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LITTLE PLANTING DONE IN RUSSIA

Less Than Half of the Land Usually Tilled Will Be Cultivated This Year.

SAMARA, Russia, May 12.—(Associated Press.)—Much of the fertile land of European Russia will go uncultivated this year. Less than half land, which has in times past produced large quantities of grain and other crops, now remaining in control of the Soviet Government will be tilled, owing to the shortage of seed, horses and implements and the unsettled conditions brought about by the land division.

The correspondent has made a tour of the Governments of Samara, Simbirsk, Moscow, Penza, Tambov, Vyatka, and Saratov, the chief remaining wheat-producing districts. The majority of the large estates and the better peasant tracts have been seized and divided among the poor peasants by local land committees. Horses, cattle and implements have also been divided and scattered. The distribution of seed has been unequal because of the large requisitions made by the Central Government in some sections to feed the cities, and because also of the disorganized transportation.

Peasants have hidden their seed and retained the local committees. Many districts, consequently, have seed shortages, wheat harvests will be but the peasants are not willing to plant all the acreage possible, fearing the future disposition of the land and the control of the harvested crop. The hostility of the farmers toward city workers generally is shown by their unwillingness to surrender grain to the food committees and their hesitation to plant extensively lest their crops be requisitioned.

The wheat planting season ends this week in Central Russia, and in most of the districts less than half the grain land has been sown. The sowing of city dwellers into the grain sections has been so large that bread-stuffs are extremely scarce, even in grain centers like Samara, where bread sells for 2 rubles per pound. The price gradually rises approaching Moscow, and at some towns in the grain states children gather at the morning tables and beg bread from the passers-by.

The land division has caused less than half the land to be sown, although in some sections rich landlords have been killed and their estates pillaged and burned. The local land committees are meeting with many difficulties, and there is great unrest among the peasants, who are especially discontented about the future land distribution because of the fact that the Central Government has merely authorized the seizure of land without legislation providing methods for its division.

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Germany provides her thousands of German volunteers, from sixty to eighty seven each, who have forcibly retained the land committees and retain their property. These volunteers are Russian citizens and have been in Russia for several generations. The amount of land allotted in individual parcels varies in different sections, according to the density of the population, the nature of the land, and the size of the families. Two and a half to five acres is the average allotment in the grain-growing districts.

Millions of returned soldiers have been abandoned by the villages with no special organization. Many of the soldiers have retained their arms, and consequently, the villages in Central Russia are now able to protect themselves against outside interference.

The railways are reverting normal conditions. Local Soviet committees and trainmen are now controlling the trains, thus preventing bandits from disarranging the traffic.

The Siberian grain sections have an abundance of seed and labor, and the land situation is less unsettled. Although lacking machinery, Siberia probably will meet its part cost of the seed grain crop. It is in short of seed, because of the heavy German requisitions and the general Siberian condition of that country. The Germans are offering seed on condition that a heavy percentage of the crop be given to them, but the farmers are distrustful, and the acreage will probably be far below normal.

GOVERNMENT RUN RAILROADS DON'T PAY

Earnings Decreased \$108,000,000 During First Three Months of This Year.

Washington, May 16.—Railroads in the first three months of the year earning only \$71,000,000 as compared with \$179,000,000 in the same period last year, making a loss to the government and the system of \$108,000,000. This report yesterday by the Interstate Commerce Commission covers all but five of the 136 railroads in the country.

The net income in March was \$62,000,000, or \$7,000,000 less than in March, 1917. This difference, much less than in the preceding months, is due to the fact that conditions are becoming better for government operation and returns from later contracts may get far toward making up the loss. Operating revenue in March was \$202,000,000 and operating expenses \$140,000,000, making net revenue a little over \$62,000,000. From this was deducted tax of \$11,000,000 and costs for equipment and joint facilities, leaving the net income, the sum on which government compensation is based at \$51,000,000.

Eastern railroads earned \$14,474,000 as compared with \$23,400,000 in March last year, western roads, \$18,000,000 as compared with \$21,000,000 in March last year and southern roads reported \$18,500,000 about \$1,000,000 more than in March last year. For the three months period the falling off in net income was caused mainly by the record of eastern roads

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If Amendment to Appropriation Bill Adopted by the Senate Becomes a Law.

Washington, May 16.—An amendment to the postoffice appropriation bill providing for an increase of \$120 a year in the salaries of clerks, letter carriers and certain other postal employees and increase of 50 per cent for rural mail carriers and for employees receiving less than \$200 a year was adopted late yesterday by the Senate.

Employees receiving \$100 and \$150 annually would be given increases of 15 per cent and the pay of substation clerks and carriers would be fixed at 40 cents an hour. For fourth class postmasters the amendment provides that they shall receive 100 per cent of stamp cancellations on the first day of each month in the event cancellations do not exceed \$25 a 20 per cent salary increase.

This amendment offered by Senator Hammond, chairman of the post office committee, is virtually the same as the Madison-Mason bill which was adopted by the House as a separate measure except that the amendment provides increases only for the fiscal year instead of making them permanent. Senator Hammond's estimate that about \$40,000,000 will cover the increase.

Virtually the entire bill was divided by the Senate to define on the amendment. Most of those who spoke said salary increases were necessary to meet the increased cost of living.

The debate was made the occasion for a sharp attack on Postmaster General Harrison by Senator Calver, republican of New York, who declared the postmaster general's estimate had been one of unrelenting hostility to any increase in the wages of postal employees. Mr. Harrison's opposition to an amendment to give a flat increase of 15 per cent to postal employees in June, the senator said, in his opinion to show a surplus in the postoffice department.

The postoffice department has advocated a flat increase of \$120 a year in postal salaries.

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