

CROP REPORT OF THE NORTHWEST

WHEAT 65,000,000 BUSHELS — OATS, 35,000,000; BARLEY, 15,000,000 BUSHELS IN THREE STATES.

Spokane, Aug. 28.—Sixty-five million bushels of wheat, 35,000,000 bushels of oats, and 15,000,000 bushels of barley is the extent of the grain crop predicted for Washington, Idaho and Oregon this season by millers and bankers who have made a close study of the situation in the three states. The hay crop, including alfalfa, will be the largest in the history of the northwest, and in addition the growers in the Yakima valley in Washington will make 15,000 bales of hops. The crop is high grade and free from defects.

The wheat acreage in Washington is 2,122,000 acres this year, as against 1,728,748 in 1908, when 23,500,000 bushels were harvested. The yield this year is estimated at from 39,000,000 to 40,000,000 bushels, as against 38,000,000 bushels in 1907. Oregon has 862,000 acres in wheat this year, as against 818,585 in 1908, and it is expected the crop will be not less than 16,500,000 bushels. If conditions had been favorable throughout the state the yield would be 21,000,000 bushels. Idaho will cut between 9,500,000 and 10,000,000 bushels this year, as compared with less than 9,000,000 bushels in 1908. Its acreage is 474,000 as against 414,412 a year ago.

Farmers are holding their oats for

\$25 a ton, which means from \$29 to \$29.50 at tidewater. The barley crop is large, with plenty of coarse grain for feeding later in the season. Many of the wheat ranchers believe they make a mistake in holding their grain when it was at the dollar mark, as prices have tumbled to from 83 to 86 cents. Millers in the Inland Empire do not expect a raise until next spring, the basis for this being that the farmers in the Canadian northwest are cutting a bumper crop and the fact that Russian and Danubian countries are ready to ship to Europe.

German Emperor Reviews Battleships

Berlin, Aug. 30.—A great navy pageant to mark the close of the extensive summer maneuvers, which for more than a month past have been in progress in the Baltic sea under the command of Prince Henry of Prussia, took place today off Swinemunde, where the entire German fleet was reviewed by Emperor William. Forty battleships and armored cruisers of the first class took part in the review. Anchored in several columns, with fifty torpedo boat destroyers in flanking line, the fleet presented a magnificent spectacle as the imperial yacht Hohenzollern, bearing the emperor and a large official party, passed through the lane of ships.

Commissioner Lane Coming Home.

London, Aug. 30.—Franklin Lane of the interstate commerce commission, who has spent two months in Europe investigating railroad conditions on this side, sailed for home Saturday. While finding much to commend in the state ownership and management of railways in France, Germany and other countries, Commissioner Lane believes that the railways are capable of higher efficiency under the American system of control than under state ownership.

The Sigel Case And the Real "Yellow Peril"

THE case of Miss Elsie Sigel of New York, whose murder by a member of New York's Chinese colony has almost stirred up a race war, suggests that young American women who go about the task of educating and Christianizing Chinamen take some dreadful risks.

The opium dens which infest the large cities of the country, where Chinese have formed colonies, constitute a comparatively new danger to American morality and civilization. That the American Sunday school, an institution which in general is above reproach and which has so much to do with turning out young men and women who are equal, mentally, morally and physically, to the duties of citizenship, motherhood and child rearing—that this institution should be the means of introducing an intolerable vice and leading many to become victims of the opium habit seems almost beyond belief. Yet it is shown to be true in the tragedies, the mistaken and ill judged marriages or unconventional and illegal alliances that have come about in consequence of the associations between Chinamen and American young women in such mission work.

The conditions which have been revealed by developments in the Sigel case and by somewhat similar episodes that have preceded it have created a strong sentiment to the effect that men alone should do missionary work among the Chinese in this country.

The opium traffic has been abolished by imperial decree in China itself. Yet in the United States, where the traffic



CONSUL GENERAL WEE CHOW—SCENE IN A CHINESE RESTAURANT.

has for some time been under the ban of the law, the habit of smoking opium is on the increase, it is said, and the vice finds its victims among the highest and supposedly best classes of society. It is charged that the young women who undertake the education and Christianizing of Chinese run in much danger of being themselves made the victims of vices which are common among these oriental people, the influence of the Celestials being insidious and their wiles so cunning as to be hard to withstand. Once under the control of the Asiatic hypnotizer and his "dope" the fair missionary worker finds it hard to retrace the path back to health, morality and respectability.

It was one of the victims of the opium habit, a woman who had once been a respected member of a Christian church and who was led astray by her associations with Chinese in Sunday school work, who wrote thus:

"Every Chinaman tries to get his teacher into some corner of the room as far away from the other groups as possible. The pupil is learning to read from a primer. As the lesson goes on their chairs are moved until their faces are so close together the girl can feel the breath of the Chinaman on her cheek. Their glances meet many times during the 'lesson.' His eyes are always fastened on her face. After that it's only a question of months when she gets to be the same kind of opium fiend I am."

That an innocent and unsuspecting girl could be brought under the influence of that dreaded drug, opium, and doped as effectively and ruinously as if she had herself "hit the pipe" simply by absorbing the fumes of a Chinaman's opium laden breath was news to many people before Charles Krug, the superintendent of the Chinese Sunday school of the Church of the Strangers, New York, issued orders that tables should be placed between each Chinese pupil and his American teacher. The Chinamen when they found that the order was not to be withdrawn deserted the school in a body.

The better class of Chinese in this country are alive to the ill repute brought upon their countrymen by cases like that of Miss Sigel, and the Chinese legation at the national capital has shown that it has no sympathy with vice by sending out orders to consuls throughout the United States to render all possible aid toward the apprehension of those sought by the police. The consul general at New York, Wee Chow, has been especially active in rendering aid in the apprehension of those responsible for or connected with the death of Miss Sigel.

Another Prohibition Debate.

Oshkosh, Wis., Aug. 30.—Prohibitionists and the liquor interests both are generally interested in the joint debate to be held at the local Chautauqua assembly this evening between Aaron S. Watkins, candidate for vice president last year on the Prohibition ticket, and Clarence S. Darrow of Chicago, speaking for the United States Brewers' association. Mr. Watkins is to uphold the affirmative and Mr. Darrow the negative side of the question, "Resolved, That prohibition as applied to the manufacture, sale and use of intoxicating liquors is right."

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