

BETTER TIMES COME, SECRETARY IN REVIEW, SAYS FARM CONDITIONS HAVE ALREADY IMPROVED.

CROPS REPORTED GOOD PRICES UP AND LABOR COST LOWER, WITH CREDIT STRAIN EASED.

Better times for the farmers of the country are foreseen for 1923 by Secretary Wallace, who, in a statement, reviewed agricultural conditions of 1922 and set forth the prospects for the new year.

Prices of the major crops are expected to be higher than last year, and the total sum which farmers will receive for their crops this year is greater by a billion and a half dollars or more than that which they received for the crops of 1922.

Mr. Wallace said: "Twelve months ago most of the 6,000,000 farmers of the United States were starting the year with a hard climb out of the valley of economic depression. They have not yet attained the heights which are bathed in the grateful sunshine of prosperity."

"A year ago, when speaking of the prospects for 1923, I said that while there was no reason to expect boom times for the farmer in the near future, there were indications of better times both for the farmer and for those whose business is largely dependent upon him."

"The labor cost of producing the crops of 1922 was still further reduced. There were some substantial reductions in freight rates. Much labor legislation has been enacted, and more will be this winter. Interest rates are lower and the credit strain has been eased."

Co-operative Marketing Grows. In farmers' co-operative marketing associations, and more of them are being organized on a sound basis.

Mysterious Tie-Up of Dry Ship Lets in \$7,000,000 Rum.

Liquor was placed under customs seizure. Following the seizure Capt. John H. Dyar, in command of the Hansen, was summoned to report before John D. Appleby, zone chief prohibition agent, and a run-running auxiliary agent, which was held in a conference with Deputy Surveyor H. C. Stuart and Mr. Appleby.

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COMMISSIONERS ISSUE NEW YEAR GREETING TO CITY. Expressing the hope that 1923 will be a period of "increased prosperity and happiness to all," the commissioners yesterday issued a New Year greeting to the people of Washington.

MEAD ROUGE PROBE STARTED BY KLAN. Louisiana Branch Seeks to Establish the Identity of Lake Murderers.

BASTROP, La., December 30.—The failure of the state to make further progress in the Morehouse kidnaping and murder cases has given the impression that investigations are being neglected.

Klan Probe Is Deep. Because of the reports made by the grand jury returning from the Bastrop celebration and who witnessed the highway episode that the Ku Klux Klan is the state klanismers are sending investigators to the house to investigate the affair and to report their findings.

GERMAN PAYMENT PLAN COMPLETED. The Ruhr, Ort, Luisburg and Dueseldorf. Should it be impossible now to float the entire international loan fund, Germany asks, the Cuno government has agreed to pay the loan carry 5 per cent interest, with amortization at 1 per cent.

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JAIL FOR GOTHAM GARGLERS. "Enforce the Law," Watch Word of Watchful Dries New Year Eve.

Refuses to Deny or Affirm Reports Circulated of His Retirement. Returning to Washington last night, after a week spent with his daughter, at Port Conway, Va., near Fredericksburg, Secretary of the Interior Fall said he did not care to discuss reports that he was contemplating resigning from the cabinet.

Others Mentioned. Reports regarding the resignation of Secretary Fall mention several other regulars from among whom his successor may be picked, including Senators Kellogg and New and Charles Thompson of Ohio. From other sources it was learned last night that if Secretary Fall does resign to take over active charge of his immense stock ranch at Three Rivers, Edwin C. Finney, now first assistant secretary of the interior, may be appointed to the first vacancy in the Harding cabinet.

BOOSTS JULIUS BARNES. DULUTH, Minn., December 30.—Following reports that Secretary of the Interior Fall would resign, Representative Larson and other boosters sent a letter to President Harding urging that Herbert Hoover be chosen to succeed him and Julius H. Barnes for Secretary of Commerce.

MISS RUTH POWDERLEY. Navy League nurse, who was head nurse for former President Wilson and attended Mrs. Harding during her recent illness, participated in the presentation.

Garfield Nurses Give Roses to Mrs. Harding. Delegation Expresses Wish for Restoration of Health and Leaves Building Plans.

AUTO RECIPROcity PLAN GAINS FAVOR. Maryland licensees should be recognized in the District. It is unfair for Maryland to discriminate against the District as she does in my opinion.

Summer White House Offer May Be Put Before Congress. Senators Believe Official Sanction Necessary to Acceptance of Gift.

BRITISH TO DEMAND FINAL REPARATIONS SHOWDOWN IN PARIS. The bequest of \$200,000 for a summer residence for the president of the United States, which is located within fifty miles of Washington, contained fifty miles of the French in Baltimore, could not be accepted by the United States without an act of Congress, according to senators who discussed the proposed summer home yesterday.

Should no agreement be reached in Paris, it is stated that the two governments realize that the bonds which hold their peoples together are not based upon the technicalities of reparations, but upon their common suffering in the common cause during the great war.

EXPRESSING WISH FOR HER SPEEDY AND COMPLETE RECOVERY, NURSES LEAVE BOUQUET OF ROSES FOR MRS. HARDING.



Group of nurses from Garfield Memorial Hospital, who presented, shown to Mrs. Harding yesterday through Miss Laura Harlan, her secretary, shown in the picture.

DRY LAW ENFORCEMENT ON HIGH PLANE IN D. C. Force Inadequate, But Still 693 Cases Made in 6 Months. Total of Convictions 98 Per Cent—Fines Reach \$70,402.

Enforcement of the national prohibition act in the District of Columbia is a stupendous undertaking. What is true of this city is also true of all other jurisdictions. The enforcement of the law in Washington, despite criticisms from certain sources aimed at the courts, taking into consideration the limited number of prohibition officers and police assigned to that specific work, is as near perfect as human effort can make it.

BRITISH LAUD HUGHES' REPARATIONS SPEECH. The speech is bound to have a marked effect on the conference of the allied premiers at Paris next week.

KU KLUX VISITS CHURCH. ALEXANDRIA, Va., December 30.—A delegation of members of the Ku Klux Klan, it is announced, last night visited the De La Rue Methodist Church and presented \$25 to the pastor, Rev. J. R. Wood.

MEMBERS DIVIDED AS TO WISDOM OF TAKING ADVANTAGE OF BEQUEST. The bequest of \$200,000 for a summer residence for the president of the United States, which is located within fifty miles of Washington, contained fifty miles of the French in Baltimore, could not be accepted by the United States without an act of Congress, according to senators who discussed the proposed summer home yesterday.

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Wilson Warmly Thanks Coolidge For Felicitations. Vice President Coolidge yesterday received from former President Woodrow Wilson a letter expressing his pleasure at the receipt of the Vice President's letter conveying to Mr. Wilson the resolution of the Senate congratulating him upon his birthday and his improved physical condition.

FRENCH DISAPPOINTED AT ATTITUDE OF AMERICA. support of the embroiled German finances. In the face of this American pronouncement, French resistance to what was frankly referred to as "Anglo-American pressure" stiffened almost to the point of defiance.

Denby Tells Congress Modernization Ultimately Will Cost \$30,000,000. In order to keep the first line of the American Navy on a par with the forces of the other great powers, President Harding asked Congress yesterday for a special appropriation of \$6,500,000 as a beginning on a battleship-modernization program.

REPARATIONS SPEECH. In discussing the Hughes speech in La Liberté tonight, Jacques Bainville, a French journalist, said that the German debt should first be reduced and sanctions taken later as a means of enforcing the reparations.

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