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### PROGRESS MADE BY FARMER IN GREECE

REPORT BY SEN. CAPPER

Declares Outlook Good for the Growing Prosperity of Peasants of Armenia and of Greece Also

Senator Arthur Capper of Kansas, as the head of the Agricultural Advisory committee of the Near East Relief, has issued a report showing the progress which has been made in Armenia and Greece toward a new day for the peasant farmer. American leadership has been largely for this agricultural improvement.

The committee has recently sent to the Near East, as director of agriculture, Prof. O. E. Morgan of Columbia university, one of the foremost agricultural educators in America. He will head up a work which includes five farm schools established by the Near East Relief for the purpose of adapting modern agricultural methods to the need of its 35,000 orphan wards.

Discusses Situation  
Prof. Morgan, in a preliminary report to his committee in America, discusses the existing situation overseas, and the problems which he hopes to meet successfully. He believes that the reconstruction of the Near East is almost entirely a matter of agriculture.

"As an army marches on its stomach, so a nation marches on its daily peaceful tasks on an ample supply of bread and meat," writes Prof. Morgan. "The well-fitted bread basket is the secret of future peace in the Near East. The slogan of these foreign lands must be to balance their budget by producing a full bread basket."

"That this is possible, I have no shadow of doubt. Necessity, the mother of invention, is stimulating these nations toward the production of a double quantity of foodstuffs from their farms. To this end, they must have a new expert, farmer population, and here America can be of large usefulness."

Feed Millions  
"For generations American farmers fed the increasing millions of our people from newly cleared forest lands and virgin prairies. During the last decade such lands practically disappeared. We were forced to abandon unscientific farming, and we quickly learned that the application of scientific methods brought results. We can teach the same methods to the Near East, through the thousands of children now in the American orphanage schools."

### Climate Favorable

"A survey of Greek agriculture shows that the climate is favorable, farmers are industrious, enterprises are pretty well standardized, and labor is applied abundantly. Stock, tools and machinery are inefficient and inadequate. But lack of modern agricultural education is the chief reason for the failure of Greek farmers to obtain abundant crops and to raise sleek, healthy live stock."

"The Greek farmer is trying to feed a nation on the preposterous basis of starving his crops and livestock. The Greeks have put their limestone blocks into statues and monuments instead of grinding them to dust and sowing them with their crops. Lime has left the soil; beans, peas and other lime-storing vegetables therefore refuse to grow. Farmers have got into the habit of getting nitrogen for man and beast through grasses, and so the cheap source of half the plant food values has been sacrificed."

Soil Deficient  
"I find that soils in Greece are woefully deficient in lime, and therefore cannot grow many valuable crops. Four-fifths of the soils examined are also deficient in nitrogen. Ninety per cent of the soils examined are very poor in phosphorus, the element which more than any other is identified with the vigor and stamina of organic life."

### SESQUI TRACK SAID TO BE VERY FAST

Pennsylvania University Coach Says It is One of Best in Country

The cinder track in the Municipal Stadium of the Sesqui-Centennial International Exposition in Philadelphia will be one of the fastest in the country when the national A. A. U. track and field championships are held there July 2, 5 and 6, according to Lawson Robertson, coach of the University of Pennsylvania trackmen and business manager of the 1928 Olympic team.

The Municipal Stadium track has been built within the last three months, yet now is about as fast as any in the east. In its first test—when the Philadelphia high schools staged their annual championship games—the track responded in wonderful fashion.

In the last event of the day—the 220 yards dash—the winner broke the record of 22 2-5 seconds, made four years ago on the Franklin field track by a fifth of a second. This was made despite the pounding the track had received from the Shriners' and Industrial parades a few days previous.

### MOIST CLIMATE IS BETTER, SAYS EXPERT

COMPARES DRY AND WET

Prof. Huntington of Yale, in Article in Scribner's; Declares Damp Climate Healthful Despite Theory

Science today destroys another popular notion. Professor Ellsworth Huntington, research associate at Yale university and authority on climate, states in the June Scribner's Magazine that dry climates are much less healthful than regions with moister atmosphere.

Telling of some of his latest studies, Dr. Huntington in an article called "What the Weather Does to Us" says:

"Not only do dry regions as a rule show higher death-rates than moister regions of similar character, but in any given region the dry months at practically every season are less healthful than wet months at the same season. In the large cities of the United States from 1900 to 1915 the eight moister Januaries averaged more healthful than the eight drier Januaries; the same was true of February, and so on in every month of the year. Again, the dry cities of the world generally have high death-rates. Denver, for example, has almost the highest death-rate among the large cities in the northern parts of the United States."

Evidence Overwhelming  
"The evidence as to the harm done by dryness is so overwhelming that it can scarcely be questioned," Dr. Huntington continues. "But why should dry climates be considered health resorts, and why should people actually recover their health there? The answer seems to be that outdoor life is everywhere much more healthful than indoor life. When tubercular patients

go to dry climates, the dryness almost invariably makes it possible to live out-of-doors far more than formerly. Moreover, in dry climates people get plenty of sunshine. But outdoor air and exercise and plenty of sunshine work just as well in New England as in Colorado or California, as is proved by several homes for tubercular children. The youngsters play out-of-doors in the lightest clothing at all seasons. Barefooted and clad only in thin union suits which do not cover either arms or legs, they frisk about in the snow with the thermometer far below freezing. They return home sound and hearty, and able for a long time to withstand our iniquitous indoor mode of life with its vitiated dusty air and its lack of sunshine. Dry climates make it easy to live out-of-doors, but the dryness itself is not helpful."

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