

**AMERICAN LEGION GOING BACK TO FRANCE**



The American Legion is sending a pilgrimage back to France. The delegation will sail from New York, Aug. 3. More than two hundred representatives of the various posts will make the trip, guests of the French nation, to be present at the unveiling of the Flirey Monument. With the new national commander, John G. Emery, present, Ambassador Jusserand presented the first replica of the monument to President Harding then extended an official invitation to the American Legion to be the guest of the French nation at the unveiling. In the picture, left to right, are: President Harding, Ambassador Jusserand, Asst. Sec'y of Navy Theo. Roosevelt and Commander John G. Emery.

**MISSOURI CROPS, JULY, 1921**

Jefferson City, Mo., July 11.—Missouri farmers are threshing 32,654,000 bushels of wheat from 2,744,000 acres, with 45,965,000 bushels of oats on 1,846,000 acres, and have 6,283,000 acres of growing corn, indicating 186,605,000 bushels according to farmer-made returns in the state-federal July crop report announced today by E. A. Logan and Jewell Mayes of the United States and State Department of Agriculture, showing the combined yield of wheat, corn and oats under present conditions to be 265,224,000 bushels against 251,393,000 in 1920.

The farmers of St. Francois county report planting 14870 acres of corn with July condition of 85 per cent, which forecasts a total county production of 327,140 bushels. Wheat harvested upon 12,330 acres, at 62 per cent, will yield 86,310 bushels. The oats for the county upon 4,350 acres, with condition of 85 per cent, is forecasted at 100,050 bushels.

Missouri farmers planted 6,283,000 acres of corn which is 178,000 less than the five year average. The July condition of corn is 90 per cent against 82 per cent last year (the 10-year average) indicates 29.7 bushels per acre, totaling 186,605,000 against the July, 1920, prospect of 179,110,000 bushels. Corn improved rapidly during June and generally clean, a good stand and dark green color. Occasional sections are weedy, due to lack of cultivation, and in some communities the plants are late and small.

Northwest Missouri has excellent prospects except in portions of Holt and Atchison where it has been too dry. Northeast Missouri was somewhat too dry, also several counties in the southeast, where the crop is ten days to two weeks late. These sections suffering from drouth were relieved somewhat the last days of June and the first days of July. In middle and west sections of the state corn grew so fast that needed cultivation has not been given in all fields. Chinch bugs are appearing on corn in the eastern counties from Clark to Warren and at scattered points on the west side as far south as Stone. The prospect is much better for a good corn crop than at this time last year, but the critical period will come from the 10th to the 25th of the month. Continuation of the present high temperature without plenty of moisture would be disastrous to Missouri corn.

Missouri wheat lost 14 points or 2,143,000 bushels during June. The condition of 68 per cent, compared to 75 per cent last year and 10 year average of 79 per cent, indicates 11.9 bushels per acre against 12 1-2 last year, totaling 32,654,000 bushels compared to 32,721,000 in 1920. Overflows during June carried off thousands of acres of wheat along the Osage and other streams. Wheat instead of ripening naturally in June, "apparently died within a day or two," evidently from rust and blistering sunshine. Heads are generally short and poorly filled, but there is plenty of straw everywhere. Threshing returns thus far, are disappointing in most sections. Threshing has been delayed by wet weather, and considerable wheat has been damaged in the shock.

Farmers report the causes affecting the 1921 wheat yields as pasturing too late, many spring freezes, repeated excess of moisture and high temperature, rust, hessian fly, chinch bugs, green bugs and at ripening time too hot, harvesting followed by damaging rains.

Missouri oats are 72 per cent against 83 per cent a year ago, with 78 per cent the 10-year average. The July condition indicates 24.9 bushels per acre, totaling 45,965,000 bushels against 54,138,000 in 1920. Thus 1921 is the lowest acre yield since 1916 and two bushels less than the 10-year average. Storms the latter half of June lodged much of the grain, preventing harvesting at the proper time, and resulting in loss in many places, live stock having been turned in to save the crop.

Hay condition 79 per cent compared to 82 last year, 75 per cent the 10-year average, indicating 1408 tons per acre against 1.24 last year with 10-year average 1.07, forecasting 3,013,000 tons against 3,327,000 in 1920. The crop is thin and weedy. Alfalfa 79 per cent, clover 77 per cent, millet 84 per cent, grain sorghum 89 per cent, cowpeas 89 per cent and soy beans are late. Prairie hay is good. Pastures, 93 per cent.

Gardens made a good growth during June. Potatoes 82 per cent, sweet potatoes 91 per cent, tomatoes 90 per cent, cabbage 89 per cent, onions 92, watermelons 85 and cantaloupes 85. Fruits are very short, grapes 50 per cent, blackberries 78 per cent, and peanuts 87 per cent.

Crop conditions are favorable. Live stock are healthy. Wool is averaging 15 cents per pound and slow sale, fleeces average 6 1-2 pounds against 6.8 last year. The season thus far has been one of extremes, and not favorable to small grain.

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**WHAT MISSOURI FARMERS ARE DOING**

Farmers of Johnson county are assembling another exhibit with which to duplicate last year's performance and take first prize in the county farm bureau exhibit class at the Missouri Centennial Exposition and State Fair, Sedalia, August 8 to 20. Reports from other sections of the state indicate, however, that Johnson county will have more competition this year than they had last year.

Jackson county are planning two big, all-day picnics to be held within a short time. County Agent Howat is urging the farmers of the county to attend the gatherings, eat a lot of fried chicken and other "truck" fixed up by "mother" and to forget for a day at least, the poor wheat crop and worse oats crop. All the "usual" amusements and games will be provided.

Henry H. Carrithers, the new county agent in Dent county, where a county farm bureau was recently organized, reports that two lime crushing outfits are in full operation now and two others are in prospect. The Dent County Farm Bureau also is organizing a livestock shipping association.

Receipts of wool at the St. Joseph pool are nearly 400,000 pounds, according to John McDaniel, district marketing manager. Grading has been in progress for some time and the graders report the average quality of the wool this year as much better than that pooled last year. It is expected that the application for establishing a bonded warehouse at St. Joseph will be approved shortly as the building is ideal, an inspector said.

Fieldmen from the College of Agriculture found some Fultz wheat in Cooper county that grades 99.6 pure, according to H. M. King, Jr., secretary of the new Cooper County Farm Bureau.

The Cooper County Shorthorn Association sponsored a picnic last week at which about 75 shorthorn breeders and their families attended. A tour included visits to all the prominent herds of shorthorns in the county. A big sale is planned by the Association for September 23.

From Lincoln county comes a report of how practical co-operation results in increased profits for Farm Bureau members. A poultry association was organized in the county last fall which now has 80 members. Through persistent efforts, members of the association have induced a produce merchant at Troy to pay 3 1-2 cents a dozen or \$1 a case more for infertile eggs than he does for ordinary stock. An unsuccessful fight for more money for infertile eggs was waged for three years prior to the organization of the association.

Cass and Jasper are two counties that are making big preparations for sending Farm Bureau exhibits to the State Fair. Arrangements are being made in Jasper county for chartering a Pullman for use of Farm Bureau members exclusively.

The board of directors of the recently organized co-operative elevator association at Harrisonville was one of the first in the state to vote to join the U. S. Grain Growers, Inc.

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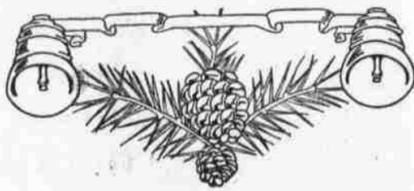
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