BLANKETED BELGIANS TRYING TO KEEP WARM



The soldiers of Belgium are poorly equipped for winter fighting, but blankets are being distributed among the

AMERICAN FARMS **ECLIPSE RECORDS**

Total Output in 1914 Nearly Ten Billions.

Decrease in Price of Eggs and Increase in Cattle and Calves Contribute to Result.

during 1914 eclipsed all records for combined value of their products with a total of almost \$10,000,000,000. Secretary Houston, of the department of Agriculture, announced Thursday that the value of all farm crops, farm animal products and farm animals sold and slaughtered aggregated \$9,872,-936,000.

That was \$83,000,000 more than the grand total for 1913, the previous record year, and more than double the value of all farm products in 1899.

Crops this year were valued at \$6,-044,480,000, and the estimated total value of the animal products and of the farm animals sold and slaughtered was \$3,828,456,000. The value of crop production this year was slightly less than in 1913 on account of the reduced value of the cotton crop, brought about principally by the European war.

The corn and wheat crops, however, were the most valuable ever produced in the United States, bringing the year's crop value total to only \$83,-279,000 less than the total for last year, despite the loss of more than \$300,000,000 in the value of the cotton

"The estimated value of the animal products on the farm in 1914," said the Agricultural Outlook, "is distinctly higher than in 1913, which was itself a record year in the value of this class of products."

"This is due to general, but slight, increases in production, except for sheep and swine, and in prices, and more especially to a small increase in the average farm price of eggs and to a more considerable increase in the farm price of cattle and calves sold and slaughtered.

"It must be borne in mind that the amounts of these estimates do not stand for net wealth produced, nor for cash receipts, nor for profit, nor for income in any sense. Each product is valued, is in the census, when it regarded as an index number, or from American trade. a relative rather than from an absolute point of view."

The sales of crops last year were estimated at \$2,928,000,000; sales of livestock \$2,919,000,000, a total of 35,837,000,000. The estimated value of total sales per farm was \$892, and sales per capita of rural population, excluding towns, \$139.

The value of the principal farm crops this year was:

Corn, \$1,702,599,000; wheat, \$878, 680,000; hay, \$779,068,000; cotton, \$519,616,000; oats, \$499,413,000; poportioes, \$41,294,000; rye, \$37,018,-000; suga: beets, \$27,950,000; rice, \$21,849,000; naxseed, \$19,540,000, and buckwheat, \$12,892,000.

In the production of the foregoing 14 principal crops, this year's average was about 10 per cent larger than in 1913, and 6 per cent smaller than 1912, which year stands as one of the greatest aggregate productions in the United States to go ahead. United States. This year two important crops exceeded previous recordswheat, with 891,000,000 bushels, following the 1913 record of 763,000,000 bushels, and cotton, with 15,966,000 bales (preliminary estimate), the pre-

Boers Will Be Drafted.

London-A dispatch to the Reuter Telegram company from Cape Town says that Walfish Bay, on the southwest coast of Africa, was reoccupied on Christmas Day without opposition ago, appears to have produced consid- state penitentiary, at the state farms by a strong British force. A telegram erable irritation at Vienna, according and in county convict camps to 149. to Reuter's Telegram company from to advices from the Austrian capital. The governor's action put the total Pretoria, seat of government of the It is thought there that possibly the number of prisoners to whom he has officially announced that the govern- have disturbed plans attributed to office at 1544.' Sixteen full pardons fused to plead prior to judgment in or- Russia. Four hundred thousand Ger- that a movement of the pardons fused to plead prior to judgment in or- Russia. ment intends to commandeer men for service in German Southwest Africa and the Union of South Africa, as the of Southern Albania to Italy upon her ment intends to commandeer men for service in German Southwest Africa and the Union of South Africa, as the of Southern Albania to Italy upon her muted. Twenty-eight of the 55 were for the purpose of bringing the validisituation cannot be met by volunteers." agreeing to certain conditions.

vious record being 15,693,000 bales in

The value per acre of all enumerated crops averaged about \$16.44 this year, compared with \$16.52 in 1913 and \$16.15 in 1912.

Other Neutral Countries

Washington, D. C .- President Wilson appealed Wednesday to American shippers of non-contraband goods, such as cotton, not to allow their cargoes to Prosperity for Whole Country At be mixed with contraband articles. The United States government, he announced, could deal confidently with the difficulties which had arisen in the treatment of American commerce by Washington, D. C .- American farms Great Britain only if supported by absolutely honest manifests.

This statement followed a discussion by the President with his cabinet of the general shipping situation and of protesting at length against the Brit-

NEW BRITISH ARMORED CAR



One of the new armored light cars that the British are using to good effect on the continent. It carries eight men and a Maxim gun in a revolving top and has a speed of forty miles an hour. When in action the driver sits on the floor and guides the car with the aid of a reflex mirror.

reached commercial form and the ish policy of prolonged detentions of grand aggregate of all items is to be cargoes and other interference with

Publication of a synopsis of the note, the tenure of which was confirmed at the White House and State department, aroused much interest, not only in diplomatic circles, but in Four German Aircraft congress and official quarters generally. Many diplomats of European and South American countries made formal inquiry at the State department concernthe subject was promised them.

diplomatic quarters that steps would Soldiers in the streets fired on the mabe taken by other leading nations of chines and one Taube seemed to be forcing rock and soil in great quantitatoes, \$198,609,000; barley, \$105,- this hemisphere, as well as by some hit, but all got away safely. 903,000; tobacco, \$101,411,000; sweet European neutrals, to point out to The official returns of the casualties Great Britain their acquiescence in the show that 15 persons were killed and American point of view.

Get Busy, Edison Says.

West Orange, N. J. - Thomas A. Edison, the inventor, predicted Monday" that 1915 will be a most prosperous year. He said: "Now is the time Buildings in all parts of the city were We can manufacture cheaper today off and an old woman was killed outthan in many years to come. How- right. ever, many of our best business men seem to be penny wise and pound foolish. I am surprised that commercial tack any of the allies' aeroplanes that and industrial America has been affected with a form of paralysis evidently as the result of the war in Europe. This is all due to unnecessary alarm.'

Italy Irritates Vienna.

Venice-Italy's expedition in Avlona, which she occupied several days duced the number of prisoners in the Union of South Africa, says: "It is suddenness of the Italian move may granted elemency in his four years of 90 days or a fine of \$100. Gherna re-

BUSINESS FUTURE LOOKS PROMISING

Cheering Message.

Hand and Advice Is Offered To Make Preparations.

Washington, D. C .- Heartened by months of close study of the business outlook of the nation, Secretary Redfield, of the department of Commerce, wrote a New Year's greeting to the the note dispatched to Great Britain merchants and manufacturers of the country, bidding them in characteristic language to reach out for the prosperity he sees within their grasp. There is no warrant, Mr. Redfield declares, for gloom or despair. The ill effects of the European war on American enterprise is passing and new vistas for commercial venture are opening with each new day.

"If you want prosperity, do your share to bring it and do it now," he says. "Get that addition on your shop going; it will cost you less today than six months hence. Is trade a bit dull in the works? Get those improvements begun. Prices are low and likely to rise. You've been thinking of that contract work. Better start yourself before things get the start of

"This country slows down a bit now and then, but it never stops growing lines. and it always moves up and not down. We don't know what it means in most of the United States to have real general distress. Think of Belgium and Poland, O man with a grouch, and slink into your hole and pull it in after There think of your sins and your blessings and come out with your courage in working order.

"There are lots of good American examples of pluck. Do you remember San Fancisco and Galveston and Chicago-Boston, Charleston, Baltimore and Dayton, and many others like them? Remember them as did Edison and lots of your fellow citizens, who showed pluck when things were hard.

"Nothing is the matter with the man with a grouch except an absentee heart and missing nerve. Cheer up, go to work, do your level best, quit talking misery. The war's over yon-der, not here. Men are slaughtered yonder-theyr'e living here. It's all clouds there-clear day here.

you planned. Talk cheerful talk and

London - Four German aeroplanes flew several times over the city of ing the note, and a memorandum on Dunkirk Thursday, dropping bombs as in the neighborhood of Gold Hill. At There was a confident feeling in correspondent of the Daily Mail.

32 wounded. The bombs were filled with shrapnel.

For half an hour the whole city crackled with rifle shots and bombs, which threw up dense clouds of black smoke. No sooner did one aeroplane seem to depart than another arrived. wrecked. One child's arm was blown

The fifth aeroplane remained as sentry outside the town, ready to atmight seek to repel the air assailants.

40 Convicts Are Freed.

Columbia, S. C. - Fifty-five New Years' pardons, paroles and commutations granted by Governor Blease reserving terms for homicide.

BRITAIN'S REPLY FRIENDLY, BELIEF

Outline of Answer to American to return to Germany from this country American Permits Futry of Note Sent to France.

Italy and Allied Nations Thought to Have Agreed-Germany Alone Protests.

reply to the American note concerning contraband probably will be sent before the end of this week. It is thought the answer will be friendly.

satisfactory to all the countries affect-

It can be stated authoritatively that city. only five cargoes destined for Italy have been stopped at Gibraltar since November 15. Two of these were re-leased within three days and the others

Since December 4 no cargoes for May Join With America Secretary Redfield Sends To All Italy have been intercepted by the

Rubber cargoes destined for Ameriprobably will be released soon or purchased by Great Britain, which needs rubber for manuafcture of tires, bed Russia Declares Germany blankets and boots.

Constant negotiations are in progress between the allies and the neutral countries situated near Germany looking to a tightening of the export regulations which will prevent American Austria through neighboring countries other than Italy.

A loosening of the regulations applying to American cargoes, it is said by British officials, will depend largely on the assurances received from neutral countries that they will not assist in supplying Germany, Turkey and Aus-tria with munitions of war.

Generals Scott and Villa to Meet on Boundary Line

government in Mexico, have arranged lau took refuge in the Dardanelles. to confer on the international bridge at El Paso, with a view to arriving at ing, perhaps in good faith, to conduct States during the country an understanding that will permanently prevent further firing into American territory by Mexican fac-deavoring to escape from Teutonic intions fighting along the international fluences.

agreement between General May- Ottoman cabinet. torena, commanding the Gutierrez that name, and General Hill, of the of the Teutonic program. Carranza garrison. Hill agreed to men to take charge of the situation.

Land Slides May Halt Panama Canal Naval Fete

Washington, D. C .- The possibility of a postponement of the cruise of the "Get out and sell some goods. Plant Roads to San Francisco through the some more acres; do more work than Panama canal, in connection with the you'll find this country of ours a pret-ty good place after all." opening of the canal and the exposi-tion, was suggested Tuesday in the opening of the canal and the expositary Garrison and Colonel Goethals, governor of the canal.

Attack Dunkirk, England Cucaraha have apparently been conquered, according to Colonel Goethals' report, the earth movements continue they went, acording to the Dunkirk that point the superincumbent masses of earth on the side of the canal, by their great pressure, are continuously ties into the canal prism. The movedredges to maintain the channel.

New York Is Wealthiest.

New York-The wealthiest landjurisdiction, according to a report to Controller Prendergast, is the City of New York. The assessed valuation of the city's holdings is \$1,447,547,869, of which \$1,429,491,360 is within the city limits. Compared with the figures of 1913, the value of the properties shows an increase of \$71,104,589. The increase in land values reaches the large figure of \$41,689,078, while in the value of buildings and other improvements, it totals \$29,253,632.

Arizona Dry Law Test On.

Tucson, Ariz.-Louis Gherna, a saloonkeeper, arrested January 1 by prearrangement to test the Arizona Prohibition law, was found guilty in the ty of the law to a legal test.

U. S. Arrests Germans for Passport Frauds

New York - An alleged conspiracy to furnish German army officers and reservists with American passports fraudulently obtained, to enable them without danger of molestation by French or English authorities, was brought to light Monday by the department of Justice.

The disclosure came with the arrest of Carl Ruroede, a former agent for the North German Lloyd steamship line, and with the removal from the outward-bound steamer Bergensfjord London-The British government's of a German army officer and three German reservists. All of them were charged with conspiracy to defraud the ti-United States government through the er use of American passports.

The four soldiers were taken off the gi mitted to France, which is greatly interested because of the activity of the French ships in searching Mediterranders were taken off the steamer, which was bound for Bergen, Norway, just as she was passing quarantine, and brought back to New York on a revenue cutter. All four bore by a year of to to 7. The overwholm A statement probably will be issued photographic passports, issued by the in shortly, showing that Italy has arrived State department to Americans and fa at an understanding with England and alleged to have been furnished them teller would be the manufacture as a the other allies concerning contraband by Ruroede. Other arrests are ex- Problem Total pected in the near future, one of a him with the afterational test prominent German-American in this ed

of the department of Justice who ques- the the second of the department of Justice who questioned him, that whatever he had done should leased within three days and the others as soon as the alleged contraband could be removed.

had been done on his own initiative and was inspired by patriotic motives. He was held in \$20,000 bail, which he was unable to furnish. With him were arrested John Aucher, his alleged associate, who was also held in \$20,000 literate

Made Tools of Turks

sian minister for foreign affairs, has de published an Orange book, which deals with the events preceding the Turkish ho Black Sea.

The Orange book contains 98 docu- ca ents and is intended to throw light st on what is termed in a summary of the pr contents issued through the Petrograd Telegraph agency "the clandestine and vo obstinate methods employed by Austro- Lo German diplomacy in forcing the th Turkish government reluctantly to war ior against the triple entente powers."

evidence that the independence of the gir Ottoman Empire was already imper-Washington, D. C.—Brigadier Gen-eral Scott, chief of staff of the United was established in Constantinople. It States, and General Villa, commander- vanished definitely from the moment relative in-chief of the forces of the Gutierrez the German cruisers Goeben and Bres- du

"The Young Turk cabinet, believ- fre deavoring to escape from Teutonic in- cur

"The diplomats of Great Britain, sat General Villa is on his way north, and the conference will be held immediately upon the arrival of the Mexican chief.

showing to permit themselves to be drawn into the war, which would in-General Scott has been at Naco for evitably compromise the country, tried cit to persuade the pacific element in the

"They succeeded, however, only in force attacking the Mexican town of delaying the rupture which was a part

"As soon as the Austro-German withdraw to Augua Prieta, but May- diplomats became convinced that the teorena has postponed entering into Turks were hesitating as to what any final agreement, awaiting, it is course to take, German hands led Gersaid, the arrival of General Cabral, man ships in a treacherous attack on who is on his way north with 8000 the peaceful shores of an empire which end was maintaining perfect neighborly relations with the Turks."

Britain to Move Aliens.

served by the police on persons regard- relative may be differente. ed as undesirable in the coast towns international fleet from Hampton adjoining the Tyneside district and adjoining the Tyneside district and Sunderland. The persons affected include aliens of enemy countries and ed to take to warrants, the tuberculous naturalized aliens of both sexes, and and persons who forch or advorate onalso British-born descendants of aliens, lawful descendants of property including the second generation.

Exceptions are made in cases of advanced age or extreme youth. Those ext affected must leave within eight days crease number of unamployed or reto an area 30 miles from he coast, ap- duce wage standards proved by the military authorities.

Norse Nations May Unite.

London - The Daily Mail's Copenhagen correspondent says he learns Italy for the ultimate victory of the from thoroughly trustworthy sources that the Triple Entente, resulting of the English college, Cardinal Gasment is sufficiently extensively to require the continuous employment of continued after the war has ended. among those who participated in the Although no political alliance is yet intended, it is not improbable that the in striking contrast to that of the understanding between the three small members of the British embassy to the nations eventually may result in a Quirinal, none of whom was present at owner in the limits of the municipal strong Scandinavian nation, divided any services. The rector of the Irish into three independent families.

American is Real Santa.

Petrograd-A member of the American colony of Moscow has contributed 3500 presents for Russian children incident which are secondly during a whose fathers are at the front. The gifts consist of gloves, shoes, caps and other articles of clothing, and their distribution is to be completed before the Russian Christmas. George T. Marye, the American ambassador, and Mrs. Marye passed the holidays at during the war, so the duel has been Moscow.

Loss in East Is 2,000,000.

London - A Petrograd dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company says: Superior court and given a sentence of "It is officially estimated that 27 Ger- respondent transmitted a dispatch reman army corps are operating against ier."

Belgian Farmers.

Departments Required to Notify Congress When Invalgration

Ruroede said, according to agents the ball sould be repassed

bail, and Ruroede's 17-year-old son, ar additional examption to Belg can firms and held in English ports who was released on his own recogni--Petrograd—Sergius Sanzonoff, Rus-

shipments from reaching Germany and attacks on Russian seaports in the be

said in the official summary, "gave tic are appropriate to the official summary, "gave tic are appropriate to the said to the official summary, "gave tic are appropriate to the said to t

London-Notices to leave have been rie or widewed aughter, though such Polygamians excluded.

> Departments of Labor and merce to report to congress who never

English Pray for Victory. Rome - Special prayers were said

college did not participate.

Duel Moratoriam In On-Paris -A m ratorium on ducting has awordsman became angry in discussing must not kill one of his countrymen

post poned until peace has been de-Austria Executes Editor.

London - Remer's Amsterdam co