

ALL CROPS ARE GOOD

Department of Agriculture Gets Official Reports from Europe.

RUSSIA ENJOYS RECORD YIELD OF WHEAT

Finland Falls Behind, but Does Not Harm Total.

AUSTRIA AND HUNGARY ALSO DO WELL

Germany and England Fairly Satisfactory, but Nothing Extraordinary.

ITALY AND FRANCE BEHIND LAST YEAR

Unfavorable Weather Has, However, Delayed Seeding Everywhere and in Some Cases Has Impaired Quality of Cnt Grains.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—The Agricultural department has received the following from its statistical agent in London, under date of November 4:

Owing to the unusual lateness of the harvest throughout a large part of Europe and to unfavorable weather for field work the autumn sowings have been much delayed in a number of countries. While it is possible that sowings yet to be made may be effected under favorable conditions it must be recognized that the chances of good weather for sowing and for the young crop a fair start before winter sets in diminish with the advance of the season.

Russia Breaks Record.

That Russia has a record cereal crop this year is indicated by both the semi-official estimate published a month ago and the more recent estimate of the Russian Ministry of Agriculture, an official report issued on Nov. 10, showing a total of 1,312,278,000 bushels of wheat, 45,000,000 bushels of barley, 45,000,000 bushels of oats, 33,000,000 bushels of rye and 1,000,000 bushels of buckwheat. All these figures are largely in excess of last year's production.

In France the wheat grain that falls below the crop of 1901. There is general complaint regarding the yield of wine and other crops.

The official estimate of the Italian wheat crop is 1,310,780 bushels, a reduction of 10 per cent from 1901.

Unofficial figures for Great Britain indicate on the whole a fairly satisfactory crop, though the quality has undoubtedly suffered considerably from wet weather.

TWO VOLCANOES ARE ACTIVE

Hawaii and Italy Are Both Threatened by Burning Mounds.

HONOLULU, Nov. 17.—(Via San Francisco, Nov. 17.)—A wireless message received here this morning from the island of Hawaii states that the volcano Kilauea has broken out in the most violent eruption for the last twenty years. Kilauea has shown intermittent activity since the outbreak of Mount Pelee.

LONDON, Nov. 17.—A fresh eruption of the volcano Stromboli occurred yesterday evening, accompanied by a great explosion and flow of lava.

It was a magnificent spectacle, visible from all the northern part of Sicily, the flames illuminating the surrounding sea, but the situation of the few inhabitants of the island of Stromboli is precarious. They are frightened, especially at the sight of large numbers of dead fish, which have been killed apparently by a submarine disturbance, and washed ashore.

A number of yachts from Naples and other places have visited the waters surrounding the island, but they allow those on board to view the eruption.

PANAMA, Colombia, Nov. 17.—Passengers from Central America who arrived here yesterday report the complete destruction of the territory surrounding Santa Maria. Refugees were arriving at Chaperito, where over 300 called for San Jose de Guatemala on the Pacific mail steamer.

The strict censorship established in Guatemala makes it impossible to get exact news regarding the situation there. The port of Huasteca, however, is reported closed and no mail has arrived here from Guatemala.

CUBAN REPUBLICANS OUSTED

Nationalists and Radicals Control House and May Vote Down Platt Amendment.

HAVANA, Nov. 17.—As a result of a combination with the radical element, the nationalist party now control the house of representatives and is proceeding to elect national officers. The party has resigned in view of their being now in a minority.

The controlling element is not considered antagonistic to President Palma, but there is reason to believe that a strong campaign against the Platt amendment will be begun and that an attempt will be made to rescind all the military orders.

UTAH MORMONS ARE SHOCKED

Earthquakes Visit Salt Lake and Surrounding Country, but No Damage is Done.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Nov. 17.—Two distinct shocks of earthquake were felt in this city shortly before 1. Clocks were stopped, but no serious damage is reported.

The shocks were felt at a number of points in southern Utah. Pine Valley, in Washington county, reports two sharp reports heavy enough to damage chimneys and throw crockery from the shelves. The vibration was from north to south.

BEET SUGAR ARRIVES EAST

American Company Receives Large Consignment in New York.

NEW YORK, Nov. 17.—The first consignment of Pacific coast beet sugar, granulated, arrived in this city today on the steamer El Sud of the Southern Pacific line.

It consisted of 7,000 bags and was consigned to the American Beet Sugar company.

GOES TO UNITE SOUTH AFRICA

Chamberlain Explains Object of His Trip to Scene of Late War.

LONDON, Nov. 17.—Mr. Chamberlain received an ovation tonight at Birmingham, where a farewell banquet was given him preparatory to his departure for South Africa.

Responsibly Mr. Chamberlain's reception, the colonial secretary's departure to the continent, the colonial secretary's departure to the continent, the colonial secretary's departure to the continent.

Referring to his approaching trip, he said it was to be a matter of business and not a mere parade. He could not expect that all the bitterness in South Africa would die out, but all suffering would be relieved.

He was bound on a new venture and there was a possibility of failure, but the government desired to make South Africa one united nation, and as greater differences had been healed before, for instance, in Canada, he hoped for success.

He hoped to see representatives of every political class in South Africa and believed he would be met half way and would gain the friendship of the king's new Boer subjects.

INDIGNATION IS EXPRESSED

Much Feeling Manifested in All European Capitals at Attempt to Kill King Leopold.

LONDON, Nov. 17.—Telegrams are published from nearly all the capitals of Europe today expressing indignation at the attempt on the life of King Leopold. The Standard says each fresh crime of this class revives the question of joint international action to deal with the danger.

BRUSSELS, Nov. 17.—The police have arrested an Englishman named James Hardie on suspicion of having been connected with the attempt made Saturday by Rubino on the life of King Leopold.

The man Hardie, who was arrested on suspicion of having participated in anarchist intrigues, turns out to be James Kelt Hardie, M. P., the former chairman of the independent labor party and a well known labor leader. He was subsequently released and lodged a complaint at the British legation.

AMERICAN CREW IS WORSTED

Bogota Disabled and Twenty of Its Men Are Killed in Battle.

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, Nov. 17.—According to news reaching here through Colombian revolutionary sources, a battle has taken place between the Colombian government and the insurgent forces at Agua Dulce, Bogota is said to be on its way back to Panama in a disabled condition as a result of the engagement, five officers and fifteen of its crew having been killed. The whereabouts of the revolutionary gunboat Padilla is unknown.

It appears that the sentence of death passed on the general Uribe-Triebe, who recently capitulated to the government forces, was not carried out, because General Herrera of the revolutionary army has fourteen government generals prisoners and he might even have the death of Uribe-Triebe on him.

LAPAZ, Bolivia, Nov. 17.—Congress has authorized the banks to issue notes representing 150 per cent of their capital in order to assist in the work of national defense.

Preparations are being made for the advance of the army of about 2,000 men, to be commanded by President Pando, which is to operate against the Brazilian revolutionists in the Acre territory. Auxiliary forces will be gathered in the Beni and the Desea districts along the route. It is now expected that the expedition will be able to start before the end of the present year.

DOUKHOBORS ARE HOME AGAIN

Women Welcome Men and Neither Will Start Another Crazy Pilgrimage.

WINNIPEG, Man., Nov. 17.—An immigration officer who assisted in driving the Doukhobors back to the villages says there was great rejoicing on the return of the Doukhobor men. The women, since being separated from them, appear to have cooled in their fanatic ardor and are quite contented to remain at home. The leaders were still possessed of their crazy notions, but have lost their hold on their followers.

TIM HEALY FOUNDS NEW PARTY

Irish Revolt from O'Brien Will Stand for Common Sense.

LONDON, Nov. 17.—The revolt of the Irish member, Jasper Tully from the parliamentary leadership of William O'Brien has led to the formation of a new Irish party under the leadership of Tim Healy, whose policy is announced as that of common sense and moderation.

Only nine members have so far joined the new section but eighteen others are reported to be ready to do so.

RUSSIA EMPLOYS AMERICANS

Wants Good Phones and Comes Across Atlantic in Order to Get Them.

ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 17.—An American firm was today awarded a \$1,000,000 contract to construct telephone conduits in this city.

The contract calls for twenty miles of underground tubes to be laid by 1903.

A Chicago firm has secured the contract for the switchboard.

Visits Court of the Sultan.

TANGIER, Morocco, Nov. 17.—J. W. S. Langerman, United States vice consul general here, said a commissioner of the St. Louis exposition, left here on Sunday on a mission to the sultan's court, notwithstanding the disturbed condition of the tribes.

Will Be Created Cardinal.

ST. JOHN, N. B., Nov. 17.—It is semi-officially announced that Archbishop Bruchet of Montreal, is to be created a cardinal to fill the place vacated by the death of Cardinal Taschereau.

WISH TO DUEL WITH SWORDS

Bonn University Students Do Not Like Prevalent Use of Pistols.

BERLIN, Nov. 17.—The increase in the number of pistol duels at Bonn has caused the students to attempt to create a sentiment in favor of the rapier.

The students of the University of Kiel recently took similar action.

PAPERS SHOULD PAY MORE

Congress is Recommended to Restrict Second Class Rights.

Subscription Price Asked Often a Myth, Money Thus Derived Going Back in Form of Premiums to Readers.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—Edwin C. Madden, third assistant postmaster general, in his annual report recommends the establishment of the following new postage rates:

1. A new rate at 4 cents a pound for all publications now admitted to the second-class mail except daily, tri-weekly, semi-weekly and weekly newspapers. This rate is to be paid on the bulk weight without regard to the number of pieces.

2. The consolidation of the third and fourth classes and the postage thereon be found at the rate of each two classes or fraction thereof, to be prepaid by stamps affixed.

Congress also is asked to authorize the postmaster general to accept large quantities of identical pieces of printed matter and small articles of merchandise without stamps being previously affixed to the individual pieces.

Publishers Abuse Privilege.

The recommendation for the 4 cents a pound rate is the result of alleged abuses of the second-class mail privileges.

Mr. Madden says many of the cheaper periodicals would be given away if the law would permit. The practice is to maintain the fiction of a subscription price and to give back its equivalent in a premium.

No one would question the public benefit of genuine newspapers and for these an absolutely free rate might be granted if the privilege could be properly confined. But it would be unjustifiable to continue to tax the people for any part of the cost of the distribution of any other class of periodical publications.

Concerning the public impression that 1 cent postage is probable in the near future, Mr. Madden says it is altogether too soon to consider a reduction of the letter rate on the mere basis that the reforms in second-class mail matter would save enough to compensate for the loss of revenue.

He adds:

Had the proposed 4 cents per pound rate and the anticipated rate on first class letters existed during the last year, the revenue would have been approximately \$10,000,000 in excess of the present rate.

It is believed that the proposed rate would result in an increase in the rate of postage on periodicals from 1 cent to 4 cents, even under a 1 cent letter rate before the postal service is thoroughly adjusted not only to the reforms in second-class mail matter, but also to the enormous expenditures necessary to complete and satisfactorily establish the new postal system.

The postal system is largely monopolized by publishers who receive two-thirds of the total weight of all mail matter, for which they pay but about one-twentieth of the total postal revenue.

Mr. Madden recommends a law allowing a reply envelope and reply postal card service under a plan for the collection of postage at the place of delivery rather than at the place of mailing.

Nearly \$4,000,000 were expended during the year on account of experimental rural free delivery and had it not been for this the postal service would have been self-sustaining and would have had more than \$1,000,000 to its credit.

OSCAR GIVES HIS REASONS

Full Text of the Samoan Award Shows Why Germany Was Right.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—The full text of King Oscar's decision in the Samoan difficulty was published simultaneously in Washington, London and Berlin today.

In answer to the British and American claims that any one of the signatory powers was authorized to conclude the mission of the chief justice, declaring Malietoa king, the arbitrator says:

"We have found nothing which authorizes one of the signatory powers, or a majority, to take action to enforce the decision of the act or to make the decisions of the chief justice binding on the powers."

The arbitrator insists that as the consular representatives of the three powers, had recognized Malietoa the powers were bound on principles of international good faith to maintain the situation until they accord they decided to change it. He meets the contention that military action was warranted because necessary for the protection of lives and property by the flat statement that "there is nothing in the evidence before me to justify the use of arms."

Continuing the decision recites that Malietoa had been completely defeated before the arrival of Philadelphia, but that the United States admiral and the British authorities brought back his warriors and armed and provisioned them, which, under the treaty, should have been issued only at the unanimous requests of the three consuls.

The decision concludes:

"Therefore, his Britannic Majesty's government and the United States government are responsible under the convention of November 7, 1899, for losses caused by said military action."

"While reserving for a future decision the question as to the extent to which the two governments or each of them may be considered responsible for such losses, 'OSCAR'."

BUDDHISTS ASK CONCESSIONS

Oriental Priests Think the Railroads Should Give Them Half Rate Permits.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 17.—The Southern Pacific, Santa Fe and their connections are in receipt of a petition from a number of Buddhist and Mohammedan priests asking that they be given the courtesy of half rates for overland trips.

Christian ministers and Jewish rabbis advise that courtesy, also Christian missionaries and sisters of charity. The petition urges that no discrimination should be made against these Oriental priests.

NO NEED FOR THE MARINES

Colombian Government Now Able to Maintain Free Transit of Road Across Isthmus.

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It is expected that he will be able in a couple of weeks to return to his studies at Groton.

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WORK OF CIVIL SERVICE

Many Persons in All Sections Pass Examinations Required by the Commission.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—The annual report of A. R. Serven, chief examiner of the Civil Service commission, shows that during the last fiscal year there were 69,558 people examined in and for the classified service, of whom 46,529 passed and 13,298 were appointed, promoted or transferred. In addition 1,174 persons were examined for the Philippine service, of whom 480 passed and 694 failed. The local boards of examiners, especially designated for the custodial service, were discontinued.

On June 30 last the total number of local boards of examiners was 1,125, with a total membership of 3,723. Final steps are now being taken to consummate the complete organization of a civil service district similar to the Boston district, with headquarters at San Francisco, in immediate charge of a consolidated board of commissioners.

The written examinations required the preparation of 438 sets of examination questions on different subjects, which necessitated the preparation of 1,853 separate technical characters.

Over 250,000 sheets of examination questions were handled. The great complexity of the work done under the direction of Chief Examiner Serven is shown by a large number of special examinations, which include subjects of examination, scientific, technical and character.

Of these there were 308 examinations, in which 8,267 persons took part. Well nigh every field of professional or scientific inquiry and research is represented in the variety of the examinations.

A committee has held competitive examinations in every state and territory except Alaska. Several attempts at examination work in Alaska have been abandoned. Another effort, however, may be made soon.

Facilities have been furnished to residents of Hawaii to compete in the general and local civil service examinations in Honolulu and Hilo, and residents of Porto Rico hereafter may take the general and local examinations at Ponce and San Juan. Much attention has been given during the year to the upbuilding of the service in the Philippine islands.

HEALERS WIN A VICTORY

Supreme Court Decides That Postoffice Department Errs in Issuing Fraud Order.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—Justice Peckham of the United States supreme court today delivered the opinion of the court in the case of the American School of Massage, et al., against the Postoffice Department, which was a suit for an injunction against the school, et al., to prevent them from operating in the United States.

The proceeding grew out of a fraud order issued by the Postoffice department, prohibiting the postmaster from delivering mail addressed to the school. The original bill asked for an injunction to prohibit the postmaster from obeying this order.

On trial in the United States circuit court for the western district of Missouri the department's order was sustained on a demurrer. Today's opinion is a reversal of that judgment, but in delivering it Justice Peckham said that there was no intention of passing upon the various constitutional objections set out in the bill, the intention of the court being to "simply hold that the admitted facts show no violation of the statutes cited, but an erroneous order given by the postmaster general to the defendant which the courts have the power to grant relief against."

The action of the court was accompanied with an order to the lower court to "overrule the defendant's demurrer to the amended bill, with leave to answer and to grant a temporary injunction as applied for by complainants."

The court added: "In overruling the demurrer we do not mean to preclude the defendant from showing on the trial, if he can, that the business of complainants is in fact conducted amounts to a violation of the statutes."

Justices White and McKenna did not concur in the opinion.

ALASKA MAN MUST HANG

Sequel to a Quarrel that Occurred During the Klondike Excitement in 1898.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—The United States supreme court today, in an opinion by Justice McKenna, affirmed the decision of the lower court in the case of Homer Bird against the United States, coming to the court on a writ of error from the district court of Alaska, by which court Bird was convicted of murder.

The case has attracted considerable attention, the murder having occurred during the Klondike excitement in 1898. Bird, a contractor of New Orleans, was on his way to that section with a party, when he quarreled with some members of his party and killed two of them.

The case had two hearings in the supreme court. The first hearing resulted in the ordering of a new trial. That trial resulted in a conviction and Bird was again brought to this court, with the result that the decision was this time against the accused.

The case involved the question as to whether the trial of the case under the act of 1884 was regular, and the court held that it was so.

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CELEBRATE DENVER'S BIRTH

Big Banquet Held in Honor of Colorado City's Forty-Fourth Birthday.

DENVER, Colo., Nov. 17.—The forty-fourth anniversary of the foundation of Denver was celebrated by a banquet tonight at the Adams hotel under the auspices of the Denver Real Estate exchange.

About 400 of the leading business and professional men of the city attended.

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CANNON APPEARS A WINNER

Hepburn Expresses that Opinion After a Conference with Dalsell.

KEEPING AN EYE OUT FOR THE WIDOWS

Land Department Issues Warning to Local Officials in Wyoming to Look Out for the Game Played in Nebraska.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—Indications continue to multiply to show that "Uncle Joe" Cannon will certainly win the game in the next house of representatives. Representative Hepburn of Iowa, who has been opposed to Mr. Cannon, said today that his election seemed sure. He made this statement after a long conference with Representative Dalsell of Pennsylvania, who is an aspirant for the honor.

The Iowa congressional delegation holds a meeting tomorrow to take action on the speakership question. Colonel Hepburn has won his colleagues that if they endorse Cannon he wishes his vote to go to him also, to make it unanimous. The story that Representative Backus is to be made chairman of the ways and means committee in consideration of his withdrawal from the speakership race is generally discredited. It is thought that after looking over the field he saw he could not win and decided not to enter the fight.

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