

Boys Are Boosting North Dakota Into the Corn Belt

Wonderful Results Obtained by Boys in the Annual Boys' Acre Yield Corn Contest Show That North Dakota Has a Right to Claim She Is in the Corn Belt.

The boys of North Dakota are boosting the state into the corn belt. In the boys' acre yield corn contest conducted by the North Dakota experiment station a yield of 98.8 bushels was secured by Walter Granlund of DeLamere. He is a brother of Henry who last year produced 106.7 bushels on the same land. Part of Henry's corn was drowned out, which cut his yield down to 76.3 bushels.

The Better Farming association put up \$700.00 in prizes. Out of this Walter receives \$75.00, the first prize for the southern section, and also the grand prize of \$100.00. Noel Thorpe of Mayville raised 92.3 bushels on an acre. Last year he produced the same yield. Henry Schmidt of Emerado raised 76.4 bushels on an acre, which is the best yield in the northern section. This contest has a prize of \$75.00.

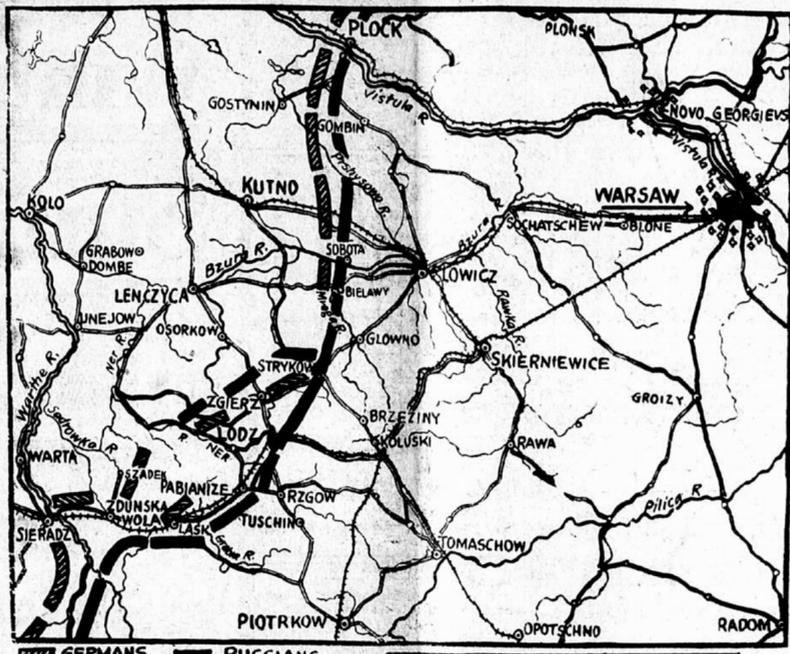
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The average of the sixteen winners of the southern section was 70.6 bushels, while that of the fifteen in the northern section was 63.2 bushels. Six hundred eighty-eight boys entered the contest. The average of the contestants was 42.1 bushels. The average of the United States is 25.8 bushels, and of North Dakota 28 bushels. Comparing the boys' yields with the average for the United States and that of North Dakota it is evident that they are setting new records for corn growing in the state. In this same connection it must be remembered that the conditions were that this corn should be grown under field conditions. Manure could be used but no commercial fertilizers. The yields have been steadily increased during the three contests that have been held. A study of the boys' work indicates that the improvement of the seed has played a large factor in this increased yield. In the 1914 contest 81 of the winners in the southern section used home grown seed and all but two of those in the northern section and they stood low on the list. All the high yields in the three contests have been secured by the home grown seed. This makes it plain that it takes North Dakota seed to pro-

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Ten miles of German trenches between Glogowo and Sobota were carried by the Russians in Poland, according to despatches from Petrograd. The occupation of Glogowo, Bielawy and Sobota straightens out the Russian right wing, which is said to have widely outflanked the German left. The Russian advance westward from Brzeziny toward Lodz is closing in on the German center and the fiercest fighting is said to be at Strykow.

RUSSIANS IN STRIKING DISTANCE OF CRACOW

War Bulletins

Berlin, Dec. 3.—News from various sources indicates that Serbia's casualties since the beginning of the war will reach 100,000, virtually a third of her entire strength.

Petrograd, Dec. 3.—It is officially stated that the fighting continues in the region of Lodz. The Germans opened the offensive yesterday in the region of Lioutomsk. Beyond the Carpathians the Russians have taken Bartfeld, capturing eight officers, 1,200 men and six machine guns.

Paris, Dec. 3.—It is officially stated here tonight: "The only interesting news relates to our right wing yesterday. On the right bank of the river Moselle we occupied Lesmenis. In the Vosges our troops captured Tete de Faux." This is to the south of the village of Bon Homme, which dominates the range of hills, thus forming a frontier observatory for the Germans. In Alsace the station, Burnhalpt, has been occupied.

Berlin, Dec. 3. (Wireless)—The official press bureau says: "Unofficial advices from Alsace say the fighting is progressing actively in this minor war theater. The Germans are making advances against Belfort. The Austrians report officially a repulse to the besiegers at Przemysl, in Galicia. The fighting continues in the Carpathians. The loss by the Russians during the last few days of 100,000 captives and many guns is considered here bound to weaken them seriously."

Additional troops have been sent to Zeist, Holland, to strengthen the guard at the Belgian concentration camp, where rioting broke out yesterday, according to an Amsterdam dispatch. The Dutch troops fired on the Belgians, killing six and wounding nine. The trouble is attributed to the discontent of the interned Belgians at not being allowed to receive visits from members of their families. The unrest continues.

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NEW APPEAL FOR STARVING BELGIANS

Novelist Cables Cardinal Gibbons That Hundreds of Thousands are Suffering.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 3.—Cardinal James Gibbons today received a cablegram from Sir Gilbert Parker, the distinguished English novelist, now at Maastricht, Holland, appealing to the cardinal to assist the American commission for Belgian relief in its "staggering task." "Here I watch penniless, homeless Belgians fleeing from their naked land," the message adds. "Many towns and cities are absolutely destroyed. Countless homes are stones and ashes. Hundreds of thousands lack food and clothes. They ask for bread and salt, no more, and it is not forthcoming. The commission asks for half of a soldier's ration for each starving Belgian. "In your land of plenty there are millions who would give if they knew. Will your eminence not help to make them know? In the name of Christianity and humane compassion, I make this appeal."

Burlingame County Fund. Subscriptions to the Belgian Relief Fund, either wheat or money, may be made at any elevator or bank in Burlingame county. In Bismarck the City National bank, the First National bank or the Bismarck bank will accept contributions. Checks payable to Governor L. B. Hanna, Chairman, or R. S. Adams, Treasurer, may be mailed to F. L. Conklin, Secretary, Bismarck, N. Dak.

ITALIAN PARLIAMENT CHEERS FOR BELGIUM

Rome, Dec. 3.—At the opening of the Italian parliament today, Premier Salandra explained the situation of Italy and advised that she maintain an attitude of loyal, but watchful, armed neutrality. He was frequently applauded. The sittings of both the chamber of deputies and the senate were witnessed by a large gathering of interested spectators, including numerous diplomats. When Salandra alluded to what he termed the just aspirations of Italy the whole of the chamber arose and applauded, the spectators joining. As the session was about to adjourn, Deputy Comandini said he wished to ask the chamber to send greetings to "heroic and unfortunate Belgium." The whole chamber arose and shouted: "Hurrah for Belgium."

ENROLLING AND ENROSSING LET

The board of trustees of public property in session yesterday forenoon, let the contract for enrolling and enrossing the bills of the legislature to C. C. Wattum, whose bid was 8 cents for enrossing and 18 cents for enrolling, per hundred words.

MANUFACTURER DIES.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 3.—Morris G. Gordon, president of a manufacturing concern here, who was shot last week by a man who attempted to rob him, died tonight at the age of fifty.

THE WEATHER. Tri State: Fair Friday and Saturday. The weather is generally fair with some light snow or sleet in the morning.

MORE INDICTMENTS.

New York, Dec. 3.—Additional indictments against John Burke, employed by the Ishman Canal commission as manager of the commission department, will be handed down by the federal grand jury, which has been investigating the alleged frauds in the canal zone. In them Burke is charged with accepting two bribes, totaling nearly \$10,000. Burke, in district court pleaded not guilty. Additional bonds to the amount of \$14,000 was required, making a total bail in his case of \$38,000.

JAMES CALLAHAN HELD IN CANADA

Under Suspended Sentence in This State, Now Held in Winnipeg.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 3.—James Callahan, arrested at Regina today, said to have been under suspended sentence in North Dakota, is being held by authorities. Callahan was found guilty of some offense in the northern part of the state, but owing to circumstances which warranted, he was given a suspended sentence, which is much the same as being paroled, except that the prisoner is not brought to the penitentiary.

DRAINED WATER FROM BOILERS.

Cavalier, Dec. 3.—Something during the night some person entered the boiler room of the court house heating plant, located in the jail basement and drained the water mostly all out of the boilers. Fortunately there was only a light fire, which doubtless prevented an explosion. The guilty party has not yet been apprehended.

FARMER DROPS DEAD.

Stanley, N. D., Dec. 3.—Oliver H. Ryland, a farmer living northeast of Van Hook, dropped dead in his wagon after unloading a tank of grain at Van Hook. Heart failure was the cause of his death. Mr. Ryland was in good health and was strong and robust. His death came as a severe shock to his family.

SUFFRAGE VOTE IS A PUZZLER

Woman Suffrage Polled 251 Votes More Than Any State Officer.

A peculiar situation has arisen regarding the vote on suffrage in this state and is one which is puzzling those interested in state affairs. It is the fact that the returns show 251 votes more cast on the suffrage question than there were for any office or measure. In other words there were 89,557 votes cast both for and against the suffrage question, while there were only 89,306 votes cast for all candidates for governor, or 251 in excess.

CHARGE WITH MANSLAUGHTER.

After the Sheriff Left Him in Jail at Napoleon Druggist Took Poison. Napoleon, Dec. 3.—O. J. Larsen of the Larsen & Drows drug store, of this city, committed suicide in a prison cell here last night, after he had been acquitted of the charge of second degree manslaughter and discharged from custody, only to be re-arrested by the sheriff on a charge of keeping a common nuisance. Larsen worked and almost instantly, when brought to death almost instantly.

CHICAGO FINANCIER ACCUSED OF FORGERY

Chicago, Dec. 3.—At the request of the New York police that they detain as a fugitive from justice, Carleton H. Betts, accused of forgery in New York in 1894, the Chicago police have arrested Carleton Hudson, a wealthy Chicago financial operator, who is at present the defendant in a Minneapolis lawsuit. A fugitive warrant was sworn out for Hudson, who refused to make any statement. Mrs. Caroline M. King, widow of Col. William King, brought the suit in Minneapolis to revoke a deed to property valued at \$40,000, which, she alleges, Hudson obtained through fraud and force. The suit also involves the validity of judgment notes amounting to \$120,000, alleged to have been executed by Mrs. King to Hudson during the twelve years of their business relations. Hudson was released on bonds, to be given a hearing tomorrow, at which a discontinuance will be asked, his attorneys stated.

LAMAR GETS TWO YEARS.

New York, Dec. 3.—David Lamar was sentenced to serve two years in the federal prison at Atlanta, Ga., after being found guilty today of impersonating Representative Palmer for the purpose of defrauding J. P. Morgan & Co., and the United States Steel Corporation. Counsel said they would appeal to the federal supreme court.

O. J. LARSEN SUICIDES IN PRISON CELL

Chief of Police Downing Receives Word of Death of Fred Keller.

That a robber—Fred C. Keller, alias Fred Wallace,—who at one time lived here and who practiced his crime in Bismarck recently has been shot and killed in Missouri, is the report received by Chief of Police Downing.

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NORTH DAKOTA FOLK SHOULD GIVE THANKS

Grand Forks, Dec. 3.—If there is a people on the face of this earth that had reason to give thanks upon the annual Thanksgiving Day last week, it is the North Dakotans. Over a large part of Europe, horrible war prevails, North Dakota is at peace. Over a large section of Europe, starvation starves the population in the face, and North Dakota has plenty. Over many sections of the United States, particularly where industries are gathered, men are without work and therefore without money. North Dakotans are employed, North Dakotans are happy and healthy, no epidemic sweeps their land.

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League Goes to Chicago

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 3.—Walter Johnson, the premier pitcher of the American league, signed a contract for two years with the Chicago Federals. He did not give the salary, but said it was "more than \$16,000" yearly.

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