

FARM CROPS BREAK RECORD FOR VALUES

Total Value This Year Over 12 Billion Dollars.

Most Crops Above the Five-Year Record Though Corn Fell Below It—High Prices Explain Huge Valuation.

Washington, Dec. 11.—With a total value of \$12,272,412,000 the nation's principal farm crops this year were worth more, based on prices paid to farmers December 1, than in any year in the history of American agriculture.

December crop estimates today of the department of agriculture showed that this year's total exceeds that of the former record year 1917 by \$614,350,000.

There also was a marked increase in acreage, the 355,895,722 total exceeding that of last year by 10,700,000 acres.

These crop figures were looked upon with satisfaction by officials as showing that the nation will be in a better position to fulfill its pledge of 20 million tons of foodstuffs to Europe next year than had been expected.

Most of the crops are larger than the five-year average and some of them established records, particularly spring wheat, barley, rye and tobacco.

Today's estimates placed the crop at 166,384,000 bushels less than forecast in November, with total of 2,582,000 bushels. That is almost half a billion bushels less than last year's record crop.

The wheat crop is larger than the five-year average and almost 300,000 bushels larger than last year's crop, but it is more than 100,000 bushels smaller than the record crop of 1915.

Most of the crops were worth more this year than in any previous year because of the high prices paid to producers. Corn's value was more than three and one-half billion dollars, wheat almost two billion, hay and cotton more than a billion and one-half, and oats more than a billion.

Two ships in trouble with pay of crews and discipline. Steamer Garmanita puts to sea with mutiny liable to break out.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 11.—Following fines in the police court this morning and after a hearing before U. S. Shipping Commissioner Paddison the American lake steamer Garmanita today was forced to sail for Curacao.

PUT ON THE LID ONLY WAY TO HANDLE 'FLU'

One Man in a Movie Show Set a Whole Town Afire During Recent Epidemic—An Object Lesson.

(Special Star Correspondence.) Raleigh, Dec. 11.—There has been much argument since the outbreak of the epidemic of influenza on the question of closing ordinances.

Many people, especially those whose business suffers adversely, and even a few health officers, have opposed any control whatever, further than individual. Individual control is comparatively safe in places like New York city where there is a tribe of health officers, inspectors, etc., but in small places and in the country it is impossible to accomplish.

The most graphic illustration of what it means to lift the ban on public gatherings too early, is contained in a report to the state board of health from one North Carolina county.

The moving picture house of a small town in that county resumed its exhibit on the night of Friday, November 29. They had a full house and several people noticed a man (a stranger) in the audience who coughed and sneezed openly several times.

Investigation later revealed the fact that he had considerable influenza. That community had entirely escaped the previous epidemic. To make a long story short, by Monday night, December 2, within 72 hours, every family represented at the show had from two to seven members in bed with a severe attack of influenza.

The very same results may follow any public gatherings, church and courts not excepted. This instance serves to illustrate the fact that the situation is by no means as simple as it appears to be.

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Weak, thin people—men or women—are nearly always nervous wrecks; thus conclusively proving that thinness, weakness, debility and neurasthenia are almost invariably due to nerve starvation.

Eminent specialists state that the best nerve food is an organic phosphate known among druggists as Bitro-Phosphate, a five-grain tablet of which should be taken with each meal.

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The bishop announced that these veterans of the cross had the right of way. Some verses from the old hymn, "How firm a foundation was laid upon this rock," were made by some of these heroes, and the conference was deeply moved as they related the experiences and the hopes of the future.

The results following its use are often simply astonishing. "Weak, tired people regain strength and vigor; thinness and angularity give way to plumpness and curves; sleep returns to the sleepless; confidence and cheerfulness replace debility and gloom; dull eyes become bright, and pale, sunken cheeks regain the pink glow of health.

Bitro-Phosphate, the use of which is inexpensive, also wonderfully promotes the assimilation of food, so much so that many people report marked gains in weight in a few weeks. It is sold in Wilmington by Bellamy and other good druggists.

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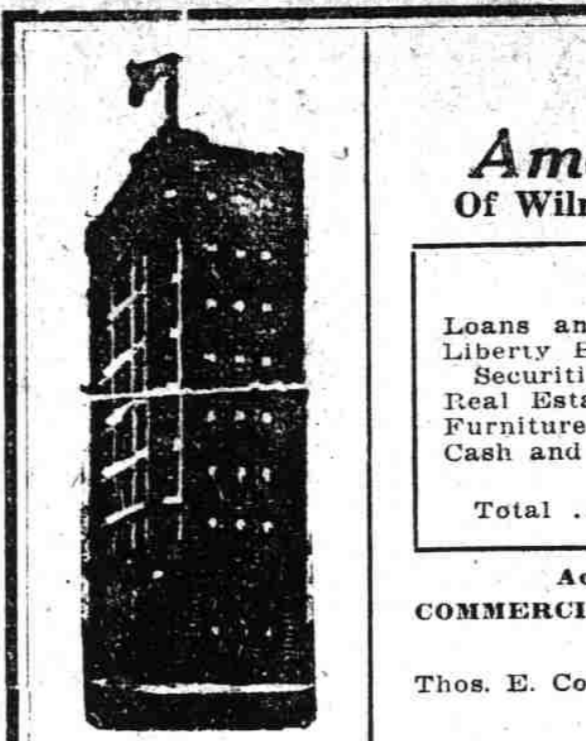
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