

CROPS OF UNITED STATES

Department of Agriculture Issues Final Bulletin.

ACREAGE, YIELD AND VALUE.

Government Crop Report Showing What Was Raised in the Year 1902. Total Value of the Corn Crop is Over One Billion.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Final returns to the statistician of the department of agriculture from regular and special correspondents, supplemented by reports of special field agents, show the acreage, production and value of the principal farm crops of the United States in 1902 to have been as follows: Corn, average acres, 94,043,613; production, 2,523,648,312 bushels; farm value Dec. 1, 1902, \$1,017,017,349.

WRECK ON THE MONON.

Engineer, Fireman and Brakeman of Meat Train Killed.

Lafayette, Ind., Dec. 31.—In the wreck of a through Chicago-Louisville freight train on the Chicago, Indianapolis and Louisville at Quincy, Ind., yesterday, Engineer Albert S. Barker, Fireman Joseph J. Englin and Brakeman Hiram Perry, all of this place were killed, and the engine and eight cars, loaded with hogs and cattle were piled up in a ditch. An examination of the switch, made by officials of the road, showed that the switch lock had been broken, supposedly by tramps, and the switch turned.

DEATH LIST WILL REACH FOUR.

Collision on Pennsylvania Results in One Killed and Score Hurt.

Sharon, Pa., Dec. 31.—In a head-on collision on the Pennsylvania near West Middlesex, the engineer of a passenger, Neal Daugherty of Erie, was killed, four persons were seriously injured and almost a score or more were hurt. The wreck was caused through a misunderstanding of orders. Both engines were demolished and are lying on their sides in the ditch, while the express, baggage and smoking cars are badly wrecked.

Another Washington Murder.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Another murder, the fourth to be reported to the police within a week, occurred here yesterday, the victim being Lazier Gorman, who was the proprietor of a small grocery store at 416 Gordon street. He was found dead, with his head cut open. There were indications of a terrible struggle and a hatchet and meat cleaver which were found both showed evidence of having been used in the crime. The murderer has not been apprehended. Robbery is believed to have been the motive for the tragedy.

Natural Gas Wrecks House.

Delaware, O., Dec. 31.—When Miss Helen Kurlley went to the cellar yesterday morning to start the fire a terrific explosion of natural gas occurred from her lighted lamp and wrecked three sides of the house. Five members of the family were blown through the house and Miss Kurlley was fatally injured and her mother seriously hurt. The other three were slightly injured. Gas had leaked into the cellar and filled the house during the night.

Case Against Mascagni Dismissed.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—Signor Mascagni, the Italian composer, was arraigned yesterday on a charge of embezzling \$5,000 from his former manager, Richard Heard of Boston. After hearing both sides Justice Hurley immediately dismissed the case. The court room was filled with Italians, who applauded vigorously as Mascagni, thankful and smiling, left for his hotel.

Kills Herself for Love.

Marshalltown, Dec. 31.—Mrs. A. L. Bonawitz, aged twenty-five, who was recently involved in a scandal with a prominent capitalist of Marshall county, committed suicide at the Leland hotel here yesterday. She left a note to the public saying she killed herself because of love for a bartender, Chris Ritter, of this city. She was formerly prominent in society.

Mexican Roads Reduce Wheat Rate.

Mexico City, Dec. 31.—The railways have made a large reduction in freight rates on wheat from the United States in accordance with the request from the government. This reduction goes into effect New Year's day and will encourage importations from the United States. The rate from the border to this city is cut from \$24 per ton to \$14.25.

Death of R. S. Lanyon.

Joplin, Mo., Dec. 31.—R. S. Lanyon, formerly of Mineral Point, Wis., and who was heavily interested in the zinc smelters at Pittsburg, Kan., died yesterday, aged fifty.

VERDICT ON ONTARIO WRECK.

Jury Not Agreed as to Responsibility Between Carson and Kerr.

Wyoming, Ont., Dec. 31.—The coroner's jury, which has been investigating the wreck at Wanstead last Friday night, in which twenty-eight lives were lost, brought in a verdict shortly before midnight. The verdict is as follows:

"We find that Arthur F. Rickett was killed in the collision at Wanstead, on the evening of Dec. 26, and that said collision was caused by wrong orders being given No. 5 at Watford. Responsibility for the issuance of wrong orders we are not agreed upon as between Operator Carson and Dispatcher Kerr. That after No. 5 had left Watford by the issuance of wrong orders, we consider that the accident could have been averted by the operator at Wyoming or King's Court junction had the railway company had more experienced operators at these points (one being but a boy of sixteen), at each of which places the dispatcher having had ample time to do it and endeavored to get the opposing train stopped."

The principal feature of the testimony yesterday was the evidence of James Troyer, the night operator at King's Court junction, where Dispatcher Kerr endeavored to stop the express train. Troyer, who is a boy of sixteen years, stated that he was on duty for the first time on the night of the accident and that his total previous experience as an operator was for two nights at Strathroy, where he received only a total of four messages. He gave as a reason for not hearing Dispatcher Kerr calling him for seven or eight minutes that he was studying the time table and did not recognize the office call, which he had heard only once before. Troyer's extreme youth and apparent incompetence made a deep impression upon the jury.

MRS. M'KINLEY'S NIECE WEDS.

Miss Mary Barber and Major Hartzell United in Marriage.

Canton, O., Dec. 31.—Miss Mary Barber, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Barber, yesterday became the wife of Major Ralph Hartzell. The ceremony was performed at the commodious old Saxton home, formerly the home of the McKinleys, but now occupied by the Barbers, and was witnessed by Mrs. McKinley, Mrs. McKinley and Mrs. Barber are sisters. Rev. O. B. Milligan of the First Presbyterian church officiated. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Ida, and the groom by his brother, Fred S. Hartzell, assistant secretary of the McKinley Memorial association. Miss Barber was a favorite of the late President McKinley and she spent much time at the white house and was in several presidential parties making extensive tours of the country as the companion of Mrs. McKinley.

Indian Territory Statehood Convention.

Muskogee, I. T., Dec. 31.—The Indian territory statehood convention, held at Eufaula yesterday, was participated in by representatives of ten towns and cities. Resolutions were passed, favoring admission with Oklahoma under the Beveridge bill, with delegates and constitutional rights, but opposed to it under any other conditions. Arrangements were made for a large delegation from Indian territory to attend the Oklahoma City convention.

Banquet to Marconi.

Hallfax, N. S., Dec. 31.—The citizens of Sydney gave a monster banquet last night at the Sydney hotel to Mr. Marconi. The latter, in responding to the toast to his health, referred to the valuable assistance given him by the governments of the United States, Canada and Italy, and said that the public need not be surprised in the future if wireless messages were flashed across the Atlantic for 1 cent a word.

Mrs. Deckery is Worse.

Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 31.—The condition of Mrs. Deckery, wife of the governor of Missouri, took a decided change for the worse last night. The governor and relatives have little hope of her recovery. The governor and relatives are at her bedside constantly. Her death is expected momentarily.

Waco Business Block Burns.

Waco, Tex., Dec. 31.—Fire yesterday destroyed a block of business houses, causing a loss estimated at \$60,000. Fifteen firemen were put out of business.

SPARKS FROM THE WIRES.

Ten persons were drowned as the result of the capsizing of a fishing boat off Ondarer, Viscaya.

Charles A. Harris, a grocer of Deedodge, Mo., committed suicide Tuesday by taking morphine, because of disappointment in a love affair.

Dr. D. K. Pearson, whose gifts to colleges have amounted to several million dollars, gave a New Year's present of \$50,000 to Illinois college of Jacksonville.

Charles Wessell, sixty-five years of age, dropped dead of apoplexy on a New York elevated train Tuesday. Mr. Wessell was one of the best known metallurgists in the country.

Chief George W. Lawton of the Superior (Wis.) police department was removed from office Tuesday. The chief was found guilty of an attempt to bribe Commissioner Sydney Riches of the police commission.

Many Swedish towns, especially Malmo, Halmstad and Marstrand, have been seriously damaged by the recent storms. Many persons have been injured. Hundreds of Scandinavian vessels have been wrecked.

HOPEFUL OF SETTLEMENT

President Burt Confers With Strike Leaders.

TROUBLE MAY BE NEAR AN END.

After Discussing the Situation Adjournment is Taken Until Friday, When it is Believed the Issues Will Be Settled.

New York, Dec. 31.—The committee of labor men who came here to confer with the officials of the Union Pacific railroad, with a view of settling the strike in the shops at Omaha, had a preliminary conference with President Horace G. Burt of the company yesterday. The committee consisted of James O'Connell, president of the National Association of Machinists; John C. McNeil, president of the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers; John Slocum, president of the International Brotherhood of Blacksmiths; T. L. Wilson, fourth vice president of the Machinists; District President Kennedy of the Boilermakers' union of Omaha, and District President O'Donnell of the Boilermakers' Helpers' union of Omaha.

Several grievances were talked over, but the whole matter simmered down eventually to the question of the introduction of piece work by President Burt, which caused the strike. After a general talk the conference was adjourned to Friday forenoon, when it is believed a settlement will be reached. A leading member of one of the unions involved said there was every hope of a settlement.

OPERATORS PREPARING CASE.

Mine Owners' Side of Coal Strike Will Occupy Two Weeks.

Philadelphia, Dec. 31.—A conference of anthracite coal operators and their attorneys was held here yesterday to arrange for the presentation of the mine owners' side of the controversy to the commission when that body convenes here next Tuesday. After the conference the following statement was given out: "The testimony on the part of the nonunion miners is not completed. Tuesday, when the commission sits, the nonunion men's counsel will submit further testimony, which will probably consume a day or two. Then the operators will open and proceed with evidence. The presentation of the operators' side will occupy ten days or two weeks—perhaps more."

Coal Inquiry at Chicago.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—Two investigations into the cause of the scarcity and the high price of coal in Chicago were begun yesterday. At the Palmer house, Attorney General Hamlin held a conference behind closed doors with representatives of the coal hauling railroads and of the coal trade. At the city hall the council committee on railroads held a public session, hearing statements from men who direct the movement of coal on the railroads entering the city. Neither inquiry resulted in action by the public officials and both will be continued today.

Coal Famine at St. Joseph.

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 31.—The people of St. Joseph are confronted with a most serious coal famine. Anthracite coal cannot be had at any price. The supply of soft coal is almost exhausted and if the railroads continue to confiscate coal as they have been during the last few days, there will be no soft coal in the city. A noticeable feature in the sale of coal by dealers today was that farmers and merchants from surrounding towns drove to this city and bought coal.

Dr. Wright Indicted.

Indianapolis, Dec. 31.—Upon information from Louis Cantrell, leader of the gang of colored ghouls, Dr. Frank M. Wright, demonstrator of anatomy at the Eclectic Medical college, was placed under arrest yesterday. The specific charge of purchasing the body of Cora N. Shaw, on Nov. 22, 1901, was contained in the indictment returned by the grand jury. Cantrell says that Dr. Wright received the body of the woman from him, paying him \$30.

New Railroad Incorporated.

Carbondale, Ill., Dec. 31.—Incorporation papers have been filed in this county for the St. Louis and East Shore railroad, an entire new system. The road will have for its northern terminus East St. Louis and from there it will run through St. Clair, Monroe and Randolph counties to Fort Gage, thence taking a southeasterly direction, passing through Jackson, Williamson, Saline and Gallatin counties. This will be the main line.

Fimpie to Succeed Richards.

Washington, Dec. 31.—John H. Fimpie of Carrollton, O., has been selected as assistant commissioner of the land office to succeed ex-Governor Richards of Wyoming, who has been selected to succeed Binger Hermann of Oregon as commissioner. Both Mr. Richards and Mr. Fimpie were slated for these offices by the late President McKinley.

Addicks Gains Another Assemblyman.

Dover, Del., Dec. 31.—J. Edward Addicks won another assemblyman in a special election yesterday in Kent county's Ninth representative district, called by Governor Hunn to vote off a tie in the November election. Addicks will now have twenty-two votes on joint ballot for senator to start with. Twenty-seven votes are necessary to a choice.

BATTLE IN A PULLMAN CAR.

Conductor Has Desperate Encounter With a Lone Train Robber.

Louisville, Dec. 31.—Conductor J. D. Keene of the northbound New Orleans and Cincinnati express, on the Louisville and Nashville railroad, had a desperate encounter with a train robber as the train was nearing Louisville. The conductor, who was shot by the robber, is confident he wounded the intruder with a bullet from a rifle.

Conductor Keene, in his account of the affair, said that while he was passing through the Pullman car, as the train was entering the limits of South Louisville, he was stopped by a man wearing a mask. The robber had jumped from a dark corner of the car, and with a drawn revolver commanded Keene to throw up his hands. Instead of doing so, the conductor grappled with the man. A pistol ball momentarily stunned Keene and the robber pulled the bell cord, but before the train stopped the highwayman proceeded to rob the passengers in the sleeper. He held up Joseph Redford, the Pullman car conductor, and J. E. Moore, the only passenger, taking \$25 from the latter. As the train slowed down the robber jumped off, but was followed by Conductor Keene, who secured a rifle. The conductor hurried after the robber, firing as he went, and emptied the rifle at the fleeing man. At one of the shots the robber let out a yell of pain.

CORONER ON THE STAND.

Bullets Admitted as Evidence in Hearing of Mrs. Lillie.

David City, Neb., Dec. 31.—The preliminary hearing of Mrs. Lena M. Lillie was attended by a crowd smaller than the opening day.

Dr. M. V. Sample, the coroner, occupied the stand all forenoon with his examination-in-chief and gave some very strong evidence. He produced the bullet that was taken from Harvey Lillie's brain and one that was supposed to be the bullet that went through the window. He also exhibited a cartridge furnished by W. R. Heath that fit his revolver, which was claimed to have been stolen just prior to the murder. These bullets are exactly alike. These were all admitted in evidence. He also gave a synopsis of the evidence of Mrs. Lillie at the coroner's inquest.

BIG PRINTING HOUSE BURNS.

Seventh Day Adventists Sustain Another Heavy Loss by Fire.

Battle Creek, Mich., Dec. 31.—In the destruction last night of the big building occupied by the Review and Herald Publishing company, the Seventh Day Adventist colony sustained its second heavy loss by fire within a year, the Adventist sanitarium having been burned down only last February. Last night's loss is estimated at \$350,000, with insurance amounting to \$150,000. The fire was discovered at 7:30 p. m., when only twenty-five of the 375 employees were at work. One of these twenty-five has not been accounted for, but the others got out by way of fire escapes. The fire is supposed to have originated in spontaneous combustion in a pile of rags in the press room.

Fight Duel With Knives.

Huntington, W. Va., Dec. 31.—James Chambers, a prominent young man of Barboursville, is dying and George Thompson is thought to be mortally wounded, the result of a duel with knives, fought near Logan. The men had been at odds over the fact that both loved the same young woman. Yesterday they met and hot words passed. Each drew a knife and they plunged at each other demon-like. Chambers was the first to fall, having his body punctured in half a dozen places. The keen blade of his antagonist's knife at one stroke almost completely disemboweled him. Before he fell he inflicted injuries to Thompson that will cause his death.

Find Body of Murdered Coachman.

St. Louis, Dec. 31.—The dead body of Orrin Worthen, a coachman, was found in the back yard of his employer's residence in the west end yesterday, horribly mutilated. Evidence of a terrific struggle with his murderer were apparent. The police believe that robbery prompted the crime. Worthen's throat was cut, stab wounds were in his face and his head had been crushed with some heavy weapon. No one heard the combat and the body laid for a number of hours before being discovered.

Jealous Man Shoots Wife and Self.

Peoria, Dec. 31.—A. P. Talbot, manager of the Central Union Telephone company's office at Delavan, near here, shot and seriously injured his wife and killed himself yesterday. The affair is the culmination of a series of family quarrels. Jealousy is supposed to be the motive, as both parties are highly respected in the community.

Shot by Two Footpads.

Kansas City, Dec. 31.—W. H. Wells, a fruit commission broker, is dying at his home here, the result of a tussle last night with two highwaymen at Kansas City, Kan. Wells was shot through the lungs while running from the holdup men, who escaped.

Man on Trial for Wife Murder.

Topeka, Dec. 31.—J. C. Lowe, a former instructor in the state reform school, was placed on trial yesterday charged with murdering his wife by shooting last October. Lowe had a bullet in his head, which he is said to have fired himself.

Dedicates Elks' Building.

Ottumwa, Ia., Dec. 31.—The finest Elks' building in the state was dedicated here last night. Governor Cummins delivered the principal address.

MISSIONARIES IN DANGER

Nebraska and Iowa People Panned in Fez.

SULTAN A PRISONER IN PALACE.

Ruler of Morocco is Being Closely Pressed by Followers of the Pretender—Fanatical Rebels Expected to Attempt to Take Fez.

Kansas City, Dec. 31.—Eight missionaries who are working in Morocco under the direction of the Gospel Missionary union, whose headquarters are in Kansas City, are believed to be in peril. At Fez are stationed George C. Reed, formerly of Nebraska; Mr. and Mrs. W. Oliver, Maude Grey of Emporia, Kan.; Irene Ward of Avoca, Ia.; Nellie Allison of Alabama. Another party now at Mequinez is composed of F. C. Enyart of Kansas City and Victor Swanson of Nebraska. This town is forty miles west of Fez.

Tangier, Dec. 31.—It is reported here that the sultan of Morocco has been foiled in an attempt to break out of Fez by the body which is investing that city. Foreigners in the interior of Morocco have been advised to make for the coast, as provisions are scarce and communications are almost closed. The pretender has been reported to be twenty miles from Fez. The remnants of the routed Imperial army returned to Fez in a deplorable condition. The sultan has told a deputation of Fez Moors that he is preparing to die in the defense of the town.

THREATENS TO SHELL TOWN.

Mail is Detained and German Commander Proposes Retaliation.

London, Dec. 31.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Willemstad, Curacao, dated yesterday, says: "The postmaster of Maracalbo, Venezuela, having detained correspondence belonging to German merchants, the German cruiser Falke threatens, in consequence, to bombard the town."

Caracas, Dec. 31.—President Castro arrived here yesterday. United States Minister Bowen called on the president and communicated to him the recommendation that issues between Venezuela and the allies be taken to the international peace court at The Hague. Venezuela's answer will be received today at 11 o'clock.

The victory gained by the government at Barquisimeto argues for President Castro's continuance in power. The towns of San Carlos and Tinaquillo have also been occupied by the government. The revolutionists at Barquisimeto were under the command of Generals Solagnie and Penaloza. They evacuated the town after losing 112 men killed and 325 wounded. There was hard fighting in the streets and suburbs of Barquisimeto for two days. The government forces were commanded by General Castillo. His visit to La Victoria was not of a social nature, as reported here, but for the purpose of conducting personally by telegraph the operations of his forces at Barquisimeto. This victory for the government appears to be a direct result of the president's initiative. It has been a most severe blow for the revolutionists.

CABINET SESSION IS BRIEF.

Castro's Reply to Proposal for Arbitration is Not Yet Received.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Yesterday's meeting of the cabinet was brief, the session consuming less than half an hour. Secretary Hay had little new to present to the cabinet on the Venezuelan question or upon other matters relating to foreign affairs. It is understood to be the hope and expectation of the president and his advisers that upon the receipt of President Castro's reply to the arbitration proposition the allies will agree to raise the blockade established by them over Venezuelan ports. Such action, in the view of this government, would place the question in controversy in excellent shape for arbitration.

British Want a Boer General.

London, Dec. 31.—The British government is trying to secure the services of General Ben Viljoen, who is now touring the United States, to command the Boer forces which are going to Somaliland. It was General Viljoen who suggested employing the Boers against the Semalis, but the authorities at that time were not prepared to accept his offer.

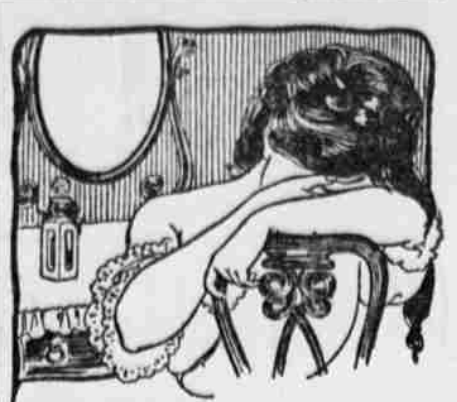
Natives Resort to Cannibalism.

Sydney, N. S. W., Dec. 31.—Advices received here from New Guinea says two European prospectors have been murdered, as well as many other persons. It is feared that the drought has caused the natives to resort to cannibalism. Thousands are starving or subsisting on roots. Twenty-five natives were recently killed in a tribal fight.

The Art of Working in Gold.

The Romans copied the Greek and Etruscan goldsmiths' work, though they also often used the ornaments themselves taken from the ancient tombs. Much of the art of the ancients in working gold was lost until early in the nineteenth century, when Signor Castellani found some of the Etruscan methods still being employed by workmen in a village in a remote corner of the Apennines.—London Times.

If some men would reflect more, they would be brighter; if some women were brighter, they would reflect more.—Chicago News.



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A Cautious Statistician.

"How large a permanent population has Crimson Gulch?" inquired the tourist. "Well," answered Broncho Bob, "we've got about 407 living here, but with so much loss stealin' an' brace faro goin' on I wouldn't allude to anybody as bein' particular permanent."—Washington Star.

A Born Musical Genius.

Joshua Straw—Our boy Silas is goin' to be a musishun, or I miss my guess. Mrs. Straw—Dew tell! Joshua Straw—Yes, sirc! You jes' ort to see him prick up his ears when he hears you blow the dinner horn.—Columbus (O.) State Journal.

Visits, but Doesn't Put Up There.

"My boy Josh writes me that he is stoppin' at the best hotels," remarked Mrs. Cortness. "Is he a commercial traveler?" "No. He's drivin' a transfer wagon."—Washington Star.

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