WHEAT CROP NEAR BILLION BUSHELS

United States Yield of Nine Hundred Million Will Be Almost One-Half of Total Production of Entire World.

ACREAGE SHOWS AN INCREASE

Weather Has Been Favorable for Growth of Plant—Oats and Barley Also Promise Huge Totals in Approaching Harvest.

WASHINGTON, June 8.—Nine hundred million bushels of wheat, almost half of the average world's wheat production, and a new record for the United States, is the prospective total yield of the farms of the country this year, the Department of Agriculture announced today in its June crop report.

The enormous crop will be 187,000,000 bu more than ever was grown before in the United States in any one year. Excellent weather for the growing crop and an increase of 6.4 per cent in the acreage planted to wheat are responsible.

There also will be large yields of oats and barley, probably second in size in the history of the nation.

Condition Spring Crop 95.5.

The crop report shows:

Spring wheat—Area, 17,990,000 acres; condition, 95.5 per cent. Indicated yield, 14.5 bu. per acre. Estimated production, 262,000,000 bushels.

Winter wheat—Condition, 92.7; yield, 18.1. Production, 638,000,000.

All wheat—Area, 53,377,000 acres. Condition, 93.7; yield, 16.9; production, 900,000,000 bushels.

Oats—Area, 38,383,000 acres. Condition, 89.5; yield, 31.7; production, 1,216,080,000 bushels.

Barley—Area, 7,528,000 acres. Condition, 95.5; yield, 27.3; production, 205,000,000 bushels.

Rye—Condition, 93.6; yield, 17.2.

Hay—Condition, 88.7.

Pastures—Condition, 89.8.

C. L. U. AGAINST COMMITTEE TO PLAN LABEL CAMPAIGN

The proposal to select a committee from the Central Labor Union to arrange for the label forward campaign to be conducted in Indianapolis next month was voted down last night, and the entire question turned over to the organization committee.

Many members were opposed to immediate selection on the grounds that action was being taken too rapidly and without sufficient forethought and preparation. The organization committee will report at the next meeting, and a local manager for the campaign will be appointed.

It is proposed to conduct a series of lectures on union-made products and educate citizens on the worth of garments and articles bearing the union label. Officers of every international union will come to Indianapolis to participate in the campaign. A similar movement is being conducted at Pittsburgh.

ACCIDENT CAUSES ARREST.

Louis Bauman, 1836 Singleton street, was arrested last night by Sergt. Dever and a squad of police charged with operating an automobile without lights and driving on the left side of the street. The police were returning from an emergency run and saw Bauman's machine collide with a motorcycle ridden by a man and woman at Delaware and Washington streets. The motorcycle was going east on Washington street and the automobile was going west. Bauman attempted to turn south on Delaware street, and it is said he crossed to the left side of the street. The man on the motorcycle prevented a serious accident by turning in the same direction. When Bauman stopped his machine it was on the sidewalk. The motorcycle was only slightly damaged.

OLD CASES CONTINUED AGAIN.

The cases against five officers and employes of the defunct Brown-Ketcham Iron Works were continued indefinitely yesterday in Criminal Court, where they are charged with embezzlement, conspiracy to embezzle or receiving embezzled goods. The cases have been pending for several years. Attorneys for the accused asked the continuances on the grounds that they could not prepare for the trials or were too busy to appear. Those against whom charges are pending are John L. Ketcham, William H. and William R. Brown, Harry B. Holliday and Frank J. Vinsch.

COPPER DEMAND UNSTEADY.

NEW YORK, June 8.—The report of the Copper Producers' Association for May shows an increase in stocks on hand of 14,006,640 pounds, compared with the previous month. Production for the month was 9,192,344 pounds under April. Both domestic and foreign demand fell away materially, the former decreasing over 7,000,000 pounds, the latter about 10,000,000. The total decrease in deliveries aggregated 17,470,202 pounds.

News of Churches

The Mothers' Jewels Band of the Capitol Avenue M. E. Church will hold its semi-annual mite box opening at 2:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon. More than 300 children belong to this band and, while it was organized at the Capitol Avenue M. E. Church by Mrs. Lon Boyd, its membership is nonsectarian and is made up of children from all parts of the city.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society of Fletcher M. E. Church will meet with Mrs. Mary Murphy, 346 East Merrill street, tomorrow. Officers will be elected.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Central Universalist Church will hold an all-day meeting at the church tomorrow.

Is It Primitive and Brutal for Boys to Wish to Enlist?

BY WINIFRED BLACK.

I Met my friend at the club the other day. My friend was not quite herself, and she soon told me the reason why.

"This war," she said, "and the talk of war—it is all so hideous, so brutal, so crude; I thought we were all through with that sort of thing long ago.

"And day before yesterday my own son wanted to enlist.

"I thought he was joking at first. I couldn't believe it of him. Why, I took him to a peace congress with me when he was only 7 years old, and I never would let him drill when he was at high school.

"I couldn't bear to have him talk the gentle art of murder.

"And I thought he understood—but he didn't. He didn't understand at all. He is just as primitive today as—his grandfather, for instance.

"He talked about his grandfather and said he was proud of him for fighting in the civil war, and asked me why I kept his grandfather's sword on the wall.

"He said he should think I would be ashamed to do such a thing—and I really feared that I was wrong; I didn't realize the power of the suggestion of it.

"Oh, he talked terribly. He said he was sick of teas and tangos and automobiles and polo.

"He said he was tired of sitting in an iron cage at the bank and watching old misers grin when he told them what their balance was. He said he wanted to be a man—for once—just a plain man, like some of the fellows who died for their country's flag down there in Cuba.

The Boy's Handicaps.

"His father thought it was awfully funny; he almost died laughing at the boy and his heroics. But I didn't laugh. I couldn't. After all I've done to civilize that boy. Why, he's a member of the Brotherhood of Man Society, and he wears an Audubon badge. Isn't it terrible?"

"My dear," said the woman across the table, "it's worse than terrible. There's my boy, too—such a splendid, broad-minded, free-thinking fellow as we thought we'd brought him up to be.

"He's talked all the old rubbish about his country and honor and courage—my dear, it was shocking. I'm completely discouraged."

They were all talking about it—the terrible effect of this old-fashioned war talk on the young men. It brutalized them, they thought, and it made them so "primitive" and so "unadvanced."

I thought of the boy who wanted to enlist. I happened to know him. I never thought very much of him; he seemed an effeminate sort of creature some way—always helping his mother hand around the tea, or teaching somebody's sister a new tango step. I'm going to look at that boy the next time I see him. Somehow I want to see what he really looks like, when he's not bowing or smirking or handing tea.

The other chap—I saw him coming out of a poolroom, when I was on my way home from the tea. It seems to me I'm always meeting him in the vicinity of that poolroom.

I wonder what he'd make of himself if he went out and was hungry once or twice a week and cold a night or two and slept on a marsh or in an open field a few times.

He's always been petted and spoiled and sheltered. How would it be with him to be a man among men? I suppose it would brutalize him terribly.

A Day to Remember.

Of course, it is all very primitive and very brutal and very old-fashioned, all this business of soldiering, and I know I ought to be ashamed of myself for the lump that rises in my throat when I see the old flag that my father fought for snapping in the free wind of my father's country—but when I got home from the tea I found a telegram waiting for me and there was news in the telegram.

Bad news, for the boy I have held in the core of my heart so long that I do not see how I ever lived before he dwelt there had enlisted. Enlisted—he, who has been ill and ailing so long; he, whom I have tried so hard to guard from every wind that blows! And all at once his hour strikes, and he is a boy no longer.

Perhaps the boy I love would be better trying to make somebody buy a piece of land that isn't worth the selling, or learning how to beat some trusting client out of a perfectly good case in court.

Maybe it will brutalize him to keep regular hours and lift up his feet and throw back his shoulders and keep step and take orders. But, somehow, I can't feel that way about it.

The boy I love will probaby never get his chance to do what he wanted to do, go out and fight for his country's flag; but he tried to do it.

And if I live to be an old, old woman, I shall never think of the day when that boy was primitive and brutal enough to enlist but my heart will sing, and I shall lift my white head and walk with something as near to a proud and martial step as I can manage!

What a shame it is to be so hopelessly old-fashioned!

RIBOT ACCEPTS TASK OF FORMING CABINET

French Politicians Doubt Success, as Caillaux, Heading Opposition Which Has Hampered Poincare for Months, Is Leading Fight.

PARIS, June 8.—Senator Alexandre Felix Ribot tonight accepted President Poincare's invitation to form a ministry. He already has obtained promises of adhesion from Leon Gourgeoise for the Foreign Office, Theophile Delcasse for the Department of Marine, and Jean Dupuy for Public Works, and hopes to be able to present a complete list of the new Cabinet before tomorrow night.

M. Ribot is in his 73d year and has held various positions in previous Cabinets, as well as the premiership.

Doubts, however, persist in political circles of his ultimate success, and these are strengthened by the undisguised opposition of the Caillaux radicals, who have called a meeting for tomorrow, at which, it is stated, a motion affirming in the plainest terms the party's hostility to a ministry led by M. Ribot, will be proposed.

Caillaux Heads Opposition.

Since the resignation, headed by Gaston Doumergue on June 2, President Poincare has requested a large number of statesmen to form a Cabinet, but many difficulties have arisen, due largely, it is declared in many quarters, to the skillful maneuvers of the radical followers of the former finance minister, Joseph Caillaux, against the President.

One of the burning questions of the day is that relating to the three-year military service, and if the new Cabinet adheres to this measure it will have to face a strong Socialist opposition in the Chamber of Deputies.

"STEROS" OPEN SESSION; UNION SHOWS PROSPERITY

NEWARK, N. J., June 8.—The thirteenth annual convention of the International Stereotypers' and Electrotypers' Union opened here today with 120 delegates from the United States and Canada present. James J. Freel of Brooklyn, president of the union, in his annual report announced that members of forty-five local unions had received increases of wages during the year, that a number of new locals had been formed and that the financial condition of the union was good. Mr. Freel's report also announced that an arbitration agreement between the International Association of Employing Electrotypers, employing 75 per cent of the electrotypers in North America, which was approved at the last annual convention and ratified by a referendum vote of all the local unions last October, had been adopted by the employers' association.

The principal subject before the convention is a proposal for closer co-operation with the other international printing trades unions.

HUERTA GIVES ORDERS BY U. S. WIRELESS

Accepts Offer of Admiral Badger and Stops Mexican Squadron Off Tampico in Time to Prevent Act Assuring Hostilities.

WASHINGTON, June 8.—Rear Admiral Badger cabled the Navy Department late tonight that the Mexican Federal gunboats Bravo and Zaragoza left Tampico for Puerto Mexico at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Orders from Foreign Minister Ruiz at the City of Mexico, transmitted from Vera Cruz to Tampico by the wireless instruments of American warships, gave the Mexican commanders their first news of the suspension of the proposed blockade of Tampico, and directed them to return to Puerto Mexico.

Admiral Badger reported that he directed Rear Admiral Mayo to offer the commodore of the little Huerta squadron facilities for communicating with the capital.

Accepts Offer of U. S.

The offer was promptly accepted, and while the world was still wondering how Gen. Huerta would recall his navy from the dangerous mission on which it had been sent, the commodore had received his orders and was on his way back down the coast.

The departure of the gunboats further relieved tension here and was accepted as meaning that the suspension of the blockade would be permanent.

It was assumed that in view of the determination of the United States to prevent any interference with the steamer Antilla, due at Tampico Wednesday with war munitions for the Constitutionalists, Gen. Huerta had decided to avoid an act that seemed certain to cause an overt act to disrupt mediation.

City News in Brief

Held on Assault Charge—Eremie Strava, 602 West Maryland street, was arrested yesterday charged with assault and battery with intent to kill Nick Zdrafuc, 927 West Washington street. Strava is alleged to have struck Zdrafuc on the head with a beer bottle in a fight near 551 West Washington street. The victim is in the hospital with a fractured skull. It is said he probably will die.

Two Arrested for Robbery—Fred Moore, 19 years old, 519 North Senate avenue, and Allen Meaux, 540 North West street, both colored, were arrested yesterday charged with robbery and grand larceny. It is alleged that they robbed two men in Military Park Saturday night, taking $124. Peter Kennedy, 2624 Southeastern avenue, says he lost $116, while Fred Black, 202 Spring street, lost $8. The victims were asleep when they were robbed. Later in the evening, when they reported the robbery, they were arrested and charged with loitering. Judge Deery released them yesterday.

Students of Crime to Visit Workhouse—The criminal department of the Social Service Church Union will make an inspection of the Marion County Workhouse tomorrow afternoon. This department, which is trying to work out a means for preventing crime, has a membership of nearly 100 representatives from as many churches in Indianapolis. The members will meet at the headquarters of the Charity Organization Society at 2 o'clock and will go from there to the Workhouse. It is planned to make similar trips to other correctional institutions.

Attend Class Reunion—Commissioner John F. McClure of the Public Service Commission was at Greencastle last evening to attend the reunion of the DePauw University class of 1879, of which he was a member. Judge A. S. Fay of Pratt, Kas., who has been a guest of Mr. McClure at his home at Anderson, also attended the class reunion.

Fined $200 for Refilling Bottles—Samuel Wunovich, a saloon keeper of Indiana Harbor, indicted by the recent Federal Grand Jury, charged with refilling bottles with whisky in violation of the revenue laws, entered a plea of guilty in Federal Court yesterday and was fined $200 and costs. A jail sentence was suspended.

Mechanical Exhibit to Be Held—An opportunity will be afforded engineers, superintendents and managers of factories and office buildings to view an exhibition of mechanical specialties at the Hotel Severin tomorrow, Thursday and Friday.

Reports Theft of Auto—D. W. Edwards, 2054 North New Jersey street, reported to the police last night that his automobile, a five-passenger car, was stolen from in front of the Hume-Mansur Building yesterday afternoon. The machine was parked on Ohio street shortly after 1 o'clock, Mr. Edwards said, and about 3:30 o'clock, when he looked for it, the car was gone.

ENDS EVANSVILLE HEARING.

Commissioner John F. McClure of the Public Service Commission returned yesterday from Evansville, where he had spent a week hearing evidence in a gas rate case. Commissioners Thomas Duncan and Charles J. Murphy, who also sat in the Evansville case, have gone to Shaw, Miss., where Mr. Duncan owns a plantation, to remain a week before returning to Indianapolis. The Evansville hearing will be concluded at the offices of the commission June 22, when the company will introduce its side of the evidence.

MARK STOREN NAMED FOR SCHMIDT'S PLACE

Indiana Senators Agree on Scottsburg Man for U. S. Marshal—Incumbent May Be Asked for Resignation Soon.

WASHINGTON, June 8.—Mark Storen of Scottsburg was selected this afternoon by Senators Shively and Kern for United States marshal for the district of Indiana to succeed Edward H. Schmidt of Indianapolis.

They attached their signatures to papers recommending the appointment of Storen, and sent their recommendation over to Attorney General McReynolds. Storen is a Democratic wheel horse in the Third Indiana District, and for a number of years has been Democratic district chairman.

Time Not Designated.

How soon the change in the marshalship will take place the senators are not prepared to say, but there is a strong tip that the Department of Justice will soon ask Marshal Schmidt for his resignation.

The Indiana senators expect to confer tomorrow with Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo in regard to the appointment of a collector of customs at Indianapolis. The collector will be either Dr. Thomas E. Stuckey or J. Oscar Henderson of Indianapolis, with chances favoring Stuckey.

REGARDED AS "WHEEL HORSE."

Storen Was Stanch Administration Supporter in Legislature.

Mark Storen of Scottsburg, selected by Senators Shively and Kern for United States Marshal for the district of Indiana, was one of the stanch supporters of the administration in the last Legislature. As chairman of judiciary committee A of the House Mr. Storen had much to do with the handling of many important bills, notably the Public Service Commission measure, several of which originated in the House before the Shively bill came over from the Senate.

Mr. Storen, regarded as one of the "wheel horses" of Democracy in Indiana, has as many friends, perhaps, as any other man active in Indiana politics today. He was a candidate for speaker of the House two years ago, but was defeated by the Marion County candidate, Homer L. Cook, in caucus. He is a lawyer and has a large practice in Scott County.

United States Marshal Edward H. Schmidt could not be reached last evening. When it was announced in The Star recently that he probably would be asked to resign, he said he did not care to comment on the subject. Friends of Mr. Schmidt have been of the opinion that, in view of the acknowledgment that no irregularities have been found in his office to justify charges, no attempt would be made to remove him until his commission expires next May.

KANSAS MARSHAL REMOVED.

No Charges Filed, but Taft Appointee is Ousted.

TOPEKA, Kas., June 8.—J. A. Harrison, was removed from office as United States marshal for Kansas today. A few hours after the name of Otho T. Wood of Liberal, Kas., as Harrison's successor, was sent to the Senate by President Wilson, Harrison received a telegram from Attorney General McReynolds, saying he had been removed by the President. Harrison was appointed by President Taft in July 1911, for a four-year term.

"In December, 1913, I received a communication from Attorney General McReynolds in which he expressed his decision to make a change in this office and in which my resignation was requested," Harrison said tonight. "No mention was made in the communication of any charges, or any criticism."

The records show that in previous changes of administration, both Republicans and Democrats have been permitted to serve out their terms.

FOUR MORE DIE IN RIOTS OF ITALIAN ANARCHISTS

ANCONA, Italy, June 8.—Four persons have been killed as a result of the rioting here which started yesterday in an attempt by anarchists to prevent the celebration of a national fete. During the Sunday rioting the Carabineers fired several volleys, and the mob replied with stones and bullets. The disturbances continued today and the authorities are having difficulty in quelling the agitation. A body of workmen on their way to lower the flag on the City Hall to half mast came upon a lieutenant of the infantry and soundly beat him, breaking his sword and almost stripping his uniform from him.

A mob visited two gunsmiths' stores and although these were protected by soldiers, the rioters succeeded in taking a number of revolvers. A small body of police, which arrived to reinforce the regular men, were caught by strikers as they were leaving the railroad station and were badly mauled. They were obliged to use their firearms in self-defense.

AUTHORIZES LEVEE REPAIR.

The board of public works gave authority to City Engineer Jeup yesterday to proceed with the repair of the levee on the west bank of White River from Oliver avenue south to the Kentucky avenue bridge. The levee, Mr. Jeup said, will be made four or five feet higher by the use of concrete. The distance to be repaired is about 1,[illegible] feet. A part of the work was started some time ago. Mr. Jeup said the engineering department is working out its general scheme for levee improvement as a part of the flood prevention program. A delegation of members of the Enterprise Civic League appeared before the board yesterday and urged immediate action on flood repair work. The delegation was headed by John W. Losh and S. S. Griffith.

DAWSON SLOWLY RECOVERING.

Joe Dawson, who was injured seriously in the 500-mile race on Memorial day, is making a game fight for recovery at the Methodist Hospital. Although still in a serious condition, physicians are predicting the race driver's recovery and he was said last night to be holding his own, if not slowly growing better. Dawson is thought to have suffered fractures of five vertebrae.

Bright Lights Attract Visitors in Overcoats

Indianapolis had company last night. About 69,354,872,139,498,037 visitors dropped in unexpectedly and made themselves comfortable. Despite the warm weather these visitors wore overcoats of a brownish, silky material. They had green bodies and yellow legs.

It was the buggiest night in several years.

Bugs were everywhere that lights burned and, though a few million perished, the fatalities made scarcely an impression on the quadrillions that remained.

The extremely warm, dry weather is responsible for the appearance of the pests, which made their last previous invasion of Indianapolis two years ago.

STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS.

Arrived.	Port.
NOORDAM	New York
MINNEHAHA	New York
KURSK	New York
ATHINAI	New York
SAN GUGLIAELMO	New York
VADERLAND	Dover
SCANDINAVIAN	Montreal
CANADA	Quebec
AUSONIA	Quebec
MERIONETSHIRE	London
LONSDALE	Tientsin
NUMIDIAN	Boston
PRINZ FREDERICH WILHELM	Bremen
BREMEN	Bremen
Sailed.	**Port.**
CHICAGO	New York
OCEANIA	Patras
INKERVIE	Antwerp
CALABRIA	Palermo
VENEZIA	Naples
PENNSYLVANIA	Hamburg
RYNDAM	Boulogne
BARBAROSA	Bremen

Inspector Renews Quest for "Fountain of Health"

Where is the "Fountain of Health?" One Ponce DeLeon spent many wearying months seeking a pool that would answer that general description, but until yesterday it was thought the search had been abandoned some years since. Harry C. Kitchen, a government inspector, is responsible for a renewal of the long-dead Spaniard's quest.

He noticed a consignment of water purporting to be from the "Fountain of Health" and began to investigate. In fact, it might be said that he was inclined to doubt the truth of this fountain business. Well, he did investigate, and somehow or other decided Lake Michigan was responsible for the consignment of water which was supposed to be a cure for many ills.

The water—twenty-three cases of it—was ordered seized in a libel suit filed by District Attorney Dailey. The water had been shipped to Indianapolis from Chicago and was in possession of the Indianapolis & Louisville Railway Company when seized by United States Deputy Marshal Rankin.

JOHN J. WALSH OF INDIANA NAMED AT LABOR MEETING

NASHVILLE, Tenn., June 8.—Amalgamation under the name of the Association of Governmental Labor Officials of the United States and Canada was voted today by the International State Factory Inspectors and the International Labor Commissioners of the United States and Canada, which are holding a joint convention here.

A joint committee, which decided on the name of the new association and agreed on by-laws, was made up as follows:

From the labor commissioners: J. A. Starling, Texas; Frank A. White, Maryland; John S. B. Davis, New Hampshire; J. W. Newman, Kentucky, and James C. Cunningham, Michigan.

From the factory inspectors: Oscar F. Nelson, Illinois; Dr. Graham Rogers, New York; C. R. Gordon, Vancouver, B. C.; T. P. Kearns, Ohio, and John J. Walsh, Indiana.

MYSTERY SURROUNDS RUN MADE BY POSSE OF POLICE

Persons living along the Crawfordsville pike are still wondering why an emergency machine, filled with heavily armed police, sped past their homes in a cloud of dust yesterday.

They are not alone in their doubts. So far no one has been found at police headquarters who would tell just why the police were in such a hurry of where they were going. The trip is still cloaked in deep mystery.

At headquarters there were dozens of rumors current of jewelry stores being robbed and of farmers having seen various and sundry murderers and burglars over whom hang large rewards. On their trip the policemen searched one colored man and made frequent stops to ask directions.

DANCING MASTERS CONFER ON NEW STEPS FOR NEXT WINTER

CLEVELAND, O., June 8.—There was much mystery this morning concerning the future of the proposed "kiss waltz" by Willard E. Chambers, dance hall inspector, Omaha, Neb., as the result of consideration received along with a number of other proposed new dances at an executive session during the convention of the National Association of Dancing Masters, which opened here today.

Thirty new members were considered at the session and dancing demonstrations were given by A. V. Tuttle of Baltimore and Sampson G. Lynch, official demonstrator. Before the two weeks' session is over the country will know what it is to dance next winter.

REFORMED CHURCH VOTES TO CHANGE CONSTITUTION

ASBURY PARK, N. J., June 8.—In the face of opposition by some of the middle West delegates the Reformed Church general synod today voted to revise its constitution.

In explanation of the attitude of the Western clergymen it was stated that a conservative schism of the Reformed Church in their territory have been making capital of the efforts the Reformed Church general synod has been making for several years to bring about a constitutional revision.

LIGHTS OUT 25 MINUTES.

The entire lighting system of the Merchants Heat & Light Company was out of service from 8:50 to 9:15 o'clock last night as the result of the steam pressure failing in the main turbine at the power house. The sub-stations carried the burden for a time with storage batteries, but several thousands of residences and part of the street lighting system were dark for several minutes after the storage supply was exhausted. The steam failure was caused by oily water in the boilers.

JOVIAN PICNIC PLANNED.

The second annual picnic of the Indianapolis electrical boosters, under the auspices of the Jovian League of Indianapolis, will be held Saturday afternoon and evening. The program includes a baseball game between the contractors and the jobbers, a sack race, a peanut race, a 100-yard dash, broad jump, high jump, potato race, fat men's race, half-mile race and a tug-of-war. The committee in charge of the arrangements is composed of J. H. Payne, chairman, T. A. Wynne and H. Rasmussen.

GETS $10,000 DAMAGE AWARD.

A verdict for $10,000 damages has been given by a jury in Superior Court, Room 1, against the Big Four Railroad Company in favor of Mrs. Bertha Noe. The verdict is the largest for personal injuries in Marion County for several years. Mrs. Noe was injured Nov. 3, 1913, when an auto in which she was riding was struck by a cut of cars at Indiana avenue. Her hip was crushed.

The resolution of the Chosen Freeholders of Hudson County, New Jersey, under an act of the New Jersey Legislature in 1977, fixing fares for single and round trips to New York on the Port Richmond & Bergen Point ferry, was upheld as constitutional yesterday by the United States Supreme Court. The court held that states may regulate ferries from shore to shore across interstate streams, so long as Congress does not regulate them. It was held that states are not empowered to require interstate ferries to take out licenses from the state for the right to do business, and such an ordinance of the city of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., was annulled.

That railroads do something beside operate trains is shown by the report of T. H. McGuire, who, as florist for the New York Central, has distributed 82,000 plants to station agents along the company's lines.

The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe has increased the working hours of its shops at Topeka to nine hours a day for five days each week because of increased business. The Union Pacific recently added four hours on Saturday to the working time in its shops.

Conductors on the Pennsylvania lines have been instructed, when taking coupons from mileage tickets, to name in the presence of the passenger the place from which the passenger is leaving and the destination, also the number of miles the passenger is to travel. In sleeping cars the conductors are to put such information on a slip of paper and return it with the book.

The eighteenth annual meeting of the International Association of Railway Special Agents and Police will be held June 16, 17 and 18 at Norfolk, Va.

The Michigan Railroad Commission tomorrow will give a final hearing on the application for a general increase in rates in that state.

Unique steps will be adopted to add to the comfort of summer travel on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, as set forth in a circular just issued, by providing for the deodorizing of live stock trains in transit.