

WINTER WHEAT CROP MANY MILLION LESS

Forecast of Yield on Basis of Conditions May First About Half Billion Bushels.

REDUCTION IN ACREAGE LARGE

WASHINGTON, May 8.—The winter wheat crop this year promises to yield 493,280,000 bushels, the Department of Agriculture announced today, basing its forecast on the condition of the crop May 1. The output will probably be above or below those figures according to the change in conditions from now until time of harvest. Today's forecast compares with 455,045,000 bushels harvested last year, the greatest winter wheat crop ever gathered in this country, and with a forecast of 540,000,000 bushels made last December before the crop entered the winter, from which it emerged in rather poor condition, showing a decline of 9.4 points compared with the ten-year average decline of 3.5 points. On the crop's condition April 1 a forecast of 495,000,000 bushels was made by the bureau of crop estimates, assuming average abandonment of acreage and average influence on the crop to harvesting time.

The area of winter wheat to be harvested is estimated at about 33,000,000 acres as a result of the May 1 canvass. The area planted last fall was 37,500,000 acres, a decrease of 4,500,000 acres from the record area of the 1915 crop and compares with a yearly average of 33,885,000 acres in the preceding five years.

The condition of winter wheat on May 1 was 84 per cent of a normal, compared with 73.3 on April 1 last, 92.9 on May 1 last year and 85.6, the ten-year May 1 average. That condition is indicative of a yield of 15.1 bushels an acre, compared with 15.3 bushels harvested last year and 15 bushels in 1914. The large reduction in acreage sown last fall was attributed partly to unfavorable weather for seeding, tangled condition of much corn land which otherwise would have been sown to wheat, some fear of the Hessian fly and to large supplies of wheat on hand.

A wet, cold fall, causing poor seed beds and poor start for wintering, resulted in a low condition this spring. Much of the crop was sown late and the Hessian fly was reported present and active in many sections of the southern part of the winter wheat belt. Climatic conditions were harder on late sown, the winter covering was lighter than usual and the injury from freezing and thawing greater than in previous years.

Other details of the May report show: Rye—Condition, 85.7 per cent of a normal, compared with 87.8 on April 1 last, 93.2 on May 1 last year and 90.6, the ten-year May 1 average.

Meadow (hay) lands—Condition, 88.4 per cent of a normal, compared with 89.4 on May 1 last year and 88.3, the ten-year May 1 average.

Hay—Stocks of hay on farms May 1 are estimated at 11,949,000 tons, or 12 per cent of last year's crop, against 5,568,000 tons, or 12.1 per cent on May 1 last year, and 4,109,000 tons, or 12.1 per cent, the five-year May 1 average.

Pastures—Condition, 85.2 per cent of a normal, against 87.3 on May 1 last year, and 85.3, the ten-year May 1 average.

Spring plowing—Was 79.4 per cent completed up to May 1, compared with 78.3 on May 1 last year, and 69.5, the ten-year May 1 average.

Spring planting—Was 87.7 per cent completed up to May 1, compared with 65.1 on May 1 last year, and 85.3, the ten-year May 1 average.

Baltimore German Consul is Indicted

NEW YORK, May 8.—Carl A. Luderitz, German consul at Baltimore, was indicted today by the federal grand jury charged with aiding Horst von Der Goltz, the man who has by his own confession figured in several alleged German plots to obtain a false American passport.

The grand jury also handed down a new indictment against Wolfe von Igel, former secretary of Captain Franz von Papen, charging him with conspiracy to defraud the United States by shipping lubricating oils to Germany falsely manifested as fertilizer.

With Von Igel were indicted on the same charge Dr. Walter F. Scheele, head of the New Jersey Agriculture Chemical company, previously indicted in an alleged conspiracy to destroy munitions ships and a fugitive from justice, and Gustave Steinberg, said to be an associate of Franz von Rintelen, a German agent now detained in England.

The indictment of Luderitz is understood to have been based on testimony by Von der Goltz, who in his published confession asserted that when he fled to England about a year ago he was supplied with a passport by Luderitz.

The alleged shipment of lubricating oil was made last November on a ship for Norway, but never reached its destination, having been seized by a British ship.

See Want Ads serve hundreds daily.

Fishermen Get Merry Ha-Ha and Reporters Do Not Get That Much

Russell Eberstein, his pa, Marshall Eberstein, and "Tavy" Dickinson made up a party that spent Saturday and Sunday fishing in a lake near Hamburg, Ia. They are regaling their friends around the federal building with tales of their prowess.

It appears that Isaac Walton was a mere two-spot compared with them. They know all kinds of fishing from the ground up—simple fishing, complex fishing, compound fishing. They throw in their hooks and they pull out their fish. The flint denizens of the waters find their intelligence no match at all for the cleverness and cunning of these fishermen.

"What did they 'catch'?" "Well, that's a fair question. Interested reporters inquired of the three, individually and en masse. "Caught 'bout a bushel and a half," said the Eberstein twin.

"Caught 'bout sixty," said Dickinson, using numerical instead of dry measure.

"What's do with 'em?" was the next

FUNSTON STARTS PURSUIT OF NEW BAND OF BANDITS

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thinks that Tyree was wounded and wandered off in the hills, where he died. Others believe that Tyree was captured and carried off a prisoner by the bandits and probably killed later.

Unconfirmed information says that J. Deemer, the storekeeper at Boquillas, has been found dead on the Mexican side with his throat cut. His clerk, named Compton, is known to have been a captive of the bandits. He is thought to have suffered the fate of Deemer.

There were only a few Americans in Glenn Springs and at Boquillas at the time of the raid, and the bandits apparently made no effort to locate them. They escaped in the hills when the shooting started.

Several women are known to be living on the scattered ranches in the Big Bend country, but there is nothing to indicate that they have been molested. The Mexican employees of the Ellis west factory in Glenn Springs were not molested.

The bodies of three soldiers killed in the Glenn Springs raid, William Cohen, Stephen J. Cole and Hudson Rogers, were sent to their homes today. The body of the Compton boy has been taken to Marathon. A truck driver, Champ Woods, yesterday reported missing, is safe.

Mrs. Ellis Describes Raid. Mrs. W. K. Ellis and her husband, whose wax factory was destroyed by the Mexicans, had narrow escapes. Mrs. Ellis was the only woman in Glenn Springs when the bandits swooped down upon the little settlement near midnight.

In the flickering lights of the burning buildings she and her husband stole out of their house and fled in safety to the hills, where they wandered until morning.

Telling her friends in Marathon, where she is resting today, of her experiences, Mrs. Ellis said:

"A fusillade of shots roused my husband and myself. Peering out of the windows, we saw the forms of men moving in the direction of the soldiers' little camp.

"The flashes of their rifles were like lightning streaks against the darkness and we knew there must be a number of Mexicans attacking the place. Mr. Ellis told me not to strike a match, or make any light for fear of attracting the attention of the bandits.

"In the dark we hunted for our clothes and quickly dressed. The bandits were now firing rapidly at the adobe house, where I later learned the soldiers of Troop A made their stand.

"We could hear the shouts of the Mexicans and saw a party of them moving toward our bungalow. We slipped out of the back door and, hugging every shadow as we went, for fear of being shot, made our way into the hills.

"There we hid behind boulders and rocks and dawn found us wandering in the meadows and desert growth, three miles from Glenn Springs. Heaven knows how we got so far in the darkness; I don't.

"I don't know whose ranch it was, but I was given a burro and rode on it four miles to John Rice's ranch.

"After the raid we returned to our home in Glenn Springs, having heard the Mexicans had left.

"The interior of the house was thrown into disorder and clothes were missing, but, strangely enough, silverware thrown about was not stolen.

"My husband has been popular with the Mexicans employed in his wax factory and that is probably the reason why the Mexicans did not burn our home. I am not afraid to go back and hope to do so when there is sufficient military protection."

HOUSTON GIVES HEARING TO SPECIAL DAIRY COMMITTEE

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, May 8.—(Special Telegram)—A hearing of importance to the dairy interests of the United States was held today before Secretary of the Department of Agriculture growing out of a series of resolutions adopted last week by the Dairy Live Stock association of the United States, which held a convention in this city.

These resolutions provided that the bu-

reau of animal industry should be divided into a bureau of health, a bureau for the breeding and development of live stock other than dairy stock and finally a bureau to take care of dairy interests exclusively. The resolutions further provided for a representation from congress and the dairy interests to present these resolutions to Secretary Houston.

In conformity with the resolutions a delegation from the house of representatives, consisting of Messrs. Sloan of Nebraska, Haugen of Iowa, Ruby of Missouri, Leaser of Pennsylvania, Sweet of Iowa, McArthur of Oregon and Steele of Iowa, together with Dean Curtiss of Ames, Ia., who acted as chairman of the delegation; Dr. McKay of Chicago and Mr. Cressy of Pennsylvania, secretary of the national dairy union, were accorded a hearing by Secretary Houston.

All the members of congress named favored the resolutions the purpose of which are to get a responsible head in the Agriculture department and to counteract the evil effect of the Lathrop resolution, which has been roundly condemned by the dairy interests of the country.

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THREE NEBRASKANS ARE GIVEN POSTOFFICES

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, May 8.—(Special Telegram)—The president today sent the names of the following Nebraska postmasters to the senate: W. L. Ulrich, Stuart; Calvin I. Demarest, Bethany; and George McCawley, Seneca.

The National Capital

Monday, May 8, 1916.

The Senate.

Considered nomination of George Rublee to federal trade commission in executive session. Adjourned at 5:55 p. m. to noon Tuesday.

The House.

Considered report of disagreement among army bill conferees over federal volunteer army and government nitrate plants.

Sent army bill back to conference with house conferees instructed not to agree to senate provisions for standing army of 200,000 and volunteer reserve force, but to favor government nitrate plant to cost \$20,000,000. Adjourned at 5:45 p. m. to 11 a. m. Tuesday.

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At the end of its tenth year THE MIDWEST LIFE has \$8,000,000 of insurance in force, representing a net gain of \$800,000 a year for each year it has been in business. Now that it is entering upon its eleventh year, the officers wish to express again their appreciation of the support and patronage which it has received. They expect the second decade of its existence will show a greater growth and that the company will be in a position to render still better service to its policyholders.

April of this year, while not the best month in new insurance, yet was the best April in the history of the company. All of which shows that western people are buying their insurance more and more in western companies.

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HOUSE TURNS DOWN SENATE ARMY BILL

Two Amendments Tacked on the Measure for Large Force Defeated by Decisive Votes.

MR. KAHN HINTS AT TROUBLE

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 8.—By two overwhelming votes the house today declined to agree to the senate amendment to the army bill providing for a standing army of 250,000 men and a volunteer army of 261,000 pledged to thirty days' intensive training yearly. The first proposal was rejected, 241 to 142, and the latter 251 to 109.

A discussion followed the vote on the senate's nitrate plant amendment favored by President Wilson, which was opposed by many democrat and republican members. Some leaders on both sides expressed belief that the proposal might be defeated.

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One Year Ago Today in the War

Loss of Libau admitted in the Russian official bulletin. Italians assemble army of 600,000 on the Austrian frontier. Paris reported German attacks between Nieuport and the sea repulsed. Field Marshal French announced ground gained toward Froidelles and successful air raid by the allies north of Lille.

STORM SWEEPS BADGER AND GOPHER STATES

MINNEAPOLIS, May 8.—A violent windstorm which swept Minnesota and parts of North Dakota and western Wisconsin last night caused considerable property damage. At Two Harbors, Minn., a man was killed by lightning. At Crookston, Minn., a tabernacle was unroofed during services, but no one was hurt. The roof of the grandstand at a La Crosse, Wis., base ball park was lifted by the wind and dropped on a street car, slightly injuring several passengers. Wire communication was interrupted throughout the northwest.

In fifteen years the Intercollegiate Prohibition association has extended its membership to nearly 50 colleges and universities in the United States.

Dress Trunks

Although fibre is getting sky-high in price we have a few dandy fibre covered dress trunks, braced with heavy corners, cloth lined, sturdy locks, two trays, which we can sell at the low prices of—

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Large advertisement for Goodrich tires. Title: 'Built like "The Deacon's One-Hoss Shay"'. Features a large illustration of a Goodrich tire. Text describes the tire's safety tread and durability. Includes a table of 'Goodrich "Fair-List" Prices' for various sizes of Black Safety-Treads. The table lists sizes from 30x3 to 38x5 1/2 with corresponding prices ranging from \$10.40 to \$50.60. The advertisement concludes with the slogan 'GOODRICH Black-Tread TIRES'.

Advertisement for Sanitol Week. Title: 'This is SANITOL WEEK'. Includes a coupon to sign and present to a druggist or dealer. The coupon lists items like Sanitol Tooth Powder, Tooth Paste, Face Powder, and Face Cream. The coupon is valid until May 13, 1916. At the bottom, it says 'Sign and Present Coupon Today!'.