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WHEAT CROP THIS SEASON NOT SO LARGE

World Supply Estimated at Three Hundred Million Bushels Short

WASHINGTON, Oct. 7.—(By Canadian Press).—The probable production of wheat in the Northern Hemisphere, outside of Russia, will be about 2,700,000,000 bushels compared with 3,000,000,000 bushels produced last year, says the United States Department of Agriculture, basing its statement on official estimates and forecasts from 25 countries, and unofficial advices from three countries. Wheat harvests in the Northern Hemisphere are reported to be practically completed.

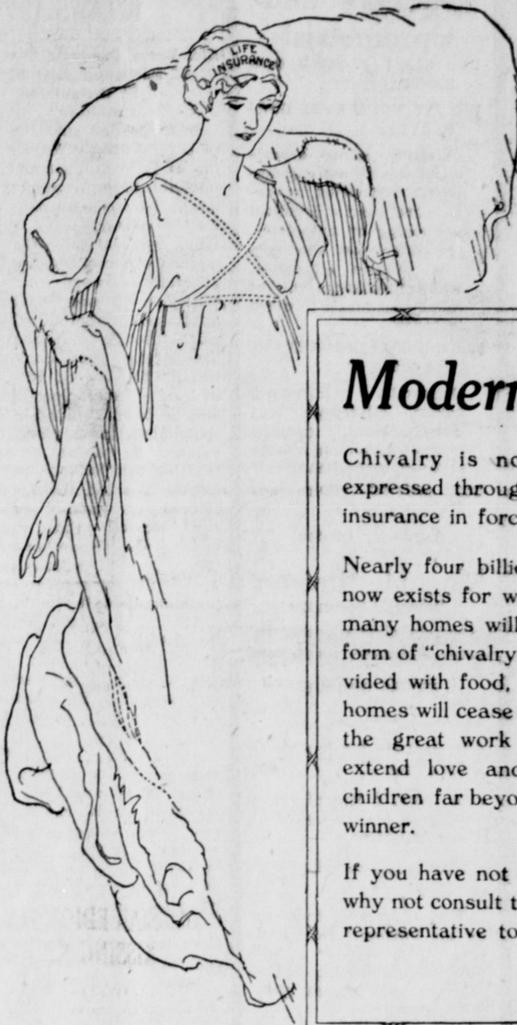
Figures for the 25 countries, which exclude France, Germany, Rumania and Russia, show an aggregate of 2,242,000,000 bushels compared with 2,500,000,000 bushels last year. No reliable estimate of the Russian crop is available but various reports indicate that the exportable surplus will be less than last year. Private forecasts of the French crop range from 200,000,000 bushels to 342,000,000 bushels, as compared with 276,000,000 bushels last year.

The German crop estimated on the basis of forecasts from Prussia and Bavaria is about 92,000,000 bushels compared with 106,000,000 bushels last year, and the Rumanian crop according to private reports will be about 70 per cent of last year when the harvest was 101,000,000 bushels.

Canadian Crop Improved

The Canadian crop has improved during the past month under favorable weather conditions, the department reports. The September 1 forecast is 291,000,000 bushels, which is an increase of 9,000,000 bushels over the August forecast but 183,000,000 bushels less than the final estimate of last year. Harvesting in the Prairie Provinces is about two weeks late and there is still some chance of gain or loss in the crop. Rains during August improved conditions generally, but in Alberta rain was too late to save the crop where drought injury was severe. Some damage has been caused by frost but its extent has not yet been determined. Grain yields in Manitoba are reported as considerably above average, but due to the late season the area to be harvested is less than last year. Yields in Saskatchewan and Alberta are considerably below average.

Production of flaxseed in Canada is reported to be 10,846,000 bushels compared with 7,139,500 bushels last year; rye, 12,799,000 bushels compared with 23,232,000 bushels, barley 90,769,000 bushels compared with 563,998,000 bushels last year.



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FRANCISCANS HELD A CELEBRATION IN OLD CANTERBURY

Cardinal Led Procession in Scarlet Robes Followed by Two Mitred Bishops

LONDON, Oct. 7.—(Canadian Press).—Not since Geoffrey Chaucer's pilgrims passed beneath the city gates of ancient Canterbury has this, the mother-city of England, seen a stranger pilgrimage than that which took place the other day in celebration of the 700th anniversary of the coming of the Franciscans to England.

A Cardinal in scarlet robes walked in procession through the streets. Behind him were two mitred bishops of the Church of Rome, and then a long file of Franciscans in their brown cowled robes, with sandalled feet and shaven crowns, Dominicans in black and white habits, Capucines, Benedictines, white coiffed nuns in flowing robes of black and grey, and a great following of the laity from all parts of England.

Before the Cardinal walked white-suppled acolytes, one of whom bore aloft a great silver crucifix. They chanted as they walked, and the sun, filling the ancient streets with light and shadow, invested the spectacle with an illusion of mediaeval splendor.

On arrival the pilgrims, num-

bering about 700, proceeded to the Catholic church of St. Thomas, where Mass was celebrated by the Bishop of Brentwood in the presence of Cardinal Bourne. A civic welcome was accorded by the Mayor of Canterbury.

From the church the pilgrims marched to the ruins of the old Franciscan Friary, where seven centuries ago the Little Brethren of St. Francis found a haven in a skeptical land. In this perfect setting of old brick walls, framing one of the loveliest gardens in England, a solemn Te Deum was sung.

TO BROADCAST WEATHER

TOKIO, Japan, Oct. 7.—Increased efficiency in the broadcasting of weather data to vessels in the seas around Japan is promised by a new meteorological broadcasting station installed by the Tokio Central Observatory. The radius of the new station will be 1,000 miles.

STAR ATTACKS POLICE METHOD

Says Should be No Need to Have Availed Orders From Police Commission

The Vancouver Star in criticizing the police methods of Vancouver says:

A clean up of Vancouver underworld has been ordered by the police commission! Both Chief of Police Long and Inspector Jackson have promptly reported that Chinatown's gambling joints are now dark, and will stay dark. The lid is on.

Why were orders from the police commission necessary at all? Was the chief ever in doubt as to his duty? Is not the law the same today as it was yesterday? Gambling, dope peddling, bootlegging have been wide open for years. Holdups, assaults, robberies have been monotonous in their regularity.

And through it all a dumb paralysis seemed to hold the chief and his force in its grip. The law was always plain. Its enforcement was the chief's sworn obligation. But month after month a tragic farce was carried on.

Rounded Up

Raids were made. Sheep-like Orientals, rounded up in droves, were let out on a paltry bail and promptly went back to their dives. The bail was forfeited; but the gambling went on in the same old places with the same old people right under the eyes of the police.

It is not Chinatown that needs a clean up. The work needs to be started near home. The police force itself needs investigation. The Star still has confidence in Chief of Police Long, but that confidence is being very sorely tried. The chief knows where the weakness lies, but he has not

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yet dared to put his hand on it. He has under his command a splendid body of constables. But, somewhere, higher up, a sinister power has shown its influence. The chief has not come to grips with it.

Purge or Get Out
The hour is at hand for Chief Long. He must either rule and purge his force, or the worst elements in it will get him. Which is it to be?

WELCOME GERMAN SHIP

HAMBURG, Oct. 7.—When the liner Westphalia recently called at Queenstown, Ireland, to land some passengers the German ship was given an enthusiastic welcome, which was totally unexpected. People at the pier cheered and a delegation headed by the mayor went aboard, extended best wishes of the community and emphasized the friendly relations between the two countries.



TENDERS FOR COAL

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the Purchasing Agent, Department of Public Works, Ottawa, will be received by him until 12 o'clock noon, Monday, October 13, 1924, for the supply of coal for the Dominion Buildings and Experimental Farms and Stations throughout the Provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia, and at Kenora, Ontario. Forms of tender with specifications and conditions attached can be obtained from G. W. Dawson, Purchasing Agent, Department of Public Works, Ottawa. J. E. Cyr, Supt. of Dominion Buildings, Winnipeg, Man.; H. E. Matthews, District Resident Architect, Winnipeg, Man.; G. J. Stephenson, District Resident Architect, Regina, Sask.; J. M. Stephenson, District Resident Architect, Calgary; J. G. Wright, Superintendent of Dominion Buildings, Vancouver, B.C.; Wm. Henderson, District Resident Architect, Victoria, B.C. and from the Superintendents of Experimental Farms and Stations, and the Caretakers of the various Dominion Buildings in the said Provinces, outside of Winnipeg, Regina, Calgary, Vancouver and Victoria. Tenders will not be considered unless made on these forms. The right to demand from the successful tenderer a deposit, not exceeding 10 per cent of the value of the contract, to secure the proper fulfillment of the contract, is reserved. By order, S. E. O'BRIEN, Secretary. Department of Public Works, Ottawa, September 23, 1924.

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