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WINTER WHEAT CROP ESTIMATE SHOWS DECLINE

Washington, Dec. 20—Winter wheat this year, planted on the largest acreage in the history of the country, showed a condition on Dec. 1 the lowest on record. An estimate of only 540,000,000 bushels was announced today by the department of agriculture. A crop above or below that amount, however, will finally be shown, according to whether the condition goes above or below the present average.

CONNORS OPENS NEW STORE IN UP-STATE CITY

Another link will be added to the famous chain of Connors' clothing stores when the newly formed Connors-Halloran company opened its doors for business in New Britain this morning, at No. 248 Main street. The progressive business methods of J. W. Connors will be introduced to the up-state city by Albert Altschul, who has been the right hand man of one of the youngest retail clothing merchants in the east for the last two years and a half. Mr. Altschul who has become known as the official Connors' store opener, had charge of the inauguration of the two Bridgeport branch stores at No. 1370 State street in 1916 and at No. 837 East Main street since the popular clothing establishment was opened in 1915.

As his partner in New Britain, Connors has Joseph M. Halloran, for four years mayor of New Britain and who represented the city in the Senate for two terms. Mr. Halloran is both prominent and popular in his city having been in the clothing business in a conservative manner for a number of years, and being identified prominently fraternally. He is claimed by the Elks, the Knights of Columbus, the Loyal Order of Moose, Foresters of America, and the Y. M. T. A. and B. Society, in all of which he has held office at one time or another.

Mr. Connors will be afforded greater buying power by the acquisition of the New Britain business, and expects that the people will familiarize themselves with the Connors' plan as readily as have Bridgeporters. The system is one of buying and selling by cash, cutting down overhead and charge expenses. Mr. Connors has become known as the greatest retail clothing advertiser in this part of the country, and an extensive campaign will be waged in New Britain. His business is on the basis of the "Golden Rule," payment for clothing being deemed simply a deposit until the customer is thoroughly satisfied with the worth of his purchase. He is a member of the Elks and Knights of Columbus.

U-BOAT CHASER EQUIPMENT SHOP GUTTED BY FIRE

Albany, Dec. 20—Valuable attorns for the making of special equipment for British, French and Italian submarine chasers were destroyed yesterday in a fire of uncertain origin that virtually ruined the manufacturing plant of the George H. Thatcher Co. The loss is estimated at \$100,000.

2,000 CANADIANS, INVALIDED HOME, REACH U. S. PORT

An Atlantic Port, Dec. 20—Diverted from Halifax because of congestion resulting from the recent disaster there, a British ship bearing more than 2,000 Canadian soldiers, invalided home because of wounds or sickness, arrived here yesterday. The men will be sent to Canada by rail.

ALLEGED GOLD THIEF IS HELD

Finding of probable cause and binding over to the Superior Court in \$1,000 bond, follows the arraignment of George A. Van, a lodger in the Phillips Hotel, Water street, before Judge F. E. Bartlett in police court yesterday. Van is accused of having stolen \$20 worth of gold from a shipment in the care of the Adams Express Co.

It is charged that he took the gold from James Derrault, a messenger for the express company, as he was on the way to the railroad station. Van is said to have knocked the man down. The gold he took was in one bar, and when Van tried to sell it, the police say, he was apprehended.

CHRISTMAS CLUB CHECKS MISSING

Complaint of the disappearance of three Christmas club bank checks, for a total sum of \$200, was filed at detective headquarters yesterday by Samuel Friedburg of 896 Madison avenue. Friedburg claims that while his back was turned in his store, last evening, some one rifled his cash register and took the checks, but left a considerable sum of money intact. The authorities believe he mislaid the checks.

ALIEN ENEMY TALKED TOO LOUDLY; JAILED

Salt Lake City, Dec. 20—Herman Frederick Wilhelm Babbel, an alien enemy, is under arrest on instructions from Washington and will be interned at Fort Douglas for the period of the war. Babbel, it is alleged, recently expressed the opinion that Germany would win the war and get even with the United States for taking the part of the Allies, "if it took 40 years."

ROBBED WHILE ASLEEP.

From his trousers pocket, as he lay asleep in a room at the Grand Hotel, in State street, last night, some one stole \$20 belonging to Andrew Landis, according to a report at the detective bureau today. The matter is being investigated.

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