

AMERICAN FARMERS' CROPS ARE BIGGEST

Secretary Houston Says Individual Production Leads.

DECADES SHOW INCREASE

Programme of State and Federal Aid by Loans and Legislation Advocated by Officials.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The American farmer leads the world in individual production of crops, Secretary Houston of the department of agriculture, asserted today in his annual report. While countries such as Belgium, under intensive farming, get a higher acreage yield, he said, the total acreage and yield per acre into account, the American agriculturist produces 2 1/2 times as much as his Belgian and German rivals, 2.3 times as much as the British farmer, 3.2 times as much as the French, and more than six times as much as the Italian.

The result of this and of the American farmer's war work is shown in the 1919 American crop production, placed at three times greater in value than the average annual output during the five-year period preceding the European war. The aggregate value of all crops this year is placed at \$15,347,000,000, as compared to \$4,322,000,000 in 1914, and an average of \$5,829,000,000 during the five-year period. Live stock on farms this year was valued at \$5,830,000,000, as against \$2,284,000,000 in 1914.

Decade Increase 16 Per Cent. Estimates in the report put the 1919 wheat production at 915,471,000 bushels, and corn at 2,910,250,000 bushels. Cotton is expected to reach 10,486,000 bales and tobacco 1,216,553,000 pounds. The farmers of the nation in 1919 planted an acreage in leading cereals greater by 35,000,000 than the pre-war annual average, which, it is estimated, will yield 620,000,000 bushels of wheat and 2,000,000,000 bushels of corn, or the pre-war average. Mr. Houston said of war work on the farms, "they increased this year by 2,700,000, or over 1914 by 2,700,000, of over cattle by 8,000,000, of swine by 16,700,000, and of horses and mules by 1,900,000, or a total of 25,300,000."

The planting operations of the year began before the fighting ceased and the call was still for more wheat. The department suggested a maximum fall acreage of 47,500,000 acres, an increase of 12 per cent over 1918. There were actually planted 49,261,000, the largest acreage in the nation's history, 6,960,000 acres more than in 1918. "The spring wheat acreage was 22,393,000, while the winter and spring plantings combined amounted to 71,844,000 acres, or 7,200,000 more than the preceding record. "It is estimated that the yield will exceed that of 1918 by 1,000,000 bushels and will be the nation's second record wheat crop. The estimated winter crop of 2,910,000,000 bushels will be 300,000,000 greater than that of 1918."

More Land Available. The nation can further expand its output of commodities by cultivating unused tillable land, estimated at more than 50 per cent of the total, the report states. Expansion is limited, however, by the supply of capital and labor.

No step to promote farmers' co-operative associations along the right line, should be omitted, the secretary said. It is estimated that these organizations market annually approximately \$1,500,000,000 worth of commodities.

Included in Mr. Houston's recommendations were the following: The building up, primarily under state law, of a system of personal credit unions, for farmers whose financial status and operations make it difficult to secure accommodations through the ordinary channels; expansion of facilities for adding in marketing, especially extension of the market news and food product inspection services; continuation of federal participation in road building through an appropriation of \$100,000,000 for each of the next four years; regulation and control of stockyards and packing houses; legislation to protect consumers against adulterated feeds and fertilizers; increased state support for rural schools and more definite instruction as to rural problems and conditions; legislation to improve rural conditions and to provide hospital and medical facilities.

CONGRESS KEEPS BUSY (Continued from First Page.)

is that Secretary Baker is asking for more for the army next year than was appropriated for it this year.

Trick by Mexico Suspected. It was a jolt to the state department today to hear that the release of Consul General Jenkins in Mexico was not what it seemed to mean at first. His apparent release on bail means nothing, because it can be regarded as in no sense responsible to this government's demand for his release. On present information there is no way of knowing but what the Mexican government took this cunning method to relieve itself from the necessity of answering the American state department by having some individual deposit bail for Jenkins without his knowledge or consent.

Nothing may come of the Mexican trouble for the present, but it has accomplished something worth while just the same. Had it not been for this Mexican controversy it might have been some time before the country receives any authentic information concerning President Wilson's condition.

The report of Senators Hitchcock and Fall yesterday that they found Mr. Wilson in good spirits and mentally alert, eased the public tension here so much that no one appeared to care very much what Carranza does unless he sends his brigades across the border for a raid.

Fall Resolution Opposed. From today's outlook there is reason to doubt that the Fall resolution declaring a severance of diplomatic relations with Mexico will be reported favorably by the senate foreign relations committee on Monday. Senators Johnson, Borah and Moses, appear to be unfriendly and should they vote against it Monday nothing more will be heard of it soon.

With the state conventions held in South Dakota last Tuesday, the national pre-convention campaign of all parties is regarded as having officially opened. Too much importance must not be attached to the action of either the republican or democratic parties in their South Dakota conventions, reference to the Richard's primary law, under which they met, would indicate.

While General Leonard Wood received the republican endorsement for president and President Wilson was endorsed for a third term by the democrats, this is not final in effect. This action of the convention places these candidates on the respective party

ballots, but both parties may place other candidates on the ticket by petition. And there are sure to be other candidates, at least on the republican side.

Lowden to Be on Ballot. Governor Frank O. Lowden of Illinois, who lost to Wood in the convention contest, will be on the ballot. Senator Miles Poindexter of Washington will be a strong contender. In the first interview he has ever given with reference to his candidacy, Senator Hiram W. Johnson of California asserted today that his name will go before the people of that state. He said:

"My name will go upon the ticket in South Dakota undoubtedly and so will the names of others who did not desire to make the fight in the convention. The people of South Dakota in March will determine how their delegation to the national convention shall vote.

"My friends in South Dakota, who are my friends because they believe in me, reached the conclusion that they would rather make their fight—and I agree with them—in this contest before the people than in a convention."

Representative Royal C. Johnson, of South Dakota, who enlisted in the army as a private and rose to captain, being three times decorated for distinguished service, has declared for Johnson.

Wood Wins Prestige. The advantage of the convention's endorsement is the early prestige which it gives to General Wood, but it makes the fight in South Dakota as elsewhere, hereafter a contest of Wood against the field.

The Wood forces have the nucleus for an organization in every state and from this time on this organization will have to be prepared to withstand the shock of the onslaught of probably a half dozen other candidates. Senator Harding will attack it in Ohio, where five two or three strongest Wood supporters, among them William C. Proctor, of Cincinnati, and Dan Hastings, of Cleveland.

While the Wood forces will fight for delegates in Ohio, the present plan is understood not to include a fight on the rights of Poindexter and Johnson for the Washington and California delegations respectively. The first delegates will be elected in General Wood's home state of New Hampshire on March 5. It is not expected that Harding and Governor Lowden will compete with him there, but it will not be surprising if he finds Senator Poindexter and Johnson opposing him for the delegates from the state in which he was born.

Both Backed in New Hampshire. Both these candidates have some backing in New Hampshire, and they are not likely to ask their friends to remain idle. It is generally conceded, however, that Wood will get the New Hampshire delegation, but this contest will be no more than over the rights of Poindexter and Johnson for delegates, the date being March 16. Hiram Johnson is looked upon as a careful contender in that state. If North Dakota can get out of the habit of electing a Bob La Follette delegation.

Senator Poindexter, who was the only candidate to make a personal campaign in South Dakota, is expected to return to Washington Monday, and his return is eagerly awaited because he is expected to shun "weasel words" in describing what happened at Pierre last Tuesday.

The South Dakota endorsement of President Wilson looks like a clever method of side-stepping the issue between Attorney-General Palmer and William C. McAdoo, the two of leading democratic candidates. There were many federal office holders in the Pierre endorsement, and it is too delicate a matter for any of them to take chances.

Food Films to Be Shown. Accompanying a lecture on dehydrated foods, to be given at the Central library at 3 P. M. today, there will be some interesting motion pictures. The lecture will be by Mason Witterber, R. L. Sabler will preside. Admission will be free.

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Ladies see M. Sichel's ad, page 5. Adv.

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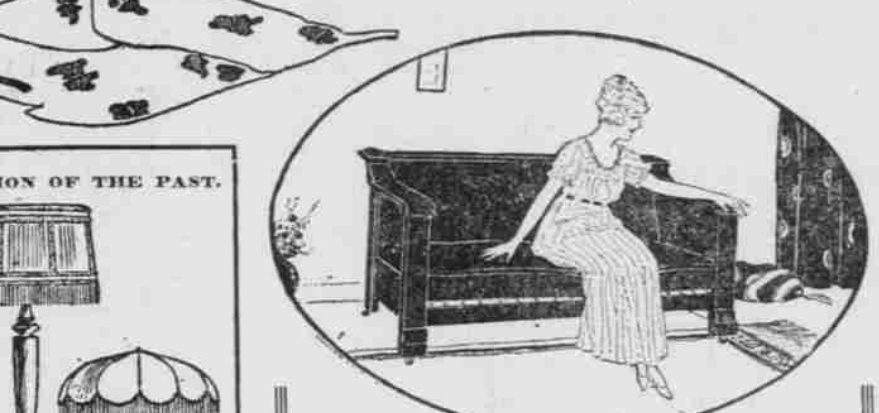
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