



## CROPS IN PROSPECT BREAK ALL RECORDS

### Wheat Yield Greatest Ever Grown.

### ALL EXCEED 1914 FIGURES

### Three Billion Bushels of Corn Is Nation's Output.

### POTATO SUPPLY ENORMOUS

### Oats, Tobacco, Rice, Hay, Flax and Rye Also Show Increased Pro- duction, According to Gov- ernment Statistics.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.—Three billion bushels of corn, 1,500,000,000 bushels of oats and 1,900,000,000 bushels of wheat are in prospect for this year's American harvest.

Record crops of rye, white and sweet potatoes, tobacco, rice and hay also are predicted for the prosperous farmers, who have planted 310,540,000 acres or 10,000,000 acres more than last year, to their principal products.

### Wheat Crop Worth Billions

The wheat crop, the greatest ever grown in any country, will be worth more than \$1,000,000,000, while the corn crop's value may reach \$2,500,000,000.

Estimates of the principal crops, announced today by the Department of Agriculture, based on conditions of August 1, show that all crops will be greater than last year.

Interest centered on wheat and corn. Both showed improvement over July conditions, though excessive rains and cold weather in the Central States interfered with threshing. Oats also suffered in these states, but in other sections the improvement more than offsets this.

### Corn Increase Enormous

Corn prospects increased almost 100,000,000 bushels, the principal gains being Illinois, 20,000,000 bushels; Kansas, 24,000,000; Oklahoma, 24,000,000; Nebraska, 15,000,000; Iowa, 14,000,000, and Texas, 10,000,000.

Kansas showed a loss of 12,000,000 bushels in winter wheat; Oklahoma, 6,000,000; Nebraska, 4,000,000, and Missouri, 2,000,000, while Ohio and Indiana showed an increase of 3,000,000 bushels each.

### Potato Output Gains

White potatoes promise to exceed their former record production by 102,000,000 bushels and sweet potatoes by 4,000,000 bushels.

Other increases over record crops indicated include tobacco, 28,000,000 pounds; flax, 4,200,000 bushels; hay, 2,400,000 tons, and rye, 1,300,000 bushels.

Corn prospects fell 206,000,000 bushels and oats 18,000,000 bushels below the records.

### Oregon Yield Greater

The estimates give for Oregon an increased production of 216,000 bushels of wheat and 548,000 bushels of barley over that of 1914, the condition of the barley crop being reported as somewhat above the ten years' average.

Washington estimates for winter wheat show an increase of 5,000,000 bushels over 1914 production and an increase of 2,400,000 in spring wheat. Washington's barley crop is reported in excellent condition, but the yield will be somewhat slighter than in 1914. Idaho's winter wheat yield is estimated as 1,978,000 bushels more than in 1914, while the barley crop estimates is for a yield of 870,000 more bushels than last year.

Details for states, showing acre yield or condition, forecast and 1914 production in thousands of bushels, i. e., with thousands omitted, follow:

### Winter Wheat.

State	1915	1914	Pre- dicted
Texas	21.5	11.400	11,916
Nebraska	18.3	12.000	12,172
Kansas	14.9	118,800	178,800
Oklahoma	12.6	28,800	47,972
Montana	23.9	16,200	31,962
Idaho	16.8	18,400	19,222
Washington	27.1	81,200	23,400
California	16.0	7,900	6,800

### Spring Wheat.

State	1915	1914	Pre- dicted
South Dakota	58	54,000	50,900
Washington	99	15,500	16,400

### CORN.

State	1915	1914	Pre- dicted
Iowa	72	84	320,400
South Dakota	72	84	70,200
Nebraska	72	84	178,800
Kansas	72	84	128,700
Oklahoma	72	84	108,225

### OATS.

State	1915	1914	Pre- dicted
Iowa	90	84	178,200
South Dakota	109	75	47,800
Nebraska	76	85	69,400
Kansas	76	85	48,000

### BARLEY.

State	1915	1914	Pre- dicted
Iowa	98	87	10,000
South Dakota	100	78	22,000
Kansas	93	84	6,200
Nebraska	85	80	5,800
Oklahoma	85	80	2,900
Idaho	84	83	7,900
Washington	91	90	2,300
Columbia	91	90	2,300
California	90	83	4,200

## STEAMER TALISMAN TAKEN

### Norwegian Craft En Route From New York to Sweden Held.

LONDON, Aug. 8.—(Delayed by censor.)—Announcement was made this evening that the Norwegian steamer *Talisman* has been taken into port.

The steamer *Talisman* left New York July 17 for Kirkwall, Scotland and Gothenburg, Sweden. The delayed dispatch, as given in the foregoing does not name the port into which the steamer was taken.

## BIG GERMAN FLEET FAILS NEAR RIGA

### PERSISTENT ATTACK ON EN- TRANCE TO GULF REPULSED.

### Cruiser and Two Torpedo-Boat De- stroyers Damaged by Russians, Says Petrograd.

PETROGRAD, via London, Aug. 9.—The following official communication was issued tonight:

"A German fleet of nine battleships and 12 cruisers, with a large number of torpedo-boat destroyers, persistently attacked the entrance to the Gulf of Riga Sunday, but everywhere were repulsed.

"A cruiser and two torpedo-boat destroyers were damaged by our mines. Our sea planes, throwing bombs, contributed to our success."

Riga is the most important Russian port on the Baltic Sea, with the exception of Petrograd, and the palace of the Governor-General of the Baltic provinces is located there.

The city is situated five miles from the mouth of the River Durina, which empties into the Gulf of Riga, its location is regarded as ideal for mining and other defensive measures against attacks from the sea. The river mouth is some 60 miles from the entrance to the gulf.

Recent dispatches from Petrograd said the Russian officials had no hope of defending Riga successfully and that all public institutions had been removed with the appearance near of a large German army.

The Governor-General, British Consul and half of the population were reported to have left the city for the interior.

### GRIEVED OIL KING LONELY

### Mr. Rockefeller Is Changed Man Since Death of Wife.

CLEVELAND, O., Aug. 9.—(Special.)—There is a changed master at Forest Hill, the big East Cleveland estate of John D. Rockefeller. That is what Rockefeller's closest friends were saying today after visits to Forest Hill.

The oldest inhabitant who has cared for the lawn and drives of Forest Hill, says that he knows why their master has changed. It is because their master has gone, they say. For the first time Mr. Rockefeller tramps and drives about his estate without the companionship of his wife.

The attendants tell, too, how the changed master broke down and cried at his first breakfast at Forest Hill after his return because of the vacant chair. Rockefeller used to play golf with a keen delight. He plays seldom now, and without the old-time zeal.

### END OF DRINKING FORESEEN

### Catholic Total Abstinence Union Of- ficers Report Progress.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Aug. 9.—Reports of the National officers held the attention today of the delegates to the 45th annual convention of the Catholic Total Abstinence Union, which opened here yesterday. The Very Rev. P. J. O'Callahan, of Chicago, the National president, told of the wide growth of the temperance movement, and declared "there is a great dominant sentiment that temperance is about to burst into triumph."

"Some of the biggest brewers in America have ceased to invest in brewery stock," he added. "The reserve of whisky is not as good as it used to be—good as gold bonds."

### BRITISH DEPORT MUSICIAN

### Emperor William's Court Pianist Is Arrested in London.

LONDON, Aug. 9.—Maria Cecilia Navelle Janotha, court pianiste to Emperor William, was arrested in London today and deported from Tilbury.

Maria Janotha holds membership in many academies of art in Italy, Great Britain and Austria. She received the Victoria badge from Queen Victoria, and holds the highest honorary diploma from the St. Cecilia Royal Academy in Rome. She edited Lady Tennyson's songs and translated Chopin's greater works. She was the recipient of many decorations, including one from the German Emperor.

### WILSON EXTENDS MERCY

### President Commutes Term of Life Imprisonment of Slayer.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.—President Wilson commuted, to expire today, the life sentence of James Brumfield, convicted in March, 1905, by the Federal Court in the then Indian Territory, for the murder of his sister-in-law. Brumfield is 65 years old and would not be eligible for parole until 1920.

His belief that he will not live until then and extenuating circumstances surrounding the murder led to a recommendation for clemency by the Attorney-General.

### CANAL SOON TO BE CLEAR

### Latest Slide Will Have Been Re- moved in Three Days.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.—Half a mile of earth which slid into the Panama Canal last week, reducing the depth through Galliard cut to 19 feet, will have been dredged away within the next three days, Canal officials reported today. Ten steamers are awaiting passage through the cut.

The slide has been slowly progressing for months, but did not gain on the dredgers until last Saturday.

## NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICA IN ACCORD

### Plan for Dealing With Mexico Definite.

### BELIEF IS PEOPLE WILL AID

### Armed Intervention Regarded as Likely if Necessary.

### FORMAL RATIFICATION DUE

### Powers of Two Continents to Hold Final Meeting Tomorrow—Sec- retary Lansing Decidedly En- couraged Over Prospects.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.—Powers of North and South America already have agreed upon a definite plan for dealing with the Mexican problem, and when the Pan-American conference is resumed in New York Wednesday, the programme will be formally ratified.

This information came today from Secretary Lansing, who though he would not discuss details, said he was decidedly encouraged over the prospect.

The confidence expressed by officials generally here, that the countries who are representing the United States, Brazil, Argentina, Bolivia, Guatemala and Uruguay will be able to shape a course likely to bring peace followed the overthrow of Huerta in Mexico, is due to the fact that all are agreed that most of the people of the revolution-torn republic are thoroughly sick of war and with encouragement from friendly powers will promptly join in the movement to clean house.

### Majority Long for Peace.

A large section of the country and a vast majority of the people have not been involved in the fighting which followed the overthrow of Huerta. Moreover, it has been reported to President Wilson and Secretary Lansing that only the fear of reprisals by the military chieftains has kept the people in subjection while the country has been impoverished by the battles of relatively small forces of armed men.

Reaching their conclusion on these reports, the Pan-American conferees are understood to have determined to present the situation to all of the various elements in Mexico, addressing directly not only General Carranza, Villa and Zapata, but the Governors of states, all military leaders with any considerable following and other influential men, urging them to come together for a caucus at which a substantial provisional government might be framed.

### Support of Citizens Expected.

A government so set up would have the support of the United States and other American republics. Officials here believe it would be able to sup-

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## PEARS BOUGHT AT \$17 TON

### Independent Buyer Meets Competi- tion of Growers at North Yakima.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Aug. 9.—(Special.)—Seven shipping firms affiliated with the Growers' Council today started buying pears at \$17.50 a ton, in accordance with plans formed Saturday at conference with W. H. Paulman, executive head of the organization.

One independent buyer, who has been paying \$15, met the price, but little fruit was bought. Tomorrow will afford a better test of the effort to boost the price. A guaranty fund of \$5000 has been raised to back the movement.

### 10 INDICTMENTS EXPECTED

### Number of Persons May Be Blamed for Eastland Disaster.

CHICAGO, Aug. 9.—Indictments against 10 persons, possibly 15, are expected to be returned by the Federal grand jury tomorrow, when it resumes consideration of the cause and responsibility for the capsizing of the Eastland in the Chicago River, July 24.

United States District Attorney Charles F. Clynne, who is said to have been in conference with Attorney-General Gregory on the subject of the investigation, will return to Chicago early tomorrow morning.

## THORN IN SIDE OF TRADE IS EXPOSED

### Federal Commission in Seattle Hears Ills.

### GREATER MARINE DEMANDED

### Fishermen Complain of Duty That Hampers Business.

### PRICE-CUTTING IS CHARGED

### Canadian Line Plants Said to Be Attempting to Ruin American Manufacturers—Inquiry on Sal- mon Extermination Asked.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 9.—Representatives of business chosen by the Seattle Chamber of Commerce enlightened the Federal Trade Commission today concerning the burdens that handicap commerce in the Pacific Northwest. The commission gave the business men a free field for presentation of their views, and the shipping, shipbuilding, flour milling, fish and condensed milk interests told of the loads they carry.

### SEAMEN'S LAW ATTACKED

J. C. Ford, president of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, attacked the La Follette seamen's law, and said that, while not in favor of ship subsidy, he advocated changing the law so as to place American ships on the same competitive plane as foreign ships.

Charles J. Smith, vice-president of the Chamber of Commerce, said combinations in the fish, lumber and fruit industries could utilize waste by-products now thrown away.

T. J. Gorman, Miller Freeman and Robert E. Small, representing the salmon industry, told of the difficulties encountered because of lack of ships to carry canned fish abroad.

### FISHERMEN LAY COMPLAINT.

William Calvert and Edward Cunningham, for the halibut fishermen, pointed out how the new railroad port of Prince Rupert, B. C., is threatening the business of American halibut shippers because the port is near to the halibut banks and offers facilities of entry that are denied on Puget Sound because of customs regulations.

W. F. Robinson, for the cod fishermen, complained that Gloucester fishermen enter their banded fish free, while Pacific Coast fishermen are asked to pay a duty. The Pacific Coast codfish is quite as good as that shipped from

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## Monday's War Moves

WHILE the Austro-German armies made fresh progress Monday in their campaign against the Russians, the conflict on the western front took on new impetus, Sir John French, commander of the British expeditionary force, reporting a fierce artillery engagement in which British and French forces captured trenches at Hooge, along a front of 1200 yards.

The occupation of Praga, reported by Berlin, brings to a dramatic climax the first phase of the drive at the Polish capital. The capture of Eastern Prussia is essential to the German plan to capture the capital of the Russian empire.

Reports from the roads running to Petrograd and Moscow. Few details have been received of Grand Duke Nicholas' final stand at Praga, but the indications are that the withdrawal of the Russians became imperative to escape from the German lines gradually drawing together in their rear.

Warsaw now is the apex of a vast letter V, the arms of which are the River Narew on the north, and the Vistula on the south. The German lines spread along these rivers are contracting gradually as the armies in the north and those in the south approach each other. The strip of territory across which the Russians may withdraw to safer positions now is hardly more than 30 miles across.

Besides this enveloping movement immediately to the east of Warsaw, Berlin reports a steady hammering at the great Russian fortresses of Kovno and Lomza, the chief significance of which is their proximity to the lines of railway communications to Petrograd. Novogeorgievsk is the only place west of Warsaw at which a Russian garrison remains, and its fall seems imminent.

The attitude of the Poles towards the new German regime is arousing deep interest, as the occupation of Warsaw unites for the first time three branches of the Poles heretofore divided among Russia, Germany and Austria. Under the Russian regime, Poland has been a hot bed of discord and it remains to be seen whether the new German occupation territory will be a difficult programme for Germany, as it has been for Russia.

The official report from Berlin characterized the operations around Hooge as a "barrage," but Sir John French's report shows them to have been another trench fight, preceded by a severe artillery exchange and resulting in the recovery by the British of nearly a mile of trenches previously taken by the Germans. This has served to divert public attention temporarily from the magnitude of the German sweep in the eastern field, but operations in the West still lack general significance.

The commander of another British submarine, whose name has not been disclosed, was reported Monday to have distinguished himself by sinking the Turkish battleship *Kheyr-Edin Barbarossa*.

### CROP FOUND IN ARMY WAKE

### Berlin Reports Harvest Unharmed by Retreating Russians.

BERLIN, by wireless to Sayville, N. Y., Aug. 9.—Among the news items prepared by the Overseas News Agency for transmission abroad is the following:

Reports from the front in Poland say the Russian announcement that farm crops were devastated and that the Russians left a desert behind them is greatly exaggerated. The farmers disobeyed orders to destroy their crops, and a full harvest of rye, wheat and oats is being brought in with the assistance of German soldiers. Only the villages were burned.

### LONDON MEAT PRICES SOAR

### Fresh Beef Increases 43 Per Cent and Frozen Beef 74 Per Cent.

LONDON, Aug. 9.—Great increases in the price of meat are disclosed in the report of the superintendent of the London central market issued tonight. He announces that the supply of meats of all kinds for July, 1915, at the market totaled 24,702 tons, as compared with 26,833 tons in July, 1914.

The price of fresh beef increased 43 per cent, while that of frozen beef increased 74 per cent. Fresh mutton increased 13 per cent and frozen mutton 50 per cent.

### POPE AIDS EAST PRUSSIAN

### Funds and Sympathy Sent Catholics Because of Russian Invasions.

BERLIN, by wireless to Sayville, N. Y., Aug. 9.—Pope Benedict has addressed a letter to the Catholics of East Prussia, according to the Overseas News Agency, expressing his fatherly sympathy for the terrible war horrors brought upon them by the Russian invasions.

The letter, the news agency says, was accompanied by a large sum of money for the relief of the victims.

### SWEDISH STEAMER SUNK

### Survivors of German Submarine At- tack Land at Copenhagen.

COPENHAGEN, via London, Aug. 9.—The Swedish steamer *Mal* has been sunk by a German submarine. One woman has been picked up and landed here. A second boat carrying the captain and nine men is missing.

Available shipping records do not contain the name of a Swedish steamer *Mal* or of a vessel of any other nationality by that name.

## BUYERS FROM AFAR WELCOMED TO CITY

### Trade Field Reaches in East to Wyoming.

### REGISTRATION IS NOW DOUBLE

### \$1,000,000 Is Expected to Be Spent Here During Week.

### FAMILIAR FACES REAPPEAR

### Reports of Prosperity Brought From All Districts Represented—Good Crops Heralded—9-Months- Old "Merchant" Visits.

### PROGRAMME OF ENTERTAIN- MENT FOR BUYERS TODAY.

Registration continuing at the Chamber of Commerce throughout the day, and forenoon and afternoon given over to business.

Smoker at Chamber of Commerce for the men at 8 o'clock. O. H. Fithian, chairman, Address of welcome by A. H. Reeves.

Theater party to the Hellig for the women guests of the Buyers' Association. Party will leave the Chamber of Commerce at 8 P. M., escorted by women's reception committee.

Portland's trade territory reaches as far east as Wyoming, north to the Canada line, and is pushing further south every hour this week, and wholesalers of this city have the registration books of the first day of the third annual Buyers' week to prove it.

Especially noteworthy in the list of visiting buyers registering at the headquarters at the Chamber of Commerce was the large proportion coming from Idaho and Northeastern Washington, in comparison to the representation from those sections last year. Early arrivals announced that before the close of the week the representation from those districts will be increased greatly.

While the registration of the visiting merchants had begun on Saturday, the big rush did not begin until yesterday morning. It is expected to continue and reach its height about Thursday. Not only men, but scores of women, are taking advantage of the opportunities of Buyers' week.

### Registration Percentage Double.

"More than a million dollars will be expended in Portland this week as a result of the Buyers' week excursions," is the prediction of the members of the general committee. These figures are based upon the records of last year and the apparent tendency of the present year.

All day yesterday the percentage of registration ran 50 per cent higher than it had last year, and more than 100 per cent higher than in 1912, which was the first year that the Portland wholesalers held a Buyers' week.

"One of the important points I have noticed," said M. E. Smead, in charge of the registration yesterday, "is the fact that we see so many familiar faces among those who have come to register. Not only are scores of merchants attending Portland Buyers' week for the first time this year, but those who attended it before are proving their satisfaction and their intention to maintain their business relations with Portland wholesalers by coming back again with more enthusiasm than they manifested at their first visit."

### Increased Business Activity Noted.

Representatives of the big wholesale houses of the city who are members of the reception committee were on duty all day long at the Chamber of Commerce to see that the visiting buyers received every attention and assistance. The reception committee of the women, with Mrs. C. C. Chapman, chairman, greeted the visiting women, coming either as buyers or accompanying their husbands.

It would have been a difficult thing to have estimated the size of the crowd of visitors at any one time yesterday, broadly over the city among the various wholesale houses. There was a bustle of increased activity in all of the big wholesale houses, however, that indicated that the effect of the Buyers' week was already beginning to be felt in every place.

### Days to Be Free of Entertainment.

The entire day was frankly devoted to business visits between the out-of