

REPORTS FARM WORK IN HIGHER AND DRIER PARTS GOING AHEAD

(By Associated Press)
INDIANAPOLIS, May 3.—Farm work, during the last few days of April was speeded up by the farmers, whose work was retarded during the early part of the month, because of the heavy rains and flooded conditions of their lowlands, George C. Bryant, United States agricultural crop statistician said in a report today.

Work in the higher and well-drained fields is going forth at a rapid pace, and the farmers are ready as soon as the soil permits, to plow and plant in the wet ground, the report says.

For the first time in nearly six weeks farmers in all parts of the state were able to work in their fields. Rain-fall is much in excess of normal and farm work is from four to six weeks behind the regular schedule. Flood waters have receded and streams are now within their banks, but all bottom lands are too wet to work. Some damage from floods has been reported.

Need Good Weather
But little ground is prepared at this time. Farmers are only able to work on high lands and well drained fields. With continued good weather much work will be done in the next two weeks and a slight increase in acreage is probable as farmers are all set for rush work as soon as conditions permit. Some haying has been done where roads were in condition.

Winter wheat continues in good condition generally, but in many fields water has accumulated in low places and killed the plants. In such fields the plants are very yellow from excessive rainfall, and it is likely some damage will be caused from this source. No insect damage has been reported. All wheat in bottom lands is killed, but this does not amount to much.

Oats Acreage
Seeding of oats was general over the north half of the state the last few days of the month, but the full acreage was not put in. It is now too late to plant in the south part, where a very small acreage was put in.

Rye is in good condition generally, but in low places water has accumulated and killed the plants. Meadows and pastures are in excellent condition. Clover seeding, with oats, is not as extensive as usual.

Killing frosts occurred on several dates in the north part of the state, but it is not known if any material damage was done to tree fruits except in a few localities where trees were just in bloom. The set of fruit this year is very heavy and prospects for large crops are good.

Small Potato Acreage
A very small acreage of early potatoes was put in because of the wet condition of the soil.

Many beds of tobacco have been established and plants are making satisfactory growth. Much barley was seeded during the last few days of the month. The acreage will be somewhat curtailed, however, because of the lateness of the season.

Livestock generally is in good condition except the mortality among spring pigs is very heavy. The farm labor supply is fully equal to the demand at this time.

Vegetable gardeners were able to do some work during the last few days of the month and work was pushed to the limit. Transplanting progressed satisfactorily.

Chubby Children Attract Children at Mine Trial

(By Associated Press)
CHARLESTON, W. Va., May 3.—A flaxen haired, chubby faced little girl of four years slept curled in her mother's arms and an equally round faced, tow-headed boy, a year older, sat on his father's knees and studied with grave blue eyes his unusual surroundings, during a considerable part of yesterday's sessions of circuit court. They were "quiet as mice" throughout their stay, with far more respect for the dignity of the court than some of their elders, and many times eyes in the courtroom turned wearily away from the witness stand to brighten with smiles at the somber little tots who had much at stake in the proceedings. The father was William Blizard, youthful union official who sat by his attorney while a jury heard evidence on which the state of West Virginia bases a charge of treason against him. The mother had been sitting by his side, watchful of every detail since the trial started but this was the first visit of the two children to Charles Town. William, junior known in the family circle as "Billy" and Marguerite, whose home name is "sister" are sturdy youngsters, full of life outside the courtroom, and showing in their features a striking resemblance to both father and mother.

**FRIENDLY SUGGESTION IS
ATTITUDE TOWARD CUBA**
WASHINGTON, May 3.—The administration's attitude toward Cuba was described in high official quarters yesterday as one of friendly suggestion and without any desire to intervene in the internal affairs of the island republic. Administration officials disclaimed any knowledge of efforts to "intervene."

SPECTACULAR BLAZE IN LOS ANGELES CAUSED \$250,000 DAMAGE.



A remarkable photograph, taken during a fire in Los Angeles, Cal., several days ago, which caused damage amounting to over \$250,000, showing one of the walls of the scarred building just as it collapsed. Five firemen were injured when the wall fell. The fire fighter seen in the foreground, wearing the white helmet, suffered a broken foot when a portion of the wall rebounded.

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STREAMS ARE FREE FROM MINE WASTE

(By Associated Press)

HAZELTON, Pa., May 3.—Even the rivers and creeks in the anthracite fields are showing the effects of the protracted suspension at the mines. Like the idle men they are having a "vacation" and moving to the Atlantic seaboard, are carrying a lighter burden than at any time since the 1902 strike.

When the collieries are working they are the outlet for millions of tons of cull, or of black dirt almost as fine as sand. This is left after the coal is washed as it goes through the breakers in preparation for market.

The mines having been closed since April 1, the streams are free from this waste and are resuming much of the clarity which prevailed before the mining industry contaminated them.

Argentines Favor Fall Dress Clothes at Day

BUENOS AIRES, May 3.—Full dress clothes in broad daylight are in accord with the Argentine policy of "diplomatic simplicity" which taboos silk knee breeches for high civilian functionaries. It was noted when John Wallace Riddle, the new American ambassador, presented his credentials to President Yrigoyen at Casa Rosada, Argentine state etiquette insists that even at morning functions the president and his ministers shall wear full evening dress.

This departure, which would shock Washington or any of the European capitals, is the only alternative Argentine statesmen have found for the cut-away or morning coat and striped trousers worn at daylight affairs in other countries but which are practically everyday togs here.

Ravages of pine beetles in forests cause greater loss than forest fires. The bugs dig winding egg galleries in the bark and the result is a stripped and dead tree.

BRITISH INCOME TAX RATE BROUGHT NEAR THAT LEVIED IN U. S.

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, May 3.—Reduction of the British income tax from six shillings on the pound to five shillings brings the tax levied by Great Britain nearer the American basis according to comparisons made today by internal revenue bureau experts.

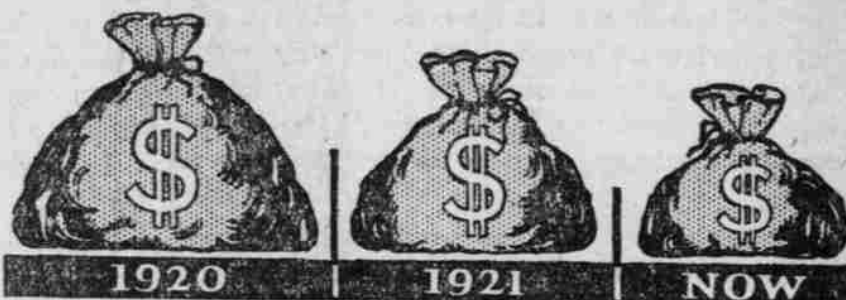
A comparison of the super-tax rates levied by Great Britain and the United States will show, officials said, that the United States levies a higher rate of super-tax on the large incomes than Great Britain does, but a comparison of the normal tax shows that Great Britain levies a much higher rate of normal income tax and the exemptions are much smaller.

Before the announcement of the new British budget, the normal tax in force in Great Britain was six shillings, with reduced rates applicable where income fell within certain prescribed limits. No tax is imposed by the British on incomes which do not exceed 130 pounds, while between 130 and 1,000 pounds certain allowances may be claimed similar to the personal exemptions and credits for dependents allowed by the federal income tax law in the United States. Reduced rates are charged on the residue of the income after allowances are deducted ranging from two shillings three pence

between 130 pounds and 500 pounds up to six shillings on 2,000 pounds and over.

Normal Tax Rate.
The normal tax imposed by the United States is at the rate of four per cent on the first \$4,000 taxable net income and 8 per cent on all in excess of that amount, the taxable net income being the net income less the personal exemption and credit for dependents. Super tax is imposed by Great Britain on incomes exceeding 2,500 Pounds (the rate ranging from one shilling on the excess up to four shillings six pence on every Pound of remainder over 2,000 Pounds.)
Super tax imposed by the United States begins with one per cent of the income in excess of \$5,000 and increases at a graduated rate up to 65 per cent on an income in excess of \$5,000 and increases at a graduated rate up to 63 per cent on an income in excess of \$1,000,000 under the 1921 rates, the surtax for 1922 having been considerably reduced.

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