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**The Russian Wheat Crop**

**PETROGRAD, Dec. 10.**—The Ministry of Finance has presented to the Council of Ministers a summary of the economic situation in Russia. The grain harvest for the current year, the summary states, was 512,000,000 poods (a pood equals 36 English pounds), about 350,000,000 bushels, above the five-year average. Counting grain carried from the previous season, Russia has available for the current year 4,766,000,000 poods of grain and potatoes, equalling about 3,177,000,000 bushels, the excess of the available surplus over 1914 amounting to 789,000,000 poods, equal about 526,000,000 bushels.

Deducting the probable consumption of the country it is estimated that the new available surplus will be about 887,000,000 bushels. Reports regarding the Winter crops are of the most favorable nature.

According to the statement the financial position of the population is shown by the growth of savings bank deposits. October figures of these deposits showed the reaching of the high water mark with deposits of 74,000,000 roubles, as against 22,000,000 roubles in October, 1914. Since the beginning of the war it was announced, the savings of the people have increased 499,000,000 roubles and now amount to 2,408,000,000 roubles.

In spite of the loss of revenue because of the prohibition upon the sale of spirituous beverages and a diminution in imports amounting to 682,000,000 roubles during the last fiscal year, the decrease in ordinary revenue, the statement says, amounted only to 482,000,000 roubles, increases in revenue from other sources swelling the total. During the first nine months of the current year Russia imported products to the amount of 610,000,000 roubles. Her exports during the same period, it was announced, amounted to 247,000,000 roubles.

**BEAR HUNTERS**

ALL the talk is now war, hosts are gathered from afar; every mother's son you meet chatters, as he walks the street, how the British or the French (under Joffre) seized a trench. Every brave young British man hopes some day to lead the van on a gory battle-ground, baffled foemen strewn around. Still, in spite of war's alarms, some must work up on their farms; wheels of commerce in their groove somehow must be made to move. Winter's coming, don't forget, the streets are getting mighty wet; you must soon begin to choose just what brand of rubber shoes you will for that season buy for your wife, your girl, your boy. Sometimes you will buy a shoe which will wear a week or two, then you find the heels and soles quickly fill with jagged holes. Some may cost \$1.10, which will wear some days, and then, in through heel and in through toe you will find the water go; coughs and colds with speed will follow—your cheeks become both pale and hollow. Here's advice we give you, friend: your rubber troubles you can end—in any part of Newfoundland you can buy the old Bear Brand. On the sole of every pair you'll find stamped the Polar Bear. The Bear means money saved to you, and likewise 'tis a stylish shoe. No more we'll say, my dear old chap, but add the proverb: "Verbum sap."—nov12,tf

**PARIS, Dec. 15.**—A despatch from Athens dated Dec. 13th, says:—"Ministers of the Quadruple Entente, according to the Greek press, officially informed Premier Skouloudis that economic coercion has been discontinued and that Greek ships detained in ports by the Entente Allies would be released."

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THE claim of the Germans to have substituted wood pulp for cotton in the manufacture of explosives—whether the claim be true or false—calls attention to the properties of this wonderful product, which has already wrought more than one revolution in the manufacturing world.

Wood pulp is just what its name implies, and is obtained by disintegrating wood either by a mechanical or a chemical process. The former variety is prepared by grinding it under water. It is inferior in quality, as the fibres are shot and the product readily discolors. Under the chemical process the wood is cut up and boiled under pressure with a solution of caustic soda, sodium sulphide, or best of all, calcium bisulphite, and the resulting soft product is pulped, pressed, washed and bleached.

It was the use of this material that so reduced the cost of paper as to make the halfpenny newspaper possible. So rapidly, indeed, did paper cheapen from 1875 to 1885 that the introduction of wood pulp is said, within those years, to have trebled the circulation of Great Britain newspapers.

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enhanced by the ingenuity and skill of decorative artists, especially the French. The rich mural mouldings that give so imposing an aspect to certain of our public buildings are a superior kind of pulp product.

Carton pierre—an article that the French have carried to a high state of perfection—perhaps marks the acme of this line of manufacture. It consists of paper pulp, whitening and gum, pressed into plaster molds and stove dried. Improved so as to admit of gilding easily, it decorates portions of the Tuileries, the Louvre and the Palais Royal at Paris.

The demand for wood pulp articles is said to be rapidly increasing, and in some of the factories they are unable to cope with it. The making of propulsive explosive does not exhaust the uses of the pulp even from a military point of view. In the form of a solution it is extensively used in the treatment of fabrics for accouterments and in other ways.

**MUTUAL HELP.**

"Nor is the course of good pulp run when it is made into textiles or papers. The paper itself, when it has served its turn, goes back into the boiler and once more becomes pulp. Mixed with starch paste or blue and pressed, it is then forced into moulds, previously oiled, and we have that useful product, papier mache.

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