

EXPORTS OF FOOD SHOW BIG DECREASE

Forty-Three Million Dollars Worth Less Sent Abroad During 1916.

CORN AND PORK INCREASE

Washington, Jan. 25.—Food exports generally from the United States fell off \$43,000,000 last year. Department of Commerce statistics announced today show their value to have been \$745,000,000, compared with \$788,000,000 in 1915.

Corn was the only grain showing an increase, while wheat fell off 31,000,000 bushels and flour 1,300,000 barrels. Best shows increases in canned, fresh and pickled, but bacon, hams and shoulders exports increased 83,100,000 pounds and pork 22,000,000 pounds.

Oils and gasoline exports increased considerably during the year. There were 21,000,000 gallons more gasoline sent abroad than in 1915. Crude oil showed an increase of 14,000,000 gallons, illuminating oil 17,000,000 gallons, lubricating oil 21,000,000 gallons and residuum and fuel oil 145,000,000 gallons.

HOUSE PROPOSES TO BACK WILSON IN PEACE STAND

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Leidigh, Hopkins, Beal and McAllister all spoke for the bill. They said that the merchants as well as the railroad employes want such legislation. Mr. Reynolds, who lives at the railroad town of North Platte, said nobody laid urged him to support it, and he was in doubt as to whether the railroad men are demanding it or not.

After voting down a motion to defer action, the committee of the whole ordered the bill to third reading. Courting Meets Opposed.

House Roll No. 99, the bill to prohibit courting meets at which rabbits are chased by dogs, was sent to third reading. It was first amended, on motion of Thomas, by cutting out the part which referred to wild west shows and exhibitions of broncho busting and steer throwing, which are a feature of frontier festivals and county fairs held in the western part of the state.

Mr. Liggett proposed to eliminate rabbit courting also from the prohibited list, but others declared that this would practically emasculate the bill and the motion failed. Mr. Meyersburg tried to get an amendment adopted cutting out the penalty for anyone who lets a horse, mule or ox stand hitched in a public place, exposed to a blizzard or stormy weather longer than two hours at a time. He wanted the limit raised to five hours. This was also defeated.

On motion of Peterson, a long list of names of Omaha people belonging to the humane society there, that appeared in the bill's title, was stricken out, leaving only the name of the legislative introducer, Jerry Howard. Schools Out of Politics.

The Ollie bill for the nonpartisan election of state and county school superintendents was recommended for passage by the committee of the whole. It provides for a separate ballot, similar to the nonpartisan judicial ballot. All candidates must pay a filing fee of \$10.

Other bills considered and advanced to third reading were: Licensing pool halls and bowling alleys. Authorizing small cities to sell electric current outside their own limits. Allowing village of Peru to take in territory south of the state normal school, separated from it by the grounds of the institution.

The house arranged to attend the entertainment at the penitentiary Thursday evening, furnished by the convicts.

A number of bills, running from 133 to 139, introduced by Keegan and Lovely of the Omaha delegation, covering matters pertaining to local courts in Omaha were considered and passed to third reading.

To Prevent Grip. Colds cause grip.—Active Bromo Quinine removes cause. There is only one "BROMO QUININE" E. W. Grove's signature on box. No—Advertisement.

City Legislation, the Theme Of State Municipal League

Hastings, Neb., Jan. 25.—(Special Telegram).—With representatives present from nearly sixty towns the eighth annual convention of the Nebraska League of Municipalities opened here tonight for the study of municipal problems. Pending legislation affecting cities, paving construction, law enforcement, public health and the commissioner-manager system of government is to be considered.

The delegates were welcomed by Mayor Madgett and a response was made by Vice President Roland F. Ireland of Creston.

Tonight's program concluded with an address on "Home Town Preparedness," by E. J. Sias of Lincoln. After the routine program ten visitors were guests of the city at a concert by the Young Men's Christian association band and the boys' band under the direction of John S. Leich, also the Maennerchor and the Bennett quartet.

Hamburg Judge Will Make Visit to Japan

Shenandoah, Ia., Jan. 25.—(Special).—A trip to Japan and the orient has been planned by Judge and Mrs. T. S. Stevens of Hamburg for his vacation. Mr. Stevens, who is a leading lawyer in the district, was recently appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Judge A. B. Thornell.

South Dakota Senate Votes To Resubmit Suffrage

Pierre, S. D., Jan. 25.—A resolution providing for a submission to the electorate of the woman suffrage amendment to the state constitution in the next general election in South Dakota, to be held in 1918, was passed by the senate late this afternoon. A similar resolution is now under consideration in the house. The equal suffrage amendment was defeated in the last election.

JAPANESE MIKADO DISSOLVES HOUSE

This Action Follows Attempt to Assassinate Former Chief Constitutionalist Party.

NEW ELECTIONS IN SPRING

Tokio, Jan. 25.—The emperor has dissolved the house of representatives.

By the drastic step of dissolution, Premier Terauchi dramatically ended the existence of the house of representatives before even an opportunity was given for a vote of lack of confidence in the ministry.

Following the excitement caused by the attempt to assassinate the leader of the constitutional party, Yukio Ozaki, who had a narrow escape, the lower house was packed with spectators and the session was a tumultuous one. Takeshi Unukai, leader of the Kokuminto (national party), led the attack on the ministry, accusing it of being unconstitutional. Confronted with the certainty of an adverse vote, Premier Terauchi said the situation involved the prosperity of the empire and declared that while he maintained the confidence of Emperor Yoshihito he could not accept the verdict of the house.

Mr. Ozaki mounted the rostrum to continue first attacks on the government, when an imperial messenger suddenly appeared with the receipt of dissolution. The members of the house dispersed in an uproar.

Elections to the new house of representatives will be held in April or May. There are indications that in view of the criticism of a nonparty ministry, Premier Terauchi will throw his forces to the Seiyu-Kai (constitutional party), which is said to favor the new China policy outlined by Premier Terauchi and Foreign Minister Motomiya.

A political crisis developed at the opening of the Diet on Tuesday. The chief reason was the appointment of Field Marshal Count Terauchi as premier by the emperor last October. This appointment was a surprise both in and out of Japan and was criticized unfavorably by Japanese political leaders, who contended the premier did not command public support. He is regarded as a representative of the radical militarist faction in Japan, although in an interview with the Associated Press shortly after his appointment, he disavowed any policies of aggression. Japanese newspapers said the premier did not command a majority in parliament and predicted that the outcome would be dissolution of the house and a new election.

Tokio, Jan. 25.—An attempt was made to assassinate Yukio Ozaki, former minister of justice and leader of the constitutional party, while he was addressing a mass meeting called to demand the resignation of the cabinet.

While Ozaki was speaking two men armed with short swords sprang on the platform and tried to stab him. They were overpowered and arrested. Two other men then tried to assault the former minister and were severely beaten by the audience. M. Ozaki demanded that Premier Terauchi resign on the ground that his administration was unconstitutional. A heavy police guard is in attendance for today's sessions of the Diet.

Yukio Ozaki was formerly mayor of Tokio. He visited the United States in 1910 and a dinner was given in his honor at Washington by President Taft. He became minister of justice in the Okuma cabinet in 1914.

Rail Union Heads Submit Draft of the Law They Propose

Washington, Jan. 25.—The railway brotherhood leaders today laid before President Wilson in writing their proposals for a compromise on his railway legislation program and he began considering them.

The labor leaders propose instead of a law to prevent a strike or lock-out pending an investigation, that provision be made for investigation for a mixed board of employes and employers. This, they say, would settle every dispute.

The action of the senate Interstate Commerce committee yesterday in voting down the president's plan a second time was taken by some officials as the forerunner of some sort of a compromise.

UNDER THE CAPITOL



MISS ANNE MARTIN.

Washington, Jan. 25.—Miss Anne Martin, chairman of the National Congressional Legislative committee, of the Congressional union and leader of the national suffrage lobby here, charges that President Wilson considers himself the "leader" of his party where matters of male suffrage are concerned, but that he becomes a "mere follower of his party" when woman suffrage is discussed. Miss Martin asserts that President Wilson on January 9 told a deputation of women that the national suffrage amendment could only be secured by party action, and that he could only follow his party. On January 19, Miss Martin asserts, he visited the capitol and demanded as leader of his party the passage by the senate of the bill granting suffrage to the men of Porto Rico.

Three Generations Will Celebrate Wedding Dates

Grinnell, Ia., Jan. 25.—(Special).—Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McCulloch of this city have an invitation to an unparalleled wedding anniversary event, where three generations celebrate at once. Mr. and Mrs. Leonard McCulloch of Favoy, Mass., aged 93 and 92 years, respectively, celebrate, February 10, their seventieth wedding anniversary. On the same day their son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Almiron McCulloch, celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary. And, to put on the capcase, their son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin McCulloch, celebrate their seventeenth anniversary. Owing to age, frail health and the inclement season the Grinnell McCullochs cannot attend. They will celebrate their fiftieth anniversary early in March.

Trial of Oil Land Patent Cases is Moved to Capital

New York, Jan. 25.—The government's suit for cancellation of land patents granted to the Southern Pacific Railroad company in the San Joaquin valley in California, moved on today to Washington, where the defense will call more witnesses. The case has been on trial now for more than a year and Federal Judge Bledsoe, who is presiding, has traveled many thousand miles and probably will travel many more before the complicated questions involved have been settled.

Most of the witnesses examined here were called by the defense to prove its contention that it did not know the value of the property as oil land until eight years after obtaining the grants.

HYMENEAL

Coulter-Dampier. Bertha Dampier and David W. Coulter were married by Rev. Charles W. Savage at their apartment in the Angelus, Wednesday evening at 7:30. Several invited guests were present.

TEN MILLION MORE FOR RURAL ROADS

Secretary Houston Announces Second Annual Distribution of Funds.

NEBRASKA GETS \$213,541

Washington, Jan. 25.—Apportionment of \$10,000,000 to aid the states in the construction of rural post roads, the second annual distribution in accordance with the federal aid road law, was announced today by Secretary Houston of the Department of Agriculture. The funds are the apportionment for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1918.

To meet the cost of administering the law, \$300,000 has been deducted. The remainder—\$9,700,000 is divided as follows:

Table listing states and their respective funding amounts for rural roads.

In addition \$1,000,000 will be apportioned for the development of roads and trails within, or partly within, the national forests. The law provides that \$15,000,000 shall be apportioned in the fiscal year of 1919; \$20,000,000 in 1920 and \$25,000,000 in 1921.

Murder Charge is Filed Against Men Who Killed Cross

Charges of first degree murder have been filed against Macario Romero, Miguel Aquino and Julian Lopez, three Mexicans, arrested in connection with the murder of Cornelius Cross, Northwestern railroad special agent. All three of the men waived preliminary examination in police court and were bound over to the district court without bonds. While Romero has admitted that it was he who fired the shots which killed Cross, his companions will be prosecuted for murder inasmuch as they were with him at the time and aided him in the crime. Cross surprised the Mexicans Saturday night while they were engaged in the robbery of a Northwestern boxcar. Special agents have recovered several hundred dollars worth of articles stolen by the Mexicans in their raids upon boxcars. Some of the stolen goods was found at their rendezvous and some was recovered from persons to whom the goods had been sold.

Would Cut Legislature Down to Single Body

Lincoln, Jan. 25.—Two proposed constitutional amendments, one of which provides for a state legislature of only one body to consist of sixty members, were offered in the house today by Mr. North. His other proposition is to have constitutional amendments submitted to the voters by having them printed on a separate ballot and that only a majority of those voting thereon shall be necessary for adoption. In the measure for a unicameral legislature it is specified that the state shall be divided into sixty districts, one member to be elected from each. This would mean dividing the cities of Lincoln and Omaha into legislative districts instead of having the Lancaster and Douglas county members elected at large.

The National Capital

Thursday, January 25, 1917. The Senate. Met at 11 a. m. Resumed debate on legislative appropriation bill. Robert R. McCormick of Chicago urged universal military training before military affairs sub-committee. Debate on Cummins' peace discussion resolution went over a day. The House. Met at 11 a. m. Resumed consideration of rivers and harbors appropriation bill. Banking committee considered amendments to federal reserve law.

HEAVIEST FIGHTING NOW ON RIGA FRONT

Teutons Sustain Reverse in Attempt to Resume Advance Across Marsh.

OTHER ARENAS ARE QUIET

(Associated Press War Summary)

The heaviest fighting now in progress in any of the war areas is on the Russian front in the Riga sector, where the Germans recently took the offensive and drove back the Russians a mile and a half in the region of the Great Tirul marsh that long has barred the way to Riga for the German forces.

Attempting again to advance over the frozen ground which has made the efforts in this swampy region possible, the Teutonic army has sustained reverses, according to Petrograd today. Northwest of the marsh they opened a heavy artillery fire and then attacked, but failed to make any headway against the Russian defense.

Elsewhere there has been little but artillery and patrol fighting. Entire quiet apparently prevails along the Rumanian front, owing to the severe winter weather.

Official Reports Differ

Berlin, Jan. 25.—(By Wire) Without Sayville.—Russian positions on a front of about six miles on the northern end of the Russo-Galician line have been captured by the Germans, the war office reports. The Russians

ELECTION PROBE IS BEARING FRUIT

Grand Jury at Cincinnati Returns Six Bills, Naming Ninety-Nine Men.

NAMES GIVEN TO MARSHAL

Cincinnati, O., Jan. 25.—Six sealed indictments naming ninety-nine individuals as defendants were returned here today by the federal grand jury which has been investigating the alleged election frauds. The names were given to the United States marshal and he will bring them into court under capias as soon as they are apprehended.

W. A. Northcott, Former Head of the Modern Woodmen, Dies

Excelsior Springs, Mo., Jan. 25.—W. A. Northcott of Springfield, Ill., former lieutenant governor of that state, died here this morning of acute dilation of the heart. Mr. Northcott was president of the Intercoast Casualty company and at one time held consul of the Modern Woodmen of America.

Strikes Match On Trousers Washed in Gasoline

Douglas, Ariz., Jan. 24.—Joseph Ballard, driver for an oil company here, washed his trousers in gasoline today, donned them and then struck a match on his trousers to light a cigar. Physicians pronounced his burns fatal.

Advertisement for Thompson, Belden & Company, featuring fur sales and various goods.

Advertisement for educational film 'The Romance of Silk' showing the manufacturing process.

Large advertisement for Burlington Route, highlighting high-class trains to Texas and other destinations.

Advertisement for Postum coffee, featuring an illustration of a man and text describing its health benefits.

Advertisement for Hartmann Wardrobe Trunk, describing its features and price.

Advertisement for Dr. McKenney's teeth, featuring an illustration of a mouth and dental services.