since shortly after 2:30 when he fell from a telegraph pole north of Hairsburg, where he was working. He was with the Postal Union company. Fellow workers believed he received a slight shock. The only injuries found were bruises about the head on the right side. The doctor attending him reported that his right arm seems paralyzed. Jones has been with the company out from Portland since the latter part of June.

### Logging Rate Specified

**BEND, Ore.**—Logging must be begun within two years on the 210,000-acre tract of timber purchased in the Klamath Indian reservation by the Shevlin-Hixon company and the timber must be logged and sawed at the rate of at least 250,000,000 feet a year. It was learned from T. A. McCann, vice-president of the company and ex-general

### manager of the Bend plant.

In spite of this requirement in the contract of purchase from the Indian service, the Shevlin-Hixon company has made no definite plans for logging and sawing this timber. Mr. McCann stated.

### Big Whale Goes Ashore

**NEWPORT, Ore.**—During high tide a large dead whale came ashore one mile south of the Nye beach bathing district. Apparently it had been killed by whalers. For the time it is a great attraction to beach visitors, but if the whale lies on the beach for 30 days there will be another story. For several days boats have been doing a land office business carrying visitors out to see where a number of slaughtered whales have been anchored. From now on passengers to the whaling buoy will be few.

### Girl Drives Wheat Truck

**RITZVILLE, Wash.**—In a way times many girls "did their bit" driving trucks, either in France or in this country. But the truck-driving girls of wartime have nothing on a Ritzville high school girl, Helen Kewo, who is spending her vacation hauling wheat from her father's ranch to the mill, 10 miles. Miss Kewo picks up her load in the field, where her father handles the sacks, and hauls it to the warehouse, where the warehousemen take charge of it. Her younger brother, Goodrich, accompanies her as "footman" or chief assistant. Ritzville high school students generally do their part in the wheat harvest. The girls often work in the cookhouse or kitchen, and the boys "make a hand" in the fields. But Helen is getting away with a real job in hauling wheat.

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