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CROP IN HISTORY

GOVERNMENT'S SEPTEMBER CROP REPORT FORECASTS MANY BIG CROPS.

Spring Wheat Shows Favorable increase, Oat Crop is Expected to Set a New Record Along With Rye and Potatoes.

Washington.-Corn, the country's greatest crop, needs only a few weeks freedom from frost to mature into the largest production ever known in the history of the nation. The government's September crop report forecasts a production of 3,248,000,000 bushels, which is 124,000,000 bushels more than produced in the record year, 1912.

Corn prospects improved to the extent of 53,000,000 bushels as a result of good weather during August, the Kansas crop showing improvement to the extent of almost 40,000,000 bush retary of the Woman's committee, order. els, and Missouri 23,000,000 bushels. Council of National Defense, was grade . Every effort of republicans

better than expected and the Septem reforms in the village of Winnetka, tificates resulted in failure. The last ber forecast showed an increase of | | | | 14,000,000 bushels over the production forecast in August with a total of 250,000,000 bushels. Adding the winter wheat production, a total yield of 668,000,000 bushels ofwheat was announced. That is 28,000,000 bushels more than last year's harvest, but 138,000,000 bushels less than the average of the crops for the five years 1911-15.

Besides the record crop of corn, larger production than ever before will be harvested in oats, with 1,533, 000,000 bushels; rye with -56,000,000 busehls; white potatoes, with 462,-000,000 bushels; sweet potatoes, with 88,200,000 bushels; tobacco, with 1, 221,000,000 pounds, and hay, with 91, 700,000 tons.

Oats prospects increased 79,000.000 Virginia 61,752,000 bushels; North Carolina 65,393,000; Georgia 71,344.

000; Tennessee 117,273,000; Alabama 89,014,000; Mississippi 86,383,000; Louisiana 42,246,090; Texas 81,806, 006; Oklahoma 35261,000 and Arkansas 71,307,000.

CHICAGO OFFICIALS THINK MRS. KING WAS MURDERED

Will Investigate Tragic Death of Wealthy Woman at Concord, N. C. Chicago, Findings of a midnight postmorterm here over the body of Mrs. Maude A. King, who was killed at Concord, N. C., August 29, were communicated to the attorney general of North Carolina by Assistant State's Attorney Sullivan in a telegram. The tleegram reads:

"Postmartem examination by Coroner Hoffman of this county on body of Maude King, killed at Concord, N. C., August 29 ,1917, by pistol shot, reveals that shot could not have been self-inflicted and also reveals that her left ankle was broke nshortly before her death. Coroner believes that in your state. Coroner and State's atcrime of murder has been committed in your state. Coroner and state's attorney of this county await your directions."

The postmortem examination of the body of Mrs. King indicated that Mrs. King was murdered, in the opinion of the explosions of which have added Coroner Peter M. Hoffman, The body materially to the damage done in prewas removed from the majoleum here vious raids. and te examination conducted just In the region of Riga the Russians before midnight last night by order are retiring eastward and northeastof Judge Kersten, of the criminal ward all along the line, pursued by branch of the circuit court. Dr. Wil- the Germans. liam Burmeister, pathologist of Northwestern University conducted the examination in the presence of representatives of the police and coroner's office.

Asheville. - Emphatically denying any complicity in the death of Mrs. Maude A. King, widow of James C. King, late Chicago millionaire, Gaston fight over war profits taxation virtual-B. Means, the dead weman's secretary, ly ended with adoption of the finance who arrived here told the story of the committee's compromise provisions for tragedy at Concord, N. C., August 29. a total levy of \$1,286,000,000 or about

PRESIDENT WILSON PLACES EMBARGO ON GOLD EXPORT

Washington. - President placed an embargo, effective Septem- single amendment. ber 10, on the exportation of coin, bullion and currency. At the same time he authorized the secretar you slon, was taken technically in comthe treasury to license such exporta mittee of the whole and is subject to tions where, in the opinion of the final review later. Today's decisive federal reserve board, they are not rout of the high-tax element, however, harmful. The effect of the embargo, may prevent further efforts along this which applies to all nations, will be line and Senate leaders say it foreto place in the hands of Secretary casts defeat for the fighting for heav-McAdoo.

BRAGG MADE HIGHEST AMERICAN AIR FLIGHT

New York.-The 12,900-foot altitude flight made by Caleb Bragg ... hydro-sirplane with two passengers at | war was delivered to the House by Port Washington, N. Y., August 25, Viscount Ishii amid hearty applicus has been sanctioned as the American from a crowded floor and galleries record for that class of flying by the The special ambassador told the Aero Club of America, it was all House as he had told the Senate and sounced here. The passengers were president Wilson that his country was Harry Cuggenholm and E. A. Grals in the pattle against military oppres-The previous record was 9.524 feet, sion to stay and welcomed the oppormade at North Island, Cal., by Ploys | tumity to fight beside the United Smith Pebruary 11, 1916.

MRS. IRA COUCH WOOD



eclines were recorded in other states. uated into the public service field the control the bill would-give Secre-Spring wheat yields are turning out through filteration, sewage and other tary McAdoo over the bonds and cer-

GERMANS TAKE ANOTHER SLAV FORTRESS WHILE RUSSIANS CONTINUE FLIGHT.

Attempted to Stop Cadorna's Further Men Have Been Captured By lans in Corizia.

flight before the Germans in the re have started their great offensive on the Bainzizza plateau against the

In the south, however, from the Brestovizza valley to the sea, the Italians have been compelled to withstand violent counter-attacks by the Austrians, who are endeavoring to hold back General Cadorna's lines from a further approach to Triest The Austrians at one place momentarily forced the Italians to cede territory. A counter-attack by he Italians not alone retrieved the lost position but resulted in the capture of more than 400 prisoners. On the Bainzizza plateau, northeast of Gorizia, the Italians have made further gains, capturing an important Aus-

train position near Ocrogio. -No details have been vouchsafed concerning the battle which is in progress northeast of Gorizia, and no confirmation is at hand of the reported capture by the Italians of Monte San Gabriele, the last dominating position held by the Austrians

north of Gorizia. Nearly 1,700 men have been cap tured by the Italians in the flighting in the Gorizia sector.

Again the Italians have sent their airmen over Pola, the Austrian naval base in the Adariatic, dropping bombs.

SENATE'S BITTER PROFITS BATTLE BROUGHT TO END

Committees Compromise Provisions Are Adopted.

Washington. - The Senate's bitter one-third of this year's war and normal excess profits.

This is an increase of \$1,060,000,000 over present taxes. The high-tax ac-Wilson vocates failed to secure adoption of a

Action on the war profits section the largest revenue-producing proviler income taxes.

ISHII DELIVERS JAPAN'S MESSAGE OF COMRADESHIP

Washington,-Japan's message comradeship and co-operation in the

GREAT AUTHORIZATION .. OI BONDS AND CERTIFCATES PASS UNANIMOUSLY.

FOLLOWS WAR TAX IN SENATE

Not a Material Amendment Was Added to the Bill By the House .- Total Amount Which is Authorized is \$11,-

Washington.-The great war credits bill, authorising \$11,538,945,450 in bonds and certificates, passed the House unanimously. Action by the Senate as soon as the pending war tax bill is disposed of is planned by

Not a material amendment was added to the bill by the House. Representative Moore, of Pennsylvania, operation with the led a group of republicans in a futile its affiliated organic fight for consideration of his proposal safeguarding of for a war expenditures committee, gins, compresses

Mrs. Ira Couch Wood, executive see which was thrown out on a point of

> fight, made by Representative John son, of Washington, to direct the secretary to spend at least \$2,500,000 for newspaper advertising in disposing or the bonds, was defeated overwhelmingly. If the secretary desires under the measure, he may use some of the \$17,600,000 appropriated for disposing of all the bonds and certificates in newspaper publicity.

> Representative Cannon, of Illinois, obtained the adoption of a compromile amendment to exempt from taxation forever interest on bonds not in and \$5,000. He wanted to make Democratic Leader ot agree.

> The pid authorizes the issuance of \$7,538,945,460 worth of convertible 4 per cent bonds, subject to super-taxes and was profits taxed and to term

lied loan; \$3,000,000,000 worth to take Austrains and to the northest of over a 3 1-2 per cent issue already authorized and the remaining \$528,945. 460 to be used for converting certain outstanding bonds, including the Danish West Indies, Alaskan railway, Panama canal and naval construction is-

RUSSIANS FLEE WHILE ITALIANS HOLD AUSTRIANS

German Fleet Is Active as Slavs are Pressed from Riga.

The Russians and Austro-Italian theaters continue the centers of interest in the world war. In the former the Germans are still pressing the Russians in their retreat from the Riga region; in the latter the forces of General Cadorna continue to harass the Austrians but with the enemy offering stout resistance on the major sectors—north and northeast of Georgia and along the Carso plateau. With the Russian front already brok-

en over a distance of about 45 miles between Riga and Friedrichstadt, the province of Livonia is fast being over run by the Germans. Everywhere the enemy is pressing the retreating Rus. of that nature. sians, among whom the disaffection that permitted the easy taking of Riga daily becomes more apparent.

Although the Russians have fallen back with great speed all along the line it seems evident that they have not bee nput to rout and thta the loval troops are fighting splendid borne out by the fact that the German than eight thousand and their capture in France. in guns only 180.

The Italian commander-in-chief, General Cadorna, continues his reticence concerning the operation he has in view against the Austrians, his latest communication merely announce ing the continuatino of the heavy fighting northeast of Georgia, and the repulse on the Carso plateau, south of the Brestovizza Valley, of strong Austrian counter-attacks.

TO GIVE MEN IN RANKS CHANCE FOR COMMISSIONS.

Washington.-Enlisted men are to be given special opportunities to be commissioned officers. Secretary Baker said that the establishment of a third series of officers' training camps was under consideration and that men seelcted under the draft would be extended such opportunities to enter that a majority of those enrolled probably would be from the ranks. This policy will be adhered to in all training camps.

GERMAN AIRMEN BOMB GREAT FRENCH HOSPITAL

French army in France.-The Vandelamcourt hospital in the region of Ver- treme socialists and anarchists with ion was again bombarded by German aviators for six and a half hours. Ninetoon persons were killed and 26 wounds ed. The huts attacked contained only teverely wounded men, who were unable to move from their cots. The hostile airplanes flew over the hosintal 20 times from \$:30 o'clock in the even ing German mo ing until 3 o'clock in the morning.

GREATEST PROMISED COTTON C

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received Its Brst writers has recei first three months report covering of the association the prevention of of the conserval of the war under of Herbert C. He r, President Wilson's food suppl port cites the fa M. Bissell, of Hand dent of the Nat the work wrote

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port says, from a The advisory ance officials we ferent sections of with state officials inspections and safeguards. Meet in almost every te officials and owners as well as Great interinsurance men att est and hard work resulted and the special agents companies in mobilized for every field L. ve inspectors on conservation work. this work have given - specia authority in the I a letter or ing the photoidentification card e bearer with graph and signature attested. In the proper author spections have be

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NEWLY APPOINTED OFFICERS GO TO FRANCE.

Will Be Given Intensive Training By

Washington. From the 27,000 officers taken from the training camps fust closed a considerable number are being selected to begin immediately intensive training in France under from Reidsville. direction of Major General Pershing. The plan provides for establishing

an officers' school in the American army where they can be given intensive instruction similar to that being given the regular army contingent already there. In addition some of the young offi-

cers may be sent to French and British officers' school as both governments have expressed their willingness to undertake post-graduate work Some of the young officers also will be attached to the regular regiments

now in France. When they have replace officers now in charge of the lights. American units and whose experience would be of value in training the new armies at home. It is possible also rear-guard actions. This seemingly is that many of the new ogicers will be sent home as instructors as soon as

GENERAL WOOD IS TRANSFEREED TO KANSAS

Washington, Assignment of ganeral officers to the army cantonments announced reveals that Mai. Gen. Leonard Wood, commanding the coutheastern department is to be transferred to command the Eighty-ninth (national guard) division, Camp Fun. sion, Fort Riley, Man. Official announcement of this intention on the part of the war department was made by the department Friday, August 10.

GERMANS SPEND MILLIONS BRIBING WEARY RUSSIANS

Rest Discusses Conditions Found While on Visit in Russia. New York. Expressing confidence

in the soundness of the character of

the Russian people for self-govern ment, Elinu Root, head of the special diplomatic mission to Russia in two accrosses here a this city's official reception to the mining dampinged. the part clayed in that country during Grand Headquarters of the its time of peril by men correspond ing to the L. W. here, the exwhom the German egents made common cause." Col. Theodore I

poke at the meeth A first at city hall and then a the commerce likewise declare that organizations like the I. W. Wo

Daniels, Secretary of Navy. Mrs. M. L. Poole, one of the oldest od of Fire Underwomen in Burke county, met death by falling down a flight of stairs during the right. Her body was not discovered until next morning.

A check for \$1,000 was forwarded to Francis C. Boyer, North Carolina difrector. The re rector of the Red Cross, for the Amerihat President R. can Red Cross ambulance to be sent ord, Conn., Price to France by the people of Fayette-

Brief Notes Covering Happenings in This States That Are of Interest to All the People,

Maxton is planning to install an

Edward E. Britton has gone to

Washington and taken up his duties

as private secretary for Josephus

slectric light plant soon.

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the Maitors will be allowed to land at pointed in dr. 19 incredible either is willing to vouchcountry to work safe for them and they can proceed to the National Guard camp if they do have been held that chiestitothe presence of an arm d and property sharry introlling by their side.

> The fall crop of cabbage all through the western part of the state always suffers from the several kinds of worms which eat the leaves. These come from eggs laid by innocent looking yellow-white butterflies, or dull-gray moths. And it is a question whether they do not sometimes deyour, or spoil, as many pounds of the cabbage as are eaten by people, states Entomologist Sherman.

ed for each. This captain will call on ped. No reports of damage have get guards of the Germans and Russian every family in his district once a he week for a contribution of one penny from each member or the household

or the benefit of the Red Cross wi

The "Patriotic Penny"

The North Carolina troops are pouring into Camp Sevier at a rate which will soon see them completely mobilized. The third regiment is already complete, following the arrival of six companies early this morning on a special train of twenty coaches. The companies were: Headquarters, from Graham: Company A, from Lexington; Company I, from Burlington; Company K, from Asheboro; Company L, from Thomasville, and Company G.

Miss Blanche McDade, twenty-five well known Raleigh woman, was instantly killed when an automobile in which she was riding collided with a car driven by Luther Austin, automobile mechanic of Knightdale, ten miles west of here, Austin, together with two other occupants of his machine and three occupants of the car in which Miss McDade was riding, was severely if not seriously injured. in the car in which the young woman ceived sufficient training they may re said both cars were running without ings: Killed, 107; wounded, 86."

bag of prisoners thus far has been less they have completed training courses of the United States army. Dr. and escaped damage. Mrs. J. W. McNeill have three sons and one grandson in the army-Norman McNeill, who received his commission as a second lieutenant at the hands of Secretary Baker at the military academy recently; Kenneth Mc-Neill, a corporal in company F, second North Carolina infantry: Lauchlin McNeill, private in company A. North Carolina engineers, and George Stancill, a private in company F of the second regiment.

> George Pou, son of Representative Pou, is preparing to leave for France with the signal corps to which he belongs. His mother and wife are in Washington to see him off.

The North Carolina Pine Emergen cy Association will furnish 1,500,000 feet of lumber for the construction of a frame stucco building to house the council of national defense in Washington. The order was given Satur day and will be rushed here before the end of this week.

The first and only drawning of the 1917 season at Wrightsville Beach occurred when James Edwards, 16-yearold son of Mr. Jacob Edwards of Witnington lost his life. His brother, aged 35 years, who went to his rescue, came near being drowned also, being brought in by life guards when almost exhausted.

Governor T. W. Bickett made a war speech in Salisbury. He was heard criminally aid by about 4,000 people from all sections deep impression for patriolism.

DR. HARRY A. GAR! IELD

Dr. Harry A. Garfield, president of

MANY ARE KILLED AND WOUND

ED AT CHATHAM BY GERMAN

AIRPLANES.

planes Took Part in Raiding.

coast was shelled as well as the

FRENCH AND GERMANS AGAIN ENGAGED IN EXTREMELY FIERCE STRUGGLES.

PETAIN'S MEN HOLD TEUTONS

Germans Returned to Fray With New Vigor Hatels British Troops Deliv-er Successful Attacks—Luli in Murthern Russian Fronts.

Again the French and Germans are engaged in extremely heavy fighting in the Verdun sector, with the Germans trying to recoup their loss of the end of last week on the right bank of the Meuse, but with General Petain's forces holding them back almost everywhere and, cevering the

ground with their dead Williams college and som of fermer Over a front of nearly two miles President Garfield, has been appointed the Germans, following unsuccessful chairman of a commission to deter attacks in the sector of the Bois Des mine prices for the harvest of 18917 Fosses and the Bois des Caurieres, returned to the fray with renewed vigor, especially around Hill 344. At captured by the Germans but they later were driven out and the French line was entirely re-established. 'In the fighting around the Bois de Fosses Saturday night the Germans left nearly one thousand dead on the ground before the French positions, 110-111

At various points on the front held by Field Marshal Haig the British troops have delivered successful at-Teutons Have Dropped. Bombs on tacks, especially northwest of St. Quentin, where German positions on England-At Chatham 107 Were Killed and 86 Injured Six Air a front of several hundred yards were captured and prisoners taken in Flanders the British guns are still roaring in the mighty bombardment that has been in progress mere than London,-Another aid raid on Enga fortnight but as yet the infantry and has taken place. The English has not been loosed for the impend hig dash into the enemy territory, There has been a considerable the raid says: lag in the German advance in

don district where bombs were drop-

London.-In Monday night's air raid 107 persons were killed and 86 wounded at Chatham, it is announced offi

The victims were naval ratings. Six airplanes took part in the raid. In addition to the naval casualties one civilian was killed and six were

injured ...

The announcement follows; "Lord French (commander of the British home forces) reports that Monday night's air raid was carried out by about six enemey airplanes which proceeded up the south bank of the Thames estuary to Chatham.

Bombs were dropped in the Isle of Thanet and in the Sheerness-Chatham area between 10:40 p. m. and ualties. Civilian casualties reported at present are: Killed, one; injured six. The material damage was slight.

"Our machines went up and ant. craft guns came into action; but without result. The secretary of the ad-Miss Lula Ford, another Raleigh girl mirally reports that in the course of the air raid last night the following was killed, escaped unhurt. It is casualties, were caused to naval rat-

A despatch to The Star from Chatham says that part of the naval bar-When the West Point graduation racks there was struck by a bomb ceremonies came to a close another during the night's air raid, this caus-Fayetteville woman could say that ing serious loss of life. The Chatham she had four boys in the active service | dockyard, the message states, entirely

> CAPITAL HONORS DRAFT MEN WITH GREAT PARADE.

Pennsylvania Avenue Thrilled By Tramp of Men Led By President. Washington.-The President and Congress of the United States and the allied nations, through their diplomatic representatives, joined in paying honor to the men selected from the District of Columbia for service in America's national army raised for the battle for democracy.

Washington, long used to glittering processions, to the blare and noise of inaugurations, opened its eyes and cheered itself hoarse at the spectacle. throughout the nation other thousands moved over the first part of the battlefields. Pennsylvania avenue artillery.

Attacks Child Labor Law. Saratoga Springs, N. Y .- The opinto athat the "most dangerous assault upon the autonomy of the states, upon the integrity of local self-government, of the country and his address made a states under the commerce clause of activities of the organication in varie the constitution of the United States. ous nations abrees

astward from Riga. Here the vancavalry are engaged in fighting; the cesult being that the invaders are held back while the Russians are preparing defenses in which to make a

LANSING EXPOSES BREACH OF SWEDISH NEUTRALITY

Develops Another Case of Sinister Teutonic Diplomacy.

Washington .- Copies or three brief dispatches made public by the state department revealed another case of sinister German diplomacy, this time directed against Argentina and involving the Swedish foreign office in an apparent grave breach of neutrality and diplomatic propriety.

They were messages to Berlin from Count Luxburg, the German charge at Beunos Aires, forwarded by the Swedish legation there as its own commun-11:30 p. m. There were no army cas- | leations. Besides advising that no concessions be granted Argentina in the submarine controversy, they sugmeet that the South American country's ships be sunk "without leaving any trace" and gave information as to the sailing and positions of certain

The department's announcement' was sent to the Argentine-embassy and the Swedish legation here at the same time it was given to the public." There was no explanation as to how? the messages came into the hands of the United States nor discussion as to what may be the result. The action created a sonsation, par

ticularly among the neutral diplomats. Baron Akerhielm, the Swedish charge in the absence of advices from his gov ernment, would not comment further than to say it was improbable the Swedish minister at Buenos Aires knew of the contents of the dis. patches. Axel Robert Nordvall of the special Swedish economic mission, declared that he was certain that Baron Lowen, the Swedish minister to Assentina, had no knowledge of the contents of the dispatches.

May Recell Baron Lowen. Mr. Nordvall was of the opinion that Haron Lowen would be recalled by the Swedish government and said he looked for an explanation and a disavowal of any intention to commit an unneutral act.

What effect the disclosure will For two hours, while in other cities have on Argentine's relations with Germany could only be guessed at both by state department officials and long road that may lead to French by Ambassador Naou. The ambassador already has transmitted messages heard the tramp of marching men, the to his government and until ilnetrue. jingle of spurs and the rumble of tions are received he will not comment on the incident.

TWO MILLIONS A MONTH IS SPENT IN WAR RELIEP

Washington -- Approximately 212. 000,000 for war relief work in Europe that the entire history of our coun will have been expended by the Atmos try records, was made by the Con lean Red Cross in the first him months gress of the United States while it since the United States has been at passed the recent so-called child la. war with Germany, according to a rebor law." was expressed by Senator port addressed "To the Aviarican T. W. Hardwick before the American People by Henry P. Davison, chair-Bar association in an address on the man of the Red Cross war council in regulation of commerce between the which full details are given of the