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AMERICAN PRODUCTION

Summary of the Crops of the United States for 1910—Corn and Cotton Good—Wheat Poor

The following is the advance copy of the annual crop and business report issued by the Continental and Commercial National Bank of Chicago. As well as the very full report of the crop for 1910, the business conditions of the intermediate line are examined, and the stringency existing in the early spring is looked into. The report is as follows:

The year has been unpropitious at times, and, as usual, captious in localities. While the southwest suffered discomfort in small yields on account of the drought last season, the north-west has been the sufferer this season. The winter rigors greatly reduced the increased acreage of the winter wheat section, but the yield of the remainder was far above the average, and what at one time promised to be a calamitous wheat crop ended in a generous one in this variety of the chief breadstuff. The spring wheat crop has been cut short through the disastrous drought of the north Dakota and portions of the other states, but on the whole the total wheat output exceeds the demand for bread and seed.

The freakish warmth of the early spring, which caused a vigorous growth of wheat and oats, induced earlier corn planting. The long cold period that settled over the continent in the month of May and a portion of June caused frequent replanting of the corn, and for a long time made a gloomy outlook. But the big portion of the belt recovered quickly, and the western section passed through a dry season, and when the repair of making a crop was setting in, timely rainfall and cooler weather came to the relief of the stricken section and this great cereal, upon which so much of the nation's prosperity and support depends, promises an excellent yield.

Our reports indicate a total wheat crop of 857,000,000 bushels, or 80,000,000 bushels less than last year's record crop production, but to equal ten year's average production. Corn promises a yield of 3,000,000,000 bushels, or 225,000,000 bushels above the previous season, and 25 per cent over a ten year average. Barley will equal last year's crop of 128,000,000 bushels and will exceed the previous season, being 31,500,000 bushels, comparing with 30,000,000 bushels. The total production of these grains as reported to us, is 4,906,000 bushels, while the ten-year average is 4,431,000,000 bushels. Cotton condition indicates a crop of 11,000,000 bales, or 700,000 bales above last year.

Agricultural investment and energy is well repaid, for seldom has a year of such unchangeable conditions resulted in so large a production of food-stuffs. The farmer has cause for rejoicing, and the nation for thanksgiving, that its material affairs will be preserved and expanded through the sufficiency of its food supplies.

The chief feature of the ample crops is the surety of a reinstatement of the food animals, which had been running below the normal number the past three years, on account of shortage of food and excessive demand. The impairment of our herds and flocks was a cause of great alarm a year ago, but despite the large crop, last year, despite its inferior quality, enabled the farmer to increase his hogs and cattle. This year's crop of corn and oats promises ample food to bring the stock to maturity and to provide for further increase.

There has been a small shortage of hay over most of the country, but this great forage crop is up to the average of 60,000,000 tons and the supplies from former years are estimated at equal to a full year's demand. It is one crop that is stored on the farm from year to year to provide against contingency in the later growth. The cold weather in the later spring and early summer, which made the great wheat yields, cut off the hay crop, and later the west, was held back by the drought, and the north-west lost its crop almost entirely.

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Washington and Idaho Are Devastated by Awful Bush Fires—Many Meet Death in the Flames

SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 22.—With more than 50 persons known to be dead, half of Wallace burned and two or three villages obliterated, forest fires tonight continue to threaten death and destruction over a large territory in Idaho, Eastern Washington and Western Montana. Half a dozen villages are seriously threatened and their inhabitants are hurrying to places of safety. Relief trains are helpless, in many cases, owing to burned bridges and fires that lap the tracks. Wallace is now safe and no towns are burning. SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 22.—A special to the Chronicle from Wallace says nine sisters and 42 patients from the provincial hospital at Wallace who were enroute to a school on a special train on the Northern Pacific last night, have been burned to death. The Northern Pacific at Wallace announces that the train is lost and that all on board have probably perished. SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 22.—Hourly reports from fires in the forests of northern Idaho and western Montana are increasing the toll of dead. The latest figures from Wallace are that forty-five fighters probably have perished. In the hills near Sand Point, Idaho, of Ranger Van Dyck and a crew of 85, recruited in Spokane, are reported to have perished by flames. A woman and her daughter perished in a cabin, Idaho. Five are known to have died near New Port in an attempt to reach the town. Along all of the Great Northern Pacific tracks between Spokane and Helena numberless fires are known to be raging fiercely, but definite reports cannot be secured, as the telegraph and telephone wires are down. Before communication with Libby, Montana, ended it was reported that every mile of the town was working with 200 paid fire fighters to divert Flower Creek to the south side of the village, as a protection against the flames driving up around that district. Supply Outfit Turned Back A train of 25 horses was yesterday afternoon turned back in an attempt to reach a force of sixty-five men near Peck, which is known to have had but two days' rations. Fires are burning on the shores of Coeur d'Alene lake. One was threatening the village of Sunnyside, three miles from the town of Coeur d'Alene. Many summer homes on the beach have been destroyed. Refugees from the burned district poured into Spokane last night. Seven hundred from Wallace crossed Lake Coeur d'Alene by boat and came to Spokane by electric line. There is now excitement in the hills near Lewiston as the settlers have fled from the claims throughout the district, and Forest Supervisor Fenn has refused to send any more fire fighters in unless he can get pack trains to aid in getting supplies to them. People Offer Prayers MISSOULA, Mont., Aug. 22.—From every corner of western Montana and Idaho this morning there were prayers that the weather bureau has forecasted accurately in predicting showers for today. Nothing but rain can save the situation. The hundreds of weary men who for days have battled with the flames in the forests are staggering to safety with blood-soaked and aching limbs, immersing themselves in streams or burying their faces in mud for protection from the intense heat. The only improvement in the situation is at Wallace, where the remnants of the town that is left seems to be saved from the fire, and at Mullan, where the town, threatened all day yesterday, seems to be safe. It is reported that Saltese, in western Montana, is also out of danger, but this may prove a bit of over-confidence. The towns of Taft, Deborgia, Henderson, and the old part of St. Regis are in ashes. The old placer town of Murray, in Idaho, is in danger. The flames have the upper hand of the situation in a score of places. Rain is the only salvation of hundreds of miles of timber and many camps and small towns. Men have fought the flames to the limit of human endurance and are withdrawing from the contest in many places. Especially is the situation serious in the immensely timbered country along the lines of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul's western extension. Here the railway has suffered a tremendous loss from fire in the region where snowslides wrought havoc all last winter. Bridges have been burned and stations wiped off the map. Wherever possible the railway company has brought the people to safety in special trains. This morning there were two rescue trains on the St. Paul speeding toward Missoula with about 500 people aboard. There is another

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Was Working for a Farmer on Niagara Peninsula—Would Not Confess to His Accomplices

Niagara Falls, Ont., Aug. 21.—After making a sensational escape from the Hamilton asylum and being at large less than a week, Private Moir was arrested early last evening by the provincial police near St. David. He was at once brought to the city and had been working for a farmer named Fred Butler, a mile and a half from St. David, since Wednesday. He was cutting weeds on the roadside when arrested. His arrest sets at naught all sensational stories of the escape of Taggart and Moir in an automobile. Chief Kimmins, of the city police force, received a phone message from a resident of St. David last night. The informant said he had recognized Moir from a picture published in The Globe, and was sure that the man who had escaped from the Hamilton institution. As the police business outside the city is conducted by the provincial police, Chief Kimmins referred the information to Inspector Mains.

Three provincial officers in plain clothes, Kelley, McNamara and Hay, were immediately sent to St. David. Moir was cutting weeds along the road as the police approached. He still wore the asylum clothes, and the officers had no difficulty in placing him as the man who murdered Sergeant Carruthers in London, Ontario, in 1908. Sprung from the carriage in which they rode, two officers blined Moir's arms to his side after a brief struggle. When told that he was recognized, the man made no attempt to deny his identity. "Yes, I am Moir. I thought I had given you fellows the double cross," was all he said. When Moir was safely locked up in the local police headquarters he told the story of his escape, attributing his desire to leave the asylum because of bad treatment he received there. He said he didn't know the whereabouts of Robert Taggart, who murdered his wife in Toronto some years ago, and escaped with the London murderer. He said he let Taggart out, but that was all he knew about him, claiming that he had separated himself immediately upon securing their freedom. Not a word would he say as to those who assisted him to escape to the Hamilton asylum, but he became acquainted with before the trial in London. They had furnished him means of escape by sending to his room on a wire he let down from his window, a saw, skeleton keys, screw driver, and what he needed before Moir was sent back to the asylum. He learned the men's names before Moir was sent back to the asylum, but he was in charge of two provincial constables.

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CROP ESTIMATE.
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Saskatchewan	65,250,000
Alberta	5,270,713
Winter wheat	1,955,784
Total	101,136,113
Oats.	
Manitoba	28,361,800
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Total	108,200,000
Barley.	
Manitoba	657,520
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Alberta	2,207,250
Total	7,130,770
Flax.	
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Alberta	91,950
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Murder at Edmonton.
 Edmonton, Alta., Aug. 21.—The body of an unknown man with his throat cut was found this morning in a popular bluff north of the C. N. R. tracks at Syndicate avenue. The police believe a foul murder has been committed. The remains are those of a Galician, apparently a railroad construction laborer. The brush and ground where the body was found show evidences of a violent struggle. A large pad filled with blood water is presumed to have been used by the murderer to wash his hands.
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