

DUBLIN PLANS WAR MEMORIAL

DUBLIN, (AP)—The Chief Commissioner of Police in Dublin, who served as a colonel in the British Army during the European war, has recommended the acceptance of the offer of the National War Memorial Committee to acquire Merrion Square, erect a great war memorial or establish there and hand the square over to the city as a public park.

On the appeal of the late Earl of Xpress, when Viscount, a large sum was subscribed in commemoration of the service of the Irish troops in the war. The money has remained idle ever since, and it is now available for the Merrion Square project. This is the largest of the great squares of Dublin and the proposal to convert it into a public park, rivaling St. Stephens Green is recommended as a boon to the poor population and the children of the poor streets in the neighborhood which remains a playground.

Merrion Square is at present the private property of the owner of the houses on it, and an act of Parliament will be necessary to effect the transfer.

Albion Meal Mill Burned

KIMBERLY, Idaho.—Kimberly citizens were alarmed August 5 when the fire alarm sounded and all rushed to the scene of the Albion meal mill which was burning at such a speed, as to be uncontrollable and in 20 minutes after the fire was discovered the building was burned to the ground. No view was taken of the origin of the fire and the building was not insured.

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Motor Registrations Reach Huge Total In Eighteen Years

From 1907, to July 1, 1925, the state has collected the business sum of \$24,892,556.56 from the licensing of motor vehicles. Of this total, 141,288 were turned into the general fund of the state treasury to and including the year 1912, and the balance, or \$22,331,327.16 has been expended in the construction, improvement and repair of the state and county highways, according to a statement prepared by Secretary of State Sam A. Kouss.

From 1913 to 1916, inclusive, \$474,012.89 of the funds collected from motor vehicle licenses was turned back to the counties for use in building and upkeep of the public roads, at this amount is included greater amount above quoted. Of the \$22,331,327.16 expended on all roads throughout the state, \$15,855,121.56 has been expended through the medium of the state highway commission and \$6,476,205.60 has been expended by the counties directly and indirectly.

The total amount expended in the construction, improvement and upkeep of the state highways in the state, however, since 1912 has been into effect creating the state Highway Commission and authorizing the insurance and sale of bonds for road construction, through the medium of the highway commission has been \$52,365.19, including and received from the federal government, the counties and railroads. Of this 7,945 miles have been graded or macadamized and 215 miles have been graded and ready for surfacing.

Percentage Change.

	Aug. 1	July 1
Maine	89	94
New York	82	88
New Jersey	78	84
Pennsylvania	82	87
Virginia	57	72
Ohio	78	82
Michigan	51	53
Wisconsin	59	59
Minnesota	52	54
North Dakota	77	84
South Dakota	56	58
Montana	77	82
Idaho	50	52
Oregon	55	57
California	57	58
Washington	82	83
United States	79	84

Sweden More Sober Than "Dry" Neighbors

STOCKHOLM, (AP)—Sited between Finland and Norway, both partial prohibition countries, Sweden, a non-prohibition country, claims to be the soberest of the lot.

In Finland and Norway the illegal consumption of liquor is said to far exceed the amount legally used, while the amount consumed in Sweden is steadily decreasing, figures show. The Swedish policy is said to be toward reducing the consumption of liquor, rather than total prohibition. Each household is allowed four liters of liquor a month and the supply for restaurants also is restricted.

During the period of 1911-12 when the system of restriction was new, consumption of liquor in Stockholm averaged 24 liters in year for each person. Public offenses were 47 for each 1,000 inhabitants and drunkards treated in hospitals averaged 12 for each 10,000 of population.

Last year the liquor consumption dropped to 12 liters for each person, public offenses to 19 for each 1,000 persons and drunkards treated to 3.6 for each 10,000 of population.

POTATO CROP IS FORECAST

Estimated potato production over the entire United States has increased three million bushels to 222,000,000, over the estimate of last month, according to monthly crop report issued by J. H. Jacobson, federal agricultural statistician.

In spite of the national increase in total crop production, the tuber production of the nation is still \$62,000,000 less than 1924 and \$6,000,000 less than the five-year average. Last year weather conditions were particularly favorable in eastern and midwest states resulting in a steady improvement with the progression of the season. Compared with this, 1925 average in those same sections were 5.7 per cent short of last year's and weather conditions up to August 1 were unfavorable.

Tabulated reports show percentage changes to potato crop conditions since July 1 and the forecasted total crop for 1925, in bushels as well as the production by states for 1924.

	1924
Maine	22,427,000
New York	23,932,000
New Jersey	5,445,000
Pennsylvania	25,328,000
Virginia	22,467,000
Ohio	11,915,000
Michigan	26,829,000
Wisconsin	24,000,000
Minnesota	27,850,000
North Dakota	8,809,000
South Dakota	5,443,000
Total east	226,921,000
Montana	4,942,000
Colorado	11,214,000
Idaho	11,934,000
Oregon	4,599,000
California	7,450,000
Washington	7,277,000
Total west	47,008,000
United States	253,286,000

	1924
Maine	41,178,000
New York	46,620,000

RELIQS OF MONTICELLO. This bust of Thomas Jefferson was designed by himself, and done by Cerrachi. The old home of Jefferson and his tomb at Monticello, near Charlottesville, Va., has become the mecca of some 10,000 visitors annually.

German Refugees Flee Poland



Because they refused to renounce their allegiance to their fatherland in a recent plebiscite held in Poland, 20,000 Germans were forced to flee from Poland back to Germany. This shows the refugees huddled together in a primitive "Ellis Island" on the German border waiting to be examined by customs officials.

of this century, approximately 500 out of every 1,000 of the population were sent to prison each year. Today the percentage is just over 10 in the 100,000. The greatest drop has been in convictions for drunkenness and similar offenses.

During the first few years of

Berlin China Town Commercial

Center for Chinese in Europe

BERLIN, (AP)—The "China Town" of Berlin, through which pass only about 100 inhabitants, represents something of a Chinese commercial center for all of Central Europe. Six Chinese wholesale

dealers and their employees make up the colony and from here the dealers direct their interests in other parts of the continent where thousands of the Chinese live.

The Berlin China Town is dominated by an old-fashioned inn-

British Lords Defeat Living Farm Wage Bill

LONDON, (AP)—The Marquess of Lincolnshire, owner of 25,000 acres, surprised his political friends as well as those by pleading recently in the House of Lords for his bill designed to give a "living wage" to farm hands. Many of the members, landowners themselves, twitted the eighty-year-old marquess for his sympathies with the working man and his cause, but his reply was: "Tut, tut—I was myself two or three generations ago."

The Marquess of Lincolnshire said he knew what was a living wage on the land in England, and he practiced what he preached for his farm hands were receiving 46 shillings a week, considerably more than made necessary by law. As a result of his consideration, the marquess explained only 10 families out of all those hundreds on his vast estates had left the land during the last 60 years.

"Only six hours have been given to discussion in the House of Lords since 1905," said the marquess, and I consider it more than a national scandal; it is a national crime and a national disgrace."

The bill was defeated by a substantial majority.

Mark Twain always wanted the door of his writing room closed. He explained that "an open door did not let the cold in, but let the business out."

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