

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.

While the United States faces a short wheat and rye crop, the condition of the winter wheat and rye in the ground in Pennsylvania on April 1 gave every indication that, agriculturally, the Keystone State would again come forth in an emergency and raise almost a normal crop of both grains.

The prospect of a normal peach crop at this time a year ago was about 63 per cent, but present reports indicate that the crop will be above 90 per cent of normal for the entire State.

Frosts Damaged Lowland Crops. In the northern tier and some of the central counties the heavy frosts killed many of the buds on trees in lowlands, and the prospects for large crops have been materially lessened.

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.

Expect Yield Slightly Short. The big wheat producing counties in the central and southeastern end of the State report wheat in good condition and a great deal of the fear of heavy loss through the frosts in February and March was wiped away with the splendid growth that was shown in the fields.

State Grazing Plans. Commissioner of Forestry Robert S. Conklin issued instructions to the foresters and rangers of the Pennsylvania Forest Service covering the use of the State forests for grazing during the period of food shortage.

Raise Honey, Food Crisis Advice. "Raise honey to take the place of sugar" was the advice sounded by Professor H. A. Surface, head of the State Bookkeepers' Association and former state zoologist, in a statement made here.

Professor Surface urges every raiser of bees in the State to increase his number of hives, buy supplies now, see to the fertility of the various queen bees and in every way to attempt to aid in solving the food crisis by increased production.

PENNSYLVANIA BRIEFS

Franklin Elks cleared \$1200 for their charity fund by recent minstrel performance.

To aid in gaining the needed recruits for the Red Cross, a recruiting tent has been erected in Mechanicsburg.

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

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 ground.

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 10 cent to 6 and 12 cents.

The Mayor of Altoona in a proclamation urges cultivation of every available plot.

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 300 workers reported it was found the amount collected was \$200,024.

Harris L. Haupt, janitor of the First Reformed Church, Sunbury, confessed to Thomas G. Ryan, Danville, a State fire marshal, that he had tried to set fire to a business block in Sunbury. Haupt was janitor at the First Presbyterian Church when it was badly damaged by fire several years ago. He was committed to jail.

John Francis, 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 Company will erect a five-span bridge over the Juniata River at Lewistown. C. R. Mason, State College expert, has been brought to Altoona by Council and the Chamber of Commerce to supervise community gardening.

Failure to find ore in paying quantity has caused the Pinkerton Construction Company to dismantle its plant in the South Mountains, near Carlisle.

Pining because he was retired, Tim, a 20-year-old bay horse of Altoona's truck team, refused to eat and died on a farm where he had been placed. The Belmont Motor Company, incorporated under laws of Delaware, has taken over the old Lewistown tannery buildings and will use them in assembling motor trucks.

Burnham Council has authorized the purchase of a team and implements for plowing and preparing ground for planting and will hire the outfit to taxables at a nominal cost. Pledges to aid the nation in meeting the food crisis were made by 1000 farmers in a meeting at Mechanicsburg, addressed by Carl Vroom, Assistant U. S. Secretary of Agriculture.

Three men of South Bethlehem were killed in an automobile accident on the William Penn Highway, near Bethlehem. They were Hugh Kelly, a Justice of the Peace; Hugh J. McFadden, a bottler, and Robert K. Berkemeyer, a former Councilman.

Stanley G. Flagg & Co., have engaged a Mr. Schenck, of Haverford, to take charge of the troop of Boy Scouts at stowe for two months.

A searchlight has been erected at the John Wood Manufacturing Company's plant, Conshohocken, where Government orders are being filled. William Montague has offered to the people of Norristown the use of Barbadoes Island, containing 15 acres, for trucking purposes.

Norristown Council's police committee has agreed to advance the salaries of the score of patrolmen 12 1/2 per cent. At a meeting of Ursinus College faculty it was decided that students should discontinue athletics for the remainder of the school term and devote the time spent in baseball practice to military drill.

Mother Superior Electa and Sister Valeria, of St. Michael's Convent, Hyde Park, both born in Germany, have filed declarations of intention to be naturalized. Of 32 applicants, 17 were natives of Central Powers.

When neighbors entered the home of Mrs. Anthony Garber, of Manhanoy City, to inform her that her husband had been killed in a mine accident, they found the woman starving.

Entirely new method of handling the State's finances is provided in five bills introduced at Harrisburg. War with Germany has postponed the unveiling of the statue of Francis Daniel Pastorius, the first farmer at Germantown.

Owners of the Crystal Ridge, Harwood and Cranberry collieries offer cash prizes to miners for the best gardens. C. A. Brown, of Lewistown, has announced his candidacy for Associate Judge on the no-license Republican ticket.

"Street loafers and vagrants must serve their country in some manner or go to jail," is the edict of Chief of Police E. F. Frum, of Irwin. The Westmoreland County Court has ordered the Sheriff to notify all farmers drawn for jury duty for the week of May 7 that they are excused, as farming is paramount. The School Board of Latrobe will increase the wages of teachers from \$8 to 9 per cent.

ARMED U. S. OIL TANKER IS SUNK

Gun Lieutenant and Eleven of His Crew Lost.

ONE BOAT'S CREW IS LANDED

Captain Of the Tanker and Commander Of Naval Guard, With Most Of the Crew, Are Among the Missing.

New York.—Thirty-one American lives are believed to have been lost when the armed American oil-carrying steamship Vacuum was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine off the north coast of Ireland last Saturday when en route from a British to an American port.

Newspaper dispatches from London and cable advices to the ship's owners, the Vacuum Oil Company, of New York, were somewhat conflicting, but the following are marked as missing: The Vacuum's skipper, Capt. S. S. Harris, of New York.

Twenty members of his crew. The commander of the United States naval guard aboard the Vacuum, Lieut. Clarence Crase Thomas, a Californian. Eleven members of his naval crew.

The Vacuum had two lifeboats, to which those aboard took while the vessel was sinking. Boat No. 1 contained those believed drowned; boat No. 2 has been landed. It contained the Vacuum's chief officer, 13 members of the ship's crew and four naval gunners.

Altogether, eight American lives are known to be saved. The loss of the American bluejackets marks the first American "casualty list" in the war with Germany. The gun crews commander, Lieutenant Thomas, is the first American officer to be killed in the discharge of his duty as armed guardian of a peaceful American merchantman.

New York.—The Vacuum Oil Company received this message from its agents abroad: "Vacuum torpedoed 28th, 140 miles west of Bona. No. 1 life boat with captain and others missing."

An addition to the message said that those in No. 2 boat were saved, including the chief officer, Simpson and Williams, engineers; Lindgren, carpenter; Lotes, quartermaster; Hatton, wireless operator; William Orrell, cook; Nichola, Hillson and Lasker, of the naval gun crew.

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 an increased number of patrol boats in the English Channel. Generally, the First Lord said, the losses were increasing.

TO CALL IT LIBERTY LOAN.

McAdoo Selects Name For Big Credit To America's Allies.

Washington.—The great loan which the United States is about to raise by the bond issue soon to be announced will go down in history, Secretary McAdoo announced, officially designated as "The Liberty Loan of 1917." This name was selected by Mr. McAdoo because the money derived from the loan will be spent to the last dollar in the fight which democracy is waging against autocracy.

MORE MINERS RAISED.

55,000 in Central Pennsylvania Bituminous Field Affected.

Philadelphia.—Coal operators and representatives of the mine-workers of the Central Pennsylvania bituminous fields reached an agreement by which the men will receive an increase in wages of from 25 to 30 per cent. Among other concessions the miners had demanded an advance of 33-1/3 per cent. About 55,000 are affected.

GEORGE HARVEY ELLIS ENLISTS.

Is Son Of Only Man Killed in Battle Off Santiago.

New York.—George Harvey Ellis, whose father, George H. Ellis, was killed 19 years ago in the naval battle off Santiago while chief yeoman on Commodore Schley's flagship Brooklyn, has enlisted in the navy, it was learned. He is 19 years old and has been assigned to the radio class at the Navy Yard here.

WILSON TO ADDRESS G. A. R.

Will Speak At Arlington Cemetery Memorial Day.

Washington.—President Wilson accepted an invitation from the Grand Army of the Republic to deliver an address at Memorial Day exercises at Arlington National Cemetery.

VILLISTS IN TEXAS WARNED.

Plotters Against Mexican Neutrality Will Suffer.

San Antonio, Texas.—Prominent members of Villa, Felicista and Zapata juntas in San Antonio were summoned by agents of the Department of Justice and warned that hereafter they would be kept under strict surveillance. Evidence of plotting against the defects of Government or against the neutrality of that Government will, it is stated in the warning, mean prompt arrest and imprisonment.

U. S. ARMY REGISTRATION DAY

ALL ELIGIBLE PERSONS REQUIRED TO ENROLL.

Compilation to Be in Charge of Sheriff, County Clerk and County Physician.

Washington, May 5.—There was a time in the country's history when military enumerators, backed by bayonets, went out among the people to take a compulsory service census. Today under the principle of universal liability to service the execution of the law is put into the hands of the people.

The approval of the new national army bill and the President's proclamation thereunder will be coincident. All persons within the age limits prescribed will be required to present themselves for registration at the customary voting places in the voting precincts in which they have their permanent homes, on a day which the President will announce. The probability is, that from ten to fifteen days will elapse between approval of the bill and registration day.

The governor of each state will be the chief of registration therein. The machinery of registration in each county is to be in charge of the sheriff, the county clerk, and the county physician, acting ex-officio, unless a different board shall be announced by the governor. In cities containing populations of more than 30,000, the registration will be under the control of the mayor and selected boards of registration. In order that the designated county and city officials, and the people generally, can get a clear understanding of the census methods the following brief outline is given:

The proportion of registrars shall be one for each 170 persons to be registered. Each age to be registered will comprise about 7 per cent of the population. If, for instance, all men between 19 and 25 years of age, inclusive, are to be registered, the registrar would have to register about 7 per cent of the precinct population.

It is desirable to accept the services of competent volunteer registrars to serve without compensation. All registrars must be sworn. The voting place in each precinct must be prepared for registration. Full printed instructions covering every detail of registration will be in the hands of sheriffs and mayors on the fifth day after the President's proclamation.

In Cities of Over 30,000 Population. The mayor of a city containing more than 30,000 inhabitants, or the officials designated by the governor therein, shall, with approval of the governor, appoint for each ward or convenient minor subdivision containing about 20,000 people one registration board, and shall designate one officer of each board to perform duties similar to those imposed on the sheriff as herebefore outlined. If the mayor desires, he may appoint a central board to co-ordinate the work of minor boards.

Duties of County Clerks, and of Clerks of Cities of Over 30,000 People. On the fifth day after the President has issued his proclamation, clerks of counties and cities of over 30,000 must secure a supply of blanks and copies of the registration regulations from the sheriff or from the mayor. Absentees and the sick will apply to such clerks to have their registration cards filled out. In no case shall such persons be given registration certificates. They are to be instructed by the clerk that the cards reach the registrars of their home precincts by registration day.

Absentees and the Sick. Persons absent from their home counties may be registered by mail. If so absent, a man should go to the clerk of the county where he may be staying, on the sixth day after the date of the President's proclamation. If he is in a city of over 30,000 population, the city clerk is the official to whom to apply. The absentee will be told how to register, but he must mail his card in time to reach his precinct by registration day.

Persons too sick to present themselves for registration must send a competent person to the county or city clerk on the sixth day after the issuing of the proclamation. The clerk will give instructions for registration. Colleges, Universities Homes and Other Institutions. Officials of educational, charitable and other institutions should apply for instructions to the county or city clerk on the sixth day after the date of the President's proclamation. The President is authorized to call upon all public officers to assist in the execution of the law. The plan is, however, to rely on the people for the proper execution of the law. It is expected that patriotic citizens will offer their services free as registrars. Such services will be gratefully acknowledged. Volunteers for this service should communicate immediately with the proper official.

BAKER RAPS NEWS FAKERS

Condemns Baseless Tales of Troop Movements to Europe.

Washington.—Secretary Baker issued a formal statement denouncing speculation as to the time of sending of American troops to Europe. "The questions to be determined are how can the United States best—that is most effectively and most rapidly—aid in the prosecution of war," said the Secretary. "As each form of effort is determined upon it will be announced."

THE MARKETS

NEW YORK.—Wheat—No. 2 hard, \$2.86 f o b New York; No. 1 Northern Duluth, \$2.84 1/2; No. 1 Northern Manitoba, \$2.78 1/2 f o b New York opening navigation.

Corn—No. 2 yellow, \$1.70 c i f New York. Oats—Standard, 79 1/2 @ 80c. Butter—Creamery, higher than extras, 41 1/2 @ 42c; extras (92 score), 41c asked; first, 39 1/2 @ 40 1/2 c; seconds, 38 @ 39c.

Eggs—Fresh-gathered extras, 36c asked; fresh-gathered storage, packed firsts, 34 1/2 @ 35 1/2 c; fresh-gathered firsts, 33 @ 34c; State, Pennsylvania and nearby Western henery whites, fine to fancy, 36c; State, Pennsylvania and nearby henery browns, 35 @ 36c.

Cheese—State flats, fresh specials, 26 1/2 c; do, average fancy, 26 @ 26 1/2 c. Poultry—Chickens, 23 @ 23c; fowls, 21 @ 21c; 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; rejected B, \$2.58 @ 2.63.

Rye—No. 2 Western, in export elevator, \$1.92 @ 2 per bushel; small lots of nearby rye in bags, quoted at \$1.50 @ 1.60, as to quality.

Corn—Western, No. 3 yellow, \$1.65 @ 1.66; do, No. 4 yellow, \$1.63 @ 1.64; do, do, No. 4 yellow, \$1.61 @ 1.62; Southern, No. 3 yellow, \$1.64 @ 1.65.

Oats—No. 2 white, 78 @ 79c; standard white, 77 @ 78; No. 3 white, 76 @ 77; No. 4 white, 75 @ 76; sample white, 72 @ 73.

Butter—Western, fresh, solid-packed creamery, fancy specials, 44c; extras, 42 @ 43; do, extra firsts, 41 1/2; firsts, 41; do, seconds, 40 @ 40 1/2; nearby prints, fancy, 45; do, average extra, 43 @ 44; do, firsts, 41 @ 48; do, seconds, 40 @ 40 1/2; special fancy brands of prints were jobbing at 48 @ 51.

Eggs—Nearby firsts, \$10.20 per standard case; nearby current receipts, \$10.05 per case; Western extra firsts, \$10.20 per case; do, firsts, \$10.05 per case; fancy selected carefully candled eggs were jobbing at 35 @ 39c.

Cheese—New York full cream, fancy new, 27 @ 27 1/2 c; specials, higher; do, fair to good, new, 26 @ 26 1/2 c; do, part skims, 14 @ 22.

Live Poultry—Fowls, as to quality, 23 @ 24c; stagg roosters, 18 @ 20; old roosters, 16 @ 17; chickens, soft-meated, 24 @ 25c; ducks, Peking, 20 @ 22c; do, Indian runner, 17 @ 18; pigeons, old, per pair, 28 @ 30; do, young, per pair, 20 @ 25c.

BALTIMORE.—Wheat—Spot and April No. 2 red, \$2.83; No. 2 red Western, \$2.85; May No. 2 red, \$2.83.

Corn—Contract quiet but firmer; spot mixed and April corn, \$1.67. Fair and constant demand for corn at the market.

Oats—Standard white, 79 @ 79 1/2 c; No. 3 white, 78 @ 79.

Rye—No. 3 rye, Western, \$2 @ 2.02; No. 3 do, \$1.98 @ 1.99; No. 4 do, \$1.97 @ 1.98; bag lots, as to quality and condition, \$1.80 @ 1.95.

Hay—No. 1 Timothy, \$18.50 @ 19; No. 2 do, \$17.50 @ 18; No. 3 do, \$14 @ 16; light clover mixed, \$16.50 @ 17; No. 1 clover mixed, \$16 @ 16.50; No. 2 do, \$13 @ 15; No. 1 clover, \$15.50 @ 16.50; No. 2 do, \$13 @ 15; No. 3 do, \$8 @ 10.

Straw—No. 1 straight rye, \$15 @ 15.50; No. 2 do, \$14 @ 14.50; No. 1 tangled rye, \$11 @ 12; No. 2 do, \$10 @ 10.50; No. wheat, \$9 @ 9.50; No. 2 do, \$8 @ 8.50; No. 1 oat, \$9.50 @ 10; No. 2 do, \$8.50 @ 9.

Butter—Creamery, fancy, 46 @ 46 1/2 c; do, choice, 44 @ 45; do, good, 42 @ 43; do, prints, 46 @ 47; do, blocks, 45 @ 46 1/2; Maryland and Pennsylvania rolls, 32; Ohio rolls, 32; West Virginia 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 lbs and over, 22c; do, old hens, small to medium, 22; do, do, white leghorns, 21; do, old roosters, 12 @ 13; do, spring 1 lb and over, 40 @ 42; do, winter 2 lbs and under, 32 @ 35; do, young, large, smooth, fat, 26 @ 28; do, poor, rough and stagg, 22 @ 23.

Ducks—Young Pekings, 3 lbs and over, 21c; Pigeons—Young, per 30; smaller, 19.

Pigeons—Young, per 30; do, old, per 30; guinea fowl, as to size, each, 35 @ 45.

NEW YORK.—Bees—Steers, \$9 @ 12.25; bulls, \$7 @ 10; cows, \$4.50 @ 7.50. Calves—Veals, \$8.50 @ 13; culls, \$7 @ 8; skimmed milk and federal, \$6 @ 8.

Sheep and Lambs—Clipped sheep, \$7.50 @ 9; medium woolled, \$9.50; clipped lambs, common to good, \$11.50 @ 12.60.

Hogs—Receipts, 3,220; steady; light to heavy, \$14.50 @ 16; roughs, \$14; pigs, \$13 @ 14.

CHICAGO.—Hogs—Bulk, \$15.40 @ 15.80; light, \$14.50 @ 15.70; mixed, \$15.15 @ 15.85; heavy, \$15.15 @ 15.85; rough, \$15.15 @ 15.35; pigs, \$9.75 @ 13.50.

Cattle—Native beef cattle, \$9 @ 13.40; stockers and feeders, \$7.15 @ 10; cows and heifers, \$5.70 @ 11.10; calves, \$7.50 @ 12.

Sheep—Wethers, \$10.70 @ 13.10; ewes, \$9.60 @ 12.75; lambs, \$12.25 @ 16.60.

PITTSBURGH.—Cattle—Choice, \$10.75 @ 11.50; prime, \$11.75 @ 12.40.

Sheep—Prime wethers, \$10.50 @ 10.75; culls and common, \$4.50 @ 7; lambs, \$9.50 @ 12.50; veal calves, \$12 @ 12.50.

Hogs—Prime heavies, \$16; mediums and heavy Yorkers, \$15.75 @ 15.85; light Yorkers, \$14 @ 14.50; pigs, \$12.50 @ 12.75; roughs, \$14 @ 14.80.

BALTIMORE.—Calves—Choice handy weight veals, per lb, 13 1/2 c; good veals, do, 12 1/2 @ 13; heavy, smooth fat calves, per head, \$18 @ 22; heavy, rough calves, do, \$14 @ 15; small, thin calves, do, \$8 @ 10.

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