

SOY BEAN CROP WILL BE LARGE

Political Situation in Orient Has Effect Upon Agriculture

MUKDEN, Manchuria (AP)—Existencies of the political disruption between China and Russia in Manchuria have added importance to the Manchurian soy bean crop, foundation of the country's economic structure.

The harvest this year is expected to be the largest in history. Last year the output aggregated about 5,500,000 tons, approximately 75 per cent of the total soy bean production of all China. The area planted this season is something more than 8,000,000 acres.

Used in the manufacture of both food and explosives, the soy bean has a significant position in the present national emergency. The possibility of an increased industrial demand, however remote, has spurred producers to extraordinary efforts.

Although a staple food in China for more than 4,000 years, the soy bean, "meat and milk" of the orient, is one of the romances of modern science. For centuries it was made into a curd that took the place of meat and bread among the poor. A vegetable milk was pressed from the curd and was not until 1910, when a shipment of 100 tons was sent to England, that the soy bean became a factor in international trade.

Since then scores of products have been developed. Credit for much of the almost boom-like development and prosperity of Manchuria is given to the varied uses of the soy bean. They include the manufacture of soy and other sauces, soups, breakfast foods, casein, cheese, crackers, macaroni, flour, confections, glycerine, explosives, enamels, varnishes, butter and lard substitutes, betel foods, edible oils, salad oils, illuminating and lubricating oils, water-proofing materials, linoleum, paints, soaps, celluloid, rubber substitutes, printing inks, meal for cattle, coffee substitutes, baked beans, roasted beans, infant food, soy bean butter and fertilizer.

Even the shell is utilized, charcoal being produced from it.

The latest product is known as "brain tonic." It was discovered by German scientists and developed by the Japanese in the central laboratory at Dairen. The tonic is being perfected as a medicine for under-developed children and for adults in exceptional cases. It resembles old-fashioned apple butter.

So important commercially has the soy bean become that the United States has been promoting a schedule of its numerous uses. The American acreage has been increased steadily with the bean used principally as forage crops.

To find additional varieties, some of which will flourish in northern latitudes, the department of agriculture has sent two specialists, F. H. Dorsett and W. Morse, to the Orient to study the soy bean in its native land. Now in northern Japan they expect to reach Manchuria within a year.

\$2,000,000 IN GOLD CAUSE OF ACCIDENT

SAN FRANCISCO, March 26—(AP)—Two million dollars in gold bullion today brought injuries to five persons here during the short trip of the treasure from the waterfront to the mint.

The gold was loaded into a truck from the steamer and brought to the mint under an armed conveyance. Five guards bearing riot guns comprised the party.

Speeding out Mission street an automobile leading the procession was forced to stop suddenly as it approached a traffic snarl.

The goldladen truck collided with it. A motorcycle and side-car bearing police crashed into the truck. Severely shaken up, thrown heavily, battered by their own weapons, the guards suffered severe cuts and bruises.

Most seriously injured were the occupants of the truck. W. C. Rutherford and Frank T. White, special express company agents, who accompanied the bullion from Seattle. E. W. Woods, special guard of the steamship company, was thrown from the truck and the crew of the police motorcycle received general cuts and bruises.

Following the triple collision the bullion was hurried safely to the mint for coinage.

SHIP DISABLED BUT IS NOT IN DANGER

SEATTLE, March 26—(AP)—Radio messages received here tonight said that the steam schooner, Whitney Olsen, disabled because of engine trouble off the mouth of Quillayute river, was in no danger. The sea was calm, the message said. The Quillayute river is on the Washington coast, about midway between Grays harbor and Tatoush island.

In response to distress signals, the coast guard cutter Haida left here late today to tow the vessel into port. The schooner, one of the Olson-Mahoney line, left Los Angeles March 20 for Puget Sound with a general cargo. She carried a crew of 25 men, but no passengers.

BALTIMORE, March 26—(AP)—An aged couple in ill health and near poverty, today ended their lives, 23 years of which they had spent together, because one could not live without the other.

PRETTY "GUN-TOTER"

Miss Hilda Carlton, alias Calloway, of Newark, N. J., who is said to "pack a gun" at her hip. She was captured at Philadelphia after a midnight pursuit, in which six shots were fired. Besides the gun strapped to her thigh, the brunette carried an extra round of 38-calibre cartridges. She was questioned regarding recent "babbit girl" robberies.



STRIP MINING NOW BEATS TUNNELING

WASHINGTON (AP)—An outstanding increase in the removal of the country's mineral resources directly from the surface, instead of through tunnels honeycombing the earth, is noted in a newly completed survey by the bureau of mines.

Strip mining has increased in recent years to the extent that two investigators, F. E. Cash and M. W. von Bernwitz report the annual average production of five minerals as totalling 78 million tons.

To expose the minerals, giant shovels scoop away three times as much earth, or overburden, as the entire amount of dry excavation during the 11-year period of the cutting of the Panama canal.

Stripping machinery has been perfected until, during an average year, the United States produces 19,000,000 tons of coal, twenty-four million tons of copper ore, thirty-two million tons of iron ore, 150,000 tons of bauxite, and 2,700,000 tons of pebble phosphate.

The increase has been such in the coal fields that, where 7,232,600 tons were stripped in 1921, 10,511,322 tons were mined by the method in 1927, the investigators reported.

From the slender beginnings of strip mining in the middle of the last century, when picks and shovels were wielded by hand and ox teams transported the minerals the mining has progressed to the point where electric shovels now bite into the earth to remove 15 cubic yards in one operation.

Huge mechanical monsters, virtual power plants on wheels have been developed, with a nincreasing trend towards the substitution of electric power for steam. With the earth laid bare by the shovels and blasting operations, reforesting projects have been initiated by some companies to get further returns from the waste stretches.

In addition to reclaiming resources that could not be mined underground, strip mining produces minerals at cheaper cost and with decreased hazards to employees. There are few accidents.

3 WORLD FLIGHTS ARE BEING PLANNED

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Three proposed attempts to girdle the globe by airplane appear as aviation's most spectacular promise for 1930.

To shatter the 21-day speed record of the Graf Zeppelin is the aim of John Henry Mears, Lieutenant and Mrs. Herbert Fahy and Harry Husted. All of them propose to make round-the-world trips in May or June.

Mears, who encircled the earth in 23 days and 15 hours in 1928 with the late Capt. C. B. D. Collyer, intends to use a Lockheed Vega monoplane. He hopes to make the trip in 15 days.

Bernt Balchen, whose most recent achievement was to fly Re-Admiral Richard E. Byrd over the south pole, has been mentioned as Mears' probable pilot.

That flight is booked to start late in May from New York with plans to span Atlantic and Pacific oceans by air, rather than by steamship as Mears and Collyer did in 1928.

Lieutenant and Mrs. Fahy, both fliers, also will use a Lockheed plane and have announced they will attempt to make the trip in 12 days, flying only in daylight.

The Fahy venture will be backed by the Detroit aircraft corporation, it has been announced. Fahy is "too tired" to attend organization.

Husted, wealthy Cleveland manufacturer, has announced plans to encircle the world in a Fokker F-32 in 10 days, probably starting June 15.

Like other would-be Magellans of the air, he proposes to fly eastward, starting either from the Pacific coast or New York. It had been his original intention to fly westward.

Besides the attempt to lower the globe-girdling record, he plans to take moving pictures en route, many of which he says will be turned over to the government for their educational value.

FOX FILMS STRIKES ADDED OPPOSITION

NEW YORK, March 26—(AP)—Another legal entanglement appeared today in the complicated litigation which involves William Fox and his motion picture corporation. It took the form of an affidavit of prejudice calling upon Federal Judge Frank J. Coleman to withdraw from the three equity receivership proceedings pending against the corporations and others.

The affidavit was filed by counsel for Halsey Stuart & Co., Inc., on behalf of H. L. Stuart, president of the corporation, and one of the Fox trustees named in the trusteeship agreement on December 3.

Judge Coleman adjourned proceedings until Thursday afternoon in order to find time to look up the law on the matter.

"I assume," the judge said to the assembled attorneys, "that the filing of this affidavit divests me of the power to hear the motions."

Samuel Untermyer, counsel for Mr. Fox, contended that since Halsey Stuart & Co. were not parties defendant they could not legally file an affidavit of prejudice. In reply to this, Judge Coleman pointed out that Untermyer had recently filed a motion to make the financial house a party defendant. Untermyer said he would consider withdrawal of that motion.

The affidavit charged that Judge Coleman, by his conduct, had shown prejudice against Stuart in receivership proceedings before him. It asked him to file a certificate of disqualification with the court of appeals and asked that the court of appeals designate some other judge to hear the case.

JULIAN BRIBE PROBE TO BE DISCONTINUED

LOS ANGELES, March 26—(AP)—Further investigation of the alleged bribery of jurors in the Julian over-issue trials of 1928, despite the various leads the latest probe of the case has unearthed, tonight apparently hung on the verge of collapse.

Declaring the entire investigation suspended, District Attorney Buron Fitts refused to send further witnesses before the county grand jury, following appointment of Superior Judge Marshall F. McComb to hear the trials of six persons indicted for bribery.

Superior Court Judge Walton J. Wood, presiding over grand jury matters, appointed Judge McComb today to hear the bribery trials despite emphatic objections by Fitts.

The six defendants are S. C. Lewis, former president of the defunct Julian Petroleum corporation; Jacob Berman, official of the company; Louis Krause, alleged jury fixer; Louis Berman and Frank Crider and John B.

Groves. The latter two were jurors on the over-issue trial.

Five of the defendants pleaded not guilty and their trial was set for April 21. Grider was given a continuance until Thursday. Judge Wood then assigned the cases to Judge McComb's court and Fitts announced his objections.

After Judge Wood had declined to reconsider Fitts' refusal to produce additional witnesses resulted in adjournment of the grand jury. It meets again tomorrow morning.

The disagreement between the district attorney and Judge Wood came after Jacob Berman refused to testify further before the grand jury if he was to be tried by Judge McComb. Fitts later said the entire investigation of the case and its ramifications depended on the testimony of Berman.

MAN SHOTS WIFE, THEN KILLS SELF

BALTIMORE, March 26—(AP)—"Because she told police, she was too tired to attend a dance with her husband," Mrs. Katherine Hardison, 43, was near death at a local hospital tonight with bullet wounds in her arm, back and chest. The husband, E. D. Hardison, 50, was dead, a suicide, police said.

Gordon Norcott, 15, Mrs. Hardison's son by a former marriage, told police he was an eye-witness to the shooting. He declared early this morning he heard a shot and rushed into his mother's bedroom to see Hardison fire at her twice with a revolver. The boy said Hardison then turned the gun upon himself.

Mrs. Hardison told police domestic difficulties arose Saturday night when she told her husband she was "too tired" to attend a dance. Residents of the apartment house in which the Hardisons lived, said the couple quarreled violently recently.

WEST OF '93 DAYS TO BE REPICTURED

OAK POINT, March 25.—A play is to be presented at the Oak Point school house Friday, March 28 by the young people of the community. A small sum will be charged and the proceeds are to go to the Ladies' Service club of Oak Point.

The play represents the west in the year of 1893 and the costumes will be appropriate. Candy will be sold between acts by girls dressed in old-fashioned clothes. Hot dogs, pie and coffee will be sold immediately following the play, which is a three-act drama entitled, "Tatters, The Pet of Squatters' Gulch." The characters include: LaVaughn Bigelow, Dick Pepworth, Albert Schlagg, Ben Volton, Oscar LaBlue, Rodney Peterson, Kenneth Black, Edward Hornsberger, Margaret Pepworth, Louis Webb, Harold Pepworth.

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