



OUTLOOK BETTER THAN IN 10 YEARS

Conditions Are Ideal in Wheat Country.

ACREAGE LARGELY INCREASED

Exceptionally Good Crop Is Looked For.

RESEEDING NOT NEEDED

In Scattered Spots, Grain Was Frozen Out During Winter, but This Will Not Affect Total Crop. Cool Spring Has Helped.

CONDITIONS IN WHEAT COUNTRY
Inland Empire—Crop conditions best in decade.
Northern Idaho—Acreage 30 per cent more than in 1908.
Eastern Washington—Increase in acreage amounts to 10 to 25 per cent over last year.
Snake River Valley—Predictions of 25,000,000-bushel crop made.
Palouse—Crop of over 20,000,000 bushels expected.
Wasco County—Conditions normal and yield of 1,000,000 bushels predicted.
Crook County—Dry spring has hurt wheat and decrease of 30 per cent is announced.
Whitman County—Conditions normal and crop of 10,000,000 bushels estimated.
Moscow—Crop conditions never better.
Gilliam County—Full crop not expected.

SPOKANE, Wash., May 26.—(Special.)—Crops in the Inland Empire are the best at this season in more than a decade. The ground in all the vast grain belts is soaked to a depth varying from three inches to a foot and a half, while for more than a week warm sunshine, with light showers, has furnished ideal growing weather. The grain is standing better than for years, due largely to the cool spring, which has driven the roots deep and held back the growth of the stalk. In one instance a field of only 200 acres was found to run from 35 to 40 stalks to the stool.

In Northern Idaho the acreage this year is fully 30 per cent larger than in 1908, this being particularly true on Camas and Nez Percé prairies, where every available inch of soil is in wheat and barley.
In Eastern Washington and Northeastern Oregon the increase over last year is from 10 to 25 per cent, much Summer-fallow being seeded this spring. So great is the seeded area that in many places field crops are being pastured, as there is nowhere else to turn the surplus.
Practically no re-seeding was necessitated through freezing out, though in scattered spots, small, isolated fields were injured by the high spring winds and were reseeded. The proportion was unusually small, however, owing to the winter.

Estimates of the coming crop are unavailable, though farmers of the Idaho prairies and Snake River Valley are asserting they will ship a strong 25,000,000 bushels of grain this fall, while the Palouse and Central Washington grain-growers are claiming 20,000,000 bushels or better, if the annual rains come late in June.

OUTLOOK BRIGHT IN PALOUSE

Indications Point to Good, if Not Bumper Crop.

STATE COLLEGE, Pullman, Wash., May 26.—(Special.)—Indications at present point to a good, if not a bumper wheat crop, in the Palouse country this year, according to Professor George Severance, head of the state college Agricultural Department. Right around Pullman, that is, in the eastern half of Whitman County, in the greater part of Spokane County and in the adjacent Idaho wheat country, the outlook is unusually bright. Professor Severance being of the opinion that unless the weather turns unusually bad it will be an exceptionally good crop.

"The present wheat condition is excellent throughout the entire wheat belt of the Palouse country," he said. "The acreage is somewhat greater than last year, I think, I am unable to give the exact proportion between Fall and Winter wheat, but I think that the Fall wheat is about the same, or perhaps less than a year ago and the increased total acreage is due largely to a considerable increase in the amount of Spring wheat. The fact that the wheat due to a marked rise in the price of wheat during the latter part of the Winter. The wheat has wintered well, with practically no re-seeding."

"The crop estimate in the Palouse country I would place at about 20 bushels to the acre. I haven't been in the Big Bend country since early Spring, but I looked good around there at that time. In the Palouse country the weather conditions have been rather favorable. While the soil has been in good condition to date, the amount of reserve moisture stored in the soil is not great and if hot weather should

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MRS. TIMMONS IN DANGER OF FINE

FAIRBANKS' DAUGHTER BREAKS NAVIGATION LAWS.

By Changing Mind About Trip to Japan, She is Liable to Fine of \$200.

HONOLULU, May 26.—(Special.)—Mrs. J. W. Timmons, daughter of ex-Vice-President Fairbanks, will probably have to pay a fine of \$200 to the United States government for violation of the coastwise navigation laws. She came here with her father and mother on the Chiyu Maru, a Japanese steamship, with a through ticket to Japan.

The party stopped over here, as is allowed under the navigation laws. But at the last moment before leaving for Japan, Mrs. Timmons decided to return home. This broke the continuity of her voyage. She was no longer a layover passenger, but had made this the terminus of her homeward journey and, having come on a foreign bottom, the bottom is liable to a fine of \$200, which she must pay. It is doubtful whether either an American or Canadian line will give her return passage.

DIVORCE RATIO IS 1 TO 4

Los Angeles County Shows Alarming Increase in Wedded Unhappiness.

LOS ANGELES, May 26.—The first five months of the year 1909 show a startling increase in the relative proportion of divorce to marriages in Los Angeles County, figures which were noted up today indicating that a divorce had been granted since January 1 for every four marriages that had been solemnized during 1909, the ratio was 1 to 4. In San Francisco it was 1 to 7. In the United States it was 1 to 12.

In the five months of the present year 466 interdictory divorces and 292 final decrees have been granted in Los Angeles. The reason of the increase is explained.

BRIDEGROOM IS ARRESTED

Taken Into Custody After Wedding on Charge of Murder.

BAY CITY, Mich., May 26.—Married this morning to Annie Kaiser, Roland Rich, 23 years of age, was arrested this afternoon on the charge of having murdered his grandmother, Mrs. Christine Coreyon. Mrs. Coreyon was found lying in her bedroom today, with wounds on her head indicating that she had been beaten with a club. The bridegroom-prisoner was first to report the discovery of his grandmother's plight. The aged woman was taken to the hospital, where she died later, and the wedding was carried out as planned.

UNKNOWN SENDS MONEY

Letters Containing \$100 Bills Received from Portland in Iowa.

DES MOINES, Iowa, May 26.—Post-office inspectors today were asked to unravel the mystery surrounding the receipt by a number of residents of Panora, Iowa, of letters containing \$100 bills. No signature is attached to the letters, one of which bears the postmark of Portland, Or.
Five persons admit having received money totalling \$1125. Mrs. Viola Lapeyette, a widow received \$225, mostly in \$10 bills, with a note signed "your friend."

HOT TIME IN PORTO RICO

Labor Leaders Defend United States. Unionists Shut Them Out.

SAN JUAN, P. R., May 26.—The local branch of the American Federation of Labor is holding a series of meetings throughout the island to defend labor interests and refute the attacks made on the American Government by the members of the Unionist party. Federation orators have been denied the use of the plaza in three different towns by the Unionists and have appealed to the Attorney-General and the Governor.

FEAR TROUBLE AT ADANA

Young Turks and Armenians Do Not Like Relief Commissioner.

WASHINGTON, May 26.—The Times Constantinople correspondent says apprehension has been caused among the Young Turks and Armenians by news that the new Vali of Adana, who is described as a fanatical Kurd, has entrusted the important task of the distribution of the government relief fund to Bagdad, a Turkish landowner, who was the first to lead a band of armed men into the bazaar at Adana and began the slaughter of Armenians.

ROGERS' PLACE IS TAKEN

Head of Transportation Department of Standard to Be Vice-President.

NEW YORK, May 26.—James A. Moffatt, a director of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, will succeed the late Henry H. Rogers as vice-president of the company. It is understood on good authority. Mr. Moffatt has had active charge of the transportation problems of the company for the last two years. He is 57 years old.

LORIMER CHOSEN ILLINOIS SENATOR

Democrats Assist to Break Deadlock.

BECAUSE PEOPLE DEMAND IT

Exciting Scenes Mark Decisive 95th Ballot

LORIMER IS FOR REVISION

Republicans End Struggle With Aid of Democrats and Retire Hopkins—Lorimer Is Boss of Packingtown.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., May 26.—Congressman William Lorimer, of Chicago, is the junior United States Senator from Illinois. He was elected on the 95th ballot of the joint assembly today by a coalition of Democrats and Republicans in the vacancy from Illinois existing since the term of Albert J. Hopkins expired on March 4. The deadlock had continued since last January. Mr. Lorimer's total vote was 98.

Exciting incidents characterized the election. Ex-Lieutenant Governor Northcott, a Hopkins leader, now United States District Attorney, was dragged from the main floor of the House by policemen, who would have thrown him through the main door had not a doorkeeper interfered.

Mr. Lorimer, in an address to the assembly after his election, said he favored a revision of the tariff downward.

PEOPLE DEMAND ELECTION

Democrats Join Republicans in Ending Intolerable Situation.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., May 26.—The Toga deadlock that was brought to its termination today by the election of William Lorimer through a bipartisan alliance between Democrats and Republicans, was the most protracted and complex in the history of the Illinois Legislature. It started January 20, and lasted until May 26, and during that time 56 joint ballots were taken before the smash-up was brought about through a "halfbreed" combination.

The deadlock had its origin in the Senatorial primary last August, when Hopkings, Poes and Mason were candidates before the Republican electors. Hopkings got a plurality of all the votes cast, but did not carry enough districts to get the toga at the outset when the Legislature convened, the lawmakers taking the position that they were instructed by their districts and not by the entire vote of the state.

The election came as the result of a widespread desire to end a situation which was fast becoming intolerable to the people of the state, regardless of party, and it was on this account and in answer to this demand that so many of the Democratic members were willing to join with the Republicans to break the deadlock.

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OREGON WOMAN IS CHOSEN PRESIDENT

MISS LUELLA CARSON TO BE HEAD OF MILLS COLLEGE.

Selected by Mrs. Mills and Accepts High Honor—Is Well Known Throughout West.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 26.—(Special.)—Miss Luella Clay Carson, head of the English department of the University of Oregon, today wired to the board of trustees of Mills College accepting the presidency of that institution, left vacant by the recent resignation of the founder, Mrs. C. T. Mills.

The new head of Mills College, who is the choice of Mrs. Mills, is a Western woman, and has been connected with the University of Oregon for 22 years. She is a noted educator and a woman of great scholarly attainments, being possessed of degrees from the universities of Oregon and Washington, and having taught in the Summer schools of Chicago, Harvard and Cornell.

BUILD TWO COURTHOUSES

Chehalis County Compromises on County Seat War.

ABERDEEN, Wash., May 26.—(Special.)—To settle the old question of county division and courthouse removal from Montezano, the county seat, the County Commissioners announce they have decided to build two courthouses, one at Montezano and one at a point between Hoquiam and Aberdeen, each building to be similar and to cost \$200,000 each. The buildings will be after plans of A. Warren Gould, of Seattle, and will be either reinforced concrete or brick or a combination of both. Bids are to be called for June 1.

BRIBER SENT TO PRISON

Two Years and a \$500 Fine for Cameron, of Pittsburg.

PITTSBURG, May 26.—Charles E. Cameron, president of the Tube City Railroad, convicted of offering a bribe to ex-Councilman Martin, who is now serving time in the penitentiary, was sentenced this afternoon to two years in the penitentiary and a fine of \$500.

DISCOVER DYNAMITE PLOT

Lake Steamer From Strike Area Is Found "Primed" With Explosive.

BUFFALO, N. Y., May 26.—Four sticks of dynamite were found today stuffed in the discharge pipe of the steamer Frank T. Heffelfinger, lying at the Erie coal docks. The Heffelfinger arrived yesterday from Superior, Wis., with grain.

RICH PLUM FOR JOHN BULL

Will Get \$10,000,000 Taxes on Dead Millionaire's Fortune.

LONDON, May 26.—Charles Morrison, whose estate is estimated at between \$50,000,000 and \$75,000,000, died today near Reading. The government will receive from the estate more than \$10,000,000 in taxes.

NO CONFIDENCE IN "FRIEND OF POOR"

Jerome Hissed Down at Gotham "Accounting"

POLITICAL AMBITION JOLTED

District Attorney Is Refused Vote of Audience.

RYAN GIVEN WHITEWASH

Public Prosecutor Explains Reasons for Failure to Proceed in Many Cases, Saying No Crime Committed.

NEW YORK, May 26.—An attempt to register a vote of confidence in District Attorney Jerome was hushed down tonight at a big Cooper Union meeting in which Mr. Jerome gave an account of his stewardship. What effect this will have on Mr. Jerome's political ambitions is problematical. He has been desirous for some time, it is understood, of obtaining the renomination for District Attorney on an independent ticket.

Mr. Jerome, in his address, declared that Thomas P. Ryan, charged with treason manipulation, had not committed any crime. Referring to the life insurance case, he said there was no evidence whatsoever to warrant an indictment of John A. McCall, ex-president of the New York Life Insurance Company. He next took up the so-called ice trust investigation. He said: "Many" corners started after the ice people, but they could not get a grand jury to find an indictment." Then Mr. Jerome put aside his carefully prepared memoranda and devoted his entire attention to replying to questioners, who arose in every part of the hall to demand why he had failed to do this or that particular thing.

MAY PUT ABDUL ON ISLAND

Turkish Rulers Plan to Exile Him on Rhodes.

CONSTANTINOPLE, May 26.—The military authorities are considering the removal of the place of residence of the ex-Sultan from Salonica to one of the islands in the Mediterranean, probably the island of Rhodes, which lies off the southwest coast of Asia Minor.

HUNDRED DROWN IN SPAIN

Tempest on Bilbao Coast Sinks Over Sixty Fishing Vessels.

BILBOA, Spain, May 26.—A violent tempest has been raging on the Bilbao coast. More than 90 vessels of the fishing fleet have foundered and it is estimated that not less than 100 fishermen have been drowned.

WIRELESS USED TO PRINT MESSAGES

NORWEGIAN NAVAL OFFICER INVENTS NEW SYSTEM.

Captain Howland Perfects Machine Like Typewriter That Sends and Prints Acrograms by Code.

CHRISTIANIA, May 26.—(Special.)—Captain Howland, of the Norwegian Navy, has invented a remarkable system of automatically recording wireless telegraph messages in print. His apparatus has just been shown to representatives of the Norwegian government and the press at Melsonvik.

On this occasion messages were exchanged between a station erected after the inventor's own designs and a Norwegian wireless station 12 1/2 miles away at Tjome. Captain Howland demonstrated how, by his system, the absolute secrecy of wireless telegrams could be preserved and how the ordinary signals could be automatically transformed into secret written characters.

ACID BURNS FIREMEN

Choking Fumes Fill Butte City Hall. Prisoners in Panic.

BUTTE, Mont., May 26.—Captain Frank Murphy and Fireman William Paul, Patrick Connors and Duncan Mellas were seriously burned this afternoon by an explosion of chemicals in the City Hall. Responding to an alarm, the firemen's attention was directed to a solution of potassium, which had become ignited, and when they attempted to remove the burning acids, they were scorched about the face and hands.

KILLS WIFE FOR BURGLAR

Indianapolis Man Mistakes Match for Bull-Eye.

INDIANAPOLIS, May 26.—Mistaking her for a burglar, George Thompson shot and killed his wife tonight. According to his story, he had retired early, leaving his wife downstairs sewing. When she entered their room later she carried a lighted match. Thompson said he awoke with a start. He thought the light was from a burglar's bullseye lantern, and, acting upon first impulse, drew his revolver from under his pillow and fired twice at the form which followed the light.

BOAT SEEKS FOR WHALE

Advance Goes Up and Down Coast After Elusive Specimen.

ASTORIA, Or., May 26.—(Special.)—The little steamer Advance arrived here late last night under the command of Captain Robert Jones, formerly of the schooner Della, and left out again early this morning. The steamer is making a cruise along the coast in search of a whale, the object being to kill one and emblemize it for exhibition at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition in Seattle. Only one whale was sighted on the way down from Plattery and it could not be captured, but better luck is looked for on the return trip.

JAPS GIVEN EQUAL RIGHTS

Cannot Be Denied License to Trade Under Treaty.

NEW YORK, May 26.—According to an opinion handed down today by the Corporation Counsel, Japanese subjects in New York are entitled by virtue of the recent treaty entered into between this country and Japan to all trade privileges held by American citizens. The question was raised by the case of the Bureau of Licenses concerning the renewal of licenses of Japanese to engage in business in Chinay Island.

FOUR WOMEN ARE KILLED

Gasoline Launch Capsizes and Occupants Carried Over Dam.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., May 26.—Four persons were drowned and four others rescued from a capsized gasoline launch, which was carried through the sluice gates of the dam of the Consolidated Water Power Company, of this city, last night and dashed to the rocks below. The drowned were: Miss Beza Anderson, Miss B. Braguer, Miss May Forss and Ralph Anderson.

OLD SEA LORD TO RETIRE

British Admiral Does Not Like Criticism of Government.

LONDON, May 26.—It is reported that Admiral Sir John Fisher, Senior Naval Lord of the Admiralty, will retire in October as First Sea Lord. It is an open secret that the Admiral has been much annoyed by recent criticisms of his administration.

TEMBLOR SHAKES CENTRAL STATES

Panics and Fires Follow After Quake.

ACTUAL DAMAGE IS SLIGHT

But One Shock Felt in Most Sections of Area Affected.

FIVE STATES REPORT JAR

School Children Flee in Alarm From Swaying Buildings and People Seek Refuge in Open Places.

DURATION OF EARTHQUAKE.		
Place.	Time.	Duration.
Chicago	8:40	5 seconds
Albion, Ill.	8:40	5 minutes
St. Louis, Mo.	8:40	2 seconds
Springfield, Ill.	8:40	20 seconds
Kewanee, Ill.	8:40	20 seconds
Wheaton, Ill.	8:40	4 seconds
Peoria, Ill.	8:40	4 seconds
Bloomington, Ill.	8:40	2 seconds
Streator, Ill.	8:40	2 seconds
Dixon, Ill.	8:40	2 seconds
Galena, Ill.	8:40	16 seconds
Rockford, Ill.	8:40	2 seconds
Springfield, Ill.	8:40	4 seconds
Milwaukee, Wis.	8:40	13 seconds
Bellevue, Wis.	8:40	1 minute
Burlington, Ia.	8:45	15 seconds
Cedar Rapids, Ia.	8:45	4 seconds
Muskogee, Mich.	8:50	2 seconds

*At these places several shocks were felt.

CHICAGO, May 26.—(Special.)—All of Illinois and four other Middle Western states experienced severe earthquake shocks this morning. That the quake was general in this section of the country is shown by reports from Iowa, Wisconsin, Missouri and Michigan. While no serious damage was reported beyond a number of free gas in destroyed chimneys, the shock spread terror in many places, and a number of panics in schools and other buildings resulted from efforts to flee from what seemed to be impending disaster.

Dishes and small articles were thrown from tables, drawers in the houses trembled and chimneys were shaken down, but in no case was the property loss great.

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