

### FRUIT GROWERS SEEK EMERGENCY RATE ON APPLES

Recently the Northwestern Fruit Exchange, with headquarters in Portland, instituted a request of the common carriers of fruit in the northwest to issue an emergency rate to alleviate the stringent conditions caused by the immensity of the crop generally over the country and the added difficulties caused by European war closing the exports. At the time, the situation was also impressed upon all shipping organizations, bankers, business men, etc., and a general call issued, appealing for support from all interested in this section of the country.

In response many reports are coming into the exchange headquarters endorsing the request for relief and outlining further needs as seen by each. It looks at this time as though the matter will be furthered by united effort of all.

Rogue river section has replied with an outline of the cost to the growers in that section of placing fruit on the market and the extreme occasion for action.

Food River interests are quoted as fully appreciating the gravity of the situation, fearing an impoverished condition of the fruit business generally if relief is not forthcoming.

Cashmere district of the Wenatchee valley have replied strongly in complete favor, together with an endorsement of the proceedings by almost every grower, shipper and businessman in that vicinity.

One of the officials of the Pacific Fruit Distributors has issued a letter confirming need form and an offer of aid of such a measure.

Almost in the return mail, following the filing of the request by the exchange, comes a reply from one of the prominent railroads, expressing a full appreciation of the situation and the apparent seriousness withal.

Fruit interests of every description seem to be solidly lined up in endorsement of the analysis of conditions as outlined by the exchange and confirmation of the advisability of achieving action as stated.

It is not hard to grasp the importance of what a reduction of ten cents per box in freight charges on apples to eastern points will have upon the apple situation this year. In minimizing losses, a ten cent differential will indeed be welcome, even though it be for a short period.

### PEACHES SHIPPED TO SOUTH AMERICA

PORTLAND, Or., Sept. 8.—Boasting around on the bosom of the Pacific is the first shipment of Oregon peaches ever sent to Chile, South America. The fruit is aboard the Colusa, will reach Valparaiso in thirty days and will be placed on exhibition. The shipment was made by the Western Oregon Fruit Distributors and is being handled by the North Pacific Fruit Distributors' agents for South America.

The peaches were picked as storage stock last Friday morning at the Dalles. At 2:15 in the afternoon they arrived in Portland. At 5:30 a. m. they had been loaded aboard the Colusa, and at 6:05 the boat left down the river. The shipment will be carried in refrigeration, with a recording thermometer attached, and on their receipt at Valparaiso will be sent a record of their condition. The peaches will then be placed on exhibit and will be kept for twenty days more, an inspection being made every five days and a report sent.

This experiment is one of many that the Distributors are making to various parts of the world in order to ascertain just what must be done to place Northwestern fruit on foreign markets and have it in salable condition.

### AUSTRIANS CLAIM RUSSIAN REPULSE

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—The German embassy today received the following message from Berlin:

"A column under command of the Austrian general, Ketrus, advancing together with the eastern army under General Dankl on Russian territory, repulsed a violent attack of Russians and captured 600 Russian prisoners."

"In the south the Servians tried near Mitrovia to break into Croatian territory. About five thousand Servians were taken prisoners and much war material was captured."

### BOURNE ROAD PLAN IS FAVORED OVER SHACKLEFORD

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—While it is doubtful whether any good roads legislation will be enacted at this session of congress, it is evident that the fundamental principles of the Bourne good roads plan are gaining in favor among members of congress, and it is very likely that all the essential features of that plan will ultimately be enacted into law.

This is indicated by the fact that the senate committee on postoffice and post roads has reported favorably on the Bourne plan as a substitute for the Shackelford plan adopted by the house of representatives. In reporting favorably on the plan, the postoffice committee cut the amount of the proposed good roads fund from one billion dollars to five hundred millions, and also eliminated the provision for a national academy of highway and bridge engineering.

While former Senator Jonathan Bourne, Jr., believes it is a mistake to reduce the amount or eliminate the academy provision, he is very much pleased with this recognition of the soundness of the principles upon which his plan for federal aid to good roads is based. He believes that the good roads problem is the chief economic problem now before the American people, and that satisfactory results will be accomplished only by undertaking the work in a large way and accomplishing large results. It is probable that this subject will be one of the first taken up in the next session of congress, if no final action be taken at this session.

The participation was limited almost entirely to ecclesiastics and officials of the vatican. Many relatives of the pope occupied seats in a special tribune.

Surrounded by most all the cardinals at present in Rome, the pope was carried into the consistory on a festal chair, and greeted with loud applause.

He imposed the red hat on Cardinals Anthony Mendez Beillo, patriarch of Lisbon; Cardinal Guisanola y Menendez, arch bishop of Toledo; Cardinals Piffi, arch bishop of Vienna and Johann Caernoch, primate of Hungary. The last is the only new appointment.

Following this ceremony, the pontiff delivered his allocution. In this address he urged the necessity of strengthening and elevating religious feeling throughout the world, as the only remedy to society for the evils today so strikingly shown in the deplorable conflict now rending Europe. The faithful must pray fervently for the cessation of this warfare, the pontiff declared, asking especially the intercession of the virgin.

MILAN, Sept. 7, via London, Sept. 8, 4:50 a. m.—The Secolo confirms the discovery by the Italian authorities of a plot by German emissaries to stir up the Mohammedans in Tripoli to a holy war.

It is said the plan was intended to insure Italy's permanent neutrality by occupying her attention with internal troubles in Tripoli.

### POPE BENEDICT CONFERS RED HAT ON NEW CARDINAL

ROME, Sept. 8, via Paris, 12:25 p. m.—The first consistory of Pope Benedict was held here today. It was marked by gorgeous display in the apparel of those present and decorations of the papal court. September 8, the day of the nativity of the virgin, was chosen for the occasion by the pontiff himself.

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### CASUALTY LIST PRINTED AT BERLIN

BERLIN, Sept. 8, via London, Sept. 8, 6 a. m.—The twentieth casualty list just issued contains 1180 names. Included in the list are 187 dead and nearly 1000 wounded.

The total casualties thus far published aggregate 2275 dead, 10,074 wounded and 3249 missing.

The last list contains the name of Joseph Philippon of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., as among the dead.

### SHARP CRITICISM FOR TEXT BOOKS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

To the Editor: School opened today. A fifth grade boy ten years of age exhibited just now the books he is to study this year. They seem to be as follows:

1. Wheeler's Fifth Reader.
2. A Complete Arithmetic.
3. A spelling book.
4. Introduction to American History.
5. A text book on physiology.
6. Text book on English.
7. Text book on vocal music.
8. A Comprehensive Geography of the World.
9. Blanks for penmanship.

The reader seems a book of well selected readings beginning with St. Las Marner and ending with Shakespeare and Goethe. Taught by a teacher who appreciates good literature, has a good voice, is a good reader, correct in modulation and accurate in pronunciation the book will prove itself.

The arithmetic, I understand, will be pursued through the eighth grade and seems practical and sensible and adapted to the age of the pupil.

The spelling book is composed of words commonly used and when mastered will grow good every day spellers.

The "Introduction to American History" is a misnomer and a misfit. It treats at the outset of Greek and Roman history, Christianity and the Roman empire; germs of popular sovereignty in England, civilization in the middle ages. It introduces the reformation and the renaissance and civilization in the middle ages. References are had to Carlo Borromeo and Martin Luther. These subjects afford as much of introduction to American history as the use of a Krupp siege gun would properly begin the training of a boy to shoot moles in the barnyard. The text is too difficult and comprehensive, and should follow rather than precede American history.

The text book on physiology of 278 pages treats of the proteins, the fats, the salts and the carbohydrates and goes into subjects as intricate as "anti-toxin in diphtheria; of dreams with the operations and states of the sub-conscious mind with a dip into mental philosophy. Perhaps this is done thus early to gratify the capacious appetite of the ten-year-old lest he become disgusted with the elementary simplicity of the intellectual pabulum otherwise offered to his mature mind. Of course a child of such an age has no use whatever for a text book in physiology. How to breathe, keep clean, walk, stand or sit properly are taught by example and simple verbal instruction along with the value of fresh air.

The text book in English crowded with definitions of exposition narration description, etc., may be servicable to the apt teacher of children of ten years, but she can get on better without it. The philosophy of English belongs to the eighth grade or the high school.

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The point I wish to make is that the course of study in the fifth grade is too much crowded to permit a thorough understanding and skill in the fundamentals. I refer to reading and arithmetic, penmanship and spelling. Competitive drills in speed and accuracy in all of these might well occupy much of the time devoted to the supplementary branches above listed and required.

The fault does not lie with our own school officers and school management. How they have accomplished so much with all these handicaps is a constant wonder to me. Intellectual honesty is the first es-

sential in a student. To learn subjects thoroughly and to know that they are mastered is of first importance. This is the quality that compels success in any profession and without all must fail. With eight or nine subjects or branches of learning dividing and dissipating the child's interests and energies, the knowledge of each subject and skill in its use must be entirely superficial.

Of course manual training and elementary agriculture should find their way into the grades as early as possible. Where is the time or the opportunity?

I have heard the state superintendent of public instruction plans to place a text book on moral philosophy in the intermediate grades. I doubt whether morals can be taught except by example. Herbert Spencer takes that view. A work on moral science cannot be so elementary as to have proper place in the grades and if it were proper how could the subject be forced into the interstices in the overcrowded course as it now exists and how could the confused mind and memory of the overburdened child get even a glimpse of its principles and generalizations.

Ella Flagg Young of Chicago has taken that great city back to the "three R's." Portland, Oregon, is now engaged in cutting the course of study in the middle and throwing aside the worse part. Legislation to follow next January should draw an inner circle and include essentials in quality and augment the course of work to be done in our elementary schools that we get true progress in this progressive age. PARENT.

### BUYS ENGLISH PRESS AGENT; TEUTONS NERVOUS

LONDON, Sept. 8, 2:50 a. m.—A Post correspondent, writing from a point not given in the dispatch, has seen a letter from a high German officer invalided home in which he states:

"The war is not going quite as we expected and the resistance of the allied forces is extraordinary. We are beginning to feel nervous as to results.

"The German losses are terrible, so terrible that the emperor has forbidden their disclosure. Our generals have been wantonly wasteful with our men who have been mowed down in thousands.

"While it is impossible to say what our losses are, I estimate them at between 250,000 and 400,000. If they continue at this rate we shall be quite unable to meet Russia, with any hope of success."

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### GERMAN AIRSHIPS ON RUSSIAN FRONTIER

LONDON, Sept. 8, 10:27 a. m.—A special dispatch to the Star from Petrograd announces that many German aeroplanes are appearing on the Russian frontier, heralding the arrival of reinforcements. The Germans seem to possess a powerful force in the Posen district, the Star correspondent says, as they move their troops from Posen to East Prussia or Galicia as the occasion demands.

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### ORIENTAL WATERS PATROLLED BY ALLIES

MANILA, Sept. 8.—Steamships and other vessels arriving here, make reports indicating that Philippine waters are being constantly patrolled by British, French, Russian and Japanese warships to intercept German merchantmen. The Hampshire is west of Luzon, a Russian cruiser with seven destroyers is patrolling to the north, while the French armored cruisers Kiebler and Duplex are to the southward and the Japanese warships

### TERMONDE BURNED BY GERMAN TROOPS

LONDON, Sept. 8, 2 a. m.—Describing the burning of Termonde by the Germans, the Chronicle's Ghent correspondent says:

"By midday Sunday the blaze had assumed gigantic proportions and by Sunday evening not a house stood. This has been verified at Zele, where there are thousands of refugees from Termonde. The Germans also pillaged Zele. The suburb of St. Gilles also suffered from bombardment and fire."

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