

FARMERS SOW RECORD AREA OF WINTER WHEAT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Influenced by the prospective heavy demand for grain by the warring countries of Europe, American farmers this fall have sown a record area to winter wheat, which the department of agriculture today estimated at 41,263,000 acres.

That is an increase of 4,135,000 acres over the area sown last fall, and on which the record crop of 684,900,000 bushels of winter wheat was harvested this year. The area sown is 5,255,000 acres more than was harvested this year.

The condition of winter wheat on December 1 was 88.3 per cent of normal. That is almost 10 per cent lower than it was last year at this time and 2 per cent below the ten-year average condition on December 1.

A feature of the planting of winter wheat this year is the great increase in acreage in the southern states, where farmers are devoting more land to the crop, decreasing their acreage for cotton. South Carolina's acreage has been increased 200 per cent, compared with the 1913 planting; Alabama, 185 per cent; Mississippi, 125; Georgia, 118; North Carolina, 75; Arkansas, 44; Texas, Tennessee and Oklahoma, 20, and Virginia, 60 per cent.

In the great wheat growing states the increases in acreage range from five to fifteen per cent, except in the greatest of winter wheat states, Kansas, where a two per cent decrease in acreage is shown. The increases are Ohio and Nebraska, 5 per cent; Indiana, 12 per cent; Illinois, 15 per cent; Missouri, 10 per cent and Washington 10 per cent.

GOETHALS SAILS FOR NEW YORK

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Colonel George W. Goethals, governor of the Panama canal, sailed from Colon today for New York. He is coming to Washington to appear before congressional committees in charge of appropriations for the canal work. It is estimated more than \$19,000,000 will be needed for the construction of drydocks, machine shops and coal wharves, necessary to repair and supply the increasing volume of shipping using the canal.

Secretary Garrison in a statement today said Colonel Goethals' approaching visit to the United States was only in order that he may appear before congress with reference to canal appropriations.

"His visit to the United States has nothing whatever to do with this matter of neutrality and I cannot too strongly emphasize the fact that there has been nothing whatever sensational in this incident, excepting that which has been imparted to it by the newspapers," said Mr. Garrison.

SUBMARINES COULD PREVENT CRUISERS' RAID

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—An "adequate" number of British submarines might have repelled the German cruisers which raided the English coast yesterday, Rear Admiral Fiske, aide for operations, told the house naval committee at today's hearing on the needs of the sea defenses.

"If the British had had a sufficient number of submarines they could have stood off the cruisers," he said. "If the German vessels were going fast, however, it would be hard for submarines to stand them off. If the British had had a dozen or fifteen submarines at Hartlepool they would have been pretty hard to tackle."

Admiral Fiske thought that, judged by the situation abroad, the United States was "as well prepared today for control of the sea as ever before. Leaving aside the fact that Europe was at war, however, he thought the United States' navy was not as well prepared, because other nations have been going ahead in naval affairs much more rapidly."

Admiral Fiske thought the real significance of the German shelling of the British ports probably was to draw out the British fleet and strike the British fleet along the North sea in such a way that it could be attacked by a German fleet.

LADY RAFFLES SERIES AT PAGE THEATRE

Last night's program at the Page theatre was one of unusual interest. The two part "Mysterious Rose" picture, one of the "My Lady Raffles" series, was especially interesting. The program throughout was good. The large orchestra was most pleasing with its selections. Mr. Howell is constantly receiving the newest popular songs and dance music from the east. This gives the patrons of the Page early opportunity to hear the latest popular successes. This splendid program will only be given tonight.

POULTRY COMPANY RE-OPENS FOR BUSINESS

Inhaling the fumes of burning flesh at the Medford Egg & Poultry company fire Tuesday nearly put the fire department out of commission, the members being nauseated. But one chicken escaped the flames. It is cooped at the city hall as a "relic."

T. J. Gardner of the destroyed poultry company announced today that he would reopen for business in the building formerly occupied by the Powell garage on Eighth street. This will enable him to handle all orders previously filed for delivery.

THE DAILY FASHION HINT.



Black satin and jet gown. The slip is of satin and the overdress of jetted lace and bands. Oriental crystal ornaments at neck and décolleté. Swathing of white tulle about shoulders.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

One of the high school teachers, Mr. Moore, is taking state examinations in Jacksonville.

George Howard came out for basketball as was predicted, and the only trouble is that he cannot reach quite as high as Eugene Narrigan.

Earl Hubbard, president of the high school student body, is going to spend the Christmas holidays with Robert Pelouze at his home near Eagle Point, according to the latter.

Due to a misunderstanding, it has been stated that the entertainment to be given by the local schools will be at the Page, but the correct place is at the Natatorium.

Don't forget the basketball game at the Natatorium next Saturday. Medford high vs. Central Point high. Both boys and girls will be seen in action. Admission 25 cents.

Robert Spencer, the Ashland football star, is laid up with injuries received during the football season. The extent of his injuries are not known.

The alumni team will have their

second practice Thursday evening at about 5 o'clock. They are getting out a very fast team and will give the high school a good game.

DIED

SPARR—At Sacred Heart hospital, Wednesday night, December 16, Richard Sparr, aged 72 years, a native of England. Funeral announcements later.

THOMPSON—At Sacred Heart hospital, Thursday morning, Frank M. Thompson, aged 60 years, a native of Iowa. Deceased has been a resident of the Rogue River valley the last twelve years, and was well known throughout the orchard districts. Funeral announcements later.

ROBINSON—At Salem, Wednesday night, December 16, Frank Robinson, a resident of Jacksonville. The body will be shipped to this city for interment. Funeral announcements later.

CHRISTMAS CIGARS

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\$135,000,000 RAISED TO HELP COTTON GROWERS

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The list of local subscribers to the \$135,000,000 cotton pool organized to ameliorate conditions in the cotton-growing states resulting from the falling off of foreign demand was made public today by Albert H. Wiggins, chairman of the clearing-house committee. Forty-one banks and trust companies and J. P. Morgan & Co. are among the subscribers to the \$50,000,000 guaranteed by this section of the country. The National City bank heads the subscription with \$5,000,000.

Others who subscribed \$1,000,000 or more were the National Bank of Commerce, Hanover National bank, Chase National bank, Bankers' Trust company, Guaranty Trust company and J. P. Morgan & Co., \$3,700,000; National Bank and the First National, \$2,500,000 each; Central Trust company, \$1,200,000, and Irving National bank and the Columbia Trust company, \$1,000,000.

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