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FRUIT CROP OF NATION DECREASES

Wheat Production Shows Heavy Increase Over Last Year — Hay Also Below Average — Low Conditions In California—Government Forecast Complicates.

WASHINGTON, June 8.(AP)—Farm leaders in congress received with considerable interest today the forecast of the department of Agriculture that the winter wheat crop on the basis of June 1 indications showed a probable production of 622,148,000 bushels—more than 43,000,000 bushels increase over last year.

In view of the general concensus that the farmer's difficulties cannot be surmounted without an orderly disposition of the surplus, the news that a further expansion of the already substantial excess of wheat appears to be in store was regarded by many members of congress as serving to focus attention upon the course a federal farm board would pursue in the event one is authorized in the farm relief legislation now approaching enactment.

Indications for fruit production were declared to be substantially lower than usual for the country as a whole, although in the northern border territory fruits were still in bloom June1. Low conditions, especially in California and Florida were particularly noted.

The production of apples, peaches, citrus fruits, prunes, and grapes were expected to be below the average of recent years with indications that the apple crop would average 10 per cent less than that of last year.

The condition of the winer wheat crop was given as 79.6 per cent of normal, compared with 73.6 per cent on June 1, 1928, and a ten year average of 78.2 per cent. The decline in reported condition during May is only a little over one-half of the ten year average decline of 6.8 for the month, accounting for the increased bushel forecast.

The condition of spring wheat was announced as 48.8 per cent, nearly six points above the percentage reported a year ago.

With a reported condition of tame hay at 86.6 per cent, compared with 76.6 for last June, hay prospects were declined rather than better than usual east of the Mississippi and in the western corn belt, average in the southwest and poorer than usual in western states. Wild hay conditions were 3 per cent lower than average but 8 per cent above June 1 of last year.

Pasture conditions were reported at 87.2 per cent, about equal to the ten year average.

The oats condition was 82.0 as compared to 78.3 per cent a year ago and 85.2 per cent for the ten year average. The crop was reported delayed by weather in many states.

MEDFORD BUDS WIN FIRST AT ROSE FESTIVAL

A telegram was received here last evening from Mrs. Carl Swigart at Portland, stated the Medford Garden Club had won first prize in a flower exhibit staged in connection with the Rose festival. The telegram also stated Grants Pass took second place.

PORTLAND, Ore., June 8.—(AP) Whether or not the fair Lenore, queen-elect of the Kingdom of Rosario, will "wade through water to the throne" was the chief topic of conversation in Portland today as the annual rose festival officially opened.

But despite a drizzling rain today's events went off as scheduled with hundreds more visitors arriving in the city to witness next week's program which includes the Merrykhana, or Parade of Nations, floral parade, crowning of queen Lenore and many other attractions.

GALVESTON, Texas, June 8.—(AP)—A mile long grandstand beside the Galveston seawall was in readiness for the opening this afternoon of the international pageant of pulchritude in which 44 beatiful girls from this country and abroad will vie for honors.

MacDonald Takes Helm In England

Associated Press Photo

The victory of the labor party in the general election restored Ramsay MacDonald (center) to a position of power in Great Britain. As premier the cabinet is expected to include Philip Snowden (upper left), J. H. Thomas (upper right), Sir Arthur Henderson (lower left) and John R. Clynes, all of whom served in 1924.

LONDON, June 8.—(AP)—The British government tonight was under the direction of labor, and that party had entered upon its second administration today amid many evidences of popular goodwill.

6 SITES UNDER CONSIDERATION AS COURTHOUSE

Maps Presented to County Court For Study By City—For Step In Keeping Agreement—Ample Time Before Any Action.

The first step for the selection of a site in Medford for the new court house, authorized by a vote of the people, was taken last week, when the county court notified the city they were ready to consider sites, and asked that they submit what they had to offer.

A map showing six different sites, spoken of by the people of the city, was prepared and submitted to the County Court Saturday morning, and they have taken the proposition under advisement, stating they expect to take their time in thoroughly investigating all the sites and select the one they deem best.

The sites referred by the city were:

The Pacific & Eastern tract across the Bear creek bridge, and north of Main Street, owned by M. D. Olds.

The property on which the Washington school is located, on West Main, between Laurel and Oakdale streets.

The block opposite the Armory, between Bartlett and Central, north of Third street and running north to Jackson. Part of the property is owned by the city, having been taken over on tax titles. There are four residence properties on the block that would have to be purchased.

The Ossenbrugge property on the east side of South Riverside, north of East 12th, the first street running east from Riverside, south from Main.

The property corner of North Oakdale and Sixth streets, 200 feet on the former and 150 feet on Sixth, occupied by four residences. This tract also includes the Blighton and Morey properties, lying west of the lots.

The city park, on the block west of the library and south of Main Street. This property was originally deeded for park purposes, but later deeded unconditionally to the city, making it available.

The vote to move the county seat to Medford was conditionally on the city furnishing a site free to the county, the site to be selected by the county court. The cost of the site selected therefore must be paid for by the city.

The action taken by the county court was to get the proposition started as they realize it will taket some time for the selection of site, making plans, letting contracts and constructing the building.

It will be two years next month since the county seat was moved to the new city hall. The agreement of the city was to furnish rent free for five years to the county and the court believes most or all of that time will be consumed in getting a new court house erected and ready for occupancy.

LONDON, June 8.—(AP)—The new labor cabinet of Ramsay MacDonald was in full office today.

FORD ROAD IS HELD A RATE FIXER

Indictments Returned By Federal Grand Jury — Charge Deception Used In Coal Tariff From Ford Mines Over Ford Railroad — Case Unusual.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, June 8.—(AP) Charge of soliciting and receiving illegal coal rates were made in 25 counts of an indictment returned against the Detroit, Toledo & Ironton railroad, owned by Henry Ford, by the federal grand jury her today.

No individuals were named in the indictment against the Ford railroad, but its representatives will be brought in to enter the plea for the corporation Monday. W. B. Bartels, assistant United States district attorney, said that operatives of the interstate commerce commission has charge of the investigation of the alleged law violations by the D. T. & I. It is the first time in years that a railroad had been indicted in this part of the country on such a charge, governmental officials said.

The indictment charges that the Fordson Coal company shipped coal at Hady and Stone, Ky., on various dates. The coal, it is alleged, actually was destined for Iron and Jackson, Ohio. But, the bill charges, the coal was delivered to the Norfolk & Western railroad at Hardy, for South Charleston, Ohio, though it never reached the latter point, finding its way, instead, to Jackson and Ironton.

The N. & W. and the D. T. & I. tracks cross twice in Ohio. The rate on coal from Hardy, on the N. & W., to the first junction point and thence to Ironton direct on the D., T. & I., the indictment says, Ton rates to South Charleston were $2.14, the coal going over the N. & W., to the second junction point, called Glen Jean, and thence over the D., T. & I. to South Charleston. Of the $2.14 joint rate, the D., T. & I. would receive $1.01.

It is charged by the government that the Ford railroad contravened the regular tariff schedule and got lower coal rates by billing its coal to South Charleston, a long haul, instead of direct to Ironton and Jackson, by the direct short haul. It was worked, government agents charged, in this manner:

The D., T. & I. utilized the joint agent of the two roads at Glen Jean by "forcing" him to allow the R., T. & I. to take the coal when it got to Glen Jean, and ship it back over the D., T. & I. tracks to Jackson and Ironton. The total cost of coal thus shipped under rates as if to South Charleston, was lower than a short haul direct to Ironton and Jackson.

BOMBAY, India, June 8.—(AP)—Former Queen Souriya of Afghanistan, wife of Amanullah, gave birth to a daughter at the hospital here last night.

BARTLETT CROP IN CALIFORNIA BELOW NORMAL

H. Van Hoevenburg On Tour Wires Lake County Harvest Less Than 50 Per Cent — District Heavy Valley Competitor.

H. Van Hoevenburg of Sams Valley, now on a tour of California fruit districts, in a wire to Guy W. Connor, of Simon, Shuttleworth & French, distributors, sends optimistic news for the pear growers of this section.

Van Hoevenburg reports that the Bartlett crop in Lake county, is estimated at a 50 to 60 per cent normal crop, and thinks these figures are liberal. Lake county Barletts reach the Eastern markets about the same time as the local fruit, and are among the largest competitors of the valley fruit.

In the Santa Clara valley, the estimated crop of Bartletts is 75 per cent of normal. Van Hoevenburg thinks this estimate is too low.

He will visit the Sacramento fruit districts, the coming week. Upon his return home, he will make a report to the Fruitgrowers league, upon his survey of fruit conditions in California.

Local fruitmen estimated that the Rogue River valley Bartlett will be about 16,000 tons. About half of this tonnage will go to the canneries. The yield based on these figures will be the best year—with the exception of last year.

The California Canners association, and the California Pear Growers association are scheduled to hold a meeting next Saturday, June 15, for the purpose of agreeing on cannery prices for pears. Albert Burch, president of the Fruitgrowers league, last April recommended that local growers, sign no cannery contracts, until this price was fixed.

Government and private marketing specialists estimate that the price for cannery pears will be around $80 per ton. However, there is nothing certain about the price, as it is governed by trade, financial, and supply and demand conditions throughout the land.

W.C.T.U. FAITH IN MABEL UNSHAKEN

EVANSTON, Ill., June 8.—(AP)—Mrs. Ella A. Boole, national president of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, has sent letters to presidents of all the state W. C. T. U. organizations hailing the work of Mrs. Mabel Walker Willebrandt while assistant United States attorney general, in charge of law enforcement.

Mrs. Boole said the W. C. T. U. should deeply regret Mrs. Willebrandt's resignation, but should not be "deceived by the wet propaganda to the effect that her work was unsatisfactory to President Hoover or Attorney General Mitchell.

JAILBIRD SAYS HE SAW JERSEY PASTOR KILLED

Mystery of Murder of Rev. Hall and Choir Singer In 1922 Revived — Paid to Keep Silent—Chance Remarks of Prisoner Re-Opens Probe.

DETROIT, June 8.—(AP)—The Detroit Free Press tomorrow will say that the mystery of the murder of the Rev. Edward W. Hall and Mrs. Eleanor Mills in 1922 near New Brunswick, N. J., was re-opened here Saturday as a result of the declaration of a federal prisoner ere that he overheard the quarrel which led to the shooting of the minister and the choir singer.

The prisoner, Kenneth Gladeau, is inthe county jail here, being held for federal authorities. He told the sheriff of Wayne county and a Free Press reporter that he witnessed the murder from a thicket. Gladeau's story is in the hands of Francis L. Bergen, prosecutor of Somerset county, New Jersey, who is expected to come here soon to question Gladeau.

Gladeau said he received $3000 from one of the murderers to keep silent about the affair.

Gladeau was arrested May 2 at Plymouth, Mich., for federal authorities. Remarks he mad to Chief of Police Springer at Plymouth and to Robert E. Moore, identification superintendent at the Wayne county jail, caused them to question him closely. He said that a knife which was found in his room had figured in the Hall-Mills killing.

According to Gladeau's statement, which will appear in the Free Press, he was hiking near New Brunswick and had stopped to sleep in a thicket on the night of the slaying. He was disturbed by the voices of a man and a woman who called each other "Edward" and "Eleanor." He said had talked for a time, apparently that after the man and the woman of elopement plans and had discussed the future of someone, the woman called "Charlotte," another woman and tow men came on the scene.

A DANCE HOSTESS WEDS QUITE WELL

NEW YORK, June 8.—(AP)—A new chapter in the romantic lore of Broadway was revealed today by friends of a former dance hall hostess, nowthe wife of A. R. Graustein, head of the international Paper & Power company.

When Graustein's marriage at El Paso, Texas, March 14, was announced, the bride was identified merely as "the former Claire Patton" of that city.

Former associates at Roseland dance hall recalled the meeting of the financier and the bride on the dance floor and the decided preference which the wealthy patron displayed for Miss Patton as a partner.

DEMOCRATS RALLY TO ATTEND FEAST

WASHINGTON, June 8.—(AP)—Aroused at threats of a split in the democratic ranks over a dinner to be given here Monday night under local auspices to Jouett Shouse, newly appointed lieutenant of Chairman John J. Raskob, of the national committee, party members in congress are rallying to attend the affair.

Senator Fletcher, of Florida, whose state went into the column of Herbert Hoover in the last election, tonight's made public a letter in which he announced he would attend the dinner.

ROSEBURG TOT IS ACCIDENT VICTIM

ROSEBURG, Ore., June 8.—(AP) Teresa Friedlund, six-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Friedlund of West Roseburg, was killed today when she was struck by a truck driven by Charles Solomon, who operates an egg truck between Roseburg and Eugene. The child broke from her mother's grasp and dashed across the street directly in the path of the truck, it is said.

LIMOGES, France, June 8.—(AP) Twenty persons were seriously injured here today in an outbreak of rioting incident to storming of the prison by a mob of 10,000.

COMB SHIP TODAY FOR MURDERER

No Passengers to Disembark at Portland Until Thorough Search Made—Theory Advanced Tallman May Be Hiding In Packing Crate — New Clues Found.

PORTLAND, Ore., June 8.—(AP) Before passengers aboard the steamer Admiral Benson, due here tomorrow morning, are allowed ashore, thirteen Portland detectives will board the vessel to assist Inspector Condaffer, Los Angeles detective, search the craft for a possible clue to William Tallman, radio operator, wanted in connection with the murder of Mrs. Virginia Patty in Los Angeles.

Following the vessel as it enters the Willamette river will be the harbor patrol boat with five men aboard. The strict guard over the Admiral Benson was ordered by Captain J. T. Moore, acting police chief, on request of Chief of Detec- Kline, Los Angeles. The steamer will arrive in Portland between six and seven o'clock tomorrow.

When the Admiral Benson entered the Columbia river tonight and docked at Astoria, Ore., a short search was made, but nothing of importance was found.

Tallman is believed to have escaped from the Admiral Benson at San Francisco when the steamer docked there from Los Angeles. A missing life belt, later found in the Oakland mole, led authorities to believe he leaped overboard. Inspetcor Condefer remained with the vessel on a slim chance that Tallman was yet aboard.

LOS ANGELES, June 8.—(AP)—William L. Tallman, 24, radio operator and missing accused murderer of Mrs. Virginia Patty, wealthy young matron, who was slain with a brick in an apartment house a week ago, tonight was linked by fingerprints more closely with the slaying.

Lieut. F. Barlow, police identification expert, said first comparison of prints taken from the blood-stained walls of the clothes closet in which Mrs. Patty's body was found hanging Tuesday and Tallman's fingerprint classifications received from the United States Marine Corps headquarters in Washington, D. C., indicated they were similar.

Tallman formerly was a radio operator inthe Marine corps. The man already had been identified by Mrs. W. G. Wilson, apartment house owner, as "W. C. Johnson of San Francisco," the name given in renting the apartment. Tallman's handwriting and that of "Johnson" were identical, police experts said.

Frank Patton, shoe clerk, who testified at the inquest over Mrs. Patty's body he had been a visitor at her expensive suite in an apartment hotel, was eliminated from the case when his fingerprints were found unlike those in the closet.

Possibilities that two men might have participated in the slaying were discounted by the fact that one set of prints were found at the scene of the slaying, Detectives' Captain Herman Cline said.

Search for Tallman, who slipped through police nets here and disappeared from the steamshin Admiral Benson enroute to San Francisco, continued in the northern city and aboard the vessel.

Captain Al Slaten, detective in charge of the investigation, said he believed the man still was on the ship. He ordered Lieut. Frank Condefer, who sailed from San Francisco on the boat for Portland, to inspect every parcel of freight and compartment aboard the ship for the suspect.

"Search every inch of the boat and every inch of the cargo to be unloaded tomorrow morning. Do not let a single piece leave the boat without your personal inspection," Slaten radioed Condefer.

Slaten said Tallman might hide in a packing crate.

FINAL SUMMONS FOR NOTED POET

NEW CANAAN, Conn., June 8.(AP)—Bliss Carman, 66, internationally known poet who was awarded the gold medal of letters by the Canadian parliament, died suddenly today at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Tunney here with whom he had lived at intervals during the past five years.

He was the author of "Songs of Vagabondia," from which he later wrote the bok, "Songs of the Vagabond," and "Trees."

"MINUTE MEN" OF STATE PLAN CLEANER RULE

Body Politic of Oregon Needs Regeneration So Experienced Politicians Organize to Do It—Present Status Held Unhealthy

PORTLAND, Ore., June 8.—(AP) Climaxing weeks of conferences, discussions and public comment, incorporation papers were issued today to the Minute Men of Oregon, an organization composed of practical experienced politicians, formed specially, sponsors say, to take an active part in city and state politics.

Officers are Joseph A. Hill, head of military academy, president; A. E. Durham, former assistant state's attorney in Chicago, secretary, and Grant J. Reader, an attache of Judge Hewitt's court, treasurer.

Associated with the officers is a group of 30 republicans, all of whom have been interested in Oregon politics for many years. Many of them have seen service in the state legislature.

A statement issued by the officers states: "Believing that the body politic of this state (Oregon) needs regeneration y the cleansing fires of the spirit of '76, the Minute Men of Oregon has been formed to which all citizens, irrespective of creed or color, who believe in good government and good citizenship are cordially invited to join."

Sponsors openly declared that "due to a realization that the present unsatisfactory condition in government and citizenship in this state has resulted in bringing about a situation of dissatisfaction and discontent among the law abiding citizens, which, unless checked, will prove detrimental to the welfare of the state."

CITY WELCOMES ILLUMINATED SIXTH STREET

Thoroughfare Brilliant As New Civic Benefit Beams Citizens Make Merry And Marvel at New Lighting System—Hundreds View Spectacle.

All of Medford did honor to Sixth street last night. From 7 o'clock on, crowds promenaded the length of the thoroughfare in anticipation of the first glimpse of the new lights, the installation of which was the inspiration for the evening's celebration.

As dark came on the crowd grew denser but continued to mill its way back and forth from Riverside to Oakdale. Boy Scouts directed traffic to the dimmed lights of parked autos along the new avenue.

The outline of clowns and funmakers in weird costumes, outfitted by Bliss Heine, one of the Sixth street merchants, could be seen darting here and there as though attempting to dispel the darkness that enshrouded the hundreds of eager spectators. Up and down the street the Elks band marched, heralding the illumination that was soon to come.

Then as the hands of the clock took their position at 8:45, Sixth street was suddenly flooded with light—and such light. It was difficult to convince some startled local residents that they weren't, by some odd miracle, plunged right into the midle of the next day.

With the advent of light on Sixth street, the band struck up a still livelier tune. Cars all through the city sounded their horns and the fun-makers added their bit to the hilarious welcome of Sixth street illumination.

At 9:30 the jazzy tunes of an all star orchestra, under the direction of H. C. Cleveland, begun the dancing on Sixth street between Central and Bartlett, and several hundred local dance-lovers enjoyed the hospitable entertainment of the Sixth street hosts.

Confetti, serpentine and noisemakers added zest to the occasion, as well as a number of impromptu and spontaneous stunts, interspersed throughout the frolicking evening.

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QUESTIONS SENM'NARY ON 'TRADES'

Oregon Senator Denies Debenture Plan Shunted For Presidential Promise To Consider Choices For Farm Board — Political Dickering Charged.

WASHINGTON, June 8.—(AP)—Early enactment of farm relief legislation hung in the balance today as the export debenture group undertook a campaign in the senate to reject the conference committee's farm bill.

The division of senators favoring the conference report and those who demand its rejection was held by leaders of both groups to be even closer than when the debenture proposal was voted into the senate bill 47 to 4. Arguments against the compromise bill were based on contentions that the house overstepped its authority in refusing to vote on the debenture plan, that stand by the house conferees resulted in elimination of the plan from the bill.

The house has approved the conference bill. Only a favorable vote in the senate is necessary to send the legislation to President Hoover.

The optomism of the debenture group was enhanced by the return of Senator Robinson of Arkansas, the democratic leader, who has been working strenuously to hold his party lines firm.

Administration leaders who a few days ago were certain the conference bill would be approved began to manifest some concern whether they could hold all the senators they claimed would switch their position in order that relief legislation should not be further delayed.

The debenture group showed a bellicose attitude today after Senator McNary, of Oregon, in charge of the conference bill, asked for its early approval. The senator immediately was questioned sharply by debenture senators who attempted to ascertain the circumstances surrounding the conference agreement to eliminate the provision. Senator McNary steadfastly maintained the senate conferees had employed every argument they knew to bring about a vote in the house and said he felt to persist further would only have endangered the bill.

He replied in the negative to inquiries from various senators whether the president or any of his spokesmen had interfered with the conference's negotiations, and denied any senator had agreed to eliminate debentures upon assurances from the president that such a senator's choice for members of the farm board would be given preference.

Presenting the argument of the debenture group, Senator Norris, republican, Nebraska, a member of the conference committee, who with Senator Smith, democrat, South Dakota, declined to approve the conference farm bill, declared the question which the senate was now asked to decide whether the house had a right to demand elimination of the debenture section without permitting a vote on it there. The Nebraska senator said he would not insist on the debenture plan if the house voted it down but he considered a question of grave importance involved in the position taken by the house.

Referring to the position of the house that the senate had no constitutional right to initiate debentures, Senator Norris said "everybody knows this is a method to shield the house from having to go on record on this important proposition."

Interest was manifested in an assertion by Senator Schall, republican, Minnesota, that he had not changed his opinion of the debenture plan. The Minnesota senator voted for the debenture section originally but administration leaders had been figuring on his support for the conference bill. Schall in a statement said the debenture section was the "only provision of relief for the farmer."

He insisted that the house should vote on the disputed section but he did not commit himself on the conference report.

Senator Norris was asked by Senator McKellar, democrat, Tennessee, about the veracity of a report in a Washington newspaper that "trades" were being made for votes to uphold the administration viewpoint. Norris replied that he had heard of no such proposition and would not make such a charge. He said he would not impugn the motive of any senator who changed his vote.

The Nebraskan also was asked by Senator Thomas, democrat, Oklahoma, whether the president had supported the house refusal to vote on the debenture plan. Norris replied:

"I think I can place the responsibility for the action but I won't discuss that."

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