

HOW TO INCREASE THE POPULATION

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LARGE FAMILIES NAMED

Artists Are Taken Care of and Given a Good, Substantial Meal for Ten Cents in Famous Gardens.

(By Henry Wood, United Press Staff Correspondent.)

PARIS, April 24. (By mail to New York.)—Government co-operation in solving the great problem of repopulating France when the war is over was today asked by the national alliance for the increase of the French population.

For a number of years past this society has been hard at work on the question of bringing France's birth rate up above its mortality. With the possibility of France losing, in the present war, at least 1,000,000 of the very flower of her manhood, the alliance has redoubled its efforts.

It has just submitted to the government a long list of French families who have all the way from half a dozen to a dozen and a half children at the front. It is urged that governmental recognition be given to these families to such an extent as to serve as a permanent encouragement in the future to the raising of large families as a mere patriotic duty.

One of the most interesting discoveries made by the alliance in preparing the list of families that have contributed the most sons to the present defense of the "patrie" is that these large families have been just as common among the intellectual classes of the country as among the poorer. The idea that any one class for "economic" reasons has restricted more than another the raising of large families has been thus entirely disproved.

Following is a list of some of the families which the alliance has asked the government to recognize: Professor Charles Richet, member of the French Institute, father of eight children, of whom five sons as well as one son-in-law, are serving under the colors.

The late Alfred de Foville, who in addition to being a member of the Institute of France, was the permanent secretary of the Academy of Moral Sciences. He had four sons and four daughters. All four of the sons are with the army as are also the husbands of all four of the daughters. Two of the sons have been wounded, cured, and are back at the front.

Of the nine sons of Professor Camille Jordan, also of the Institute, eight are with the colors.

All seven of the sons of General de Castellan went to the front except the youngest, who is a mere school boy yet. Three have been killed.

Side by side with these families of "intellectuals" are listed those of workmen who have made equal if not greater contributions to the nation's defense.

The most startling of these is a family by the name of Blanc living at Saint Paul, near Evian-les-Bains, in Upper Savoy. There six brothers, five of whom were married, had among

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are freely expressed here. Nevertheless, the capital remains quiet. Up to the present there have been no disorders, but serious outbreaks will follow should Japan invade China. The government has suggested to the missionaries that they remain in their homes until the present situation develops.

The Japanese legation declines to say whether any further attempt has been made to reopen the negotiations or whether the Japanese ultimatum has been delivered. President Yuan Shi Kai and the cabinet held a long conference today, but nothing was made public.

It is understood that while a majority of the cabinet favored granting the Japanese demands, the minority took the position that to do so will simply add to the nation's troubles. If Japan takes control of China by force, the government will be safe, but if she is granted the right to dominate China's affairs, a revolution is certain.

The best troops in the army are assembled here, but these are not in shape to make any real resistance. They are short of ammunition and every sort of supplies.

Japanese troops are reported to have mounted cannon at Tainan, in Shantung, without any opposition being made by the Chinese troops there.

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any place other than British possessions and the allied countries. It is feared this action will force the closing of many collieries and that thousands of miners will be thrown out of work. Pressure was being brought to bear today to have the order modified to permit the continuation of coal exports to the Scandinavian countries and to South America.

THE LIQUOR QUESTION

LONDON, May 6.—The cabinet today discussed at some length various proposed modifications of the Lloyd-Greough liquor bill. The bill in its original form is admittedly dead.

With starvation actually staring the artists in the face, their case was finally taken up with the government by the children of Henri Bouilhet, former vice president of the Central Union of Decorative Arts. The minister of fine arts placed the gardens of the royal palace at his disposal and there in the former royal pavilion the ten cent restaurant has just been opened.

The first meal served was partaken of not only by about 100 artists but by the minister of fine arts and official representatives of the salon of French artists, the national society of fine artists, the autumn salon, and the national school and union of decorative arts.

Children and other descendants of Henri Bouilhet, who founded the restaurant, will do all of the cooking and serving free to the artists until the war ends. The 10 cents they pay is expected to be sufficient to buy the raw food.

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republicanism as well as hostility to the existing northern regime under the existing Yuan Shi Kai was said to have developed rapidly of late, were ripe for secession and sovereignty of their own.

Crosses on Aeroplanes

WASHINGTON, May 6.—The aeroplane which bombarded the American steamship Cushing off the Dutch coast had three crosses painted on its under side, according to a report of the incident received at the state department from Consul Liscoe at Rotterdam today.

Inasmuch as it is understood the Germans have lately been decorating their aeroplanes with representations of the iron crosses and none of the other belligerents' air craft are known to have similar markings, it was considered an important piece of evidence had been secured.

WAR BABIES TO BE ADOPTED

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foreshadows what is coming in England. The war babies to be adopted will be those whose mothers are unable to support them. These will include many young girls who have been wronged by those not caring to assume responsibility. The situation is probably not exaggerated, but whether it is or not it is painfully known world-wide that such a situation really exists and that it must be dealt with. This we intend to do.

Mrs. Pankhurst said that on June 2 she will unfold the details of her plan to the British public and will then ask for financial and moral support. She said that she will appeal to America and other neutral countries for aid so that the work can go forward without delay. The number of babies to be cared for initially will depend on the public aid received.

Slaughter Located in Mexico. [United Press Leased Wire Service.] DENVER, Colo., May 6.—Whether Connie C. Slaughter is actually under arrest on his father's ranch near

Juarez, Mexico, or is merely under surveillance pending arrival of extradition papers could not be stated by the local federal authorities today. They intimated that the difficulties with the various factions in Mexico might complicate matters. Slaughter would be returned here to face indictments for looting the Merchants' National Bank at Pueblo.

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back. He gets a lay-out that was left by some soldier yesterday; he leaves his layout here and some soldier that comes tomorrow will get that." The British army efficiency extends to physiology. In a town not a great distance from the bath house is the "Follies." It's a theatre.

Its object is to make the soldier behind the trench line forget all about the war. It has exactly the same object as the remarkable me who convalescent hospitals in the war zone, which are nothing more or less than "rest cures" for tired or nerve-strained men and not hospitals for wounded or sick men.

"The Follies" is a real theatre in a fair sized town. It's a soldiers' show. The six men who make up the troupe were soldiers excused from shooting and fighting just because they could sing and dance and make other soldiers forget themselves.

The night I saw "The Follies" there were Londoners around me who enjoyed the show as heartily apparently as if it had been given in a music hall in London. The song hit of the night was this: "Hear the military bands a playing, 'Rule Britannia and God Save the King'."

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Former Iowa Senator Held for Several Hours, But Was Allowed to Go. [United Press Leased Wire Service.] LONDON, May 6.—Advices from Vienna say that former U. S. Senator Austria, who was arrested at Innsbruck, and a companion, were arrested on suspicion of espionage. Young was held for several hours, but when his identity was established he was released with apologies. His companion was detained for some time afterward, but eventually he, too, was released. Young later proceeded to Berlin. It was stated that his companion had been suspected of being a spy and that it was because of this that Young was arrested.

SCHOONER SUNK

LONDON, May 6.—The British schooner Earl of Latham has been torpedoed off the Irish coast. Her crew has been landed at Kinsale.

TRAWLER SUNK

GRIMSBY, England, May 6.—The trawler Stratton has been sunk by a German submarine.

The Stratton was held up by the submarine in the North sea on Wednesday and her crew was taken on board the German craft. The sea cocks were opened to sink the vessel, but after waiting four hours the patience of the German submarine commander became exhausted and he fired eight shots into her hull with his deck gun. Later on the crew were put into their own life boat and turned adrift to be picked up by a Hartlepole trawler.

With Tommy Atkins.

[By Wm G. Shephard, United Press Staff Correspondent.] [Copyright 1915 by the United Press.] [Copyrighted in Great Britain.] HEADQUARTERS OF THE BRITISH ARMY, NORTHERN FRANCE, April 26.—(By mail to New York.) A week with the British army is divided into two parts. You spend the first part, if you're an American, learning that quietness and an absence of fuss doesn't mean inefficiency; you spend the second half in observing demonstrations of one hundred percent efficiency.

It is not only in the brilliant ends of war, like firing and fighting that you see remarkable results attained; it is in the common, every day affairs of maintaining the army and keeping it happy.

I can show you a young English officer who probably wears a monocle in Piccadilly and who never loses his well bred expression of being bored, even while he's showing you over the great bath house and laundry which he started some months ago.

"Well, here's the baz of tricks," he says, as he waves his riding stick across the entrance of the red brick building.

"You see there was a awful lot of our men who got no chance to bathe during the early part of the war. Some of them went three months without bathing. I've got two of their shirts nailed up in picture frames which ought to be presented to the British museum. It isn't the dirt so much as the little animals, what? Well, we took this jolly old place and turned it into a clothing house for the soldiers."

Incidentally "we" is really this London chap. "Had to work with what we could find here," he explains. "We are bathing a thousand soldiers here every day. It takes a soldier an hour to go through the mill and he comes out with his uniform sterilized and with his socks, shirt and underwear all clean and fresh and darned."

"How do you sort his clothes washed and dried so soon?" "Oh, you see, he doesn't get his own underwear and shirt and socks

Hamilton Gate City

Hamilton, Ill., May 6.

Will H. Sohm, of Quincy, was in Hamilton yesterday on business. W. W. Pinkerton of Davenport, has been in Hamilton for two days on business.

Geo. Rayburn, of Neosho, Mo., was registered at Hotel Granite yesterday. The new submarine boat is receiving a new coat of paint. The stockholders are doing the painting and putting the boat in fine shape. They expect to be ready for action by Sunday.

F. R. Holdford of Chicago, is a Hamilton business caller today. Alfred Maggard and D. R. Evans of Quincy were in Hamilton yesterday on business.

J. Sorrell of South Peoria, was a business caller yesterday. R. G. Shields of Bloomington, was a Hamilton caller yesterday. A. C. Ruckdeschel of Muscatine,

lowa, was a business caller yesterday. We hear there is another enterprise going to locate in Hamilton. We seem to be on the map in big letters, as there are more strangers here every day now than have been for years.

Mrs. Clara R. Titus of Keokuk gave a luncheon to fifteen of her friends at the Hotel Granite yesterday. They had a very pleasant time.

Miss Joy Walker of Carthage was registered at Hotel Granite yesterday. A. W. O'Hara of Carthage was in Hamilton yesterday on business. Mr. O'Hara is interested in our town as much or more than any one in the county. There are a great many things in Hamilton that are due to Mr. O'Hara having an interest in our town.

D. P. Coffman of Lincoln, Ill., was a business caller yesterday. said Attorney Ivins, eliciting the colonel's broadest smile, with a full view of his teeth and no resentment. Justice Andrews' ruling followed a vigorous effort of Roosevelt's lawyers to get in the evidence of Albany conditions.

The lawyers contended that Roosevelt's alleged libel charged Barnes with corruption and that they should be allowed to prove that Roosevelt was told Barnes was a party to alleged Albany graft, by having "machine" workers employed in gambling houses.

That the libel statement referred solely to state and not local corruption, was Justice Andrews' decision. He said any facts Roosevelt had of local Albany affairs were immaterial. The ruling shut out a vast quantity of testimony.

To Send Hospital Unit.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] CHICAGO, May 6.—A complete hospital unit to be known as the Chicago corps will be Chicago's contribution to the British army it was learned today.

At the request of the British war department, Dr. John E. Murphy is organizing the corps to consist of thirty-two Chicago doctors, and seventy-four nurses. It is expected to be ready to sail in five or six weeks. Its active head when it leaves American will be Dr. James M. Neff, an associate of Dr. Murphy.

Volunteers are in excess of the requirements, Dr. Murphy said today. [United Press Leased Wire Service.] CHICAGO, May 6.—The Commonwealth Edison Co., has personal holdings in Illinois to the value of \$31,000,000. It developed today when tax schedules were returned to the assessor. An increase of \$2,000,000 is shown over last year.

The Marshall Field estate scheduled \$14,500,000. [United Press Leased Wire Service.] CHICAGO, May 6.—The weather was unsettled east of the Rockies, with depressions central in western Texas, the central mountain region, and in the upper Mississippi valley.

There have been showers from the plains to the central valleys, and the rainfall was heaviest at Denver, where it has changed to snow this morning. It is somewhat warmer east of the Missouri river, and an area of high pressure, moving from the north into Montana is causing freezing temperature in the northern mountain and plains states, the temperature falling to 28 at Denver last night.

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River Bulletin. Flood Stage. Stage. Change. St. Paul ..... 14 6.0 x0.4 La Crosse ..... 12 6.5 0.0 Dubuque ..... 18 8.5 -0.2 Davenport ..... 15 6.8 -0.2 Keokuk ..... 14 7.2 0.0 St. Louis ..... 20 Not received.

The river will remain nearly stationary, or fall slightly from Davenport to Keokuk during the next forty-eight hours.

Local Observations. May. Bar. Ther. Wind W'thr 5 7 p. m.—29.78 65 S Pt Cl'd'y 6 7 a. m.—29.78 55 SE Lt. rain Mean temperature 5th, 57. Highest, 69. Lowest, 45. Lowest last night, 55. FRED Z. GOSEWISCH, Observer.

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LATEST MARKET QUOTATIONS

United Press Associations Telegraph Market Report Over Gate City Leased Wire.

Grain Review.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] CHICAGO, May 6.—After an opening bulge in prices, wheat today weakened. The opening advance was due to firm cables. Later prices were sharply lower on the prospects for more record breaking crops this year. News of Kansas prospects was a prime factor of the bear slide.

There was very little doing in the corn market. Prices were unchanged up to 3/4 at opening. Later, when wheat went down, corn prices followed suit.

The oats opening was quiet and a shade easier. With the downward trend in other cereals, oats prices also went noticeably lower later. Provisions opened with slight changes, but the increased receipts soon showed its effect in sharply lower prices.

Daily Range of Prices.

CHICAGO, Ill., May 6.—

Table with columns: WHEAT, CORN, OATS, PORK, LARD, RIBS. Rows for May, July, Sep. with prices for Open, High, Low, Close.

Chicago Cash Grain

CHICAGO, May 6.—Wheat—No. 2 red, \$1.59 1/4 @ 1.60; No. 3 red, \$1.59; No. 2 hard, \$1.59 1/4 @ 1.60 1/4; No. 3 hard, \$1.58 1/4 @ 1.59 1/4. Corn—No. 2 yellow, 77 1/4 @ 78c; No. 3 yellow, 77 1/4 @ 77 3/4; No. 2 white, 78 1/4 @ 78 3/4; No. 3 white, 77 1/4 @ 77 3/4; No. 2 mixed, 77 1/4 @ 77 3/4; No. 3 mixed, 77 1/4 @ 77 3/4; No. 4 mixed, 76 1/4 @ 77 1/4; No. 5 mixed, 76 1/4 @ 77 1/4; No. 6 mixed, 74 1/4 @ 76 1/4; No. 7 mixed, 72 1/4 @ 73 1/4. Oats—No. 3 white, 54 1/4 @ 55c; No. 4 white, 54 @ 54 1/4; standard, 55 1/4 @ 56c.

Peoria Grain.

PEORIA, Ill., May 6.—Corn—Market 1/4 @ 1/2 lower. No. 3 yellow, 77c; No. 3 mixed, 77c; No. 2 yellow, 74 1/2 @ 75c. Oats—Market unchanged, 1/2 @ 1/2 lower. No. 2 white, 55c; No. 3 white, 54 1/2 @ 54c.

Chicago Seed Market.

CHICAGO, Ill., May 5.—Rye, No. 2, nominal. Barley, 75 @ 79c. Timothy, \$5.50 @ 7.00. Clover, \$8.50 @ 13.00.

Chicago Live Stock.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] CHICAGO, May 6.—The hog market closed slow at the opening prices. The estimated receipts for tomorrow were 18,000. The cattle market closed slow and steady, with \$9.90 as the top. The sheep market closed strong with \$8.40 the top for sheep and \$10.50 for lambs.

Chicago Live Stock. CHICAGO, May 6.—Hog receipts 21,000; market slow, steady. 5c lower. Mixed and butchers, \$7.25 @ 7.65; good heavy, \$7.40 @ 7.60; rough heavy, \$6.95 @ 7.10; light, \$7.35 @ 7.75; pigs, \$5.25 @ 6.55. Cattle market steady. 10 @ 25c higher. Receipts 3,500; beefs, \$6.50 @ \$9.90; cows and heifers, \$3.00 @ \$8.50; Texans, \$5.75 @ 6.50; calves, \$6.50 @ 9.25. Sheep receipts 6,000; market steady. Native, \$7.40 @ 8.25; western, \$7.40 @ 8.40; lambs, \$5.00 @ 10.50; western, \$8.00 @ 10.50.

ST. LOUIS Live Stock. EAST ST. LOUIS, May 6.—Cattle receipts 1,000; market steady. Texas receipts 150; native beef steers, \$7.50 @ 8.50; yearling steers and heifers, \$5.00 @ 9.30; cows, \$5.00 @ 7.25; stock steers and feeders, \$6.00 @ 7.75; calves, \$8.00 @ 10.00; Texas steers, \$5.25 @ 8.00; cows and heifers, \$4.00 @ 6.00. Hog receipts 6,000; market steady. Good to heavy, \$7.60 @ 7.75; rough, \$7.65 @ 7.70; light, \$7.00 @ 7.25; bulk, \$7.40 @ 7.75; pigs, \$6.25 @ 7.50. Sheep receipts 3,000; market steady. Ewes, \$9.50 @ 10.75; sheared yearlings, \$7.00 @ 7.75.

KANSAS CITY Live Stock. KANSAS CITY, May 6.—Cattle receipts 1,500; market steady, strong. Steers, \$6.75 @ 9.15; cows and heifers, \$4.00 @ 9.15; stockers and feeders, \$6.50 @ 8.00; calves, \$6.00 @ 10.25. Hog receipts 5,000; market steady. Good to heavy, \$7.30 @ 7.40; heavy, \$7.30 @ 7.40; medium, \$7.30 @ 7.45; light, \$7.30 @ 7.45. Sheep receipts 3,000; market steady. Lambs, \$8.50 @ 10.40; ewes, \$6.75 @ 8.25; wethers, \$6.00 @ 8.75.

OMAHA Live Stock. OMAHA, May 6.—Cattle receipts 2,800; market strong, 10c higher. Steers, \$8.00 @ 8.50; cows and heifers, \$6.00 @ 8.00; stockers and feeders, \$7.50 @ 8.00; calves, \$7.25 @ 10.00; bulls and stags, \$5.00 @ 6.75. Hog receipts 12,000; market 5 @ 10c lower. Bulk, \$7.15 @ 7.25; top, \$7.25. Sheep receipts 7,000; market 15 @ 25c higher. Yearlings, \$9.00 @ 9.35; wethers, \$8.25 @ 8.75; lambs, \$10.00 @ 10.35; ewes, \$7.75 @ 8.50.

CHICAGO Produce. CHICAGO, May 6.—Butter—Extras, 28c; firsts, 25 @ 26 1/2; fair, 23 @ 24 1/2. Eggs—Firsts, 18 1/4 @ 18 3/4; ordinary firsts, 17 1/4 @ 17 3/4. Cheese—Twins, 15 1/4 @ 15 1/2; Young Americas, 15 1/4 @ 15 1/2. Live poultry—Fowls, 16c; ducks, 12 @ 13c; geese, 8 @ 10c; turkeys, 12c. Potatoes—Receipts, 37 cars; Wisconsin whites, 31 @ 40c; reds, 30 @ 35c; Michigan whites, 31 @ 40c; reds, 30 @ 35c; new potatoes, Florida Hastings, No. 1, \$5.25 per bbl.; No. 2, \$4.25 per bbl. Fruit—Apples, \$2.50 @ 4.25 per bbl.; lemons, \$2.00 @ 2.75 box; oranges, \$1.00 @ 2.00 box; strawberries, \$3.00 per 24 quarts.

New York Produce. NEW YORK, May 6.—Flour market quiet, firm. Pork market quiet. Mess, \$19.00 @ 19.50. Lard market easy. Middle west spot, \$9.85 @ 10.05. Sugar, raw, market firm. Centrifugal test, \$4.70; Muscovado 89 test, \$3.83. Sugar, refined, market quiet. Cut loaf, \$6.90; crushed, \$6.80; powdered, \$6.10; granulated, \$6.00 @ 6.05. Coffee Rio No. 7 on spot, 7 1/2c. Tallow market easy. Oils, 6 1/2c; country, 6 1/4 @ 6 1/2c; special, 6 1/2c. Hay market firm. Prime, \$1.15; No. 3, 85 @ 1.00; clover, 90 @ 1.07 1/2. Dressed poultry market steady. Chickens, 15 @ 21 1/2c; turkeys, 14 @ 21c; fowls, 13 1/4 @ 18 1/4c; ducks, 11 @ 22c. Live poultry market fairly active. Geese, 9c; ducks, 12 @ 24c; fowls, 17 1/4c; turkeys, 11 @ 12c; roosters, 10 @ 11c; chickens, broilers, 35 @ 42c. Cheese market steady. State milk common to special, 1 1/4 @ 1 1/2c; full skims, 3 @ 8; skims, common to special, 9 @ 13 1/2c. Butter market firm, steady. Creamery extras, 31c; dairy tubs, 23 @ 30c; imitation creamery firsts, 21 1/2 @ 22 1/2c. Egg market firm. Receipts 50,831. Nearby white fancy, 23 @ 23 1/2c; near by mixed fancy, 20 @ 21 1/2c; fresh, 19 1/4 @ 22 1/2c.

New York Money Market. NEW YORK, May 6.—Money on call, 2 percent. Six months, 2 1/2 @ 2 3/4 percent. Mercantile paper, 3 1/2 percent. Bar silver London, 23 1/2-16d. Bar silver New York, 50c. Demand sterling, \$4.79 1/2.

ST. LOUIS May 5.—Market steady; receipts at St. Louis, 9 cars; at East St. Louis, 14 cars. Choice timothy, \$21.50; No. 1 timothy, \$19.00 @ 21.00; No. 2 timothy, \$17.50 @ 19.00; No. 3 timothy, \$16.00 @ 17.00. [United Press Leased Wire Service.] NEW YORK, May 6.—The stock market opened strong with big rallies and industrial 1/4 to 2/8 points higher. Bethlehem Steel was up one point, Reading 1/2 and Union Pacific 3/4. Despite strong bear pressure, the market held firm during the first hour with Bethlehem Steel advancing five points on 100 per cent stock dividend rumor. Southern Pacific advanced one and a quarter points. The market showed increased strength around noon although the volume of trading was comparatively light. War rumors circulated in the street did not depress prices, traders generally ignoring them.

Kansas Wheat Crop. [United Press Leased Wire Service.] HARPER, Kan., May 6.—Kansas is getting ready for the biggest prosperity parade of all. The big procession will start about one month from next Monday morning and will feature principally big self binders and headers which will parade around the great wheat fields in this section, followed by an army of harvest hands. From Wellington to Medicine Lodge, seventy-five miles, is one great wheat field. Sumner, Harper and Barber counties have 550,000 acres to cut and that is just a small part of the Kansas wheat belt. The wheat stands high and strong and has a dark green color that makes the farmer begin to enlarge his bins and consult the family about how the money will be spent. There is only one doubt about the crop—will it beat last year's bumper crop? Official estimates do not indicate that it will, but the final count may be another story. A little damage has been caused by the horse and mule market.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 5.—Horses—While there was a fairly good demand for southerners, this trade was not on the basis the eastern selling was, as buyers from the Atlantic seaboard states were in for all the material suitable to them available. Good eastern chunks and drafters were the money-bringing kinds and prices drifted to a level which was evidently higher than these kinds have sold this year. While there was a ripping good trade in the ring, this selling was not on the basis that war-horse selling was. Buyers representing foreign nations on the market continued to call for their usual heavy supplies of the suitable kinds. Large offerings of these types were disposed of and prices on all these were higher than on any other kinds. Southern horses ..... \$ 60 @ 110 Eastern horses ..... 125 @ 135 Extra good heavy eastern drafters ..... 185 @ 210 Army horses ..... 115 @ 125 Mules—Buyers demand all quality and plenty of it, and are not willing to pay prices that look right for them when they do acquire the material. The usual summer dullness has apparently set in and there is no sign of betterment at present. Cotton mules ..... \$ 25 @ 115 Cotton mules, 1 1/4 hands ..... 100 @ 125 Good ordinary, 1 1/2 hand mules ..... 130 @ 150 Good quality mules, 1 1/4 hands ..... 150 @ 180 Extra good quality, well built mules ..... 185 @ 225