



## WHEAT CROP IS ABOVE AVERAGE

### Pacific Northwest Has Good Harvest.

### BETTER THAN 1899 OR 1904

### Total Yield Is Estimated at 44,050,000 Bushels.

### GOOD PRICES HELP FARMER

Wheat Fields of Oregon, Washington and Idaho Will Soon Put \$35,000,000 in Circulation, Only \$5,000,000 Short of 1907.

State	Bushels
Washington	27,050,000
Oregon	11,520,000
Idaho	4,250,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>44,050,000</b>
Crop of 1907	38,000,000
Crop of 1906	40,000,000
Crop of 1905	34,000,000
Crop of 1904	41,000,000
Crop of 1903	41,000,000
Crop of 1902	41,000,000
Crop of 1901	37,000,000
Crop of 1900	37,000,000
Crop of 1899	39,000,000
Crop of 1898	39,000,000
Ten years' average	42,468,000

Compared with the extraordinary yield of 1907, the crop now being harvested does not make a very favorable showing but when the comparison is drawn from a ten years' average, there is nothing very serious in the situation. The crop is apparently about 14,000,000 bushels short of that of last year, but it is also 14,000,000 bushels larger than the crop of 1899, practically the same as that of 1904, but 2,000,000 bushels short of the very satisfactory crop of 1906 and nearly 2,000,000 bushels above the average yield for the ten years preceding. The figures herewith submitted have been compiled from special reports from correspondents of many years' experience in their respective fields, and from figures received by the railroad companies. Perfect accuracy is of course unobtainable until the crop is all harvested and as Spring wheat in Washington is as yet comparatively untouched, later returns may change the figures somewhat. At this date, however, estimates based on threshing returns from the winter wheat fields and acreage and condition reports on Spring wheat, indicate a 44,000,000 bushel yield in which the following distribution is believed to be approximately correct:

County	Washington	Bushels
Walla Walla	4,000,000	
Lincoln	4,000,000	
Adams	3,500,000	
Douglas	2,750,000	
Franklin	2,250,000	
Spookane	1,250,000	
Garfield	800,000	
Asotin	750,000	
Klickitat	650,000	
Yakima	700,000	
Benton	600,000	
Other counties	700,000	
<b>Total</b>	<b>27,050,000</b>	

County	Oregon	Bushels
Imworth	2,750,000	
Sherman	1,250,000	
Wheeler	900,000	
Gilliam	750,000	
Morrow	500,000	
Union	750,000	
Willetts Valley	2,750,000	
Other counties*	1,250,000	
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,520,000</b>	

\*Comprising Crook, Grant, Wheeler and others not directly accessible to market.

## PORTLAND TERRITORY FAVORED

The wheat yield throughout the Northwest this year can perhaps best be described by the term "spotted." The old reliable foothill country in Walla Walla County is good as usual and Umatilla except on the light lands is turning out some good yields. In the Palouse there are some excellent yields but along the main line of the Northern Pacific, the crop is in bad shape, especially in the vicinity of Riverville and Connell. The Big Bend country takes as a whole seems to indicate a decrease of at least 40 per cent from last year's crop, and Morrow and Gilliam in this state are in much a similar plight. In the distribution of climatic favors, Providence was certainly partial to the O. R. & N. and to what is regarded as Portland territory. In the Palouse, Umatilla and Walla Walla, the best yields are along the O. R. & N. and even in the Washtucna district where good yields are decidedly rare, the Portland road seems to be favored.

Reports from the Great Northern are bad and along the Central Washington there is considerable Spring wheat that will not pay for the cutting. The Idaho crop promises a yield fully up to that of last year and possibly a little more. The figures herewith given, however, are somewhat smaller than Idaho has been credited with for the past two seasons, the crops of 1906 and 1907 being over-estimated, the discrepancy between crop reports and the actual shipments being too great to account for in any other way than through an over-estimate of the crop.

That the present Northwestern crop, under the circumstances, is not several

## TORTURE IS USED TO GET EVIDENCE

### MEXICAN JAILERS TEAR OUT AMERICANS' NAILS.

### Accused of Robbing Bank, Moffatt and Maloney Are Forced to Betray Comrades.

PITTSBURG, Aug. 11.—Police officials here have received news of the torturing of William Moffatt and Edward Maloney, who were arrested recently in Mexico City on a charge of robbing a bank messenger. Moffatt and Maloney, the police here say, were well known to them before leaving for Mexico.

Two companions escaped the officers when the Pittsburghers were arrested and



Sir Thomas Lipton, Who Proposes Another Challenge for America's Cup.

the Mexican police demanded their names, refusing to betray their companions, the men allege that they were strapped by the wrists to the bars of their cells, while the officials with forceps tore the nails from their hands. Unable to bear the agony, the men gave the names of their companions.

"I suppose," said Captain of Detectives Edwin T. McGough today, "if it were not for the record of the men, their torture would mean international complications."

## CARE FOR CONSUMPTIVES

### Printers' Union Will Investigate Case of Sick Brethren.

BOSTON, Aug. 11.—Favorable action on the appointment of a committee to investigate, report and remedy, if possible, the ravages of tuberculosis heretofore as it vitally affects the membership of the organization and the defeat of the proposition for a convention every five years instead of annually were features today of the meetings of the International Typographical Union.

The action on tuberculosis followed an interesting and lengthy paper by H. Russell Wray of the Chamber of Commerce, of Colorado Springs, who spoke particularly of the advantage of the West in the treatment of the disease and of the success of the Union Printers' Home in this city.

The business sessions were begun early this morning to allow the delegates to devote the day to pleasure. After adjournment the delegates were the guests of the ex-delegates association and a trip to Nantasket with a shore dinner was taken.

## LOST IN SALT LAKE STORM

### Party in Motorboat Sought in Vain All Along Shore.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Aug. 11.—A party of four, consisting of Joshua T. Midgley, manager of the Battle Ridge Coal Company; Harvey Selley, of the Government Weather Bureau; Joshua Selley and William Selley, left Salt Lake Beach Saturday night in a small motorboat for a tour of Great Salt Lake with the intention of returning Sunday night. Searching parties in motor-boats have explored the shores and islands for miles without result and, unless the party reached shore before the storm which swept the lake Sunday night, it is feared the boat was swamped and the men perished.

## MEN ROBBED IN RELAYS

### Employees of Match Trust Held Up After Drawing Wages.

REDDING, Cal., Aug. 11.—Fifteen men were held up and robbed in relays last night by two highwaymen near Stirling City, on the road from that place to the camp of the Diamond Match Company, located on the west bank of the Feather River. The robbers are said to have secured over \$400 in money and almost as much in valuables.

The men robbed are all employees of the Match Company, who were returning after dark from Stirling City, where they had some during the day to receive their month's pay. The highwaymen made their escape.

## KILLED IN AUTO SMASH

### Boston Man Reported Dead at Boulogne—Three Persons Injured.

PARIS, Aug. 11.—It is reported here that Baron Chantier, of Boston, has been killed, and that three persons have been injured in an automobile accident at Boulogne-sur-Mer. No confirmation of the report has been obtained.

## SOLDIERS START FOR HOME TODAY

### Oregon Troops Break Camp at Murray.

### MORE PRAISES FOR M'DONELL

### Colonel of Third Regiment Displays Excellent Skill.

### GUARDSMEN'S FINE RECORD

### Not One Man Drops Out of Ranks During Two Days' Campaign. Take to Work Like Seasoned Veterans.

MURRAY, Wash., Aug. 11.—(Special.)—This is the last night the Oregon troops will spend at American Lake. Preparations for departure are now under way and in the morning camp will be struck and both the Third and Fourth Infantry Regiments will entrain for home stations.

In view of the heavy campaigning of the past 48 hours it is regarded as remarkable indeed that the Oregon Guardsmen are in perfect physical condition. With forced marches over dusty roads, sleeping only a few hours and that in the open with the temperature not many degrees removed from freezing point, and maneuvering under fire at double time, it was only to be expected that there would be many cases of exhaustion among the unseasoned troops.

But not a man of the Third or Fourth Oregon regiments gave out. There were several instances of sprains and minor sickness, but none had to be placed in a field ambulance. Returning from the field this morning after heavy marching since 2 A. M., many were limping because of swollen and lacerated feet, but none gave in to the unpleasantness, preferring to march on in and preserve the fine record made by the guards as fully as possible.

Monday's Victory Reversed

When the result of the two days' campaigning was gone over late this afternoon by the military umpires at a meeting of all officers in camp, just two commanding officers of the many engaged received special favorable mention from Colonel Gresham, U. S. A., chief umpire. The first of these was Colonel Charles E. McDonnell, of Portland, who commanded the Brown invading brigade in Monday's engagement. The second was Lieutenant-Colonel Mann, of the First United States Infantry, who commanded the Blue attacking army in today's combat.

On Monday Colonel McDonnell won a signal victory, but in today's affair, when the Brown army had been placed under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel Feilger, of the regular establishment, in accordance with the program, and the Blue command had been given to Colonel Mann, the result was different, notwithstanding that the scene of combat, the

## EX-WIFE OF DUKE TRIED FOR FRAUD

### ALICE L. WEBB ACCUSED OF PASSING BOGUS CHECKS.

### Woman Who Married Brodie Duke, Tobacco Trust Millionaire, Accused of Crime.

CHICAGO, Aug. 11.—Mrs. Alice L. Webb, former wife of Brodie L. Duke, the millionaire tobacco dealer, sat garbed from head to foot in black today in Judge Kersten's court while a jury was selected to try her on a charge of defrauding the Great Northern Hotel out of \$50 by means of a worthless check.

Two colored men in the venire were dismissed from service on the jury at a hint from Mrs. Webb to her attorney that they might be prejudiced against her because she is a Southern woman.

Mrs. Webb's defense is that she did not know the check was worthless.

M. P. Parrish, clerk in the Commercial National Bank at Nacodoches, Tex., on which institution Mrs. Webb drew a check for \$50, testified that Mrs. Webb had no account at that bank.

Leonard W. Giles, a broker, the first witness for the defense, told of visiting Mrs. Webb in her room and of drawing up the check at her request. There were several checkbooks on the table, the witness said, and he took up the first one that came handy and drew the check.

The witnesses for the hotel company admitted that the check had since been redeemed and the account settled. The case was given to the jury late this afternoon. Judge Kersten instructed the jurors to bring in a sealed verdict tomorrow morning.

## QUEEN IS FULLY POSTED

### Cable Despatch From Wilhelmina Received in Curacao.

WILLEMSTAD, Aug. 11.—The governor of the island of Curacao today published a cable despatch from Queen Wilhelmina announcing to the population of the island that her majesty is fully posted as to the situation here resulting from the severance of relations with Venezuela, and is enforcing with her councilors in an endeavor to bring about an improvement of existing conditions.

## SENDS ARMS TO COLONISTS

### Holland Prepares for Trouble on Venezuelan Coast.

WILLEMSTAD, Curacao, Aug. 11.—The Colonial Government is making active preparations for any possible trouble between the Netherlands and Venezuela. A station for wireless telegraphy is being installed here and yesterday the cruiser Geuzerland left for the neighboring island of Aruba, carrying rifles and ammunition to the inhabitants. Aruba is practically without protection. A letter received here from Maracabo announces that the Venezuelan river steamer Felix has left that port with troops for the head of the Maracabo Bay. It is believed that these soldiers are going out against a revolutionary band.

## WARSHIP LEAVES THE HAGUE

### Holland Shows Intention to Give Castro Lesson.

THE HAGUE, Aug. 11.—The battleship Jacob Van Heemskerck sailed today for Caribbean waters. The cruiser Priosland, which returned today from Norway, probably will follow the Jacob Van Heemskerck as soon as she can be gotten ready.

## PROMISES OHIO BY 120,000 VOTES

### Vorys Cheers Taft With Buckeye News.

### ADDS TO FORMER ESTIMATES

### Only One Democratic Congressman Conceded.

### HITCHCOCK TO MEET TAFT

### Will Select Advisory Committee and Discuss Campaign Finances and Speakers—West Virginia Faction Will Be Told to Agree.

HOT SPRINGS, Va., Aug. 11.—With A. I. Vorys, the Ohio Taft manager, and Mr. Taft's publicity assistant, Gus J. Karger, here today and Chairman Frank Hitchcock arriving tomorrow, the spotlights of the Republican National campaign seem about to focus on the Virginia mountains. From this time on Mr. Vorys will spend the major part of his time with his chief. He has endeavored to familiarize himself with every local political situation in Ohio and today added from 15,000 to 20,000 votes to his previous estimate that the Buckeye state would give the Republican National ticket 100,000 plurality.

Will Lose No Congressman.

Mr. Vorys predicts the success of the Ohio state ticket and analyzes the Congressional situation with no losses from the present representation in the House of 15 Republicans to five Democrats. In doing the latter Mr. Vorys concedes but one sure Democratic district and makes four others doubtful. While Governor Harris' position in favor of local option may hurt him in Cleveland and Cincinnati, Mr. Vorys says it will make him votes in all other parts of the state.

Though Mr. Vorys brings with him a demand from every part of the state for the presence of Mr. Taft during the campaign, the decided inclination of the candidate as well as the judgment of his advisers is against a traveling campaign.

Business for Hitchcock

The important problem Mr. Hitchcock will present will be the selection of the members of the advisory committee of nine, decided on as means of aid in financing the National campaign. It is predicted that these men will be chosen for the most part from the commercial centers of the country and men whose abilities in financial affairs are already recognized.

Many tentative campaign plans, it is understood, will be discussed by the managers and candidate, such as the selection and assignment of speakers, local organization and the literary feature to be developed. Mr. Vorys will lay before Mr. Hitchcock in detail the needs of Ohio in all of these matters.

Incidentally the West Virginia dilemma

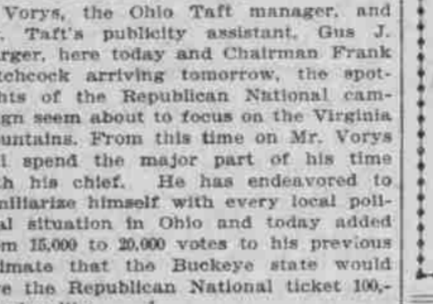
## JAPANESE ARMY GROWS CORRUPT

### EXTRAVAGANT LIVING SINCE WAR RUINS OFFICERS.

### Sensational Killing of Captain Accused of Treason Precipitates Storm of Criticism.

TOKIO, Aug. 11.—(Special.)—The sensational killing of Army Captain Kawakita by a Japanese gendarme at Pekin has precipitated a storm of criticism on conditions prevailing in the army. Kawakita was suspected of selling military secrets to the Russians and was killed while resisting arrest.

The discussion has revealed the fact that recently a number of removals and



Arthur I. Vorys, Taft's Political Manager in Ohio.

## KOOTENAI FALLS PREY TO FLAMES

### Sand Point, With 10,000 People, Threatened.

### FOREST FIRES IN NORTH IDAHO

### Lumbering Village of 300 Population Laid in Ashes.

### 500 MEN FIGHTING FLAMES

### Call Sent to Spokane Fire Department for Aid—Devastating Fire Demon Making Headway in Valuable Timber.

### SPOKANE, Aug. 11.—A Sand Point, Idaho, special to the Spokesman Review says:

With the wind blowing a gale and the adjacent town of Kootenai wiped out, it seems that no power can save Sand Point. At 5 o'clock this evening a small forest fire north of Kootenai was blown into the town and the town of 300 inhabitants was burned to the ground.

The Humbird Lumber Company has a \$200,000 mill at Kootenai, which burned to the ground and was only partly insured. At present the fire is within 200 feet of the Panhandle smelter, which seems doomed.

The homeless people of the little hamlet of Kootenai have been brought here and are being cared for by citizens. All of them lost their belongings.

Over 500 volunteers are fighting the approach of the flames. Sand Point has a population of about 10,000. An appeal has just been sent to the Spokane Fire Department for aid.

## THREATEN SAGINAW MILLS

### Demand for Fire-Fighters Leaves Scarcity of Harvest Hands.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Aug. 11.—(Special.)—Forest fires are raging in the mountains some eight miles east of Saginaw, two miles north of this city. Between the fire and Saginaw are located the Booth-Kelley Lumber Company's mills, and grave fears as to the safety of these mills is entertained.

Every available man has been secured to enter the mountains and fight the fire fiend, to the detriment of the harvesting interests. It is reported here that the Booth-Kelley people sent in 20 men from Eugene, while some 25 were secured here and at Saginaw.

As a large number of these were farm hands, much grain is left standing in the fields as a result. It is said that the Booth-Kelley Company are paying \$3 a day for fire fighters. The atmospheric conditions indicate rain, which is reassuring to the owners of timber and mills in the fire-infested section, but discouraging to farmers with grain standing in the fields.

## INDEX OF TODAY'S NEWS

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## THE ORPHAN



HEARST FORGETS TO PROVIDE CASH

INDEPENDENT LEAGUE

EMPTY