

ARGENTINA'S WHEAT AREA

REPLY TO SIR WM. CROOKES'S DARK PROPHECY.

Argentina Now Only Grows Small Part of the Crop She Can Produce.

One of the criticisms made four years ago upon Sir William Crookes's prediction of a world famine in wheat at a date not later than 1931 pointed out the possibility of fixing a date for such a calamity if it were ever to come, because our knowledge of the world's capacity for wheat production is still very imperfect. His address has not been published a month before not a statement of facts and statistical probabilities was sharply challenged by commercial experts.

Sir William held that the capacity of Canada had been greatly overestimated, but facts were brought forward to show that the eastern part of Athabasca for 125 miles west of its eastern boundary was an extension to the north of the same wheat belt. It has been estimated that the extension of wheat culture into Athabasca as soon as the land is cleared. Events have since confirmed the accuracy of these statements.

Sir William also took a gloomy view of the ability of South America to supply wheat to the bread eaters of the world. It is the purpose to give here the results of the latest inquiries on this subject. A book recently published in Leipzig, entitled "Landwirtschaft und Kolonisation in Panischen Amerika," has already been accepted by the leading authorities as the first importance for all who wish to get a clear idea of the economic geography of Argentina. Its author, K. Kaerger, has lived in Argentina for years. In view of the fact that German immigration into that country is being commissioned to make a special study of economic questions, and his book is the result of these investigations.

Only one-sixteenth part of the surface of Argentina is under the plow. It is now under the plow in our country, it may be interesting to see by way of comparison, what a fourth of all the land in the humid regions is being tilled. There are two predominant reasons why the great fields of wheat and maize, as well as the fields and pastures, are now almost entirely confined to the eastern provinces of Buenos Ayres, Santa Fe, Entre Rios and Cordoba. One is that Argentina holds business relations with the rest of the world mainly through the ports of Buenos Ayres and Rosario.

The provinces nearest to these two ports were the first to attract immigration, the first to be developed and the first to be the best home and foreign market. But this cause for the concentration of wheat and maize raising in the east will tend to decrease in importance with the extension of transportation facilities to the west, now far advanced, and the

SPREAD OF IRRIGATION. A more permanent cause, however, will always keep the great area of wheat raising in the east, though many other parts of the country, if irrigated, are well adapted for the crop. Wheat is grown even in Patagonia by means of irrigation; but throughout this part of Argentina, as well as the northwest and west of the country, the principal obstacle to wheat culture is the insufficiency of the rainfall.

Mr. Kaerger has given a great deal of study to the extent of country in which wheat may be grown to perfection without the aid of irrigation. In the naturally well watered region he expects that wheat culture will have its greatest development and contribute the bulk of Argentina's sales of breadstuffs to the rest of the world. The conclusions he has reached are based upon his personal investigations and a series of meteorological observations extending over many years.

The eastern limit of Argentina wheat culture without irrigation, he believes, will be the frontier between Argentina and Uruguay which it will follow as far north as the point where the boundary between the Provinces of Entre Rios and Corrientes touches the Uruguay River.

great deal only because the population of the republic is small. The time has not yet come to include Argentina among the great granaries of the world. The country has not sufficient labor, as to develop its wheat growing interests rapidly, and cattle and sheep raising in this favored region and maize culture are under some circumstances more profitable than wheat.

The point which Mr. Kaerger makes is that when the world really needs Argentina wheat that country can raise at least twenty-four times as much of the grain as she is now producing. The day of great things in the Argentina wheat trade is in the future.

SHIP'S BELL FOR THE KING. It Bears the Legend, "Prince of Wales, 1740." When the English schooner "Attraction," Captain W. Scott, arrived in Jersey City recently with a cargo of cocoa beans from Kingston, Jamaica, the Captain brought from the tropics an interesting tale of recovered treasure and showed to persons who visited the ship a brass bell bearing the inscription "Prince of Wales, 1740," which is said to have formed part of the treasure recovered from the deep.

"Close on to five weeks ago we anchored in the harbor of Kingston," said Captain Scott, "and learned that two fishermen who had been fishing from a reef a few miles from Kingston had made an important discovery. This spot, generally known as a bit of sea as is found anywhere, was called this day, and the fishermen going down saw something glitter on the bottom. The excitement of the men and one of them stripped and dived to the bottom to investigate. He came up with a gold Mexican coin bearing the date of 1700.

They peered again into the water and saw more coins, and one of the fishermen, being a loyal subject, concluded to notify the authorities at Jamaica. He did so, and the British authorities upon investigation, recovered more than \$10,000 worth of gold coin from Davy Jones' locker. They took it to Kingston. Most of the coins were of the bearing dates between 1700 and 1735. There were also several Spanish, French and English coins in the find.

While picking up the gold, the divers employed by the officials found the brass bell imbedded in the rock. They tried to lift it out, but it was held fast and they had to use dynamite cartridges to blast the rock. This cracked the bell, but when they discovered the inscription they concluded to send it to King Edward VII. as a coronation gift. The "Attraction" being the first ship out of port, they sent the bell overboard, as I was about ready to raise said bell to me to pack it in a case upon arrival in New York and ship it to England. I will follow out these instructions.

From what I could learn of the story, I believe that the coins and the bell were taken from an English ship by pirates who, upon being pursued, were forced to dump the plundered treasure into the sea. No doubt, selected because they would be able to recover it later. Why they didn't come back for it is something that even a sailor wouldn't attempt to explain.

BRITAIN'S HEIR APPARENT

PERSONALITY OF THE PRINCE OF WALES.

He and His Wife Are Exceedingly Popular in Great Britain.

George Frederick Ernest Albert, Prince of Wales, who will become Sovereign of the British Empire in a few days, is the second son of King Edward VII. He was born June 3, 1865, and has therefore lately passed his 37th birthday. Prince George is said to be a well-trained and many years' occupation.

Even in his nursery days, it is said, he was fond of the sea, the ancient heritage of England and the world history. He was fond of listening to tales of naval heroism and of the mysterious deep, many of which he absorbed from his many years' occupation.

By the time Prince George was seven years old his father decided that he should be trained for the navy, but he ordered that his general education should be made as broad as possible.

Within a few days of the attainment of his 12th year, the present Prince of Wales was placed aboard the ship Britannia of the Royal Navy as a midshipman. He was treated exactly like his fellow-cadets, and became very popular with officers and men. In two years he left the Britannia to become a midshipman on a 5-foot royal sturgeon in the Shannon, the other day sent it to the coast.

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BREATHING DISEASE.

Infectious diseases breathed into the system through the nose with disease or from bad smells; yet how many women breathe daily the offensive steam from common soaps made from hours in such solutions and the clothing from such soap suds is worn next the tender skin. No wonder disease and eczema are prevalent in the users of Sunlight Soap.

FROM ERIN'S GREEN ISLE.

NOTES BY MAIL FROM THE LAND OF THE SHAMROCK. Personal and Political Occurrences That Will Interest Irish-Canadians.

A farmer of County Antrim died on the 5th ult., at the age of 105 years. A woman has been found murdered in her own house, near Glencar, South Kerry.

The Lord Mayor of Cork states definitely that the King will visit Ireland and the Exhibition in the autumn. The Limerick fishermen who netted a 5-foot royal sturgeon in the Shannon the other day sent it to the coast.

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VACCINATION SHIELD.

The "vaccination shield" is a new surgical appliance which promises to take off the cause of the curable of the Jenner treatment. The man who first hit the idea made one for his own arm out of a piece of gauze and strips of porous plaster. The shield almost drew his arm off at the shoulder, but that gave him the idea. He decided that he would make a porous plaster had nothing to do with it, and made a shield with strips of adhesive plaster attached. Then he got it at once, and others came into the market in time to get a slice of the money with their different inventions.

HAD TO BE LIFTED.

A HELPLESS CRIPPLE IS RESTORED TO HEALTH AND STRENGTH. Lame Back Had This Man a Prisoner for a Long Time, but at Last He Found a Cure Through Given Up by the Doctors.

Napacene, Ont., July 14.—(Special.) The doctors told Simon Warner that they could do nothing for him. He had tried many medicines and treatments with no good result.

He was a helpless cripple with lame back, and for a long time his wife had to lift him in and out of bed, the pain in his back was so very severe. In this extremity a friend's advice saved him. This man had suffered with backache for years, but had been completely cured by Dodd's Kidney Pills, thus when he heard that Mr. Warner was so bad he went to his home and recommended this medicine to him.

Mr. Warner and his good wife were at first inclined to be somewhat doubtful, but here was the evidence that Dodd's Kidney Pills do cure lame back. Right before his eyes the lame back of the man who had been cured. Surely it must be true.

After some deliberation they decided to try it, and now they are very much pleased that they did so, for in a short time Mr. Warner's backache had vanished. He grew generally stronger and better and at present enjoys the best all-round good health he has had for many years.

There is not a trace of lame back remaining, not a single symptom, and he is able to do his work as usual. He is now strong and comfortable to his faithful helpmate. He says: "I have used in all about twenty-five boxes of Dodd's Kidney Pills, and given some away to my neighbors. I find that when they get a box they themselves are about as well as we are."

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CHAPTER. It was the same him at a glance—had rushed past the cliff. The butler with door behind him, looking in the man white, worn, and rest, sleep, and Philip was troubled and his "sit down," "My dear, you look the man look words. "My dear, my name is Ralph, who has been here weeks, was my presence, she turned toward me by my own so I break it. "You may look at that my words, and I loved words can tell her whereon she stood me; I worshipped, slave. She said she had loved him and loving his and away to see she until I returned, and wife.

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