ALLIED FLEETS EXPECTED TO REDUCE CONSTANTINOPLE FORTS

UNDERWOOD & UNDERWOOD

Forts on European side of Bosporus looking toward Constantinople.

The allied fleets, now slowly making their way through the Dardanelles, are expected to push through the straits, cross the sea of Marmora and reduce these forts, beyond which lies Constantinople. The Turks are believed to have given up hope of saving Constantinople and have transferred their capital to Broussa, Asia Minor.

MICHIGAN NEWS

APPROVE AUTO ROAD—LANSING TO DETROIT

Three Counties Accept the Plans of R. E. Olds.

Lansing, Mich.—Three counties, Ingham, Oakland and Livingston, have accepted an offer made by R. E. Olds of Lansing, of $300 a mile in addition to the state reward money, and the chances are that before next summer is over there will be an excellent road from Lansing to Detroit.

It is to be known as the Reo highway, this provision being a part of the plan suggested by the auto manufacturer. In all, forty miles of road have been planned, meaning an outlay to the Lansing men of $12,000.

Several weeks ago, Mr. Olds offered to assist the various counties between here and Detroit in the building of state reward roads. He proposed to add $300 a mile to the state money on consideration that the name of the completed road from Detroit here be the Reo highway. Ingham was the first county to accept and the other two followed quickly.

Certain parts of the road between here and Detroit have been thoroughly built by the counties and the townships through which they pass. Mr. Olds' plan contemplates making the road first-class all the way through.

With the 40 miles accepted the road is assured as complete and up-to-date as far as Farmington, which means all the way to Detroit, as from Farmington in the Wayne county road affords the completion of the improved highway.

BETTER HOME LIFE ON FARM IS ADVOCATED

East Lansing, Mich.—Better rural sanitation, dental and medical inspection for rural schools and abolition of "sweatshop" methods in farm homes were the reforms suggested by speakers at the third annual country life conference at the Michigan Agricultural college.

A new state organization of the managers of co-operative farmers' associations was formed and there was much discussion of proposed legislation which the conference will ask the legislature to pass. This referred largely to rural credit laws.

PASSENGER RATES MAY BE CAUSE OF AN EXTRA SESSION

Plan to Have Railway Commission Investigate the Case.

Lansing, Mich.—That the question of passenger rate legislation is subject for expert consideration and cannot be intelligently disposed of during the present session of the legislature, is the belief of many senators and representatives. It forms a basis for a movement to make a call for a special session contingent upon the decision of the state railway commission as to the justice of the railroad's claims.

It has been suggested before that the house and senate must be guided by the railway commission, since it alone of all the state departments is qualified to pass upon the mass of technical data submitted in support of the claim of the railways. It develops that the commission would not be able to act even in an advisory capacity in time to help solve the problems during this session.

STATE HAS PLENTY OF MONEY

Lansing, Mich.—The monthly report of the state treasurer shows a balance in the treasury of $4,152,274.56, of which amount $2,324,025.43 is in the general fund and $1,770,056.81 in the primary school fund. Large amounts will be paid out today, including $150,000 for the support of the insane of the state, which costs annually more than $1,500,000.

SOMERSET RESIDENT DIES

Lucius Powers Succumbs After Long Illness; Funeral Thursday.

Addison.—Lucius Powers died at his home in Somerset township northwest of here early Monday. He was 79 years old and had been sick for some time. He leaves one nephew, Leroy Powers, two sisters, Mrs. J. A. Thompson, of Oklahoma, and Mrs. Minerva Stiff of Hillsdale. Funeral services will be held tomorrow at the home. Burial will occur in Wheatland cemetery.

LOSES JOB; ENDS LIFE

Grand Rapids, Mich.—Despondent over the loss of his position as an engineer on the Pere Marquette railroad, Thornton Mitchell shot and killed himself in a woodshed in the rear of his home here. Mitchell left a note addressed to his wife, in which he stated that his inability to secure work had driven him to his death. He was 55 years old.

SOUTH AMERICAN TRADE OURS, PREDICTS SWEET

Assistant Secretary of Commerce Shows Prospects.

Grand Rapids, Mich.—Discussing the Latin-American trade situation before the Association of Commerce, Assistant Secretary of Commerce Edwin F. Sweet, predicted a great future for American trade in South America.

"There is no room for doubt that we are going to have a great trade with South America," he said. "Europe will be unable to supply those countries with merchandise after the war.

"The question is whether or not our manufacturers will see their chance. Trade follows investments so our financiers must invest in South America, as England and Germany did before they became established.

Saginaw.—Saginaw lumber dealers Monday asked the circuit court to enjoin railroads from putting in effect new tariffs which, it is asserted, call for an increase of 15 to 40 per cent over the old schedule. An appeal will be taken to the interstate commerce commission.

FEDERAL LOANS TO FARMERS ARE PROVIDED IN BILL

Senate Attaches to Agricultural Measure a Plan to Aid Owners of Farms—Free Seeds Appropriation is Retained.

Washington.—The senate has added the agricultural bill, carrying approximately $26,000,000, to the rapidly growing list of supply measures passed.

The senate declined to support the agricultural committee on striking out an appropriation of $225,000 for the free distribution of seeds.

A farm credits bill, providing for government loans to farm owners, was attached to the bill as an amendment, presented to Senator McCumber and incorporated in the bill without a record vote, when only a few senators were in the chamber.

It is proposed to create a bureau of farm credits in the treasury to make loans of government funds through national banks on farm mortgage notes, to run for 10 years at 5 per cent interest and of not less than $300 nor more than $10,000 to individuals. United States 20-year 4½ per cent bonds to establish a permanent fund of $10,000,000 to cover such loans would be authorized.

NEW INVENTION FORETELLS STORM BY SEVEN HOURS

The Edison Company has installed a new machine on the roof of each of its New York stations which can foretell a storm by seven hours.

The device is more effective in summer than in winter. It is simple and resembles a wireless outfit.

WILSON ASKED TO CALL CONFERENCE OF ALL NEUTRALS

Emergency Peace Federation Adops Resolution at Chicago Meeting.

Goes on Record Against Armaments; Jane Addams Elected President.

War Cycle Feared by President of Western Reserve University.

Chicago—A resolution asking President Wilson to call a conference of neutral nations to attempt to end the European war was adopted by the Emergency Peace federation last night and plans were made for the organization of a permanent body to be known as the National Peace organization. A resolution protesting against any increase in armament in the United States also was adopted.

The organization committed itself to these principles:

1. Favoring a concert of nations instead of alliances providing for a balance of power.
2. Abolition of armament and prohibition of the manufacture of ammunition for gain.
3. Protection of private property at sea.
4. Self-government and universal adult suffrage.
5. Prohibition of the transfer of provinces except by consent of the people.
6. No alliance to be entered into by nations except after approval of people.

Lansing.—Officials expect 100,000 automobile license tags will be issued this year. Up to March 1, 40,000 have been taken out; last year only 16,000 had been issued at this time. The total number issued in 1914 was 76,000.

BLAMES FARMERS FOR HIGH WHEAT

UNDERWOOD & UNDERWOOD

Joseph Leiter testifying before bread commission in New York.

Joseph Leiter, who attempted a "corner" in the Chicago wheat pit in 1897, testifying last week at New York state's inquiry to determine if any crime had been committed in raising the price of bread, declared that the farmers are to blame for the present high price of wheat. He denied that speculation causes high prices, insisting that it stabilizes the market and maintained that the farmers themselves, holding their grain for the highest prices obtainable, are the real speculators.

FOOLS CHICKENS, GETS MORE EGGS

INSTALLS ELECTRIC LIGHT IN THEIR COOPS.

Hens Tricked Into Working Overtime —Lured from Roost at 6 A. M., Back to Their Perch at 9 P. M.

A few weeks ago it was explained in a humorous feature how a Brownville chap had invented a hen's nest with a sliding bottom that fooled the hens into laying many eggs each day. Whether the trick nest proved a success or failure has not as yet been announced by the Brownville genius, but the experiments of George C. Newell, a Chicagoan, with his "150 egg machines," lead all interested in hens and their product to believe that nothing is impossible in this line of industry.

George G. Newell is an auditor. Figures and statistics and chickens are his hobbies. Efficiency is his watchword. Back of his residence in Congress Park there is an inclosure forty-feet square in which he keeps what he calls his "150 egg machines." The "machines" belong to the feathered tribe known as White Leghorns. He expects and obtains eggs from these "machines" with the same regularity and accuracy as he does figures from an adding machine.

He says he has obtained 18,000 eggs from his "machines" in the last year, or an average of an egg every third day for each fowl, and expects to bring this average up to an egg every other day for each hen. All the hens are laying now and he sells the eggs for 50 cents a dozen. Newell attributes his success to the fact that his chickens live in two electric lighted coops, go to roost by electricity, and get up at the peck of 100 candle power.

"I figured the whole problem out in black and white," said Newell. "I found that my chickens were not laying much in winter. They'd go to roost earlier in the winter months and get up later. I figured they didn't have sufficient daylight in which to eat the necessary amount of food and to get the required amount of exercise for good laying. I estimated they got about sixteen hours of daylight in midsummer and only about seven hours in midwinter. I decided to strike an average of their waking hours.

"At a cost of about $30 I installed a 100 candlepower tungsten lamp and a two candlepower incandescent lamp in one chicken house and two sixty candle-power lamp in the other. These I connected with switches in the house.

"As soon as the alarm clock goes off at 6 or a little after in the morning I turn on the switch and the chickens get up, thinking it is daylight. The lights are turned off at 8 or 8:30, when it is full daylight and the neighbors' fowls are just arising.

"When it begins to get dusk, along about 4, my daughter, Dorothy, or my wife turns on the lights and they are kept going until 9 at night, when I turn all out except the two candle-power lamps. These give just a sufficient amount of light to give the appearance of dusk, and the chickens begin going to roost. I leave the small lamps lit all night, so that if any of the chickens want to get up at night to eat they can do so.

"Eleven days after the lights were installed the daily average jumped from twenty-six eggs to eighty-three. During the molting season under the old custom, when most of the food was going to feathers instead of eggs, I got only eleven eggs a day. Now I get fifty-two a day during the molting season. It is merely an experiment in efficiency, and I hope to improve it.

"Chickens think," said Newell. "If they know they are going to get plenty of food the next day they'll lay. By my method I keep them thinking they are getting the same amount of daylight all the year around, and I'm keeping them thinking all the time."

WALNUT TREE IS 46 YEARS OLD

Nearly 23 Feet Around and Larger Than Colusa's Giant

Colusa, Cal., is laying claim to having the largest California black walnut in the world, but the dimensions of the Colusa tree do not come up to those of a tree that is growing on F. W. Schultz's farm on Sycamore Slough, six miles northeast of Arbuckle, also in Colusa County.

Some time ago a naccount in newspapers first brought this monster tree before the reading public, and it is receiving much attention throughout the state. The agricultural department of the State University wrote Schutz about it, stating that information sent by him would be used in a book that the department is compiling.

In answer to the request of the university authorities Mr. Schutz has taken accurate measurement sof the tree, which are as follows: Circumference one foot from the ground, twenty-two feet, eight inches (below this the roots appear above the surface of the ground, making the tree about twenty-six feet); circumference nine feet from the ground, nineteen feet, nine inches; height, 102 feet; width of shadow at noon, 120 feet.

The big tree is 46 years old, having been planted in 1868 by D. Arnold, a Colusa County pioneer.

"There comes the coal," through the fireplace. "I suppose I ought to be grateful."

"Work, work, work," said the cider. "Mine is indeed a hard lot."

AUTO BUSINESS LOOMS LARGE, SAYS MR. WETMORE OF WETMORE-QUINN CO.

In a recent interview with Mr. Wetmore of the Wetmore-Quinn Co., distributors of the Paige and Saxon Cars in Detroit, that gentleman stated that sales at the Auto Show in New York, Chicago and Detroit were very encouraging, and large orders were booked.

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Start a Sunshine Club today, don't delay—this is a fine offer and is strictly reliable. Just $1.50 brings the mop and outfit complete—also the coupons and makes you a member, and just think, you get your $1.50 back as soon as the five coupons are sent in. The address of the firm who makes the Sunshine Club offer is O-So-Ezy Mop Company, 42 Dodge Bldg., Detroit, Mich. (The outfit is prepaid, and remember, if not satisfied, you can have your money back at once.)

PUT NICKEL IN SLOT, GET PAPER RAINCOAT

No More Being Late to Supper or Tardy to Work Because of Sudden Downpour from the Skies.

Have you ever arrived in your old home town in a pelting rainstorm, all dolled up in your Sunday best, and been compelled to pass up a quarter to the local bus man or linger around the depot until some good samaritan with an umbrella is kind enough to escort you to the abode of your family or friends?

Have you ever noticed a flock of pretty but scolding maidens in a downtown doorway or the postoffice entrance, or the vestibule of a movie picture place wildly calling for umbrellas, raincoats, newspapers, brothers or best beau's silk handkerchief, or anything to prevent that lovely seven or ten-dollar hat from being ruined by the sudden shower?

If you are a masculine reader, have you ever been compelled to "cough up" from three to six dollars in order to get your fair Dulcinea home from play or dance when it is raining pitchforks and black cats and the rubber-coated man on the box has suddenly become so stiff and lofty—in his price, at least—that occasionally one doubts if he can be touched even with a 10-spot bill or a 10-foot pole?

If you have ever passed through any of the above enumerated experiences—and what man or woman has not—forget it; deliverance is at hand. The hour of the hastily impressed newspaper, the borrowed umbrella or the painfully extracted cash loan from the hotel clerk or elevator boy is to hob up serenely no more, for the paper raincoat has taken its place alongside the egg sandwich, chewing gum and insurance policies placed before the public in vending machines.

The man or woman who drops a nickel for a package of gum to aid in the digestion of his nickel-in-the-slot meal and then pays a quarter to another machine for a policy insuring him or her against the consequences may soon get a raincoat from an adjacent machine as a result of the ingenuity of a woman, who has obtained a patent on a paper raincoat, said to be waterproof. She plans to manufacture the coats in large quantities and distribute them in specially devised vending devices.

It is to be presumed that the feminine raincoat will be provided with a cute little hood, or capote, as they say in French, and possibly the masculine garment will be quite esquimau and save the wearer's two dollar derby from gaining an inch or two in circumference. All hail, hoch, also hear-hear to the paper raincoat! Hail to the never present, disappearing, eye-destroying, pestiferous umbrella.

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