

# BILLIONS FROM GRAIN HARVESTS

Most Valuable American Crops Ever Grown.

## CORN IS STILL KING

But Wheat Yield Will Exceed a Billion Bushels—Potatoes Badly Injured By Wet Weather.

Washington. — American harvests this year will be the most valuable ever produced. With the wheat crop exceeding a billion bushels, the largest ever grown in one season by any nation, and a corn crop, which also may prove to be the biggest ever grown, the Government's October crop report, just issued, announced preliminary estimates which indicate record harvests of oats, barley, rye, sweet potatoes, rice, tobacco and hay.

Corn still is king of crops, with indications of 3,626,159,000 bushels. While that is 98,000,000 bushels below the record of 1912, the final production, when the harvest is finished and all statistics compiled, will more than make up the difference. The higher prices this year assured the most valuable corn crop ever grown. At prices to farmers prevailing October 1 the corn crop is worth \$2,133,000,000.

Wheat prospects improved as the growing season progressed and the Government's early season forecasts moved up month by month, so that today's preliminary estimate of production was placed at 1,902,029,000 bushels. Wet weather at harvest time, however, reduced the quality of winter wheat, so that much of it will not be available for milling purposes and will have to be used for feed. At prices prevailing October 1 the farm value of the crop is \$910,844,000, considerably more than ever was paid for a wheat crop before.

September weather was particularly destructive to potatoes, causing a reduction of 37,758,000 bushels, or 10 per cent, in the forecast of production. Tobacco also suffered from unfavorable conditions, which caused a decrease of 21,190,000 pounds in the production forecast. Tobacco, however, promises to exceed the record crop of 1909 by 45,000,000 pounds.

Oats will exceed the record crop of 1912 by almost 100,000,000 bushels. Barley will exceed its record by 13,000,000 bushels; sweet potatoes by 5,000,000 bushels; rice by 500,000 bushels, and hay by 8,000,000 tons.

Last year's potato crop was estimated at 406,300,000 bushels, and the average at the preceding five years 357,000,000. The crop is seriously affected by blight and rot generally in the principal potato sections east of the Mississippi river. Not only will the crop be short, but the keeping qualities probably poor.

The barley crop, like the other small-grain crops and wheat and oats, has overrun early forecasts of production and exceeds that of any previous barley crop, the estimate being 237,000,000 bushels, which compares with last year's estimate of 195,000,000 and the average of the preceding five years of 182,000,000. The quality is very good for feeding purposes, being plump and heavy, but much has been badly stained by rains after harvest, reducing the quality for malting.

The apple crop forecast is 71,622,000 barrels (three bushels), which is 453,000 barrels larger than the September 1 forecast, but 12,768,000 barrels less than last year's estimate of production. This estimate refers to total farm production (census basis), only a portion of which represents the so-called commercial crop.

"Altogether, the season of 1915 has been favorable for crop production."

### ELECTRICITY TO DISPEL FOG.

Experiments With Government Machine Will Be Made.

San Francisco.—A series of fog dispelling experiments with a giant electrical machine constructed by the Government scientists at the Panama-Pacific Exposition are to be made here in a few days.

The machine is a nelectrical transformer, said to be the largest ever built. It can take a current of 1,000 kilowatts at 2,300 volts, it is said, and step it up to 1,000,000 volts.

The charge of this high potential is expected to produce a broad and continuous flash of light 100 feet long and the experts believe that the resultant electrical disturbance will be sufficient to clear up a heavy fog for some distance around the machine.

The experiment is said to be under the joint direction of the United States Bureau of Mines at the Smithsonian Institution.

### CANAL RETAINING WALL BREAKS

Man Drowned, 100 Narrowly Escape At Ohio Falls.

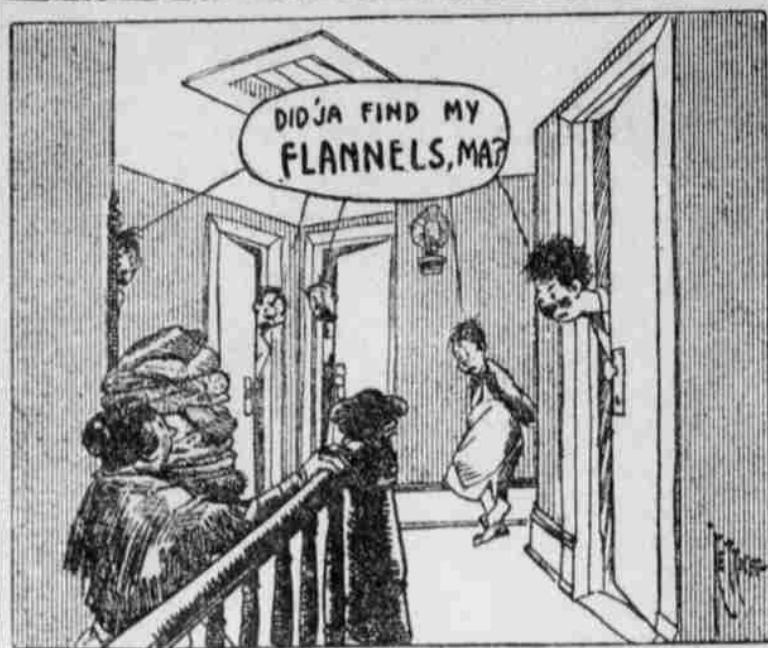
Louisville, Ky. — One man was drowned, more than 100 employees of a construction company were compelled to flee for safety and machinery worth thousands of dollars was engulfed when a retaining wall in the Louisville and Portland Canal, which is being constructed around the falls in the Ohio river, broke here. A wave of water 12 feet high was released.

### THIS "SALMON" WAS COD.

Fish Dyed Red Seized By New York Health Authorities.

New York. — Announcement was made by the Health Department that it had seized 300 pounds of codfish which had been dyed red and shipped to this city as Alaska salmon. The seizure was made Saturday at a cold storage plant and investigation at the Health Department laboratories today developed that the alleged salmon was the common cod with dye injected.

## THE FALL QUESTION



## \$500,000 LOOT TO B. & D. BANDITS

Unsigned Money Stolen From St. Louis Express.

### HOLDUP IN WEST VIRGINIA

Express From New York To St. Louis, Carrying in Mails Bank Notes From Washington To the Middle West, Held Up.

Parkersburg, W. Va.—Officers returned to this city from the hunt for two bandits who held up a Baltimore and Ohio express train two miles west of Central Station, W. Va., and secured from the mail car loot estimated to be about \$500,000.

The county officials were informed that the robbers secured from the mail car about 100 registered packages and 90 packages of unsigned bank notes being sent from Washington to banks in the Middle West. The value of the currency was estimated at \$500,000.

The officers left here early this morning, joining in the search with forces from other points. They followed clues in several directions in which the bandits were reported to have been seen, but without result.

### In True Western Style.

Wheeling.—Two masked men held up and robbed a Baltimore and Ohio express train from New York to St. Louis, two miles west of Central Station, West Virginia.

The train was due at Parkersburg at 1 A. M., and it was nearly an hour later when Grant Helms, the engineer, was attracted by a noise from the tender. Looking over his shoulder, he saw two masked men climbing over the coal, each carrying an automatic shotgun. They called for him not to move, and a minute later he and the fireman were facing the guns.

One of the men ordered Helms to cut off the engine and through mail from the remainder of the train, and then stood by Helms, directing the distance he should run it. When two miles to the west had been covered, the high-wymen ordered Helms to stop and climb down, while the fireman was compelled to do likewise. The other masked man then took the throttle, and, as though well acquainted with the operation of the engine, ran the train a mile or two farther west.

### Mail Car Looted.

Here the robbers went through the mail car, paying particular attention to the registered mail, which they looted completely, and they then deserted the train, going across the hills in the direction of the Ohio River. A short time later the engine and mail car were found by a trackwalker where they had been left.

### BRYAN COUNTS HIMSELF OUT.

Does Not Expect To Hold Office Again, He Says.

Atlanta.—William J. Bryan, in a statement here, said "that the plans I have made for the remainder of my life include active participation in politics, but do not include the holding of any office." He said he enjoyed the liberties of a private citizen. The former Secretary of State said he hoped prohibition and woman suffrage would not become issues in the next presidential campaign, but believed both those questions would have to be met in national politics, "when the time is ripe for them."

### MRS. DANIELS' PURSE STOLEN.

Wife of Secretary Of Navy Robbed At U. D. C. Convention.

Charlotte, N. C.—Mrs. Josephus Daniels, wife of the Secretary of the Navy, and Mrs. Page, wife of Congressman Page, were victims of robbers while attending the United Daughters of the Confederacy convention here. Mrs. Daniels lost a silver purse and valuable; Mrs. Page a diamond brooch.

### NO LIMIT ON INTEREST THERE.

Alabama's Governor Vetoes Bill Making 20 Per Cent. Maximum.

Montgomery, Ala.—Governor Henderson vetoed a bill prohibiting money lenders from charging more than 20 per cent. interest. Alabama at present has no law regulating interest rates.

Japanese wood prints are made on lengthwise sections of cherry wood parallel to the grain.

## WILSON SWAMPED BY GOOD WISHES

The President and Fiancee Flooded With Messages.

### WEDDING TO BE PRIVATE

Von Bernstorff Among First To Send Congratulations—Honeymoon Trip May Include Visit To Panama-Pacific Exposition.

Washington.—President Wilson and Mrs. Norman Galt were the recipients of congratulatory messages from all parts of the United States and from the representatives of foreign governments. Telegrams came to the White House in such numbers that an extra force of operators and clerks were needed to handle them. Many were read by the President and Mrs. Galt together.

Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, was one of the first to send congratulations, and there followed messages from other members of the diplomatic corps conveying the good wishes of their governments.

Definite arrangements for the wedding will not be made immediately, but it was disclosed that the President and Mrs. Galt have agreed it shall not take place in the White House because of the formality which would be necessary there. The ceremony will be solemnized within the next two months, before the convening of Congress in December, either in Mrs. Galt's home or in one of the Washington churches.

Mrs. Galt, who will be the next first lady of the land, is the widow of a business man of Washington, Norman Galt, a partner in a prominent jewelry firm, who died eight years ago. She has resided here since her marriage. Mrs. Galt was Miss Edith Bolling and was born in Wytheville, Virginia. Her father was the Hon. William H. Bolling, a well-known lawyer of that section of Virginia. Her family is distinguished in Virginia, and Mrs. Galt is related to many of the best families of the Old Dominion.

### Daughter Introduced Her.

The President met his fiancée through his daughter, Miss Margaret Wilson, and his cousin, Miss Helen Woodrow Bones, who is a member of the White House household. Mrs. Galt is one of Miss Bones' most intimate friends and spent a month at the summer White House at Cornish as the guest of Miss Bones and Miss Wilson. It is understood that Mrs. Galt and the President have intellectual tastes in common and the President has been a frequent dinner guest at the Galt household during the season which has just passed.

An informal dinner party was given at the White House, which Mrs. Galt attended, to celebrate the announcement of the engagement. The other guests were Secretary of the Treasury and Mrs. McAdoo, and the Misses Smith, the President's cousins, from New Orleans; Miss Helen Woodrow Bones and Colonel H. Brown, another cousin, from Atlanta. It is understood that the announcement was made because of the impending departure of Secretary and Mrs. McAdoo to the Pacific Coast, where the Secretary will conduct an inspection tour of public buildings.

### Mrs. Wilson Dead a Year.

Fourteen months ago to a day the President's first wife, who was Miss Ellen Axson, died in the White House. For many months the President maintained the strictest mourning.

### SEEK AMERICAN MARKETS.

Manitoba Wheat Growers Want Export Duty Removed.

Winnipeg, Man.—The Manitoba Grain Growers' Association adopted and forwarded to Premier Borden resolutions requesting the Government to take immediate steps for the opening of markets in the United States to Western Canadian wheat. It was urged that the export duty on wheat going into the United States be removed at once.

### TRAIN FALLS INTO RIVER.

20 Persons Killed in Central Ecuador Accident.

Guayaquil, Ecuador.—Twenty persons were killed in an accident on the railroad in course of construction between Ambato and Curaray, in Central Ecuador. A train was derailed and fell into the Curaray river.

The bureau of agriculture has issued a pamphlet describing the 40 worst weeds in the United States.

## ALL BELGRADE HELD BY GERMANS

Have Commenced Advance to Mountains.

### ONLY REAR GUARD FIGHTS

Bulgars Seem Wary As To Taking Risks—Apparently Not Yet Across Border—Greece and Roumania Inactive.

London.—The Austro-Germans are now in full possession of Belgrade and the heights surrounding the city, and have begun an advance eastward toward the mountains which the Serbians last year so stubbornly defended against the Austrians.

According to a Berlin dispatch Belgrade was not damaged greatly by the bombardment which preceded the entrance of the Teutons who spared the city as far as possible, although some private buildings were destroyed.

### Only Rear Guard Fights Now.

For some time to come the invaders, it is expected, will have to fight only the rear guards, whose duty it is to delay their progress, for the Serbians will doubtless do as they have done in previous occasions—fall back until they reach positions in which they will have the best opportunity of holding their ground. In fact, military writers here do not expect a pitched battle on this front for 10 days or a fortnight, by which time the Allies' forces landed at Saloniki should have joined hands with the Serbians.

The Bulgarians, as far as is known, have not yet made any incursion into Serbian territory, and it is believed that they will hold back until they know how matters go with the Austro-Germans. Some Balkan authorities, indeed, still believe that the Bulgarians will not interfere with the movement northward of the Anglo-French expedition, for to do so would immediately bring the shells of the warships into their ports on the Black and Aegean seas, probably followed by the landing of Russian troops at Varna and Burgas, and of other allied troops at Dedeagatch.

### Greece and Roumania Wait.

Greece and Roumania remain interested spectators, although the former has given assurance of her "benevolent neutrality" toward the Allies. Representatives of the Entente have furnished the Greek Government with information concerning the agreement between Bulgaria and Germany, which, it is asserted, gives the Bulgars a free hand to deal not only with Serbia but with Greece as well should the Central Powers win.

The fighting on the various fronts brought about little or no change in the situation. The Germans, after two days' heavy fighting, in which, according to the British and French accounts, they suffered a severe reverse, have abandoned for the moment the attempt to recapture territory won from them by the British south of La Bassée. They do claim, however, to have retaken from the French some trenches east of Souchez and at Tarpure, in Champagne.

### Progress Against Dvinsk Slow.

Field Marshal von Hindenburg is making slow progress in his operations against Dvinsk, and, although he claims to have taken more of the Russian positions, he does not appear to be much nearer the city than he was two weeks ago.

South of the Pripet river and in Galicia the tide of battle flows and ebbs. First the Russians, then the Austro-Germans, attack and counter-attack and where during the summer miles of country would change hands in a day, now it is a question of defending some isolated village. The heaviness of the roads doubtless is largely responsible for this.

### NEW WIRELESS STATION.

Wilson and President Of Guatemala Exchange Greetings.

Washington.—To commemorate the opening of high power radio station erected by the government of Guatemala, at Guatemala City, messages of felicitation have been exchanged between President Wilson and the President of Guatemala via the Arlington and Key West naval stations. "The opening of the station is an important step in the increased efficiency of communication between the countries of this continent," says the Navy Department announcement.

### TROOPS ON MOUNT OF OLIVES.

Holy Land Converted By Turks Into Military Training Ground.

Paris.—The Turks have transformed the Holy Land into a huge military training camp, according to refugees who have arrived at Alexandria. All the convents in Jerusalem are now barracks, and thousands of recruits daily are drilled on the Mount of Olives and Samaria Plain by German officers.

### CHINA TO DECIDE FATE.

Yuan Shi-Kai Calls People's Convention On Government.

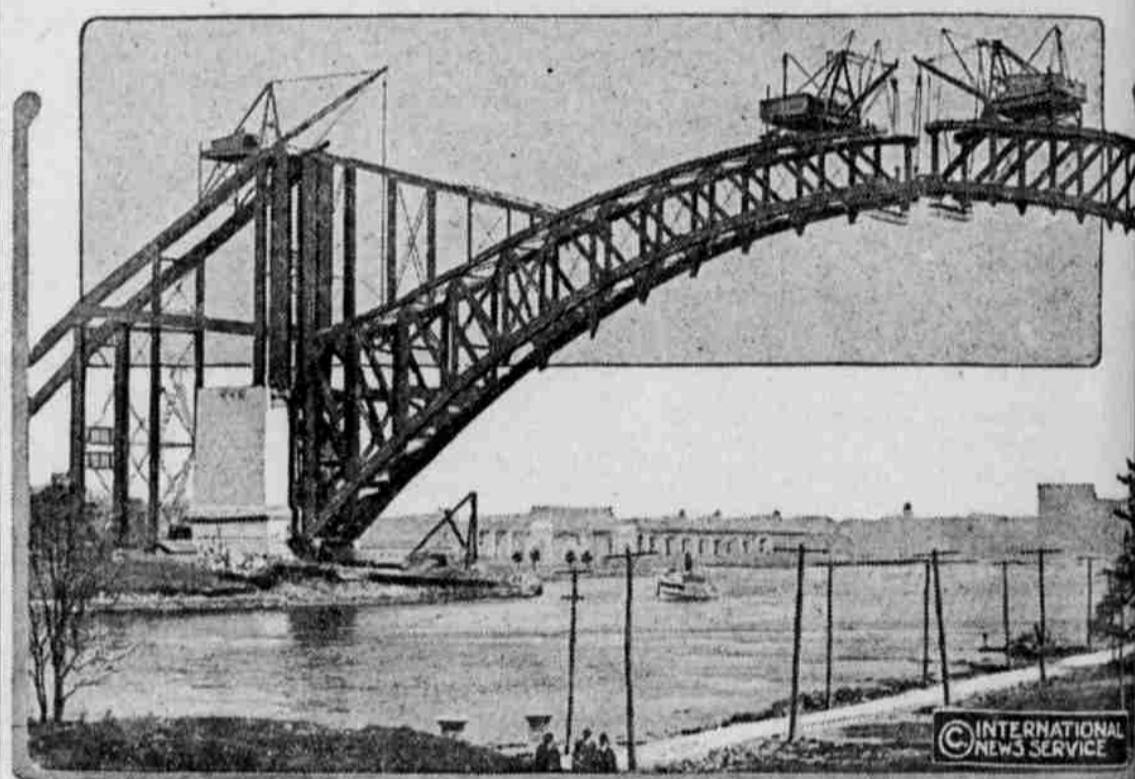
Peking.—President Yuan Shi-Kai promulgated the bill adopted by the State Council authorizing the President to call a people's convention for the purpose of deciding the form of government China is to have in future. It is to choose between a monarchial and republican government, will meet in the near future.

## TROPICAL HURRICANE DEVASTATES THE SOUTH



Five hundred persons are believed to have lost their lives in the tropical hurricane that raged over the lower Mississippi valley. The extent of the tremendous damage wrought has not yet been fully calculated, but probably the figure will be well over \$12,000,000. The upper photograph shows the wreckage of the railway depot and St. John's Rowing club buildings at West End, on Lake Pontchartrain near N.W. Orleans. The lower photograph shows the wreck of a ferry boat, barge and gasoline boat at the Tugger landing on the Mississippi river.

## JOINING THE ENDS OF HELL GATE BRIDGE



When the last girder of the 19,000-ton bridge over Hell Gate, New York city, was put into place recently, the largest, heaviest and most expensive structure of its kind in the world was nearly completed. The bridge, for the New York Connecting railroad, is 1,017 feet long and its cost is \$12,000,000.

## VON HINDENBURG IN WOOD



This huge wooden statue of Field Marshal von Hindenburg was unveiled recently in Berlin in the presence of many notables. Its making required 52,000 pounds of alderwood. Gold, silver and iron nails are being driven into it by the donors to war hospital funds. The picture, taken during the unveiling ceremonies, shows a Zeppelin hovering overhead.

## MUST BE.

"Smokeless powder has done away with the smoke of battle and these patent silencers have stilled the cannon's roar."

"Just so. And it is pretty rough on us descriptive writers, I can assure you."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

## TAKEN FROM EXCHANGES

Damage to American crops by insects yearly amounts to \$580,000,000. Standard clocks in the Paris observatory are kept 90 feet underground, where the variation in temperature has been less than one degree for several years.

## EXPLOSION SHATTERS OKLAHOMA TOWN



Many persons were killed or injured and great damage done to property in Ardmore, Okla., by the explosion of a tank car of gasoline and the resulting explosion of a quantity of dynamite in the railroad yards. This photograph of the east wall of the Whittington hotel shows how numerous buildings were shattered.

It is estimated that 50 per cent of the 1,750,000 automobiles in use in the United States are owned by farmers and the percentage is increasing each year. It is estimated that 60 per cent of the 1915 output will go to the farming communities.

A meteor which fell recently in front of the home of Charles Solmon, who lives near Prescott, Mich., went to an unknown depth and water came up to the surface in the hole it made, although Solmon had been unable to strike water at a depth of 80 feet.

Hick Colgan, the famous fish catcher, who lives near Atchafalaya, Kan., has captured a total of 100 dollars for gray wolves and one for coyotes. Since the first of the year he has captured 39.

A Cairo correspondent writes that Manchester Guardian that, owing to the falling of the Nile, Egypt will be to import nearly all her rice this year. The Nile has not been as low for 100 years, and the facilities for storage have been insufficient.