

GRAND CROPS FULLY REVEALED THIS YEAR

Wheat Estimates Place 1920 Yield Above Average.

HIGHER PRICES WANTED

Good Export Demand and Plenty of Ships Would Seem to Insure Prosperity.

John Perrin, chairman of the board and fiscal agent of the Federal Reserve bank of San Francisco, finds that the general business and agricultural conditions that the situation throughout the district is good, with harvests well along and prices generally satisfactory.

Prices Higher Than Last Year.

Earlier in the season wheat was contracted for at about \$2.50 to \$2.60 per bushel. At present a few contracts have been made at between \$2.30 and \$2.25 per bushel with growers showing a disposition to refrain from selling at any figure under \$2.45.

Fruit Yield Lighter.

"The crops of pears, apricots and apples will be lighter than last year. The crop of peaches is estimated at 110,000,000 pounds as compared with 85,000,000 pounds in 1919.

Car Shortage Causes Apprehension.

In California there is no present shortage of cars, but growers are apprehensive concerning the supply during the fall months. The wheat crop which is ready for shipment during October and November, must reach eastern markets in time for Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday trade to secure the best market.

Wool Market Stationary.

No material improvement has been noted in the wool market during the past month. A few sales, generally of lower grades, have been made to local mills. In Portland, the eastern Oregon clip of fine and fine medium French combing wool was sold at 52 cents per pound, as compared with 51 cents per pound last year.

57-Acre Prune Tract Sold.

One of the largest prune orchards ever planted in Lane county for a number of years was made a few days ago when Fred E. Chambers, local hardware merchant, sold his 57-acre tract a few miles north of Eugene to Milton Nicolle of Santa Clara who has a large prune orchard adjoining. Mr. Chambers has been engaged in raising prunes on this tract for the last 12 years and the purchase price quoted in the deal is \$40,000.

Mil Negligence.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Sept. 5.—(Special.)—Contributory negligence is charged in the case of a \$100,000 damage suit of W. E. Pierce, local hardware merchant, against the Oregon Bay Lumber company. The answer also asserts that Pierce had proper medical care and received compensation for the loss of the state industrial commission.

Farmers Using Sulphur.

STANFIELD, Or., Sept. 4.—(Special.)—Many of the ranchers in this vicinity are using sulphur on alfalfa land to increase production. One application will last from three to five years. It is shown broadcast over the field and increases the yield 20 per cent.

What is to happen two weeks from today? See page 7.—Adv.

MERCHANT MARINE ISSUED DANGER

Absolute Reversal of Public Attitude Needed.

VESSLS NOT IN DEMAND

American Interests Refusing Even to Submit Bids; Campaign by Japan and England Begun.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 5.—(Special.)—Absolute reversal of the present attitude of congress and the people toward the American merchant marine alone can prevent its decline to its former inferior state, according to officials here who are familiar with existing conditions.

U. S. Naval Radio Reports.

(All positions reported at 8 P. M. yesterday unless otherwise indicated.) PHOENIX, Ariz., Sept. 5.—(Special.)—The Japanese freighter Tsuruma Maru, which was reported to have been captured by the U. S. Navy, was found to be a merchant vessel.

English Price Declared Lower.

The shipping board has set a minimum price of \$185 to \$185 for each deadweight ton for its steel ships, while British shipbuilders are offering to build for as low as \$12 a ton and four months' delivery.

Price Reduction Doubtful.

Despite the fact that the minimum price set by the board is more than twice the price offered by the British firms offer to build new ships, it was stated that there is no indication that the board is even contemplating reducing its price, as such a reduction would mean just that much loss.

War Declared on Marine.

Both English and Japanese shipping interests have declared war against the American merchant marine because of the provisions of the Jones act, which it is charged, discriminates in favor of ships flying the American flag.

NORWAY PREPARES PROTEST

Other Nations Reported Joining in Message to Jones Bill. CHRISTIANIA, Norway, Sept. 4.—The Norwegian foreign minister has announced that his government, in concert with other nations, is preparing a protest against the Jones navigation act, adopted last June by the United States congress.

Pacific Coast Shipping Notes.

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 5.—(Special.)—Completing her maiden voyage, the barkentine Alicia Havild, which was rigged for the United States shipping board, arrived at Seattle from Portland, Ore., today with a cargo of north Pacific lumber, according to advices received today.

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SEATTLE TAX HIFT DUE

TOTAL LEVY FOR 1921 IS PUT AT 74 MILLS.

Final Action on State, County and School Budgets Not Yet Taken, However.

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 5.—(Special.)—Hopes of Seattle property owners that their taxes would be lower in 1921 have been dashed by County Assessor Hull's first tabulation of approximate levies for next year, showing a total for all purposes of 74 mills, an increase of 2 1/2 mills, which means instead of paying \$71.50 on \$1000 as this year, the rate next year will be \$74 on \$1000 worth of property as assessed for taxation.

LABOR WARNED OF REDS

Prosecutor Calls on America to Think Its Way Out. CHICAGO, Sept. 5.—Frank Comerford, government prosecutor in the recent trial of William Broeze Lacy and 18 others convicted of conspiracy to overthrow the government, tonight urged America to "think its way out of its present great crisis. He warned American labor that the laboring man will be the one to suffer if there is a revolution in this country.

TRAFFIC NEARLY NORMAL

Two Killed and Seven Hurt When Emergency Bus Skids. NEW YORK, Sept. 5.—With the strike on the Brooklyn Rapid Transit system entering its second week today, streetcar, subway and elevated service reached a stage only a little and of normal, according to reports of inspectors of the public service commission.

JEWISH ASSEMBLY TO SIT

Election to Replace Zionist Commission in Palestine Slated. JERUSALEM, Sept. 4.—The Jewish assembly in Palestine will be opened on October 7, it was officially announced today.

Ice Car Death Averted.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Sept. 5.—(Special.)—There are plenty of refrigerators to handle the fruit crop this year, according to Z. P. Moody, traveling agent for the Pacific Fruit express company. This is partly due to the light crop and partly due to the fact that many growers have been put in service this year.

PORTLAND METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

Table with columns for Station, Maximum Temperature, Minimum Temperature, Precipitation, Wind Direction, and Weather. Includes data for Baker, Boston, Chicago, etc.

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