

SWINE INDUSTRY JUMPS IN STATE

Decrease in Spring Pig
Crop Noted Nationally
But Not in Oregon

PORTLAND, Ore., July 23 (Special)—A decrease of about 7 per cent in the spring pig crop of 1928 from that of 1927 for the United States as a whole and also for the corn belt states is shown by the June pig survey of the department of agriculture. This decrease is equivalent to about 3,000,000 head of pigs for the United States, of which over 3,000,000 represents the decrease for the corn belt states. A decrease in the fall pig crop of this year from that of last year is also indicated. The survey was made in cooperation with the post office department through the rural mail carriers.

The number of sows farrowed in the spring of 1928 was 7.7 per cent smaller than in the spring of 1927 for the United States and 9 per cent smaller for the corn belt states. While the reported average number of spring pigs saved per litter for the United States was about the same as last year, the average in the corn belt was somewhat larger than last year.

The reports of the number of sows bred or to be bred for farrowing in the fall of 1928 point to a decrease from last year in the fall pig crop, assuming a smaller relationship between breeding intentions and actual farrowings than has prevailed in some other years. While the reports from farmers this year show increases of sows bred or to be bred of 12 per cent for the United States and 9 per cent for the corn belt over the number actually farrowed last fall, in other years the number of sows farrowed in the fall as reported in December has always been much below breeding intentions reported in June.

Assuming the average spread of past years between June breeding intentions and December farrowings, the decrease in fall farrowings this year would be 15 per cent for the United States and 9 per cent for the corn belt. Assuming the smallest spread, the decrease would be 7 per cent for the United States and 3 per cent for the corn belt.

The decreases in the number of sows farrowed this spring both for the United States and the corn belt states are about as indicated by the breeding intentions report made in December, 1927 when allowance is made for the decreases between intentions and farrowing shown in other years where there has been an unfavorable winter feeding relationship between corn and hog prices.

Oregon Figures

In Oregon there was an increase of 11 per cent in the number of sows farrowed this spring, compared with last year, with an increase of 9.1 per cent in the number of pigs saved. Sows bred for fall farrowing in 1928 compared with sows farrowed in the fall of 1927 show an increase of 30.6 per cent. Breeding intentions reports in June, however, have generally not correctly indicated the actual number of sows farrowed in the fall. The June 1927 survey indicated that 35.3 per cent more sows would be farrowed in the fall of 1927 than in the fall of 1926, but the December 1927 survey showed that only 8.4 per cent more sows were actually farrowed in the fall of 1927 than in the fall of 1926.

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Mrs. Lena Henderson mistook a quantity of ant poison for honey and swallowed some of it. She died at a local hospital.



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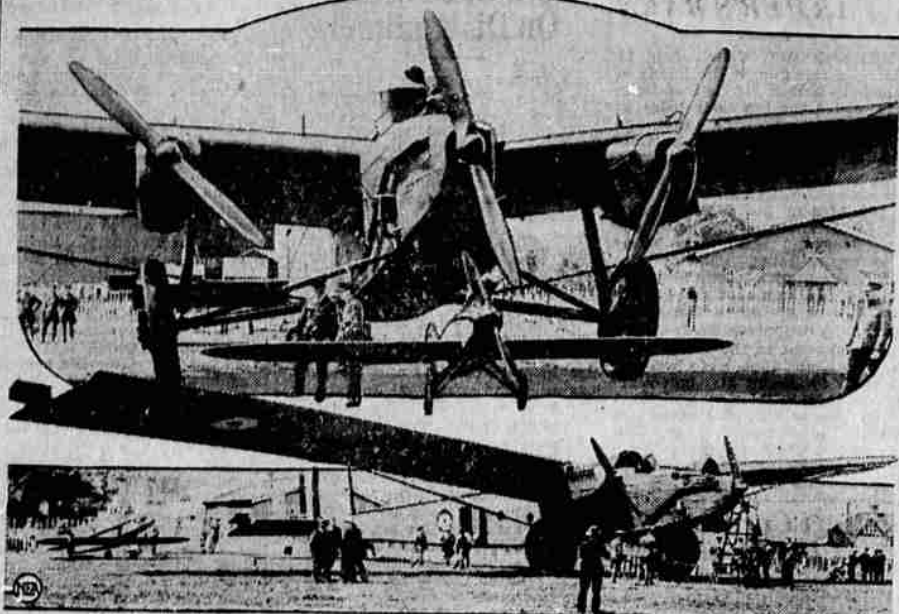
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NEA London Bureau

Massive Steel Span Across Grand Canyon Is Highest Road Bridge

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—From the precipitous walls of the Grand Canyon, 130 miles north of Flagstaff, Ariz., what appears from afar to be a slender spider web gradually is being stretched across the top of the great chasm. This web is actually a massive structure of steel designed to be the highest highway bridge in the world. The height from the waters of the Colorado river to the roadway grade is 487 feet.

Completion of the big span about September 1, and of the approaches about January 1, 1929, will bring into communication two vast regions hitherto inaccessible to each other except by way of a river ferry and a dangerous strip of mountain road.

The new route will eliminate the historic Lee's ferry, which has been in service since 1872, six miles above the site of the bridge, where John Doyle Lee built a cabin and acquired the ferry rights formerly possessed by the Mormon church.

Lee's first ferry was a clumsy affair, the first more serviceable boat being constructed in 1873 by John L. Blythe. This was a large, 20 by 40 feet, capable of carrying two loaded wagons and teams.

After changing hands several times the ferry and all rights were acquired by Coconino county, Arizona, which now operates it under toll. The new highway structure opens up a region that is little known to tourists and in which travel has been for the most part limited to traders and Indians. A strip of painted desert lies along one side between Flagstaff and the bridge, and on the Utah side are the Bryce canyon, the Kaibab national forest, Cedar Breaks, Zion national park and the scenic beauty of the Grand Canyon itself.

The main span is a deck arch of 618 feet, the arch being of the three-ridge type, with battered trusses designed with reversal stresses for cantilever erection. The bridge will be 823 feet long.

Unknown Woman Commits Suicide

PORTLAND, Ore., July 25 (AP)—The new Vista Avenue bridge, over the Canyon road, was the scene of a suicide last night when a woman leaped over the railing and was dashed to death on the concrete highway below.

Her appearance and clothing indicated a woman of refinement. There were no marks to indicate her identity.

LAWRENCE, Kan.—Al E. Smith, republican, cannot have his name entered on the county ballot for sheriff because he let a friend file his declaration of candidacy instead of doing it himself.



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Plane Wreckage Picked Up Off Coast of Jutland

COPENHAGEN, July 25 (AP)—A fragment of airplane wreckage with some silver and bronze colored fabric attached to it has been picked up off the Jutland coast.

In the belief that the wreckage may possibly be part of the Nungesser-Coll plane, lost last year, the fragment has been sent to Paris for identification.

The wreckage was found by Dr. Frode, a Danish physician. There was a wireless receiver among the fragments and as the Nungesser-Coll plane is the only one missing of apparently similar description, Dr. Frode communicated with the French legation.

Before the piece of wreckage is sent to Paris it will be studied by two Danish experts who say that it is not improbable that it is a portion of the Nungesser-Coll plane, the "White Bird."

The "White Bird," manned by Captain Charles Nungesser and Captain Francois Coll left Le Bourget aerodrome on the morning of May 8, 1927, and after being reported over Ireland disappeared from sight. Dispatches from Paris at that time said that no wireless apparatus was carried, the extra room being utilized for the storage of additional gasoline. The plane was painted white in order that it might readily be distinguished by passing ships. No trace whatever of the machine has been found during the past year. For many months reports persisted in various points along the Canadian coast that the "White Bird's" motor had been heard, but these could never be verified and it is not known whether the plane ever succeeded in reaching the American coast or not.

Dolores Del Rio To Shorten Name

LOS ANGELES, Cal., July 25 (AP)—An operation will be performed today upon Dolores Del Rio's name, removing the middle section so that she will be known legally as well as professionally as plain Dolores Del Rio. Her attorney will petition the superior court to omit "Aussulo De Martinez," which heretofore has separated Dolores and Del when she has had to sign her name to contracts and divorce decrees and such.

No opposition to her request is anticipated.

CAN'T LOSE PENELOPE
KINGSTON, N. C.—Penelope, a cat, came back. William Warden took her for an 80-mile ride and dropped her from his car. A few days later she mewed greetings at his door.

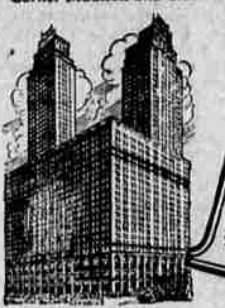
Burglars Get \$1500 Medford Tire Stock

MEDFORD, Ore., July 25 (AP)—Thieves forced the back door of the Army service station here last night, and stole the entire stock of the establishment, amounting to \$1500, according to C. M. Wolfe, owner.

This is the second time this month that the service station has been robbed. The thieves used a truck to haul away the loot.

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