

**STATE CORN CROP IS BELOW AVERAGE**

A corn crop of 278,819,000 bushels was forecast for Illinois by J. A. Surratt, federal agriculture statistician, in his October report. This is 257,000,000 bushels less than the state produced last year and 37,000,000 bushels less than the average crop. Unusually cool weather which prevailed most of the growing season is blamed.

The indicated corn production of the entire United States is 588 million bushels less than last year and 441 million bushels below average.



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**SCORES MADDOO'S STATEMENTS HERE**

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It was a prolonged snarl. There are, however, two men in public life whom this speaker did not criticize. One was his brother, William G. McAdoo, who is reported to have secured a cash fee of \$100,000 and the promise of a contingent interest of \$900,000 from Doheny, the oil man, for his political influence, and then went back on his client.

Another worthy is Hon. Burton Wheeler, "Progressive" Candidate for Vice-President, who is now under indictment by a grand jury of his neighbors in Montana for having taken \$10,000 as a retainer from oil men to pay for his influence as a Senator in Washington in violation of a Statute, and who has managed for many months to avoid trial by applying for change of venue and using other dilatory tactics. I do not claim any personal knowledge on these matters, but they are freely stated in the public newspapers. Both these men undertook to hide behind the honorable name of "lawyer," but neither of them produced evidence of legal services to anywhere near account for their very large retainers, and the public seems reasonably well convinced that these retainers were paid to buy political influence. I know that Wheeler had a senatorial whitewash, but that is easy. Mutual whitewashing seems to be regarded as an ordinary senatorial courtesy.

I am a Democrat, and a friend of Hon. John W. Davis and Senator Underwood, and the outrageous mudslinging I listened to Sunday afternoon I think justifies my truthful retort.

It was humiliating to hear citizens of Highland Park, or perhaps they were from North Chicago, applaud the wholly unmerited abuse of men like Chief Justice Taft and Secretary Hoover and Senator Underwood, whose services to their country and to humanity for a generation have been so marked and in such contrast with the unsavory records of

McAdoo and Wheeler and La Follette. The speech itself was a jumble of incoherent assertions not connected with one another, and most of them half truths or gross exaggerations and many of them simply false. For illustration, I will name one or two.

The speaker made a long and much reiterated statement about the operations of the National Railways of Canada, now under the management of Sir Henry Thornton, who acquired all his ability as a railway manager on privately owned American railroads. The speaker carefully omitted any statement of the financial results in Canada, while trying to create the impression that it is a bright example of Government ownership for America. In fact, it is no example at all. Thornton's official reports show that his government owned system is operating at a loss of millions every year at the expense of the general tax payers, if interest on the investment is reckoned in, while side by side is the Canadian Pacific, privately owned and privately managed, charging the same rates and making a good profit. What an argument for government ownership!

Another gross misrepresentation was everything the speaker said about land grants to railroads. He mis-stated the acreage by many million acres, while his entire presentation was deceptive. He said nothing about the value of these lands at the time they were granted, which is the real measure of what the public parted with, and he said nothing about the enormous payments which the railroad companies have made to the government on account of land grants, which equalled the value of the gifts themselves. The entire value of all the lands given to every railroad in this country at the time the gifts were made was not one per cent of the present cost of American railroads, and every dollar of such gifts has been repaid in many cases.

For instance, the Illinois Central Railroad Co. received the only government land grant ever made to a railroad in the State of Illinois, of two and a half million acres, which they could have purchased outright at the time for \$3,100,000. That com-

pany, in cash deducted from its mail pay, and in its payment of seven per cent of its gross earnings to the State of Illinois, and in its free carriage of government troops and supplies, has repaid more than forty million dollars already, and will continue to repay millions every year for all time to come. That Company would have been better off if they had never accepted this "gift" of lands. That grant was made in 1850, and was closed out years ago. How does a land grant made in 1850 throw any light upon the wisdom of turning the Illinois Central Railroad, in 1924, over to a political management?

Another subject elicited applause, namely, that the Great Northern and the Northern Pacific Railroad Companies bought the Burlington Railroad in 1900 by an issue of 4 per cent bonds, in a good bond market, and in 1920, when the bonds came due, in a very bad bond market, had to renew them on a six and a half per cent basis. It was an unfortunate situation for which nobody was to blame, but the New York bankers who guaranteed the new loan and helped the roads through a serious financial difficulty, rendered a patriotic service not only to those railroad companies, but to the people of the Northwest. McAdoo would treat them as pickpockets.

The public at large is not interested in the amount of bonds issued by any railroad company, nor in the rate of interest it pays. Rates paid for carrying passengers and freight are approved by the Interstate Commerce Commission, and are based upon the value of the property devoted to the public use, regardless of the capital stock, or of the bonds or the rate of interest.

I know that you cannot give space for a complete answer to what I can only describe as a discreditable harangue. Hearing it spoiled a lovely October Sunday afternoon for one listener.

If this McAdoo is a fair sample, no wonder the "Progressive" cause has a poor standing among the intelligent people of Highland Park.  
Yours respectfully,  
W. W. BALDWIN.  
Highland Park, Oct. 20, 1924.

**DREARY PICTURES OF REFUGEE CAMP**

**THOUSANDS CROWDED IN**

**Disease and Death Rampant, Is Report of American Editor Visiting Near East Countries**

Fourteen thousand men, women and children crammed into a half dozen windowless, doorless, decaying barracks far from water and food sources on the bare plain of Salonika; such is the typical picture of refugee conditions in Macedonia drawn by Frank Chaping Bray, American editor, now on an inspection tour of the Near East.

"Try to imagine six persons living and dying in each family's allotted square of floor space about six feet by six in these shacks, originally designed to hold 300 people," he says. "Then you may have some faint idea of the conditions of life in Lembet Camp built by the French to house poilus to fight the Turk and the Bulgarian on the Tracian front during the world war. Four similar camps at Salonika raise the destitute refugee population in that area to 60,000. There are 50,000 more in desperate plight in Greece and 150,000 additional are coming from Turkey.

"Here, as always, ninety-five per cent of the refugees are women and children. Under leaky roofs and tottering walls they sit with swarms of flies buzzing through the paneless windows. There are no beds. Those fortunate enough to have saved something snatched in their hurried flight from their homes squat on a Turkish rug.

"The women look tired and terrorized but the innocent children smile with happiness as if realizing they are safe in a friendly land. Most of these people came only in the clothes they wore in their flight; many since been able to procure garments to replace their tattered ones from the workrooms established by the Near East Relief where refu-

gees are engaged in knitting socks and making over old clothes contributed by the people of America.

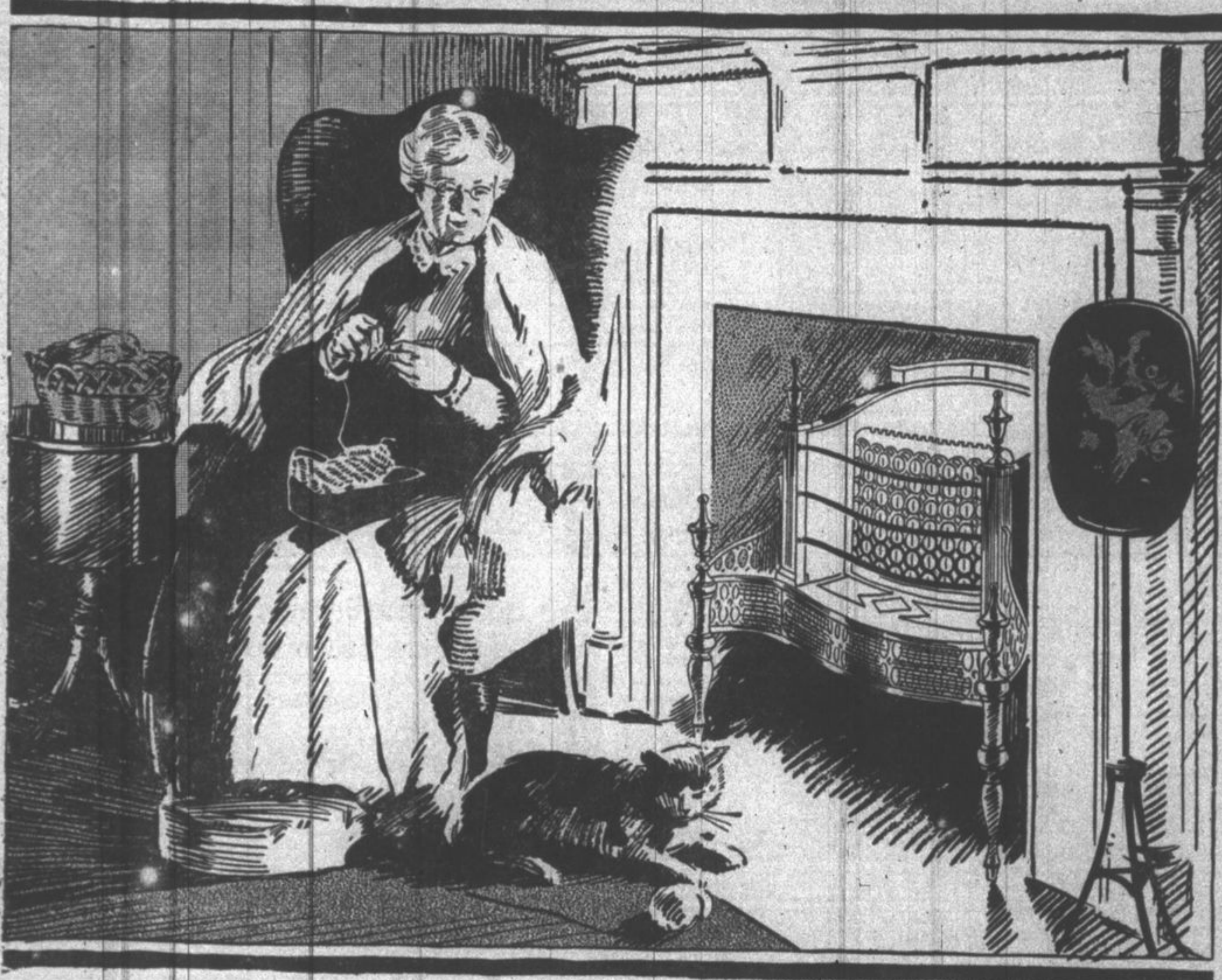
**Water Sources**  
"The sanitary arrangements are of the most primitive character. Some attempts at privacy were made by stretching pieces of burlap around each six feet of space to screen it from the neighbors. Water famine discouraged any idea of devoting it (for whole days there is not a drop of water in the entire camp) to any purpose other than drinking or cooking.

"Under such condition the ravages of disease can easily be imagined. Happily the epidemics which finished off hundreds of boys and girls who were mere little white starving skeletons have subsided. There remain in every camp hundreds of sick and overcrowded hospital wards. Mothers can no longer feed their children, being themselves insufficiently nourished.

"The influx of 150,000 more refugees from Anatolia is increasing the disease and misery and taxing the resources of the government and the American and other foreign relief agencies. Lack of housing, due to successive fires which has half-ravaged Salonika, and all the evil consequences that result, have increased the cost of living to an incredible degree and reduced the population to extreme misery.

"There are conditions from which children should be taken and never allowed to return. There cannot, therefore, be any relaxation of relief effort until these conditions are permanently remedied. It is truly a "Macedonian Cry" that comes to us; it is a vision of thousands, chiefly women and children, homeless, hungry, sick, dying who need the ministry of the generous hearted American people. The only hope for children bred under such conditions is that they be snatched from the evil despairing influences of overcrowded refugee camps and reared to young manhood and young womanhood under the guidance of American ideals of clean-living God-fearing people as exemplified in the Near East Relief now engaged in this worth-while task."

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