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NEW YORK LOSES

New York is much concerned just now by the loss of freight destined for exportation. About 80 per cent of export freight which was originally consigned to New York, or would have been under ordinary conditions, is said to have been diverted to other ports...

The plain fact is, as the New York Herald comments, that the port of New York, the most wonderful natural harbor in America, and perhaps in the world, has never been properly developed and is now unsuited to its present traffic ordinarily entrusted to it...

THE "PEAK" AT LAST. So often has the "peak of prices" been prophesied or discerned by optimistic economists that the public has almost lost hope. At last, though, the peak does not seem to have been reached...

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

The governors of California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, North Dakota, Utah, Oregon and Washington have officially designated the week of May 23 to May 29 as Fire Prevention Week. Those States are leading the way in a great campaign against preventable forest fires...

The National Forest Service, which is giving strong support to the work of Fire Prevention Week, presents statistics covering the fire loss of the three years ending with 1918. In that period the average annual loss directly from forest fires in the United States was \$20,727,000—a figure which really represents a small part of the damage done...

Brush burning for the purpose of clearing land for cultivation was responsible for more than 5,000 fires. Careless campers caused more than 2,000. Malicious incendiarism, railroads, carelessness in lumber operations and lightning added their share to the appalling total.

The excellent service of the forest rangers does much to check the spread of fires which are detected in time. But even this service requires adequate protection in the face of carelessness and indifference of the public. Educating that public for the purpose and hope of fire prevention is the task of the week.

WEDNESDAY OR EASTOVER?

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MANY NEW WAREHOUSES PLANNED

Farmers and Business Men Preparing to Properly House Cotton. Columbia, May 26—Plans for the erection of warehouses for cotton in all parts of the State are being sent out from the offices of the State warehouse system in Columbia, and already about one hundred warehouses, in addition to those already in operation within the State warehouse system, are under contemplation...

ALAS! FOR HUMAN FRAILTY

City Editor Was First Victim of His Own Stern Warning Against the "Booze." Speaking of booze: A few years ago, when Colorado was as wet as the great Sahara is not, the city editor of a Denver daily was having no inconsiderable trouble in getting out a newspaper the day following each pay night. Finally, in desperation, he issued the following mimeographed letter for distribution to members of the staff...

OPERA SUCCEEDS BULL FIGHT

Famous Arena in Mexico City Will No Longer Be Scene of Brutal Slaughter. The Teatro el Toro in Mexico City, once one of the most pretentious of bull fight arenas, is now the home of grand opera as a result of President Carranza's decree that bull fights should cease. Interspersing grand opera, dancers and concert artists have appeared in the arena, and it is stated that these various forms of amusement will be offered until some definite action is taken as to the future of bull fighting...

THE SUGAR DEBATE

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What is needed in America more than anything else is temperance. If sugar were used temperately, there would be little difficulty about it. The nation has gone on a sugar debauch, eating and drinking abnormal and unwholesome quantities of sugar in the form of candy, cake, ice-cream and soft drinks, in addition to the essential supply for household purposes. The results of this debauch are now making themselves felt. Economically it is tragic, in the cost of sugar and in the threatened canning failure. For the nation's physical health, and for the moral lesson, it may be a good thing.

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PROVISIONS

Table with columns for CORN, OATS, LARD, RIBS, showing High, Low, and Close prices for various months.

NEW YORK COTTON

Table with columns for Open, High, Low, Close, Close, showing cotton prices for various months.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

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LIVERPOOL COTTON

Table with columns for Close, showing cotton prices for various months.

ANGLO-IRISH TUNNEL

Not only is it thought that the long-talked-of tunnel between England and France will be constructed at no remote date, but there is also talk of a tunnel between England and Ireland. This would restore to a slight extent the geographical union that existed between the two countries in one geological age thousands and thousands of years ago. Great Britain and Ireland were then separated only by a great valley...

PALMER ANSWERS QUESTIONNAIRE

Opposes Government Ownership of Railroads and Present System of Taxes. Washington, May 27—A reply from Attorney General Palmer to the questionnaire submitted by the National Board of Farm Organizations, was received today. It opposed government ownership of railroads, favored the elimination of excess profits taxes, in favor of higher taxes on incomes from investment, and federal control of the manufacture and distribution of necessary commodities.

HE HAD ONE BETTER

One of our honest old farmers came home and found a sewing-machine man in the house demonstrating to the women what fine work it would do. The agent asked the farmer to bring in a shingle, and said: "I will show you that the Wonder Worker machine will do heavy work, for I will stitch right across the tip of the shingle where it is at least one-sixteenth of an inch thick."

INDIAN VILLAGE UNEARTHED

A buried Indian village site, believed to have been occupied 500 years ago, was discovered by M. A. Cramer, Auburn city forester, in digging after a woodchuck in the town of Cato, Cayuga county, New York. The site contained skeletons and many bone implements believed of Iroquois origin. —Cayuga Journal.

COTTON LETTER

(John F. Clark & Co.) New York, May 27—Cotton hung around last night's close until the afternoon when it firmed on scattered local covering and some trade buying of December. Outside business was probably the lightest of the year. The map was good and forecast favorable. There were three private condition reports; 65.4; 66.5; 68.9.

Washington, May 27—Without taking a record vote the house foreign affairs committee voted down two resolutions seeking to commit Congress to recognition of the Irish Republic.

FATHER MURPHY TO VISIT WITH BISHOP

Spartanburg Priest Selected by Bishop Russell as Secretary for Visit to Rome. Spartanburg, May 24—Father N. A. Murphy, pastor of St. Paul's church of this city will accompany Bishop Wm. T. Russell on his trip to Rome. Every five years Catholic bishops must go to the "Eternal City," and report on the affairs of their diocese. Father Murphy will go as Bishop Russell's secretary. In the Bishop's party will be Father Tracy, of Boston, and Father Murray, of Boston. The party will sail from New York, June 10, on the steamer Patria, of the Fabre line. A stop will be made at the Azores, Gibraltar and Palermo, Sicily. They will land at Naples and proceed thence to Rome.

FAYETTEVILLE NEGRO HAS SURRENDERED

Raleigh, N. C., May 27—Geo. Hobbs, alleged leader of the negroes who killed two officers at Fayetteville, surrendered to officers there and has been brought here for safe keeping.

INVESTIGATION OF CARRANZA'S DEATH

Herrero and Others To Be Examined By Commission. Mexico City, May 26—Formal investigation for the purpose of clarifying the part taken in the death of President Carranza by Colonel Herrero and members of the Carranza party was recommended by the commission named by Generals Obregon and Gonzales.

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