

United States Depends Largely Upon Tropical Products and Raw Materials

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The need and struggle for tropical food products and raw materials have everywhere become increasingly desperate, and the United States is paying steadily increasing tribute to those governments whose foresight has given them control of the sources of supply.

Of the tropical domains of the earth 40.38 per cent, with area of 8,258,790 square miles, are independent; 59.00 per cent, with area of 12,167,970 square miles, are owned or administered by European powers, while but 0.62 per cent, or 125,992 square miles (including the Philippines), are owned by the United States.

On the other hand, the United States is by far the greatest consumer of tropical products, its imports from tropical countries now aggregating over \$2,000,000,000 annually—for practically all of which we are dependent upon the good will and tariff regulations of trade competitors. As population increases, the need and value of these products will steadily grow—with a corresponding tendency by producing nations to restrict their export—this creating a situation whose possible disastrous consequences to our people and industries are yet scarcely realized. In this connection Dr. E. B. Ball of the United States department of agriculture recently stated:

U. S. Imports Food.
"Statisticians have estimated that our population at the close of this century will be more than 220,000,000, and have placed the probable time in which we will begin to import the staple foods at from 15 to 30 years. The real situation is, however, much more critical than these estimates would indicate. The United States is today a food importing nation, measured in dollars—that is, we import more sugar, tea, coffee, spices, nuts and tropical fruits than we export of wheat and meat."

Professor Pearl of Johns Hopkins university estimates that before the end of the century one-half of the calories required to sustain the people of the United States will have to be imported, and says:

"We are becoming more and more dependent upon the great undeveloped areas in tropical countries, for our very existence."

Lumber.
The acute situation we are approaching as to food products applies with even greater force to the imminent shortage of our timber supplies. At the national conference on the utilization of forestry products, held at Washington, D. C., Nov. 19 and 20, 1924, Major George P. Ahern, for 15 years director of forestry in the Philippines, and now in charge of the forestry division of

the tropical plant research foundation, stated:

"As the forests of the United States rapidly disappears, as inadequate efforts are made to close the gap between consumption and adequate annual growth, a long period of scarcity in our local wood supply becomes inevitable and not far distant."

In a statement issued by the tropical plant research foundation in January, 1925, it is said:

"The hardwood lumber supplies of the United States will be practically exhausted by the year 1945 (20 years) according to the estimates of foresters; and if the wood-using industries of this country are to continue to grow with the population, or even to maintain approximately their present status, they must begin at once to lay plans for securing essential raw materials."

The Philippine forestry bureau estimates there are over 60,000 square miles of public forests in the islands, comprising both soft and hard woods, with almost unlimited quantities of minor forest products, such as rattan, dye-woods, tan-barks, paper-pulp, gums, resins, fiber-plants, etc. The stand of timber is conservatively estimated at two hundred thousand million board feet, and is believed to be worth in government revenue almost \$400,000,000—this exclusive of the market value of the timber. These forests, if properly utilized, furnish a tremendous reservoir from which to replenish our fast diminishing home supply.

Americans God of the Machine.
Trade development there has been in the Philippines under American rule, and in no small amount as the figures show, but it has only been a tithe of what was possible, and of what might have been accomplished had investments been encouraged instead of penalized. With rare exceptions, the increase recorded has not been due to large investments, but rather to an all around improvement in public order, methods of cultivation, better transportation, highways and marketing facilities, and the stimulus of free trade with the United States. The God of the Machine, however, has been a comparatively small band of pioneer American business men, who, with dogged persistence, and in the face of every obstacle and disappointment, have hung on, invested their savings in the islands, and hoped against hope that their countrymen at home would eventually appreciate the situation and take steps to claim their heritage and protect their own.

The U. S. S. Saratoga, the navy's new airplane carrier, has such powerful electric propulsion equipment that it could cross the Atlantic in less than four days, a speed that breaks the record of the fastest of the ocean greyhounds and leaves considerable time over to think about it.

Southern Governors Organize Campaign For Confederate Memorial Coin Sale



Governors and accredited representatives of governors of southern states at Stone Mountain, July 29 following conference with executive committee of Stone Mountain Confederate Memorial Association, at which great harvest campaign for the fall, to complete the sale of Confederate Memorial Half-Dollars was organized under the direction of the chief executives of the states of the South.

In the group above, taken in front of the great wall of granite on which is being carved the Confederate Memorial, are the following from left to right:

H. N. Randolph, president of the Association; General R. A. Sneed, secretary of state of Oklahoma, representing Governor Trapp of that state; A. H. Foster, of the Houston Chronicle, representing Governor Chas. S. Houston of Texas; H. H. Denhardt, lieutenant-governor of Kentucky, representing Governor Field of that state; Governor Thomas G. McLeod of South Carolina; A. S. Caldwell, commissioner of banks of Tennessee, representing Governor Peay of that state; Governor John W. Martin of Florida; Governor W. W. Brandon of Alabama; James J. Bailey, secretary of state of Louisiana, representing Governor F. I. Quinn of that state; Governor Henry L. Whitfield of Mississippi; Col. W. L. Peel of Atlanta, member of Association executive committee; General W. B. Freeman of Richmond, commander-in-chief of United Confederate Veterans, representing Governor Trimble of Virginia; E. W. Martin of Atlanta, uncle of Governor Martin; Robert F. Maddox of Association executive committee; Joseph A. McCord, treasurer of Association.

Each state accepted a quota of the coins to be calculated on the basis of white population and bank deposits and each governor assumed official executive control of the harvest campaign to be conducted in his state, and pledged his people to purchase his state's quota.

TURNING BACKYARDS INTO CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUNDS

By United Press.

Don't let ash-cans and clothes-posts monopolize your backyard," urges the Playground and Recreation Association of America. "Give the children at least a chance to compete with them. In view of the backyard deserts so often seen, it's no wonder children take the streets for play. A few pieces of homemade play apparatus will turn such a place into a backyard oasis that will supply health and fun for the whole family. Some of the play facilities which dad or big brother can make in their spare time are sand-boxes, horizontal bars, flying rings, playhouses, turning poles and teeters. A space 40x20 feet can be turned into a compact home playground with three or four of these pieces of apparatus. Larger yards can take in a golf driving net, volley ball court or even a small tennis court. The smallest backyard will hold a sandbox. This takes only

two dollars worth of material, but is a never failing source of delight to children, opening up whole worlds of castles, mountains and towns of their own creating.

SERVED THE PURPOSE.

The captain, taking inspection, noticed Private Brown had no tooth-brush. "Where's your tooth-brush?" he demanded. "Here, sir," said Private Brown, producing a large scrubbing brush. "You don't mean to tell me you can get that thing into your mouth?" shouted the captain, angrily. "No, sir," replied Brown, without changing his expression. "I take my teeth out."—Good Hardware.

LITERAL.

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Cowboys Playing "Pasture Pool"

A New England newspaper contains the following story about a "pasture pool" in Texas:

Out in the great open spaces where cow boys ride in flivvers, there is a new interest in life. In a northwestern Texas region not so long ago, devoted to the unfenced range over which roamed herds of long horns, where cattle owners fought cattle rustlers, where bad men shot up scattered towns and life was wild and free, now, in these twentieth century days, the cow boys join in that sport which, when it was introduced to the effect east, was likened to chasing a quinine pill around a ten-acre lot. We read that on the Texas plains golf is becoming the favorite sport of the last of the cow punchers.



Both John T. Scopes and Clarence Darrow are vacationing. Scopes, above, is shown with Tennessee miss, testing a railway handcar, while Darrow, at the right, rides over the Smoky Mountains. Below Darrow gets directions about the road.

Villages and towns have grown up in the range country. They are up-to-date in many of their aspects. The palace picture house stands where once was the Last Chance Saloon; The Women's Literary Union meets on Thursday afternoon. And where the town merges into the open plain is found a municipal golf course. From Floydada, shire town of Floyd county comes a dispatch saying that no "tidal wave of sport ever inundated a country more completely than has golf in this altitudinous region which was formerly devoted exclusively to cattle ranching." Figurative illusion to a stampede might seem more appropriate under the circumstances than talk of a tidal wave, but the interest is in the fact rather than the manner of stating it.

The cow boys, who were described as rolling up to the golf courses in their flivvers on Saturday afternoons have their own ideas about the game. To them it is "pasture pool." They play it with such vim that the slender handles of store clubs often break under the strain. In many cases the players often make their own. And efforts to introduce knickerbockers have been unsuccessful. They may be all right for the east, where pasture pool is known as golf, but the ranchmen and farm hands of Floyd and adjacent counties in the uplands of the lone star state, will have none of them. More than that, fastidious townsmen who have tried to make the knickers popular, have been jeered at that few among them have persisted in wearing these habiliments of the dude.

But who shall say that the cow boy of tomorrow will not wear scotch plaid in knee-length trousers and improve his stance by taking his lessons from a professional in the use of the clubs that come from the store.

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