

## CROP BRINGS \$462,235,480 TO WESTERN PROVINCES

(Winnipeg Telegram)  
An estimate of the crops of the three western provinces has just been made by the North West Grain Dealers Association, as follows:

CROP ESTIMATE				
Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta				
	Acres	Yield	Value	
Wheat	12,440,000	24.5	\$274,807,000.00	
Oats	12,440,000	31.5	\$392,060,000.00	
Barley	1,130,000	34	\$38,420,000.00	
Flax	820,000	8.2	\$6,724,000.00	
Total value			\$462,235,480.00	

Stupendous as these figures are they are believed to be, if anything, an underestimate of the crop and its great value. The North West Grain Dealers Association represents in its membership the leading grain dealers of Western Canada, as well as practically all the members of the Winnipeg Grain Exchange, so that the estimate rests on the highest authority. No pains or expense were spared in gathering the necessary data.

In arriving at an estimate of the values, 90 cents was allowed for wheat, 40 cents for oats, 60 cents for barley, and \$1.50 for flax. Distance from market and differences in grades were duly considered. The outstanding feature of the crop is that for the most part it is grading high.

An estimate of the wheat situation as it existed on November 6, shows further the enormous wealth still in the country:

WHEAT SITUATION—NOVEMBER 6	
Wheat inspected to date	108,226,000 bushels
In store country points	34,400,000 bushels
In transit not inspected	8,400,000 bushels
Feed, seed and in country mills	85,000,000 bushels
Balance in farmers' hands yet to market	121,308,100 bushels

There thus is remaining in farmers' hands for delivery the enormous total of 121,308,100 bushels of wheat. Of the barley crop of the west not one-tenth has yet been marketed and an even smaller percentage of flax has yet left the farmers' hands. There are also still in farmers' hands and waiting export to the east or to British and European markets, millions of dollars worth of oats. At a conservative estimate there is still available for sale on the farms of the west, wheat and flax to the value of \$115,000,000.

It is not mere blarney optimism that sees in this condition a renewed era of prosperity for the Canadian West. The west this year has really harvested two crops in one, that with the high grade and prevailing good prices will go far to enable that healthy liquidation that must precede a return to right conditions.

That the prosperity of the farm will reflect itself in the cities and industrial centres of the west must follow as a natural course. Already in Winnipeg there is to be noted a marked improvement in commercial and industrial activity. The valuable crop returns have produced a more hopeful feeling. But aside from the crop factor, war orders and the provisioning and care of 10,000 troops for the winter season have contributed materially to the activities of the city. Labor is well employed. There is a distinctly better feeling in most lines of trade. Winnipeg entered upon the winter of 1913-14 with a feeling of justified optimism.

## WAR NEWS OF LAST NIGHT OF CHEERFUL TONE

British Artillery Smashes Into  
German Defences

KHAKI MEN NEAR BAGDAD

Italy Is Reported to Be Landing  
Troops in Albania—Russian  
Army Ready for Action Against  
Bulgarians

London, Nov. 26, 11:30 p. m.—The following official statement was issued tonight by the war office:

"General French reports that our artillery has successfully bombarded portions of the enemy's trenches during the past four days, destroying wire entanglements and reaching their parapets. To the bombardments the enemy made little reply. The enemy artillery, however, has been active in the north of Loos, north of Flocourt, and east of the Ypres.

"On the evening of the 22nd the enemy made a heavy bombing attack on the Bethune-La Bassée road, but was repulsed.

"Mining has been constant on both sides during the last few days. On the 22nd we exploded a mine north of the Bethune-La Bassée road and occupied the crater. On the 24th the enemy exploded a mine south of Catechy, causing some damage to our trenches. A

hostile bombing attack against the crater was repulsed. Yesterday the enemy exploded mines near Carnoy and Ginchy. On the 25th twenty-three of our aeroplanes successfully bombarded a German hut encampment at Achiet Le Grand, northeast of Albert. The enemy replied with a single aeroplane, which dropped bombs near Bray, doing no damage.

A telegram from General Sir John Roebuck, commander of the British forces in Mesopotamia, under date of the 26th, reports that General Townshend, and the splendid spirit shown by them after their severe losses and hardships from want of water and food."

"At first it was stated that 800 prisoners had been taken. It now appears that no less than 1,500 have been marched back to Laili.

"Our wounded are reported to number about 2,400, of whom 1,500 were leaving that day by steamer for Basra. The number of killed has not yet been reported.

"General Nixon praises the excellent handling of the troops by General Townshend, and the splendid spirit shown by them after their severe losses and hardships from want of water and food."

Russian Army Ready For Bulgaria.

London, Nov. 26.—The Serbian main army, having been driven back to the borders of Albania and Montenegro, where they are being attacked by the Austro-German troops, with the assistance of General Von Gallwitz's forces, are now giving their attention to the Anglo-French troops. Important military developments may therefore be looked for on the Vardar river. The Bulgarians appear to have abandoned definitely for the time being, their advance on Monastir in order to attack the French positions on the Cerna, where fighting already has been reported. So far, the French have held their positions, but detachments from Salonika hint that it may be necessary to withdraw from Krivolak to the southeast, where British and French reinforcements are being concentrated. While the results of these movements are being watched with some anxiety, better news from the Allies point of view comes from the northern frontier.



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GEN. KUROPATKIN TO  
LEAD THE INVASION

Berlin Hears that Japanese War  
General Will Head the Forces  
Against the Bulgarians

London, Nov. 27.—According to despatches from Berlin, Gen. Kuropatkin has been chosen to lead the Russian invasion of Bulgaria.

The Bucharest correspondent of the Geneva Tribune sends a despatch in which he says that a former member of the Roumanian cabinet and leader of the Liberal party in Roumania, is quoted as expressing the belief that the Roumanian government "is desirous of following the national policy and soon will intervene in the war on the side of the Entente powers."

M. Jeneau, according to this despatch, said he had learned from Petrograd that a strong Russian force was ready near the Roumanian frontier to aid Roumania against Austria and Bulgaria.

The Roumanian Premier, M. Brătianu, in a conversation regarding the relations between Roumania and Russia, is also quoted as saying: "They are better than, ever before."

New Russian formations have appeared on the Huga front and have proved themselves the masters of the troops that remain under command of Gen. Hindenburg.

The official statement from Petrograd tonight mentions the regiments from Lithuania as displaying "the greatest courage."

Hindenburg's war-worn troops were again forced to retire in fighting before Riga. They temporarily assumed the offensive, but reinforcements rushed up by the Russians, compelled them to vacate all the ground occupied.

On the left bank of the Dvina there has been heavy fighting in which the Russians were the aggressors. They occupied a position here of some importance. On the right bank there were several encounters, all of which left the combatants pretty much where they were.

FERDINAND DISOWNED  
BY FOSTER BROTHER

Son of King's French Foster  
Mother Says "I Knew Him No  
More"

King Ferdinand of Bulgaria has been disowned by his French foster brother, Emile Meunier, King Ferdinand's French blood in his veins from his mother, Princess Clementine. A French newspaper, *Le Matin*, who died some years ago, was his foster mother.

On his first visit to Paris, King (then Prince Ferdinand), received his foster brother at the Continental Hotel, was most cordial to him and sent him home rejoicing in a present of 800 francs to defray his traveling expenses, and two autographed photographs, one of the prince and one of his children. He sent 100 or 200 francs for each child born to the Meunier household afterward and for the first Communion of each.

Emile Meunier, who is a woodchopper, has been interviewed on his feelings toward his foster brother, who has turned against the French.

"Ah, Monsieur," he declared, "it is a sad thing for us. To side with the Germans! Never should I have expected that! I must say that he and his mother were always good to us. He never missed sending a present for each birth and each first Communion. We have thirteen children.

"But what he has done is abominable. I say so without wishing to insult him, not forgetting his past kindness. But I cannot forget his alliance with the Germans. We are all patriots in our family.

"As a child I suffered terribly in our children's quarrels. We were six and they called me the 'Austrian.' And now when I go to the village they say to me, 'A fine thing your foster brother has done, eh?'

"I say it wasn't I who told him to do it. Above all I am French and Ferdinand is against us, so I know him no more."

King Ferdinand gave 1,000 francs (\$200 several years ago toward the restoration of the old Church of Camarat, in recognition of the military services of the men of Camarat to his ancestor, Louis XIV., in 1684. When Ferdinand allied himself with the enemies of France the Camarat fishermen led by the poet Saint-Pol-Roux, took up several collections, raised the 1,000 francs, with interest, and returned the whole sum to the Bulgarian monarch.

LOCAL STEAMSHIP NEWS

The steamer *Dundelin* crashed into the concrete wharf when she was being docked at No. 15, West St. John, yesterday afternoon, and two of her plates were indented. No serious damage resulted, however, nothing to make her unserviceable, and after temporary repairs have been made she can make her scheduled voyage.

The steamer *Shenandoah* which arrived at Halifax on Thursday, is due here this afternoon. The *Furness* line which came from London landed at Halifax with Capt. Lawrence of Hantsport, and three officers of the ill-fated lake steamer *Donau*, which foundered in mid-ocean about the middle of October.

CORP. GEO. F. SMITH IS  
EXPECTED HOME SUNDAY

Word was received in the city last evening that Corp. George F. Smith would arrive in the city on Sunday night at 5:40 p.m., from Halifax. He went to France with the First Canadian Division, and has seen active service, taking part in nearly all the battles. He first suffered concussion and after a rest at the base hospital, he returned to duty, and a short while later was wounded in the leg and arm by shrapnel. The last battle he was in he suffered severely from the chlorine gases, and was removed to England, where he spent three months in the Duchess of Connaught Hospital, and after coming out of the hospital was ordered to Canada for a few months' rest. His people will be glad to see him, as six years ago he left home to join the North West Mounted Police, and this is his first trip home since.

He will make his home for the present at least, it is expected with his brother, Bartlett Smith, 40 Carmarthen street. His mother is living at 100 Dorchester street.

Corp. Smith was in the party of the 1st Battalion commanded by Lieut. F. W. Campbell at Ginchy when the heroic young officer won his Victoria Cross by holding a trench against terrific odds, using the back of a bury private as a machine gun tripod.

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The Christmas Number of The Standard will take the place of the regular issue of The Standard, and will be dated Saturday, December 25th.

Instead of appearing at the end of the week in the ordinary way, the Christmas Number will be published on or about Monday, December 20th. It will appear in time to enable you to mail it to Friends in the Old Country and France so that it will be delivered near the New Year and in this way serve as a happy reminder that they were in your thoughts during the Christmas season.

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