

FARMS' OUTPUT TEN BILLIONS

Secretary Houston Says This Year's Production Greater Than Last Year's Bumper Crops.

EXPORTS SHOW BIG GROWTH

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Secretary Houston's annual report made public today, places an estimate of \$5,571,000,000 on the value of American farm crops and animal products for last year, a valuation without precedent. This, however, probably will be eclipsed by the present year's showing.

This valuation is an increase of about \$3,000,000,000 over the value of 1914, hitherto the highest ever recorded. The increase occurred in the face of a decline in cotton from 12.5 cents a pound for the 1912 crop to an average of 7.3 cents for 1914. The total value of the 1913 cotton crop, estimated at \$546,000,000, was \$23,000,000 more than the 1914 crop, although the latter was 14 per cent greater in quantity.

Of the tremendous flood of exports which began near the end of the fiscal year covered by the secretary's report, many hundreds of millions represent farm products.

"Between August 1, 1914, and February 1, 1915," the report says, "exports were \$1,151,000,000 and imports \$711,000,000, giving a favorable balance of \$440,000,000. Of the total value of exports, \$282,000,000 represented agricultural and only \$148,000,000 non-agricultural commodities, chiefly manufactures.

Exports Show Big Increase.

The total agricultural exports in the fiscal year ended June 30, 1915, practically the first year of the war, were \$1,470,000,000, which is an increase of \$306,000,000, or 21 per cent over those of the preceding year and of \$123,000,000, or nearly 45 per cent over the average of the five years, 1910-1914."

What is needed more, perhaps, than anything else, the secretary says, is an increase in meat animals. To that end, the department has extended its activities as far as its funds would permit. Elimination of common live stock diseases, from which losses are said to be enormous, would result in a material increase of the meat supply.

"It has been conservatively estimated," the report continues, "on the basis of data for thirty years, that the annual direct losses from animal diseases are approximately \$212,000,000. The indirect losses, which also are great, cannot be estimated at all. The direct loss ascribed to each disease is as follows:

Hog cholera, \$75,000,000; Texas fever and cattle ticks, \$40,000,000; tuberculosis, \$35,000,000; contagious abortion, \$20,000,000; blackleg, \$10,000,000; anthrax, \$1,500,000; scabies of sheep and cattle, \$4,000,000; glanders, \$5,000,000; other live stock diseases, \$22,000,000; parasites, \$5,000,000; poultry diseases, \$7,500,000."

Citrus Trees in Danger.

The citrus fruit industry of the Gulf states, the report asserts, is seriously threatened by citrus canker, a highly infectious bacterial disease. While the greater number of infected centers in Texas, Mississippi and Alabama have been eliminated, complete eradication of the disease from Louisiana and Florida, the department believes, will require large expenditures for at least two years.

Ford Peace Party Arrives at Kirkwall

KIRKWALL, Orkney Islands, Dec. 15.—The steamship Oscar II, having on board the Ford peace party, arrived here early today.

Kirkwall is the port onto which most trans-Atlantic vessels which are held up for search by the British authorities are taken. The Oscar II was destined for Christiania and its arrival at Kirkwall probably means that it is being detained by the British.

A long dispatch last night said it was hardly likely that the steamship would be taken to Kirkwall, as it had no cargo aboard.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM MITCHELL, SOUTH DAKOTA

MITCHELL, S. D., Dec. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—In a frenzy because he had borrowed \$100,000 from a hotel here, slasher Henry Manlove, negro portier at the same hotel, with a huge knife, the blade hewed a deep path from forehead to throat. Manlove with blood spurting from the wound dashed up the street for medical aid, and prompt attention saved his life. Smith succeeded in remaining hidden for several hours, but was finally captured and held over to the spring term of circuit court under bond of \$10,000.

Dr. C. V. Gilliland, vice president of Dakota Western university, was seriously injured in an automobile collision here yesterday. The machine in which he was riding was struck by another car traveling at right angles. Dr. Gilliland was pinned under the overturned car, a snail was cut over the right eye and his shoulder was badly wrenched and one rib was broken.

Rev. Charles Sumner Osmond of Saratoga, Cal., was called to the pastorate of First Congregational church in this city, to succeed Dr. E. F. Schwab, who left December 1 to take the superintendency of Missouri for the World's Purify federation.

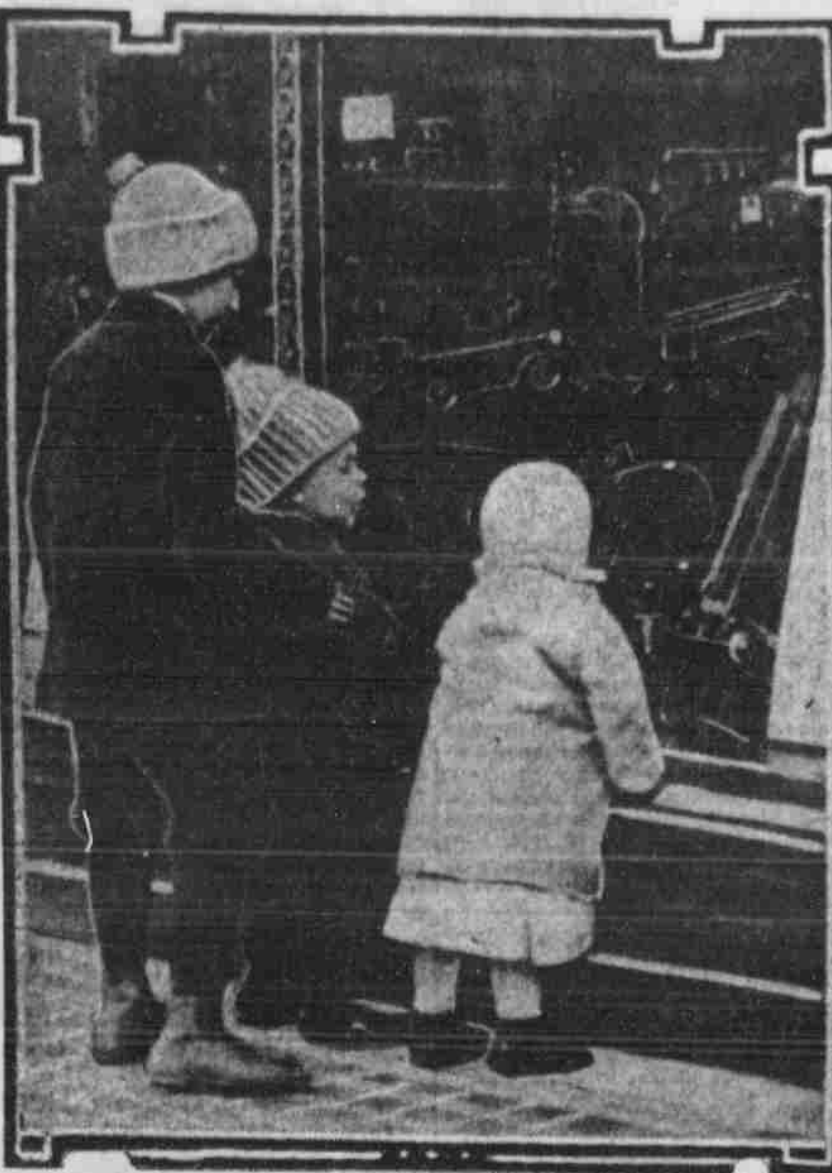
BOY PULLS LOADED SHOTGUN TOWARD HIM

HURON, S. D., Dec. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—Harry Hammers, aged 18 years, living on a farm near Huron, was brought to a local hospital suffering from shotgun wounds, and is still in a serious condition, having almost bled to death before reaching here. He was hauling hay and had a shotgun on the wagon with him. The gun started to slide off the load, and when young Hammers caught it and pulled it toward him it was discharged. His left hand was nearly shot off, several shot wounds inflicted his left eye, the left ear was badly torn and his face was filled with shot. The eye had to be removed and he will have part of a hand, the surgeons believe.

May Hunter Drowned at Huron.

HURON, S. D., Dec. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—George Dewey Nelson, aged 7 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nels Nelson of this city, was drowned in the Jim river a short distance north of here, while skating, going through a thin spot in the ice.

HE TAKES BROTHER AND SISTER to see all the pretty things in Santa's stores.



BULGARS STILL ON OWN SIDE OF GREEK BORDER

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except a few who could not be moved. The guns were piled on endless trains of freight cars, on which the last remaining inhabitants of the evacuated towns departed, their belongings scattered among the guns or heaped on top of the cars. The city of Givigli was razed.

The French rear guards were constantly in touch with the Bulgarians until they crossed the border, but held them in check, giving their main forces plenty of time for strategic maneuvers. Injuries among the French were slight, consisting mostly of frozen feet, as the soldiers were compelled to march through the snow. The final positions in the Balkans expect to take up in a few days are being prepared.

British Retirement Difficult.

The British retirement from the Dobran section proved to be difficult. The sharp fighting in the Strumitsa region, but no guns were lost. The British burned villages as they fell back and destroyed the bridges.

At Saloniki the harbor is crowded with huge transports loaded to the gunwales with arriving troops. Freighters are disembarking munitions and stores. On land hospitals are being erected to supplement the facilities of the hospital ships in accommodating the wounded brought from Gallipoli.

Fullerton Couple Meet the President

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—Representative Stephens today presented to the president Mr. and Mrs. M. Olsen of Fullerton, who are on their honeymoon.

In view of a national event scheduled for Saturday, Mr. Stephens in introducing Mrs. Olsen to the president, said laughingly, "You know there are other brides and grooms," which compelled the president to smile broadly.

KINKAID HAS BILL TO REAPPRAISE CHERRY LAND

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—Judge Kinkaid alert to the interests of the big Sixth district of Nebraska, today introduced a bill providing for a reappraisal of lands on the old Fort Niobrara reservation in Cherry county.

Settlers under the original act throwing the reservation open to occupancy find by experience that they cannot pay the stipulated price fixed by the appraisers, which is \$1.25 per acre minimum and \$7 per acre maximum.

By reason of a cold season, corn failed to harden and therefore is not marketable, but may be used for feeder purposes. Believing that the settlers in Cherry county north of the Niobrara river have legitimate grounds for a "kick," Judge Kinkaid proposes to reduce the maximum price of the lands to \$2 per acre, although the original appraisal fixed the price at \$7.

The lands north of the Niobrara were thrown open to settlement in quarter section units, while the lands south of the Niobrara, being regarded as "bad lands," were opened to settlement as a section unit.

Judge Kinkaid said today he would push his bill as hard as he knew how, believing that the members of congress would see the wisdom of the legislation desired.

The Weather a Year Ago Today.—Clear. Temperature, high 9 degrees; low -7 degrees—remember Laxative Bromo Quinine cures a cold in one day. There is only one "Bromo Quinine." Look for the signature, E. W. Grove, Inc.—Advertisement.

Department Orders.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—Clarence W. Walker was appointed rural letter carrier at Slater, Wyoming county, Neb.

Nebraska pensions granted: Helen M. Deamors, Lincoln, \$1; Elvina Porter, Wynot, \$1; Clyde E. Pilled, Ferguson, \$7; Annie M. Gregory, Chester, \$2; Sarah Harris, Ansley, \$2.

The comptroller of the currency has granted a charter to the First National bank of York, South Dakota, capital, \$50,000; George Nelson, president; Joseph Swanson, cashier. Conversion of the Scandinavian bank of York.

The Omaha National bank of Omaha has been approved as a reserve agent for the First National bank of Ulick, Neb.

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