

FINAL FIGURES ON CROP VALUES

Total Farm Price of Leading Farm Products Twenty Millions Below Last Year.

COTTON SHOWS GREATEST SLUMP

Value of Southern Staple Three Hundred Millions Less Than Last Year—Wheat, Corn and Oats Show an Increase.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—This year's principal farm crops are worth \$4,945,882,000, the bureau of crop estimates, Department of Agriculture, announced today in its final estimates of the size and value of the nation's harvests. This compares with \$5,966,802,000, their value last year; \$4,787,343,000 in 1912, and \$4,899,528,000 in 1911. The values are based on the farm price of the crops on December 1.

Acres, Yield and Price.

Table with columns for crop type, production, acreage, and price. Includes entries for Corn, Winter wheat, Spring wheat, All wheat, Oats, Rice, Potatoes, Hay, Tobacco, and Sugar beets.

Other details of the report show: Corn—Production, 3,672,804,000 bushels, against 3,498,900,000 last year. Acre yield, 55.8 bushels, against 53.1 last year. December 1 farm price, 87.1 cents per bushel, against 89.1 cents last year.

Lowest Bid for Big Submarine Wanted By Navy \$1,350,000

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Bids were opened today at the Navy department for eight new submarines, one of which is to displace between 925 and 1,000 tons. The exact specifications are a naval secret. The great diving ship must have a speed of twenty-one knots on the surface and sixteen knots under water; will be propelled by Diesel engines with oil fuel and be of sufficient of cruising capacity to accompany a fleet around the world.

More Regiments And Batteries Are Ordered to Naco

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—In response to a request from Brigadier General Bliss at Naco, Ariz., Secretary Garrison today ordered three regiments of infantry from (Salveston or Texas City; one battery of Coach howitzers from Fort Hill, Okla., to inch howitzers from Fort Hill, Okla., to proceed at once to the Mexican border.

Kidney and Liver Troubles. Quickly relieved by Electric Bitters. Best remedy for indigestion, dyspepsia, heart burn and most kidney troubles. 50c and \$1.00. For sale by all druggists. Advertisement.

Hobson Would Call Roosevelt Before Naval Committee

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Colonel Roosevelt loomed up today as a possible witness before the house naval committee in its discussion of the preparedness of national defenses.

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Eight Hundred Men Reported Entombed in Mine in Japan

TOKIO, Dec. 15.—An explosion occurred today in a coal mine at Fukuoka as a result of which 800 laborers are imprisoned in the workings of the mine. Fukuoka is on the sea coast, sixty miles to the north of Nagasaki.

Nurse Charged With Murder of Brewer

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 15.—Miss Hedda Burgemeister, a trained nurse, was today indicted, charged with the murder of Otto Koehler, millionaire president of the San Antonio brewing association, here on November 21, last. Koehler was shot at Miss Burgemeister's home. Miss Burgemeister was found kneeling beside his hysterical and bleeding from a deep gash in her left wrist. She said she fired in self-defense.

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Steamship Carries Record Shipment of Christmas Mail

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—American ships carrying the spirit of "peace on earth, good will toward men," are going to warring countries of Europe in an unprecedented scale, despite the interruptions of oceanic transportation. Reports today to the Postoffice department showed the steamer St. Paul, which sailed last Saturday, carried 300,000 pounds of Christmas mail—the largest single ocean mail shipment ever made—which included 2,000 sacks containing parcels for Great Britain and Ireland alone. By another ship 1,000 sacks were dispatched for Germany and Austria, from which reasonable assurances of delivery have been received.

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before the end of the first hour, although 130,000 shares changed hands in that period. Of this amount, steel contributed almost 25 per cent, with relatively light dealings in other favorites.

of course of the selling, but the activity of brokers with foreign connections pointed to liquidation for Europe, especially in Union Pacific, Baltimore & Ohio and Steel. Commission houses reported a light inquiry for dividend railway shares and Boston houses were sellers of copper.

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A MAN is peculiar about Christmas—he is strong for practical efficiency, for value and service. The gift that he can use is the one he likes best. Give him a Gillette—a gift he will like for its own sake, and all the more welcome because it comes from you.

Dealers all over this city. Buy where the choice is good—Find exactly the set you want for him—at \$5 to \$50. GILLETTE SAFETY RAZOR COMPANY, BOSTON

This week we will Give Away Julia Gretchen and Mary

Julia is a very beautiful doll. Her bright eyes and rosy cheeks tell you that she is always cheerful, contented and happy, and makes everyone around her feel that way, too. You will be very happy if you win her.

Gretchen and Mary are for second and third prizes, and are not dressed like Julia, but they are very nice dolls, and will please you.

These dolls will be given free to the little girls under 12 years of age, that bring or mail in the largest number of dolls' pictures cut out of the Daily and Sunday Bee before 4 P. M., Saturday, December 19.

Julia's picture will be in The Bee every day this week. Cut them out and ask your friends to save the pictures in their paper for you too. See how many pictures of Julia you can get, and be sure to turn them in to The Bee office before 4 P. M., Saturday, December 19.

If you don't win one of these Dolls perhaps you can get one next week. Only one doll will be given to any one person.

You Can See Julia at The Bee Office

Boys' Sled Free

No. 133 B Drednaught Steering Sled—45x14x3 1/4—weight 13 lbs. each. Stamped steel knees. Best crucible spring steel T-shaped runners, so curved in front as to give a maximum length of steering surface. Steering bar works perfectly, the sled responding instantly to slightest bend in steel runner without retarding speed of sled a particle. Gear and runners finished in red enamel. Top of Rock Elm, beautifully painted and decorated.

The picture of the Sled will be in The Bee every day this week.

Cut them all out and ask your friends to save the pictures in their paper for you, too. See how many pictures you can get and bring them to The Bee office.

The Sled will be given Free to the boy that sends us the most pictures before 4 P. M. Saturday, December 19.