

PROSPECTS FOR CROPS REPORTED

Wheat Turns Out Better Than Expected; Decrease in Quantity But Quality is High Grade; Not Yet Hurt by Rain

OUTLOOK FOR 150,000 ACRES OF CORN BRIGHT

Condition in Northern and Western Portions of County Never Better; Second Cutting Alfalfa About Saved; Cotton is Thriving

Reports from different sections of Grady county show crop conditions to present date for the season of 1916 as being well up to the average. The wheat crop will fall below that of 1915 both in point of acreage seeded and in average per acre yield. The report of 1915 showed a total of 90,000 acres of wheat in Grady county. This year the acreage shows a decrease of fully 15 per cent. There was scarcely as many acres seeded last fall as was seeded during the fall of 1914, and the hard winter injured a part of the acreage to such an extent that in portions of the county it was plowed up and the ground planted to corn this spring. Up to within a couple of weeks of harvest the wheat conditions did not seem to be nearly as good as was really proved to be the case. Rains coming just before wheat ripened caused a material increase in the expected yield and helped to make the grain of a better quality. Last year the average yield per acre for Grady county was 13 bushels; this year's yield per acre will show a decrease, it is believed. In the central and western sections of the county it is estimated that the yield will run well over the 12 bushel mark, but on the high lands it will fall far below that mark. Information given out at the offices of grain dealers says the grain this year is of a high grade and full weight. It is also stated that up to the present little if any damage is thought to have been done the wheat crop by the rains, but with the crop now in the shock, continued rains will injure the grain materially. Owing to the great shortage in the wheat crop in Texas, the domestic demand is causing a price of fully five cents per bushel more than the prices set on export wheat. Last year there was a total of 150,000 acres grown of corn in Grady county and it is about the same the present season, it is believed. Reports received from different sections state that the corn crop was never better in the north and western portions of the county, but that in the northeastern sections of the county it is not up to the standard. From Chickasha north, however, and from Tuttle west the crop is said to be in the best of condition, many acres of it already in tassel. The oats crop will be materially shorter than it was last year. The green bug has not damaged the Grady county oats crop, but the shortage is due more to the small acreage seeded than to anything else. However, the crop generally falls below last year's standard. The alfalfa crop will show a big gain over that of last year. Last year there was in Grady county a total estimate of 40,000 acres of alfalfa, while it is said that there is fully 60,000 of that crop shown in the county this year. The first cutting of the 1916 crop of alfalfa was made under most favorable circumstances, the weather conditions being of the best. While the weather has not been so favorable to the second cutting, now about completed, yet on the whole this cutting is being saved and marketed in fine shape while the shipping demand seems to be greater than can be supplied. The cotton crop probably shows the heaviest increase over that of 1915 of any other crop. In 1915 there was approximately 9,000 acres seeded to cotton in the state, according to the agricultural crop reports, while this year shows a gain of from 75 to 80 per cent in number of acres planted. Reports from Rush Springs and other sections of Grady county where cotton is the

main crop, state that the condition of this crop is well above the average. The only places where the cotton crop is reported in any way short is in the small area devastated by the hail a few weeks ago. Even in this locality a fair crop will be made, the land having been re-seeded where the damage was greatest. Of crops raised in Grady county, other than above mentioned, a total of fully 20,000 acres is shown. This acreage is well diversified and includes kafir, broom corn, potatoes and melons. The Alex, Ninnekah and Rush Springs neighborhoods are the watermelon sections of the county and the melon crop will possibly begin to ship by the last of July.

POSITIONS REGAINED BY FRENCH

Germans Make Mighty Smash to Within Few Miles of Verdun But Large Part of Lost Ground is Recovered

By United Press. Paris, June 24.—The war office announced in the official statement today that one hundred and twenty thousand Germans participated in the great smash against the French lines three miles from Verdun yesterday. It is admitted that the Germans drove through to within three and a half miles of the heart of Verdun, reaching the village of Fleury. It is stated, however, that the French made counter attacks on the enemy during last night, retaking a large part of the positions that were lost yesterday and Wednesday.

By United Press. London, June 24.—A Lloyd's dispatch from Harwich reports that a steamer believed to be the Great Eastern liner Brussels, was captured by a German submarine and was taken to Zeebrugge.

AMERICAN AVIATOR IS VICTIM

By United Press. Paris, June 24.—American aviator Victor Chapman sacrificed his life to save brother flyers in an engagement that was fought in the air yesterday. Four German machines engaged a French squadron that was composed of American Aviators Prince and Henry and a French captain. During the course of the clash Chapman arrived on the scene and drove his plane into the midst of the Germans. Chapman's guns brought down two of the Germans and the others concentrated their fire upon him. He fell to the ground, his body being riddled with bullets. The others reached the French lines in safety.

ALEX STORE IS ROBBED

Burglars last night entered the store of W. H. Vance and Company at Alex and got away with between \$200 and \$300 worth of merchandise, according to statements said to have been given by the owners of the store. The merchandise taken consisted of a number of pieces of silk, a general lot of dry goods and dress goods and a number of suit cases. After packing up the stolen goods the burglars are supposed to have loaded the loot on a handcar and run into Chickasha with it. The hand car, stolen from the Rock Island section tool house at Alex, was found, it is alleged, this morning in the lower end of the Chickasha railway yards. Sheriff Bailey and Deputy Castleman went to Alex this morning and report no clue.

SURVIVORS OF BATTLE AT DUBLAN

Arrival There of Forty Men is Reported; Further Word from Pershing Hourly Expected; More Stragglers are Found

MEXICAN OFFICIALS ARE MORE PACIFIC

Secretary Lansing's Statement Makes Good Impression and Peaceful Solution of Problem Believed Promising; Release of Prisoners Expected

By United Press. Columbus, N. M., June 24.—According to information received here this afternoon all survivors of the Carrizal attack, together with the relief column, have arrived at Dublin. The survivors, including the principal officers, number forty. General Pershing's final report is expected hourly.

By United Press. San Antonio, Tex., June 24.—In a message to Gen. Funston today, Gen. Pershing reported that nine men of troop C and seven of troop K of the Tenth cavalry were found this morning northwest of Santa Maria.

All the men found were members of the group holding horses in the battle at Carrizal. They brought back twenty-five horses. Their stories were substantially the same as those told by other stragglers.

Although unconfirmed, the indications are that eighty-four men and officers were either killed or captured or are on their way back to camp. It is feared that the Americans were nearly annihilated.

Looks More Peaceful.

By United Press. Mexico City, June 24.—Secretary Lansing's statement to the Latin-American diplomats that the United States has no territorial ambitions and that war with Mexico can result only from a desire to establish order there, made an excellent impression here.

High officials now say they believe the prospects for the peaceable solution of the present situation are promising.

Pay Bill Defeated.

By United Press. Washington, June 24.—Following a bitter debate the attempt to pay all militiamen on the border \$30 a month failed. In the debate it was charged, by those opposed to the measure, that the proposal would make the guardsmen mercenaries.

It has become known that this government has demanded the immediate release of the colored troopers captured at Carrizal and held as prisoners at Chihuahua. The Mexican embassy expresses the belief that the Americans will be released, should no further conflict occur.

Following a White House conference between President Wilson and Secretaries Lansing and Baker, it was stated that no details of the Carrizal affairs are expected under twenty-four hours.

Another Clash Feared.

By United Press. San Antonio, Tex., June 24.—The fate of the sixty men who were reported to have escaped from the battle at Carrizal is still unknown this morning. Whether they were pursued by Mexican cavalry and cut down or perished from lack of water has not been ascertained. Army officers fear that two troops of the Tenth cavalry were virtually wiped out.

The absence of word from the relief column that was sent by Gen. Pershing increases the fears that they also have been engaged by the Carrizal forces.

Captain Lewis Morey and two unidentified lieutenants were reported among those who escaped. Morey is said to have been seriously wounded and it is thought that without medical attention he could scarcely have survived.

By United Press. Oklahoma City, June 24.—General Miles has ordered the immediate mobilization of the Oklahoma militia at

MAKING SHELLS IN ENGLAND FOR THE ALLIES



Some in one of the great munition factories of England where thousands of workers are employed in turning out shells for the armies of the allies.

DATA FOR DISTRICTS PREPARED

Treasurer H. N. Mullican is busy preparing his annual report to the clerks and members of the boards of directors of the several school districts of the county.

There are over 100 districts in the county and to each of these the treasurer sends, once each year, his report which shows the amounts collected, to be credited to each particular district during the fiscal year; the amounts yet uncollected; the total number of warrants registered from each district; the sum total of the warrants paid and the amounts, if any, due and unpaid on any warrant from the district by whose officers it was issued.

To give a slight idea of the magnitude of the work required in making these reports it may be stated that of the over one hundred districts of Grady county the warrants issued by each district range from the lowest, to \$10, the greatest number issued by any one district, the amounts called for in the warrants ranging from a few cents to large payments.

The reports also show the amount, if any, remaining to the credit of the different districts and the total collections and disbursements of each district.

The tax levy account, in the report, vs the amount remaining on the tax rolls to be collected and the total amount collected and properly credited to the different districts. The warrant account, in each report, shows the number of warrants already registered and paid and the number of warrants outstanding and unpaid, together with the amount each warrant represents in cash.

The treasurer will have to complete and have these reports in the hands of the proper school district officials by July 1, in order that these officials may have the necessary information in front of them at the annual school meetings on the second Tuesday in July, at which time the estimates for the annual levy will be made.

JUDGMENT CONFESSED

In the matter of H. N. Mullican, county treasurer, vs. the Board of Commissioners of Grady county, the defendants, through counsel, confessed judgment before Judge Linn this morning in the sum of \$1,100. The suit was instituted by Treasurer Mullican to provide a means by which the county should be enabled to care for and pay off certain "back-irradiation" warrants issued against the 1913-14 levy. The taxes paid in were found insufficient to care for the warrants.

The suit was filed as a friendly one and simply to arrive at a legal means of paying off or redeeming the warrants. Now that the judgment has been rendered the warrants will be redeemed from the sinking fund.

Fort Hill, ending the five days' dispute between Oklahoma City and Chandler,

POPE SEEKS MEDIATION IN MEXICO?

By United Press. Rome, June 24.—The pope held a long conference with the Spanish ambassador today.

It is reported that the pope discussed the advisability of asking King Alfonso to mediate between the United States and Mexico.

Can't Be Considered.

By United Press. Washington, June 24.—When shown dispatches from London saying that the pope was considering offering mediation to President Wilson in the controversy with Mexico, high officials said such a step could not be considered in the present case.

PLANS FOR PAYMENT APPROVED

By United Press. Washington, June 24.—The Department of the Interior has just approved the detailed regulations for making the Chickasaw and Choctaw per capita payments.

The Indian office is transmitting the same to Muskogee, at once, in order that Gabe E. Parker, superintendent of the Five Civilized Tribes, may be enabled to make payments promptly after the first of July.

ESCAPE IS DESCRIBED

In referring to the escape of A. R. Meeks, supposed to be alias A. C. Mulleinhouse, who, together with his brother, A. R. Meeks, was being taken to Lone Grove, in Carter county for possible identification as the man who stole the \$500 worth of hides from the Catteral slaughter pens on the night of May 20, County Attorney Venable this morning stated that the train, the southbound Santa Fe, was being along between Dougherty and Crusher at the rate of about 10 miles per hour when Meeks, who was sitting with his back to the engine and his feet on the sill of the open window, suddenly reached up, grasped the window sash and sprang out from the coach.

Special Officer Bailey, of the Oklahoma-Texas Cattleman's association, rushed to an open window and fired eight shots at the fugitive as the train speeded by, none of which are thought to have taken effect. The flagman, riding in the vestibule of the rear Pullman, stated, Mr. Venable says, that Meeks gained his feet and "back-tracked" along the middle of the track as soon as the train had passed him.

HOT LEAD FOR YOUNG BURGLAR

Golden Hall, a big, bad-little negro who has been before the police during the past several months a number of times more than he is years old, came very near glimpsing the golden gate last night when he attempted to enter the store of Z. Brock, at 301 South Second street.

Golden started by breaking a rear window. The hour was 9:30 and the little negro evidently had it all figured out that everyone would be safely in bed and sound asleep. Unfortunately for his peace of mind and safety of person, his deductions were erroneous.

The Brock residence is by the yard in the rear of the store, and when the smash of broken glass filled the air with its noise, Leslie Brock heard it and quietly raised the window of his room and unloaded one barrel of a double barreled shot gun in the general direction of the noise. The gun was loaded with bird shot and Golden received a fair portion of these shot scattered generally about his anatomy. He sprang from the window through which he had just started to crawl and began to make running motions toward the street. However, Leslie Brock shouted to him to stop and throw up his hands, telling him at the same time that he had one more perfectly good lead in the shot gun and assuring him that he would not hesitate to bombard him with that lead unless he put on the brakes. Deeming discretion the better part of valor, Golden stopped. The police were phoned and the little negro turned over to the officers when they arrived.

This morning, after consulting with county officials, Judge Coffman turned Golden over to the county. He will probably get a job at the reform school. Golden's parents allege that he is only twelve years old.

NEGRO SURRENDERS.

Following the lead of his partner in the shooting scrape pulled off in Dark town a few evenings ago, Doc Watson yesterday evening surrendered to Sheriff Bailey. Earlier in the day, as told in yesterday's Express, Homer Halyard, the negro with whom Watson exchanged shots the evening before, surrendered. Hilyard and Watson were both brought before Judge T. P. Moore and fined \$25 and costs for carrying pistols. Hilyard gave a stay bond pending the time he might raise the money with which to pay the fine; Watson, not being able to give a bond, has been remanded to jail.

WEATHER FORECAST.

For Oklahoma. Tonight and Sunday, generally fair. Local Temperature. During 24 hours ending 8 a. m. today: Maximum, 95; minimum, 65. Rainfall during 24 hours ending 8 a. m., .22 inch.

FRIED FOOD SCARCE IN GERMANY

Supply of Fats Runs Short; Margarine Dollar Per Pound; Olive Oil Used by Cooks Till Stock is Exhausted

PEANUT CANDY DEVICE PLACED UNDER BAN

Greasy Sardines Help Some; Lemons and Oranges Plentiful and Sugar Abundant; Coming Harvest is Eagerly Awaited

***** EDITORS:—This is the fifth and last of the food stories from Germany, which Shepherd secured by interviewing travelers from Germany at Rotterdam.—Eds.*****

By William G. Shepherd, (United Press Staff correspondent.) Rotterdam, May 29.—(By mail.)—

Nobody ever has anything fried these days in German cities and towns unless a special feast is on and the householder or host has had a remarkable piece of luck in securing fat of some sort. Fats of every kind are lacking.

Travelers from Germany to Rotterdam say butter is practically unknown. Now and then a householder may secure half a pound of margarine at a dollar a pound.

Lard is as scarce as butter. Some months ago, when the shortage in fats became definite, a few good cooks discovered that olive oil might be used for frying meats and within a short time many foresighted civilians had laid in supplies of olive oil. At present the olive oil supply is exhausted.

The government experts in their efforts to obtain fats, commandeered all the peanuts in Germany.

"I'm very fond of peanut candy," said a German from Munich, who had come to Rotterdam to feed up, as he explained, "and every afternoon I used to drop a few pennies in a penny-in-the-slot candy machine near my office."

"One afternoon I ran out to the machine and found that the peanut candy slot had been sealed up with a government seal."

"I couldn't break it of course. Later on a policeman came and collected all the peanut candy in the machine. He said the government was going to take the peanuts out of it and extract the oil from them."

The one greasy food that can be obtained in limited quantities in certain districts of Germany is the little canned French sardine. How it gets into Germany no one seems to know.

"My grocer always had some sardines," explained a neutral lady, who was going back to the United States, "where I can eat all I want to." He doled them out sparingly without any government regulation, she said, but a beefsteak fried in the fish oil was very unlike a beefsteak.

There has never been a shortage of lemons and oranges, according to reports from persons from various parts of Germany. The silly blockade it appears has not as yet shut off the supply of citrus fruits, which reach Germany by devious routes from various warm climes.

Of sugar the Germans of course have an immense supply owing to their best root industry. Salt abounds but pepper is scarce. Ham, bacon or pork in any form is unknown to civilians.

Eggs in April were sixty cents a dozen and laying hens were so valuable that no chickens were killed for food until their laying capacity declined.

A dressed chicken in a Cologne shop brought ten dollars and a half during the day. While it rested in the shop window many persons stopped to look at it.

The shooting of pigeons in the streets or on the rooftops is severely punished but it is said that the pigeon population is being rapidly diminished. Zeppelin crews that have passed over Berlin at low altitudes in recent

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