

of the Tribune, explained yesterday that those letters had been coming into the office of the Tribune by hundreds ever since an editorial was published in that newspaper on December 11, warning the republican leaders at Washington that Mr. Roosevelt was gaining strength with the people every day because of his outspoken and fearless Americanism.

"That editorial was published as a warning," said Mr. Gilbert, "but it has brought a perfect avalanche of letters from our readers, all demanding Roosevelt as the next republican nominee. We have published many of the letters, but we can not give space to all of them. We are simply publishing them to show the trend of our readers' opinion, and, naturally, most of our readers are republicans."

BOOKS RECEIVED

Government and Politics of the German Empire. By Fritz-Konrad Kruger, Doktor Der Staatswissenschaften. (Tubingen), M. A. (Nebraska). World Book Company, Yonkers-on-Hudson, New York.

The Rhythm of Life. Charles B. Patterson. Thomas Y. Crowell Company, New York. Price \$1.50 net.

Armenian Atrocities. The Murder of a Nation. By Arnold J. Toynbee. With a speech delivered by Lord Bryce in the House of Lords. Hodder & Stoughton, Publishers, London, New York and Toronto. Price 1d.

Learning to Earn. A Plea and a Plan for Vocational Education. By John A. Lapp, Member of the National Commission on Vocational Education, and Carl H. Mote, author of Industrial Arbitration. With introduction by Hon. William C. Redfield, secretary of commerce. The Bobbs-Merrill Company, Publishers, Indianapolis. Price \$1.50 net.

The Problems of the Coming Peace. By Felix Mlynarski, Ph. D., delegate of the Polish Supreme National Committee to America. Polish Book Importing Co., New York.

The Story of Young George Washington. By Wayne Whipple, author of The Story of the American Flag, The Story of the Liberty Bell, etc. Illustrated. Henry Altemus Company, Publishers, Philadelphia.

The War Plotters of Wall Street. By Charles A. Collman. The Fatherland Corporation, New York.

TO SAFEGUARD SEA TRAVEL FOR AMERICANS

Washington, D. C., Jan. 4, 1916.—Congressman Dan V. Stephens, of Nebraska, introduced into the house today two bills which he claims will remove a very great menace to the peace of the nation.

The first bill provides that no American nor neutral ship be allowed clearance or entry into any port of the United States if it carries both contraband of war and citizens of the United States at the same time. Ships carrying contraband are subject to search, seizure and destruction, and while international law requires that passengers must be removed to a place of safety, the law has not always been observed and the lives of American citizens have been lost as a consequence. The right to trade in contraband is unquestioned, but no American citizen should be allowed to needlessly endanger the peace of this country by traveling on ships that are subject to destruction if captured by an enemy. This bill proposes they shall either stay at home or take passage on American or neutral ships that do not carry contraband and are therefore free from the hazard of war risk. This bill will not only remove a great menace to our peace, but it will increase the business of ships flying

Farm Crops Break Record for Value

[From The Washington Post, Dec. 16.]

This year's principal farm crops were worth \$5,568,773,000 at December 1 farm prices, the department of agriculture announced today in its final estimate and review of crop production and values. That compares with \$4,973,527,000 last year, \$4,966,497,000 in 1913 and \$4,757,458,000 in 1912.

With the wheat crop passing the billion-bushel mark for the first time in the nation's history, corn production reaching a three-billion-bushel total for the second time and record crops of oats, barley, rye, sweet potatoes, hay and rice, the year has been an extraordinary one for farming. Prices paid farmers for some crops have been higher than in other years because of the European war, and, as a result, the largest ever recorded.

Value of Each Crop

The value this year of each crop, based on its farm price December 1, with last year's value, the record value of each crop, and the year it was produced, is announced as follows:

Crop	1915	*1914	*Record value	Year
Corn	\$1,755,859,000	\$1,722,070	\$1,722,070	1914
Winter wheat	622,012,000	675,623	675,623	1914
Spring wheat	309,290,000	203,057	231,708	1912
All wheat	930,302,000	878,680	878,680	1914
Oats	555,569,000	499,431	499,431	1914
Barley	122,499,000	105,903	139,182	1911
Rye	41,295,000	37,018	37,018	1914
Buckwheat	12,408,000	12,892	16,812	1867
Flaxseed	24,080,000	19,540	35,272	1911
Rice	26,212,000	21,849	23,423	1912
Potatoes	221,104,000	198,000	227,903	1913
Sweet Potatoes	46,081,000	41,294	42,884	1913
Hay	912,320,000	779,668	856,695	1912
Tobacco	96,041,000	101,411	122,481	1913
Cotton	602,393,000	525,324	887,160	1913
Sugar beets	35,800	30,438	.....	.....

\*Figures in this column are in thousands.

In addition to these crops other farm products, such as minor crops and animals and animal products, will bring the year's total to about \$10,000,000,000.

Other details of the report show:

Details of the Report

Corn—Production, 3,054,535,000 bushels, against 2,672,804,000 last year. Acre yield, 28.2 bushels, against 25.8 last year. December 1 farm price, 57.5 cents per bushels, against 64.4 last year.

Winter wheat—Production, 655,045,000 bushels, against 684,990,000 last year. Acre yield, 16.2 bushels, against 19.0 last year. Price, 95 cents, against 98.6 last year.

Spring wheat—Production, 356,406,000 bushels, against 206,027,000 last year. Acre yield, 18.3 bushels, against 11.8 last year. Price, 86.5 cents, against 98.6 last year.

All wheat—Production, 1,011,505,000 bushels, against 891,017,000 last year. Acre yield, 16.9 bushels, against 16.6 last year. Price, 92 cents, against 98.6 last year.

Oats—Production, 1,540,362,000

bushels, against 1,141,060,000 last year. Acre yield, 37.8 bushels against 29.7 last year. Price, 36.1 cents, against 43.8 last year.

Barley—Production, 237,009,000 bushels, against 194,953,000 last year. Acre yield, 32 bushels, against 25.8 last year. Price, 51.7 cents, against 54.3 cents last year.

Rye—Production, 49,190,000 bushels, against 42,779,000 last year. Acre yield, 17.2 bushels, against 16.8 last year. Price, 83.9 cents, against 86.5 last year.

Buckwheat—Production, 15,769,000 bushels, against 16,881,000 last year. Acre yield, 19.6 bushels, against 21.3 last year. Price, 78.7 cents, against 76.4 last year.

Flaxseed—Production, 13,845,000 bushels, against 15,559,000 last year. Acre yield, 10.1 bushels, against 8.3 last year. Price, \$1.74, against \$1.26 last year.

Other Crop Production

Rice—Production, 28,947,000 bushels, against 23,649,000 last year. Acre yield, 36.1 bushels, against 34.1 last year. Price, 90.6 cents, against 92.4 last year.

Potatoes—Production, 359,103,000 bushels, against 405,921,000 last

year. Acre yield, 95.5 bushels, against 109.5 last year. Price, 61.6 cents, against 48.9 last year.

Sweet potatoes—Production, 74,295,000 bushels, against 56,574,000 last year. Acre yield, 103.3 bushels, against 93.8 last year. Price 62 cents, against 73.0 last year.

Hay—Production, 85,225,000 tons, against 70,071,000 last year. Acre yield, 1.68 tons, against 1.43 last year. Price, \$10.70, against \$11.12 last year.

Tobacco—Production, 1,060,587,000 pounds, against 1,034,679,000 last year. Acre yield, 775.1 pounds, against 845.7 pounds last year. Price, 9.1 cents, against 9.8 cents last year.

Cotton—Production, 11,161,000 bales of 500 pounds gross, excluding linters, against 16,135,000 last year. Acre yield, 172.5 pounds, against 209.2 last year. Price, 11.2 cents a pound, against 6.8 cents last year.

Sugar beets—Production, 6,462,000 tons, against 6,462,000 last year. Acre yield, 10.4 tons, against 10.4 tons last year. Price \$5.54, against \$5.54 last year.

the American flag by forcing citizens of the United States who go abroad to take passage on them.

The second bill prohibits ships of the belligerent nations clearing or entering American ports regardless of the nature of their cargo if they carry citizens of the United States. Any belligerent ship is subject to destruction on the high seas. The United States has no control over such ships whatever. A valuable ship and cargo always tempts the captain to save it from capture by endeavoring to escape an enemy thereby endangering the lives of the passengers. Every day the news-

papers give accounts of merchant ships blown up at sea and we hold our breaths awaiting information as to whether the lives of American citizens have been lost. The state department is kept busy getting the facts and issuing ultimatums which one of these days will be spit upon by some belligerent and war will inevitably follow with all its horrors, simply because we permitted careless citizens of the United States to go into the danger zone.

If these two bills are enacted into law we will have removed at once nine-tenths of the war risk of this country.

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