

LIGHT APPLE CROP; PEACHES ALSO FALL OFF

Future of Most Fruits This Year Not as Promising as Last.

Ottawa, June 28, 1916.—The July fruit crop report which is now being distributed by the Fruit Branch of the Department of Agriculture contains the following information regarding the condition of fruits in all parts of Canada:

Apples—In Western Ontario there will be a light apple crop and much of the fruit will be of a poor quality. East of Toronto, apples are light but on the whole, indications point to a crop nearly medium. Duchess and Wealthy promise a heavy crop in Eastern Ontario. Fameuse and McIntosh will be a full crop where orchards have been sprayed. The total crop in British Columbia is estimated as slightly larger than last year. Nova Scotia reports two-thirds of an average crop or slightly over one million barrels.

Peaches—There has been considerable damage from "leaf curl" in Niagara. The crop is estimated at 75 per cent. of last year. British Columbia reports a crop about equal to last year.

Pears—In Niagara, Bartlett's are a good crop. Anjou and Kieffer fair and Duchess very light. Prospects are generally favorable in British Columbia.

Plums—There will be a light crop

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Strawberries—Late varieties will be a good crop in Ontario. Warm weather is badly needed. New Brunswick will also have a large crop of good quality. A similar report comes from Quebec. In British Columbia there will be a decided increase over last year's crop.

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Cobalt, Ont., June 30.—Capture of the bandits, who on Saturday night wrecked a branch of the Quebec Bank at Yille Marie in a vain effort to secure \$18,000 in gold, was the sequel of a sharp fight with a posse yesterday. One of the desperadoes was shot in the head and Provincial Constable Jerry Lefebvre received a bullet in the leg.

The round-up of the five men took place at Sutton Bay, a few miles from Haliburton, and was the result of the pertinacity shown by Lefebvre in organizing a band of pursuers and tracking the bandits through a wild country.

A WOMAN'S HEALTH NEEDS CONSTANT CARE

When the Blood Becomes Poor, Disease Speedily Follows. Every woman's health is peculiarly dependent upon the condition of her blood. How many women suffer with headache, pain in the head, indigestion, weak digestion, a constant feeling of weariness, palpitation of the heart, shortness of breath, pallor and nervousness. Of course all these symptoms may not be present—the more there are the worse the condition of the blood, and the more necessary that you should begin to crutch it without delay.

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Old World Notes

A decline in the British birth rate during the month of March of an alarming nature is reported from Aberdeen, according to the statement of the Medical Health Officer, Dr. Matthew Hay. There were 301 births, 121 marriages and 250 deaths. The births during the month were at the rate of 21.3 per 1000 per annum, and the marriages were at the rate of 8.6. In February the birth-rate was 5.3. In March of last year the birth-rate was 27.4, and the marriage-rate was 8.2. There were 2000 illegitimate births in 1915, or 22 per cent. fewer births last month than in the corresponding month of the preceding year, and five more marriages. During the month of March, the illegitimate births were thirty-one, as against thirty-six in the preceding month and thirty-seven in March of 1915. The deaths from all causes during the month were at the rate of 17.7 per 1000 per annum. The rate for the preceding month was 17.3, and for March of last year 23.3.

RUPTURE



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Between the right way and the wrong of doing this lies a big gap of mischievous inefficiency. Stones and sand are used for teaching the "stoker-engineer student" how to avoid this. Fires have to be kept clear and bright or the flagship will soon be snapping out a querulous "You are making too much smoke," and thus starting trouble for everybody. When rated "first-class" a stoker's pay rises to two shillings and sixpenny a day (about 50 cents). Now let us see how he earns it, not by the sweat of his brow alone, but by the sweat of his body that has a sweat gland in it.

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One man after a quick look over the blazing interior, lays hold of a "pricker" or a "slice," thrusts it deep into the dragon's throat, and by a spasm of strenuous effort forces the monster to "spit out the crumbs" or, to use words void of imagery, he clears the fire by dragging out the red-hot clinker.

Good Stoking Makes Records. These by the furnace mouths are the expert stokers—the first-class men—whose skill in keeping steam enables the ship's enormous engines to exert their thousand-fold horsepower to the full—and sometimes a little bit more.

During an action the stokers have the least enviable situation of anyone in the ship. Their chance of escape should she be sunk, is so small as to be almost non-existent. Although they can hear the guns firing and feel the concussion they know nothing of what may be happening above, being quite cut off from the upper deck. Amid all the turmoil of the fight the stokers must remain incessantly at work feeding the fires so that the ship has the steam necessary to enable her to respond to orders from the bridge. And should mishap occur, the standing regulation is that the stokers must draw fires before leaving their posts.

If the ship goes down they are almost certain to go with her, as they know full well. Yet they show no fear, and may always be depended on to stick to their duty to the last. Men who show such grit as this are surely worth a medal of praise.

Good stoking, in fact, has advanced our Fleet more than once during the war. It helped Admiral Sturdee to run down the German squadron off the Falklands, and through it upon this occasion, the cruiser Kent was enabled to go two or three knots faster than she had ever done before thus preventing the Nuremberg escaping.

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Old World Notes

Seditious talk by a young man of Irish birth, named Philip Dalton, resulted in his appearance at Glasgow Sheriff Court, charged under the Defence of the Realm Act with having in the streets, in the south side of Glasgow, used treasonable and seditious language by shouting words derogatory to the King and Government, and also shouting that Germany was our friend, England was our enemy, and calling for three cheers for the Sinn Feiners of Ireland. Other statements made by the accused were "You should be assisting Germany to beat England for the liberty of Ireland," and "Those fighting for their rights in Ireland are put against the wall and shot." The prosecution was at the instance of the competent military authority. A solicitor on accused's behalf stated that the man was mad with drink when he made the statement, and he (the solicitor) characterized them as mere bragadoes, with no other meaning behind them. Accused was an attested man, and was at present employed as a munition worker, and he had a brother serving in the British Army. His family, the solicitor said, were a loyal Irish people residing in Dublin city. Sheriff Lytle, in passing sentence of two months, imprisonment with hard labor, said he had never known drink to turn an honest citizen into a seditious one.

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German Policy of Attrition on the Sea Has Resulted in Failure.

BATTLE CRUISER LOSSES OF BRITISH FLEET.

Hans Have Had Five Class Put Out of Commission.

A comparison of the British and German naval losses in the Archibald Hurd, naval critic, London Daily Telegraph.

British—Nil. Germany—Nil. Battle Cruisers.

British—Invincible (17,300 tons), Defiant (18,750), Queen Elizabeth (27,000)—Total, 3 of 63,000 tons.

Germany—Goeben (2,200), Pommern (28,000), Lutzow (9,000), Lutzow (28,000), Seydlitz (24,000), Seydlitz (24,000), Seydlitz (24,000)—Total, 5 of 118,740 tons.

"The Goeben is ineffective. Sea of Marmara." "The Blue a contemporary of the Invincible. The Seydlitz is probably as destroyed.

Light Cruisers. British—Amphion (3,440 tons), Amphion (3,440 tons), Amphion (3,440 tons)—Total, 2 of 6,880 tons.

Germany—Karlshuh (4,478), Kohn (4,280), Emden (4,280), Dresden (3,396), Koenigsberg (3,483), Rostock (4,829), Wittgenstein (4,829), Wittgenstein (4,829)—Total, 12 of 45,238 tons.

Matter of Percentages. The above statement shows Germany's losses in the most effective ships—even if it is no worse than she declares. The battle of Jutland—have been heavier actually than ours. It is only extracted from the fleet they are considered on a pro rata basis. Ignoring the shipping programme of the country and Germany, also carrying out of which there some doubt, the position in the battle of Jutland was not a matter of percentages.

British—35, of 815,100 tons. Germany—10, of 45,238 tons. Battle Cruisers.

British—8, of 218,000 tons. Germany—8, of 186,120 tons. Total, 27, of 636,370 tons.

Consequently, while on this point we have lost 6.6 per cent. strength in battleships and cruisers, Germany is the weaker by 18.5 per cent. of her fleet. The words, "her proportionate" have been nearly three times as ours.

What is the position as to cruisers which may be regarded as well as the Amphion? We possessed thirty-eight in 1914, and have lost twelve. On that basis our loss amounted to 5.2 per cent., while Germany's was weakened by 45 per cent.

But both fleets have a number of good ships by the sea, and the Amphion, a vessel which was still effective. I have prepared a list of such vessels in the following table, taking basis pre-dreadnought vessels older than fifteen years, at

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