

EFFECTS OF WAR ON FRUIT PRICES STILL UNCERTAIN

SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 21.—Just how the European war will effect the northwestern apple crop depends in a large measure upon the growers themselves, according to J. H. Robbins, general manager of the North Pacific Fruit Distributors, who returned to Spokane this week after attending the twentieth annual convention of the International Apple Shippers' association at Boston and subsequently making a tour of the leading market centers of the east and middle west.

"If there is any demoralization of the apple market, it will come from the growers themselves," declared Mr. Robbins. "Notwithstanding the seriousness of the situation, I have a hopeful view that we shall be able to market our supply successfully under existing conditions, provided the growers refrain from consigning their crops and avoid a stampede. If we move the fruit of the northwest in an orderly way there should be no disaster.

Effects of War Unknown

"The future will be determined largely by further developments. It is useless to forecast specific effects of the war. The distributors are going right ahead to place themselves in the most commanding position possible, whatever turn affairs may take. For instance, S. B. Moonaw, our European general agent, left New York for Liverpool on the steamship Cedric of the White Star line last Friday, going to England to open our London office, where he will be in position to supply us with direct and immediate information of developments which may effect our exports or the general trend of our distribution of apples.

"The present sentiment of the fruit men of the east is that Nova Scotia and Maine and other districts which have been heavy exporters in the past may not be able to send many, if any, apples abroad, in which event that supply may be thrown back into the United States. This, of course, will have a tendency to put barreled apples on a lower price basis, and to the extent that we compete with barreled apples we may have this lower priced product to contend with—if, of course, the war does actually operate to force their tonnage into our territory at a lower price, as suggested. Western Canada is also looking to the United States as an outlet, it is reported.

Generous Production in Sight

"With this condition is coupled a generous production of apples throughout the United States generally. The crop appears to be a little less, however than in 1912, and may be further reduced before harvest season. But there are not going to be many, if any, speculators, cash buyers or heavy orders this year. The dealers are going to purchase from hand to mouth until they know more about the present situation and its ramifications. In consequence, there must be a wider distribution to markets as fast as, but no faster than, the dealers can absorb the fruit. It would be folly for us in the northwest to place any large quantities of our crop in the hands of men in the east who have no personal interest in it.

"This year's high production, unaffected by the war situation, would have meant fair or moderate prices for northwestern fruit, and I still believe that we can obtain them if we can keep the supply under control and only distribute it to those who can safely and profitably buy it out-right.

May Open New Channels

"The war may have the effect of opening and developing new channels of trade, but here again the possibilities are yet to be ascertained. There are large importations of Spanish grapes and other foreign fruits into this country under ordinary conditions. Whether shipment of such fruits will be diminished and their places filled by our own fruit or whether neutral foreign countries will have to concentrate their shipments upon the United States is still a matter for future determination.

"South America has been proposed as fertile territory for us, and the suggestion has its appealing features, but, on the other hand, South America will not be able to export products to Europe which she has been accustomed to sending there, and will either have to look elsewhere for an outlet herself to do without that revenue.

"Much depends upon the seas being kept open to merchant vessels and prospects of that seem to be favorable at the present time.

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ESTIMATES OF 1914 APPLE CROP ABOUT AVERAGE

The department of agriculture estimates the apple crop of the United States on August 1 at slightly below the big crop of 1912. The average this year is 61.5 per cent, compared to 52.2 on the same date in 1913, and 65.8 in 1912. One year ago, on October 1, the government's estimate of the crop was 46.6 per cent, and there may be a like drop before October 1 in this year's figures, although there are no apparent present prospects generally, as was the case a year ago. Only a few of the states show a decrease in the percentage column compared with the same date a year ago. Below is a table showing the apple crop conditions on August 1, 1914, 1913 and 1912; also October 1, 1913:

Table with columns for State, Aug. 1, 1914, Aug. 1, 1913, and Oct. 1, 1913. Lists states from Maine to California with corresponding percentages.

BRUSSELS FULL OF REFUGEES FROM TOWNS

LONDON, Aug. 21, 3.10 a. m.—"Brussels is filled with refugees from surrounding towns, despite the large numbers who left the city for Ghent and Ostend during the past few days," says the Daily Chronicle's Ghent correspondent.

"The plight of most of the refugees is pitiable," the correspondent adds. "Many are camped in the public squares whose homes in the suburbs have been fired by the Prussians. The roads leading into Brussels have been crowded all day with all manner of conveyances, many drawn by dogs and others by girls, women and aged peasants. Most of these people have lost everything. Few of them have any money. The peasant is considered lucky who succeeded in saving a single horse or a cow. Most of them tell of German barbarities but it is evident that a majority of these tales are somewhat exaggerated.

"Military men characterize the German force which is moving across Belgium as overwhelming, saying it consists of at least two or three army corps. The advance of this huge force is covered over the entire 30 mile front by a screen of cavalry. The Germans had no difficulty in taking Louvain, which was virtually undefended.

"In the high wooded country between Louvain and Brussels the Germans found an excellent defensive position. Having occupied Louvain the Germans pushed forward with great celerity, the cavalry opening out in fan shaped formation spreading across country.

"At one point they ran into a strong force of Belgian artillery which punished them severely. Late in the day a Belgian scouting force reached Louvain and found it unoccupied but received orders to fall back because of the danger of being out-flanked annihilated."

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MINERAL RESOURCES SOUTHERN OREGON SOURCE OF WEALTH

"The mineral resources of Oregon are beyond comparison with almost all other portions of the country, but Oregon people seem to have no interest in them nor care a straw for their development," asserts C. W. Clapp, formerly of Reno, Nev., in the Portland Journal.

"Why, southwestern Oregon is a veritable Colorado. It is full of rich minerals waiting to be taken out and processed. The black sands of Oregon streams are full of gold, platinum and iron. Thorium and antimony exist in Oregon in abundance, as does nickel.

"Last year the United States furnished only a fraction of the world's nickel supply, yet Oregon and Washington alone with proper development could produce over half.

"Most of the world's platinum supply comes from the Ural mountains. Due to the war, it has advanced in price from \$40 to \$60 an ounce. Oregon has enough platinum to supply the world.

"Thorium, used in coating gun barrels, is found in southern Oregon. It brings \$250 a ton on the market. The common every-day stones you use between the street tracks here in Portland are full of iron which can be drawn out by the new processes at \$25 a ton less than it costs to bring it from Pittsburgh.

"Antimony, used in the making of type, has advanced 300 per cent in the last ten days. It can be produced for 6 cents a pound in Nevada and brings 22 cents on the New York market.

"If Oregon would wake up and begin developing these mineral resources she would have a production of \$100,000,000 a year within five years."

Mr. Clapp deprecates the work of the Oregon bureau of mines and geology.

MRS. INNES NOW IN CUSTODY AT EUGENE

EUGENE, Ore., Aug. 21.—Mrs. Victor E. Innes, who with her husband, was arrested Tuesday evening at their home near Deershorn, this county, on a charge of murder in connection with the disappearance of Mrs. Elois Nelms Dennis and Miss Beatrice Nelms, of Atlanta, Ga., was brought to Eugene this afternoon, by deputy Sheriff D. A. Elkins, who has been spending the past two days in the vicinity of the Innes home. Mrs. Innes was placed in the St. Francis hotel in charge of Mrs. Margaret Beller, a trained nurse, who will remain with her until the requisition granted by Governor Colquhoun of Texas arrived. Mrs. Innes is very nervous, bordering on prostration, according to Sheriff Parker, and her condition will not permit of her being placed in jail. Innes who is in jail still maintains a stolid silence and appears to be somewhat worried, either over the condition of his wife or the outcome of the charges placed against him.

Officers who returned from the Innes home refused to state the result of their investigations. They would neither deny or affirm that they were looking for the three trunks shipped out of San Antonio, Tex., some time last June.

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YOUTH ACCUSED OF KIDNAPPING MAIDEN

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Aug. 21.—Kidnaping and assaults to commit murder are charged in a warrant issued here today for the arrest of Charles J. Bezelle, 18 years old, who last night abducted Miss Sadie Broadhurst, 17 years old, a nurse, and fled with her to San Jose in an automobile. Norman Brown, who drove the car, is charged with kidnaping in another warrant, issued at the same time by Judge Crist in police court, on the affidavit of Detective De la Guerra of the city force.

Miss Broadhurst, her mother and the two prisoners, all will return to San Francisco. The girl says she is fond of Bezelle, but does not want to marry him yet. Her mother is not anxious to prosecute.

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BLOODY BATTLE FIELDS AROUND MUELHAUSEN

LONDON, Aug. 21, 5:25 a. m.—A dispatch to the Havas agency from Belfort by way of Paris says:

"The battle around Muelhausen have been particularly bloody for the Germans, who knowing the French would spare as much as possible the Alsians and their property, hid themselves in houses protected by the Red Cross, whence they fired on the French.

"The French directed a violent rifle and artillery fire on their assailants causing a veritable carnage. Every German leaving these houses was shot down.

"A battery of six guns with their caissons filled with ammunition were captured from the Germans. They were taken today to Belfort where crowds of curious townspeople gathered to see them."

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