

Reserve Banks Redjcount Two Billion In Year

Omaha District Handles \$229,432,000 of Farmers' Paper Based On Production and Crop Sales.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Nearly \$2,000,000,000 worth of paper, based on production and sales of farm products, has been redjcounted by federal reserve banks this year, Governor Harding of the Federal Reserve board estimated in a special report sent today to Chairman Gronna of the senate agriculture committee. The amount of such redjcounts in 1919 was estimated at \$719,266,000. Mr. Harding estimated the figures include 11 districts. There was no report from the New York reserve bank, as the board said there was a very small amount of farmers' paper redjcounted there. Figures from the other districts follow:

- Boston—1919, \$2,642,000; 1920, \$4,979,000.
- Philadelphia—1919, \$2,971,000; 1920, \$3,580,000.
- Cleveland—1919, \$612,000; 1920, \$1,753,000.
- Richmond—1919, \$102,000,000; 1920, \$325,000,000.
- Atlanta—1919, \$91,300,000; 1920, \$230,000,000.
- Chicago—1919, \$47,263,000; 1920, \$128,408,000.
- St. Louis—1919, \$220,000,000; 1920, \$665,000,000.
- Minneapolis—1919, \$75,000,000; 1920, \$225,000,000.
- Kansas City—1919, \$123,481,000; 1920, \$229,432,000.
- Dallas—1919, \$28,997,000; 1920, \$44,911,000.
- San Francisco—1919, \$25,000,000; 1920, \$89,000,000.

The special figures furnished by the federal reserve banks in accordance with your request, said Governor Harding's letter, "are in all cases estimates, no exact figures of the total volume of loans for agricultural purposes being available at the federal reserve banks. It should be borne in mind also that the total amount of farmers' notes redjcounted by federal reserve banks gives no indication of the amounts advanced by the federal reserve banks to finance the production and sale of farm products, since large amounts advanced to member banks in other districts on commercial and industrial paper are used by these banks for loans to agricultural interests. This does not answer the information asked for by the committee," said Chairman Gronna. "The statement that I made in the senate stands, namely, that the board does not know the amount of money loaned to farmers."

Christmas Dinner Cost To Be 15 Per Cent Lower

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Price declines have sliced about 15 per cent off the cost of this year's Christmas dinner, according to figures prepared today by Russel Poole, secretary of the city council's committee on the high cost of living. Mr. Poole, in comparing present prices with those of last Christmas, says oysters have dropped from 75 to 60 cents; turkeys (10 pounds) from \$5.50 to \$5.25; butter (half pound) 38 to 28 cents, and plum pudding from 60 to 35 cents. Christmas dinners put up in baskets, as distributed to the poor by charitable organizations, under contract, cost \$3.50, compared with \$4.50 last year, Mr. Poole said.

Maxwell American Legion Post Elects Officers

Maxwell, Neb., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—At the regular meeting of Fort McPherson post, American Legion, here the following officers were elected: M. L. Chappel, post commander; H. H. Pulliam, vice commander; H. J. Mighell, adjutant; Rodney Roberts, athletic officer; William L. Roberts, treasurer. Following the business meeting the War Mothers served the members an oyster supper.

Good Fellowship Club in Beatrice Will Aid Needy

Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 22.—(Special.) Plans are being made in Beatrice for the proper care of the poor during the winter, and an extra effort is being put forth to see that their Christmas is a happy one. A good fellowship club is being organized and an effort will be made to see that the needy are given plenty to eat and wear during the cold weather.

Probe Packers' Plan

Washington, Dec. 22.—Justice Stafford, in the district supreme court, took under advisement today the plans of the "big five" packers to divest themselves of their stockyard interests as provided in the voluntary decree entered a year ago as the result of a voluntary agreement between the packers and the Department of Justice.

Would Bar Oil Firm

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 22.—Richard J. Hopkins, attorney general, today filed suit in the supreme court to oust the Mid-States Oil and Gas company from doing business in the state. The company stock was sold without first obtaining permission of the blue sky board, it is alleged.

Army Orders

Washington, D. C., Dec. 22.—(Special Telegram.)—Major John H. Gould, veterinary corps, is relieved from duty at Fort Cook, Neb., and will proceed to Fort Riley, Kan. Second Lieut. Vera Palmer, quartermaster co. is relieved of duty at Omaha, and will proceed to San Francisco.

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Jury Holds Former Omahan for Murder

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Tom Craig, who arrived just before the doctors, quoted him as saying, "His throat was dressed and he was taken to the county jail where he is held without bond. His wound is not fatal."

Hears Man Groaning.

A newsboy, whose identity has not been learned, passing the high school, heard a man groaning and found the mayor dying. He died before anyone reached him.

Mrs. McFarland filed suit for divorce on grounds of cruelty about a month ago. She asked custody of the child and moved with him across the street to the home of her parents.

Visits Son.

The husband and father visited his son at the Merriam home several times since the suit was started, according to friends, and asked his wife several times to dismiss the suit. Tuesday he bought gifts for the lad including a coaster wagon and Christmas tree, but his wife failed to withdraw the suit. The court's decision might be taken from him permanently, it is believed to have preyed on his mind to the extent to lead up to last night's tragedy.

The play to which the Merriams were going when the shooting occurred, and in which the son, Fay, had a leading part, was postponed at the news of the mayor's death. Charges of first degree murder probably will be filed against McFarland, according to County Attorney McKellip, because of the coroner's verdict, which pronounced the shooting premeditated. Mayor Merriam had lived in Seward about 50 years, serving as mayor several terms, and as clerk of the district court for several years. He was secretary of the Mutual Protective Insurance company. McFarland lived in California before his marriage to Jessie Merriam seven years ago, when they moved to Omaha. They returned to Seward a short time later. He has operated a soft drink stand here except in the summer months, when he held contracts for amusement parks.

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Bubble Books for the Kiddies
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Trains Late and Wires Down in Storm's Wake

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any trains would arrive because their wires also were down.

Cold in Kansas.

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 22.—The coldest weather this season was experienced by a large portion of Kansas last night, including the middle and eastern sections of the state, where the thermometer ranged from 10 to

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12 degrees above zero. The coldest part of the state was the northwestern, where zero temperature came with a northwest wind.

Snow Plows Busy.

Winner, S. D., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—As a result of the blizzard the Northwestern railroad between Winner and Norfolk is tied up by huge drifts. Snow plows are busy with indications that the line will be clear by Thursday morning. Similar conditions are reported elsewhere.

Snow Helps Wheat.

Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Farmers state that the heavy snow is just the thing for crops of all kinds, and especially the winter wheat. The snowfall will put the ground in good condition for the winter.

Sue for \$75,000

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Suit for \$75,000 was filed by the Hartford Insurance company in United States district court here today against John Barton Payne, former director general of railroads. The suit is an echo of the Whiting, Ind., mail robbery three years ago, at which time packages

Would Kill Robbers

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 22.—A bill to make bank robbery, highway robbery and burglary offenses punishable by death will be introduced at the next session of the Missouri legislature, M. A. O'Donnell, representative-elect from Jackson county, announced today. Mr. O'Donnell is drafting the proposed bill.

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