

SHIPPING IN WORLD

BY LLOYD RETURNS

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Washington, Aug. 30.—How much shipping there is in the world, besides that of the United States, in spite of the phenomenal growth of Uncle Sam's merchant marine since 1914, is impressively shown by the returns of Lloyds' Register (London) for June 30, 1920, purporting to cover all vessels of 100 tons or over.

Lloyds computes the total merchant shipping of the world at 31,595 vessels of 57,314,065 gross tons of which 26,513 vessels of 53,904,688 tons are steam and motor propelled while the remainder are moved by sails. Of the whole number 10,831 vessels of an aggregate tonnage of 20,582,652, are British; 5,457 vessels of aggregate tonnage of 16,049,289, are under the flag of the United States, and 1,758 vessels of 3,245,194 tons are classified as French. These are the three leaders.

Japan comes fourth with 2,995,000 tons, Italy fifth with 2,242,000 and Norway sixth with 2,210,000. Germany, once Great Britain's closest competitor, has now under her flag a total

tonnage of only 672,000. Holland has 1,793,000 tons and Sweden 1,072,000.

It will be observed that the average vessel flying the United States flag is much larger than the average vessel flying the British flag.

ORGANIZED DRAINAGE IN SOUTH CAROLINA

Preliminary figures on organized drainage enterprises in South Carolina have been announced by the Census Bureau, showing a total of 154,697 acres of land in organized drainage districts involving a total cost of \$618,083. These figures are as of Dec. 31, 1919.

It is interesting to note that the drainage areas include 62,427 acres of improved farm land, 73,012 acres of timbered and cut-over land, and 19,259 acres of other unimproved land. The swampy or wet land subject to overflow included in these figures amounts to 5760 acres.

The total land area in South Carolina is 19,516,800 acres, so that the land included in the organized drainage enterprises is only eight tenths of one percent of the total area, though there are hundreds of thousands of acres, especially in the Coastal Plains section of the state, that could and should be drained for

profitable agriculture.

The average cost per acre for organized drainage, according to the above figures, is the very small sum of \$3.99. When this small cost is considered in connection with the wonderful improvement in productivity of the land so drained, it is surprising that much more rapid progress is not made in organizing drainage districts in the state. It is a form of cooperation among farmers and land owners, however, that is meeting with more and more favor in the Palmetto State.

PLAN A COVER CROP CAMPAIGN

Clemson College, Aug. 31.—"This time for sowing fall cover crops is almost here," says J. A. Evans, Chief of the Office of Extension Work South, who suggests and urges a cover crop campaign this fall. Mr. Evans says:

"The severe drain on soil fertility from growing emergency food crops during the war makes it more than ever important to now grow restorative crops. We must not only maintain but increase our soil fertility if profitable production of our money crops can be continued under the new conditions. A concerted campaign engaged in by extension workers, the press, bankers, busi-

ness men, and farm organizations could arouse the necessary interest and enthusiasm to insure a great increase in cover crop planting this fall. The extension forces of the United States Department of Agriculture and the State Agricultural Colleges can plan such a campaign, assist in arousing interest, and furnish information as to cover crops best adapted to particular sections, but they must have the moral and financial backing of the other agencies named to make such a campaign a complete success. Especially can business men and bankers or their organizations be of great service by assisting and arranging for an economical supply of seed and fertilizers, as well as by using their influence to induce farmer customers to sow suitable cover crops on their farms this fall."

Greenville, Anderson, Pickens and other counties in South Carolina have already put on successful campaigns for hay and cover crops, and the Extension Service of Clemson College is suggesting similar drives in other counties. The high cost of hay and fertilizers should induce farmers to seed large acreages in the various cover crops to reduce to a minimum the amount that must be purchased of these things.

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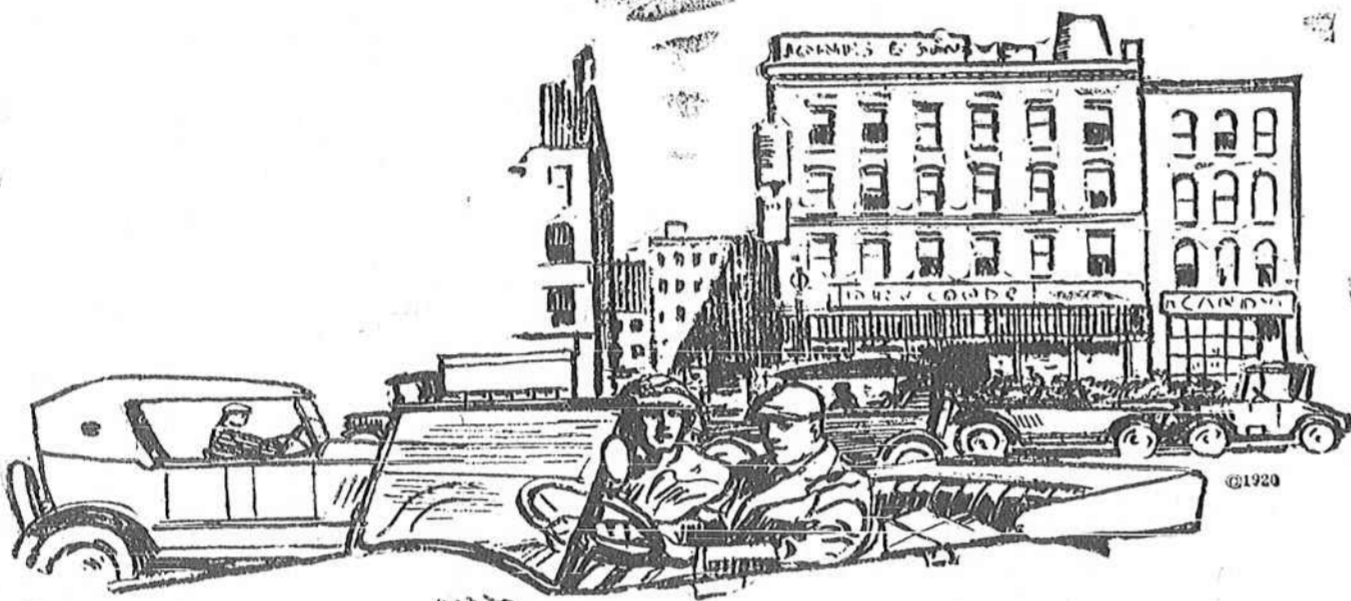
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SUMMERTON SCHOOL TO OPEN

The Summerton public school will begin work on Monday, September 6.

The entire teaching staff has been chosen and within a few days everything will be in readiness for the opening. Some painting and repairing of the building has been done and the windows have all been gone over carefully.

Quite a number of the old desks have been disposed of and 100 new single desks have been added. This year there will be a teaching force of nine teachers for the high school and grades and a music teacher. As three additional teachers have been engaged three additional rooms are being arranged and this will make use of the entire building.

Most of the teachers will arrive on Thursday evening, September 2nd and the two days will be spent in making preparation for the regular work on Monday, 6th.

SUGAR IN PHILIPPINES

Washington, Aug. 30.—That the present production of sugar in the Philippines can be multiplied by fifty with the installation of adequate modern sugar machinery is the opinion of a recent writer in the Pan Pacific. Although having three times the area and a much richer soil the Philippines produce only one-twentieth as much sugar as Cuba. In 1919 the Philippines exported \$3,866,000 worth of cane sugar to the United States out of a total exportation of \$15,200,000 of that commodity. It is also noted that sections of the Philippines have been producing sugar for the last fifty years without crop rotation and are still yielding good returns. Fertilizers are seldom used.

PASTURES FOR HOGS

Clemson College, Aug. 31.—Five points of important consideration are emphasized in a recent publication of the Extension Service, Information Card No. 12 on a Storage Crops Manual for Hogs. After giving the planting information on the planting and use of a dozen important crops, the author, C. L. Morgan, Extension Animal Husbandman, calls attention to the following important facts concerning pastures for hogs. 1. Pasture alone is not sufficient for hogs, some grain should be fed

in addition. Approximately 2 lbs. of grain per each 100 lbs. live weight should be fed daily.

2. Sows with litters require a liberal ration of grain in addition to pasture. "The pigs are fed most economically through the sow."

3. Hogs should be finished on grain after grazing peanuts, velvet beans and soy beans in order to make firm meat.

4. Pastures should not be grazed too closely for best results.

5. Permanent pastures should be provided to supplement the temporary pastures in case of failure. A good rule is one acre of permanent pasture for each brood sow kept.

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