

### Agriculture—The Salt River Valley

A RETROSPECT AND A PROSPECT

Although settlement and irrigated farming in the Salt River valley actually began more than fifty years ago, actual progress dates from the building of the Roosevelt dam.

When the project was taken over approximately 160,000 acres were under irrigation. About 30,000 more acres had been under cultivation at previous times, but owing to the lack of water had been abandoned.

A considerable part of this approximate 100,000 acres of the project has been developed since the taking over of the project by the United States reclamation service and is indirectly the result of the success of the Roosevelt irrigation project.

The valuation of the 160,000 under cultivation at the time the government took over the project is at least double in value. Other lands not then under cultivation have increased in value to a far greater extent. Just what the average would be is rather difficult to say.

The coming of cotton. The deposits of the banks of the county under date of June 30, 1919, were \$4,894,550.55. For June 30, 1918, the deposits of the county were \$1,706,947.

The revenues from the farm crops of Maricopa county have been carefully compiled and is estimated as follows:

Figures For 1919	
Acres	Value
Alfalfa .....	\$2,534
Barley .....	15,251
Beans .....	266
Berries .....	266
Cotton .....	91,187
Fruit, Citrus .....	2,453
Fruit, Deciduous .....	2,512
Garden .....	2,980
Lettuce .....	200
Grain Sorghum .....	38,275
Indian Corn .....	7,444
Watermelons .....	4,000
Cantaloupes .....	4,000
Oats .....	2,493
Pasture .....	25,151
Potatoes .....	1,423
Sudan Grass .....	2,700
Vineyards .....	221
Wheat .....	17,734
Townsites, Homes, Roads, Ditches & otherwise unaccounted for .....	21,000
Less acreage dropped twice .....	33,000
295,020	
Livestock, Poultry, Etc .....	\$ 5,000,000
By Products .....	2,000,000
	\$40,924,550

Cotton Value \$19,000,000. The leading item that makes up this grand total is 91,187 acres of long staple cotton, which is worth \$19,148,270. If the price stiffens any more the final figures will be considerably in excess of this figure.

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### INDUSTRIAL UNREST HAMPERS BUILDING SAYS EXCHANGE HEAD

Not so optimistic as others, but nevertheless confident that all things will work out well in the end, Clinton Campbell, president of the newly organized Builders' Exchange of Phoenix, told The Republican in a general way of what has happened in the realm of building during the year.

"The year has been not the best in many respects," he said, "and although there has been a tremendous amount of building, the margin of profit has been small because of the industrial unrest."

"Unlike the retailer who has a concrete commodity to sell, the contractor is absolutely at the mercy of both the labor and material markets, without any chance to protect himself against unforeseen advances in price."

Just to show that there is a basis for such a statement, it is only necessary to cite the fact that our average yield of cotton is one half bale per acre, while many have produced from a bale to a bale and a half to the acre.

"Labor has raised its price on so little as two or three days notice. The dealers in material are not so bad. They will protect you on the contract in hand, especially for their regular customers. Labor is different now from what it was in former years."

"The aim of the organization is the betterment of our business, of course, but we think that we can accomplish a great deal of good for ourselves and for the public in general. All general building contractors and sub-contractors are eligible to full membership, and material dealers are eligible to associate membership."

"We propose to handle a labor bureau in connection with our organization, and to keep in touch with the various crafts and their members. If one man is short of carpenters, for instance, he will report that to the secretary, who can tell him that another contractor has more than he can use."

Asked if he were able to place an estimate on just how much building activity has been curtailed by the industrial dispute, Mr. Campbell said that although unable to place an exact estimate, it was undeniable that many people are leaving, or refusing to come to Phoenix because they find it impossible to have homes built for themselves.

"I wouldn't forecast the peak of this trouble. We thought early last spring that we had reached the climax of high prices, but on the 8th of this month lumber took another jump of from 15 to 20 percent, and I can't see when it is going to end."

"I am not against craft organization, understand me, but I am against collusion among the crafts to dominate the situation. I think we have got to come to the open shop as the only practicable solution of the building trades crisis. Look at Los Angeles, famous as an open shop town for a number of years. Compare its flourishing condition with cities in the bay region, where radical unions have a free rein. The open shop is not purely a local question, the whole country is awake to it."

"That's what I think about the year that is past and the year that is before us."

### Oppose Relaxation of War-Time Dry Law Before Jan. 16

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Resolutions declaring any relaxation of war-time prohibition before constitutional prohibition becomes effective January 15 would be "not only a colossal blunder but a frightful crime" were adopted today at the annual meeting of the directors of the anti-saloon league of Illinois.

President Wilson and congress were urged "to maintain their present loyal attitude."

Possible candidates for the presidency were discussed but it was stated that the American anti-saloon league would make no endorsement until after the political parties had made nominations. Judge Landis was referred to

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Ernest H. Cherrington, secretary of the world league against alcoholism, declared America would not have prohibition enforcement until the rest of the world went dry. He said liquor interests were planning to make Havana the Monte Carlo of the western hemisphere.

**AERIAL BOMB EXPLODES—1 DEAD**

HAVRE DE GRACE, Md., Dec. 30.—One man was killed and two were hurt today when an aerial bomb exploded at the Aberdeen proving grounds. The dead man is Eibert Fallon. Henry Campbell had his ear drums ruptured, but will recover. Fallon's leg and arm were blown off. The men, it is said, dropped the bomb while they were carrying it.

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LONDON—British dance halls are now hiring girl partners who are rented to men dancers at 10 cents for 10 minutes. Unromantic but popular.

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