FRUIT CROP **OUTLOOK GOOD**

Peach Yield Expected to Be 100 Per Cent. in Several Counties; Apples 97.

GRAIN PROSPECT NORMAL

Conditions of the Winter Wheat and Rye in the Ground Gives Every Indication Would Raise Almost the Usual Crops.

-Harrisburg.

Unusually bright prospects for the 1917 peach and apple crops are indicated in the April reports of the crop correspondents of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. The condition of the peach blossoms indicates organization of three additional engi regiments of heavy field artillery splendid yields, and, while the country faces a shortage of grain crops, the National Guard of Pennsylvania. the Pennsylvania orchards show every promise of a bumper fruit year.

tion of the winter wheat and rye in the ground in Pennsylvania on April turally, the Keystone State would again come forth in an emergency and grains.

at this time a year ago was about 63 "York." per cent., but present reports indicate cent. of normal for the entire State. The percentage, however, will be greatly increased, as the peach district in Adams, Franklin. Bedford, Cumberland and York counties indicates a yield of almost 97 per cent. of normal. This is a remarkable average for this time of the year, and the largest peach crop ever known in the history of the State can be anticipated if late frosts and pests do not create any damage. In Adams. Franklin and York counties a 100 per cent. crop is expected, while conditions in Bedford county indicate a 90 per cent. crop, and in Cumberland ground. county a 95 per cent. crop Many new orchards in this district will come into bearing during the present season and increase the crop.

Frosts Damaged Lowland Crops. In the northern tier and some of the central counties the heavy frosts 10 cents to 6 and 12 cents. killed many of the buds on trees in crops have been materially lessened. available plot These counties are not important com. mercial peach-growing districts. Counties where the indications point to less than 60 per cent. of a normal crop are: Allegheny, Armstrong, Butler, Cambria, Cameron, Clarion, Forest, Greene, Jefferson, Lackawanna, Lawrence, Venango, Westmoreland and Wyoming.

Twenty-two counties report that indications are that the apple crop of 1917 will be a normal one and the general average for the State is 97 per cent. Reports indicate that the condition of the apple trees and the blossoms throughout the State are splendid and that the April prospects were 11 per cent. ahead of the condition at this time a year ago, when there was promise of about 88 per cent. of a normal yield. The southern apple belt shows every indication of a crop of 100 per cent. or better, while prospects in the northern tier counties, famous for their Baldwins. are also close to the normal yield.

Grading Adds to Importance. With the proposed new apple grading and packing laws, which are now before the Legislature, the coming season promises to be one of the most important commercially in the history of the State. Pennsylvania produces apples that have no superior anywhere in the country and, with a standard of grading, they will doubtless command a big market throughout the

country this year. During March, the condition of both materially, according to reports re. the Juniata River at Lewistown. ceived by the Bureau of Statistics of ment of 3 per cent. and represented to supervise community gardening. 95 per cent., but the reports from the plant in the South Mountains, near 800 crop correspondents indicated Carlisle. splendid growth and development and led to the hope of almost an average crop for harvest in the fall.

Expect Yield Slightly Short. The big wheat producing counties condition and a great deal of the fear tannery buildings and will use them of heavy loss through the frosts in in assembling motor trucks. February and March was wiped away

State Grazing Plans.

Commissioner of Forestry Robert S. Conklin issued instructions to the for- take charge of the troop of Boy Scouts esters and rangers of the Pennsyl- at stowe for two months. vania Forest Service covering the use the perioda of food shortage. Owing to pany's plant. Conshohocken, where the fact that almost 25,000,000 trees Government orders are being filled. have been planted on the State forests general grazing cannot be granted. Barbadoes Island, containing 15 acres, and each application must be treated for trucking purposes. separately. However, sufficient area remains in the 1,000,000-acre preserve | tee has agreed to advance the salaries to provide grazing.

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A small American flag fluttering from a robin's nest in the top of a tall maple tree in Prospect Hill cemetery attracted much attention at York. The birds had evidently obtained it from one of the soldier graves in the cemetery.

Many women are seeking positions on the Pennsy at Altoona.

Three thousand Greensburgers had their hair cut in one day, to beat the Officers From Regular Army and Na-10-cent raise next day.

Rev. Ladislau Kloucheck, of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Mahanoy City, presented himself as a volunteer in the service of Uncle Sam.

Culm banks, mined 50 years ago by the late J. C. Haydon, a Hazleton operator, are to be run through the cers and 528,659 enlisted men, making Jeansville breaker and marketed.

While the United States faces a cellar and basement bakeshops in worked out by the War Department, short wheat and rye crop, the condi- Pennsylvania must be lighted and ven- and the selection of the men will begin

tilated Long-winded commencement orators law. 1 gave every indication that, agricul- will be figuratively muzzled at Hazleton graduation exercises this year.

raise almost a normal crop of both for the purchase of a Red Cross am indicates that the divisions of the first The prospect of a nomal peach crop | Europe, which shall bear the name | formed as follows:

Franklin Elks cleared \$1200 for England States. that the crop will be above 80 per their charity fund by recent minstrel performances.

> To aid in gaining the needed recruits for the Red Cross, a recruiting of the city. tent has been erected in Mechanics burg.

Beer has been increased \$1 a barrel at Sunbury, and dealers say the size of the glass will have to be

Speculators have visited the farmers in the Mahoning and other valleys and offered to purchase their entire potato and onion crops, to be grown this year-potatoes at \$1.60 in the

Fifty per cent. more marriage licenses were issued in Blair county in April, 1917, than in any previous April.

Sunbury's master bakers have put the prices of bread up from 5 and

The Mayor of Altoona in a proclalowlands, and the prospects for large mation urges cultivation of every Colorado.

> More than 300 persons have signed a petition for a curfew in Sunbury. The 10-day campaign to raise \$150,-000 for the new Y. M. C. A. building closed at Norristown and when the 200 workers reported it was found the amount collected was \$200,024, rate cavalry divisions which probably There was great enthusiasm in City will be situated in the Southwest, near Hall when the success was announced.

> fire marshal, that he had tried to set training. fire to a business block in Sunbury. Haupt was janitor at the First Presbyterian Church when it was badly dam three regiments of field artillery, one aged by fire several years ago. He regiment of cavalry, one regiment of was committed to jail.

John Francies, of Allegheny, former member of the House of Representatives, at present superintendent of the Western Penitentiary, and in charge of the construction of the new penitentiary near Bellefonte, which, when completed, will be used by both the present Western and Eastern Penitentiaries, is somewhat of a farmer.

Plans for increasing poultry will be made at Harrisburg by a committee representing poultrymen.

An effort to increase the output of honey in Pennsylvania 1,000,000 pounds and to add 100,000 chickens to flocks in Pennsylvania are among the plans at the State Department of Agriculture.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Comwheat and rye in the State improved pany will erect a five-span bridge over C. R. Mason, State College expert, the Pennsylvania Department of Agri- has been brought to Altoona by Counculture. Wheat showed an improve- cil and the Chamber of Commerce 90 per cent., as compared with an Failure to find ore in paying quanaverage. In 1916 the condition of tity has caused the Pinkerton Conwheat in the ground on April 1 was struction Company to dismantle its

Pining because he was retired, Tim. a 20-year-old bay horse of Altoona's on a farm where he had been placed. The Belmont Motor Company, inin the central and southeastern end corporated under laws of Delaware, of the State reported wheat in good has taken over the old Lewistown 180,000.

Three men of South Bethlehem were with the splendid growth that was killed in an automobile accident on shown in the fields. The number of the William Penn Highway, near weeks of snow protection for the Bethlehem. They were Hugh Kelly, grain ranged from four to 13, with a Justice of the Peace; Hugh J. Mc the average of the State about seven. Fadden, a bottler, and Robert K.

Berkemeyer, a former Councilman. Stanley G. Flagg & Co., have engaged a Mr. Schenck, of Haveford, to

A searchlight has been erected at of the State forests for grazing during the John Wood Manufacturing Com-

William Montague has offered to at considerable cost, permission for the people of Norristown the use of

> Norristown Council's police commitof the score of patrolmen 121/2

PLANS FOR THE FIRST U. S. ARMY

Will Be 18,538 Officers and 528,659 Enlisted Men.

ALL IN READINESS FOR DRAFT

tional Guard To Instruct New Troops-19 New Generals To Be Named.

Washington .- The full strength of the first war army organized under the Selective Draft bill will be 18,539 offiup 18 war-strength divisions complete Orders have been issued for the in every arm and supplemented by 16 neer companies for the division of equipped with large-calibre howitzers.

Virtually every detail of plans for The State Industrial Board has raising, training, equipping and organfixed November 1 as the time when all izing this force has been carefully as soon as the draft measure becomes

Groups Of Troops Arranged.

A revised list of officers' training York has completed a fund of \$1,000 camp district issued by the department bulance for use on the battlefield of half million new fighting men will be First Division-Troops from all New

Second - New York Congressional

Districts 1 to 26, including Long Island, New York City and a strip north

Third - Remainder of New York State and Pennsylvania Congressional Districts 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 21, 25 and 28. Fourth-Remainder of Pennsylvania, including Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, Fifth-New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia and District of Co-

Sixth-North and South Carolina and Tennessee Seventh - Georgia, Alabama and

Florida. Eighth-Ohio and West Virginia. Ninth-Indiana and Kentucky.

Tenth-Illinois. Eleventh-Michigan and Wisconsin. Twelfth-Arkansas, Mississippi and

Louisiana. Thirteenth-Minnesota, Iowa, North and South Dakota and Nebraska. Fourteenth - Missouri, Kansas and

Fifteenth-Oklahoma and Texas. Sixteenth-Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada,

Utah, Wyoming, Arizona and New Mexico. Two Cavalry Divisions.

In addition, there will be two sepathe Mexican border. Officers for the cavalry divisions will be trained at all Harris L. Haupt, janitor of the First of the 16 officers' training camps, Reformed Church, Sunbury, confessed which will open within a few days to Thomas G. Ryan, Danville, a State with 40,000 prospective officers under

Each infantry division will consist engineers, one division hospital and York. four camp infirmaries. The total strength of the 16 will be 15,022 officers and 439,792 men.

The two cavalry divisions combined will have 1,214 officers and 32,062 fighting men, including mounted engineers and horse artillery units. and each will have also its divisional hospital and camp infirmaries.

The proportion of coast artillery troops to be provided out of the first 500,000 will be 666 officers and 20,000 men, with requisite medical troops.

Supplementing these tactical units will be the 16 regiments of heavy field artillery, strength, 768 officers and 21, 104 men; eight aero squadrons, or one new squadron to each two new infantry divisions; eight balloon companies, 10 field hospitals, 10 ambulance companies, 22 field bakeries, six telaphone battalions, 16 pack companies, six ammunition trains and six supply

Recruiting National Guard.

in preparation for the enormous task of training this great army, the exist ing regular establishment and the National Guard is being brought to full war strength. The regulars, when all five additional increments provided for in the National Defense act have been truck team, refused to eat and died added, will total 11,233 officers and 293,000 men of all arms. Since April 1 nearly 50,000 recruits have been ob 72@73. tained, bringing the army up to nearly

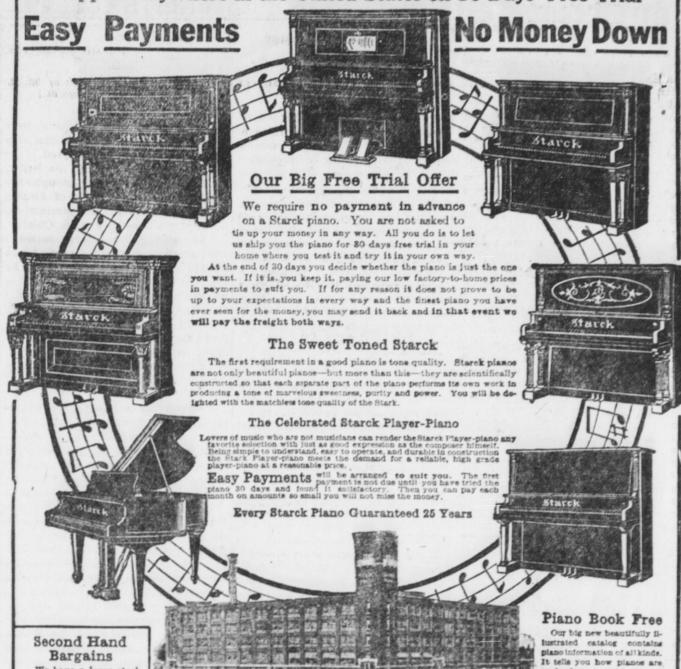
THE SUBMARINE TOLL.

First Lord Of Admiralty Admits Losses Are Increasing.

London.-Replying to questions in the House of Commons Sir Edward Carson, First Lord of the Admiralty. said that as the number of German submarines had been increased the danger to shipping must be expected to increase in proportion. As a matter of fact, during April, he said, the loss to shipping in the English Channel had been less than in any preceding three months. This was partly due to the increase of submarines in other areas and partly as the result of the English Channel. Generally, the pigeons, old, per pair, 28@30; do do. 10; cows and heifers, \$5.70@11.10; ways manages to say what he intended First Lord said, the losses were increasing.

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41c asked; first, 39 1/2 @ 40 1/2c; seconds, 38@39c.

Eggs-Fresh-gathered extras, 36c firsts, 34 1/2 @ 35 1/2 c; fresh-gathered tangled rye, \$11 @ 12; No. 2 do, \$10 @ Lambs and Sheep-Sheep steady. fine to fancy, 36c; State, Pennsylvania 2 do. \$8.50@9. and nearby hennery browns, 35@36c. Cheese - State flats, fresh specials, 261/2c; do, average fancy, 26@261/4c.

21@27c; turkeys, 18@34c. PHILADELPHIA.-Wheat-car lots, in export elevator, No. 2 red, \$2.70@ 2.75: No. 2 Southern red. \$2.68@2.73: No. 2 red, \$2.66@2.71; No. 3 red, \$2.66 @2.71; rejected A, \$2.62@2.67; reject-

Poultry-Chickens, 23@31c; fowls,

ed B, \$2.58@2.63.

@1.60, as to quality. No. 3 yellow, \$1.64@1.65.

Butter-Western, fresh, solid-packed creamery, fancy specials, 44c; extras, 42@43; do, extra firsts, 411/2; firsts. 41; do, seconds, 40@401/2; nearby prints, fancy, 45; do, average extra, 40@40%: special fancy brands of prints were jobbing at 48@51.

Eggs - Nearby firsts, \$10.20 per firsts, \$10.20 per case; do, firsts, \$10.05 | 12.60. per case; fancy selected carefully Hogs-Receipts, 3,220; steady; light Cheese-New York, full cream, fancy pigs, \$13@14.

new, 27@27%c; specials, higher; do, fair to good, new, 26@26%c; do, part skims, 14@22 23@24c; staggy roosters, 18@20; old rough, \$15.15@15.35; pigs, \$9.75@

roosters, 16@17; chickens, soft- 13.50. meated, 24@25c; ducks, Peking, 20@ young, per pair, 20@25c.

ern, \$2.88; May No. 2 red, \$2.83.

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asked; fresh-gathered storage, packed 15.50; No. 2 do, \$14@14.50; No. 1 calves, do. \$8@10.

46%; Maryland and Pennsylvania quality, per lb. 61/2@81/2; milk cows, rolls, 32; Ohio rolls, 32; West Virginia good, per head, \$30@65. rolls, 32; storepacked, 31@32; Maryland, Virginia and Pennsylvania dairy prints, 32,

Eggs - Pennsylvania and nearby 32c; Western firsts, 32; West Virginia firsts, 32; Southern firsts, 31.

Live Poultry-Chickens-Old hens, 4 Rye-No. 2 Western, in export ele- lbs and over, 22c; do, old hens, small of nearby rye in bags, quoted at \$1.50 horns, 21; do, old roosters, 12@13; do, their feet. spring 1 lb and over, 40@42; do, win-Corn-Western, No. 3 yellow, \$1.65@ ter 2 lbs and under, 32@35; do, young, 1.66; do, No. 4 yellow, \$1.63@1.64; do, large, smooth, fat, 26@28; do, poor, under water while bathing. It was do, No. 4 yellow, \$1.61@1.62; Southern, rough and staggy, 22@23. Ducks- invented by a Chicago preacher, Young Pekings, 3 lbs and over, 21c; Oats-No. 2 white, 78@79c; stand- puddle, 20; muscovy, 20; smaller, 19. ard white, 77@78; No. 3 white, 76@ Pigeons-Young, per pr, 30c; do, old, boat between Nyack and Tarrytown, 77; No. 4 white, 75@76; sample white, per pr. 30c; guinea fowl, as to size, has begun his sixty-fifth year with the each, 35@45.

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TOLD IN SHORT ORDER.

There have been several instances of sleeps lasting 20 years.

Montclair soldier boys are to have vator, \$1.92@2 per bushel; small lots to medium, 22; do, do, do, white leg- a chiropodist, and a trained nurse for

A "submarine kiss" is one given

Capt, John Lyon, skipper of a ferry-

company. Six supposed "Jack the Snipper" viotims in Pennsylvania were young girls who confessed they cut their own hair

George Birmington (Canon Hannay) Sheep and Lambs-Clippee sheep, tion, and Silas Hocking has the plain.

Of course, cierical novelists naturalcandled eggs were jobbing at 38@39c. to heavy, \$14.50@16; roughs, \$14; ly have an advantage over their lay brethren. The late Monsigneur Benson was a most fluent speaker who de-CHICAGO. - Hogs - Bulk, \$15.40@ spite a slight stammer, kept the re-

> Sir James Barrie is a very shy speaker, and it is often too difficult to Cattle-Native beef cattle, \$9@ "sit up on his hind legs" in public; to say, and to be witty and wise,