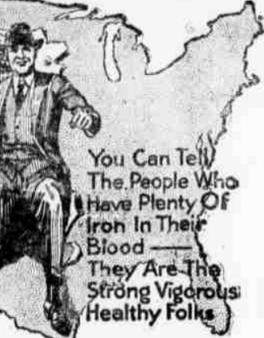


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WEEKLY NEWS LETTER FROM THE SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE COLLEGE

Bacteriology in the Southeast Missouri State Teachers College.

The Biology Department of the Southeast Missouri State Teachers College has a new piece of apparatus, known as the autoclave or a steam pressure sterilizer. The class in bacteriology which makes a study of micro-organisms, commonly called germs, that cause disease uses the autoclave in preparing material for raising the germs.

Beef broth is one of the preparations for germ culture. Thin glass tubes about six inches long and a half inch in diameter are partly filled with the broth, plugged with cotton and placed in the autoclave. After cooking for fifteen minutes with the pressure at fifteen pounds all the germs that cause broth to spoil are killed, and the broth will keep in these tubes for months without spoiling even though there are only cotton plugs between them and the air.

scope which magnifies them from 500 to 1000 times. But do not let us forget that the autoclave which makes sterile the broth makes possible these studies. The bacteriology class of the teachers college has reason to congratulate itself on the arrival of this new piece of apparatus which is so useful in studying the causes of various germ diseases.

Are you thoroughly satisfied with the result of the election? Of course not. People are never satisfied, no matter what happens. The fellow who bet his money and lost is not satisfied and the fellow who won wishes he had bet more, and so it goes. Then there is the guy who didn't bet at all. He's wishing he had. But after all the election is over, and we are glad of it. It's worse since the women got to voting. Some houses are decorated with both candidates for President. This does not indicate that a mug-wump resides there. It indicates that he's one way and she's t'other and that more than once during the campaign hell's been a-noppin in that house. Another thing: Old Cupid has got to study this matter over pretty thoroughly or he's going to get folks into a danged lot of trouble. He must see that she's of the same political complexion that he who seeks her hand is or the dickens will be to pay. He may want to raise the children up to be Republicans while she might want them to wear only one "gallus" and vote the Democratic ticket. See?—Jefferson City Republican.

HEMPHILL EXPLAINS ORGANIZATION OF NEAR EAST RELIEF

Prominent New York Banker Says Aim Is 100% Relief of Starving Peoples.

"Just what is the Near East Relief? Is the question that many people are asking whose interests have been awakened to the terrible conditions existing in the Levant today," says Alexander J. Hemphill, President of the Guarantee Trust Company and well known New York banker and financier. "In prosaic facts, the Near East Relief is a body incorporated by act of Congress the object of which is to provide relief and to assist in the repatriation, rehabilitation and re-establishment of suffering and dependent people of the Near East and adjacent areas; to provide for the care of orphans and widows and to promote the social, economic and industrial wel-



ALEXANDER J. HEMPHILL.

fare of those who have been rendered destitute or dependent, directly or indirectly, by the vicissitudes of war, the cruelties of men or other causes beyond their control.

100 Per Cent Relief. "The aim of the organization is 100 per cent relief, the relief which puts those aided on a self-supporting basis, which instills in them a confidence for the future, places in their hands the means with which to begin life anew, and in their hearts the courage to go on. Work, that is the prescription subscribed and provided by those loyal men and women who have journeyed into perilous places for the sake of their fellow men; to make these people independent for the future, to encourage the flickering fire of national pride.

"There are \$2,201 workers employed in the industrial establishments of the Near East Relief, where wool is furnished for the women to spin and weave, and all the girls who are strong enough are washing wool, sewing beds, grinding and sifting wheat, tailoring and learning to make lace. The big problem is to make these women independent.

"About 500 American men and women, Near East Relief workers, are now in the field, including 36 eminent physicians and surgeons, 76 nurses, 7 mechanics, 15 industrial experts, 16 agriculturists, 14 bacteriologists, 197 relief workers, 25 supply and transport workers, 19 teachers, 20 administrators, 34 secretaries, 7 engineers and 45 army officers.

Where Money Goes. "Funds for relief purposes are distributed in two ways: First, the various relief centers are authorized by the Executive Committee to draw sight drafts on New York for specific amounts each month; second, by supplies purchased in America, the major portion of which are shipped to the committee warehouses at Derindje, and the remainder either to Beyrouth or Batoum.

"The relief is rapidly expanding and meeting the situation, but the future depends on the continuation of American support.

According to Mr. Hemphill, the need for American help to see the destitute peoples of the Near East through the crisis of present conditions is greater now than ever before on account of the uncertainty as to the future, the truculence of the Turkish government and the danger of bolshevism from Russia, which threatens to engulf the whole of Armenia.

Who Direct the Work. Mr. Hemphill is the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Near East Relief. Other members are Dr. James L. Barton, Secretary of the Foreign Department of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions; Edwin M. Buckley, banker, of Spencer Trask & Co., New York; Judge Abram I. Elkus, former United States Ambassador to Turkey; Harold A. Hatch, a well known New York cotton man; Herbert Hoover; William B. Millar, one of the Secretaries of the Inter-church World Movement; Henry Morgenthau, United States Ambassador to Mexico; Edgar Rickard of the American Relief Administration; Charles V. Vickrey, who is Secretary of the Near East Relief, and Dr. Stanley White, secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church.

MISSOURI CROPS, NOV., 1920.

Jefferson City, Mo., Nov. 8.—The farmers of St. Francois county report their corn as husking out 23 bushels per acre, and 61 per cent of a good average quality. They will harvest 90 per cent of their corn acreage for grain, "hogged" off with animals 2 per cent, and have out 8 per cent for silos. The acreage cut for corn fodder is 45 per cent of the planted acreage. The average weight per bushel of wheat is 59 pounds, and of oats 31. Sorghum cane has yielded 58 gallons of syrup per acre. Missouri corn is husking 32 bushels per acre, indicating a yield of 211,808,000 bushels, or 56,000,000 more than last year, from farm reports received by E. A. Logan, Agricultural Statistician of the United States Bureau of Crop Estimates, and Jewell Mayea, Secretary of the State Board of Agriculture. Total production of the three leading grain crops for 1920 is 284,376,000 bushels, which exceeds last year and results from the increased production of corn and oats, despite the decrease of 28,000,000 in wheat production.

Missouri's 1920 corn yield 32 bushels per acre against 27 last year and ten-year average of 26.2, indicating 211,808,000 bushels against 155,412,000 in 1919, and ten-year average of 182,610,000. The 1920 yield has exceeded three times during the past ten years—in 1910, 1912 and 1917, when the yields were slightly above 240,000,000 bushels.

The frost around October 1st damaged the quality of the late planted crop, but weather in October matured practically all of the corn. The quality of 85 per cent this year against 82 per cent last year, and 78 per cent for a ten-year average, results somewhat from heavy winds in September, blowing down much corn and the rains of the last week in October causing rot. Chinch bugs have caused some corn to be chaffy. Husking is now general throughout the state.

Only 4 per cent of last year's crop remains on farms, compared to 3 per cent last year. Eighty six per cent of the acreage is being harvested for grain (182,155,000 bu.), 6 per cent "hogged off" (12,708,000 bu.), and 6 per cent cut for silage (16,945,000). The production for silage is 5.4 tons per acre, while 28 per cent has been cut for fodder. Prices for new corn are not yet established, ranging from 60 cents to a dollar, with "no market" in many places. From Oct. 15th to Nov. 1st, the average price declined from 90 to 80 cents per bushel.

Wheat seeding is practically finished, except at scattering points where delayed by rains. The crop is looking well in nearly all sections except where infested with hessian fly. Average yield of 2.2 bushels per acre, compares to 1.7 last year and 1.6 bushels 10-year average, indicating total production for 1920 of 110,000 bushels, against 56,000 last year. Soybean yield, 19 bushels per acre against 14 last year. Cane and kafir had very favorable weather to mature in October. The yield of grain indicates 30 bushels per acre against 23 last year, and forage 4 tons. Field peas yield 91 per cent of normal air grain and acreage harvested. Tobacco 1000 pounds per acre in 1920, and quality 89. Flaxseed 7 1-2 bushels per acre, against 9 1-2 in 1919.

Potatoes averaged 82 bushels per acre against 75 last year, and 67 ten-year average, producing 9,020,000 bushels against 8,250,000 last year, ten-year average 6,526,000 bushels. Quality 85 per cent against 80 per cent last year. Sweet potatoes yielded 119 bushels against 104 last year, and 88 ten-year average, indicating 880,000 bushels against 834,000 last year, and 647,000 a ten-year average. Sorghum syrup yields 89 gallons per acre against 83 for 1919, and 87 for ten-year average. Production is 1,958,000 gallons against 1,618,000 last year, and 1,410,000 for a ten-year average. Garden crops not killed by the light frost in early October continued growing and gave fair fall yields. Turnips and pumpkins are good crops.

Apples are 42 per cent of full production with a quality of 74. Farm reports indicate not over half the number of trees as in the 1910 census, and many farm orchards are a complete failure this year. Farmers report orchards not being planted freely and that Missouri farm orchards are "going to the dogs." Grapes were 79 per cent of full crop and pears 68 per cent.

Pastures made very favorable growth during October, and are better in many places than usual, with the sod thoroughly soaked. Most live stock are in good condition and healthy, but much complaint is heard of the low price of sheep and cattle, and dragsy price of horses.

Soil conditions are good, with fall seeding about finished and fall plowing going forward. The main work on Missouri farms today is husking and snapping the corn crop. Farmers are still undecided on the course to pursue with corn, cattle and hogs.

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