

# STATE NEWS IN BRIEF

## CROPS TO EXCEED QUARTER BILLION

MINNESOTA GRAIN PRODUCTION MAY RUN OVER 300,000,000 BUSHELS THIS YEAR.

## SPRING WHEAT YIELD HEAVY

Crop Promises 69,300,000 Bushels According to Forecast—Increase Indicated for Oats, Barley, Potatoes and Apples.

Minneapolis.—Minnesota will have 297,420,000 bushels of wheat, corn, oats, barley, rye and flaxseed this year, or 38,456,000 bushels more than the combined production of these crops last year, according to the government forecast based on condition and acreage on Aug. 1.

If good weather continues for a time, the production, on the government basis of estimate, which is subject to revision, should run well over 300,000,000 bushels.

Every crop that the state raises, that figures in important manner in the money inflow to the farmers, is ahead of last year, except corn and hay. Corn still has a good chance to improve. The government found that the Aug. 1 condition warranted an estimate of 60,000,000 bushels for the state's production. Last year there was a corn yield in the state of 51,000,000 bushels. Every day of good weather from now on will mean the narrowing of the distance between 60,000,000 and 91,000,000 by an increase of the smaller total.

## Spring Wheat Yield Heavy.

The spring wheat crop of Minnesota promises 69,300,000 bushels. This compares with the final production in 1914 of 42,000,000.

Minnesota also has a winter wheat crop. It will produce 1,140,000 bushels, compared with 975,000 in 1914.

Oats will run away over last year. The Aug. 1 outlook was for 120,000,000 bushels, compared with 85,120,000 actually raised last year.

Barley is ahead, with 38,300,000 bushels, against 31,694,000 last year, and of rye there is 5,700,000 bushels in sight, compared with 5,245,000. Minnesota will have 2,980,000 bushels of flaxseed, the government says, compared with 2,930,000 last year.

The potato crop is set down for 33,200,000 bushels, compared with 30,780,000. Orchards will yield 1,300,000 bushels of apples, compared with 700,000.

Time hay promises 2,630,000 tons. Last year there was a state production of 3,294,000 tons.

## CITY SEEKS RE-ASSESSMENTS

Commissioners at Thief River Falls Make Recommendations to Tax Commission.

Thief River Falls.—The county commissioners, acting as a board of equalization, held an adjourned meeting here for the purpose of taking definite action in regard to the assessment book of this city. D. B. Bakke has been assessor two years. This year the personal property assessment shows a decrease of \$97,376 over last year, despite the fact that it was generally conceded there should be a substantial increase.

As a result of inequalities in the assessment, the board recommended to the state tax commission that a re-assessment of the city be made immediately by a special assessor sent here to work under the direction of the commission.

Moneys and credits in 1914 were assessed at \$33,485, while in 1915 they were only \$261,288. Goods and merchandise in wholesale stocks in the city were assessed this year at only \$1,565, while last year they were \$23,375.

## Zumbrota Ready for Fair.

Zumbrota.—With the nine new buildings and the racetracks of the Goodhue County Agricultural society practically completed, everything is in readiness for the 54th annual fair which will be held here Aug. 31-Sept. 3. Wednesday, Sept. 1, will be the big day. Governor W. S. Hammond will deliver an address. The following day W. A. McKerrow and L. V. Ferril will give practical talks for farmers. An excellent program which includes auto and motorcycle races, free attractions, daylight fireworks and ball games, has been arranged. The new grounds will be dedicated and the largest crowd in the history of the association is expected.

## Wheat Too Heavy For Binder.

Crookston.—The barley harvest is almost completed. Many farmers are cutting oats and a few are cutting wheat. The harvesting of wheat will be general before the end of the week. C. W. Wilder is cutting wheat that is so heavy a swath only five feet wide can be cut with an eight-foot binder. And a swath that wide keeps the needle at work constantly. The wheat is well filled and the quality excellent. This field will thrash 30 bushels an acre or more.

## BREAKS THE BUTTER RECORD

Minnesota Makes More of the Commodity Than Ever Before in History—Prices Decline.

St. Paul.—Minnesota is making more butter than ever before in its history. While the price of milk is boosted from 7 to 8 cents a quart, the price of butter is taking a tumble, which already has brought it to the lowest point in years at this season. Butter was quoted at wholesale at 23½ cents, while retail prices ranged from 27 to 35 cents a pound.

Milk dealers pin the blame for the high price of their commodity on farmers who hold contracts made months ago. Buttermakers, on the other hand, buy only cream, which this season is unusually rich.

Milk Conditions Ideal. Abundant water and green grass have made ideal conditions for the production of milk heavy in butter fat, and the big production resulting from this has been increased still farther by the falling off in the consumption of ice cream. The entire situation is the outcome of the cold, rainy summer.

"Butter prices are controlled by outside conditions, such as the weather, which vary from time to time," said H. E. Wells a commission merchant. "Milk prices are practically beyond the control of the city dealer who makes his contracts for long periods, with arbitrary increases at this season of the year, when under normal conditions the output begins to decrease."

## CAMPAIGN AGAINST YEGGMEN

Minnesota Bankers' Association Ready to Protect Country Banks During Harvest Season.

Minneapolis, Minn. — Prospect of an unusually big crop in the Northwest means need of unusually large supplies of money to move it, and that means the country banks will be running over with currency in a few weeks. That means necessity for vigilance. Hence Charles D. Brown, manager of the protective department of the Minnesota Bankers' association, returned from a vacation in Manitou, Colo., prepared to start the annual campaign against the yeggmens.

## ROAD TO RELEASE LANDS

Duluth and Iron Range Company to File Grants Involving 104,160 Acres—Conference Held.

Duluth.—At a conference held here between State Auditor J. A. O. Preus and F. E. House, president, L. B. Arnold, land commissioner, and George W. Morgan of the legal department of the Duluth & Iron Range Railroad company, it was agreed that the land grants of the company should be filed and that the company release to the state 104,160 acres of land.

The state legislature March 19, 1875, granted to the railroad company approximately 606,200 acres. Between 5,000 and 6,000 acres still are to be decided by the state to the railroad.

That the development of St. Louis county may not be retarded, to give settlers an opportunity to purchase state lands and to give the state the right to sell these lands, the railroad officials agreed to release the land.

## "LITTLE MOTHER," AGE 13, IS DROWNED IN RICE LAKE.

Brainerd.—In the presence of a crowd of playmates Evelyn Beldon, 13-year-old daughter of Clyde Beldon, waded beyond her depth in Rice lake, a few miles northeast of Brainerd, and crying "save me," drowned.

Mary Oaks, a companion, endeavored to save her. Mrs. William Schwendeman, who could not swim, waded out to the struggling girl but stepped into a hole and was nearly drowned. Girls formed a human chain and saved Mrs. Schwendeman.

The body was found an hour later in fifteen feet of water, after Evelyn's little brother had dived until exhausted.

Evelyn was the oldest of six children and the family's "little mother" and housekeeper.

## Father of Eighteen Dies Near Currie.

Slayton.—Ira A. Marlette, aged 71, died at his home near Currie. He came to Murray county in 1871 and resided continuously on the farm where he died. He was the father of 18 children, 11 of whom and their mother survive.

## Cigar End Costs Right Hand.

St. Cloud.—Because he stopped to pick up a partially smoked cigar dropped by a passenger, E. M. Lee, a laborer whose home is Grantsburg, lost his right hand at the depot in Sartell.

Lee was on his way west and started to board the blind baggage on a Northern Pacific passenger train. As he stooped for the cigar he stumbled and his right arm extended over the rail. The hand was severed just above the wrist.

## STATE'S CATTLE NOT MENACED

DANGER OF SPREAD OF FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE SLIGHT.

Minnesota Secretary of Live Stock Sanitary Board Explains Outbreak in Dodge County.

Minneapolis, Minn. — Danger of spread of foot-and-mouth disease in Minnesota was declared slight by Dr. S. H. Ward, secretary of the State Live Stock Sanitary board, on his return from Dodge county, which has been placed under federal quarantine.

Doctor Ward confirmed the statement issued by Arthur G. Leonard, president of the Chicago Union Stock Yards company, that the present outbreak of the disease was due entirely to the distribution of a certain lot of anti-hog cholera serum, that the authorities had a complete record showing each individual farm where this serum had been used, and every party to whom any of it had been consigned.

Outbreak to Be Limited. "The outbreak will necessarily be limited in extent and of short duration," Mr. Leonard's statement read.

Doctor Ward reported that 35 hogs and 20 cattle on the farm of A. H. Everts, six miles northeast of West Concord, in Dodge county, would be killed at once. The disease has been found on the Everts stock are the first and only known in Minnesota. Mr. Everts is said to be the only man in this state who purchased the questioned serum. Twelve of his hogs show symptoms of the disease.

Doctor Ward predicted the quarantine would be lifted from at least a part of the county in a few days.

A meeting of the Live Stock Sanitary board is a probability.

## AUTO SPEEDERS PAY FINES

Six Men Caught in Trap Laid by Sheriff at Excelsior Plead Guilty.

Excelsior, Minn. — Six automobilists, caught in the trap laid by the sheriff for speeders on the boulevards to Lake Minnetonka, pleaded guilty before Justice of the Peace Aggar at Excelsior. Each was fined \$10 and costs, amounting to \$5.66.

The six were among the 38 alleged speeders who were stopped by the sheriff's men. None were detained. Each gave his name and the warrants were sent out. Deputies told Justice Aggar that the men were driving at rates varying from 32 to 40 miles an hour.

Nineteen more warrants were issued and Sheriff Langum says that there will be no let-up until speeding on the county boulevards has ceased.

## FAIR ENTRIES BREAK RECORD

Exhibits for Minnesota State Exposition Largest Ever Known—Horses and Cattle Are Entered.

Minneapolis.—Entries for cattle and horses at the Minnesota State Fair broke three records of long standing.

The biggest entry of Red Polled cattle, Herefords and Ayrshires ever received has reached the entry department. The Red Polled show, swelled by the entry of the Jean Du Luth farm, Duluth, has 110 entries, compared with a previous high mark of 78, established last year. The Hereford show, with 148 entries from 12 exhibitors, exceeds the former record by 30.

Superintendent E. E. Miller of St. Peter says there will be nearly twice as many horse exhibitors from Minnesota than in any former year. The class of draft horses in harness promises to be specially strong.

## Finds Ergot in Rye Field.

Rochester.—W. K. Marshall, a government field worker, is conducting an investigation here to ascertain what per cent of rye in the fields is infected with ergot, a poisonous germ. Ergot appears in the form of black rye kernels and is said by government chemists to be poisonous when fed to stock. To what extent it damages the grain Mr. Marshall could not state, but said that fully one-third of a field near St. Cloud, where he conducted a similar investigation, was infected.

## Boy Fishermen Catch Corpse.

Winona.—Boys fishing beneath a railway bridge a few miles below Winona brought to the surface the body of Christian Vorbeck, 53 years old, caretaker of the Minnowah summer residents' property. He had been missing several days and it is believed, because of a fog, he walked into the river. The body shows no marks of injuries.

## Twin Cities' Petition Granted.

Minneapolis, Aug. 13.—Petitions of Minneapolis and St. Paul business interests are granted in their entirety in a tentative order filed by the Minnesota railroad and warehouse commission, making Minneapolis, St. Paul and Minnesota Transfer a common rate point for state business as they were before the Cashman law went into effect, and as they now are on interstate shipments. Rates, according to the order, are to be made on the shortest distance.

## SCANDINAVIAN NEWS

SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT HAPPENINGS IN FAR OFF NORTHWEST.

### ITEMS FROM THE OLD HOME

Resume of the Most Important Events in Sweden, Norway and Denmark—Of Interest to the Scandinavians in America.

#### SWEDEN.

A few Sundays ago 65,000 Swedish women attended peace conferences in some of the larger cities of the country. In most cases they either strengthened their existing organizations or established new ones. On June 7, the tenth anniversary of the breaking up of the union of Sweden and Norway, the Nerikes Tidning said: "The Union, instead of uniting the two nations, finally stood as a wall between them. Therefore, its fall was the best thing that could happen. The Union in which nature has placed them still stands. A dissolution of the Union could not force them apart. And they begin to feel that they are more closely connected now than at any time during the Union period."

Some boys in Ronneby found a pocketbook full of money and papers near a pile of garbage. They did not know what it was, and so asked an old man for an explanation. He could easily see that there was a snug sum of cash, but the papers he did not understand. He advised the boys to show what they had found to the police, and so they did. It was found that the cash amounted to \$80, and there were three bank checks of \$1,350 each. The police soon found the owner, who had lost his pocketbook while digging for angleworms in a back yard.

The Swedish army has been considerably developed since the beginning of the European war, according to a correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph company. It is officially announced that Sweden now has 350,000 regulars and 175,000 Landstormers. Supplies of ammunition and war material have been brought up to date, and the Swedish military writers state that the army has never before stood at such a high point of efficiency. Five thousand new officers and noncommissioned officers have been appointed.

Book publishers all over the country have organized a special company for the purpose of using this as a means of disposing of books which cannot be sold in the usual way. The idea is to sell the books at a very low rate through this company. The capital stock of the company must be no less than \$8,000 and no more than \$24,000.

It is reported from Gothenburg that Sven Hedin received a telegraphic invitation from Field Marshal von Hindenburg to be present at the capitulation of Warsaw. Von Hindenburg urged Hedin's immediate departure in order not to miss witnessing the great historic event. Hedin left immediately for Berlin.

A dispatch to the Morning Post from Stockholm says "The British government has granted permission in the Swedish Cotton Spinners' association to convey to Sweden 55,000 bales of cotton now lying in English ports, provided satisfactory guarantees are given that the cotton will not be re-exported."

Dr. Sven Hedin has spent several months along the battle line in France and Flanders, and he will soon publish a new book on what he has seen. This book will be larger than the one he wrote about his observations along the eastern battle line. He will be sure not to handle the allies with silk gloves.

The Swedish Cremation society has published its annual report for 1914. The membership at the end of the year was 3,724. The number of cremation funerals for the year was 123, of which 85 took place at the Stockholm crematory.

Two more "Persian Swedes" have returned home from Persia, namely, Maj. G. H. Pravit and Dr. H. Karlstrom. They had a very pleasant trip through Russia, where they were treated with exceptional kindness.

The fuel dealers of Stockholm have raised the price of wood, the amount being from 50 cents to \$1 per cord. The most expensive wood is unsawed birch, which is quoted at about \$11 a cord.

Russia has abandoned the plan of putting an embargo on the exportation of grain to Sweden.

Mrs. Ida Trotzig, who has distinguished herself by her study of the tea ceremonies of the Japanese, has sent a valuable collection of Japanese insects to the national museum of Sweden. The insects were gathered in the vicinity of Kobe, from which locality the museum had very few specimens. Mrs. Trotzig has promised to send more specimens so as to complete the collection from this locality.

In spite of the embargo on the exportation of eggs, the price of eggs constantly going up.

#### DENMARK.

A temporary law giving the Danish minister of justice arbitrary powers to restrain the press in its comment upon matters connected with the war, has been hurriedly passed and signed by King Christian. Newspapers violating the regulation will be subject to fine and will not have recourse to the regular tribunals. The passage of this measure is due to the desire of the government to check its criticism of the belligerent powers.

The Danish steamship Nogill, bound from Gothenburg, Sweden, for the river Tyne, and laden with railway ties, has been sunk in the North sea by a German submarine. The crew of the steamer was landed at Wilhelmshaven, near Bremen.

German submarines have sunk three Danish schooners, the Maria, the Neptunus and the Lena, in the North sea. The crews of these vessels were landed at Blyth.

The Danish steamer, Tuborg, from Baltimore for Nykjobing, Denmark, and the Norwegian steamer, Glitra, Savannah for Helsingborg, have been detained at Kirkwall.

The Danish Dentists' association has received the permission of the war ministry of the country for its members to offer their services to the German army. The Danish minister in Berlin has been empowered to secure the permission of the German authorities for Danish dentists to work in the hospitals in Germany.

The ice is still crowding upon the north shore of Iceland, and the like of it has not been seen by the oldest inhabitant. The Bergen steamers which were wont to go to the north coast could not go there this season and had to return half way. The fishermen complain that the prospects are very poor.

The Germans have doubled the number of watchmen at the Danish boundary line, and now they are so close together that they may have a pleasant chat as far as the distance is considered.

The son of a blacksmith in a Jylland village was called to the colors and had to go. This left the old man in a bad pinch. He could not afford to give up his business, he needed help, but no one could be had. So his wife, who is almost sixty years old offered to take the place of their son, and she is now swinging the sledge hammer with a vim and perseverance which is the astonishment of the village. "Well," says the old man with a twinkle in his eye, "the old lady and I have struck many a blow together in this shop. We could not afford to hire help, and I can say that she is the most faithful apprentice that I ever saw, but I must also add that I have taught her the trade myself."

The severe drought that for a while threatened to destroy the crops has been broken. About two inches of rain fell in the eastern part of the country, where it was most needed. This acted like a magic upon all kinds of plant life. The pastures and the root crops were put in good shape in a remarkably short time. In some places the grain had commenced to head out before the rain came, and in such cases the yield cannot be rich. The hay crop is bound to be small all over the eastern part of the country, but there is likely to be a rich after-math. The reports are more favorable from other parts of the country. In Finmarken the prospects are very bright, for there has been plenty of rain and warm weather—above the polar circle. From Nordland and Trondelagen the reports are also favorable.

#### NORWAY.

The purchase of the co-operative supply companies of Norway amounted to more than \$3,000,000 for the past year. Five years ago the amount was only \$1,000,000.

The Glommen river, the longest in the country, is carrying 8,500,000 logs to the sawmills or to the sea this season.

There is 755,000 tons of grain stored up in the granaries of the national government and of the communes. The military stores as included this amount.

One hundred years ago the national debt was equal to \$8 per inhabitant. Now it is \$39.

Sixty years ago the annual trade of Norway was about \$24,500,000, now it is about \$260,000,000.

The late Georg Johan Knap and wife established a legacy of \$14,500, the interest of which is to be used for the benefit of sea captains and mates residing in Tonsberg, or their widows.

The Lastadian Christians, or followers of a Finnish revivalist named Lastadius, who made a great impression upon the people of northern Sweden in some fifty years ago, have held an international convention at Vadsö, in the northern part of Norway. The church in which the sessions were held was packed every day. Several Finlanders preached, and their sermons were translated into Norwegian.

The Norwegian steamship Trondhjemsjord was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine.

## THE CHARM OF MOTHERHOOD

Enhanced By Perfect Physical Health.

The experience of Motherhood is a trying one to most women and marks distinctly an epoch in their lives. Not one woman in a hundred is prepared or understands how to properly care for herself. Of course nearly every woman nowadays has medical treatment at such times, but many approach the experience with an organism unfitted for the trial of strength, and when it is over her system has received a shock from which it is hard to recover. Following right upon this comes the nervous strain of caring for the child, and a distinct change in the mother results.

There is nothing more charming than a happy and healthy mother of children, and indeed child-birth under the right conditions need be no hazard to health or beauty. The unexplainable thing is that, with all the evidence of shattered nerves and broken health resulting from an unprepared condition, and with ample time in which to prepare, women will persist in going blindly to the trial.

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One of London's Oldest Women. Mrs. Mary Mitchell of Old Brompton, Chatham, recently celebrated her one hundredth birthday. She is a widow and is the granddaughter of a centenarian who died at the age of one hundred and three. As a member of the Wesleyan Methodist community, she was the first Bible woman to visit the homes of the royal marines as long ago as 1832.—London Times.

Drink Denison's Coffee, For your health's sake.

United States trade with Canada in 1914 amounted to \$492,450,324.

An income tax means an outgo check.

## Danger in Delay

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## A Minnesota Case

Mrs. Mary J. Miller, Elm St., Glencoe, Minn., says: "I had sharp pains in my left side and they steadily got worse. Finally I was laid up in bed and the doctor suggested an operation. I had almost given up in despair, when someone suggested Doan's Kidney Pills. They brought wonderful relief. I gradually got better until I was in good health again. I now have no sign of kidney trouble."



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