

WHEAT CROP IS OFF

Estimate for May 1 Shows 4.2 Per Cent of Acreage Abandoned.

CONDITION ALSO SHOWS DECREASE

Decline of 2.3 Per Cent During Month of April is Noted.

SPRING PLOWING IS BACKWARD

Acreage Broken May 1, 4.9 Per Cent Less Than Same Time Last Year.

MARKET ADVANCES SHARPLY

Rise of New York Shorts to Cover Causes Rise of Three Cents—Exporters Buy Nearly Million Bushels.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—The Department of Agriculture in its summary of the May crop report issued today, places the total area of winter wheat standing on May 1 to be harvested at 27,731,000 acres which is 4.2 per cent, or 1,310,000 acres less than the area reported as sown last fall and 5.5 per cent, or 1,419,000 acres more than the area of winter wheat harvested last year.

The average condition of the growing winter wheat on May 1 was 89 per cent of a normal as compared with 91.3 per cent on April 1 and 82.9 per cent on May 1, 1907. In 93 per cent of the area the crop was 92.3 per cent of a normal as compared with 89.1 per cent on April 1 and 88 per cent on May 1, 1907.

Of the total acreage of the spring plowing contemplated, 65.6 per cent is reported as actually completed up to May 1 as compared with 75 per cent of the corresponding date last year. Of spring planting 57 per cent was completed on May 1, against 47 per cent on May 1, 1907.

The following table shows for the principal winter wheat states the per cent of the area sown last fall which has been abandoned, the area remaining on May 1 and the condition of winter wheat on the dates indicated:

Condition of Winter Wheat.

Table with 5 columns: States, Per cent Area Abandoned, Per cent Area Remaining, Per cent Condition of Wheat, and Comparison with Last Year.

The average condition of winter wheat on May 1 was 82.5 per cent, as compared with 78.6 per cent on May 1, 1907, and 85.8 per cent of the mean of the averages on May 1 of the last ten years.

Report on Exports Calculated. NEW YORK, May 8.—The government crop report today sets all calculations in the local wheat market, causing a rush of orders to buy and protect their contracts. Prices jumped about 3 cents a bushel in the last hour and exporters bought everything in sight, taking nearly 1,000,000 bushels on the fear of a small crop of winter wheat.

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ROLLS, MUFFINS, CORN BREAD

Army Men Will Not Be Deprived of These, but Plain Bread is Tabooed.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—That soldiers will not be denied any of the rolls, muffins and corn bread is the assurance given the army men by the secretary of war in a decision just published. The paragraph of the army regulations forbidding the baking of bread by companies and platoons is construed by the department not to apply to bakery bread or loaves baked at the post bakery for issue to troops.

It is not, however, intended to prevent organizations from baking other kinds of bread, such as biscuits, rolls, muffins and corn bread for their own use.

BANKER PLEADS NOT GUILTY

Head of First National of Excelsior Springs, Mo., Denies Making False Statements.

KANSAS CITY, May 8.—General Hollitt, chief clerk of the federal bank building, at Excelsior Springs, Mo., and a well known banker in the southwest, appeared in the federal court here today and pleaded not guilty to an indictment returned last week against him. The indictment, which was not made public until today, contains five counts. Nine of the counts are for alleged misstatements in reports of the banker's condition to the comptroller of the currency.

OHIO MEN TO VISIT FAIRVIEW

Special Train Will Take Democrats to Eastern States.

COLUMBUS, O., May 8.—Clark Doughty, assistant clerk of the Ohio senate, has arranged a special train to carry the Ohio delegates from Columbus to the national democratic convention. He expects to obtain at least 800 passengers so that the train will be composed of twenty or twenty-five Pullman coaches. The Ohio special will stop at the Bryan farm in Nebraska on the return trip.

SUMMARY OF THE BEE

Table showing weather forecasts for 1908 from May 1 to May 30, with columns for temperature, wind, and other conditions.

THE WEATHER.

FOR OMAHA, CO. N. WINDS, TEMPERATURE, AND WEATHER. FOR NEBRASKA—Saturday increasing clouds with warmer in eastern portion. FOR IOWA—Saturday rising temperature.

Temperature at Omaha yesterday:

Table showing temperature at Omaha yesterday for different times of the day.

BIISHOP THORBURN ASKS GENERAL CONFERENCE TO RELIEVE HIM FROM DUTY.

Two more bodies were dug up on the farm of Mrs. Guinness at La Porte.

Governor Sheldon presents the Nebraska silver service to the men of the battleship at San Francisco.

Two blocks in the heart of the business district of Atlanta burn, entailing a loss of \$1,500,000.

Heroic efforts made to save the men on the steamer Sineira as she is at anchor in the harbor of San Francisco.

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The fire loss may be conservatively estimated at \$1,500,000.

The Terminal hotel, one of the largest in the city, is a mass of brick. It had on its register 300 guests when the fire started a block away. Every one escaped.

Nearly there was several other small hotels, but in these there was no loss of life, nor was there any in the Terminal hotel.

The fire started in the Schlesinger-Meyer Baking company, Madison and Nelson streets, at 3:30 this morning and within a few minutes the building was in flames.

The fire spread so rapidly that the fire department was unable to reach it. The fire spread to the Schlesinger building, to awaken the employees asleep there. The elevator failed to respond to the starting mechanism and the fire authorities believe the fire may have been due to some defect in the elevator.

Flames Had Big Headway.

When the first fire company arrived the building was a mass of flames. Chief Cummings immediately turned in a general alarm. Flames were shooting from every window of the big building that ran the entire block from Nelson to Mitchell street on Madison, and were leaping high into the air from the middle of the building.

The water pressure was poor and try as they could the firemen could not get a stream that would carry above the second floor.

Half an hour after the fire started, threatening walls made it necessary to remove the engines on the Mitchell street side of the building, and fifty firemen with streams of water playing upon them dragged the engines to a place of safety.

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AMERICA WILL SEND A TEAM

Work of Picking Expert Rifemen Will Begin Soon in Open Competition.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—The National Rifle association announced today that a team to represent the United States in the Olympic rifle matches at Bishy, England, July 2, 10 and 11 this year that it has been definitely decided to send a team consisting of eight shooting members, six principals and two alternates.

The United States magazine rifle, model 1903, with four-pound trigger pull and loaded with bullet ammunition, will be used at distances of 200, 500, 600, 800, 900 and 1,000 yards, two sightholders and fifty shots at each range; position, including 300 yards, prone without artificial rest.

Candidates for position on the team should be forwarded at once to the office of the National Rifle association, Washington, D. C., by competent authorities. The team as selected will be assembled on or about June 30 and return to this country about July 20. No one should be certified to as a candidate who is not prepared to remain with the team for the full length of time.

Expenses of the team will be paid from date of selection until return.

This announcement has been sent to the War department, Navy department, marine corps and the adjutants general of every state, state rifle association and rifle clubs.

MORGAN HAS HARVESTER STOCK

Testimony in Jefferson City Hearing Shows New York Syndicate to Be Interested.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., May 8.—Cyrus L. McCormick, president of the International Harvester company of America and New Jersey, today testified further concerning the organization of the International Harvester company of New Jersey.

He said that the \$10,000,000 capital stock of the company was contributed by J. P. Morgan & Co. of New York and the other \$10,000,000 by the Harvester company whose property was sold to the corporation and was appraised at \$7,000,000.

It was stated that the company had expended \$5,000,000 since 1903 in betterments and that dividends amounting to \$2,000,000 had been paid in the last five years by the New Jersey company.

McCormick said the International Harvester company of America had not paid any dividends, but has a surplus of \$400,000. He further stated that prices remained the same after the merger in 1902 until this year, when a general increase of 5 per cent had been made in the selling price for 1907, he agreed to wish all upon the hearing.

MISS PEARL TAYLOR IS DEAD

Young Maiden Woman Assaulted by Brother-in-Law, Killed by Poison.

MINDEN, Neb., May 8.—(Special Telegram.)—Pearl Taylor died this morning at 7 o'clock as the result of the shock of the assault, April 28, by her brother-in-law, Bert Taylor. The young woman was 17 years of age.

She was the only child of James Taylor, a young man who was in the prime of life and just entering a prosperous career, died as the result of an operation for appendicitis.

There is no trace yet of Bert Taylor, though the officials have not relaxed their efforts to capture him. It is believed detectives have been at work for some time upon the case, but the authorities here will not disclose the methods employed for Taylor's capture.

CASHIER'S ARREST SENSATION

Government Officials Find No Further Shortage in Allegedly National Bank.

PITTSBURG, Pa., May 8.—According to the United States government officials there are no developments in the alleged irregularities of the Allegedly National bank, which was closed by the public yesterday.

The cashier, on a charge of embezzling \$109,000 of the bank's funds, National Bank Examiner William L. Fields, who made the charge against Cashier Montgomery, is making a further examination of the affairs of the bank today.

The arrest of Montgomery, who is prominent in business, social and political circles, continues to be one of the greatest sensations that have occurred here in several years.

The extent of the shortage caused no alarm in financial circles nor among depositors of the Allegedly National bank, according to a report today, Cashier Montgomery will restore the entire amount of the shortage.

DEATH RECORD.

Alonso T. Long.

Alonso T. Long, 61 years of age, died Friday morning at his home, 258 South Third street, Thursday at 4 p. m. The body will be held in Omaha about six years and is survived by his wife and three children.

The committee left Washington today for Corinth, N. Y., where they will investigate the Hudson Paper mill and also examine some of the operatives there.

SENATOR'S CLAIM IS VALID

District Supreme Court Holds Oklahoma Man and Others Entitled to Money.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—Justice Gould of the district supreme court today decided that Senator Owen of Oklahoma, former Senator Butler of South Carolina and W. H. C. Cox, are entitled to a fee of \$5,000 payment of which from the United States treasury had been enjoined on complaint of the law firm of Sherry & Martin of this city in a \$5,000,000 claim of the Cherokee against the government. Justice Gould held that no fraud had been shown.

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Antithesis in Herd of Cattle.

STURGIS, S. D., May 8.—(Special Telegram.)—Antithesis has broken out among the cattle owned by John Frederick, six miles north of Sturgis. Frederick today wired J. P. Foster, state veterinarian, of the situation and he will probably arrive here soon.

MORE BODIES ARE DUG UP

Eleven in All Found on Premises of Mrs. Guinness.

Measurement of Corpse in Burned House Does Not Correspond to Her Description—One Identified.

CHICAGO, May 8.—A dispatch from La Porte, Ind., says that Mrs. Belle Guinness is alive. This was established beyond a reasonable doubt yesterday. Careful measurements were taken of the headless trunk of the woman found in the ruins of the barn, whose name was thought to be the body of Mrs. Guinness.

This resulted in the revelation that the dead woman was not more than half the size or weight of the stern who is supposed to have lured a score of men to their death.

In addition to the convincing testimony of the tape half a dozen of the most intimate friends of Mrs. Guinness asserted with the positiveness of absolute conviction that the dead body was not that of the mistress of the castle of death on the McClung road.

LA PORTE, Ind., May 8.—Two more bodies were unearthed at the Guinness farm today in a grave near the spot where three of the four bodies were exhumed Wednesday. The first to be turned up is undoubtedly that of a grown man, and the second is believed to be the bones of a woman.

A soft spot under a pile of refuse was selected as the most promising place to begin. The digger had not been long at his task when he turned up a spadeful of bones, and before 9 o'clock the body, that of a full grown man, had been entirely exposed. The skeleton, which was badly disarticulated, was scattered, but the bones of a foot and a hand were preserved.

It is believed that the body has been underground about two years. The second skeleton was found in the same place, and directly underneath the first, with an intervening space of earth. The bones are much smaller and thought to be those of a woman.

This skeleton was in an articulated position, the hands of the digger probably having to do with the breaking and scattering of the smaller bones.

Many Sightsers Visit Farm.

As early as 7 o'clock this morning buses and wagons carrying curious sightsers, started for the farm, and by 8 o'clock more than 1,000 people had gathered upon the beautiful sloping scene of the crimes. Farmers, merchants, clerks, townsmen of adjacent towns and villages and visitors from far away cities made up the crowd that morbidly watched the monotonous turning of earth.

When it was learned in this city that more bodies had been found, many more repaired to the scene of death.

That more bodies will be found today is confidently believed. This expression of opinion is expressed by the authorities and causes renewed excitement.

New witnesses concerning Ray Lamphere with the more recent details at the Guinness farm and the possible discovery of additional graves on the premises were the chief developments expected in today's proceedings of the mysteries.

It was predicted by the authorities that further discoveries would be made. The evidence was shared by all who have followed the case and it was strengthened by more or less tangible evidence which has been drifting into La Porte since early yesterday.

One of the outside communications which arrived yesterday was from Providence, R. I. A message from the eastern city stated that the victim of the death farm may have been from that city. Confirmation of this is not obtainable, but in the present state of development of evidence it is given some consideration.

Evidence Against Lamphere.

What the inquiries of Prosecutor R. N. Smith into the alleged connection of Ray Lamphere with the crimes will develop is exciting interest. Deputy Sheriff Roy Marr, who is aiding the prosecution, claims that he will today produce witnesses to strengthen the testimony of Louis Roule, Bessie Wallace and Nettie Shoemaker, who yesterday told the authorities that Lamphere had asserted that he knew enough concerning Mrs. Guinness to convict her of serious crimes and that he intended to reveal this evidence in revenge for her persecutions of him.

One of these new witnesses, it is said, took part in the conversation between Roule and Lamphere, and it is further reported, is of unquestioned integrity and standing in the community.

When more bodies were found on the Guinness farm today fresh mysteries confronted the authorities. Thus far only three of the eleven bodies have been identified. The known victims are Jennie Olsen, the 15-year-old foster daughter of Mrs. Guinness; Andrew Holselien of Mansfield, Wis., and Otto O. Buisberg of Iowa, Wis., a female corpse and those of five males yet remain unidentified, beside the two found today. Despite the searching investigations of the sheriff and state's attorney there is as yet almost no clue to the identity of these bodies.

Their task is complicated by the fact that the bodies have been in the ground for at least eighteen months.

Pinkerton Men at Work.

That the Pinkerton operatives who were brought into the affair yesterday may be able to discover fresh evidence is the hope of Sheriff Smutzer and Prosecutor Smith. The outsiders are in charge of C. J. Smith and he is said to have four assistants. Two of these, it is said, have been detailed to search neighboring farms for information regarding Mrs. Guinness' establishment. The others are working under the direction of the sheriff.

The woman frequently changed her sign, nature, sometimes signing "Guinness" and often writing "E. Guinness." The generally accepted spelling of the name, however, in La Porte is "Guinness."

The rain ceased early this morning and digging was begun early by Sheriff Smutzer, who departed from his usual custom of having several men at work with spades and put only one man at it.

The sheriff was so busy this morning to talk to newspaper men, Prosecuting Attorney Smith also refused to say anything. It is said that the Pinkertons are picking apart whatever evidence they have gathered. Conner Mack was engaged until an early hour this morning taking the depositions of the Buleberg boys and Edwin Chapman, the Iowa, Wis., merchant, who accompanied them. These reveal no facts not already published.

Another important witness against Lamphere, the suspected murderer, is said to have been found in a person named Purdy.

WESTERN MATTERS AT CAPITAL

Two Contracts Let for Canal on Belle Fourche Irrigation Project.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, May 8.—(Special Telegram.)—In connection with the construction of the Belle Fourche irrigation project in South Dakota, the following contracts have been awarded. Mr. Leonard Solz of Vale, S. D., for the construction of section two, A. \$5,062; J. W. McNeil of North Platte, Neb., for the construction of section two, B. \$9,085.

Malcolm Hayden, Alexander Achsiber and Nelson E. Lafferty have been appointed letter carriers and Andrew McMilline substitute carrier at Denison, La., effective May 15, when city delivery will be established.

PRESIDENT OUT FOR STROLL

Despite Rain Executive and Prof. Burroughs Take Long Walk in Washington.

FEW TO WELCOME NAVAL HERO

Only a Small Number Recognize Admiral Schley at Depot.

Not even the keen eye of a Spanish cavalier would discover anything but good nature and mild manners in the face of Admiral Winfield Scott Schley, hero of Santiago, who on stepped from the Northwestern train at 3:30 yesterday afternoon and greeted General Charles Manderson, whose guest he will be until Sunday afternoon.