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## BUSINESS AND CROP REPORTS

### JULY REPORT BY FEDERAL RESERVE AGENT FOR THE NINTH DISTRICT.

(By John R. Riah.)  
July 31, 1915.—Crop and Business Index. (Covering the Ninth Federal Reserve District as a whole, which includes the northern peninsula of Michigan, the northern two-thirds of Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and Montana.)  
(110 per cent normal.—Wheat 100 per cent or better.  
Oats 100 per cent.  
Rye 95 per cent to 100 per cent. (North Dakota 65 per cent.)  
Barley 98 per cent to 100 per cent.  
Corn doubtful. (Southern Minnesota, the lower counties of Wisconsin and the southeastern counties of South Dakota from 60 per cent to 75 per cent—the remainder of the District poor.  
Potatoes 100 per cent. (Red River Valley Early Ohio 40 per cent to 50 per cent.)  
Wild hay 100 per cent or better.  
Clover, Timothy and forage crops 100 per cent.  
Pasturage 100 per cent or better.  
Interest rates normal.  
Wholesale and retail business normal.  
Industrial business close to normal. Timber and pulp business improving. (Retail lumber trade more active.)  
Improved demand for money.  
General Survey  
Reports during the closing week of July from one hundred selected companies of whom had the advantage of numerous reports from their own scattered correspondents, show crop conditions, except as to corn, that were never better and an outlook for a harvest that may easily be one of the largest the Northwest has ever known should present conditions continue and the fields escape damage for another two weeks. Weather conditions have been such that damage from hot winds is not looked for and there is no longer much probability of the sudden development of rust. There has already been some loss in isolated localities from hail and a few instances of injury from heavy storms and wind. Damage reports are local in every instance. Probably the most important requirement at this time, if the Ninth District is to safely harvest a bountiful crop, is warm, dry weather in which to complete the haying and cut and stack small grains. Rye and barley are being harvested and the heavy hay crop is being cut. A considerable amount of wild hay on low or marshy land is already exposed to danger because of too much moisture for proper curing. Clover and Timothy and wild upland hay are not exposed to the same danger, but will need good haying weather. If weather conditions permit, the hay harvest will be one of the largest the Northwest has ever gathered.  
The potato crop promises at present a yield of 100 per cent. There has been considerable local damage to the early varieties on the heavy soils of the Red River Valley in Minnesota, although the same crop on the Dakota side of the Red River Valley is in a far better condition. It is probable that in this area, the damage to early potatoes will cut them down to about half a crop or less. Upon the (Continued on page 6)

## A BETTER BABY CONTEST AT FAIR

### HAVE YOU A "BETTER BABY" IN YOUR FAMILY—YOU HAD BETTER COME AND FIND OUT

The Williams County Fair Association is to have a Better Babies Contest on Sept. 2 at the Fair grounds. The contest will be conducted under the auspices of the Fair and will be open to children of 6 months to 3 years.  
The Better Babies Contest is a popular yet scientific movement to improve the race by holding up certain physical and mental standards of perfection to which every mother should aim to bring her baby.  
The Woman's Home Companion says, "the Better Babies Contest insures a better race of Americans because it teaches parents how to improve the physical condition of children already born and to protect those yet unborn. It arouses interest in the conservation of child life and health and all forms of child welfare. It forges a connecting link between parents and teachers, between the home and the school, between the scientific study of child life. It promotes civic interest in the children of the community."  
Good looks and fine clothes will have no influence on the judges, as the first two considerations in a Better Babies Contest are physical and mental developments. The grading is done on the basis of scientific measurements and tests.  
A beautifully designed bronze medal and diploma presented by the Woman's Home Companion will be awarded to the prize winning babies. Every mother will get a score card on which will be marked the results of the physician's examination of her baby also a certificate showing that her baby was examined at the Better Babies Contest.  
Here is an opportunity to secure a thorough examination of your baby free of charge.  
If you have a 100 per cent baby you ought to know about it. If your baby has defects which caused him to be scored low, you ought to know about it so that you can remedy them and ultimately have a perfect baby.  
Formerly, when a mother was wise enough to study up on the care and feeding of children and tried to bring up her babies according to the best methods prescribed by specialists, her neighbors laughed at her "book raised" babies. To-day she can laugh at the foolish mothers who scorned scientific methods, because, in a Better Babies Contest she finds that her babies are among the finest. The Better Babies Contest is a comparatively new thing, but it has come to stay just as the competition at fairs for cattle and grain and fruit become regular features.  
A man is now prouder to the father of a 100 per cent baby than he is to own a prize winning bull or a blue ribbon horse. Baby is coming into his own at last, because we are beginning to realize that he is the greatest asset to the nation.  
The Committee.

## ESCAPE FROM PENITENTIARY

### ELMER JONES AND ALBERT OLSON MAKE "GET-AWAY" EARLY LAST NIGHT

Bismarck, August 1.—Elmer Jones and Albert Olson, two convicts from the state penitentiary, sent up for five and seven and one half years respectively, escaped from the penitentiary last evening.  
The two men were sent to the penitentiary pasture about 7:00 o'clock last evening to return the cows, when they made their escape. Olson has been doing the work for the past two years, and has always been regarded as a model prisoner. The escape was discovered at once when the men did not return at 8:00 o'clock and a hasty search was made for them. The prison whistle was sounded immediately and a dragnet of prison guards and officers sent out at once. The men evidently took the old horse which was usually used when driving the cattle back to the pasture, and used it to assist them in their escape. The horse was located in the pasture shortly after 10 o'clock so they did not get very far with the animal.  
Scour the Country  
Warden Talcott had men scouring the country last night in an effort to locate the escaped convicts. Messengers were sent to all the outlying towns at once, and a dragnet set that will make it almost impossible for the men to get very far. Descriptions of the men were also wired to the districts of all surrounding counties. The two men had barely an hour's start when the escape was discovered. Officers in automobiles were sent out on roads leading in all directions in an effort to head them off.

## WERE FISHING

James Utley, Fred Smith, W. B. Overton, Erick Kather and Dr. Kreiger went on the Muddy Monday night on a fishing trip. They caught eight carp but no pike.

## NEW ROCKFORD'S CAMPAIGN STARTS

### ALL OF EDDY COUNTY HAS BEEN STRONGLY ORGANIZED TO TAKE PART IN FIGHT

Fessenden, N. D., Aug. 2.—New Rockford's campaign for the removal of the state capital from Bismarck to New Rockford is formally under way, being launched in this city when a delegation of about 200 New Rockford citizens attended the Wells county fair here, putting forth their capital removal arguments.  
This opening of the campaign follows the recent meeting held in New Rockford, whom formal organization of the capital removal forces was perfected.  
In furtherance of the removal scheme, all of Eddy county has been thoroughly organized for the campaign.  
The question raised within the last few days as to the possibilities of removing the capital from Bismarck, is being given serious attention by legal minds throughout the state. It is maintained that the capital was permanently located at Bismarck through the enabling act—that measure fixing Bismarck as the capital.

## ARMENIANS GET BAD TREATMENT

### THOUSANDS HAVE BEEN DEPORTED FROM HOMES AND FAMILIES BROKEN UP

By Henry Wood  
Dedeagatch, Bulgaria, July 29.—Delayed.—Atrocities that rival the outrages of Abdul Hamid are being inflicted on the 2,000,000 Armenians in Turkey by the Young Turk government. Official circles in Turkey are using every possible means to prevent the news reaching the outside world. I have come here from Constantinople to cable a story of conditions as they were told to me by sources in the Ottoman capital whose reliability cannot be questioned.  
Thousands of Armenians deported  
Thousands of Armenians have been deported from their homes in Asia Minor; their property confiscated and their families broken up. Young Armenians have been hurriedly drafted into the army and rushed to Gallipoli peninsula to meet a quick end in the trenches of the Dardanelles. Wives, mothers and young children have been left helpless in the streets or transported to strange cities and abandoned to the mercies of the Musselman population.  
No Wholesale Massacres  
Thus far no wholesale massacres have been reported to Constantinople. But the critical moment for the Armenians will come when the Turks meet with a serious reverse at the Dardanelles, if that should occur, or even when the Armenians themselves become emboldened by the successes of their local revolts and attempt a general movement in rebellion.  
So critical is the situation that the American ambassador, Henry Morgenthau, who almost singlehandedly is fighting to prevent a wholesale slaughter, has felt obliged to ask the co-operation of the ambassadors of Turkey's two allies.  
Baron von Wangenheim, the German ambassador, and Margrave Pallavicini, the Austrian representative at Constantinople, have responded at least to the degree of joining with the American ambassador in trying to convince the Turkish government that a renewal of the atrocities of the former Turkish regime would be a serious mistake.  
The order for the present cruelties was issued early in May and executed with all the extreme genius of the Turkish police system.  
Women Left Helpless  
At Brousse, Asiatic Turkey, the police at midnight swooped down upon the homes of all Armenians whose names had been put on the prescribed list sent out from Constantinople. The young Armenians were then ordered into the army; the older men were deported into the interior, while the women and children who were not carried off were left to shift for themselves.  
Simultaneous with these arrests throughout the empire, the Constantinople police arrested the alleged leaders of an Armenian society who were charged with plotting the establishment of an independent Armenia. Nineteen were hanged in front of the ministry of war.  
Mothers, unable longer to nourish their babies, dropped them in wells as they passed, preferring to end their sufferings.  
The Armenian colony of Constantinople, numbering about 70,000, is practically the only group that has escaped, largely through Ambassador Morgenthau, who has assumed a sort of unofficial protectorate over them.  
In defense of these measures, the Turks assert that the Armenians rose in rebellion when the allies attacked at the Dardanelles.

## TO STAND UNTIL VICTORY COMES

### RESOLUTION DECLARING UNSHAKABLE FAITH IN ARMIES IS ADOPTED

Petrograd, Aug. 3.—Michael Ood-zianko of Ekaterinoslav was re-elected president of the Russian duma by a vote of 246 to 42. On the conclusion of the debate on the war the duma placed itself on record by the unanimous adoption of a resolution declaring its empire unshakable in the determination not to conclude a peace before the Russian victory is complete and pledging the willing assistance of the entire population for the creation of fresh means for continuing the struggle.  
The resolution emphasized the necessity of forgetting old political quarrels, recalled the government's benevolence with regard to the interest of "all loyal citizens of Russia without distinction of race, language or religion."  
Make Them Pay  
Members also expressed their "unshakable faith that the shortcomings which hitherto have existed in the provision of munitions for the army will be immediately removed and that those responsible for criminal omissions will be made to pay the penalty no matter what their positions."

## COUNTY VALUES ARE INCREASED

### ASSESSMENT FIGURES SHOW INCREASED VALUE OF SEVERAL HUNDRED THOUSAND

The board of equalization figures on the land and personal property values in the county have been compiled and show an increase of nearly six hundred thousand dollars in the real estate. The farm land acreage is also increased in being about 3100 acres. The figures follow:  
Value farm lands.....\$3,676,441.00  
Value town lots..... 391,375.00  
Value all real estate..... 4,729,487.00  
Structures on farm lands..... 183,620.00  
Structures on town lots..... 487,051.00  
Total acreage..... 1,106,011.1367  
The average value as equalized is \$3.31 per acre assessed at about 25 per cent of the actual value.

## MANY KILLED IN CLOUD BURST

### CLOUD BURST AT ERIE, PA., CAUSES GREAT FLOOD AND FIFTY MEET DEATH

Erie, Pa., Aug. 4.—Coroner Hanley, shortly before noon today, estimated that 50 persons perished in last night's flood. Mayor Stern, at 10 o'clock, said the number probably would not exceed 25, but after a survey of the debris, and checking over the list of missing the coroner raised the estimate to 50.  
Although the coroner's figures are based largely upon the lists of missing, many of whom were later located, he did not lower his estimate as these names came in, and other city officials are inclined to accept his estimate as the most accurate yet made.  
Eighteen bodies were recovered up to noon, 10 of them being identified.

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## CARD OF THANKS

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## "J. C. R." WALKS TO DICKINSON

### MAN OF MYSTERY REACHES ALLEGED SISTER 4 MONTHS AFTER BEING MISSED.

Dickinson, N. D., July 30.—"J. C. R." for years a "man of mystery" at the Rochester, Minn., state hospital for the insane, is in Dickinson again, this time with Mrs. Mary Caldwell Huff Moran of this city, whom he claims as his sister, and who says she recognizes in this crippled paralytic her long-lost brother.  
About a year ago Mrs. Harriet E. Pitkin and her attorney, James D. Greenbaum of Chicago, arrived in Dickinson with the unfortunate man, who claimed to be Jay Allen Caldwell, and unsuccessfully sued for \$100,000, which "J. C. R." contended was due him from his father.  
In April 23 last "J. C. R." was placed in a Chicago infirmary. Four days later he disappeared, and no trace of him was found until he got off the train in Dickinson a few days ago. One of his feet is swollen, as if he had walked far, and it is certain he has put in three months reaching the woman who says he is her brother.

## HEITATES AT ENTRANCE OF DEATH ROOM

### THE ONE TIME POLICE OFFICER HESITATED A MOMENT AS HE ENTERED THE EXECUTION CHAMBER. IT SEEMED TO THE WITNESSES AS IF HE WAS STARTLED THAT THE DEATH CHAIR WAS SO NEAR AT HAND.

## SEATS HIMSELF IN DEATH CHAIR

### HE LOOKED QUICKLY AT THE DOUBLE ROW OF WITNESSES, GLANCED AT THE FLOOR SWEEP WITH HIS EYES THE WHITENED WALLS OF THE ROOM; THEN SUDDENLY, AS IF COMING TO HIMSELF, HE WALKED BRISKLY OVER THE RUBBER MAT AND SEATED HIMSELF IN THE ELECTRIC CHAIR.

## BECKER CHANTS THE PRAYER OF DEATH

### BEHIND BECKER FOLLOWED THE PRIESTS, CHANTING THE PRAYER OF DEATH, WHICH WAS REPEATED BY THE CONDEMNED MAN.

## "JESUS, MARY JOSEPH, HAVE MERCY ON MY SOUL," NERVOUSLY SPOKE BECKER AS THE DEPUTY WARDENS STEPPED FORWARD AND ADJUSTED THE ELECTRODES.

## THE FIRST SHOCK LASTED A FULL MINUTE, THE SECOND SHOCK SEVEN SECONDS, AND THE THIRD SHOCK FIVE SECONDS, THE PRISON PHYSICIANS EXAMINING THE COLLAPSED FIGURE BETWEEN EACH SHOCK.

## HARDLY A MINUTE ELAPSED BEFORE THE ELECTRODE WAS APPLIED TO THE RIGHT LEG, A SLIT HAVING BEEN PREVIOUSLY CUT IN THE TROUSER LEG FROM THE KNEE DOWN.

## AFTER THE ELECTRODE HAD BEEN FIRMLY ADJUSTED AGAINST A SHAVEN SPOT ON THE BACK OF THE CONDEMNED MAN'S HEAD, THE STATE EXECUTIONER LOOKED AT DEPUTY WARDEN JOHNSON, WHO SURVEYED THE FIGURE THAT WAS SEATED IN THE CHAIR. JOHNSON HALF TURNED HIS HEAD, AND THE EXECUTIONER JAMMED THE SWITCH.

## THE FIRST SHOCK LASTED A FULL MINUTE AND THE EXECUTIONER SAID THAT IT WAS 1,850 VOLTS AND TEN AMPERES IN STRENGTH. IT CAME WHILE BECKER STILL (Continued on page 9)

## GOVERNOR HANNA VISITS CITY

### GOVERNOR HANNA WAS IN THE CITY SATURDAY EVENING AND UNTIL SUNDAY NOON WHEN HE TOOK NUMBER TWO FOR HOME. THE GOVERNOR HAD BEEN AT TIoga where he delivered an address at the Tioga Fair and came to Williston for a short visit.

## RETURNED FROM TRIP

### DR. AND MRS. MCGAW AND SON RETURNED TUESDAY MORNING FROM AN EXTENDED TRIP THROUGH THE EASTERN PART OF THE STATE. AFTER LEAVING HERE THEY WENT TO GRAND FORKS AND TOOK IN THE FAIR. FROM THE FORKS THEY WENT TO GRAFTON AND HOOPLE WHERE THEY VISITED WITH MRS. MCGAW'S SISTERS. LEAVING HOOPLE THEY CAME BACK BY WAY OF FARDALE, PARK RIVER, DEVILS LAKE AND MINOT. THEY VISITED FOR A COUPLE OF DAYS IN MINOT AND LEFT THERE MONDAY AFTERNOON ABOUT TWO O'CLOCK. THE ROADS WERE HEAVY, IT HAVING RAINED SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AND THIS MADE TRAVEL SLOW SO THAT IT WAS FIVE O'CLOCK TUESDAY MORNING BEFORE THEY REACHED WILLISTON.

## INJUNCTION CASE DISMISSED

### IN AN INJUNCTION SUIT BROUGHT BY E. E. RYAL AGAINST PHERRIN TOWNSHIP AND ARGUED BEFORE THE COURT ON MONDAY THE INJUNCTION WAS DISMISSED. THE SUIT WAS BROUGHT OVER A ROAD WHICH WAS LAID OUT THROUGH THE RYAL LAND. ATTORNEY GILMORE REPRESENTED THE PLAINTIFF AND ATTORNEY LOHRKE THE DEFENDANT.

## BECKER FUNERAL HELD YESTERDAY

### PLATE ON COFFIN BEARS THE INSCRIPTION "MURDERED BY GOVERNOR WHITMAN"

New York, Aug. 2.—The funeral of Charles Becker was held from the church of St. Nicholas of Tolentine, in the Bronx today. The crowds were so great that police reserves had to be called.  
Plate on Coffin  
A silver plate bearing the inscription, "Charles Becker, murdered July 30, 1915, by Governor Whitman," was placed on the coffin containing Becker's body by direction of his widow. The plate is four by seven inches in size and the letters in script are an inch high. It is securely fastened.  
Mrs. Becker is quoted as saying that she determined upon this plan after she appealed to Governor Whitman for a reprieve, which the governor denied.

## LIEUT. BECKER ELECTROCUTED

### MET DEATH IN ELECTRIC CHAIR AT SING SING FRIDAY MORNING AT 5:47.

Ossining, N. Y., July 30.—Former Police Lieutenant Charles Becker was electrocuted in Sing Sing prison at 5:47 today. Becker retained his composure and protested his innocence to the last.  
He went to his death with a photograph of his wife pinned on the outside of his shirt over his heart. Three shocks were given before the prison physicians pronounced Becker dead at 5:55 a. m. Becker led the way to his own execution. The condemned man sat up all night on the edge of his cot calmly talking to Deputy Warden Johnson.  
"I have got to face it," said Becker, "and I will go into it quietly and without trouble to anyone."  
The deputy warden left Becker alone an hour before the time set for the execution. Father Casin, the prison priest, and Father Curry, of New York, then administered the last rites, and the priests remained with him to the end.  
"I'm Not Guilty," Says Becker.  
To Father Curry Becker gave his last message as he took his place at the head of the little file of men that marched to the room of death.  
Becker's message, which he uttered to the priest, was: "I am not guilty by deed or conspiracy or in any other way of the death of Rosenthal. I am sacrificed to my friends. Bear this message to the world and my friends, amen."

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## GAME WARDENS ARE ANNOUNCED

### STATE BOARD ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENTS OF STATE GAME SPOTTERS

Fargo, N. D., July 31.—At a meeting of the North Dakota game board held here yesterday afternoon, at the office of Secretary Joe Purcell, the appointment of chief deputies and district deputies was made and steps were taken for the rigid enforcement of the state game laws. Notices are being sent out to all officers, instructing them to enforce all the laws to the letter. President J. P. Reeve of Beach and Secretary Purcell were present at the meeting.  
E. B. McCutcheon of Minot was re-appointed chief game warden for the First district and W. F. Reko of Mandan was again named to a similar position in the second district. W. E. Cull of Devils Lake was named statewide deputy.  
The district deputies, whose territory comprises the various judicial districts of the state, are as follows:  
First District—E. C. Lubecken, Reynolds.  
Second District—Harry F. Snore, Minnewaukan.  
Third District—A. D. South, Casselton.  
Fourth District—M. B. Lyken, Forman.  
Fifth District—John Gjevold, Nome.  
Sixth District—A. D. McKinnon, Goodrich.  
Seventh District—O. S. Gunderson, Willow City.  
Eighth District—T. C. Michael, Dickinson.  
Ninth District—T. N. Hartung, Dickinson.  
Tenth District—John Patterson, Ross.  
Eleventh District—Phillip Shafer, Mandan.  
Twelfth District—Phillip Shafer, Mandan.  
No appointment was made for the Ninth district at this time.  
Call on us for screen doors and windows. R. C. Sanborn Lbr. Co. 2