

ARIZONA CROP REPORT FOR MONTH OF JUNE

The condition of wheat in Arizona June 1 was 95 per cent of a normal crop, according to the government crop report issued today by L. M. Harrison, Field Agent for the Bureau of Crop Estimates.

Cotton continues in very good condition. The acreage of Egyptian has been increased over that of last year by 20 per cent. Recent estimates place the acreage at 95,000.

Oats acreage has been increased, about 13%. Most of this crop is grown in the three counties of Cochise, Navajo and Apache.

Barley acreage shows a decline of about 7%, due to the preference for wheat. The condition is placed at 87%, which compares with 85 per cent last year.

Alfalfa acreage is reported at 128,000 this year, which compares with 125,000 acres last year. The condition of the crop is placed at 97 per cent, compared with 92 per cent last year.

Fruit crops generally are above the average. While there was some damage from frost in the northern counties the condition of peaches is reported at 96 per cent, apples 95 per cent, and pears 89 per cent.

Range pastures continue in very good condition, but rain is needed in some districts. The state condition is reported at 93 per cent. Last year the condition on June 1 was 75 per cent, while the 10-year June average is 87.

Cantaloupes are in excellent condition. Notwithstanding the cool spring, the crop has made favorable progress and shipments are expected to start the last week in June.

Watermelon acreage is estimated at about 700, which is the largest acreage ever planted in the state. The condition of the crop is reported at 96 per cent.

United States conditions are reported as follows: Winter wheat, 94.9 per cent; rye, 93.5; oats, 95.4; barley, 91.6; alfalfa, 96.9; all hay, 94.1; apples, 67.8; peaches, 73.1; pears, 68.3; beans, 87.2; cabbages, 88.3; onion, 82; watermelons, 82; cantaloupes, 80.4; and cotton, 75.6.

TELLS OF METHODS USED IN EMPLOYING MEN.

In a letter to his brother, Postmaster Paul A. Smith, James Smith, writing from Jerome, regarding the opening of the mines there, tells of the methods being used in employing miners. He says:

"Things here are picking up some and the Verde Extension is going to start on Monday. They are having a hard time getting miners here and will have as long as they carry on the way they do. The Verde Extension makes every man that works for them undergo a strict physical examination. They give them a regular Bertillon examination. They also take down all birthmarks and take their fingerprints not only of the fingers but all of them. They also make them sign a paper stating that they will not sue the company if they are injured."

LOST—BELGIAN BLOODHOUND.

Sheriff Jimmie McDonald is beginning the loss of a thoroughbred Belgian bloodhound pup, which was stolen from his office, during his absence about three weeks ago. The pup was given to the sheriff by an old friend and arrived here shortly after he left for Boston.

It is said that the pup was last seen in a high-powered automobile headed for Wilcox, and the sheriff is hot on the trail of his hound. When he finds the thief dire things will happen to him, for having the nerve to steal such a valuable animal right out of the sheriff's office, where there is supposed to exist the utmost security.

A clue to the thief is said to have been received today by the sheriff, when the report stated that the man seen in the automobile with the dog in his possession wore chin whiskers, but whether or not these were a false set, will be ascertained.

Anyway, Sheriff McDonald vows he will get that hound back if he has to travel over every piece of proposed highway in Cochise county.

POURING OF CONCRETE ON BISBEE-DOUGLAS ROAD

DOUGLAS, June 10.—More than two and one-half miles of concrete have been laid on the Douglas end of the Bisbee-Douglas highway and concrete pouring started on the Bisbee end of the road yesterday, according to announcement Saturday by the highway commission. Every effort is being made to push work in all parts of the county, declared the commission.

The Pearce to Cochise highway is 70 per cent finished, said the same statement, while the Tombstone to Benson road is nearing completion and the Silver creek highway east of Douglas is progressing rapidly. On all three links of the county system the dirt and grading work is practically completed and remaining work is the installation of concrete in dips, culverts and bridges.

Remaining in the treasury of the highway commission on May 31, the commission reports, was a total of \$663,280.65 of the original \$1,000,000, which was placed in the hands of the commission for the building of the links on which they are working.

TO ENTERTAIN RETURNED SOLDIERS AND SAILORS.

Attorney O. Gibson, of Tombstone, will be host to the returned soldiers and sailors of Tombstone on Flag Day Saturday June 14, when he will tender a dinner at the National Restaurant. Invitations were issued today to all the boys who have returned, and the ones who will arrive before that date. Mr. Gibson is to be commended for his patriotic spirit, which will be highly appreciated by the local boys. The invitations issued read:

"You are hereby invited to attend, as a guest, a dinner given in honor of our returned soldiers, at the Palace Restaurant, on Flag Day, June 14.

"We plan to sit down at 7 P. M.

"If you can attend please wear your uniform, if you have one.

Kindly notify the undersigned by Friday morning, if possible, if you accept this invitation, so that the caterer may know for how many to provide.

LIVESTOCK BOARD FAILS TO SIGN PREDATORY ANIMAL AGREEMENT

PHOENIX, June 10.—The working agreement between the state and federal officials relative to the carrying out of the provisions of the predatory animal extermination law remains unsigned by the chairman of the state livestock sanitary board, according to a report brought back to this city from Flagstaff, by Ed D. Stephens, secretary of the board.

Stephens stated, however, that the conference between the livestock board officials and M. E. Musgrave, the government predatory animal inspector was satisfactory and it seemed to be the general impression at the conference that the agreement was drawn up in a manner to fully protect the stock interests as well as the state. The secretary gave it as his unofficial opinion that the agreement would be signed.

CUSTOMS FUNDS SHORTAGE AT SASABE IS \$25,000

NOGALES, Ariz., June 10.—Investigator Cardenas of Mexico City, is still at Sasabe, checking up the shortage there. The first reports indicated that the entire force of Mexican customs officials were implicated. The amount of the shortage has not yet been determined, but reports today say that it will not be over \$25,000. This estimate is based on the fact that the receipts of the port would not aggregate a greater amount over the time since the stealing began.

An attempt was made today to get the port of Sasabe by telephone but the wires are down at some point between Nogales and Sasabe, and so nothing definite is known by the Mexican officials at Nogales.

A most determined effort is being made to have Cashier Perez Uda extradited to Mexico to answer the charge of embezzlement. Consul Tammez of Nogales, says no effort will be spared to accomplish this. The consul says further that the Mexican government will exercise closer supervision hereafter of its employees along the border who handle money, and severe penalties will be meted out to offenders.

FICTION WRITER GETTING LOCAL COLOR.

Bert Turner, originally of Kansas City, where he was for a number of years a newspaper reporter, later going into newspaper work at El Paso, stopped over in Tombstone yesterday enroute to Nogales. Mr. Turner, who is also a fiction writer, is on a trip throughout the southwest gathering material for a story which he expects to write in the near future.

He is making the trip afoot, walking the entire distance, and after a short stay in Nogales, will cross into Mexico to spend several months there, in order to get the real inside of the Mexican facts as he will see them, to incorporate into his book.

Turner has traveled in every country of the globe and can speak several different languages. He will set his story in Arizona and Mexico, along the border, going into Africa also, he stated.

While in Tombstone he spent some time looking over the historic spots of interest, and visiting all the old landmarks, with which is connected some history, notably the old Bird Cage theater, where "things took place" in the early days. He also obtained considerable historical data from the files of the Prospector, which he will use in his story.

CO-OPERATION BODY TO BE ABSENT UNTIL JULY ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS

PHOENIX, June 10.—Corporation Commissioners D. F. Johnson and F. A. Jones are going to make a nice long stay of it in the east. They will not return to their official business here until some time the latter part of June. This was made known in information received at the commission to the effect that the hearing of the copper bullion cases, involving the freight tariffs from Arizona mines to Atlantic ports, has been continued to June 16. This was to have been heard before the Interstate commerce commission in Chicago June 2.

Both commissioners have left for Washington to take up several matters of freight reductions direct with the railroad administration and to attend a convention of public service commission representatives. When this work is over they will return for the Chicago hearing, and then back to Phoenix.

GENERAL TUTHILL WILL RESIDE IN PHOENIX

PHOENIX, June 9.—General A. M. Tuthill, who arrived in Phoenix yesterday from Globe where he has been attending the convention of the Arizona State Medical association, left the city last night for New York and Boston where he will conclude a post graduate course in medicine which he began immediately after his discharge from the army but was compelled to interrupt it by a call to this state on a business mission.

After the completion of the medical course, which will be about September 1, General Tuthill will return to Phoenix and take up the practice of medicine in this city.

JUAREZ, DESERTED, IS AWAITING ATTACK

EL PASO, June 10.—Juarez, cut off from communication with the balance of Mexico, had all the appearance of a deserted village today. A large portion of the civilian population had already sought refuge in El Paso and the 2500 troops were either confined to barracks or on duty in the trenches and outer defenses of the city.

From the roofs of tall buildings in El Paso men could be seen at work where the Mexican Northwestern crosses the Mexican Central railroad three or four miles out of the city, but whether these were federals or rebels could not be ascertained. Observers with field glasses could plainly see the soldiers in the trenches and around the block houses, apparently engaged in battle practice in anticipation of attack.

So far as is definitely known the nearest rebels are at Guadalupe, 20 miles east of Juarez, where General Felipe Angeles, Roman Vega and Martin Lopez have a large force of cavalry. The country where the rebels are located is well watered with plenty of grazing for the horses, and it is believed the rebels are resting in preparation for the attack which even federal officials in Juarez admit is inevitable. It is also admitted that the rebels outnumber the available federals and that the latter are cut off from retreat in any direction save across the Rio Grande into the United States.

ILLICIT STILL CAPTURED WITH TWO OPERATORS

DOUGLAS, June 10.—Jack Byres, formerly a miner at Bisbee, but lately owner of a ranch near Mud Springs, and Jim Gould, said by officers to be an ex-convict, were brought to Douglas last night by a sheriff's posse composed of Deputies Joe Hardwick, A. E. Parmer and "Hud" Kelly, and were lodged in jail charged with operating an illicit still. The still apparently much used, about 75 pounds of brown sugar, some coloring matter and a small quantity of raisins also were "lodged in jail" here. In addition there were a few bottles of the raisin brandy the officers alleged had been outputted in considerable amount from the still, and a coal oil stove used to cook the mash.

The officers appeared on the scene of alleged illicit distilling yesterday afternoon and found the stove and tub still warm from recent operation and the men were nearby, the officers stated last night. No extended hunt was made for the hiding place of the quantity of mash which must have collected during the year. A healthy looking fat drove of hogs at the ranch house answered the question of its disappearance.

CONFERENCE CALLED ON BIG STRIKE

PHOENIX, June 10.—The Salt river valley water users' association late today agreed to meet a delegation of its employees, and discuss with them the questions which brought on a strike at one of the Roosevelt dam power houses last Saturday and tied up that unit, leaving the three other plants to carry the peak load of the section.

Notice to this effect was made in a letter signed by President F. M. Wilkinson of the association, and addressed to Hywell Davies, federal mediator here, who had approached the association at the request of the department of labor in an effort to adjust the difficulties.

BUILDING BOOM STARTS

PHOENIX, June 10.—As if loosened from a leash, builders are going forward with construction work by leaps and bounds. Evidences of a great building boom are everywhere visible.

Restrained from activities for many months through a ruling of the war industries board, contractors are just now awakening to a new era of progression—a period of activity never before experienced in the history of the city.

And withal, the greatest improvements of the year have not yet been started. Many of the biggest real estate deals in the history of the city are even now pending.

NO AID OF JUAREZ BY SONORA TROOPS

DOUGLAS, June 10.—Neither General Carlos Plank, commander of the Sonora rural guard, nor any force of troops whatsoever has gone from Sonora within the last few weeks, it was said today by Mexicans in Agua Prieta, in a position to know troop movements in the interior of Sonora. General Plank, when last heard of, two days ago, was in the vicinity of Cananea.

The report that Plank had led 2000 men through Pulpito Ajitos pass from Sonora to Chihuahua is said to have originated in Mexico City, growing out of a tentative plan to send a force via Agua Prieta and Colonia Morelos and Pulpito pass to Chihuahua, which never was brought about.

Several prominent Sonorans interviewed today scouted the idea of any troops being sent to Chihuahua under existing conditions. No more than 1000 soldiers by actual count could be spared and with the rail route through the United States closed to them it would be madness, they said, to send so small a force through the rugged mountain pass where a few hundred Villistas not only could stop them, but practically annihilate a much larger force.

The actual number of troops now in Sonora was said by these Mexicans to be between 3000 and 3500 although claims of larger forces have been made recently by federal army officers.

This force is to be augmented within the next few weeks by the arrival from Guadalajara of a regiment of lancers, under command of Colonel Fortunato Moell, which with its mounts, left Guadalajara for Manzanillo the latter part of last week, according to reports reaching Agua Prieta today. The regiment was to be brought either to Mazatlan or Guaymas by transport and from there by train to the Yaqui river section of Sonora to engage in the campaign against the Indians. The regiment of lancers is reported to be one of the crack organizations of the Mexican federal army.

MINING ENGINEER TELLS HOW TOVOTE WAS KILLED

TUCSON, June 10.—The true story of the killing of Charles W. Tovote, by Yaquis was related yesterday by John W. Writer, Tucson mining engineer, as he received it from those who had been on the scene of the killing. Mr. Writer recently returned from the West Coast of Mexico. "Tovote left Saqui Batuc in the auto, truck of McFarland, operating the Progresso mine," said Mr. Writer. "He was accompanied by Senor Maldonado, a merchant of Batuc, and four other Mexicans. There were, in addition, four Mexican outriders as a guard. They were enroute to La Guadalupe.

"Ten miles out of Batuc, Tovote heard a shot. He turned in his seat and fell dead off the truck, almost instantly with four bullets in his chest. He was dead before he hit the ground.

"Maldonado was also wounded but he escaped into the brush, where he died of heat and the effect of his wounds. Two others of the party were killed and one or two of the mounted men were also murdered by the Yaquis, who numbered about 125 it is supposed. These Yaquis were ranging northeast of Lamoza and to the south. The body of Tovote was not mutilated. Maldonado's body was recovered and taken back to Batuc. Tovote's body was probably recovered at the same time."

Showing the extent of the Yaqui domination of the country Mr. Writer showed a letter mailed from Pampozos on May 2, which reached Moctezuma on June 3, and only arrived here yesterday. His correspondent spoke of the belligerency of the Yaquis and the terror of the natives.

RETURNS TO CALIFORNIA

CLIFTON, June 10.—F. W. McLean, mine superintendent of the Phelps Dodge corporation, Morenci branch, who has been spending several months in California for the benefit of his health, has returned to Morenci much improved in health and will again be able to assume his position. Yuma district planting 17,000 acres in cotton.

SCHOOL APPORTIONMENT.

Following is the school apportionment for the fiscal year 1919-1920 ending July 1st, totalling \$311,164.90, according to the figures issued by County School Superintendent Miss Elsie Toles, the apportionment for the coming year starting July 1st to be made shortly:

Table with columns: Dist No., Name, Amount, Dy. Att. Lists districts from 1-Tombstone to 89-Mt. Spring with corresponding amounts and days attended.

PHOTO OF FOOTPRINTS HOLDS MAN TO TRIAL

PHOENIX, June 10.—Photographs of footprints appeared to the court so like those of John W. Turner, that Turner was held to answer to the superior court yesterday on the charge of burning the hay stack of A. V. Auxier. Pictures were taken of the burned hay, and the footprints which were clearly shown were said to be those of Turner by the state in its effort to prove a case. He was bound over to the superior court, bail being fixed at \$1,500, which he failed to furnish.