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FEATURES OF INTEREST

ABOUT THAT WHICH HAS BEEN AND IS TO BE.

All Sides and Conditions of Things are Shown. Nothing Overlooked to make it Complete.

Two Indiana Tragedies.

During a sudden attack of insanity, Claude Dodson, 30 years of age, killed his aunt, Mrs. Jane Harrison, a widow 70 years old, by cutting her throat with a butcher knife, at the home of his father, Milt Dodson, of Oxford, Ind.

Mrs. W. L. Beck, of Sellersburg, ten miles from Jeffersonville, Ind., shot her son-in-law, Daniel Schiller. She was driven to desperation by wrongs which she thought her son-in-law had inflicted upon her daughter, Mrs. Beck is the wife of Prof. W. L. Beck, principal of the Sellersburg schools for the last fifteen years.

Five Die in Wreck on Grand Trunk.

Speeding through dense fog at forty miles an hour, Grand Trunk passenger train No. 5 collided head-on with a double-header freight train half a mile north of Wilcox, Mich. Five trainmen met death, four being killed instantly. The fifth one died three hours later. All passengers escaped injury except a baby, which was slightly hurt by being thrown out of its mother's arms and over a seat. The passenger locomotive plowed through the engines of the double-header and the trainmen were buried in the wreckage. All the bodies were terribly mangled. All the dead trainmen lived in Detroit, Mich.

Jap Spies in Portland, Oregon.

Mayor Harry K. Lane, of Portland, Ore., created a sensation in an address before the National Guard Association, when he declared that agents of the Japanese government had secured accurate maps of the city of Portland, and specifications of every roadway leading into the city and of the various pipelines from which the city obtains its water supply. Mayor Lane did not discover the presence of the alleged spies until their work was completed, whereupon he transmitted this information to Washington and was asked to furnish all the details of the operations of the alleged spies.

Shooting at Muncie.

John Skinner, a saloon keeper of Muncie, Ind., shot and killed Gola Edwards, 26 years old. Skinner says he killed Edwards in self-defense, as the latter with several companions attempted to hold him up. Skinner is in jail charged with murder. Roy Edwards, a brother of the dead man, and Grover Gilliam were seriously injured in connection with the crime, it being alleged they were implicated in attempting the robbery of a house while Skinner was passing and before the hold-up took place.

Children's Home Burned.

Fire destroyed the Washington Children's Home south of Seattle, Wash. Two children were burned to death and the mother and a nurse were injured. The others escaped dead only in their night robes. Mrs. Minnie Meyers, the mother, was seriously burned and injured in an attempt to rescue the two burned to death. Miss A. L. Hill, day nurse, was slightly burned and was bruised in jumping from a second story window.

Oil Gusher Struck in Louisiana.

In the Noble Company's No. 1 well, at Jennings, La., which came in on the new tract a quarter of a mile southwest of the proven field, oil began forcing high in the air, estimated by oil experts to be doing at least 5,000 barrels per day. A great deal of excitement prevails at the field, owing to the fact that another pool has been struck.

Two Students Die in Fire.

The Roman Catholic school at Monterey, Ind., caught fire during the rehearsal of a play by the children. A gasoline lamp exploded, fatally burning Clara Karmes and Margaret Fox, aged 15 years, and both pupils of the school. They lived but a few minutes.

Famous Painter Dead.

John Lambert, the well-known artist and portrait painter, died at his home in Philadelphia, Pa., aged 46 years.

Women and Children Burned.

Mrs. Doye and one child were burned to death and another child badly burned as the result of a fire that completely destroyed their home near Hamlet, Vincon County, Ohio.

Col. Bryan at Hunting Grounds.

William Jennings Bryan and son have arrived at Galveston, Tex., to be the guests of Col. W. L. Moody for several days' duck hunting on the preserves of the latter at Lake Surprise.

Senson's Loss Is \$242,000.

The total loss to vessel property on the coast amounted to \$743,000 for the year of 1907, according to figures compiled by Cleveland marine men. Thirteen steamers and one schooner were lost.

Kills Himself to Foll Black Hand.

After hanging up a sign, "This store closed on account of death in the family," Max Bonaventure, a well-to-do saloon-keeper of West Mount Vernon, N. Y., committed suicide by hanging himself. For several months Bonaventure had been receiving threatening letters from the Black Hand Society.

Shoe Factory Resumes Work.

The shoe factory of A. B. Bates & Co. in Webster, Mass., which has been running on short time, has resumed operations in full. The firm has 600 hands.

Trust Company Officials Indicted.

J. Dalzell Brown, general manager of the California Safe Deposit and Trust Company, San Francisco, and Walker B. Barnett, director of the institution, were indicted by a grand jury in San Francisco for alleged embezzlement of securities of the Ellen M. Colton trust fund. Bail in each case was fixed at \$200,000, with \$100,000 cash on each indictment.

SLAYS RECALLED WIFE.

Attempt at Reconciliation Ends in Murder at Pens. Having reconciled his family for a reunion after an estrangement which had lasted for a year, Dr. Walker R. Amesbury, formerly a British army surgeon, at dinner in Hyde Park, Mass., shot and killed his wife who was formerly Anna Reese, a concert singer. At the doctor's request his wife had returned from Danville, Va., where she had been teaching at Roonke college, and his sons, Walker, aged 20, and Ira, aged 17, had returned from New York, where they had lived since the family was broken up about a year ago. Mrs. Amesbury's mother, Mrs. Jennie Reese, was completing the dinner preparations when the doctor and his wife became engaged in a quarrel. The two sons admonished their father to remember the day, when suddenly the doctor drew a revolver and fired at his wife's breast. The woman fell unconscious and died within a few moments.

MATRIMONIAL RUSH IN N. Y.

Hundreds Seek to Wed Before License Law Makes It Difficult. Cupid has been having an inning in New York. Beginning Jan. 1 a new law requiring licenses to wed will be in force, and hundreds of couples have been rushing to the ministers to escape the publicity which will follow the recording of all marriages. There are commonly about 200 marriages a day in the city, but for a week or two the number has increased threefold, bringing the biggest matrimonial rush the city has ever seen. One minister announced that he married twenty-five couples in one week and had engagements for more to be twice that number for Jan. 1. There are many objections to the new law voiced by ministers and others. The objectors say that the law makes marriage more difficult while they believe that the law will increase the number of marriages. They believe that the new law will induce divorces.

VANDERBILT WEDDING IS OFF.

Society Folk Hear Count Is Disappointed with the Settlement. New York society is stirred by a report from Newport that the wedding of Miss Gladys Vanderbilt, heiress to the \$120,000,000 Vanderbilt fortune, had been called off owing to dissatisfaction on the part of Count Szechenyi, the Hungarian Count, with whom she is betrothed. The wedding was to be held in New York. In all the salons of Newport the story of the wedding was the talk of the day. The Count Szechenyi, a member of the aristocracy of Hungary, had been in New York for some time. He had been seen at the Vanderbilt mansion, and it was believed that he had been seen at the wedding. The Count Szechenyi, a member of the aristocracy of Hungary, had been in New York for some time. He had been seen at the Vanderbilt mansion, and it was believed that he had been seen at the wedding.

PUT PUMP ON PIVOT.

Warring Families in Double House Evolve Unique Plan. A war has been in progress for some time between two families who live in the same well in Marion, Ohio. The man who built the house occupied by the two families drilled a well exactly on the line between the two lots. The purchasers "fell out" and a war in the house has been in progress for some time. The man who built the house occupied by the two families drilled a well exactly on the line between the two lots. The purchasers "fell out" and a war in the house has been in progress for some time.

THINKS WEST NEEDS TROOPS.

If Navy Falls, Officer Says, 20,000 Japanese Could Control Coast. Col. T. C. Woodbury, acting commander of the department of the Columbia, U. S. A., in a statement said that the whole Pacific coast would be helpless if the navy should be unable to protect the landing of a force of 20,000 Japanese or other foreign army at any of the numerous unfortified bays along the coast. He said there are 2,000 regulars on the coast to resist an attack by land, while 15,000 infantrymen are needed.

Big Year for Cotton Mills.

Statistics just compiled show that the dividends paid to stockholders of New Bedford, Mass., cotton mills in 1907 have been the largest in the history of the city. The total dividends of eighteen corporations reach \$2,758,250, on a capital stock of \$18,770,000, an average of 13.73 per cent. Last year the average was 8.92 per cent, in 1905 it was 6.5 and in 1904 the percentage was 5.2.

Price Has a \$200,000 Blaze.

Fire destroyed nearly the entire block bounded by Mission, Jessie, First and Second streets in San Francisco. The fire started in a store and spread to the other buildings and stores were burned out and the loss will amount to more than \$200,000. Most of the buildings destroyed were only temporary affairs, so that the loss was principally in stocks carried by the firms involved.

Two Die in Apartment Fire.

Two people were burned to death and a third fatally hurt in a fire which destroyed the center store and apartment house of J. B. Currier in North Dover, Ohio. Michael Veltrie, aged 50, who lived over the store, and Joseph, his son, aged 13, were burned to death. Mrs. Veltrie jumped from a ladder and was internally injured.

Engineer Falls to See Signal.

Two men were killed in collision on the Grand Trunk railroad at Lenox, Mich., due to the engineer of a fast passenger train failing to see a signal set against him. His train crashed into a double-header freight train, and the engine, tank car, and three engines were piled in a heap.

Children See Mother Die.

Mrs. Mary Colcott of Youngstown, Ohio, 27 years old, was giving the finishing touches to a Christmas tree when her two children, coming down stairs, saw her "top dead." She had been seized with a hemorrhage.

Court Orders Sale.

Judge Gordon has ordered the sale of the Union Traction properties in Chicago to the Chicago Railway Company, which means that the traction question is settled and the rehabilitation work for the North and West Side lines will progress.

Entire Family Is Cremated.

Five persons were burned to death in a fire which destroyed the house of John Clark at Watertown, a Boston suburb. Every member of the Clark family met death in the flames.

Pennsylvania Trains Crash.

Three persons were killed and seventeen others were injured in a rear-end collision on the elevated tracks of the Pennsylvania railroad a short distance from the station in Camden, N. J. The cars were thoroughly smashed. Fire of rescue to the difficulties of the work of rescue.

Murder on Island Estate.

The body of a well-dressed young man has been found on property owned by C. Oliver Iselin, near Mount Vernon, N. Y. There have been bullet holes in the right ear. It is not believed that the man killed himself.

Many Children Disappear.

Reports to St. Petersburg police show many abductions of babies, the bodies of many babies and dead infants and the disappearance of many boys and girls from the schools.

BANK ROBBERS GET \$2,500.

Flee After a Battle with Citizens, but Are Captured by a posse. The Bank of Camden Point, at Camden Point, Mo., thirty miles southeast of St. Joseph, was robbed by three men at 6 o'clock the other morning and \$2,500 was taken. A battle between citizens and the robbers occurred and many shots were exchanged, but the robbers escaped. They were pursued by a posse and captured about noon near Edgerton Junction. The robbers were discovered by Prof. Barham, president of Camden Point college, who plans a light in the hands of the citizens. Three explosions occurred after the alarm was given, and the safe and interior of the bank were wrecked.

FOEMAN FOLLOW YOUTH FAR.

Retaliates All Slain, Austrian Flee Country, but Is Wounded in Ohio. Radivak Rakich, a young Austrian, was shot and fatally wounded at Bedford, Ohio, as a result of a vendetta which had been carried on in his native land for years. Rakich, the last of his family, fled from Lodz, Austria, to this country, but was followed, according to a diary which he kept, and which was found in his pocket after the shooting. The other day he withdrew his money from a bank and was about to leave for another city, fearing pursuit, when he was shot from ambush. Three unknown foreigners, who have been seen loitering about Bedford, are suspected and farmers are in pursuit.

VOTES "DRY" TO GET BIG GIFT.

Hudson, Ohio, Takes Preliminary Step to Obtain Elihu Root Benefit. Because of a gift of \$200,000 supposedly made by J. W. Ellsworth, millionaire New York coal man, which promises to make the town a model village, the citizens of Hudson, Ohio, are voting for "dry" to get a big gift. The town's sentiment is overwhelmingly "wet," but the chance to get municipal light and gas plants, with a sewage disposal plant and the remodeling of the old Western Reserve College at a cost of \$100,000 overcame the saloon sentiment.

FIND CHILD'S TONGUE.

Cue to Disappearance of Girl Causes Arrest of Father. Sheriff Bauman of Fremont, Neb., directed that Olaf Olson of Rosalie be arrested, and that Mrs. O. Olson and her two children be sent to Fremont. This is the result of the sheriff's investigations of the mysterious disappearance of 4-year-old Lillie Olson, daughter of Olaf, two weeks ago. A thousand men searched for her in Thurston and adjoining counties. One day Sheriff Bauman discovered a piece of flesh in a wheat shock on the Olson farm. Physicians pronounced this a portion of a child's tongue.

CHICAGO SOLDIER ENDS LIFE.

Anton Garisch Commits Suicide in Akron, Ohio, by Drinking Poison. Anton Garisch, son of Andrew Garisch of Chicago, and honorably discharged from the Fifty-fifth United States artillery at Fort Hancock, N. J., in 1905, a month ago, committed suicide in Akron, Ohio, by drinking carbolic acid. He was out of work and despondent. A year ago near Fort Hancock Garisch captured an Italian murderer of a policeman, recaptured a thief in the hot beach laid over a month. For this act he received a reward.

Verdict of Chicago Jury.

Thomas Chamales, the Greek proprietor of the Savoy, a saloon in the levee district of Chicago, has been found not guilty by a jury of his charge of manslaughter with knowledge. Chamales was charged with killing his saloon open on Sunday and with selling liquor on that day; he admitted the truth of both accusations; the court ruled that such actions were in violation of the law—the jury returned a verdict of not guilty.

Meets Family, Only to Mourner.

Leaving four young children to the care of strangers, Mrs. Rosabina Miazzi died on the liner Hamburg, which has arrived at New York, and was buried at sea. The family was on the way to America to join the father in a new home. After the mother's death the children were cared for and were turned over to the father on arrival.

Slayer Sued in Prison.

J. C. Cain, convicted murderer of Charles H. Morris, wealthy mine owner, indicted on a charge of murder in St. Louis, Mo., has been sued by the family of the victim. Cain was waiting transportation to Fort Madison, where he was sentenced to life imprisonment.

Pittsburg Mills to Resume.

By Jan. 6, 1908, every mill in the Pittsburg district will be in full operation. This includes the American, the Glassport, Duquesne and up the Monongahela valley as far as Monessen. More than 50,000 men will by that date have returned to work.

Mrs. Bradley After Money.

Mrs. Annie M. Bradley has brought suit in Salt Lake to break the will of the late United States Senator Arthur Brown, whom Mrs. Bradley shot and killed in Washington in December, 1906. She wants the estate for Brown's two children.

Spoon Car Inventor a Suicide.

James B. Rensley, 37 years old, inventor of the spoon car and maker of cars for most of the prominent boat clubs of the country, committed suicide by shooting himself in Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Rensley invented the spoon car in 1853.

Real Admiral Evans Entertained.

Sir Thomas Moore, British ambassador, entertained in honor of Rear Admiral Evans at Port of Spain, and tonight were drunk to King Edward, President Roosevelt and the United States navy.

Breaks Neck Holding Presents.

Jackson Stille, 30 years old, a well-known resident of West Elizabeth, near Pittsburgh, while stealthily trying to escape the eyes of the younger members of the family and hide Christmas presents, fell down stairs and broke his neck.

Corey May Divorce Mabelle.

Pittsburg hears a rumor that W. E. Corey will procure a legal separation from Mabelle Gilman and make an effort to marry his first wife.

A. G. Beaunessie Is Dead.

Albert G. Beaunessie, assistant publisher of the Chicago Daily News, died suddenly of heart disease after a treatment recommended by his physician.

Dutch Cabinet Is Out.

The Dutch cabinet resigned following the defeat in Parliament of army estimates.

High Wind Causes Wreck.

The baggage car of a passenger train No. 25, north bound, on the Colorado and Southern railroad was blown from the track and overturned in the ditch, a quarter of a mile north of Marshall, J. C. Garrett of Longmont, Colo., was fatally hurt and died. Five persons were injured.

Accidents Lessened by Publicity.

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SAYS ERRORS IN NAVY UNFIT IT FOR BATTLE

Expert Declares the Boasted Fighting Ships Are Merely Death Traps.

ARMOR BELT IS TOO LOW.

Defects in Construction Pointed Out and Promotion System Is Scored.

Henry Reuterthal, associate of the United States Naval Institute and American editor of "Fighting Ships," is the author of a startling article on "The Needs of Our Navy" in the January McClure's. Mr. Reuterthal's expertness on naval matters is not disputed and neither is his patriotism. He agrees with President Roosevelt that a navy must be built "and all its training given in time of peace" and with this in view he exposes defects in our first-class battle ships and armored cruisers which all but make them useless as a fighting force in a fleet on heavy sea and in real action.

Mr. Reuterthal's criticisms appear to be the more amazing on account of the contention that most, if not all of the weak points he emphasizes, will be acknowledged by sea-going officers, "or, if the reader is sufficiently interested, by the testimony of his own eyes." His principal points are the following: That the shell-proof armor of the American battle ships is virtually below the water line where it will do no good, leaving the broad side of the vessel exposed to the shells of the enemy. That this defect has been pointed out time and again; that other nations years ago recognized it as fatal and now have guns wrapped around the sides of their war vessels from five to seven feet below the water line. That, despite repeated accidents on board our ships, the Navy Department has approved of plans by which the greatest guns on the ships are directly above an open shaft leading to the powder magazine. That other nations long since recognized the criminal stupidity of thus endangering the lives of officers and men and have remedied the defect by use of common sense and ordinary precautionary measures.

The officers in the American navy who command the battle ships and squadrons are too old; that under existing conditions young men cannot attain command, and that the service is badly crippled as a result. That there is too much "bureau management" in Washington; too much red tape in the Navy Department; that American ships are still equipped with the obsolescent armor and guns of the bureau's immersion in details, and that with the Secretary of the Navy a civilian, he should have a board of expert advisers. Other matters are dwelt on, but the foregoing are by far the most important. An afternoon's fight on water sealed Russia's fate in the recent war with Japan, says Mr. Reuterthal, and the same may well be true of the next war into which this nation is plunged. The issue is so important and the stake so tremendous that the sea power which is prepared in every respect to meet the crisis will be the victor.

Striped Suits Abolished.

John V. Cogges, commissioner of correction at New York City, has announced the abolition of striped suits and the wearing of the uniform of the penitentiary on Blackwell's Island. The reason given for this action is that it saves the prisoner from humiliation which he can never forget. He gives it as his opinion that there is a gown of decency in every man being and that with proper treatment there is hope for the reformation of many of those who pass through the prisons of Greater New York. Particularly does this apply to first-term offenders, but to afford any prospect of success in this direction the heart must not be crushed out by the punishment of piling humiliating indignities upon him.

Law Exempts Baby Carriages.

Under the wheel tax law recently passed by the Illinois State Legislature, and which the Governor has intimated his intention of signing, every vehicle in Chicago on wheels that uses the city streets, with the single exception of baby carriages, will pay a wheel tax. The money thus raised is to be expended on the repair of the streets. It is expected that the revenue will amount to \$500,000 each year.

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DISASTROUS MINE ACCIDENTS IN RECENT YEARS.

Year	Lives lost
1894—Albion colliery, South Wales	230
1902—Frattville, Tenn.	230
1902—Rolling Mill mine, Pennsylvania	105
1903—Hanto, Wyoming	175
1904—Lackawanna mine, Pennsylvania	30
1904—Tercio, California	21
1904—Virginia City, Ala.	152
1905—Ziegler, Ill.	235
1905—Welsh coal mine	120
1905—Diamondville, Wyoming	38
1905—Kurtisk, Russia	390
1905—McLean Coal Company, Ill.	13
1905—Princeton, Ind.	33
1905—Coal mine in Prussia	55
1905—Wilcox, W. Va.	35
1906—Bluefield, W. Va.	21
1906—Johannesburg, S. Africa	25
1906—Century, W. Va.	15
1906—Durham, England	25
1906—Dutchman mine, Blossburg, N. M.	15
1906—Courriere mine, near Calais, France	1,090
1906—Japan	250
1906—Oakhill, W. Va.	28
1906—West Fork, Va.	25
1906—Ziegler, Ill.	235
1907—Saurius, Prussia	22
1907—Primer, Colo.	20
1907—Fayetteville, W. Va.	80
1907—Saurburg, Prussia	200
1907—Las Esperanzas, Mexico	235
1907—Forbach, Germany	75
1907—Monongahela, Pa.	30
1907—Tokyo, Japan	470
1907—Tsing Tang, China	112
1907—Negamie, Mich.	17
1907—Monongah, W. Va.	338
1907—Yolande, Ala.	81

4,000,000 Christmas Trees a Year.

In discussing the effect on the forests of the country by the use of Christmas trees, it is estimated that 4,000,000 are used each year. Gifford Pinchot, United States forester, says that the effect is infinitesimal compared with the destruction of forest fires and wasteful lumbering. If planted four feet apart these trees would be grown on less than 1,400 acres. He says that trees suitable for Christmas trees do not grow in the cold forests, where reproduction is most important, but in the open, and there is no more reason for an outcry against using land to grow Christmas trees than to grow flowers. According to Mr. Pinchot, the center of the Christmas tree industry lies in the big cities of the East. New York City and the New England States consume 1,500,000 trees, or nearly one-half of all the output. Maine, New Hampshire, the Berkshire Hills, in Massachusetts, and the Adirondacks and Catskills, New York, are the sources of supply for New York, Boston and Philadelphia, and even for Baltimore and Washington. The swamps of Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota furnish the markets of Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Detroit, while the local demand throughout the central West is mainly supplied by nursery-grown Norway spruce.

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

Replying to this declaration, Mrs. John S. Crosby, president of the Women's Democratic Club of New York, points out that there is little in the training of children that the man, as well as the woman, ought to be able to do. She says that the training of children is the most important thing that a man can do, and that the training of children is the most important thing that a man can do.

FARMING IN A DESERT.

There are Colonizing Possibilities Even in Death Valley. The craze of "homesteading" which is so much the fashion of the day, is not limited to the fertile lands of the West. In the arid lands of Death Valley, there are colonizing possibilities. The idea of transforming the most arid and most desolate portion of the great American desert into farm land, a number of tracts have been planned, and other preparations are now in progress for beginning the reclamation of Death Valley. A railroad is already built from Greenwater, at the southern end of the valley, to the borax works owned by the celebrated "Borax" Smith of 20-mile team farm, and there is an automobile stage line through the valley. Even enthusiasts do not claim that piping water from Telescope Peak across the Funeral range into the valley is also under consideration.

Labor Warns Civic Federation.

The significant feature of the banquet preceding the annual meeting of the National Civic Federation at New York was the warning contained in the speeches of Gompers and Mitchell, the labor leaders, that the proposed reduction in wages would be fought to a finish. Gompers wanted to know if the soil was less fertile, its treasures less valuable, or if laboring men had become less industrious, and thereby intensify what was already bad enough. He therefore gave notice that in this instance the employers would have to "have the plain selling they had a few years ago." He said the American workman had come to the conclusion that he was not responsible for the financial breakdown and that he was not going to be the chief sufferer. Andrew Carnegie spoke a strong word for asset currency as the true remedy for the existing trouble. He did not think the central bank was necessary. When the federation met on Tuesday August Belmont resigned as president, and Seth Low, former Mayor of New York, was elected to the vacant office.

State Holds Waters-Pierce Company.

The Texas Supreme Court has decided that it has final jurisdiction in the disputed reclamation of the debared Waters-Pierce Oil Company and Attorney General Davidson has moved the appointment of a State receiver to take charge of the property, pending a final disposition of the penalty and outer proceedings.

Col. A. S. Colyar, aged 90 years, noted jurist, statesman and author, died at his home in Nashville, Tenn. He was a member of the Confederate congress.

The best sponges cost \$10 a pound.

GRAIN CROPS SHORT, BUT WORTH FAR MORE

Government Final Estimate Shows Great Decline in Cereal Production.

PRICES MAKE FARMERS HAPPY.

They Will Get More Than a Billion of Dollars More This Year Than Last.

The government report shows a shortage of 75,000,000 bushels in total crops as compared with the crops of 1907, which were the largest ever raised in this country, and a shortage of 377,250,000 bushels as compared with the yields of 1905, which were also very large.

The chief shortage is in the corn crop, with 235,000,000 bushels, out of 211,000,000 bushels and wheat with 101,000,000 bushels. There is something of an offset to the big losses in the feeding grains in the increase of 6,431,000