



CAT AND THE FIDDLE, AT NEW OREGON THEATRE, OCTOBER 9.

### GET CROP DATA FROM OVER EARTH

INTERNATIONAL BUREAU TO GATHER STATISTICS. Forty-Six Nations Agree to Take Inventory of Production of Soil in All Civilized Countries—Bureau Will Gather Reliable Data—Plan Believed to Tend to Steady Markets—Will Promote Peace.

Early in November the International Institute of Agriculture will begin at Rome the work for which it was organized, the collection of information about the world's farm crops which shall be absolutely reliable and available for the markets of every country. The institute, it is asserted by its promoters, has passed out of the atmosphere of speculation and is at last a tangible reality.

A little more than two years ago the United States senate ratified the convention of the powers that created the institute. Of late a noticeable change in the thought of European economists and business leaders is said to have taken place regarding the project. A few months ago even the most progressive were somewhat skeptical. Some openly scoffed at the attempt to checkmate the manipulators of markets. Others spoke of the difficulties of gathering reliable information, seeing in the magnitude of the project its chief danger, and there were some who saw in it only unattainable ideal. Now the sentiment of Germany, France and England is said to be crystallized into a strong support of the institute. In London especially, the opinion is expressed that the institute is destined to become the greatest agricultural and commercial agent in the world, and that it will be to a very large degree successful in its aim to prevent spasmodic fluctuations in the prices of the great staples of agriculture.

#### Would Steady the Market.

George F. Stone, secretary of the Chicago Board of Trade, is quoted as having expressed the opinion that an international institution of agriculture, organized on the line of that now established at Rome, and efficiently directed, would steady the market on staples of agriculture from 7 to 10 per cent. Successfully carried out the institute should mean the saving of this enormous sum and its bestowal not only upon the owners and laborers on farms, but upon manufacturers who use agricultural staples as raw materials, upon labor employed in the factory and the great masses of humanity the world over who demand food to eat and clothes to wear from the farms.

Forty-six nations have agreed to maintain this great clearing house of information and have appropriated funds to pay for the maintenance. All except one of the 46 have appointed delegates to the general committee or governing board of the institute which will meet in November. The list of these nations is as follows:

Argentina, Republic, Australia, Austria-Hungary, Belgium, Brazil, British Guiana, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Cuba, Denmark, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, France, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Guatemala, India, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Mexico, Montenegro, Mauritania,

#### THE SLEEPING SICKNESS WHICH MEANS DEATH

How many readers have heard of this terrible disease? It prevails in that far-away country—Africa—especially the Congo district. It is caused by the bite of the tsetse fly. When it bites a person, the sleeping symptoms begin and finally the sufferer sleeps until death occurs.

Contrast this with the peaceful, balmy sleep of health. Is there anything more wearing than to lie awake at night, tossing about, nervous, with cold feet, hot head and mercy knows what else? Short of letting the tsetse fly bite us we would do almost anything for relief. How can we prevent it? Mr. George Hayes, of Union City, Pa., writes: "I had lost my appetite, was all run-down, could not sleep nights. I had tried everything without relief. Vinol was recommended, and to my surprise, it helped me at once; gave me a splendid appetite, and now I sleep soundly."

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The Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Paraguay, Persia, Peru, Portugal, Roumania, Russia, Salvador, Serbia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Uruguay and United States of America.

King Victor Emmanuel of Italy, through whose initiation the institution came into being, has constructed for its use a beautiful marble palace on the grounds of the Villa Borghese at Rome, and has bestowed upon the institute estates whose annual income is from \$60,000 to \$100,000.

At the June conference Sig Faina of Italy was chosen president. He is a cultured gentleman, well known throughout Europe as an agricultural expert and benefactor. Already he has carried out the wish of the permanent committee and formulated a program for the working of the institute, which is now considered by the various adhering governments.

The organization plan provides for a number of bureaus, each having charge of definite fields, such as the collection and publication of reliable information concerning the world's supply of staples of agriculture—the chief work of the institute wages paid for farm work, new diseases of vegetation and effective remedies, agricultural co-operation, insurance and credit, simplification of weights and measures, etc.

#### Will Promote Peace.

Not the least of the exceptions that cluster about the new institution is the hope that it will become an efficient promoter of international peace. Already it has brought 46 nations into relations of comity, without the slightest friction and its inherent principles, those of education and information, can not fail to be a continuous and necessarily powerful influence for peace.

Already the convention of the powers has granted to the institute specific authority to devise and submit to the various governments measures for the alleviation of farming conditions the world over. It seems not improbable that the institute may give to some future generation the basis for a world-legislature, of which the judicial counterpart will be The Hague tribunal.

Fundamentally and primarily, however, the institute will devote itself to securing accurate crop information. Its success in this field will mean an enormous saving to the world and the creation of a gigantic balance wheel for the markets of the world. To negate influences that now manipulate and falsify for individual gain information about crops, with the result of hundreds of millions of dollars' loss annually to producers and consumers, will involve so much readjustment that no one can give an accurate estimate of the benefit in dollars and cents. But there can be no doubt that it will be huge and will be well distributed.

#### FRENCH WOOL INDUSTRY IS AT STANDSTILL.

Washington, Oct. 6.—The vicissitudes of the woolen manufacturing industry in France, the obstacles which hamper its growth and the competition it meets on the part of energetic spinners and weavers of other countries are described in a report from Special Agent W. A. G. Clark of Roubaix. He says that while the great English wool manufacturing industry is steadily increasing, the United States and Germany are rapidly forging ahead and Italy beginning to struggle for a place among the leaders. France is lagging behind and the industry as a whole is stationary. The French population is at a standstill and besides they are of a saving turn of mind so that the increasing wealth of the masses is not productive of any great increase in consumption. Abroad many former customers are beginning to manufacture their own requirements.

The French wool-working industry is being concentrated in the Belgian border and there is an apparent tendency for part of the industry to gradually work over the boundary line where living is cheaper, taxes lower and legal restrictions fewer.

#### WALLA WALLA PLANS EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE.

Walla Walla, Oct. 5.—An educational congress to be attended by citizens of three states—Washington, Oregon and Idaho, will be held in Walla Walla November 17 and 18, at which addresses will be delivered by some of America's greatest educators as well as several of the greatest literary men in the world.

The meeting will be held under the auspices of Whitman College and 500 of the most prominent men in the northwest have been invited to attend. Among those who will participate in the conference are: President Elliott of Harvard, Dean Burton of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Anson Phelps, secretary

of Yale University, Gifford Pinchot of the U. S. Forest service, Senator Dooliver of Iowa, Dr. Albert Shaw, editor Review of Reviews, Dr. Walter H. Page of "World's Work," Dr. Lyman Abbott of the "Outlook." Hon. James Bryce, British ambassador, is also expected to participate.

#### PRAIRIE CITY SEEKS ROAD.

David Eccles Thinks Country Must Have More Small Farms.

Prairie City, Oct. 7.—David Eccles, president of the Sumpter Valley railroad, and party, consisting of Joseph West, general manager and engineer; Joseph Barton, former manager of the road, and Mr. Bramwell, sr., of La Grande, returned Friday from a visit to Burns.

The party, accompanied by Prairie City business men, made a short trip up the valley in the afternoon, examining the soil and its products. Mr. Bramwell said that the soil cannot be excelled in quality. He dug a potato hill on the way and found 22 large tubers thereunder, which he pronounced to be the largest yield, by half, of any he had seen, and other produce in proportion.

In the evening an informal meeting was held in the Masonic hall, for the purpose of getting better acquainted and to promote friendly relations, and to make an effort to induce the road to build into this valley.

Mr. Eccles stated that the party was highly impressed with the resources and great possibilities of the John Day valley, especially in agriculture, but that, owing to the estimated cost at \$500,000 of building these 17 miles, from Austin, its present terminus, over two high mountains at 1300 and 1800 feet elevation, it would not pay to make the extension, as at present the land was held by a few men who shipped no produce over the road. He asserted, however, that if they would cut up their ranches into 40-acre tracts and sell at reasonable prices to actual farmers who would make the land productive, then the road would be built, as the company is anxious to build into the valley, as the people are to have the road come.

As a result of the meeting a development league or commercial organization will be formed here on October 10, a mass meeting having been called for that purpose.

#### GIRL THROWS BASEBALL OVER 195 FEET

Interest in Unique Contest at Seattle Is Such That It Will Be Made an Annual Affair.

Seattle, Oct. 7.—How far can a woman throw a baseball? This question has been much discussed in Seattle during the last few months and as far as this locality is concerned it was settled a few days ago when a local newspaper held a contest, giving a silver cup valued at \$50 to the winner and special second and third prizes. The matter started during the summer when at a fraternal society picnic a girl threw a baseball 148 feet. Others promptly came forward to dispute the record and so much interest was shown that the newspaper arranged for a contest and the prizes.

Two thousand people turned out to see the girls and young women throw and the event proved of such interest that it will be made an annual affair and the next contest will be held during the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition in 1909 and will probably continue over a few days as a state championship, a Pacific coast championship and possibly a national championship will be fixed. An effort will be made to have the Amateur Athletic union take official notice of the event.

The best throw now on record was made by Miss Alice Belding of Vassar college, who made 195 feet, three inches. The best throw in the Seattle contest was made by Miss Frances Jackling, a high school girl, who covered 192 feet, six inches. Six others made over 170 feet and a 14 year old girl made 158 feet.

The young son of Benjamin Stanton, living on Fern avenue, was run over and injured by the automobile of J. J. Schiffer, late yesterday afternoon, says the Walla Walla Statesman. Mr. Schiffer was driving the machine and Al Chittenton was in the auto with him. The accident occurred near the Pleasant street bridge. Mr. Schiffer ran the machine into a group of school children from the Barney school. He claims the big auto was slowed up, but in some manner the little boy was thrown under the wheels and both bones of the right leg were broken. The father of the boy exonerates Mr. Schiffer from blame.

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#### THE HOLY CITY SAID TO BE PROSE POEM

The story of the Galilean is not only perennially beautiful, but of thrilling heart interest, for

"As long as the heart has passion, As long as the life has woes," the sacrifice for sin, whether regarded as the dream of an enthusiast, the Godlike act of man, or the manlike act of God, will ever play upon that mysterious instrument, the soul, the prelude to the highest and holiest thoughts, as well as sounding the deepest depths of tragedy and despair. And "The Holy City," as portrayed at the New Oregon Saturday evening does all of these.

Jerusalem is still the heart's center of the universe, and the Holy Land, the most interesting spot on earth, perforce the tragedy of the cross. "A land without ruins is a land without memories, a land without memories is a land without history. A land that wears a laurel crown may be fair to see, but twice a few sad cypress leaves around the brow of any land and be that land barren beautiful and bleak, it becomes lovely in its consecrated cornet of sorrow, and it wins the sympathy of the seer, and of history. Crowns of roses fade—crowns of thorns endure. Calvaries and crucifixions take deepest hold of humanity—the triumphs of might are transient—they pass and are forgotten—the sufferings of right are graven on the chronicles of nations." Thus of peculiar interest must forevermore be the mountains 'round Jerusalem, the historic witness or the divinely traced enigma enacted on earth, in the midst of that sacred soil, sanctified by the foot prints of the Man-God, who went about doing good.

"It moves one's eyes to pity, It moves one's heart to love."

#### KEEP CUTTERS IN NORTH THROUGH COMING WINTER.

Washington, Oct. 6.—The revenue cutters Thetis and Sperry will be the only vessels in the treasury department service to remain at the northern Pacific station during the coming winter, according to a statement of the treasury department today. The Thetis will continue patrol duty in the Behring sea. The Sperry has left Unalaska for southeastern Alaska, where she will be stationed.

#### JAPANESE TO STOP EMIGRATION TO STATES.

Washington, Oct. 6.—The state department announced today that Japan had taken every means to stop the immigration of Japanese to the United States because the mikado does not want the new exclusion act passed. The proclamation that no Japanese will be allowed to go to Hawaii is an indication of the intention of the Japanese, the officials say, to stop immigration.

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