

U. S. FARMERS LEAD WORLD IN PRODUCTS

America Produces More Than Twice as Much as Foreign Rivals in the Agricultural Fields—Total Value Is Fifteen Billions

WASHINGTON, December 8.—The American farmer leads the world in individual production of crops. Secretary Houston of the Department of Agriculture, asserted today in his annual report. While countries such as Belgium, under intensive farming, get a higher average yield, he said, taking both acreage and yield per acre into account, the American agriculturist produces two and a half times as much as his Belgian and German rivals, 2.3 times as much as the British farmer, 3.2 times as much as the French, and more than six times as much as the Italian.

The result of this and of the American farmer's war work is shown in the 1919 American crop production, placed at three times greater in value than the average annual output during the five year period preceding the European war. The aggregate value of all crops this year is placed at \$15,873,000,000 as compared to \$4,222,000,000 in 1918 and an average of \$5,829,000,000 during the five year period. Live stock on farms this year was figured at 8,830,000,000 as against \$3,284,000,000 in 1918.

The average yield for all crops for the decade ending in 1918 is about 16 per cent greater than for the average for the decade ending with 1890, the report said. The average rate on increase for the past 25 years is about one-half on one per cent a year.

Estimates in the report put the 1919 wheat production at 918,471,600 bushels and corn at 2,910,250,600 bushels. Cotton is expected to reach 19,696,000 bales and tobacco 1,316,553,000 pounds.

"The farmers of the nation in 1919 planted an acreage in leading cereals greater by 33,000,000 than the prewar annual average which it is estimated will yield 635,600,000 more than the prewar average," Mr. Houston said of war work on the farms. "They increased the number of milch cows over 1914 by 2,700,000, of other cattle by 8,500,000, of swine by 16,700,000 and of horses and mules by 1,000,000, or a total of 28,900,000.

The planting operations of the year began before the fighting ceased and the call was still for more wheat. The Department suggested a maximum fall acreage of 47,206,000 acres, an increase of 12 per cent over 1918. There was actually planted 49,261,000, the largest acreage in the nation's history, 6,960,000 acres more than in 1918.

"The spring wheat acreage was 22,593,000 while the winter and spring plantings combined amounted to 71,854,000 acres or 7,200,000,000 more than the preceding record. It is estimated that the yield will exceed that of 1918 by 1,000,000 bushels and will be the nation's second record wheat crop. The estimated corn crop of 2,910,000,000 bushels will be 300,000,000 greater than that of 1918."

The Nation can further expand its output of commodities by cultivating unused tillable land, estimated at more than 60 per cent of the total, the report states. Expansion is limited, however, by the supply of capital and labor.

LOCAL YOUTH IS CLUB TREASURER

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Dec. 8.—Earl Reynolds of La Grande was elected president of the recently organized Eastern Oregon Club. Other officers are Hazel Strain, Pendleton, vice-president; Blanche Furnish, Pendleton, Secretary; Robert Gordon, Klamath Falls, treasurer; Leta Agee, Pendleton, Barometer reporter; and Ted Black, The Dalles, sergeant-at-arms.

TRIAL IS BEGUN IN CIRCUIT COURT

Trial of the suit of Otto Schoenfeld against the Enterprise Land & Investment company was begun before a jury in the circuit court this morning, Judge Kuykendall presiding. Plaintiff is suing for \$1783.25, alleged to be due in settlement of crop division, under an agreement entered into with defendant in December, 1910, unpaid wages and board furnished defendant's employees.

300,000 MEN FOR ARMY AND 18,000 OFFICERS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—A peace time regular army of 300,000 men and 18,000 officers was decided upon today by the House military subcommittee framing the army reorganization bill. Combat troops were fixed at 250,000.

COURT HOUSE CASE MAY BE TRIED IN JAN.

Another order has been entered in the court house case, this time the court denied the motion of the attorneys for the county to strike out the denial filed by attorneys for J. M. Dougan Company. The former are given ten days in which to further plead, and the only pleading they may now file would be a demurrer to this reply.

Judge Calkins has indicated that he will come here the middle of January to try the court house case, as well as other cases in which Judge Kuykendall is disqualified.

The latest order follows: In the Circuit court of the state of Oregon in and for Klamath County, J. M. Dougan Company, et al, Plaintiffs, vs. Klamath County, et al, Defendants.

This cause was submitted to the undersigned judge, without argument, by the defendants appearing by Jay Bowerman, F. H. Mills and E. L. Elliott, its attorneys and by plaintiffs appearing by C. F. Stone, A. E. Reames and Harrison Allen, their attorneys, upon defendants' motion to strike from plaintiffs' reply filed herein; and the undersigned judge, acting upon assignment to the above entitled county and court, having considered said motion and the reply against which the motion is directed, and finding no cause for granting said motion.

It is ordered that said motion be and hereby is in all things denied, and defendants are given ten days in which to further plead.

Done this 6th day of December, 1919.

F. M. CALKINS, Judge.

nels; expansion of facilities for aiding in marketing, especially extension of the market news and food products inspection services; continuation of Federal participation in road building through an appropriation of \$100,000,000 for each of the next 4 years; regulation and control of stockyards and packing houses; Federal legislation to protect consumers against adulterated feeds and fertilizers; increased state support for rural schools and more definite instruction as to rural problems and conditions; legislation to improve rural sanitary conditions and provide hospital and medical facilities.

MUCH INTEREST IN ASSOCIATION

Men of sedentary occupations are especially strong in expressions favoring the formation of an athletic association, toward which end a movement was started last week. Ways and means of organization will be discussed tomorrow night, at a meeting in Room 204, Willits building, called for 8 o'clock, where all persons interested in athletics, calisthenics and sport are invited to be present and aid in the discussion.

It has been estimated that on the probable basis of support already secured for the movement that a start can be made with a membership fee not to exceed five dollars, perhaps less, and monthly dues of fifty cents. This is a small price to pay for the benefits received from a well organized, well equipped association, with the services of a physical director included. Whether this estimate is sufficient is one of the matters that tomorrow night's meeting will decide. Other practical questions, such as the securing of suitable quarters, the amount of equipment necessary, the scope of activities of the association, etc., will probably be threshed out and attendance of all persons who have ideas on the subject is urgently requested.

HORSE FALLS; RIDER'S ANKLE IS CRUSHED

David McClellan, nephew of J. S. McClellan of Mt. Laki District, had his ankle crushed last Friday when a horse that he was riding fell upon him. He is employed in logging work at the Kitts mill near Bonanza and it was in that neighborhood that the accident occurred. He was taken to the home of A. J. Simmers near Bonanza and is under attendance of Dr. Johnson of Bonanza. Latest reports say that he is doing well.

REBATE COMING

BERLIN, Nov. 20.—(By Mail).—Rent payers of Berlin who are unable to obtain heat or light owing to the shortage of coal will receive a rebate of that proportion of their rent which ordinarily would pay for these comforts. A Berlin ministry has appointed a commission to determine the sum which shall be credited to other rent payers.

TO ISSUE ARCHIVES.

BERLIN, Nov. 20.—(By Mail).—The general staff's story of the war written from the official archives will soon be issued and will be entitled "The Battles and Fights of the Great War of 1914-1918." The account is to contain a consecutive and ordered description of all battles in which German troops participated.

G. O. P MEET TOMORROW.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Republican leaders of every state are arriving at Washington today to confer on candidates, prior to the meeting of the Republican national committee tomorrow at which the time and place of the 1920 convention will be selected.

DENIES LEASE CANCELLATION

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 8.—Stephen T. Mather, director of the national park service is being urged by Representative Sinnott to make arrangements for having the roads to Crater Lake National park opened a few weeks earlier than usual next year. The purpose is to make it possible for the Shriners to visit the park at the close of their national convention in Portland in June. George T. Baldwin, state senator of Klamath Falls, Ore., is here for a few days' visit to points of interest about the national capitol.

Denial was made by A. P. Davis, director of the reclamation, of a report that the interior department had abandoned the negotiations with Frank Adams of Klamath Falls and Doak & Smith, contractors of San Francisco, for the reclamation of a large area of marsh lands in the upper Klamath lake section. He says that the matter is still being considered and that final action is held in abeyance by an action of the attorney-general of Oregon.

NO NIGHT LIFE IN MEXICO CITY

MEXICO CITY, Nov. 21.—(By Mail).—Mexico City is a quiet place after dark. Business of practically every sort stops promptly at 7 o'clock at night when doors are bolted and heavy steel curtains are drawn over the entire front of the building. Avenida Francisco Madero, the main thoroughfare, dimly lighted at the best, looks like a blind alley after 8 o'clock and is enlivened for a few minutes only when, shortly after midnight, the theater crowds hurry home. There is but little after-theater life here. Saturday night offers an exception for two cafes are open then for dancing and drinking with foreigners for the most part the patrons.

The human owls of the United States who turn night into day, will find it difficult to believe that Mexico City which has a population approximating 1,000,000 has no all night restaurants and that after 2 o'clock in the morning it is next to impossible to buy so much as a cup of coffee. The "Open Day and Night" cafe is unknown here and early risers or late retires fact the alternative of carrying a pocket lunch or of finding one of the two outdoor lunch stands that cater to that distinctive class of night workmen, the newspaper printer. These two "publitos" as they are called, consist merely of makeshift tents which cover a few boards serving as tables and chairs. They open for business at 3 o'clock a. m. and by 7 o'clock are hauled down. Here one may buy coffee, tamales, tortillas and meat highly flavored with chili.

Mexico City is not what might be termed a "good restaurant town." Although the capital of the republic is not as well supplied with places to eat as Vera Cruz which has only one-twentyfifth the population.

CHIEF TAPPED WOOD BUT CHARM FAILED TO WORK

Fifteen minutes after Chief Miller asserted that there would be no more fires here this winter—the chief tapped his crossed fingers lightly on a wooden banister as he said it—an overheated stove set fire to the bedding in a car occupied by the snow-plow gang at the S. P. depot Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. The S. P. force had the fire out by the time the city apparatus reached the scene. The damage did not exceed \$20.

FUNERAL OF MRS. LEACH WILL BE HELD TOMORROW

The body of Mrs. Anne Leach, who died Saturday at Corning, Cal., will arrive on this evening's train. The funeral will be held at Whifflock's undertaking parlors tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock, under the auspices of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Mrs. Leach resided here for a number of years, being a partner in the family firm of the Stilts Dry Goods company, which from a small beginning about 16 years ago grew into a large business, occupying the location where the Brandenburg store is now. The firm sold out three years ago, after the death of one of the sisters, Miss Lillian Stilts. The decedent first went back to her girlhood home in Nebraska, then returned here for a couple of months last summer and then moved to Corning.

She is survived by two brothers, Phil and Harry Stilts, and two sisters, Miss Eliza Stilts of Corning, and another living in Nebraska.

FRAULEINS ARE WELL TREATED

WITH THE AMERICAN FORCES IN GERMANY, Nov. 21.—(By correspondence Associated Press).—Among the civilians in the American occupied area complaints, originating with the German men, are often heard to the effect that the American soldiers are "spoiling" the German girls by heaping luxuries upon them and by spending money recklessly for presents, wines and good things to eat.

Since the anti-fraternization regulation was revoked by army headquarters several weeks ago the cafes in Coblenz have been crowded each night with soldiers and frauleins, and many of the German men have openly asserted that the Americans were entirely too considerate of the German women and girls.

Cafes in Coblenz and other towns in the zone held by United States troops have been doing lately the greatest business of their existence. One in Coblenz which is conducted by two Americans who recently obtained their discharges from the army, seats 2200 persons. Yet on Sunday afternoons and evenings the crowd becomes so great, Americans and Germans all together, that on several occasions the military police had to be called to maintain order.

RESPONSIBILITY IS SHOULDERED BY PRESIDENT

Wilson Says Constitution Places the Power of Dealing With Mexican Situation on Executive Only and Rejects Fall Resolution

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—President Wilson would be "gravely concerned to see any such resolution pass Congress," he wrote Senator Fall of New Mexico today, referring to the Fall resolution asking the President to sever diplomatic relations with the Carranza government. "Such action would constitute a reversal of our constitutional practice which might lead to very grave confusion in regard to our foreign policy," the President wrote.

The President expressed confidence that he had the support of every competent constitutional authority in the statement that he discerned of the government's foreign affairs is assigned by the constitution to the chief executive and to him alone.

When the letter was received, Chairman Lodge of the Foreign Relations committee, after conferring with Senators Fall and Brandegee, announced that no further action on the Mexican situation would be taken by the committee. "We wanted to help," he said, "but now the entire Mexican situation is up to the President and the responsibility is upon his shoulders. Let it rest there."

WHEN KILTS ARE THE PROPER GARB

EDINBURGH, Nov. 2.—(By Mail).—Scores of American visitors to Scotland have wondered by whom and on what occasions the picturesque native dress of Scotland, kilts, are worn nowadays.

Upon inquiry it is learned that apart from actual Highland gatherings where everyone is expected to "dress the part," there are only four classes of kilted folk accepted without comment in Scotland. In the north, the head of clans and sept, the "gentry"—which includes Englishmen, Welshmen, and anyone who owns land or uses land as a playground; in the south, the public piper; and all over Scotland, the soldier. As an evening dress it also has a degree of general popularity.

ELKS MEMORIAL CROWD LARGE

A large attendance of Elks, and many persons not members of the fraternity, attended the public memorial exercises of the order at the Elks' temple yesterday afternoon. The program was carried through without a hitch, those present dwelling especially upon the beauty of the musical part of the program and the able addresses of the speakers.

A solo, "One Vacant Hour," by Mrs. Jennie F. Melby, made a fine impression, as did quarter selections by B. W. Mason, F. A. Baker, Chas. Wood Eberlein and the Rev. E. P. Lawrence.

K. K. Kubli of the Portland lodge delivered the principal address, dealing with the aims of the order, its patriotic as well as fraternal purposes.

C. J. Ferguson, past exalted ruler, pronounced the eulogy, covering in general fashion the achievements of the departed brothers. Since the local lodge was organized death has called fifteen members. The Elks' orchestra furnished the instrumental music for the services.

ILLICIT TRADE PARIS, Nov. 15.—(By Mail).—It has been made illegal to trade in pawn tickets in France.

ONLY 14 MORE SHOPPING DAYS—UNTIL CHRISTMAS!

