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FLOOD FORECASTS SAFEGUARD PROPERTY WORTH MILLIONS

Heavy rains in the Mississippi Valley and along its tributaries have caused the third largest flood ever known in the lower reaches of the Father of Waters. The years when the water rose to greater levels, but not uniformly, were 1912, 1913, and 1916, the record rise being in 1913. The Ohio, which has contributed much to the volume of water now in the lower Mississippi, has been higher only twice since records have been kept of its flow, namely, in 1912 and 1913.

The estimates of the probable rise of the two rivers this year by the Weather Bureau of the United States Department of Agriculture have been accurate, and there is every reason to believe that the stages predicted for the next few weeks may be relied upon. The accuracy of the flood forecasts sent out so far have been a great factor in minimizing the losses of life and property and in preventing unnecessary alarm.

Between 42.5 and 43 feet was forecast for Memphis by the end of March and on March 31 and April 1 the stage was 42.6 feet, since which time the river has been falling slowly. Little more than 52 feet was cast for Helena, Ark., something more than 55 feet for Arkansas City, a little more than 52 feet for Vicksburg, Miss., and about 20 feet for New Orleans, the last to occur about April 20. The stage at Helena on April 3 and 4 was 52.3 feet.

Another marked rise now coming down the Ohio will check the fall of the waters in the lower Mississippi between Cairo and Helena, while additional heavy rains with more prediction will probably result in further slight increases in crest stages from Arkansas City southward. The duration of the flood will be prolonged as a result of these additional rains, the crest stage at Vicksburg may be delayed until April 16 or 18, and at New Orleans until near the end of April.

Sending out forecasts from one to four weeks in advance has made possible the taking of all possible precautions to safeguard crops and other property valued at hundreds of millions of dollars. With the Weather Bureau forecasts constantly before them, engineers are enabled to keep watch of the levees at the threatened places. Several thousand men are engaged in work.

Daily bulletins are issued by the Weather Bureau while danger from floods exists.

LIZZY MOTORIST SAVED BY CAPSULE

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Many motorists know what a harrowing experience it is to have a sudden attack of dizziness, brought on by indigestion. Everything goes black, control of the car is lost and unless driving is stopped until relief can be had a dangerous accident may follow.

F. H. Foster, of Dorchester, Mass., tells how a motoring friend overcame this trouble. He writes: "The Little Wonder Capsules relieved and they have been doing wonders not only in my family but with a couple of friends, one of them who had to stop his auto on account of dizziness from gas on the stomach, has found that one capsule a day gives the needed relief. Personally they give me relief from starchy indigestion, and I have never found anything work as well."

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WAR MATERIAL DISTRIBUTED FOR BUILDING HARD ROADS

A steady supply of surplus war material suitable for highway construction is being distributed to the States by the Bureau of Public Roads, United States Department of Agriculture, which acts as a clearing house. A force of about 275 persons is kept in the field taking inventories and preparing material for shipment.

Lists of material available are sent to each State highway department, and a period of thirty days allowed for the submission of requisitions. The material is allotted on the same basis as monetary Federal aid for road construction, a value being placed on each item and a record kept of the total value received by each State. Up to February 1 of this year the value of the material thus distributed amounted to \$126,000,000, of which \$90,000,000 represented the value of motor vehicles and parts.

Recently an inventory was taken of about \$10,000,000 worth of material at Camp Grant, Rockford, Ill., part of which will be retained by the War Department and the remainder, suitable for road work soon will be available for distribution. The work is being rushed, so that the material may be used for road work early in the season and the camp cleaned up by August 1.

Other surplus war material recently received for distribution and located at Schenectady, N. Y.; Watertown, Mass.; and Dover, N. J., include 200 carloads of brick, about half of which is suitable for highway paving; 5,000,000 pounds of nails, 1,000,000 pounds of staples, 1,000,000 square feet of concrete reinforcing mesh, 200,000 monkey wrenches, and 133 carloads of picks and pick handles.

RAP AT MODERN PREACHERS

Bishop Denny Tells Good Story in Which Distinct Moral is Not Too Well Hidden.

Bishop Collins Denny said in an address in Richmond:

"I heard a story the other day that hits a good many preachers. It seems that the janitor of a fashionable church was showing his wife through the edifice. At the end of the inspection he said to her:

"Would you like to hear me preach?"

"Go on! You can't preach!" she objected.

"Can't I, though?" said the janitor, and he went up into the pulpit and ranted and roared and raged a good 20 minutes or more about the vile sins committed daily by the heathen in equatorial Africa.

"Then when he finished, he said, as he came down, wiping his hot face:

"There; how was that for a sermon?"

"It was mighty fine," said his wife. "But you told all about the sins of the natives away off in Africa and never a word about the sins of the folks right here at home."

"The janitor chuckled.

"'Ha! Ha!' he said. 'I know the tricks of preachin' too well for that!'"

—Los Angeles Times.

PRECAUTION WILL PROTECT LEATHER GOODS FROM MOLD

Preparations to prevent the growth of mildew on leather are not usually to be recommended, says the Bureau of Chemistry of the United States Department of Agriculture, because only highly poisonous materials are effective and they are dangerous. Leather articles, such as harness, shoes, suitcases, bookbindings, are almost certain to mildew if kept in a warm, damp, and dark place. This means that particular care should be taken during the spring and summer. Mold will not seriously damage leather unless it remains too long, but it will change the color and in that way do considerable damage to some articles.

The simplest way to keep leather from mildewing is to keep it in a well ventilated, dry well-lighted place, preferably one exposed to sunlight, a cheap and effective disinfectant. Molds make little growth in sunshine. When mildew has developed, it should be wiped off with a damp cloth or washed off with soap and warm water, and the leather oiled lightly with castor or neat's-foot oil and well dried afterwards. These simple methods for preventing and removing mold are satisfactory and safe.

BARLEY USED FOR BREWING NOW MARKETED FOR HOG FEED

Barley as a hog feed is coming on the markets in increasing amounts, probably for the reasons that its use for brewing purposes has fallen off and the hog industry has been moving into the barley-producing districts. The United States Department of Agriculture has taken up the problem of finding out the relative feeding value of light and heavy barley. There are no Federal standards for this grain, but light and heavy grades are recognized on the market.

During 1921 the Department made feeding tests of the two grades, and the trials will be repeated. Not enough data are available yet for definite conclusions as to the relative merits of the light and heavy grain, but the results have shown that high-class barley has a feeding value only slightly lower than good shelled corn. When these tests are completed the Department will have additional information on the methods of feeding barley, whether or not it should be fed whole, rolled, dry, or soaked.

It is expected that barley will be used much more in the future as a hog feed, especially when there is a scarcity of corn and when barley is comparatively cheap.

POPE'S WHITE MULE

The coronation of Pius XI, which took place in Rome, was the last solemnity completing the election of a new pope. Prior to the loss of temporal power, in 1870, however, the papal coronation was always preceded by the cavalcade, or procession in state, with which the new pope rode forth to take formal possession of the famous Lateran church. On this occasion only the body father would be seen riding a white mule. Pius VIII first dropped the custom in 1829, by choosing to drive in a coach drawn by six horses, his white mule being led behind.

DESTRUCTIVE LANDSLIDE

The picturesque island of Mount Saint Michel (Normandy) appears to be jeopardized as the result of a landslide which has occurred there. The main street of the island has given way, leaving a gap 25 feet wide by 20 feet long. Engineers have been summoned to carry out an examination of the foundations of the beautiful abbey which crowns the rock, as it is feared that the landslide may extend to the vaults on which the abbey stands.

FIG PRESERVES BRING MONEY TO MISSISSIPPI FARM WOMEN

Over \$3,000 worth of fig preserves were sold in Adams, Jefferson, and Copiah Counties, Miss., during the past season, after the State market specialist and the extension worker representing the United States Department of Agriculture and the State agricultural college had shown the women of those counties how to prepare and market a high grade product. It was realized, from the great demand for fig preserves that came in to the extension office, that the figs wasted each year in southwestern Mississippi could be turned into good cash income for the farm women of the State. Investigation showed that the shelves of the leading grocers were stocked with California fig preserves instead of those prepared locally.

A standard recipe was introduced by the home-demonstration agent in each county and club members who had figs were instructed in the method of putting up a product that could compete with highly standardized commercial products. Members who enrolled for this work even took the precaution to buy sirup thermometers in order to have a perfect preserve for sale.

A large part of these preserves was sold within the State, but many orders were filled outside. The fig preserves were sold to hotels and tea rooms and sent as gifts to persons in New Orleans and Chicago and other Illinois cities, Denver, Hot Springs, Detroit, New York, Nashville, and several cities and towns in Virginia. In Adams County alone \$2,600 worth of fig preserves were sold before the 1st of October. It is felt in all three counties that a permanent industry has been established.

BLAST FURNACE SLAG TO BE TESTED FOR ROAD CONSTRUCTION

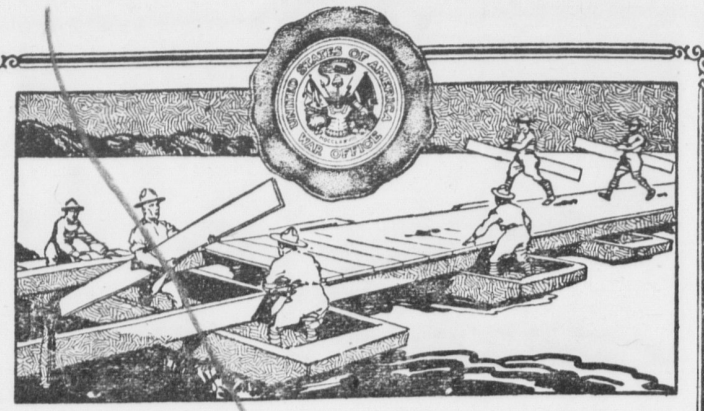
Blast-furnace slag as a material for concrete road construction is to be thoroughly studied by the Bureau of Public Roads, United States Department of Agriculture. With the enormous demand for road-building material, officials say, economy demands the use of material close at hand wherever possible, and the bureau is now conducting investigations of different materials with this in view.

Great quantities of slag are to be found at blast furnaces in various parts of the country. Samples from 32 plants have been collected and will be made into concrete and tested for resistance to wear, strength, water absorption, and general utility. These results will be compared with similar tests made on other materials.

In addition to the laboratory tests it is possible that the experiments will be followed by an inspection of a number of concrete roads built with slag as the coarse material. These roads will be selected in various parts of the country and the reports, together with the laboratory tests, will furnish information which can be fully relied upon.

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