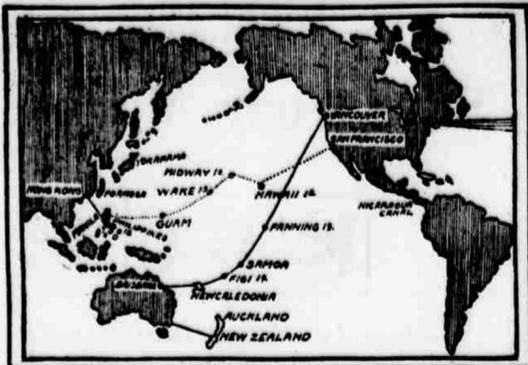


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RICE FARMING IN THE SOUTH.

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Electricity, the king of power which has revolutionized industries without end in this progressive country, is about to work a new series of wonders in the rice fields of Louisiana and Texas. The plantations are to be equip-



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ped with electric pumps, and the question of irrigation—the only one which causes any trouble to rice growers—will be solved.

Experts say that the present rice territory of a half million acres will be doubled within a year, and the new plan, which, by the way, has passed the experimental stage, means that



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nearly all of the 12,000 square miles in the coast rice belt will be available. A new 10,000-acre rice farm in Harris County, Texas, on the line of the Southern Pacific Railroad, is being equipped with electric pumps, and others will follow as soon as power stations can be erected.

What the success of this new industry means to the United States most northerners do not realize. No longer will the country be dependent on the crops of Japan, China, Siam and India for this important foodstuff. In ten years more American rice will force its way into the markets of Europe, and



FLUME FOR RICE IRRIGATION.

by side with American wheat from the vast farms of the northern plains.

The remarkable progress of textile manufacturing in the Orient means that their production of rice will decrease, for every acre turned to the cultivation of fiber means one less for rice. Last year the United States produced 200,000,000 pounds of cleaned rice and imported 255,000,000 pounds. To our market has been added Porto Rico, with an annual demand for 75,000,000 pounds; Cuba, for 100,000,000, and the Philippines for 135,000,000. This gives a total present and prospective market of 725,000,000 pounds. It is thought to be time that steps were taken to satisfy this market if the United States is going to remain commercially independent.

If it means all this for the country at large, it means even more for the South. The paramount demand in this region, writes a Texas correspondent, has been for some small grain crop which would furnish food for the people, a generous surplus for export, and leave the plantation with abundant and nutritious by-products for the maintenance of stock. Cotton will not do this, the sole by-product being too valuable to keep on the farm. Corn stalks lose too much of their value before they are fit for fodder, and this is not a wheat country.

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