with The Bee.

VOL. XLIV-NO. 168.

OMAHA, THURSDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 31, 1914-TEN PAGES.

SINGLE COPY TWO CENTS.

Fair

THE WEATHER.

AMERICAN FARMS BREAK RECORD FOR PRODUCTS' VALUE

Worth of Their Output for the Year Reaches Almost Ten Billion Dollars.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF HOUSTON

Amount is Nearly Hundred Millions Greater Than that for Preceding Twelve Months.

MORE LIVE STOCK IS RAISED

Gain Due to Increase in Animals, Says Statement.

CROPS NOT SO PROFITABLE

They Do Not Bring so Much Money as in 1913, According to Estimate of United States Agricultural Bureau.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.-The American farms during 1914 eclipsed all records for combined value of their products, with a total of almost \$10,000,000,000. Secretary Houston of the Department of Agriculture announced today that the value of all farm crops, farm animals, products and farm animals sold and slaughtered aggregated \$9,872,936,000. That was \$83,000,000 more than the grand total for 1913, the previous record year, and more than-double the value of all farm products in 1839.

Crops this year were valued at 36,044,480,-000, and the estimated total value of the animal products of the farm animals sold and slaughtered was \$3,828,456,660. The value of crop production this year was slightly less than in 1913, on account of the reduced value of the cotton crop, brought about principally from the Euro-

Corn and Wheat Crops. The corn and wheat crops, however, were the most valuable ever produced in the United States, bringing the year's crop value total to only \$88,279,000 less than the total for last year, despite the loss of more than \$300,000,000 in the value of the cotton crop.

'The estimated value of the animal products in the farm in 1914," said the the value of this class of products. This is due to general but slight increases in production, except for sheep and swine, and in prices, more especially to a small increase in the average farm price of eggs, and to a more considerable increase in the farm price of cattle and calves sold and slaughtered."

Sales of Crops. The sales of crops last year were esti-mated at \$3,928,000,000" sales of live stock, \$2,919,000,000, a total of \$5,847,000,000. The stimated value of total sales per farm was \$592 and sales per capita of rural population (excluding towns) \$139.

The value of the principal farm crops this year was: Corn, \$1,702,599,000; wheat, \$878,680,000; hay, \$779,068,000; cotton, \$519,-616,000; oats, \$499,431,000; potatoes, \$198,600,-600; barley, \$105,963,000; tobacco, \$101,411,-(0); sweet potatoes, \$41,384,000; rye, \$37,018, 000; sugar beets, \$27,950,000; rice, \$21,849,...0; flaxseed, \$19,540,000, and buckwheat, \$12,-

In the production of the above fourteen principal crops, this year's aggregate was about 10 per cent larger than in 1913 and 6 per cent smaller than in 1912, which year stands as one of the greatest aggregate productions in the United States.

Two Exceed Records. This year two important crops reeded previous records wheat with 891.- | night. 000,000 bushels, following the 1913 record of 762,000,000 bushels, and cotton with 15,- epidemic through all the disturbance 966,000 bales (preliminary estimate), the created among live stock interests in the

crops average about \$16.44 this year, com- case out. It would have been very seripared with \$16.52 in 1913 and \$16.15 in 1912.

Wilson Will Speak

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 30.-President Wilson probably will speak at the Jackson day celebration in Indianapolis on January 8, according to word received by President Miller of the Indiana democratic club today.

The Weather

Temperature at Umnha Yesterday.



Comparative Local Record. lighest yesterday. perature and precipitation deparures from the normal: lotal excess since March 1 550 formal precipitation 03 inch Deficiency for the day 03 inch Fotal rainfall since March 1 5581 inches Deficiency since March 1 341 inches Deficiency cor. period, 1913 54 inches Deficiency cor. period, 1912 4.29 inches

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M. Station and State of Weather. Temp. High. Rain-

of Weather. 7 p. m. est. falt.
Cherenne, clear. 50 22 0
Davenport, clear. 2 4 0
Denver, clear. 34 42 6
Des Moines, cloudy. 8 10 0
Norts Platte, clear. 30 30 0
Omahs, clear. 31 14 0
Rapid City, clear. 38 40 0
Sheridan, clear. 38 40 0
Sheridan, clear. 8 12 7
Valentine, cloudy. 34 28 0
—indicates below zero.
T indicates trace of precipitation.
L. A. WELSH, Local Forecaster.

DEFENSE OF PARIS—One-track line to transport troops to the front without passing through Paris, built by French engineer corps in three weeks.



NO FOOT AND MOUTH VOLLMER SAYS U.S. DISEASE IN DUNDY

Ground and Say Report is Not Confirmed.

MESSAGE IS SENT TO BULLA GERMANY CANNOT BE BEATEN

President of Live Stock Sanitary Board Declares Satisfaction that Nebraska Has Been Kept Clear of Disease.

BENKELMAN, Neb., Dec. 30, 1914.--J.

The above telegram was received last report that a case of the foot and mouth fairs committee. cattle disease had been found near Benkelman. The report was received the dorsed a joint resolution to empower the day before at the office of the state vet- president to prohibit exports of war superinarian in Lincoln and Dr. Day was plies. sent at once to investigate, Dr. Kigin being absent in Indiana. At the same of national interests are hopelessly optime the federal expert, Dr. Howe of posed to ours. I do not heattate to predict the most important highway into Hun-Denver, who has this district in charge, that Japan proposes to hold, not only gary. hurried to Benkelman, and together the Kiao Chow, but the islands of the Painvestigation was made.

I get this message," said Mr. Bulla last

"Nebruska has been kept clear of the Masked Bandits previous record being 15,693,000 bales in east, and we were extremely anxious for the commercial aspect as well as for the The value per acre of all enumerated good name of the state to keep the disous, indeed, had we been obliged to think of quarantine regulations again.

In Indianapolis Suspended Bank Will Reopen With

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 30.-The Valley bank, largest in Arigona, which was closed November 10, will be reopened tomorrow with a new set of officers and directors, headed by S. E. Mills of Miami. As the train neared Spofford, Tex., one of C. E. Moore of Pheonix and Dr. L. D. Ricketts of Douglas. The bank had thousands of depositors. None lost a penny, and in celebration of the reopening they will give a parade Saturday followed by a "prosperity dinner."

The state bank examiner took charge " the Valley bank November 10, after a run, which the institution was unable to withstand because of having a large amount of "slow assets." It had a depostt account of \$2,225,000, but there was less than \$30,000 on hand at the time it

In the reorganization just effected many of the larger depositors accepted stock, and the bank will resume business with more than \$790,000 in cash and currency in its vaults.

BELGIAN RELIEF FUND REPORTED AT LINCOLN

Following is a list of the Belgian relies fund subscriptions reported at Lincoln Amount previously reported......\$6,169.71

Cash Lincoln
A. W. Richardson, Lincoln
United Evangelical Sunday school
of Blue Springs, Neb.
G. R. Buckner, treasurer, Wa-Jesse C. Wilson, treasurer, I mond, Neb Mrs. Thomas Hedges, Panama A. Kor, Panama

COULD END THE WAR

Over This Country Supplying Munitions of War.

So Declares Vollmer, Who Says the Germans Look with Grave Disfavor on Shipment of Arms to the Allies.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.-How the H. Buila, President Live Stock Sanitary
Board, South Omaha, Neb.: Rumored
report of foot and mouth disease in
Dundy county thoroughly examined and
not confirmed. DR. C. M. DAY,
Acting Deputy State Veterinarian.

Japan must be "tried out in the Pacific" Japan must be "tried out in the Pacific" were described today by Representative night by J. H. Bulla, setting at fest the Vollmer of lows to the house foreign af-

With Representative Bartholdt he en-

"There is only one nation whose lines cific which it has seized. Some day this "It is with a great deal of relief that (Continued on Page Two. Column Three.)

Rob Passengers on Sunset Express

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 30.-Two masked men boarded the west-bound Sunset express on the Galveston, Harrisburg & San Antonio rallway near Cline. Tex., early today, robbed the drowsy passengers in the two rear sleeping cars at the point of revolvers, signalled the train to stop, dropped off and escaped. The precise amount of loot the robbers Prosperity Dinner sot is not known, but it is ablieved to be considerable, as several of the passen gers carried large amounts of money and valuable jewelry.

The robbers climbed on the train as it was leaving Cline, The porter was made to go shead and awaken the passengers. the robbers pulled the bellcord and the train stopped. Both men jumped off and disappeared before the astounded porter could warn others of the train crew Officers aboard the train quickly organized a posse and started in pursuit. The country through which the robbers

ficulties in the way of their flight, it was believed they soon would be captured A drawing room in one of the sleeping cars robbed was occupied by a wealthy Mexican, who is said to have carried \$10,000 in jewelry and money. It is not

fled is rough and because of the dif-

known if he was despoiled. The bandits did not have time to rob the companie of the other three sleeping cars. They entered only the San Antonio sleeper and the one known as the New Orleans-Han Francisco car.

SEVEN ' W. W. MEMBERS FINED FIVE HUNDRED EACH

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 39 -Seven member's of the Industrial Workers of the World were fined \$500 each in police court here today for eating at a first class restaurant and 50.00 refusing to pay. They were fined on charges of disturbing the peace. Four of the men fined told the restaurant keeper to charge the meals to the mayor.

RUSSIANS ASSERT THIRD ADVANCE ON WARSAW FAILURE

They See in Evacuation of Mistrzewice "Ringing Down of Certain" on This Invasion.

GERMAN LOSSES ARE GREAT

Establish Foothold in Town on East Bzura Bank at Tremendous Loss to Selves.

MUSCOVITE LINES HOLDING

Teutons Unable by Sedgehammer Blows to Break Them.

HEAVY ARTILLERY BROUGHT UP

Petrograd Claims This is Purely Defensive Move on Part of Enemy to Keep Back Czar's Soldiers.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 30 (via London) .-The Russian view of the military situation in Poland, in the light of recent developments, is that a definite check has been administered to the Germans. The Operations of Last Nine Days Puts evacuation by the Germans of the village of Mistraewice, five miles north of Scchaczew, related officially by the war office, is regarded by military critics here as "ringing down the curtain on LIQUID MUD GETS INTO GUNS the third German advance toward War-

At a tremendous loss to themselves, the Germans had succeeded in establishing a footheld in Mistrzewice on the east bank of the Baura river, but their persistent sledge-hammer attacks during the last three weeks failed to penetrate the Russian line before Warsaw. The out in Paris the following official recital Germans steadily threw reinforcements of the principal events of the war between into the town in an endeavor to extend December 16 and December 26: their position along the river.

Evacuate Village. saw campaign.

Heavy artiflery is being brought up by made our advantage the greater. of the German line by the Russian infantry forces which are operating there under cover of artillery.

Mere Episodes. operations are mere episodes.

important town of Gorlice, fifteen miles even with fists. south of Tuchow, where the Russians "According to an expression used by recently halted the west Galician army one of their leaders, our soldiers are of the Austrians, preventing it from literally blots of mud. There has been joining with that of General Boehm- organized for them a system by which Ermolli, which was advancing from they can now bathe and change clothes Sanck Lisko. Gorlice is the junction upon leaving the trenches. point of several railroads running east, west and south through the Carpathian McManigal Given

As Far as Yaslink. The pursuit of the retreating Austrians in the Sanck-Lisko district has been carried as far as Yaslisk, on the extreme left flank of the Austrians, which has been captured. Yaslisk commands

"Hungarian prisoners arriving at Kiev state that their commanders, in address- \$1,000 by John D. Fredericks, district ating troops previous to the advance, said torney, with which to leave the country. that the result of the campaign would be the reoccupation of Lemburg by the Austrians and the capture of Warsaw by the Germans, and that subsequent opera-

tions as directed by the German general staff would decide the war." Austrian Losses Heavy. LEMBERG, Galicia, Dec. 30.-(Via London.)-The simultaneous attacks of the including many Germans.

Trainloads of guns and other booty pass daily through Lemberg.

Change Made in Rediscount Rates Approved by Board

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.-The Federal Reserve board today approved changes in the rediscount rates by the San Francisco, Boston, Dallas and Chicago federal Posse Repels Mob reserve banks. San Francisco will have 41/2 per cent rate on maturities up to thirty days.

Boston will have the same rate, with 5 per cent for longer maturities; Dallas will have 5 per cent up to sixty days, 51/2 per cent on sixty to ninety days, and per cent on longer maturities. Chicago will have four rates-ile per cent on up to thirty day maturities, 5 per cent on thirty to sixty days, 51/2 per cent on sixty to ninety days, and 6 per cent on over ninety days.

Kaiser Congratulates Wilson on Birthday

birthday anniversary.

King George of Great Britain is the Cable difficulties are supposed to have chez will be tried today.

Chicago Packers Stop Shipments of Meat to Europe Six Weeks Ago

This statement was made here today the beginning of the war. by Alfred Urion, attorney for the pack- WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.-Detention by ers, who said protests had been made to British authorities of the Swedish steamer ten State department previous tothe pre- New Sweden, carrying 730 tons of Amerisentation of the case to the British gov- can copper for Stockholm at New Castie

be an error, but the continuance of this was reported today to the State depart practice proved that we were in error ment by the American Smelting and Reand we have been pressing the State de- fining company. partment for assistance," said Mr. Urion. Meanwhile our commerce with Europe revival seems probable until satisfactory The department has made inquiries of assurances are received from London."

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.-Owners of the steamship Carolyn, which sailed from day a cable message from the British places.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.-Shipment of all admiralty notifying them that the vesse food supplies handled by Chicago packers had been examined at Falmouth and reto Europe has ceased completely in the leased immediately and had started for course of the last six weeks because of Bremen. The Carolyn carried the first the seizure of meat cargoes by Great boatload of cotton shipped direct from the United States to a German port sine

December 28, and of the Norwegian "When the first seigure was made six steamer Soriand, carrying 600 tons for the weeks ago we thought that it might same port on December 28, at Leith,

The company has advised the State department it has been unable to get adhas been driven from the seas and no vices of the disposal of the shipments.

Great Britain. Nhe New Sweden miled from New York December 6 for Gothenburg via Boston December 14 for Bremen with Kirkwell, and the Sorland sailed from 5,000 bales of cotton aboard, received to- New York December 27 for the same

PARIS WAR OFFICE The Day's REVIEWS FIGHTS

Germans on Defensive Everywhere.

Soldiers Unable to Fire Them Use Them as Clubs-Eight Hundred Yarda Gained in One Day.

PARIS, Dec. 30.-There has been given

"This period of nine days resulted in consolidating the successes won by us When it became evident that the Aug- during the ten days preceding. Our agtrian advance from the Carpathian gressive attitude has been continued with mountains had failed, the Germans evac- over increased energy; everywhere the uated the village during intervals be- enemy has been reduced to a defensive tween Russian attacks. The Austrian attitude. The violence of counter attacks operations from the Carpathians evi- has been evidence that he accepted this dently formed an integral part of the attitude reluctantly. The checking of general plan of the Germans for the War-saw campaign. every movement made by him in his en-deavor to recapture ground lost to us

products in the farm in 1914," said the secretary of the Department of Agriculture today, "is distinctly higher than in 1913, which was itself a record year in State and Federal Experts on Heated Debate of Congressmen is regarded bere as purely a defensive Argonne district, and near Verdun, we move, designed to prevent the breaking have made ourselves the masters of im-

"The operations to the north of the Lys have been attended by great hardship because of the bad weather; the Unofficial reports from the Warsaw cold, liquid mud, in which the men have front state that, in comparison with the had to move, has gotten in the breeches heavy artillery duels, the infantry of their rifles. This made it impossible to shoot. The fighting consequently has In Gallein the Russians have taken the been with the butt end of musikets and

Part of Bribe Fund

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 30,-When Ortic McManigal, self-confessed dynamiter, was released from the county jail here in November, 1913, he was given This information has just been made

McManigal's testimony was responsible largely for the conviction of the Mc-Namara brothers on a charge of murder in connection with the dynamiting of the Los Angeles Times building. Fredericks, in a statement yesterday,

said the money given McManigal had been paid out of the Franklin bribe fund Austrians in western Galicia and from of \$5,000 alleged to have been gathered the Carpathians proved to be a complete by Bert Franklin, a detective, for the failure. Unofficial advices reaching here purpose of bribing jurors during the trial. state that the losses of the Austrians This money was seized by the district were enormous, and that the Russians attorney, and in his statement he dehave taken as many as 50,000 prisoners. clared he was financially and morally responsible for it.

Fredericks' statement accompanied an ftemized account of the expenditure for \$2,473.48 of the bribe fund for secret service work. The board of supervisors has been asked to reimburse the bribe fund in that sum and then determine by court proceedings to what use the entire amount shall be put.

McManigal, since his release, has at various times been reported seen South America and the Orient.

that Tried to Free Mexican Murderer

SAN ANTONIO, Tex, Dec. 30.-Fifty American citizens repelled an attack by a mob of 150 Mexicans at Oakville, Live Oak county, last night, when an attempt was made to liberate Yaldor Gonales, a Mexican convicted and sentenced to be hanged today, and Frederico Sanchez, indicted for the murder of Jallor Harry Hinton, four days ago. Gonzales and Sanchez and a third man were captured by mobs and charged with the murder of the jaker, who was killed while he slept. Prisoners in the jail then WASHINGTON, Dec. 30,-President ecsaped. The mob lynched one of the Wilson tonight received a cablegram men captured and turned over the other from the emperor of Germany, warmly two to the authorities, after Judge congratulating him on his fifty-eighth Chamblis pledged his honor the men would be given speedy trials. Gonzales was put on trial yesterday

only other ruler of a belligerent nation morning and by night had been conwho has congratulated the president. victed and sentenced to be hanged. San-

War News

Russian assertions that an important victory has been won over the Austran forces in Galicia were confirmed in an official statement from Vienna, in which the admission is made that the Austrians were compelled to retreat along the entire eastern front.

Austria's defeat at the hands of Servia apparently has been followed by renewed activity on the part of Montenegro, whose troops have carried the fighting to Austrian soil in Herzegovina, and are now undertaking a vigorous offensive movement. The Vienna War office states that the Montenegrin attacks thus far have been repulsed easily.

Russia's claim to a victory over the Turks in the Caucasus is disputed by reports which reached Berlin from Constantinople, saying that the Turks have won "another success" and are pursuing the retreating Russians. It is also said at Constantinople that another British attempt to land troops in Arabia failed.

The British foreign office has under consideration now the communication from Washington remonstrating against the forcible searching and detention of American ships suspected of carrying contraband of war.

German victories in the east are announced by the Berlin War office, whose statement was in direct contrast with recent dispatches from Petrograd.

The French official communication asserts that further progress has been made in Belgium, including the capture of an important German position.

to Leave Country Bullets Submitted by Bernstorff Do Not Fit Guns of Allies

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 .- State department officials have practically completed their investigation of charges by the German ambassador, County Bernstorff, that dum-dum bullets were being supplied from the United States to the armies of the allies. An answer to Count von Bernstroff will be made within the next few

The department's investigators have reported that the samples of dum-dum bullets submitted by the German ambassador as having been made in the United States would not fit any rifle being used

by the allies. State department officials also have been informed by an American diplomat just back from Europe that he found no ground for charges that Belgians have been mutilated by German soldiers.

War Draws Nations of the New World Closer Together

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Dec. 30 .- The European war is drawing the nations of the new world closer together and they renewed hope and clearer the things of peace, universal and perpetual, said Secretary William J. Bryan of the State department last night in ar address before the New Jersey School Teachers' association. Secretary Bryan spoke on the relation of the individual to

society, religion and government. He spoke of what the Wilson administration had accomplished and complimented New Jersey for having given the nation a "president of this kind at this kind of a time." Throughout the world, and nowhere more than in our own country, Mr. Bryan added, the government is getting closer to the people.

India Restricts Exports of Wheat

DELHI, India, Dec. 50 .- (Via London.) -In view of the abnormal prices of wheat the India government decided to restric exports to 100,000 tone of wheat, including flour, from December 1 to March 31, 1915 The exports will be confined to British possessions in which a strong demand for the cereal exists.

BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE NOW HAS **AMERICAN NOTE**

Earl Grey Holds Conference with Several Cabinet Ministers Preliminary to Drafting Reply.

FRANK DISCUSSION IS BEGUN

Much Said to Depend Upon Efforts of Norway and Sweden to Prevent Reshipments.

COMMENT OF LONDON PRESS

Westminster Gazette, Government Mouthpiece, Talks of Friendly Tone of the Note.

NEUTRALS HAVE THEIR RIGHTS

Interests of Noncombatant Countries Deserve Strict Attention.

RIGHT OF SEARCH IS ADMITTED

What Must Be Done is to Give Assurance that Commerce Will Not Suffer from Unnecsary Interference,

LONDON, Dec. 30.—The official information bureau today gave out the following statement:

"There is no truth in the statement that the note of the United States government on the subject of interference of trade was presented by the American ambassador through Lord Haldane at the foreign office yesterday. The note has only been received today."

LONDIN, Dec. 30 .- The American note sent by the United States to Great Britain protesting against the action of British warships in detaining and seizing cargoes in American vessels is now under consideration at the British foreign office, where no intimation is given as to when a reply to the note may be ex-

During the afternoon Sir Edward Grey, the British foreign secretary. held a conference at the foreign office with David Lloyd George, the chancedor of the exchequer; Reginald McKenna, secretary of home afirs: Walter Runcin the Board of Trade, and Sir Francis Hopgood, civil lord of the admiralty, on the subject of the American note. A frank discussion of the note by British officials show that they regard it as friendly and they do not believe the differences between America and Great Britain are such that they cannot be

reconciled satisfactorily. Much depends upon the effective effort on the part of Denmark, Holland, Norway and Sweden to prevent the reshipment to Germany and Austria-Hungary of cargoes received from the United States. Until watertight regulations are put in force in these countries, little hope, it is understood is held out by the British government for relaxation in the matter of searching American cargoes.

Case of Italy is Cited. One prominent British official pointed out that Italy had effectively checked contraband shipments to Austria-Hungary and Germany with the result that Great Britain is not stopping ships destined for Italy unless there ap special reason to suspect fraudulent consignments.

A guarantee by the United States as to the honesty of bills of consignment and the enactment of strict regulations for the severe punishment of fraud, granting that the American governmen could find satisfactory means of making such a guarantee, is admitted by this prominent official as a possible step which might cause a relaxation in the search of American cargoes.

British officials call attention to the (Continued on Page Two, Column One.)

We enter the New Year with vision.

North America is finding herself-the sun of prosperity is peeping its head above the clouds. The opportunities the war

has given us are more apparent. The business difficulties it entailed are growing less. We have learned how to

help ourselves-and have a surplus to give to help the stricken across the sea. 1915 is going to be a big busi-

ness year. Plan for your share of the prosperity by planning your advertising now.

Be aggressive, be alert

-make 1915 the greatest year in your business suc-Telephone Tyler 1000

The Omaha Bee "Everybodp Reads Bee Want Ada"

TOMORROW - THE BEE'S ANNUAL STATISTICAL REVIEW. An exhibit in figures of the progress of Omaha in business, civic activities and public improvements. Just what you want to send out-of-town friends and business connections. Order extra copies at once.