

BILLION BUSHELS OF WHEAT MAY BE REAPED THIS YEAR

Winter Crop of 572,539,000 Bushels Forecast; Increased Farm Yields in General Predicted by Houston.

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, May 8.—Hope for the billion bushel wheat crop, for which the government is striving this year, was strengthened today by the Department of Agriculture's May crop report, forecasting a production of 572,539,000 bushels of winter wheat.

Secretary Houston, in a statement tonight, said there was every reason to anticipate increased farm yields this year over the record production of last year. He added, however, that the promise did not warrant relaxed efforts for greater production and for greater conservation, and called upon the people of towns and cities to realize that the farmer cannot work miracles, and lend him the assistance needed at harvest time.

Third Largest Crop Indicated.
Realization of a winter wheat crop as large as that forecast would place this year's harvest of that grain as the third largest ever gathered. The estimate is 12,500,000 bushels more than forecast in April, from conditions then existing and 154,400,000 bushels more than the crop harvested last summer. On conditions from now until harvest time will depend whether the crop will be larger or smaller than today's forecast, based on conditions May 1. In the week then generally favorable weather for wheat development continued and the crop has made excellent progress in all principal producing areas.

Efforts have been made to stimulate production of spring wheat and preliminary reports indicate an increase in the acreage of that crop which may be sufficient, under good growing conditions, to bring the total wheat production this year well toward the billion bushel mark. No official report has yet been made on the acreage of spring wheat; the first announcement will be made in June. Reports indicate the seed already planted has germinated well generally.

Forecast by States.
Condition and forecast of production of winter wheat by principal states follow:
Ohio: Condition 83; forecast, 33,492,000 bushels.

Indiana, 96 and 47,771,000.
Illinois, 92 and 44,120,000.
Missouri, 95 and 45,963,000.
Nebraska, 82 and 47,884,000.
Kansas, 84 and 96,104,000.
Oklahoma, 78 and 29,531,000.

Large Acreage Abandoned.
In a statement on winter wheat the Department of Agriculture said: "The abandonment of acreage, 13.7 per cent, is heavier than the average, (10.9 per cent for 10 years) and heavier than had been generally anticipated, although it followed logically, a very low condition last December. Of the total acreage abandoned (5,778,000), 2,749,000, or nearly one half, is debited to Kansas. The four states of Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas, contribute nearly four-fifths of the total acreage abandonment."

Yield by Acre.
The area of winter wheat remaining to be harvested on May 1 was 36,392,000 acres, or 13.7 per cent less than the acreage planted last autumn. The condition of the crop was 86.4 per cent of a normal, indicating an acre yield of approximately 15.7 bushels.

Production of rye, forecast from May 1 conditions, will be 82,629,000 bushels, based on a condition of 85.8 per cent of a normal.
Production of hay will be 107,550,000 tons, based on a condition of 89.6 per cent of a normal and an expected acreage of 69,531,000 acres, of which 52,605,000 is tame and 15,926,000 wild.

Schwab Cancels Cost-Plus Contracts for New Submarines

Washington, May 8.—The cost-plus contracts of the Submarine Boat company at Newark, N. J., for construction of 160 steel ships of 5,000 tons each have been cancelled. Charles M. Schwab, production director of the emergency fleet corporation, today told the senate commerce committee in an investigation of the company's work. New contracts were substituted on a flat basis of \$960,000 for each ship.

POLICE ROUND UP JOY RIDERS WHO RESIST ARREST

Several Lads Taken Into Custody After Omaha Fires Shots at Gang in Purloined Car.

In the capture of Bert Crook, 130 South Thirty-fifth street, Paul Massey, 4017 Davenport street, and Joe Sollars, 2827 Capitol avenue, police believe that they have the members of the gang of youthful joy riders which has been making the lives of Omaha automobilists not one of all beer and skittles.

About 9 o'clock Tuesday night Edwin T. Swobe saw the gang of youths, who had in the machine with them at the time Ruby Yetchout, 16 years old, 2830 Chicago street, and Julia Doyle, 15 years old, 2914 Douglas street, drive away from in front of the Strand theater in his automobile.

Some Make Escape.
He fired two shots at the joy riders, who stopped the car. Some of them got out and made their escape, but several were captured and in an examination by the police they revealed the identities of their missing companions.

A loaded Remington rifle was found in the car, as was also a lock, such as is used to lock the starting gear of automobiles. A bullet hole was in the lock, the young joy riders using the rifle to break locks of machines, according to police.

Complaint was filed in police court charging Crook and Sollars with unlawfully taking and using an automobile not their own and their cases will be tried Thursday morning. The more youthful members of the gang will be tried in the juvenile court.

Mrs. Massey Explains.
Mrs. R. Massey last night explained that her son, Paul, had been exonerated from any blame in the joy riding affair.

"Paul was invited out for a ride," she explained, "and he knew nothing about the ownership of the car and never suspected the machine was being wrongfully operated. Naturally, the boy is exceedingly embarrassed over the notoriety given his name in connection with something for which he is blameless."

G. KALOS, OMAHA GREEK, WOUNDED ON FRENCH FRONT

Gust Kalos, former Omaha boy and proprietor of a Greek coffee house, 511 South Thirteenth street, is reported to have been wounded in France. The seriousness of his injuries, received in battle, was not stated.

A cousin, Kris Kolis, freight handler at the Northwestern freight depot, said young Kalos enlisted in the United States army in Chicago several months after the declaration of war with Germany. Kalos also operated a grocery store.

Woman Seeks Damages for Injuries in Auto Collision

R. Beecher Howell is being sued for \$10,000 damages in district court by Emma A. Duncan, who alleges that an automobile in which she was riding was struck by another car driven by Howell at Twenty-eighth and Farnam streets. She alleges Howell was driving at an excessive rate of speed. As a result of the collision, she alleges, she was internally injured and the shock caused leakage of the heart.

Musicians Will Entertain Shriners Thursday Night

Henry H. Kruger, potentate of the Tangier temple, announces an unusual entertainment for the Shriners Thursday night, the last meeting of the season.

Miss Ursula G. Deitrich, New York concert artist, will present a program with the Artapello piano player, assisted by Mrs. Florence Basler Palmer, soprano, and Miss Isabelle Radman, violinist.

Bible Students' Leader Caught in Federal Raid

New York, May 8.—Joseph F. Rutherford, successor to "Pastor" Russell, as head of the International Bible Students' association, and five other leaders of organizations founded by Russell, were arrested in a raid by federal authorities in Brooklyn today.

STREET RAILWAY COMPANY WOULD INCREASE FARES

The Omaha Street Railway company, by its attorney, John L. Webster, has filed a petition with the State Railway commission, asking permission to increase the fare from 5 to 6 cents per passenger. In the petition there are 10 reasons given why the increase should be made.

Mr. Webster alleges that the reason of the war, the cost of wages, fuel, material used in maintenance and operation has increased \$95,466 per year; that now a demand for an increased wage is being made by the 1,200 company employees and that if this is granted will add \$200,000 a year to the cost of operation of the system.

It is alleged that the revenue from passenger fares aggregated \$2,583,241.65 during 1917, and an estimate of the revenue for 1918, on the 5-cent basis, will bring in \$2,590,334.

On his basis of figuring, Mr. Webster asserts that with the increased expense of maintenance and the increase in operation, if the 5-cent fare is maintained, by the end of the present year the company will face a deficit of \$515,000.

It is alleged that during 1917 the cars of the company carried a total of 51,664,833 fares. Increasing the fare to 6 cents, it is contended that the company revenue during the year following increase there would be added \$516,648.33. The estimated falling off in travel that would follow the proposed increase in fare is estimated at 5 per cent, and, taking this from the sum obtained by reason of the increase, there would be left a net of \$480,815.92. Even this sum would fail to make up the increased expense bill resulting from war prices for everything bought and used.

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Hail Storm Passes Over City, Preceded by Spring Shower
Rain and hail fell in Omaha shortly before noon Wednesday. The rain was heavy enough to benefit the spring crops. The hail did no damage in the city, but there was a heavier fall in the western part of the state.

The weather Thursday will be unsettled, with probable showers in the north and western parts of the state. Everybody reads Bee Want Ads.

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