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Fear Expressed for Safety of Withdraws His Acceptance of Substitute Offered by Hitch- National Committee Not to Scattered Rebels.

JAUREZ ORDERS

Mexican Congress Adjourns Until Army and Navy Officers Use Sarcasm Attacks New York Senator and De- Must Have More Motive for Wanting April the Second Next Year. Tampico Conditions Satis-

factory to Government.

Juarez, Mexico, Dec. 15.-While rebel headquarters in Juarez today was sending urgent messages to Gen. Francisco Villa, the rebel commander at Chihuahua, telling him he was in- Carabao, composed of regular and The vote, forty to thirty-five, tabled vention until its formal meeting tocurring the displeasure of foreign countries in his actions toward Spaniards and other foreigners and asking him to modify his attitude, Gen. Villa himself was said to be seriously concerned over renewed Federal activity.

Reports were that Federals were Torreon, about 200 miles south. Villa Carabaos in Washington last Thursday night. The affair was attended by Secretaries Redfield, Daniels and has scattered his forces by sending troops to surround the Federals at Ojinaga, on the border, while garrisoning Juarez and Chihuahua. This was said to offer the Federals an op-portunity to strike at Chihuahua. Fed-United States Supreme Court, many members of Congress and hundreds of army and navy officers. eral troops were also reported on their way from Monterey with a view of strengthening the position of the Huerta government in the interior.

An attack on Chihuahua, which is not regarded as imminent, would cut severe reprimands would not be sur-Villa off from any base on the border. It was conceded by rebels that the in army and navy circles. first act of the Federals, should they arrive in the vicinity of Chihuahua would be to stop all telegraph and railroad action when he read action before the end of the counts of it in the newspapers.

The incident first came to the President for final action before the end of the week, week, railroad action before the end of the counts of it in the newspapers. communication. Thus the evacuation of Chihuahua, which occurred two weeks ago, and enabled Villa to enter the State capttal without a battle, would prove to be a military trap out of which the rebels would have to fight their way.

The plan which the rebel forces think the Federals possibly are trying to work out is to draw as many as possible of the rebels toward Ojinaga while Federals from the south reach Chihuahua. Others believe the Feder-al activity southward may be merely a preparation to check Villa's projected march on Torreon.

Villa Selling Dry Goods. The situation at Chihuahua on ac count of the protest of Spaniards against their expulsion from Mexico was less critical today. It was understood arrangements were made for the sending of an official inquiry from the American government to Villa through Consul Letcher. Villa was making progress with the disposal of goods which he seized from the Span-All the foodstuffs and clothing in the Spanish retail stores were sold at less than half prices and Constitutionalist money was accepted Word came that Luis Terrazas, Jr. for whose release from prison an appeal was sent to Secretary of State Bryan, already had granted forced loans to Villa. This took the form of checks in small denominations, ag-gregating \$250,000 and the checks were being used as currency.

One expanation given by Gen. Bevadives, commander at Juarez, regarding Villa's acts in Chihuahua was that Villa had been consistent to his own idea as to what warfare was, but had been without advice in regard to the rights of foreigners. There was no fighting today at Ojinaga where Gen. Mercado, the Federal commander is camped.

Congress Adjourns.

Mexico City, Dec. 15.—From now until April 2nd, President Huerta will be obliged to conduct the government without Congress as that specially created organization was formally adjourned today. Its most important acts during the session were the ratification of the President's assumption of power over the various departments of the government after dissolving the preceding congress, and re-granting to the President this same power, which gives Gen. Huerta until congress convenes again, practically the sway of a dictator.

Altogether the new Congress was unobtrusive, interfering not at all with the executive's ideas of government. Its most notable act, aside from those directly connected with the executive plans, was the ratification of a concession to a Belgian syndicate to construct 5,000 miles of narrow gauge railway.

The rebel Gen. Villa's treatment of the Spaniards at Chihuahua has aroused the keen sympathy of the colony here. The Spanish minister. Senor Cologan y Cologan, sent to Washington today through the American Charge Nelson O'Shaughnessy, his thanks for the efforts made by the government to relieve his countrymen

might be considered. at that place. Herrmann agreed last week to let Brooklyn have Tinker for \$25,000 cash, The situation around Tampico is declared by the government to be sat-Late railway reports indicate that the rebels in their retreat nati should give Tinker \$10,000 for and other bankers. took away only four locomotives and signing with Brooklyn. enough cars to make up four trains. Ebbets, on the strength of this agree-Reports from other parts of Mexico ment, considered Tinker the property concern the usual number of minor engagements and rebel depredations.

Diaz in Washington. Washington, Dec. 15.—A man supposed to be Gen. Felix Diaz, who resubject until I hear personally from to get a central bank."

Williams Grows cently fled from Vera Cruz to Havana, Ebbets," was Herrmann's comment. registered at a local hotel as Gen. F. the Diaz, Havana. He is said to have rescind the sale of Tinker to Brook- the night session of the Senate. Senacome from New York and carried lyn," said Charles H. Ebbets, of the tor Williams referring to the Presiden-very little baggage.

Brooklyn club today, "and I consider tial boom, launched for Senator Root

avail as he immediately retired to his room. At the Mexican embassy it was stated that they were unaware of the presence here of Gen. Diaz. They said Gen. Diaz was still in Hanaya make the deal for his club as I did Boot's green definition of the Cincratic press," had heralded Senator make the deal for his club as I did Boot's green attack on an altercation with a Spaniard.

No News at Washington. Washington, Dec. 15.—Except for a telegram from American Consul Letcher telling of threats of expulsion of Spaniards and confiscation of their (Continued on Page Eight.)

stock of the baseball world.

Chicago, Dec. 15.—Charles W. Murphy, president of the Chicago Nationals, said today he was still in the market for Tinker and would make an effort to get him. (Continued on Page Eight.)

Membership in Carabaos

in Reference to Administration

Plans for the Future Gov-

ernment of Philippines.

Washington, Dec. 15.-President

ing the Spanish-American war.

satires and travesties on the adminis-

tration's policy towards the Philip-

pines as portrayed at a banquet of the

Postmaster General Burleson, Justices

McKenna and VanDeventer, of the

The demand for an investigation,

Through his secretary, he commun-

icated with various members of the

cabinet, expressing his indignation

that officers of the army and navy

epithets toward a people whom the United States was endeavoring to as-

tion. No effort, according to White

House officials, had been made to

keep the banquet a private affair,

copies of the songs and descriptions

of the travesties showing opposition to the administration's Philippine pol-icy being given to the press generally

Thrusts Deeply Resented.

of the administration's peace policies

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Board of Directors of Cincinnati Na-

tionals Object to Terms of

Tinker Sale.

Cincinnati, Dec. 15.-Two players-

with \$15,000 in cash, are now asked

from the Brooklyn club by the Cincin-

club for \$25,000 as had been arranged

by Presidents Herrmann and Ebbets.

pected the Cincinnati club to fulfill its

end of the agreement, Mr. Herrmann

wired that the directors weer not sat-

isfied with the sale of Tinker and ask-

ed for a choice of Pitchers Ragon and

Stengel with a cash bonus of \$15,000.

club, telling him that the deal insofar

as cash alone was concerned was off,

Herrmann today was informed that

of the Cincinnati board of directors.

an effort to get him.

This action was decided on today

pitcher and an outfielder together

the administration.

It was made plain at the White

AN INVESTIGATION REED

cock is Tabled by Senate

clares He Told of Dire Things

That Would Happen and

Didn't Tell Why.

FIRST TEST VOTE

Decide Important Question

to Win Other Than a Desire to Defeat Democratic Party

Washington, Dec. 15.-Administraordered an investigation of various stock to be owned by the public.

> owned by the National banks that oevote, involving one of the most im-portant features of the fight indicate the complete success of the administration measures.

Efforts to get an agreement for a ogether with intimations from the time to begin final voting on the bill White House that court martials and were not successful today; but leaders on both sides looked forward to prising as a result, caused a sensation an early termination of the debate and

been tabled, Senator Reed made a speech vigorously defending the Owen bill and replying to Senator Root, who should sing songs containing profane on Saturday attacked the measure and called Secretary Bryan the "dominating influence" behind the proposed sist to self government and civiliza- new currency system. Replying directly to Senator Root's

predictions that undue inflation and a financial panic might ensue if the currency bill were passed in its present form, Senator Reed declared no inflation of the currency could oscur unless the "sound money men who run the banks" brought it about. "This is a workable bill," he declar-"It is not surcharged with de-

House that while a general burlesque struction to business. If added checks ought to be put in, I for one, am willing to put them in. The Senator from and thrusts at Secretary Bryan and New York spent his time telling of others were deeply resented because the dire things that would happen and they came from army and navy offithe chief objection was to the spent but dittle time explaining his spirit of hostility shown to Philippine own proposed amendments.
independence as being worked out by "No one has the right to stand on

ndependence as being worked out by the floor of this Senate and undertake to alarm the business interest of Secretaries Daniels and Garrison conferred at length on the subject the country when there is no just cause for it. I doubt the high patriotand called on Rear Admiral Thomas T. Howard, U. S. N., and Major Gen ism of the man who will stand here and cry 'Wolf, wolf,' when there is no wolf; who will take this chance of injuring the multitude who may be PEOPLE PACK THE "BULL CITY" misled by such a cry.

The Real Reason. Senator Reed said a "typewritten document" proposing Senator Root for the Presidency had been prepared and given to the press before he made this speech. "It is not difficult then to understand why the secretary of State was brought in." When the voice of ambition is calling to higher honors it is not difficult to understand that men will sometimes let their interest overcome their spirit and fairness and candor.

"If we ever have inflation of the currency, under this bill, it will be caused by the bankers of the country and by no one else. Even if Mr. Bryan tion as light as day. nati club in exchange for Shortstop was all that he has been painted by Joe Tinker instead of the straight his enemies; even if he favored inflasale of the player to the Brooklyn tion of the currency, which no one has the right to charge; even if his influence was to stand back of this proposed Federal reserve board and to control the men who will be apafter the board of directors of the Cin-cinnati club had overruled the action cannot put out one dollar of additional of President Herrmann in making the currency until there has been a call deal. After the receipt of a telegram made upon it by the rigional banks, from President Ebbets in which he ex- whose boards will be controlled by the 'sound money men' who run the Na-

tional banks.' Hitchcock's Attack. Senator Hitchcock made a sharp attack on the proposed control of the Yingling and Outfielders Moran and regional reserve banks by the banktengel with a cash bonus of \$15,000. ing interests of the country. He de-Cincinnati, Dec. 15.—The board of clared this feature of the bill would directors of the Cincinnati baseball turn over the country reserves to the club today refused to ratify August use of these bankers and would legal-Herrmann's sale of Joe Tinker to ize the methods and the combinations Brooklyn for \$25,000. President Herr- of control against which the country

mann immediately sent a telegram to has long protested.

President Ebbets, of the Brooklyn Quoting the speed Quoting the speech of Senator Stone Saturday, in which the latter attacked A. B. Hepburn and Frank A. Vanbut that another deal that would in- derlip, of New York, and Milton Ailes, clude Yingling or Ragon and Moran or of Washington, as representatives of Stengel with a cash consideration a class of bankers who were fighting ffective currency reform, he ins.sted that under the Democratic bill the control of the currency system of the with the understanding that Cincin- country would be turned over to these

"If the Vanderlips and the Ailes are going to control," interrupted Senator Stone, "it is remarkable that they are opposing this whole system. They of Brooklyn regardless of the action have been down here fighting it. They are fighting it yet. They are invoking "I will nave nothing to say on the every agency to defeat it. They want

Williams Grows Sarcastic. Democratic Senators renewed the York, Dec. 15.-"No action of directors of Cincinnati can criticism of Senator Root's speech a Efforts to see "Diaz" were without Tinker as much a member of the club by Senator Gallinger, declared it was said Gen. Diaz was still in Hanava make the deal for his club as I did Root's speech as a great attack on when he was last heard from, await- for Brooklyn. Having announced Tink- the currency bill, but he insisted that ing trial on a charge growing out of er's acquisition to Brooklyn fans, I Senator Root's premises were entirely don't propose to be made a laughing wrong. No inflation of the currency stock of the baseball world." and Gain Power.

Washington, Dec. 15 .- Although the Wilson tonight formally withdrew his tion forces in the Senate were vic- Republican National Committee will recent acceptance of honorary mem- torious today in the first test of not decide the question of whether it bership in the military order of the strength on the currency reform bill. shall call an extraordinary party convolunteer officers of the army and a substitute offered by Senator Hitch | morrow, many of the arguments for navy who served in the Philippine cock for section two of the adminis and against such action were made islands during the four years succeed- tration bill proposing a system of four tonight at a dinner given to the comregional banks, with a possible in- mitteemen by the chairman. Charles Earlier in the day the President had crease to eight, the regional bank D. Hilles. In a speech to the diners that preceded the discussion of the The defeat of this amendment prac- merits of the question. Mr. Hilles tically assured the adoption of the outlined at length the matters with Owen plan which provides for from the committee and a convention if 8 to 12 regional banks, with the stock called, will be asked to settle, gave some of the arguments on each side come members. Democratic leaders and declared that in any event the claimed that the result of the test Republican party should get together.

"This conference," he said, "is not a counsel of despair. Republicans have every reason to feel hopeful." The National chairman did not disclose his personal views on the advisability of an extraordinary convention, but called upon other committeemer to debate its merits.
"In order that we may again tri

umph," said he, "we must have some motive other than a desire to win. For the sake of mere success at the mine the sound principles which our and wrought out. Republicans and former Republicans can go very far in a protocol of union if a surrender of principles is not involved."

Abnormal Meeting.
Mr. Hilles referred to the meeting of the National committee as "abnor mal" but directed by the executive committee and waranted by conditions. He announced that five important questions to be decided by the committee tomorrow involved the recognition of State laws as to the manner of choosing delegates; minimizing the number of contests for seats in conventions; terminating the tenure of committeemen automatically upon the election of their successors,

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Thousands See Sign Turned On

STREETS TO READ "DUR-HAM, RENOWNED THE WORLD AROUND."

(Special Star Telegram.) tonight to see a big electric slogan sign turned on. Excursion trains from various points brought additional hundreds. Electric arches every 60 feet broken shaft, and the Deleware is up Main street made the business sec-

The city was decorated in gala attire for the holiday and a general masquerade parade of hundreds of participants infested the city, before the court house stage had been erected. There were speeches by prominnt men of the city and State. The big slogan sign, "Durham, Renowned The World Around," is 60x40 feet, erected on a prominent building, and is an impressive sight for miles.

OUTLINES

The government crop report shows that this year's results from tilling to the Vermont, the officers expressed the soil is the most valuable yet except the year 1911 The battleships which have been visiting in Europe returned home this week. Except for the accident on the Vermont the trip was made in perfect order. The fleet weathered a port on the fine appearance of the five day gale on the return at an average speed of 15 knots. The Republican executive commit-

tee will decide today whether to call an extraordinary convention of that party for next summer or not. President Wilson has withdrawn his recent acceptance of honorary membership in the Carabao, an organization consisting of officers of the army and navy who were in the war with Spain. He has ordered an investigation which may result in court men there were only five desertions, martials and reprimands.

The board of directors of the Cin-Brooklyn by the president of the club. on the flagship. He was taken ill a

The new Clyde Line pier in Charles-Hans Schmidt was shown to have

NEW MURCHISON BUILDING



-Courtesy Manufacturers' Record. To be erected for Murchison National Bank; 63x106 feet; 10 stories; fireproof construction; slag roof; steam heating; 3 electric elevators; cost \$275,000; architect, Kenneth M. Murchison, New York; construction bids opened soon.

Weathered Five Day Gale Senatorial Fight Between Under 15 Knots Speed

Highly Complimented Upon Appear- They Dine, Talk and Laugh Together. ance and Conduct of Fleet at Large While Visiting Europe-Desertions.

New York, Dec. 15.-The battleships Wyoming, Arkansas, Utah and States battleships can cros the Atlantic and return without having re- for another six years. course to foreign ports for supplies. the fleet and not an ounce of coal, ing their more than seven weeks abis a record in the United States navy the officers said today. Three col-Durham, N. C., Dec. 15.—Thou- liers and a provision ship carried all

are on their way to Mexico, and the Ohio to Guantanamo, with two smallpox patients on board, who will be landed there. After disinfection and proper quarantine, she also will pro-

ceed to Mexico. The snips that came in today were somewhat battered from their encounters at 15 knots with mountainous seas, but no serious defect was reported. It was the first storm that the superdreadnaught Wyoming, Admiral Badger's flagship, had been called upon to weather, and while the seas did slight damage to parts of her superstructure, her officers said her behavior was all that could be desired.

With the exception of the accident satisfaction because at no time had there been trouble with engines or machinery and no necessary of slow-

ing down. They were pleased also, they said, to have been complimented at every ships and the behavior of the men on shore leave. At Naples, Genoa, Ville Franche, Marseilles and Malta, which were all visited by one or more of the ships, the most hospitable wel- torney and likewise Manley McDowcome-both official and popular-was extended.

The sailors were given the maxi mum of shore leave, long enough to permit them to take extended sightseeing trips through France and Italy. Out of a quota of neearly 10,000 an unusual record, it was said. The serious illness of Capt. Fredercinnati baseball club have refused to ick L. Chapin, of the Wyoming, marcinnati baseball club have refused to ick L. Chapin, of the Wyoming, mar-ratify the sale of Joe Tinker made to red the pleasure of the home-coming PURCHASED BY BONDHOLDERS. \$1,520,454,000 last year and \$1,565,-The administration forces won the week ago with kidney trouble and Fayetteville Street Railway Bid in at Potatoes: Area harvested 3,668,000 first test in the currency bill debate. was removed to the marine hospital The substitute offered by Senator on the arival of the Wyoming at the Hitchcock to the second section of Brooklyn navy yard. Tonight his property of the Fayetteville Traction Acre yield 90.4 bushels compared with property of the Fayetteville Traction Acre yield 90.4 bushels compared with property of the Fayetteville Traction Acre yield 90.4 bushels compared with property of the Fayetteville Traction Acre yield 90.4 bushels compared with property of the Fayetteville Traction Acre yield 90.4 bushels compared with property of the Fayetteville Traction Acre yield 90.4 bushels compared with property of the Fayetteville Traction Acre yield 90.4 bushels compared with property of the Fayetteville Traction Acre yield 90.4 bushels compared with property of the Fayetteville Traction Acre yield 90.4 bushels compared with property of the Fayetteville Traction Acre yield 90.4 bushels compared with property of the Fayetteville Traction Acre yield 90.4 bushels compared with property of the Fayetteville Traction Acre yield 90.4 bushels compared with property of the Fayetteville Traction Acre yield 90.4 bushels compared with property of the Fayetteville Traction Acre yield 90.4 bushels compared with property of the Fayetteville Traction Acre yield 90.4 bushels compared with property of the Fayetteville Traction Acre yield 90.4 bushels compared with property of the Fayetteville Traction Acre yield 90.4 bushels compared with property of the Fayetteville Traction Acre yield 90.4 bushels compared with property of the Fayetteville Traction Acre yield 90.4 bushels compared with property of the Fayetteville Traction Acre yield 90.4 bushels compared with property of the Fayetteville Traction Acre yield 90.4 bushels compared with property of the Fayetteville Traction Acre yield 90.4 bushels compared with property of the Fayetteville Traction Acre yield 90.4 bushels compared with property of the Fayetteville Traction Acre yield 90.4 bushels compared with property of the Fayetteville Traction Acre yield 90.4 bushels compared with property

UPHOLD STATES' RIGHTS.

Washington, Dec. 15.-The New Yorks markets: Wheat steady, No. 2 red 1.00 to 1.01; No. 1 Northern Duluth 99 3.4. Corn steady 77 1.8. Flour quiet. Rosin quiet. Turpentine easy. Money on call easy 3 to 4 per cent; ruling rate 4; closing 3 1.2 to 4. Spot cotton quiet; middling uplands 13.00; middling gulf 13.25.

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Our advice is to do your shopping early and late, and buy from C. H. Fore & Co.

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· Them All Off

Ex-Governor Has Something Coming-Lighthouse Depot Hearing.

(Special Star Telegram.) Washington, D. C., Dec. 15 .- It's all Florida came into port today out of off. That is, there is not going to be the teeth of a five days gale that any senatorial fight in North Carolina marked the end of a voyage of 9,000 between former Governor Robert B. miles. They were a part of the fleet Glenn and Senator Lee S. Overman. that left Hampton Roads October 25th | The two are now good friends and, for the Mediterranean on a pleasure judging from the way the two were trip for officers and men and to dem- laughing and chatting when they dinonstrate that a squadron of United ed together at the Raleigh tonight, the former governor now thinks Overman will make a good Senator

The cause of this change of heart, There were in all nine battleships in it is said, is because it was stated at the White House soon after the former governor reached Washington, oil, or provisions was purchased dur- that the President had definitely decided to give Glenn a job on the Intersence from American shores. This national Boundary Commission. Hence according to report, Glenn will support Overman for the Senate. The President intends to fire for-

sands of people packed the streets necessary supplies, enough to have tonight to see a big electric slogan sustained the fleet much longer, if necessary it was said necesary, it was saaid.

Of the rest of the fleet, the Vermont is bound for Norfolk with a monty and the Deleware is monly called the "roost for lame monty called the "roost for lame". place is the salary. Lighthouse Depot

Col. J. VanB. Metts, H. L. Hunt and E. P. Bailey, of Wilmington, and Senator Overman and Representative Godwin appeared before the Commerce Department and urged Secretary Redfield to establish the lighthouse depot at Wilmington. The depot is to be moved from Charleston, S. C. The Secretary showed keen interest in what the delegation said and Representative Godwin said tonight he thinks he has a good chance of winning.

Hammer at Washington. W. C. Hammer, who came here last night at the request of Attorney General McReynolds, did not get an audience today. He and Senator Over-man will call at the department tomorrow and talk over the alleged charges which have been filed against Hammer

Should Hammer fail of appointment, an interesting situation would devel-Charles A. Webb, of Asheville, who has been recommended for the marshalship, although he was never a candidate for the place, would probably press his cause for district atell, of Morganton, who wanted to be place now slated for Webb.

\$70,000. Fayetteville, N. C., Dec. 15.—The the bill was tabled by a good ma- condition was reported to be critical. & Power Company, including street 113.4 last year and 80.9 in 1911. Total railway and power lines, equipment pared with 420,647,000 last year and ton was destroyed by fire yesterday.
The property loss will be several hunTime in Montana.

and electric power plant at Manchester, was sold at auction here today cember 1st, per bushel 68.7 cents,
ter, was sold at auction here today compared with 50.5 last year and 79.9 under order of the Superior court.

Col. H. T. Detchert, of Philadelphia, attempted to take out insurance for of a State to tax net receipts of life the girl he murdered before she was insurance companies in each county Pa., for the bondholders, bid in the 000 last year and \$233,778,000 in 1911.

BELOW AVERAGE

Shown By the Final Government Estimates

Yield Per Acre of All Crops Combined Smaller Than in Any Year of the Past Decade Except in 1911.

Washington, Dec. 15.-With the most valuable crops of corn and cotton ever produced, and the second most valuable oats crop, the value of the Nation's fourteen principal farm crops this year aggregates the enormous total of \$4,940,301,000, the Department of Agriculture announced today in its final estimate of acreage, production and value. This is an increase of \$182,958,000 over last year, and of \$350,772000 over 1911, based on the prices paid to farmers on December 1st.

The acreage of these crops is equivalent to a farm one-seventh the size of continental United States. The exact area planted to these 14 crops which is more than 95 per cent. of the total of all crops, was 299,433,000 acres, an increase of almost 5,000,000 acres over last year, and of more than 2,000,000 over the 1911 area. More than one-third of the total acreage

was planted to corn. For the crops as a whole the average production per acre was valued at about \$16.50. The corn crop aversugar beets, \$59.64; wheat, \$12.94; oats, \$11.44; sweet potatoes, \$68.60; rice, \$26.68; potatoes, \$62.10; tobacco, \$100.39, and rice, \$12.84.

Washington, Dec. 15.-Final estimates of production and value of 14 of the important crops which form a part of the enormous grand total, aggregating approximately \$9,000,000,000 of wealth produced on farms through the soil and farmers' live stock during 1913, were announced today by the crop reporting board, Bureau of Sta-

tistics, Department of Agriculture.
The figures are the official government estimates of acreage, production and value, based on prices paid to farmers on December 1st. These 14 crops are onely a portion of the production of the soil which approximates \$6,000,000,000 in value each year. The total value of the animal products of the farm is estimated at about \$3,000,000,000 annually.

"The production of crops in the United States in 1913 was materially below the average," the Secretary of Agriculture, David F. Houston, announces, "the yield per acre of all crops combined being smaller than in any year of the past decade, with the exception of 1911. This shortage was caused by a severe drought, accom-panied by excessive heat during the summer months, in an important portion of the agricultural district of the United States, and particularly in Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri and ad-

jacent States. "Inasmuch as crop production of 1912 was unusually large, a greater proportion than usual has been carried into the present crop year, which should mitigate somewhat the effects of the shortage of this year's crops. "The corn crop, the most valuable farm product of this country, is smaller than any crep since 1903. Wheat production is the largest ever recorded in this country. The crop was practically matured before the drought became effective. The oat crop is the third largest of our history. There has been steady expansion of the area of this crop. The hay crop is smaller than the large crop of 1912. Rather liberal rains in the late summer and fall have produced good pastures. The cotton crop will perhaps rank fourth or third in size.

"The acreage devoted to these five crops, (corn, wheat, oats, hay and cotton), comprises about 90 per cent of the area in all crops, and therefore has a predominating effect upon the general average condition of all crops. Nearly all the minor crops were materially smaller this year than in 1912 and the per acre yields below their average.

"To the producers the lessened crop production this year is largely comrensated by the increased prices rederved for their produce; for, although the total crop production is approximately 12 per cent smaller than last year's production, the average level of prices is higher than last year."

The final estimates of today for leading crops, with comparisons for 1912 and 1911, follow:

Corn: area harvested 105,820,000 acres, compared with 107,083,000 last marshal, might become active for the year and 105,825,000 acres in 1911. Acre yield 23.1 bushels, compared Representative Godwin has appoint with 29.2 bushels last year and 23.9 ed John Byrd postmaster at Harnett. bushels in 1911. Production 2,446,988 The Sixth District Congressman 000 bushels, compared with 3,124,746, says W. P. Field, a government ex- 000 last year and 2,531,488,000 in 1911. 258000 in 1911.

acres, compared with \$3,711,000 acres production 331,525,000 bushels, comcents in 1911. Total value of crop