

POLAND'S CROPS HIT BY SEED SHORTAGE

Agricultural Report Made to Max H. Houser.

CREAGE IS CUT DOWN

Very Scarce and Cost of All Fertilizers Soaring.

Conditions in Poland, as they are today, when the newly-created republic is seeking to find stability and a path of progress, were graphically described in a report recently forwarded to Max H. Houser, federal administrator by one of the factors of the United States Grain Corporation, who spent some time in first-hand investigation of affairs in Poland.

Agricultural Poland presents few signs of encouragement, ran the official report. The acreage of fall wheat and rye, including that of Poland, will be less than last year. Sowing is limited for lack of seed. The condition of the soil in fall of last year was very unfavorable. If Poland requires 500,000 bushels of imported grain to maintain a normal ration during the present year she will require as much or more next year. Work animals are very scarce. The high price of fertilizer makes importation impossible. It has not been found feasible to raise the price of bread grains to the peasant as to induce him to increase the acreage. Ten thousand bushels per acre would represent 30 times the pre-war price, but imported wheat costs more than that.

Prices Hit Consumer. If the price to the peasant be too high the consumer cannot pay except with the aid of an intolerable subsidy by the state. If the price to the peasant will not increase the acreage, Poland has the choice, like any other state in Europe, of increasing production at a price that one can pay or of limiting the acreage and having no supplies to offer the consumer. It is clear that the cost of foodstuffs is greatly in excess of the increase in wage, and it is not entirely surprising that the peasant is not increasing his production. No greater tribute can be mentioned as proof of her condition.

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GIFTED COLORATURA SOPRANO, GALLI-CURCI, COMING MAY 12

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MIE AMELITA GALLI-CURCI, the gifted coloratura soprano, the sensation of the hour in international operatic circles, who will be heard at the Hellig on May 12 under direction of Steers & Coman, has sung with most of the great artists of this generation in Europe and in South America.

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FAME OF ROSE CITY IS SPREAD ABROAD

Gifts of Nature Here Used to Best Advantage.

STREET HEDGES ADMIRER

Portland Commended as Progressive Enough to Pay for Annual Advertising From Funds.

That Portland is the "Rose City" in evidence from the great amount of space which is devoted to this city in the 1920 Rose Annual of the American Rose Society, which is now being distributed. The book contains more than 200 pages and is handsomely illustrated in colors. It is only available to the members of the Portland Rose society, who are affiliated with the American Rose society. It is the most important rose volume of the year and cannot be purchased, but is given free to the members of the society.

One article of interest to Portlanders is a compilation of extracts from letters to the editor, J. Horace McFarland, regarding rose culture in Portland. In this article Mr. McFarland writes: "I have never seen a rose unexcelled for rose culture, with soils varying from sandy loam to hard clay over gravel, and with a range of elevations from practically sea-level to an altitude of 1200 feet, Portland, Oregon, offers its citizens unique opportunities for rose culture. To such an extent have they taken advantage of these gifts of nature that they have become for Portland its title, the Rose City.

History of Society Reviewed. The article also reviews the history of the Portland Rose society for the past 30 years, the annual rose show and the Rose Festival, the activities of the park bureau in promoting rose culture, the new test gardens, the big rose garden at Peninsula park and the work of the Royal Rosarians.

Special attention is devoted to the rose hedges which line Portland streets and, referring to the new plan of financing the Rose Festival, special tribute is paid to the progress of the city in putting this event on a tax basis and the fact is pointed out that for its big annual advertising event for public funds. In closing the article says: "To sum up: Rose culture has been the forerunner of democracy in Portland. The butcher, the baker, the lawyer and the banker all grow roses and exhibit them side by side. Only last year, for instance, one of the highest prizes for the best rose exhibited was captured by a cobbler's son and the other by the life of a retired capitalist. The Portland Rose society has been the ruling factor in the promotion of this rose-growing, democratic atmosphere.

Rose Growing Elucidated. The book also contains two articles on rose growing by Jesse A. Currey of Portland and a review of the new international Rose Test Garden in Washington park, with a complete score of all the roses. There are also four or five other brief articles dealing with various phases of rose culture in Portland. One of the full-page illustrations is of the new rose

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Advertisement for 'Come Clean' featuring dental products from Lilly's and Forham's, and a large advertisement for Stouf-Lyons Drug Co. with a list of dental supplies and prices.

Large advertisement for Rivoli Orchestra and Samuel Merwin's 'The Honey Bee' novel, including concert details and a list of products.