

# WHEAT GROWERS HOPE TO CONTROL 1921 CROP PRICE

## PRODUCTION COST AND FAIR PROFIT SUM OF DEMANDS

National Association Started in Kansas Now Has 100,000 Members in Four States Who Are Withholding Hundreds of Thousands of Bushels From Market Till Quotations Rise.

Wichita, Kan., Dec. 25.—The Wheat Growers association of America, which has been conducting a campaign to induce growers to withhold their wheat from the market until prices are higher, plans to have midwestern states so well organized within the next six months that the growers will be able to control the price paid for the 1921 wheat crop, according to W. H. McGreevy, secretary and treasurer.

The association now has a membership of approximately 100,000 in Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas and Nebraska, according to Mr. McGreevy, who has his headquarters here. The organization will be extended, he said, to Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota.

The purpose of the wheat growers' association is to control the distribution and marketing of wheat through financial and selling agencies of its own selection at a price based upon cost, plus a fair and reasonable profit, said Secretary McGreevy.

Encouraged to Continue. "Not only the wheat growers of our association but the wheat growers in general are refusing to sell any wheat at present prices except in cases where financial conditions force the sale. For more than 30 days we have withheld our wheat from the market until now a large number of flour mills are idle and the local and terminal elevators are nearly empty. The wheat grower feels that he has practically accomplished what seemed at first impossible, and is now encouraged to continue withholding his wheat from market in order that a price which is fair and just shall be paid him for his labor and money invested."

Mr. McGreevy objects to the use of the term "wheat strike" in referring to the action of the wheat growers. "Our growers are not striking as is commonly meant by the term," he said. "We are still sowing and attending to the many arduous duties of the farm. We are only holding our wheat to be marketed at any time the producer may think it at a fair price."

The organization was formed about a year and a half ago in southern Kansas and northern Oklahoma. A Slaughter of Manchester, Okla., was the originator and early promoter. According to its promoters, its growth in the first six months was slow but in the last few months it has been rapid until the membership has spread to every wheat growing county in the four states organized.

The four states now organized (Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas) in which a membership of 100,000 is claimed, have 220,806 wheat growers, according to Kansas board of agriculture statistics.

Are Big Producers. Forty-five per cent of growers are members of the association, according to this. Mr. McGreevy's statement is that about 40 per cent of growers in the wheat sections of the states now organized are members.

The four states produced this year 222,255,000 bushels out of the total for United States of 750,648,000 bushels.

The addition of Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota would bring the production up to 359,000,000 bushels, or slightly less than one-half that of the entire United States.

The Kansas state board of agriculture recently issued a report on the wheat in farmers' hands in Kansas. It says: "This year's Kansas wheat crop amounted approximately to 145,000,000 bushels, according to a preliminary report. Growers now estimate that of the total production 53.4 per cent, or 77,466,727 bushels, is still in the farmers' hands. At about the same date last year 35.5 per cent, or 50,000,000 bushels, was in possession of producers, while in 1918 11 per cent, or 10,000,000 bushels, was reported as held by growers."

Chief among the reasons given for the unusually large amount of wheat in farmers' hands are the drastic drop in price and the car shortage. Reports indicate that probably 47 per cent of the wheat unsold would have been marketed early had cars been available, but that wheat now is being held mainly in hopes of such an upturn in price as will return a profit—an exercise of business judgment which should be as free from criticism or excite no more comment than the action of say, a haberdasher who declines to sell hats costing \$10 for which his customer offers \$5."

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## GOTHAM YULE LOG FIRE WARMS THOUSANDS OF UNFORTUNATES

Disabled Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Are Given Bounteous Gifts and Dinners and Multitude of Immigrants Held Up at Ellis Island Are Recipients of Christmas Cheer.

New York, Dec. 25.—New York, its Yule log lit, made expeditions to the habitats of the poor and suffering—and scattered joy where tears are wont to fall. Social workers throughout the city gathered the neighborhood poor and needy in settlement houses where Christmas cheer was spread bounteously. In every section where, upon tenement facades, is written the poverty that lies within, automobiles, trucks and other vehicles with workers of various agencies, carried Christmas dinners, complete from turkey to cranberry and mince pie.

New York's "green Christmas" was marked by unusual activities on the part of charitable organizations to bring cheer into the hearts of the unfortunates. Disabled soldiers, sailors and marines, who are patients in many hospitals were recipients of bounteous gifts and special dinners. The Salvation army, the Elks, Knights of Columbus and other fraternal societies distributed dinners and gifts to the poor. Thousands of immigrants, held up for the day aboard ship at Ellis Island were given a sample of American hospitality.

Employees of the Todd Shipyards corporation assessed 10 per cent of their wages to provide clothing for 3,000 poor children. Various societies banded together to provide cheer to the thousands of patients in city hospitals.

### CHILE WINE TRADE ATTACKS EFFORTS FOR "DRY" REGIME

Prohibition Would Ruin National Industry Valued at 900 Million Pesos.

Santiago, Chile, Dec. 25.—One of the first official acts of President Arturo Alessandri, who assumed office on Thursday, was to receive a petition from the Chilean Federation of Labor protesting against the alleged attempts of the league for the defense of the wine industry to force northern port workers to unload liquors.

The labor organization already had adopted a resolution effective January 1, to refuse to unload liquors, whether of home or foreign manufacture. In defending the wine industry, Senator Edwards declared a real campaign is developing in this country against alcohol and wine. He asserted the importation of alcohol and its sale at bars could be prohibited, but that it was not advisable to exact measures which "would ruin a national industry, prejudice workers in this line of employment and force a transformation of industry."

Senator Edwards asserted it is impossible for Chile to imitate the United States in respect to prohibition because the latter country never possessed a wine industry, except in one state, whereas it was a national institution in Chile, built up at a great cost and effort and from which the government derived an enormous income. Capital invested in the Chilean wine industry amounts to 900,000,000 pesos, he estimated.

Midnight masses in Catholic churches were unusually well attended. At the church of St. Rose of Lima, a mass written in 1745 was sung for the first time in America.

There was a note of sadness today in the services at the Protestant Episcopal cathedral of St. John the Divine, where the late Bishop Charles Summer Burch was to have preached.

The community Christmas tree in Madison Square, lighted by 5,000 electric candles, attracted an immense crowd Friday night and carols were sung by a great chorus.

Sunday school children visited Trinity cemetery and placed wreaths on the graves of Clement Moore, author of "Twas the Night Before Christmas" and of Alfred Tennyson Dickens, son of Charles Dickens.

### 15 Business Houses Destroyed by Fire

Armore, Okla., Dec. 25.—Fire early Saturday destroyed 15 of the leading business houses of Wirt, a town about 20 miles west of here in this county. The loss is estimated at \$75,000 to \$100,000.

Bursting of a water main drained the city water tank and the citizens were forced to let the fire burn itself out.

### PLAN ZINC REFINERY FOR KELLOGG, IDAHO TO COST A MILLION

Bunker Hill & Sullivan Company Will Install Electrolytic Plant, Manager Announces.

Spokane, Dec. 25.—A million dollar electrolytic zinc refinery is to be built at Kellogg, Idaho, by the Bunker Hill & Sullivan Mining and Concentrating Co., according to an announcement by Frank M. Smith, director of the company's smelter at Kellogg, just made public here. Mr. Smith also announced the company's entry into the manufacture of lead plumbing material, through the purchase

of an interest in the Northwest Lead company of Seattle. The announcement was made upon Mr. Smith's return here, following conferences with Frederick W. Bradley, president, and other officials of the company in California.

The initial capacity of the proposed refinery will be 25 tons a day. Mr. Smith said, and the capacity will be doubled as soon as market conditions warrant. It probably will be two years before the plant is in operation, he stated.

Paris, Dec. 25.—The Greek premier, George Rallis, has decided not to resign his office, according to a dispatch from Athens to the Havas agency, received here Saturday.

### Robb Store in View of Holiday Shoppers

Everett, Wn., Dec. 25.—The Costello Brothers' store haberdashers, was held up Friday evening by a lone bandit and an amount said to total about \$375 was taken.

The robber entered the store when hundreds were passing the door on the way to greet the Everett football champions, arriving from California. The hold up made a purchase and when the clerk opened the cash till to return the change he was faced with a revolver and told to keep quiet and "keep your hands down," so as not to attract attention. The highwayman escaped.

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