

FARMERS THRIVING

REPORT OF SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE SHOWS WEALTH

Valuation of Crops and Animal Products for Last Year Greater Than Ever

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16.—Secretary Houston's annual report, just made public, places an estimate of \$9,873,000,000 on the value of American farm crops and animal products for last year, a valuation without precedent. This, however, probably will be eclipsed by the present year's showing.

This valuation is an increase of about \$83,000,000 over the value of 1913, hitherto, the highest ever recorded. The increase occurred in the face of a decline in cotton from 12.5 cents a pound for the 1913 crop to an average of 7.3 cents for 1914. Of the tremendous flood of exports which began near the end of the fiscal year covered by the Secretary's report, many hundreds of millions represent farm products.

Between August 1, 1914, and February 1, 1915, the report says, "exports were \$1,157,000,000 and imports \$771,000,000, giving a favorable balance of \$386,000,000. Of the total value of exports \$662,000,000 represented agricultural commodities, chiefly manufactures.

"The total agricultural exports in the fiscal year ended June 30, 1915, practically the first year of the war, were \$1,470,000,000, which is an increase of \$356,000,000, or 32 per cent over those of the preceding year and of \$433,000,000, or nearly 42 per cent over the average of the five years 1910-1915."

Enormous Stock Losses

What is needed more, perhaps, than anything else, the Secretary says, is an increase in meat animals. To that end, the Department has extended its activities as far as its funds would permit. Elimination of common live-stock diseases, from which losses are said to be enormous would result in a material increase of the meat supply.

"It has been conservatively estimated," the report continues, "on the basis of data for thirty years, that the annual direct losses from animal diseases are approximately \$212,000,000. The indirect losses, which also are great, cannot be estimated at all. The direct loss ascribed to each disease is as follows:

- Hog cholera, \$75,000,000;
- Texas fever and cattle ticks, \$40,000,000;
- tuberculosis, \$25,000,000;
- contagious abortion, \$20,000,000;
- blackleg, \$6,000,000;
- anthrax, \$1,500,000;
- scabies of sheep and cattle, \$4,600,000;
- glanders, \$5,000,000;
- other livestock diseases, \$22,000,000;
- parasites, \$5,000,000;
- other livestock diseases, \$22,000,000;
- poultry diseases, \$8,750,000."

Suggests to Congress

Recommendations for legislation made by Secretary Houston to Congress include the following:

Legislation designed to promote better handling and storage of farm products and trading on the basis of fixed grades and standards, including a permissive warehouse act, a cotton standards act, a grain grades act, and provision for a market-news service.

A land-mortgage banking act intended to inject business methods into handling farm finance and to place farm securities upon the market in a responsible way.

Assistance to communities near the national forests in road building and similar improvements through a plan involving the advancement of funds for these purposes to be charged against the State's future share of the receipts from the forests.

Authority to grant water-power permits within the National Forests for fixed periods.

More effective control over the production of hog-cholera serum. A plan involving the establishment by the Federal Government of a station for testing all serum intended for shipment in interstate commerce, is outlined.

OH! YOU BALDHEADED MEN; FEAR NOT INSANE ASYLUM

MONROE, Wis., Dec. 16.—Here is a grain of comfort for the bald-headed men.

No matter to what extent they are compelled to bear the ridicule of their friends because of their thinning domes, and no matter how remorse may grip their souls as they see their hair going, the fact that it is falling out is a guarantee they will never be inmates of an insane asylum.

This is the declaration of Dr. Robert B. Clark, who has made a lifelong study of insanity and mental diseases.

"I have examined several hundred patients regarding their sanity," said Dr. Clark. "I have had the opportunity of studying many hundreds of others in the asylums of the country, and in all of my experience I have yet, with a single exception, to see an insane man who was bald-headed."

ROLLIN EDMUNDS ARRESTED AT ROSEBURG

Newspaper of that City Says Young Man Is Wanted in Coos County

Although local police do not know Rollin Edmunds by that name the following appears in a Roseburg paper and it is believed possible the youth is one known here and has taken another name.

Rollin Edmunds, formerly of Roseburg, but for the past few years a resident of Coos county, was arrested here shortly after 1 o'clock this morning on a charge of larceny. He is being held in the city jail pending the arrival of a Coos County officer.

Edmunds is charged, so the Marshfield newspapers claim, with stealing some money; a watch and other valuables from a Coos County woman named Mrs. Weimner. He left Coos County early Saturday and arrived here shortly after 1 o'clock this morning by stage. Sheriff Quine was awaiting the arrival of the youthful fugitive and he was placed under arrest immediately upon reaching this city. When searched at the city jail Edmunds was found to have a few dollars in money, but the watch he is alleged to have taken was not found. A Coos County officer will arrive here tomorrow to take Edmunds back to Coquille for trial.

Edmunds was previously arrested here in company with a boy giving his name as Parsons. They were given a hearing before the juvenile court, but were paroled upon their promise to do better. Mrs. Weimner, the woman who claims to have been robbed, formerly lived in Roseburg, where she was employed as a waitress in a local restaurant.

AUTO LINE MAKES TRIP IN ONE DAY

MARSHFIELD-ROSEBURG AUTO STAGE LINE MAINTAINS EXCELLENT SERVICE—CONNECTS WITH NIGHT TRAIN TO PORTLAND—MAINTAINS SCHEDULE

The Marshfield-Roseburg Auto Stage Line is maintaining its winter schedule between Coos Bay and Roseburg in fine shape despite the inclement weather. Passengers leaving Marshfield arrive in Roseburg in time to connect with the north bound train to Portland, making the trip from the Bay through to the Rose City in just twenty-four hours.

Messrs. Kolhagen, Banks and Laird, proprietors of the line, have been making every effort to give the best possible service. Autos are operated on both ends of the road and through the sixteen miles of canyon closed conveyances eliminate the hardships that have been encountered in previous years. In addition to this they have established a new way station near Rock Creek where passengers can get excellent noon-day meals.

The winter schedule provides for leaving Marshfield about 7:30 in the morning, reaching Roseburg in the evening, connecting with the 11 o'clock train and arriving in Portland at 7:15 the next morning.

Frank D. Cohan at the Owl Drug Store is the Marshfield agent for the line, issuing tickets, furnishing all information desired and making reservations. The fare from the Bay to Roseburg via this route is only \$7.70.

The Coos Bay Ice & Cold Storage Company will take bright silver salmon as well as steelhead. Prices 3 cents per pound for steelheads, 15 cents for silvers.



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NEW COMERS FEW

TIDE OF EMIGRATION NOW AT LOWEST POINT

Report of Secretary of Labor Shows Less Than Usual Number from Europe Settling in America

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16.—The tide of emigration to the United States ebbed to its lowest point in more than twenty years during the past fiscal year, according to figures made public today in the annual report of Secretary Wilson, of the Department of Labor.

The total number of immigrant aliens, the report shows, fell from 1,218,480 in the previous year to 326,700 in the period ending June 30 last. All admitted arrivals of aliens, immigrant and non-immigrant, were only 434,244 as compared with 1,403,801 the year before.

Fewer Departed

Departure of aliens, emigrant and non-emigrant, likewise show a notable decrease. For the fiscal year of 1914, departures were 633,805; for 1915, 384,174. The fiscal year of 1915 covers the period of sailing home of reservists from the beginning of the European war till June 30, last. During that time the emigrant aliens, presumably including the number sailing to join the colors in Europe, were 294,074, compared with 303,338 the previous twelve months. The non-emigrant aliens, departing totaled 180,099 for 1915 and 320,467 for 1914, showing a net decrease for all alien departures of 249,631.

Excess of arrivals over departures of aliens alone being considered, was only 50,070 in 1915. In 1914, the excess was 769,276.

Many Illiterate

Of the 326,700 immigrant aliens admitted to the United States in the 1915 fiscal year, 52,982 were under fourteen years of age; 244,472 were from 14 to 44 years old and 29,246 were 45 or over. Those over fourteen who could neither read nor write numbered 35,057, those able to read but not write were 392, making the total number of illiterates over fourteen, 35,449, or thirteen per cent.

Deported aliens numbered 26,675. This included 24,111 excluded at ports and sent back to their country of origin and 2,564 arrested and expelled from the country. Of these excluded, 2,722 were denied admission because they were contract laborers.

Sixty Dollars Each

Immigrants admitted to the country showed to customs officials money in their possession aggregating \$19,568,000, an average of \$60 each. Each of 95,711 immigrants had more than \$50; while 133,744 had less than \$50. One hundred and ninety thousand claimed to have paid their passage across the Atlantic; 128,146 said that their passage had been paid by relatives and 7,697 that it had been paid by persons other than relatives. With reference to exclusions, the report asserts:

"Conditions during the past year were so abnormal that accurate comparisons with previous years are difficult. Exclusions in 1913 amounted to 1.38 per cent of the number applying; in 1914 this was increased to 2.3 per cent and in the past year the increase has been so great as to mean 5.3 per cent."

ROOSTER KILLS CHILD

ONTARIO, Cal., Dec. 16.—Injuries inflicted by a rooster several days ago upon John M. Seimon, two-year-old son of Harry Seimon, of Los Angeles, resulted in the child's death. While at the home of his grandparents the little fellow toddled into the barnyard where the rooster attacked him, driving his spurs deep into his scalp.

News of World's Greatest War Day by Day

CHINESE CROOKS SEEK JAIL SENTENCES

In Shanghai They Find Prison a Comfortable Place to Stay for the Winter

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

SHANGHAI, Dec. 16.—China's appeal to the foreign powers to preserve peace in portions of the republic beyond Chinese jurisdiction is somewhat justified by conditions in Shanghai. This city is a refuge for criminals and outlaws from various parts of China and many of them are desperate enough to undertake any criminal commission. The municipal jail contained more than 1200 convicts late in September, a record for this season. Chinese crooks enjoy life in the Shanghai jail. It affords a pleasant home for the winter, and offers better food than Chinese collies are accustomed to.

There is considerable agitation here for the restoration of flogging in an effort to discourage loafers from seeking jail sentences. No other part of China is as lenient to criminals as Shanghai. Under Chinese law, they are flogged for small offenses and executed for serious ones. Here in Shanghai, jail sentences and comfortable lodging make law-breaking very attractive. Recently there have been many cases of Chinese actually assaulting policemen for the sole purpose of getting locked up during the winter.

SOLDIERS ARE BOTHERED ON ACCOUNT OF RATS

Plague Is Described As Being Almost As Bad As The Attacks of the Germans

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

LONDON, Dec. 16.—There is a plague of rats along the British and French lines in Flanders and France. A soldier describes the invasion as "worse than the Germans" in a letter which adds: "Trenches, communications, fields, woods, houses, cellars and barns are choked with them. We have them holding congresses at night in the busiest roads and giving concerts by day in the most crowded villages. We literally march on top of them. They breed and breed and launch themselves into assaults on the contonments, like the Germans on the Yser, by battalions en masse. They are beginning to be tortured by hunger, and the shortage of food makes them capable of anything. The other morning I saw a cyclist whose tires had been half devoured by a platoon of rats. The other night some of our men had their surgical first-aid packages, which they keep in a coat pocket, attacked and carried off. Woe to the man who goes to sleep with a morsel of chocolate in his trousers! He will wake up to find himself without his chocolate and almost without his trousers."

The writer goes on to describe the methods of warfare that are being used against the new enemy, particularly some of the ingenious giant traps devised by the soldiers for catching the rats on a wholesale scale.

MINE SWEEPERS FUND REACHES GOOD AMOUNT

Clothing and Tobacco Furnished Englishmen Engaged in That Part of the Warfare

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

LONDON, Dec. 16.—The committee of the Mine Sweepers Fund have just issued their first balance sheet for the year ending September 1915, showing that receipts, chiefly donations, amounted to \$98,000, while garments numbering 145,000 pieces to the value of \$37,500 were also received.

Expenditure of \$66,000 was incurred for the purchase of clothes and \$8,000 for pipes and tobacco.

Some 21,000 men are engaged in this dangerous occupation of mine sweeping, examination of vessels and other auxiliary services and these have all received complete outfits of woollen garments and other comforts from the fund.

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