

CROP REPORT REVEALS NEED OF IRRIGATION

LONG DROUGHT AGGRAVATED BY DRYING WINDS THAT SHRIVEL UP PRODUCE

PEAR CROP HOLDING UP WELL

Prunes Dropping Badly While Feed on Ranges Becomes Scanty; Forest Fires Burning

Portland, Aug. 21.—There was no precipitation of consequence during the past week and the drought throughout much of Oregon was aggravated by high, drying easterly winds, according to the weekly crop and weather summary of the weather bureau here. The water supply for stock and for irrigation continues to diminish. The week opened with moderately cool weather but the temperature soon began to rise and by Friday was abnormally high.

Some little winter wheat remains to be harvested but in most sections threshing of winter wheat is well advanced. In some western counties threshing is being retarded by lack of adequate equipment. Harvest of spring wheat is in progress in the more elevated districts and is generally complete elsewhere and a considerable part of the crop has been threshed. The warm weather has been favorable for irrigated corn but most unirrigated corn needs rain badly.

Bartlett pears are being shipped generally and are yielding well. Harvest of early apples is in progress. Peaches are coming into market in increasing quantities. Most irrigated fruit is of small size. Dropping of prunes continues. A good crop of evergreen blackberries is being harvested. Second crop strawberries are in the market.

Practically all hay crops except the later cuttings of alfalfa, are out of the way. The warm weather has been favorable for alfalfa where there has been sufficient water. Feed on the range is becoming scarcer but some stock is finding subsistence in meadows and stubble fields. Stock as deteriorating in places but in most sections is holding up well.

Irrigated potatoes and gardens are generally promising. Where not irrigated they are generally suffering from drought. Melons, cucumbers, tomatoes and beans are fairly plentiful in market. Hops are suffering somewhat from drought. High temperature and drying winds contributed to the spread of forest fires.

MARTIAL LAW IN HUNGARY

Copenhagen, Aug. 21.—Martial law has been proclaimed throughout Hungary, says a Budapest dispatch.

BRONZED EXPLORERS AFTER YELLOW METAL

Nome, Alaska, July 14.—(By mail.)—Twenty-nine weather bronzed explorers hailing from every quarter of the globe and bound for some mysterious gold country of northern Siberia, left here tonight aboard the sailing schooner Casco, once the property of Robert Louis Stevenson.

Fears were expressed by Nome residents before the boat left that it would not be able to get through into the Arctic Ocean as reports received here recently said the Bering Straits were still blocked with ice.

Members of the ship's company said they were bound for some point in a vast uninhabited territory lying along the Arctic shore of Siberia between East Cape and the Lena River. They would not divulge the exact location of their destination.

COPPER MINING IS LOSING GAME NOW

High Prices and High Wages Makes Production Uninviting; 25 to 500 per cent Increase Since 1914

Bisbee, Ariz., Aug. 21.—Little prospect for a lower cost of copper production in the Warren district is held out in a recent survey which shows a continuing ascendancy in cost of everything going into production of copper which already has reached an increase of 25 to 500 per cent since 1914. With the exception of cement, which has increased only slightly, everything which enters into the industry has increased.

Fuel oil, of which nine carloads a day are used, has advanced 90 per cent. Coal has increased 100 to 300 per cent. Coke has gone up 75 per cent. Dynamite and powder are 65 per cent higher than in 1914, though at one time during the war the increased cost was 130 per cent. One of the large companies uses 125,000 pounds of dynamite a month.

Timber is costing twice what it did in 1914 and five to six million feet is the monthly requirement. Steel is up 200 per cent. Mining tools are costing from 100 to 200 per cent more and electrical machinery is up 300 to 500 per cent. Freight rates have gone up 25 per cent.

YANKS AND BOCHE FIGHT

Copenhagen, Aug. 21.—Collisions between German and American sailors Tuesday at Neufahrwasser resulted in the wounding of several citizens and one German civilian, a Danzig dispatch says.

JAPS HEAR THAT OMSK GOVERNMENT WEAKENS

Tokio, Aug. 21.—The Omsk government is reported to be weaker due to the bolshevik advance and there is desertion by the Siberian troops. It is understood that the Omsk government has transferred its gold reserves and archives eastward to Irkutsk.

STRIKE SYMPATHIZERS STONE THE CREWS

Los Angeles, Aug. 21.—A crowd of 500 strike sympathizers today blocked the passage to street cars and jeered and stoned the crews. The police finally dispersed the mob.

WOULD IMPOSE HEAVY FINE ON PROFITERS

Washington, Aug. 21.—Amendments to the food control act, imposing a \$5,000 fine and imprisonment for two years for profiteering, was favorably reported by the house agricultural committee.

CHOLERA IN FORMOSA

Tokio, Aug. 21.—Cholera has broken out in Formosa and the government has declared a quarantine against the island. More than 200 cases have been found.

ROBBERS HOLD UP TRAIN AND CARRY AWAY MAIL

Nashville, Tenn., Aug. 21.—Four masked bandits today held up the Louisville & Nashville passenger train from Cincinnati to Montgomery, Ala., between Columbia and Pulaski and carried off the mail pouches. A posse is pursuing the robbers.

THREE DAYS' HUNT FAILS TO GET BANDITS

PUNITIVE YANK EXPEDITION AIDED BY AIRMEN WHO HAVE NARROW ESCAPES

MUST FLY CLOSE TO GROUND

Laredo Hears That Bandits Who Robbed Sailors From the Cheyenne Have Been Captured

Marfa, Texas, Aug. 21.—As soon as it was light enough to follow the trails this morning the American punitive expedition continued its bandit chase for the third day.

One column picked up a hot trail of two bandits, believed to be companions of the two captured late yesterday by Captain Leonard Matlock. The aviators' work is now extremely dangerous because they are new to the flying fields of Mexico. It is necessary to fly close to the ground where the bandits may fire upon them. It is reported that there have been many narrow escapes.

Fliers leaving here today carried Associated Press dispatches to drop for every cavalry troop, giving them news of the outside world.

Laredo, Tex., Aug. 21.—Word was received here that Carranza police have arrested the robbers who held up the American sailors from the cruiser Cheyenne, near Tampico in July. They were arrested near a suburb of Tampico.

The official report said that seven Mexican bandits had been put to death by Carranza authorities. They had the property of the sailors in their possession.

Washington, Aug. 21.—The Mexican ambassador here has been instructed by his government to protest to the state department against

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HAYS HILL ROADWORK AWARDED TO HAMPSHIRE

The John Hampshire Company of this city has received assurances from the state highway commission that they will be awarded the contract for grading Hayes Hill, on the Grants Pass-Crescent City road, and Mr. Hampshire is only awaiting confirmation by the government before beginning operations. His original bid for this piece of work was approximately \$61,000 for two and four-tenths miles, but some changes were made to reduce the price. The job will require considerable steam shovel and hand work that runs into money rapidly.

The highway commission and the federal government recently decided to postpone the work, but through the efforts of the county court and F. S. Bramwell, president of the local chamber of commerce, the roadwork will be done at once. T. W. Norcross, assistant chief engineer of the forestry department, of Washington, D. C., Philip H. Dater, of Portland, district engineer of the forestry service, and C. H. Purcell, acting state engineer for the state highway commission, in company with the county court have just gone over the last survey, viewing the same.

There was an original total appropriation of \$52,000 for this piece of work, and when the highway commission and federal department decided to postpone the job, the county court of Josephine county offered to give \$5,000 in addition to the \$52,000, providing the work was done this year. This offer was accepted by the highway commission and the work will be done according to the amended specifications.

FIRE SWEEPS UNCHECKED IN TALL TIMBER

SEVERAL HUNDRED FIGHTERS FAIL TO CHECK FLAMES IN HAMMOND CO.'S TIMBER

2,000 ACRES BURNED OVER

Fire Situation in Montana and Idaho Most Serious in History; Incendiaries Are Active

Albany, Ore., Aug. 21.—Millions of feet of timber were destroyed by fire leaping over the tops of tall firs, which swept over 2,000 acres two miles east of here yesterday. Several hundred men are fighting the flames.

If warm weather and winds continue there will probably be much more Hammond Lumber company timber go.

Missoula, Mont., Aug. 21.—The general fire situation in forestry district No. 1, Montana and Northern Idaho, never in the history of the West has been as serious as it is today, according to the forestry officials. New fires are breaking out, old blazes are escaping beyond all control, spreading over the country, and coupled with these facts are the reported vicious actions of incendiaries in the woods who not only have set fires in isolated spots, but have in several instances severed connections between the fire-fighting crews and the outside world with serious results.

Communication with the Clearwater forest was severed by members of a crew coming out from the fires cutting telephone lines. Thirty men were in the crew which passed out along the telephone line, which before they left, forestry officials report, was in perfect running order. After they had passed out all communication was cut. Investigation revealed that the government line had been cut in seven places and the wires wrapped around trees. As a result, it has been impossible to obtain information from the Clearwater forest or get any calls for men which might have been sent out.

"TIN LIDS" REGULAR U. S. ARMY EQUIPMENT

Washington, Aug. 21.—Steel helmets having been officially adopted as part of the army's war equipment, steps will be taken to insure a reserve supply of the new type designed in the A. E. F. British helmets now will be disposed of except for about 600,000 which will be kept until production of the new model in quantity is assured.

THRILLING EXPERIENCE TWO YANKS IN RUSSIA

Archangel, July 1.—Two American Y. M. C. A. men, Howard E. Merrill of Somerville, Mass., and Thomas L. Cotton, of Lingie, Wyo., were caught amid heavy shell fire in a mutiny of Russian troops at Tuigas on the Dvina river sometime ago. Their experiences have just now been told.

Merrill and Cotton who were formerly Dartmouth college athletes, were the only Americans in the village which was garrisoned by Russian troops, with a few British officers. The Russians, fearing that they were about to be cut off and surrounded by the bolsheviks, determined to mutiny. They escorted the two Americans to a blockhouse which was under fire from Russian artillery.

The blockhouse eventually became too hot for the Russian escort and they fled leaving the Americans to make their escape to Archangel by rowing 250 miles down the river.

BIG WELCOME FOR YANKS IN LONDON

Pershing's Soldiers Attract Attention in Peace Day Parade; "Good Old Yanks," Say Londoners

London, July 20.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press).—The provisional regiment of American soldiers who followed General Pershing in the Peace Day procession was the first sample of American fighting troops to march in London. Other organizations seen here had been on their way to the battlefields, while these men were returning.

"Here were the Americans in steel helmets, marching in companies eight abreast with bayonets fixed," said the Daily Express. "They were as jovial as any when the procession halted, for a time, but while they marched their faces were as serious and as immobile as the gravest of graven images. They made a profound impression on the onlookers. Their marching was Roman in its iron sternness and precision."

"A magnificent regiment it was," said the Daily Telegraph, "young men, all of them and the quintessence of the alert and lithe khaki clad in brown steel helmets they looked most workmanlike."

"How magnificently they marched, swinging past in perfect alignment, with a long, easy stride, heads held high and shoulders squared," said the Daily News. "They are greeted vociferously with as good cheering as I ever remember having heard in London."

"There was a grim, indomitable look about Pershing's men," said the Daily Sketch, "an effect greatly heightened by their shell helmets, and it made all the more wonderful the burst of clear color which followed as their massed banners came by. Old Glories, along with the rest, held American fashion so that the fabric flew freely and no shred of color was lost. The cheering of the crowd turned at the sight to a great 'Ah' of delight."

"Good old Yanks," thus are the Americans affectionately if somewhat familiarly greeted," said the Morning Post in its story of the procession.

WILSON HAS NO POWER TO DECLARE PEACE

Washington, Aug. 21.—President Wilson has not the power to declare peace in a proclamation, nor could he consent in any circumstances to take such a course prior to the ratification of the formal treaty of peace by the senate. The president so wrote Senator Fall, replying to one of the 20 written questions the senator presented at Tuesday's conference.

"CALIFORNIA OR BUST!"

Oregon City, Aug. 21.—With only 75 cents between them, three Portland girls—Louise Bastine 15; Isabella Tracy 14 and Bessie Burleson 13—started for California. They reached Oregon City where Sheriff Wilson placed them under arrest and returned them to their parents. The girls had run away from home and weren't frightened at their lack of funds. Friends at Aurora, they thought, would "give them a lift." The Tracy girl wore overalls.

NEGRO ASSAULTER MEETS QUICK DEATH

Louisberg, N. C., Aug. 21.—Walter Elliott, a negro, alleged to have assaulted a farmer's wife, was shot to death today by a mob which later carried the body to the scene of the crime and swung it to a tree in the country churchyard. The mob took the negro from Sheriff Kearny.

HERRICK SAYS GOV'T. CONTROL IS DANGEROUS

RAILWAY EMPLOYEES IDEA REGARDING ROADS STEP TOWARD AUTOCRATIC POWER

FEDERAL CONTROL CONDEMNED

Past Two Years Proves That People Would Always Have to Make Up Great Deficiency

Cleveland, Ohio, Aug. 21.—Myron T. Herrick of this city, member of the executive committee of the national association of owners of railroad securities, declared in a statement today that "the turning over of the vast system of railroad lines to the control of the government, and through the government to the control of organized labor, would be a long step toward the establishment in this country of an autocratic power that would imperil the liberties of the American people."

Mr. Herrick, who was formerly governor of Ohio, and American ambassador to France, is a banker, director of the Erie railroad and of the New York Life Insurance company.

Mr. Herrick asserted in his statement that "the experience of the last two years with the railroads, as with the telegraph and telephone lines is ample proof that there is neither efficiency nor economy in government control. He said that such control and operation would defeat the purpose for which the railroad brotherhoods were established and that it would involve a huge addition to the public debt as the value of the railroads was estimated at \$17,000,000,000.

Referring to the agitation by railroad employees through the officers of their organizations in favor of government ownership of the roads, Mr. Herrick said:

"This propaganda will not be favorably received by the people of this country, who, as always, must pay the bill. The deficit incurred in less than two years of federal operation is already more than \$500,000,000 and is mounting at the rate of \$2,000,000 a day in spite of sharp increases in freight and passenger rates. Directly or indirectly, in taxes, freight charges and increase in the cost of goods the burden of that deficit falls on the people and contributes in tremendous measure to the oppressively high cost of living. In the face of that showing who could conscientiously wish to perpetuate governmental control of the railroads?"

"I cannot believe the brotherhoods have thoroughly considered the consequences that would follow government ownership or that they have prepared to exercise this great power. Their present propaganda is wholly at variance with the character of their organizations and with their long and honorable history."

AMERICAN TRADE WITH ITALY REACHES BILLION

Rome, Aug. 21.—From present indications, American trade with Italy this year may reach the billion dollar mark, says the Popolo Romano. During the first three months of 1919, American imports into Italy amounted to approximately \$220,000,000, while Italy's exports to America reached \$3,000,000. The statement shows that if the present rate of trade be maintained a record of commerce between the two countries will be attained. America is by far the greatest seller to Italy. A poor second is Great Britain with a total of \$70,000,000 for the first three months and Argentine next with \$65,000,000.