

BIG RICE SURPLUS IN CHINA

\$10,000,000 Worth of Grain Stored in One City; American Buyers Hold Back.

Hongkong.—Hongkong has been stocked with rice bought for export and held for a rise in prices even during the rice shortage, which has become serious in some cities of southern China and other parts of the Orient.

The manager of a big commercial firm here estimated that there was more than \$10,000,000 worth of Saigon "long" rice stored in Hongkong.

Recently the price fell rapidly and dealers and exporters found themselves loaded up with rice while the banks were pressing for the payment of bills. Japan was not able to buy owing to the tightness of her money market, and it was stated that America, ordinarily one of the largest buyers of rice in this market, has ceased to purchase because she had obtained a sufficient supply.

There were food riots in Shanghai in the latter part of June owing to the high prices of rice there. On June 29 there was only a four days' supply of rice available in Shanghai.

CHIEF OF SLACKERS



Charles F. Phillips, who was convicted in 1917 of conspiracy to defeat the operation of the draft laws, and who is now, according to latest reports, the chief of a soviet of draft evaders who have taken their thin skins down into Mexico.

BARS "MARRIAGE INSURANCE"

Oklahoma Attorney General Opposes Charter for New Policy System.

Oklahoma City, Okla. — Announcement was made here that Attorney General Prince Freeling has advised against the granting of a charter to a savings investment company that proposed to issue insurance to mature at the time of marriage instead of death.

According to the proposed plan of the company, policies would be issued on the persons of children between 1 and 15 years of age, on application of their parents, payments to be made by the company only in case of the marriage of the person insured.

"It is not impossible to conceive of a case wherein the entire resources of a person might be tied up in this company and never become available until marriage," Freeling says. "Marriage then might not be a free and voluntary act, based on the proper motives, but simply a convenience to make available the resources of the policy holder."

TROOPS WEAR RINGS IN EARS

Senegalese Soldiers, Used by French in Constantinople, Oddly Decorated.

Constantinople.—Black troops, many of them Senegalese, have been used by the French in their occupation of this city. The Senegalese wear bright green uniforms and red fez. Their faces are decorated with scars across their cheeks and they usually wear large rings in the ears.

A member of the Turkish foreign office who was educated at a European university, recently approached a group of Senegalese soldiers near the sublime porte and engaged them in conversation, addressing them in French.

"Just why did you come over here?" he was asked.

"We came to bring civilization to the Turks," the leader of the group retorted haughtily.

Hearty Breakfast, Then Jail.

Georgetown, Ky.—After eating an entire boiled ham and seven cans of bacon and beans for his breakfast, Henry Smith was arrested when he arrived in Georgetown and put in jail. It is charged he broke into a freight car and stole his breakfast while tramping from Erlanger to this place.

Girls Give Prince Pajamas.

Sydney, Australia.—Six hundred Sydney shop girls gave the Prince of Wales a pair of pajamas when he was here recently. The pajamas were made in the shops where the girls are employed. The prince shyly accepted them.



Using Tractors to Full Capacity

(Spring Wheat Crop Improvement Service.)

About the usual amount of fall plowing will always be done. Farmers have long realized that fall plowing for wheat is much more profitable than spring plowing, for many reasons. Wheat is the money crop of the Northwest and regardless of all other kinds of farming, wheat must be paramount now and for years to come.

No matter what the crop, fall plowing is best. The important thing is to get as many acres plowed before frost as possible which would not be plowed under ordinary circumstances.

There is generally power enough in every community, although like money, some people have a surplus while others have little or none.

Every farm bureau should take immediate steps to learn how much plowing is likely to be slighted on account of lack of facilities. There ought to be a power club organized which will agree to plow this surplus at a price which will compete with horse plowing, and every tractor should be used to its fullest capacity with a night crew, if necessary, to get the extra plowing done as early as possible. The owner of the power should be paid the going rate and the tractor agencies would be more than willing to keep the tractors in first-class shape and to furnish expert service.

Good Seed Wheat



(Spring Wheat Crop Improvement Service.)

The great Northwest should follow the example of Kansas. State inspectors are sent around to examine the growing fields and to locate seed wheat growing so that the plants may be taken into consideration.

It is not always possible to judge of seed wheat merely by looking at it after thrashing.

First, it should be the best variety, Marquis preferred.

Second, it should be fanned and cleaned of trash and weed seeds.

Third, all smut and other fungous diseases should be treated with formaldehyde, float and skim method.

Fourth, several one-hundred kernel samples should be selected from different parts of the bins and tested in wet blotting papers to see how strong it will grow.

The weather is the greatest factor, of course, but attention to these details often means the difference between success and failure.

Don't Burn Straw



(Spring Wheat Crop Improvement Service.)

You cannot grow crops without restoring fertility, any more than you could keep on drawing money out of the bank and never putting any in.

There may be some excuse for the burning of straw when a man considers that labor is the scarcest article and that burning saves days of work; but the phosphorus in the straw should be returned either through animals or by spreading on the land.

Much good paper is made from straw, the only difficulty being that enough straw cannot be taken to the mill cheaply enough, but if any county wishes to make an additional profit, a plan should be devised to concentrate all of the straw by sending a baler around. It would be easy to get a paper mill if the supply of straw were assured.

MARQUIS THE BEST WHEAT.

(Spring Wheat Crop Improvement Service.)

Marquis is the best variety thus far introduced in the spring wheat country. It matures several days earlier at the critical time when most damage is likely to occur. It is beardless and has a milling quality somewhat better than any other spring wheat.

It is well distributed and there is now no excuse for growing other varieties habitually. Of course this does not mean that in some localities amber durum to a limited extent may not be profitably grown. Wheat is the money crop for the Northwest and should receive the serious attention of every farmer's organization and the town people as well.

NEW CHANNEL-SWEEPER IDEA

Claimed That It Will Be of Vast Importance in the Maintenance of Barge Canals.

To aid in the maintenance of the New York state barge canal, a channel sweeper has been devised, not heretofore demanded by the construction of the older canals, writes Gordon P. Gleason in Popular Mechanics Magazine. As time goes on and the banks disturbed by recent excavations assume their natural slopes, the need of dredging will become less. Investigations, however, show that within one year sufficient material may be deposited within the canal to make the available depth of water considerably less than the prescribed 12 feet. An example of this was found in the channel east of Onondaga lake. This was completed in a full 12-foot depth in 1909, yet, in 1917, it was so washed in with sand that it was necessary to remove thousands of cubic yards of this material.

To aid in the locating of obstructions in the canal the state engineer has designed a novel channel sweeper, and boat builders have been asked to submit estimates as to the cost of these so that three of them may be placed on the canal.

The new sweeper consists of two boats, each 18 feet long and 6 feet wide. These are placed 15 feet apart and joined by timbers. An operating floor 30 feet long and 5 feet wide will be constructed near the stern, and suspended from this will be a 60-pound rail, 30 feet long, held by two chains at each end.

STRATEGY FAILED TO WORK

Last Resort of "Locked Out" Son-in-Law Only Served to Make Matters Worse.

His mother-in-law is deaf, "thick o' hearin'," as they said in the old days.

Mother-in-law went to the movie the other evening and, before leaving the house, requested that if the other members of the household went out the key be left in the mail box.

The others did go out and the key was left in the designated place. When they returned the key was missing.

Mother-in-law had locked the door and carried the key inside. She was seen sitting near an upstairs window, reading. The doorbell was rung until it ran down. The telephone did not reach her ears. Those left out in the cold, cold world were in despair.

The neighborhood had been aroused by the noise made in attempting to make mother-in-law's defective hearing take spark. She read peacefully on.

Finally Mr. Son-in-Law had a happy thought. He would try strategy. He turned the hose on her window.

Mother-in-law thought it was raining, got up and closed all the upstairs windows and went back to her book. Strategy had not only failed, but had tightened the barrier of sound.

It was not learned just how those outside got inside.—Indianapolis News.

"Deadwood Dick" English Born.

Richard Bullock, known as "Deadwood Dick," was born at Cornwall, England, some eighty years ago. At the age of twenty-one he came to America and at length drifted to the West. For a while he worked in the mines in the Black Hill country. At that time miners there were greatly discouraged and vexed by the unusual activity of bandits. Desperadoes operating individually and in groups were holding up stages running between the mining country and the settlements in the East with such regularity that chances of getting their gold shipments through were slim.

Bullock saw in this situation an opportunity to do the miners a good turn and himself, too, to earn a good livelihood and to enjoy no end of thrills and adventures. So he laid away his pick and shovel, armed himself with a wicked-looking gun and embarked in the business of hunting "road agents."

A "Burning Well."

Water and fire aren't usually considered good friends, but under certain circumstances they may unite to form an interesting and beautiful natural phenomenon. This is the case near Mobile, Ala., where for years a "burning well" has been the center of attraction for visitors and residents of the city. Bored originally for an artesian well, the product of the hole was a tremendous flow of salt water, heavily charged with chlorine gas.

How this gas first took fire is not known, but burn it does, and the deep orange flames, uninjured by the water, not only spurt high with the flow of the crystal stream and color its white foam, but they run along the circular pool about the well in continuous sweeps of bright color.

WEEKLY WANTS

DR. F. L. WICKS, OCULIST
Special attention given to the fitting of glasses. Wicks Block. Phone No. 493.

FOR SALE—Our residence at 1103 Fifth Avenue North. Call phone No. 280. S. Granger. 14-6twp

FOR SALE—12-20 Rumley Tractor one year old. Valley City Welding & Mfg. Co. 31-Wt

FOR SALE—Ford touring car. Phone 66L. 28-1tw-6tdp

FOR SALE—One new 10-20 Mogul tractor, cheap; one Moline tractor with plow and truck, practically new. Cheap. The Valley City Fibre Co. 29-4wt

From Tuesday's Daily

The Episcopal Guild will meet Wednesday, in the Guild hall, Mrs. Burl Carr as hostess.

The Degree of Honor will meet at K. of P. hall Thursday, Sept. 2. Cards promptly at 8:30 p. m.

A. J. Beaver, bookkeeper at the Security National Bank, has returned from a vacation which he spent at his home near Lidgerwood.

Prohibition officers and police made a raid on the Moose Hall at Fargo Sunday evening and secured several quarts of home brew. No arrests were made.

Mrs. William McKinney of North Yakama, Wash., will arrive this evening on No. 8 for a visit with Mrs. A. B. Cox. Mrs. McKinney is a former resident of Valley City, her husband being in business here some years ago.

J. W. Brinton, who was recently arrested in Bismarck for alleged criminal libel against A. C. Townley, accompanied by his brother, A. M. Brinton, were Valley City visitors last night. They left early this morning for the west.

Barnes county auto owners have paid \$14,834.09 into the state treasury for motor fund according to statistics sent out by the motor vehicle department. The various counties of the state are being apportioned their share of the amount due from the license money.

Frank M. Petit, advance agent for the Western Shows, left this morning on No. 7 for Jamestown to bill the city for the carnival for next week. Mr. Petit is one of the many real accommodating advance agents that drop in to see us each year as the different shows make the rounds.

J. H. Sampson has sold out his cigar and soft drink business together with the lunch room privileges to Heiling Brothers, who will take charge of the business in the near future. A. L. Greer has been running the lunch room end of this business and will probably continue to run it from this on, renting the privilege from the new proprietors.

Miss Emma VonDumaris, who has been spending several weeks of her vacation at Little Falls, Minn., and other points, returned home Sunday evening and has again resumed her duties with the North Dakota Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

Governor Cox is to speak at the Minnesota state fair on September 6 and Senator Warren G. Harding is to speak at the fair on September 8. Here is an opportunity for the fellows interested in politics to get a chance to hear both presidential candidates.

Harold Bakken returned to the city last night from Salt Lake City, Utah, where he has been working in the mines for several months. Harold is taking a course in mining engineering at the University of North Dakota, and is expected to take this kind of a course during his school days. He will get the proper credit for his work in the mines and expects to resume his studies at the University this fall.

George Flath, who was injured in an automobile accident near Carrington, N. D. on June 8, and who has been in a Fargo hospital since that time, died Sunday afternoon. He was the second victim of the accident. Al Sydness, his companion, having died about two weeks after the accident. The accident occurred when the large Buick car in which they were riding turned over.

Lyle Solie, 20 years old, of Moorhead, died Sunday from injuries received when an Oakland car he was driving turned turtle, pinning him and the other occupants, two girls and a young man under it. Solie's neck and back were broken and his left shoulder dislocated. The girls escaped without injuries but the other young man was considerably bruised. The accident occurred when Solie attempted to pass another car. He was driving about 50 miles an hour, it is said.

The state board of equalization has reduced farm lands in Barnes county and raised city property fifteen per cent. The value of farm lands returned by the state board in Barnes county is \$45.91 per acre a decrease of about three per cent. The fellows in the city will have to stand a raise of fifteen per cent. With the small decrease made by the state board we are going to make the prediction that taxes will be higher next year even at the risk of being told to take some more calomel.

There is something doing in houses these days. Not long ago Willie Murphy purchased the Casper Winkler property on Helena avenue. A very nice piece of property and one of the best locations in the city. Kenneth McFarland had to move so he bought Billy Thoreen's house on upper Fifth avenue. Another nice piece of property. Billy Thoreen had to move so he bought the O. A. Barton property on Normal avenue and somebody else has to move, and so it goes, people are keeping on the move and Valley City residence are being bought up as fast as they are offered for sale. Oh yes, but we forgot to say that recently Rew Healy bought the Cole house on upper Fourth avenue and has had it repainted and decorated and has a neat and nice place of his own. Real estate around this city is certainly booming. This is a good sign of a live town.

From Saturday's Daily

Rev. N. Mohler and family, of Harvey, N. D., were Valley City guests last night.

Mrs. F. O. Hellstrum and daughter, Miss Mildred, arrived in the city last night from Bismarck, N. D.

Mrs. Kate S. Wilder, police commissioner of the city of Fargo, was a Valley City visitor last night and is also here today.

Mrs. A. B. Cox, who has been visiting her sons Ed. and Gordon at Bismarck for the past few days, returned home on No. 2 yesterday afternoon.

Editor W. R. Kellogg, of the Jamestown Daily Alert, was a Valley City visitor last night. He left this morning on the Soo for points west.

Mrs. Sheldon, of Bottineau, N. D., arrived in the city Saturday, and will visit her sister, Mrs. J. H. S. Thompson, for a few days.

Ole Sunde's farm house southwest of town, recently burned down we are informed. No information has been received on this fire.

Mrs. I. Wold and children, who have been visiting at Duluth and other Minnesota points for the past month, are expected home the latter part of the week.

Bernard Lee and wife, of this city, spent Sunday in Lisbon visiting friends. Mr. Lee is the watchmaker and jeweler at the W. W. Fritch store.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Duff, of Dazey, N. D., were Valley City visitors Sunday, coming down by auto in the forenoon and returning in the afternoon.

Mrs. J. F. L. Bohnhoff and daughter Evelyn, who have been visiting relatives in St. Paul for the last week, returned home last evening on No. 8.

Miles Chesebro, of Shell Rock, Iowa, brother-in-law of J. E. Jones, was a Valley City visitor Saturday and Sunday.

E. T. James, near Rogers, lost a big barn by fire last week it is reported to the Times-Record. We have had no particulars about this fire.

P. J. Hornbacher, bookkeeper for the Stern Candy Co., spent Sunday in Fargo visiting with friends and acquaintances there, going down Saturday afternoon.

The wind blew so hard Saturday afternoon on the prairie that a good many of the threshing rigs were forced to shut down, letting their employees come into town for the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Johnson entertained at a six o'clock dinner last evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Isensee, who leave for Fargo today.

Ole Maasjo, one of the old timers in the Fingal neighborhood, who recently purchased the Floyd Tenney residence on Riverside avenue, is moving in today.

Mrs. John Piller and children left last evening for their home at Grafton, N. D., where they will spend a few days visiting with friends.

George A. Totten, member of the board of administration of the state of North Dakota, is in the city today, looking after business in connection with his duties.

L. L. Stair, warden of the state penitentiary at Bismarck, is in the city today. We do not think, however, that he is after any of our citizens on this trip.

Mr. Chas. G. Lund returned from the Twin Cities Thursday morning. Mrs. Lund will remain until September going to Lake Minnetonka as the guest of Mrs. F. W. Pearson.

Didn't Judge W. F. DuVall make the cute little old lady in the suffrage parade Friday night. When it comes to catering to the wants of the women you just leave it to "Bill."

Ben Goodsell, a former Valley Cityite, who has been working in Grand Forks, is visiting friends in Valley City, and is a guest at the F. G. Chamberlain home. He is on his way to his home at Aberdeen, S. D.

The boys who went as delegates to the American Legion convention at Minot, returned yesterday. They were well pleased with the hospitality accorded them by the people of Minot, and report a very pleasant time.

Rev. Eugene Nelson returned Friday from a three months trip to Norway where he visited with relatives. He will occupy the pulpit of the Scandinavian M. E. church again this Sunday, which has been occupied during his absence by Rev. Jensen.

Rev. J. W. Hilborn and family, of Cathay, N. D., are spending a day or two in Valley City. Some of the members of the Hilborn family are having medical work done in the city. Mr. Hilborn is pastor of the M. E. church at Cathay.

Mrs. J. W. Lahart and daughter Vergil, formerly residents of Jamestown, left on No. 2 yesterday for their home at Denver, Colorado, after spending a few days in the city visiting with their friend, Mrs. W. S. Hooster.

Mrs. A. E. Easton and two children who have been visiting with Mrs. Easton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Vaupal, left last evening for their home in Montana. They were accompanied by Mrs. Vaupal who goes to a live town.

another point in that state to visit relatives.

Gust Swenson and family and Erick Anderson and family, of Sioux Falls, S. D., who have been visiting P. J. Anderson and family at the corner of Fourth Avenue and Elizabeth street the past few days left for home yesterday. The trip was made in automobiles. Mrs. Swenson is a sister of Mrs. Anderson.

Ferguson Bros., the progressive Fifth avenue grocers, have recently added a new Ford delivery truck to their equipment, and are now equipped to take care of their growing business. Those Ferguson boys are comers, all right, all right.

A. L. Green had his bunch of base ball pelters out for practice last evening, and says that they are in fine trim, according to his judgment. At the present time it is planned to have either McGarry of Rogers or Cunningham of Luverne in the box at tomorrow's game for Valley City.

Mrs. Wm. VonDumaris and daughter Emma who have been in Minneapolis for the past several weeks, returned last evening. While away Mrs. VonDumaris had two operations at the Eitel hospital. Miss Emma VonDumaris is at present on her vacation and will return to her work at Valley City, N. D., in a short time.—Little Falls (Minn.) Transcript.

County Auditor Neison has received a supply of hunting license blanks which can be procured at his office in the court house. The blanks were a little late in arriving, but up to yesterday 45 licenses had been issued. They cost \$1.50. The hunting season this fall opens up on the morning of September 16th. A heavy fine will be imposed on those caught hunting without a license.

Arthur Fitzpatrick and his mother arrived in the city yesterday from Flandreau, S. D. Mr. Fitzpatrick has a farm a few miles out of town, and came up to look over the crops. He came up by train, but reports the roads along the railroad tracks in the best of condition and expresses the belief that the trip up by auto would have been a more pleasant one. He is well pleased at the attitude which this paper takes on the political situation in this state, and tells us to keep up the good work.

HASTINGS NEWS

The heavy rain Saturday night and Sunday put a stop to the threshing for a few days. Some very fine wheat has been brought into Hastings, one farmer had wheat that weighed 62 pounds to the bushel.

Mrs. O. T. Olson returned from Glenville, Minn., after a few weeks visit there with O. T.'s folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Enger were visiting at Valley City last Thursday.

Louis Workman and A. Bergen purchased a new Case separator from Anton Anderson the local dealer of this town.

Carl Knutson and Carl Helland of this vicinity, each purchased a new Fordson last week.

Contractor Nelson and his crew are rushing the work on the new co-operative store here.

Work on the new garage is beginning this week and in a few days we hope the bricks will be cleared from the sidewalk.

A burglar alarm has been installed in the First State Bank here so we will not be disturbed by the yeggmen again.

SHEYENNE VALLEY

Conrad Jacobson and Jens Henrikson, autoed to Kathryn last Monday on business matters.

Peter Stevens is driving team for Emil Oppend in the threshing.

James G. Thoreson was in Fingal last Tuesday and got a load of feed ground.

Mrs. Julia Henrikson and daughters Palma and Lillah of Kathryn were visiting with Mrs. Johanna Henrikson last Sunday afternoon.

Oscar E. Aas did some shopping at Kathryn last Monday.

John F. Henrikson was a visitor at the home of G. O. Aas last Tuesday evening.

Jens Henrikson helped Oscar E. Aas last Tuesday stacking grain.

Nels P. Hanson autoed to Kathryn last Wednesday afternoon on shopping.

Jens O. Aas is driving team for Jens Resaby in the threshing.

Alfred Anderson and John F. Henrikson autoed to Kathryn last Wednesday afternoon on shopping.

Christ Hagen, G. O. Aas and daughter Clara autoed to Kathryn last Monday afternoon on shopping.

Oscar E. Aas helped Helge Olson last Wednesday afternoon stacking millet.

Miss Eva Olstad came home from Valley City last Sunday evening for a few days' visit at home.

Alfred Anderson helped John F. Henrikson last Tuesday stacking hay.

Carl Monson is driving team for Henry Hanson in the threshing.

John F. Henrikson helped Alfred Anderson last Monday afternoon cutting corn.

Mrs. Helge Olson and son Gayhard were Kathryn shoppers last Tuesday afternoon.

Quite a number of farmers in this neighborhood have started to cut more hay.

Julius Henrikson is driving team for Nels P. Hanson in the threshing.

Miss Marie Henrikson was a Kathryn shopper one day last week.

Mrs. Marie Johnson visited with Mrs. Johanna Henrikson last Friday afternoon.

Martin Olstad and daughter Eva were Kathryn shoppers last Friday forenoon.

John F. Henrikson was a visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gust Collins last Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Gust Collins were Kathryn shoppers last Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Anton Oppend and family of Fingal were visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Ole Stevens and family last Sunday afternoon.