

IRRIGATION BADLY NEEDED TO SAVE CROPS

SUMMARY JUST ISSUED SHOWS THAT MANY SECTIONS SUFFERED FROM DROUGHT

APPLES AND PRUNES INJURED

Heavy Pear Crop in Southern Oregon; Non-Irrigated Potatoes Are Making Slow Headway

Portland, Aug. 14.—All farm work in Oregon made rapid progress during the past week, according to the crop and weather summary issued by the weather bureau here. Rainfall during the week was confined to a few local showers, too light to affect vegetation. There were several thunderstorms in the western counties, which started a number of forest fires.

Harvest of winter wheat is almost complete except near the coast and in the more elevated districts and threshing is well advanced. The yield is generally better than was expected. In a few eastern localities spring wheat has shown some improvement since the rains of the preceding week but in general the crop is mature and the greater part has been harvested. Irrigated corn is making good growth but unirrigated corn is generally in need of rain. Sweet corn is fairly plentiful in market.

Irrigated fruit is making good progress. Apples, where not irrigated, are in need of rain. Prunes are dropping heavily and on the whole will be a light crop though some young orchards promise good yields. In some places the leaves on old trees are showing the effect of drought. A heavy crop of pears is being harvested in Douglas, Josephine and Jackson counties. Early Crawford peaches are ripening in Umatilla county. Picking of berries except evergreen blackberries is nearing completion. Truck crops are good where irrigated but are generally in need of rain. Potatoes are suffering from drought in many places but where irrigated are doing well.

CARNEGIE FUNERAL WAS SIMPLE AFFAIR

Lenox, Mass., Aug. 14.—The funeral services of Andrew Carnegie were held at Shadow Brook. There was no eulogy, no pallbearers. The service was as simple as the habits and tastes of the man in life. Only members of the household and intimate friend of family were present. The Presbyterian ritual was used. Interment will be made at Sleepy Hollow, near Tarrytown.

NARROW GAUGE ROAD FOR MEXICAN BORDER

El Paso, Tex., Aug. 14.—Construction of a highway along the Mexican border and the laying of narrow gauge tracks to connect supply depots and army posts with important border military stations are two projects that recently have attracted the attention of officers of the army corps of engineers in this section.

Announcement has been made at military headquarters here that engineer officers are surveying conditions along the border with a view to utilizing light railway equipment brought back from France in constructing lines along the border.

THOMPSON-BOOTH MAY BOTH RESIGN

Thompson to Move to Portland; Booth Has Other Business; Louis Simpson Mentioned

Salem, Ore., Aug. 14.—Rumors about the capitol during the past few days indicate that there will be two vacancies on the state highway commission before the end of the year. The members who are expected to resign are W. L. Thompson, of Pendleton, and R. A. Booth, of Eugene.

Salem, Ore., Aug. 14.—With the anticipation of the early resignations of Highway Commissioners R. A. Booth of Eugene and W. L. Thompson of Pendleton, speculation regarding their probable successors is rife. Governor Olcott is almost certain to choose an eastern Oregon man to succeed Thompson. James Stewart of Fossil, a prominent good roads booster and member of the legislature, is considered a likely choice. Others frequently mentioned in this connection are Bruce Dennis, publisher of the La Grande Observer, and William Poliman, a Baker banker.

Louis Simpson of Marshfield, candidate for the republican gubernatorial nomination in the last campaign, and W. E. St. John are frequently named as having a good chance of getting Booth's present berth. St. John is county commissioner of Douglas county.

\$50,000 WORTH BUTTER BOARDED IN CHICAGO

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 14.—Twelve hundred and eighty-two tubs of butter, valued at \$50,000, were seized here today on libel warrants in the war now being waged on the high cost of living.

HAVE NO SYMPATHY FOR JOSEPH OR HIS REGIME

Amsterdam, Aug. 14.—The Roumanian troops are about to leave Budapest as the consequence of a note sent Roumania by the peace conference, a Vienna dispatch says.

Paris, Aug. 14.—The Roumanian minister here announced that Roumania in no wise favors the installation of Archduke Joseph in power in Hungary. "There is no reason for sympathy, either for the Archduke personally or the reactionary regime he represents," says the Roumanian minister.

FORD JURY IS READY TO CONSIDER VERDICT

Mount Clemens, Mich., Aug. 14.—The jury which has been hearing the testimony for three months in the Henry Ford libel suit retired today to consider the verdict. Judge Tucker instructed the jury that a newspaper has no greater privilege in making comment than has an individual.

PITCHER MAYS RE-INSTATED

New York, Aug. 14.—The majority of the board of directors of the American league have ordered Pitcher Mays reinstated. They nullified the action of President Johnson in suspending Mays.

PEARL HARBOR DRYDOCK FINISHED THIS MONTH

Honolulu, T. H., Aug. 14.—It is expected that the \$5,000,000 drydock at the Pearl harbor naval station will be completed by the end of this month. It will not be formally opened, however, until Secretary Daniels arrives with the Pacific fleet.

W. U. STATION GRANTS PASS ONE OF BEST

REPEATING STATION TO BE CHANGED FROM ASHLAND TO THIS CITY SEPT. 15

EMERGENCY POWER PROVIDED

Intricate Wirework Required Many Weeks for Completion; Manager Stewart to Remain

C. A. Williamson and Thomas Whitmore, who have had charge of equipping the Western Union repeating station in this city, have about finished their job and Mr. Whitmore is putting the finishing touches to the work this week. He has been in Grants Pass for about three months, assisted by other expert wiremen, getting the intricate wire work arranged and will leave Sunday for Portland, and from there will double back to San Francisco in which vicinity he will install another station.

In September 15th the repeating station at Ashland will be discontinued and repeater stations put in operation at Grants Pass and Redding. F. E. Stewart, present manager of the local Western Union station, will remain as commercial manager here. W. A. Smith of San Francisco, will be chief operator, H. L. Long of Seattle will take second-trick, and M. E. Gunder of Ashland will take the third shift.

The repeating tables, switch boards and power boards have all been completed and all Western Union wires in this city have been placed underground. The Western Union will have charge over and will keep in repair all Southern Pacific wires. The office will get its power from the California-Oregon Power company, but has installed a 10-horsepower gasoline engine of the latest type to furnish power in case of accident at the California-Oregon power plant. The new power can be turned on at a minute's notice. Ten main wires will handle all business from Grants Pass north to Portland and south to San Francisco, as well as some of the business east.

Manager Stewart states that the new Western Union office is one of the finest equipped on the Pacific coast and Grants Pass will receive the very best of service.

ALL DEALERS SELLING NECESSITIES ABOVE SET PRICE TO BE PROSECUTED

Washington, Aug. 14.—Attorney General Palmer told the senate agricultural committee today that he intended to prosecute all dealers in necessities selling above the prices determined by the price fixing committee in cities and counties, as fair and just. He asked that the food control act profiteering sections be extended to clothe other necessities.

Senator McNary of Oregon said he believed the bill was now sufficient to reach any conceivable case. A resolution was introduced in the house asking the president what use was made of the hundred million dollars for the relief of destitute Europeans.

Three cabinet officers asked special appropriations from congress for the campaign against inflated prices. Secretary Redfield requested \$410,000 for the work of the bureau of standards in assuring full weight and measure and of the bureau of fisheries in introducing new fish foods. Secretary Wilson asked for \$475,000 for the employment of special agents and others and Mr. Pal-

COMMITTEE IS READY TO TALK WITH WILSON

FOREIGN RELATIONS BODY WILL MAKE PUBLIC THEIR CONFAB AT WHITE HOUSE

PRESIDENT FIRM IN HIS STAND

Blanton and Hardy, Texas Democrats, Clash When Blanton Calls Colleague "Rubber Stamp"

Washington, Aug. 14.—The senate foreign relations committee decided today to notify President Wilson that it would call at the White House at his convenience to discuss the peace treaty. It also decided to call before it E. T. Williams, S. K. Hornbeck and William Bullitt, who resigned as advisors of the peace commission at Paris because it was reported they disagreed with the conference decisions.

A motion to call Col. E. M. House, General Bliss and Henry White was voted down 9 to 8. It was decided that all information secured from the president be made public.

It is understood that the president is glad the senate committee has decided to speed up on the treaty, but he has not receded from his position against reservations.

The president hopes to start his speaking tour when the committee reports on the treaty. He will arrive on the Pacific coast early in September.

Washington, Aug. 14.—Members of the house today intervened to prevent a clash between Representatives Blanton and Hardy, of Texas, both democrats. Hardy rushed at his colleague when Blanton charged he was a "mere rubber stamp," always defending the administration.

BANK ROBBER ESCAPES FROM ARMED GUARDS

Salem, Ore., Aug. 14.—Chesler Williams Clerk, who robbed the Beaverton bank of \$3,800 several months ago, escaped from the penitentiary today, when working in the berry fields under armed guards.

There is no trace of Bricheux and Bostwick who escaped from the guards yesterday.

MOUNTAINS FULL OF DEER THIS FALL

Shoemaker Makes Announcement; Law Holds Every Member of Hunting Party Liable

Salem, Ore., Aug. 14.—The deer season throughout Oregon will open September 1st this year and will continue until October 31st, according to an announcement made by Carl D. Shoemaker, state game warden, today. The only exception is in Union and Willowa counties where the season will open on September 10th and close on November 10th. Heretofore, the season has opened on August 15th in District No. 1, which consists of all counties west of the summit of the Cascade mountains.

The season this year is uniform in both districts except in the two counties heretofore mentioned. The bag limit is two deer with horns which is the same as last year.

A change in the game law makes every member of a party of hunters liable for a deer killed unlawfully by a single member. Thus if several persons are hunting together and one of them kills a doe and the fact is discovered, each member of the party is responsible and may be prosecuted. In this manner the common practice of placing the blame on one individual while the remainder chip in to pay the fine, is done away with.

Numerous complaints have been made regarding "flashlight" hunting. An extensive campaign is being planned against the practice and a heavy penalty and jail sentence goes with the offense.

Deer are plentiful in Southern Oregon this year and many people are planning to get the limit on the opening day.

PATHFINDERS START ON COAST-TO-COAST TRIP

New York, Aug. 14.—The "pathfinders" of the army air service, comprising 22 commissioned officers and 80 enlisted men, were to leave Hazelhurst field, Long Island, this afternoon on their coast-to-coast trip in the interest of recruiting and map-making.

The expedition is a combined enterprise of the air service and motor transport corps. Nine airplanes, three on trucks as a reserve force and six for flying, will be taken to San Francisco and back. The men will stop at 171 cities.

Lieutenant Kenneth C. Leggett who will travel ahead as a guide for the larger party, said today the men would plot aerial routes between most of the larger cities of the country.

"After we reach Minneapolis," he said, "we will strike out in a bird's course for the Pacific, touching the largest cities in North Dakota, Montana, Idaho and Washington. From Seattle we will fly down the Pacific coast to San Diego and then back to New York over the southern route. We should return in about a year."

A motor transport corps of 26 automobiles and a number of motorcycles will follow the highways after the airplanes. They will have a rolling kitchen, hospital, engineering outfit and everything to sustain the squadron across the continent. Major Ora M. Baldinger is in command of the squadron.

WARNING NOTE SENT MEXICAN GOVERNMENT

Washington, Aug. 14.—Warning that there would be a radical change in the United States policy regarding Mexico if the Carranza government continued to fail to protect Americans there, was contained in a note sent the Mexican foreign office July 22.

COSSACKS ARE SWEEPED BACK BY BOLSHEVIKS

KOLCHAK FORCES CONTINUE TO RETREAT; NO SIGN OF HALTING THE RED ARMY

SHORTAGE OF FOOD AT MOSCOW

Six Bolsheviki Battalions Destroyed on Dvina August 10; 1,000 Prisoners Taken

London, Aug. 14.—The retreat in the Ural mountains of Admiral Kolchak's forces continues.

South of Uralak the bolsheviki have driven the Cossacks back 60 miles, endeavoring to separate them from the main body of Kolchak's forces. There is no sign of checking the bolsheviki.

It is understood that the general position of Admiral Kolchak is not materially worse due to the bolshevik advance, and barring his unexpected collapse, munitions the Americans are sending should arrive in time to aid his recovery. Nevertheless his reverses are a serious blow to the policy of the entente.

Stockholm, Aug. 14.—A serious food crisis has occurred in Moscow and there is general discontent there with the soviet government, a dispatch from Helsingfors to the Svenska Dagblad says. In view of the situation, it is added the soviet government is thinking of leaving Moscow for Tula.

London, Aug. 14.—Six bolshevik battalions were destroyed in a successful Anglo-Russian offensive on the Dvina river on August 10, the war office announced today. More than 1000 prisoners, 12 field guns and many machine guns were captured.

WIRELESS TELEPHONES USED BY AIRPLANES

Fort Bliss, Tex., Aug. 14.—Airplanes patrolling the Mexican border in this district may now report suspicious bands of armed Mexicans seen on the south side of the Rio Grande by means of the wireless telephones. All of the scout airplanes patrolling this border are now equipped with wireless telephone outfits, and the aerial observer may talk with border patrol stations direct or with flying headquarters here. A test was made of the newly installed wireless telephones and Brigadier General James B. Erwin talked with the airplane observers flying between Columbus, N. M., and Fort Hancock, Texas.

VINE-BOA, NEW CITRUS FRUIT TREE PEST FOUND

San Bernardino, Cal., Aug. 14.—A new citrus fruit tree pest, "The vine boa constrictor," has been discovered by J. P. Coy, horticultural commissioner of San Bernardino county.

The origin of the new parasite, which is a species of dodder or lover's vine and has nearly "choked" to death a large lemon tree in an Upland orchard, is puzzling government and state experts.

So tightly has the string like parasite wrapped itself about the branches that the flow of sap has been cut off. To halt its spread, half of the tree has been cut and burned.