

60,000,000 BUSHELS SHORTAGE IN WHEAT

May Crop Report Reveals Unfavorable Condition in Winter Cereal Crop

WASHINGTON, May 7.—The May crop report of the department of agriculture disclosed a decidedly unfavorable condition. Winter wheat will produce an estimated crop of about 60,000,000 bushels less than that of last year. The average condition of winter wheat was 5.5 per cent below the 10 year average condition.

Spring planting was less than half done, or 48.9 per cent compared with a six year average of 55.2 per cent. Spring plowing was only 52.8 per cent completed May 1, compared with 57.6 per cent for the previous 10 years.

Pastures and meadow lands also were below the 10 year average, but slightly above last year's May 1 condition. The short crop of hay last year left only about half the usual amount of hay on farms May 1.

Winter wheat.—The average condition of winter wheat on May 1 was 7.7 per cent of a normal; compared with 8.6 per cent on April 1, 8.1 per cent on May 1, 1911, and 8.2 per cent average for the last 10 years. The area of winter wheat remaining on May 1 to be harvested was about 25,744,000 acres, or 3.4 per cent less than the area harvested in 1911, and 6,400,000 acres less than the area sown last fall (32,210,000 acres).

The condition on May 1 is indicative of a yield per acre of approximately 14.4 bushels, assuming average variations to prevail therefor. On the estimated area to be harvested this would produce a final crop of 371,780 bushels, compared with 430,650,000 bushels in 1911; 454,142,000 bushels in 1910 and 417,780,000 bushels in 1909. The out turn of the crop probably will be above or below the figures here given according to the conditions from May 1 to time of harvest is above or below the average change.

Rye.—The condition of rye on May 1 was 8.7 per cent of a normal, compared with 87.9 per cent on April 1; 80 per cent on May 1, 1911, and 80.2 per cent average for the last 10 years on May 1.

Meadow or hay lands.—The average condition of meadow or hay lands on May 1 was 88.7 per cent of a normal, compared with 84.7 per cent on May 1, 1911, and 10 year average on May 1 of 88.6 per cent.

Hay on farms.—The stocks of hay on farms on May 1 were estimated to be 3,888,000 tons, compared with 4,011,000 tons on May 1, 1911.

Pasture.—The average condition of pastures on May 1 was 81.7 per cent of a normal, compared with 81.2 per cent on May 1, 1911, and 10 year average on May 1 of 84.4 per cent.

Spring plowing.—Of spring plowing 52.8 per cent was completed up to May 1, compared with 71 per cent on May 1, 1911, and a 10 year average on May 1 of 57.6 per cent.

Spring planting.—Of spring planting 48.9 per cent was completed up to May 1, compared with 60 per cent on May 1, 1911, and a 10 year average on May 1 of 55.2 per cent.

By states the number of acres of winter wheat to be harvested and the conditions of winter wheat and rye on May 1 is as follows:

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| State | Acres | Condition |
| Alabama | 5,310,000 | 80 |
| Arkansas | 1,000,000 | 80 |
| California | 988,000 | 85 |
| Kansas | 704,000 | 93 |
| Montana | 291,000 | 100 |
| Nebraska | 385,000 | 77 |
| North Dakota | 340,000 | 95 |
| South Dakota | 291,000 | 98 |
| Colorado | 183,000 | 88 |
| Idaho | 138,000 | 95 |
| New Mexico | 37,000 | 83 |
| Wyoming | 28,000 | 92 |
| Arizona | 21,000 | 96 |
| Nevada | 18,000 | 94 |
| North Dakota | — | — |
| South Dakota | — | — |

"Etiquette" Cloud Casts First Shadow Upon Fair

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One explanation given was that no invitation had been extended other than that given through newspaper publication. Another explanation, however, was that Etiquette was entirely responsible. According to this rumor, Etiquette was peevish because a prescribed formula had not been complied with, and this formula was as follows:

First, the consuls should have received an invitation to meet Secretary Knox, whereupon a meeting of the consuls should have been held; then a telegram should have been dispatched to the state department in Washington setting forth the desire of the local foreign representatives to call upon the secretary; the state department should then have wired to Secretary Knox in San Francisco asking for an appointment for the consuls; Secretary Knox should have wired back to the state department setting a time for the reception; the state department should then have telegraphed the local consular corps of the decision, and the invitation should then have been accepted.

This procedure was not followed. Some of the consuls said yesterday that it wasn't necessary at all. Others declared that it was overdrawn. Still another was mean enough to intimate that his conferees were putting on the airs of ambassadors. In any event, Etiquette sat around yesterday afternoon and grinned.

T. R. PROGRESSIVE? BAY CITIES FORM "NO!" ASSERTS ROE GREAT TAFT CLUB

OAKLAND, May 7.—Speaking in behalf of Robert M. La Follette for the republican nomination for the presidency in Rice institute tonight, Gilbert E. Roe, La Follette's former law partner, denounced Roosevelt and reviewed the history of the La Follette campaign from its inception at the Chicago conference in October of last year.

Roe denied that Roosevelt was in any way a progressive or that he had ever done anything while in office that was in the best interests of big business. He characterized La Follette as many things of which the trusts might complain, but that he actually did nothing which would injure their business. He characterized La Follette as the true progressive and the man who should lead the republican party to victory.

Roe went into the early history of the Wisconsin senator's fight and dwelt upon Governor Johnson's so-called desertion of his cause. Roe said that when the governor went east he declared that he had entered the fight for La Follette to stay. A week later Roe said Governor Johnson went to La Follette and told him that he believed the country could best be carried by Roosevelt because of the sentiment for him which was springing up. He had, therefore, decided to come out for Roosevelt. Roe denied that the candidacy of the Wisconsin man had lost any of its vigor through Governor Johnson's withdrawal. He said that La Follette's standing in his home state was of the highest and that he received 132,000 votes there in the presidential primaries. He compared this with the 100,000 votes that Roosevelt received in 1910, and La Follette will speak at the Macdonough theater Friday night.

TEAMSTER RUN OVER BY OWN TEAM DIES

FRESNO, May 7.—Abe Peel, a young man employed by a local rasing packing house, succumbed at an early hour this morning to injuries received yesterday afternoon when he attempted to quiet a team of unruly horses. Peel was thrown under a fruit wagon and a wheel passed over his skull, crushing it.

LOSS OF HAIR IS ACCEPTED AS THE FIRST INDICATION OF OLD AGE

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FAMILY INVOLVED IN COURT WRANGLE

Thomas Pennington Accused of Buying Property With Community Funds

Thomas Pennington, president of the George W. Pennington Sons, a corporation operating a steel works at 813 Folsom street, was accused in a suit for accounting, filed yesterday by minority stock holders in the concern, of having misappropriated thousands of dollars belonging to the corporation and having used the money to buy property for himself in San Francisco, Oakland and San Mateo. The complainants are John and George W. Pennington, brothers of the defendant. The directors of the corporation are the three brothers, the mother, Mrs. Mary A. Pennington, and Thomas Pennington's brother in law, Edmund Pennington. Between them they hold all the capital stock of the corporation. George Pennington has charge of the works and Thomas of the office and books.

Until two years ago, according to the complaint, the brothers reposed full confidence in Thomas Pennington. Then, without their consent, the plaintiffs say, he applied to his own benefit, from time to time, the funds of the corporation, without the sanction of the board of directors, which practice, it is said, he has kept up. The complaint contains several specific charges that Thomas purchased electrolights which he sold to the corporation in the shape of alleged dividends, while no dividends had been voted by the directors.

OLD CITY HALL LIGHTS TO ADORN THE MISSION

Improves Are Granted Right to Set Up Electrolights

The supervisors' public buildings committee recommended yesterday that the Mission promotion association be allowed to use six of the \$300 bronze electrolights which surround the ruins of the old city hall. This was done despite the report of John Reed Jr., a member of the city's advisory board of architects, that the lights were fit only for junk. The downtown committee of the Chamber of Commerce asked that several of the lights be placed in Union square, while Superintendent Jollenberg of the relief home and J. C. Kortick, representing the Mission Promotion association, also filed applications.

OIL COMPANY PLANS TO BUILD PIPE LINE

Esperanza 'Concern to Secure Big Bond Issue

The Esperanza Oil company completed yesterday a deal whereby a pipe line will be constructed from the Midway field in San Pedro. A bond issue of \$4,000,000 will be secured and it is said that arrangements for the handling of the bonds have been completed. The line will be 170 miles long and will be of eight inch steel oil pipe. It will run south of Bakersfield through Elgin, Lakeview, Tulare, Huntington Park and Wilmington, terminating at San Pedro.

FIRST FOREST FIRE OF SEASON REPORTED

Blaze Breaks Out in Brush on Angelus Reserve

Forest Director Du Bois reports a forest fire which broke out Sunday in the Angelus forest near San Bernardino as the first blaze of the fire season. From now on forest fires are expected, and additional precaution is being taken to prevent them. The Angelus fire extended over an area of 200 acres, but the damage was not great, as the fire was confined to brush.

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WIFE DESERTED FOR ARMY LIFE

Mrs. Nettie L. Adriance Waited Seven Years to See if Husband Would Return

Testimony that her husband deserted her three days after marriage to re-enter the army was given yesterday before Judge J. J. Van Nostrand by Nettie L. Adriance, who obtained an interlocutory decree of divorce from William T. Adriance. The couple married June 1, 1905, in this city, and Mrs. Adriance said that she had waited to see if her husband would return before suing for divorce. Judge Frank J. Murasky granted an interlocutory decree to Emily C. from Sias H. Mote on the ground of desertion. The wife testified that her husband left her seven years ago without a word of farewell, and that shortly after his departure she learned that he had failed to turn in \$30 to the United Railroads, by whom he was employed. They married December 17, 1902, in this city.

Judge Van Nostrand granted an interlocutory decree to Fannie from Shelby Hutcherson on the ground of desertion. Judge Thomas F. Graham yesterday persuaded Mrs. Agnes E. Griffin to take back her husband, Morris J. Griffin, from whom she was divorced four months ago, and lend him \$400 with which to pay off a note held by Morris' brother, Sylvester G. Griffin. The woman asked times to think the proposition over and Judge Graham postponed the case two weeks. Sylvester has a suit pending to foreclose on Morris' property at Ocean View. A divorce complaint on the ground of desertion was filed yesterday by Lizzie against Henry L. Goldsmith. The couple were married here July 1, 1896, and the wife alleges her husband deserted her March 8 of this year.

CHARGES AGAINST FIRE OFFICIALS DUE TODAY

The charges which are being prepared in the city attorney's office against James E. Dillon and John Donohoe, holdover members of the board of fire commissioners, will probably be placed in the hands of Mayor Ralph tomorrow. It is believed that the recent refusal of the two McCarthy commissioners to vote a six months' suspension against George E. Giblen, a fireman guilty of falling to report for duty and who had been on trial several times before, will be the basis for the mayor's action.

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