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WHEAT REPORT HAS LITTLE TO CHEER MOST OPTIMISTIC

Bureau Reduces Yield for Year, Placing It At 611,000,000 Bushels

WILL BE BUT ENOUGH FOR HOME CONSUMPTION

Estimated Corn Crop Is 2,777,000,000 and Oats 1,231,000,000 Bushels

Washington, Sept. 8.—Barely enough spring wheat for home consumption was forecast for the present crop today by the bureau of crop estimates. An estimated production of 611,000,000 bushels will be "not more than the normal domestic requirements."

This crop compares unfavorably with an estimated production last year of more than one billion and with a five year average of 738,000,000.

The condition of the spring wheat crop on September 1 was given as 45.6 per cent of normal, as compared with 63.4 on August 1.

The condition forecasts a yield per acre of 8.8 bushels, as against 12.5 average from 1910 to 1914.

The total production of 156,000,000 bushels is forecast as against an August forecast of 199,000,000 bushels and a 1915 production of 357,000,000 bushels.

A forecasted yield per acre of 12 bushels for all wheat is reported as against a yield of 16.9 per acre for 1915. A total production of 911,000,000 bushels is forecasted against 654,000,000 bushels as an August forecast, and a total production of 1,020,000,000 bushels for 1915.

The conditions of the corn crop September 1 was 71.3 per cent normal as against 78.8 on September 1, 1915. This condition forecasts a yield per acre of 24.9 bushels against 28.2 in 1915. A total production of 2,710,000,000 bushels is forecast against an August forecast of 2,770,000,000 and a 1915 production of 3,055,000,000 bushels.

Price per bushel on September 1 was 83.6 cents against 77.3 last year.

Prices Higher Than in 1915.

The condition of the oats crop on September 1 was 78 per cent of normal as against 81.5 on August 1. This condition forecasts a yield per acre of 30.3 bushels as against 37.8 in 1915. A total production of 1,231,000,000 bushels is forecast against an August forecast of 1,274,000,000 and a 1915 production of 1,540,000,000 bushels. Price of oats September 1 was 43.1 cents per bushel against 38.5 September 1, 1915.

The condition of the barley crop was 74.6 per cent of normal, against 94.2 September 1, 1915. This forecasts a total production of 184,000,000 bushels against 237,000,000 in 1915. The price was 72.9 cents per bushel against 51.9 September 1, 1915.

The condition of the tobacco crop was 85.5 per cent of normal against 80.7 September 1, 1915. This forecasts a total production of 1,224,000,000 pounds against 1,061,000,000 pounds in 1915.

A preliminary estimate of the total production of tame hay is 86,200,000 tons, against 85,200,000 tons in 1915. Price of hay on September 1 was \$10.42 per ton against \$9.80 September 1, 1915.

The condition of the cotton crop August 25 was 61.2 per cent of normal against 69.2 August 25, 1915. This condition forecasts production of 11,800,000 bales against 11,200,000 bales in 1915. Price of cotton on September 1 was 14.5 cents per pound against 8.5 cents September 1, 1915.

Th' time t' engage in an argument with your wife is jest before you have t' start down town. M's pen is poor, my ink is pale, but my love for you will never fail—who can recall th' time when autograph albums wuz all th' rage?

Married One Month Took Gas Route Out

San Francisco, Sept. 8.—Death was preferable to separation of Dayton Carter, aged 21, from his bride of a month.

And so it was that he and his bride, Mrs. Myrtle Carter, age 20, were found dead in their rooms in the Hotel Harrison today with the gas jets in the room turned on.

When her husband told her that he was going to sea, the bride told him she could not bear to have him leave her, even for a sea voyage.

Early today as a nursemaid passed the door of the newly weds in the hotel she led gas. The door was smashed and Carter was found dead on the floor with one hand stretched out, apparently reaching for the door knob, and died trying to escape the death-dealer. Mrs. Carter lay dead in bed.

RAISE MONEY FOR BILLINGS DEFENSE

Frank P. Walsh Gives \$250 for Defense Fund of Alleged Dynamiters

San Francisco, Sept. 8.—Frank P. Walsh, chairman of the federal industrial relations commission, has swelled the fund being raised for the defense of the five persons indicted in connection with the San Francisco suitcase dynamiting by a personal contribution of \$250, it was announced here today by the International Workers Defense League.

Representatives of the league have been detailed to attend the trial of Warren K. Billings, the first of the cases to be tried, which will begin in the superior court Monday. Maxwell McNutt, chief counsel for the defense, estimated that it will require a week to select a jury and it is believed the trial will consume nearly three weeks.

"We are not going to make a technical defense," said McNutt. "Personally I believe the accused persons are innocent and I am satisfied that we will be able to demonstrate their innocence."

District Attorney Fickert would make no comment on their announcement but said: "Without wishing to indicate any of the important testimony in the possession of the state, I will say that the most startling kind of facts will be revealed."

LETTERS DEMAND MONEY OF JOHNSON

Governor Says Best Evidence Writer Is Crazy Is Asking Him for \$20,000

Sacramento, Cal., Sept. 8.—Although Governor Hiram Johnson speaks lightly of mysterious letters slipped under the door of his mansion in which his life was threatened unless he came across with \$20,000, United States secret service men and local police are working diligently today to round up what they believe to be a ring of blackmailers on the governor's trail.

One man, Carmine Pfundi, an Italian, is under arrest as a suspect. He was lying in the grass near a fountain at 12th and L streets, where the letter demanded that the money be placed, when secret service men took him in tow Wednesday afternoon. Pfundi denies any knowledge of the letters. Chief of Police Curran admitted that the police "have nothing positive on Pfundi."

The governor believes the letters came from some insane person. "The best evidence they came from a crazy man is that \$20,000 was demanded of me," Johnson said. "I have been threatened so often that this sort of thing no longer bothers me. I am sorry there has been publicity about it."

The first letter, found last Monday, demanded \$15,000. The second, discovered Thursday morning, called for \$5,000 additional.

Pfundi, the suspect, says he only went to the place where he was found to take a rest.

RUSSIA AND JAPAN TO KEEP US OUT OF CHINA

Washington, Sept. 8.—Declaring that Japan and Russia are "combining to force America out of the Orient," Senator Lewis today scored the state department for its "peculiar silence on the Far East."

ALLIES HAVE LOST MILLION SOLDIERS IN THREE MONTHS

This Estimate Made by Germans Includes Killed, Wounded and Missing

FOR THIS LOSS THEY HAVE BUT FEW GAINS TO SHOW

German Experts Think Further Advance of Allies Practically Impossible

By Wilbur S. Forrest. (United Press staff correspondent.)

London, Sept. 8.—The Bulgarian right wing, moving up the Black sea coast, has occupied the Rumanian seaport towns of Balchik and Cavarana, at the same time taking two other Rumanian villages in conjunction with the Germans.

An official statement from the Bulgarian war office this afternoon reported this vicinity but also admitted an important Rumanian success. The Rumanians have captured the fortified Hungarian town of Orsovo, opening the way to a new invasion of Hungary.

Orsovo is on the Danube near the junction of the Rumanian, Hungarian and Serbian frontiers. It is a few miles above the iron gates of the Danube and has considerable importance. It has a population of about 6,000.

Strong Russian forces reinforcing the Rumanians near the Rumanian town of Dobierie, have been beaten back by the German-Bulgarian armies, said an official statement issued at Berlin this afternoon.

While heavy fighting continued on both western and eastern fronts, there were no such radical changes as marked the battles reported yesterday.

Estimate of Allies Losses.

Berlin, Sept. 8.—The allies have lost more than a million men in killed, wounded and missing since the grand offensive against the central powers opened with a Russian attack three months ago.

This estimate was made today by German military experts who said they thought it conservative. Against these losses the allies armies have only the conquests of Bukovina and some Galicia territory by the Russians, the capture of Goritz by the Italians, a shallow thrust into the German lines on the Somme and the occupation of mountainous Transylvanian territory by the Rumanians as positive military achievements.

The armies of the central powers, keeping their lines intact everywhere under tremendous pressure at the same time struck back with successful blows in the Balkans. The Bulgarians advanced on both flanks to positions menacing the allies in Greece. German and Bulgarian forces struck a severe blow against the Rumanians by occupying Turtukan fortress, one of the bridgehead positions defending Bucharest.

The losses of the allies as conservatively estimated here, follow: Russians 600,000. British 230,000. French 150,000. Italian, Serbian and Rumanian combined 50,000.

Some Austrian experts and a number of German experts have estimated the Russian losses at more than 800,000 and the combined British and French losses at more than 400,000. Official casualty lists given out at London show British losses of about 125,000 for the month of August alone.

The danger of any serious reverse on either the western or eastern fronts is believed to have passed. But any additional gains, it is held here, must be made at such a frightful additional cost in human lives and with such an extravagant waste of munitions that the people of the allied countries will cry for peace.

News of the capture of Turtukan fortress and the surrender of 20,000 Rumanians aroused more enthusiasm here than even the military importance of the victory justified. Next to an invasion of England no movement would be more popular here than a drive northward to the capital of Rumania because of the universal opinion that the Rumanians treacherously deserted their allies in declaring war.

Will Continue to Strike.

London, Sept. 8.—Renewed infantry onslaughts by the Anglo-French troops of even greater magnitude than the successful strokes early this week on the Somme are certain to follow the incessant night and day bombardment of the German lines. The allies intend to give the Germans no rest.

A WISCONSIN FISH STORY

Lake Mills, Wis., Sept. 8.—You don't have to bait 'em here. They come after you.

Lloyd and Ione Thomas of Waukesha, Wis., ten and twelve years respectively, nearly capsize their boat when a five and one half pound black bass jumped into it. Fishermen on Fox river came to the rescue of the children who were badly frightened by the antics of the fish.

It has been reported that on at least six occasions this summer fish have jumped into boats on the Fox river and northern Wisconsin lakes. They are frightened when hit by motor boats, which they are unable to see because of the dirty water.

LOBBY COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE CHARGES

Chamberlain Charges Canadian Officials Prevented Passage of Bill

Washington, Sept. 8.—The senate lobby committee will investigate charges of Senator Chamberlain, made on the floor late last night that Sir Joseph Palk and other Canadian officials lobbied against adoption of the Chamberlain amendment to the revenue bill. This would have prevented admission into the United States of halibut or salmon from the North Pacific, except when the fish were sent in bond from an American port.

The investigation was ordered by a resolution introduced today by Senator Curtis just before adjournment of congress, and adopted without a vote.

The lobby charge was made by Senator Chamberlain, Oregon, when the conference committee reported the amendment, adopted by the senate had been stricken out. Chamberlain declared striking out the section was "humiliating and disgraceful surrender by the United States to the Canadian government in the interest of Canadian commerce."

Curtis' resolution was tabled, but he introduced a second one, saying: "It is charged a lobby representing a foreign government has lobbied against passage of a resolution which would have protected an American industry against commercial aggrandisement by an industry of a foreign country."

BLOOD STAINED SHIRT PLACED IN EVIDENCE

Witness Refuses to Identify It Positively, Weakening Prosecution's Case

Hillsboro, Ore., Sept. 8.—Portland jitney bus drivers were called to the stand today in Bennett Thompson's trial on a charge of murder to identify him as the man who hired Fred Ristman, the jitney driver, the night before Mrs. Helen Jennings and Ristman were slain at the Gore ranch.

The witnesses could not state positively that Thompson was the man. Some said they thought he was, and that "the resemblance is there."

When called upon to stand up for inspection, Thompson did so with a blood air. He wore a new outfit today, including a clean negligee shirt instead of the chocolate garment of yesterday, but he remained unshaven.

It is alleged he killed Mrs. Jennings with a sledge hammer because she would not reciprocate his affections, and then beat Ristman, the jitney driver, to death, so he couldn't inform the police.

The automobile in which Ristman died was brought to the court house. A curious crowd stood gazing at its stained cushions and at the dried brown streaks on the windshield where Ristman's blood splattered when his head was smashed with a monkey wrench.

Cannot Identify Shirt.

Hillsboro, Ore., Sept. 8.—A blood-stained shirt formed the principal link today in the chain of circumstantial evidence by which the state is attempting to convict Bennett Thompson of murder.

The garment was found near the Gore ranch where Mrs. Helen Jennings and Fred Ristman, a jitney driver, were killed last May.

PRESIDENT SIGNS BATCH OF BILLS AS CONGRESS ENDS

"Its Been Good Work" Was His Comment As Affixed Signature

MOVIE MAN CAUGHT ON AS PARTY LEFT CAPITOL

Goes to Atlantic City Where He Addresses Suffrage Convention Tonight

By Robert J. Bender. (United Press staff correspondent.)

Washington, Sept. 8.—"It's been good work." With these words President Wilson affixed his signature to the revenue bill today and indicated to leaders of the house and senate that the Sixty-Fourth congress so far as it depends on his wishes could come to a close.

Something of an informal function was made of the ceremony of signing the last bills of the session. Present were several cabinet members, including Secretaries Lansing, Gregory, Baker and Daniels, Vice-President Marshall and Speaker Clark were on hand, as well as a number of members of both houses.

Signs of relief, mingled with the click of cameras as the president put the final flourish on his signature that made the revenue bill a law. He already had signed the workmen's compensation act and the widow's pension bill.

The latter while Senators Hoke Smith and Bryan, chief opponents of it, looked on with rueful grins.

The president shook hands with several of the party and left the room, accompanied by the Missouri delegation. All were caught at the capitol steps by a movie man.

"Hurry up Mr. Speaker," called the president to Clark, who lagged behind a bit, "you are losing out on a fine picture."

The speaker pulled alongside, took the president's hand and turning to the picture man said: "Blaze away, here we are together."

The president had a busy day today and it was late before he was certain if he could leave Washington today at 1 o'clock as planned, for Atlantic City, where he will address the suffrage convention tonight.

The president plans to spend the night at Atlantic City, making the trip from there to Long Branch by automobile tomorrow morning. He will remain at Shadow Lawn until after the election, leaving only long enough to make several trips to the interior for speeches. The first of these will be September 20 when he will go to St. Louis to address the Life Insurance Underwriters' convention.

Wilson Praises Congress.

Washington, Sept. 8.—President Wilson, in a formal statement today warmly praised the session of congress just closed. At the same time he expressed his regret that it had not had time to complete the railway dispute legislation proposed and declared his expectation that the entire program would be completed by the next session.

His statement says: "A very remarkable session of congress has just closed, full as all recent sessions of the congress have been of helpful and humane legislation which constitute contributions of capital importance to the defense, the economic progress and the wholesome life of the country."

"It is to be regretted that the session could not have been continued long enough to complete the program recently projected with regard to the accommodation of labor disputes between the railways and the employees, but it was not feasible in the circumstances to continue the session any longer and therefore only the most immediate pressing parts of the program could be completed. The rest, it is agreed, have merely been postponed until it can be more deliberately and perfected. I have every reason to believe it is the purpose of the leaders of the two houses immediately on the reassembling of congress to undertake this additional legislation. It is evident that the country should be relieved of the anxiety which must have been created by recent events with regard to the future accommodation of such disputes."

STRIKE MAY FAIL

New York, Sept. 8.—Although surface lines of the New York railways were still crippled today, subway and elevated trains continued to run on schedule, and there appeared slight prospect that the strike called by the carmen's union would become serious.

Hughes Making Hot Campaign In Maine

By Perry Arnold. (United Press staff correspondent.)

Lewiston, Maine, Sept. 8.—Republican Nominee Hughes blazed a trail across Maine today with whacks he took at democracy.

The nominee is "opening up" in his speeches, very much to the satisfaction of Maine republican leaders. What is apparently making the most emphatic hit with his audiences is the hammer and tongs way in which he is assailing recent democratic enactments.

The nominee is a regular glutton for campaigning. He also is "getting on top" angles of the newspaper game and becoming "wise" to the necessity of seeing that his remarks are disseminated fully.

IDENTIFIED AS MAN WHO KILLED SHERIFF

Man Arrested in Reno for Swindling San Francisco Store Is Murderer

San Francisco, Sept. 8.—When A. B. Smith, alias W. F. Dashey, was arrested in Reno today on charge of swindling a big San Francisco store out of \$500 worth of goods, he was identified as a man wanted for the murder of Sheriff Dwight Stevens of Luna county, New Mexico.

Stevens was shot and killed by a man he was trying to arrest on February 20 last. Identification was made by comparing the description of Smith with those sent out by the New Mexico authorities.

A man who gave the name of G. A. Bonelli, of Kingman, Ariz., entered a local store in August, opened an account and bought \$500 worth of goods.

He tried to cash a check for \$100, and this aroused the suspicion of the store managers.

Detectives located the man's room and found all the goods excepting a suit and several flashy vests. They also discovered that the man's description fitted that of Sheriff Stevens' slayer. By means of the suit and vests Smith or Dashey was identified at Reno and taken into custody. He will be taken to New Mexico immediately.

VILLA HEADQUARTERS SAID TO BE IN EL PASO

Secret Service Men Arrest Mexicans Said To Be Aiding Bandit

By Webb Miller. (United Press staff correspondent.)

El Paso, Texas, Sept. 8.—With the arrest early today of two more Mexicans, United States secret service men announced they had discovered that operations of the bandit forces headed by Pancho Villa are being directed from this city by a revolutionary junta here. The Mexicans now under arrest will be charged with violation of the neutrality laws.

Plotters here are in direct communication with Villa by messenger, it is believed, and direct his movements with a view to embarrassing the de facto government and for effect upon the mediation conference of the Mexican-American border commission at New London.

Members of the junta are former Villistas, Hueristas and followers of Madero and wealthy men who have been driven from Mexico and their lands confiscated. Their object is to secure the downfall of Carranza by any means.

The cutting of the Mexico-Northwestern railway by Villa is expected at any time by military men here.

CONGRESS QUILTS MEMBERS GO HOME TO PUSH ELECTION

Only Third of Senators Personally Interested As Balance Holds Over

EVERY CONGRESSMAN MUST FIGHT FOR HIS JOB

Appropriations Greatest Ever Made Due to Preparing for Preparedness

By J. P. Yoder. (United Press staff correspondent.)

Washington, Sept. 8.—Congress adjourned at 10 o'clock today. The session that lasted longer and saw more dramatic moments than any in recent history and that had appropriated more money than any congress preceding it, came to a close amid scenes that contained little of the spectacular.

The senate waited until 9:40 today to adopt the joint resolution settling the adjournment hour. The house had gone through with its adjournment resolution early last night.

During a two hour morning session there was only a slight undercurrent of real work, but a lot of speech making of the eagle screaming variety and some fun.

The senate continued on its course of politics and legislation until the very last minute when, exactly five minutes before ten, Senators Kerns and Smoot, democrat and republican leaders, named to wait on the president, announced the decision to adjourn had the president's approval.

At the same moment hostilities and hilarities in the house stopped at the appearance of House Leader Kitchin, Representative Fitzgerald and Representative Mann who had waited on the president, received the same message.

A shout went up as Speaker Clark banged the gavel and declared the session ended.

A Weary Old Bunch

Washington, Sept. 8.—A handful of weary, red eyed senators convened at the unholy hour of 8 o'clock this morning to hear themselves talk until the revenue bill passed shortly before adjournment at 10 a. m. can be engrossed by the public printer and signed by the president of the chamber.

The most important piece of legislation confronting the senate was a resolution to adjourn at 10 o'clock.

The house was more considerate of itself. It passed the joint resolution to adjourn at 10 a. m. and then quit business shortly after 10 o'clock last night, after resolving to give its members a half hour longer to sleep this morning. The resolution to meet at 8:30 instead of 8 carried, also the agreement to adjourn for keeps at 10 a. m.

The only reason the session was not adjourned last night was because of the physical inability of the public printer, his type setters and the journal clerks of both houses to get the revenue and emergency deficiency bills passed without record votes, at the last minute last night, in shape for the president to sign when he went to his capitol offices today.

Many senators appeared today with only a washed face, a bite of breakfast and a cat nap on a couch to show for the brief respite since adjourning early this morning. More arrived at the capitol just in time to vote eye on the motion that passed the last session of the Sixty-fourth congress into the congressional archives. Many left Washington last night, and another exodus today carried additional members to their political stamping grounds.

Mexican Commission Recesses Until Monday

New London, Conn., Sept. 8.—While withdrawal of American troops from Mexico was the primary subject of discussion among the Mexican-American conferees here today, both sides kept an anxious eye on border conditions.

The Mexican commissioners will go to New York tonight to spend the weekend, returning for another joint session Monday.

THE WEATHER

IT'S GETTING FALL I CAN SOON TAKE OFF THESE SUMMER FURS

