

PLENTY GRAIN IN NORTH AMERICA; NOT SO EUROPE

Merchandisers Face Hard Task Finding Sufficient Storage for Heavy Crops.

By Franklin Mullin.
Chicago, July 31.—(P)—The North American granary promises to be overflowing soon, with merchandisers facing the task of finding sufficient storage space for huge surpluses of bread grain and feed.

In sharp contrast, Europe's grain crops are sub-normal, the war-torn continent faces an acute shortage in animal feed, and some localities may feel the pinch of inadequate food supplies unless available supplies are proportionately distributed.

This, grain experts pointed out today, offers a striking illustration of world economic maladjustment due to the war—a maladjustment likely to continue as long as hostilities last or even longer if normal international trade cannot be restored.

Huge Surplus in U. S.

In North America an estimated exportable surplus of wheat alone exceeding 800,000,000 bushels, largest on record, is expected to be piled up when harvesters finish. This is enough grain to satisfy Europe's normal import requirements for more than a year.

Meanwhile, Europe, exclusive of Russia, is harvesting its first seriously deficient crop since 1930—estimated to be more than 20 per cent smaller than last year's. The total North American supply is expected to exceed 1,600,000,000 bushels, second largest in history.

Canada Crowded

Canada has a record breaking carryover of wheat and the largest growing acreage on record. With more than 250,000,000 bushels on hand and a 400,000,000 bushel crop in prospect, dominion officials have been forced to place a partial embargo on shipments from country to terminals already crowded with supplies.

The United States will carry over 280,000,000 bushels of old wheat and have more than 700,000,000 bushels of the new crop. In addition, its carryover of corn will be the largest on record, with more than 400,000,000 bushels involved in the government loan program alone.

HAY OWNER SUES CITY OF J'VILLE

Melissa Cameron seeks \$782 from the city of Jacksonville, the value of stored alfalfa hay, destroyed by fire June 10, when a structure owned by the city of Jacksonville also burned, in a suit filed in circuit court yesterday.

The plaintiff according to the complaint, rented half of a building used last September as a storage shed, as a place to keep the hay. The rental was \$5 per month, to be paid when the hay was sold.

It is alleged Jacksonville was negligent in not keeping down the grass and weeds around the shed and allowed debris and rubbish to accumulate. Last June the grass and weeds caught fire and burned the shed and contents, including 66 tons of hay.

Attorneys George M. Roberts and William M. McAllister represent the plaintiff.

French Envoy Okeh.

Vichy, July 30.—(P)—The United States government has advised France it approves of the nomination of Senator Henry Hays as ambassador to Washington, it was officially announced today. The senator, mayor of Versailles, speaks fluent English.

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D.A.V. WILL GET INFORMATION ON AID IN DEFENSE

How members might help in the country's defense program will be explained at the regular meeting of the Disabled American Veterans of the World War in the armory at 8 p. m. Friday.

Since the chapter officers recently announced the organization here would aid in carrying the defense program forward, many inquiries have been received from members and these will be answered at the meeting, the press relations officer stated.

Tribute will be paid to Frank J. Holbrook and Carold J. Parker on their appointment as national deputy chiefs of staff by Louis J. Murphy, national commander. The appointment is considered an honor not only to the two men but also to the chapter and to Medford.

Initiation of recruits will be held at the Friday meeting and the executive committee, which met last night, has an important report to make, it was stated.

September 29 has been designated "Hospital Day" and preparations will be made for its observance.

The auxiliary will not meet as auxiliary sessions have been discontinued until fall.

CANADA TO DRAFT 300,000 IN FALL

Ottawa, Ont., July 31.—(P)—Canada will draft 300,000 men, starting October 1, to defend the commonwealth against sabotage, civil disturbances and possible invasion, parliament was told today.

Meanwhile, voluntary recruiting for Canada's non-permanent active militia will be suspended August 15. Recruiting for voluntary service overseas will be carried on as usual.

Draftees will be called up for 30 days' training in groups of 30,000, the minister said. Single men will be called during the first year, they added.

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AIRPLANE MAKERS BALK AT SIGNING

Washington, July 30.—(P)—Representatives of the defense commission sought an agreement today from six major airplane manufacturers to proceed with pending army-navy contracts without waiting for congressional action on defense tax policy.

At least \$55,983,027 in new military aircraft awards, in addition to some engine contracts, were reported by the commis-

sion yesterday to have been cleared between June 6 and July 17, but not yet signed by the manufacturers. Other major contracts are reported to be in preliminary stages.

A commission spokesman said that William Knudsen, defense production chief, would attempt today to "sell" the manufacturers on his view that they need not hesitate now to undertake necessary plant expansions.

Steel Profit Zooms.

New York, July 30.—(P)—United States Steel corporation reported today for the June quarter net profits of \$19,201,008, compared with \$1,309,761 in the comparable period last year and \$17,113,995 in the first quarter of 1940.

'LADY' KODAK FAN IN WRONG ATTIRE

Los Angeles, July 31.—(P)—When two radio patrol policemen arrested a feminine photographer leaving Union Air terminal after taking pictures, they turned her over to a jail matron for searching.

Blushing furiously, the matron brought the prisoner back. "This, gentlemen, is not a case for me," she reported. "It is a case for you. This is not a 'she.' She is a 'he.'"

So the officers took over and reported that their search disclosed the prisoner was wearing a full complement of women's clothing down to the most intimate detail.

He identified himself as Joseph C. Gray, 26, of Pasadena, and said he was "just dressed in women's clothes and makeup to fool his wife and to make some pictures."

Mercury Demand Speeds Up Mining

Portland, Ore., July 31.—(P)—To meet a war-time demand for quicksilver, the Bonanza Mercury mine near Sutherlin today announced it would install a third furnace.

Price of the semi-precious metal is quoted at \$198 a flask. With its new capacity, the Bonanza plant will be able to produce more than 500 flasks a month.

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