

# CROP INCOME LOWER IN 1929

### Decided Decrease in Cash Returns; Potato Value 60 Per Cent More

Lansing, Mich., Dec. 31.—The total value of Michigan's crops for 1929 is only five per cent below that of 1928, but the actual cash income from crops sold is much less than last year's. The potato crop was not much more than one-half as large, but the total value was 60 per cent greater because of much higher prices. Notwithstanding the fact, the small crop yielded only a limited quantity for sale and farmers in some localities had to buy their supply for home use.

Wheat prices have reduced the total value and income by 20 per cent although the volume was nearly the same as in 1928. Low prices for wheat and hay have partially offset the gains in production. Prices of other crops are not far from what they were the year ago, but the production is decidedly less in most cases.

The indications last spring were for a decreased acreage of potatoes and increased plantings of beans, and as pointed out at that time by the Michigan Cooperative Crop Reporting Service, would, under average conditions, result in better prices for potatoes and lower ones for beans. Because of extreme drought, both crops yielded far below normal which favored better prices than expected at that time, but a good field of beans was obtained in several western growing states and the importation of a considerable volume of foreign beans during the last two months has tended to depress the market for the present on that crop.

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By An Eccentric. Classified Ad.

# Bo BROADWAY

By JOSEPH VAN RAALTE

**By Central Press**  
New York.—Eleanor Painter is back in town from triumphs in grand opera abroad. She has been engaged by an opera producer for a tour of the country in the revival of an old light music classic.

Miss Painter has not a vestige of the celebratory artistic temperament—a euphemism for temper. This is due largely to the fact that she was brought up the only girl in a family of seven children.

"Any egotism that may have been fostered by a young mother," says Miss Painter, "was quickly dispelled by the six young demona's. There's nothing on earth that can quite equal the salutary temperamental effect of six boisterous brothers."

**ILLUSION SHATTERED**  
Cathleen Healey, headline in vaudeville and featured player in musical comedy and revue, is passionately fond of Parker House rolls. When she can't get a Parker House roll to munch with her maternal mocha her whole day is spoiled.

Parker House rolls as everyone knows (or blushes for not knowing), originated in the Parker House in Boston—a hostel famous for its cuisine. Some time ago the old place was razed and in its stead a modern caravansary of the same name was erected. No trace of the former inn exists within the ornate walls of the new hotel with the exception of a few old ladies who were guests for years at the former hotel and are clinging to the new joint for the sake of fond memories embodied in the name.

With all that out of the way we can now get back to Miss Healey and her rolls. Playing Boston recently it occurred to her that it might be a smart stunt if she went over to the Parker House itself and roped a herd of rolls on the hoof.

She dropped in for breakfast, and having found her way in the corridor through the grapefruit, cereal and the rest of the rite, said to the waiter:

"And of course I want some

Parker House rolls—headed. Later she noted the service in anxious consultation with the head waiter. Her aim was to get the ear of one of the assistant managers. They had evidently encountered a snag in the administration of the dining room.

Ten minutes after the coffee was served and after Cathleen had reiterated her demand for Parker House rolls the waiter here in sight with two of the species, slightly crumpled and evidencing signs of wear and tear.

"One more illusion wiped off the Healey slate," Parker House rolls at the Parker House!

### NO CHOKINGS HEARN

Low Hearn, diminutive Broadway comedian, recently returned from abroad to go into pictures here. Hearn is small besides being short and plays odd and eccentric parts with a certain wistful pathos. The helpless aspect of the characters he creates leads the playwrights and stage directors to write into the player's roles business of being choked by other characters.

The best choking was seasons ago. Since then, in every production in which he has been featured, Hearn has been well choked.

When the movie people offered him a good contract he said: "There's one clause that's got to be in that contract."

"Anything within reason, Mr. Hearn," replied the film magnate, preparing to offer more money. "What is it?"

"No chokings," said Hearn.

"And how was so written into the contract."

Several weeks later as they were rehearsing a scene in Low's first picture, the director, who of course was familiar with Hearn's stage work, called out to the character playing opposite Hearn: "Now, then, Sam. Put your hands around his throat and choke him."

With the other man's hands around his throat, it was all Low could do to sputter: "No chokings! It's in my contract."

"Well," said the director, who knows actors and is a great director because he does know actors, "it may be in your contract," all right, Mr. Hearn, but there's nobody on or off the stage or screen who'll be more artistically choked than you."

Low thrust his hands deep into his pockets, drew himself to his short height, stuck out his chest, cleared his throat and exclaimed: "All right, go ahead and choke me. I don't care!"

Today on Broadway, he's known as "No Chokings Hearn."

### THE WAY OF THE WORLD

By GROVE PATTERSON

**BRAVE AND FUTILE**  
Those who participate in great failures are often just as brave and just as worthy of great honor as those who participate in success. While the allied countries won the war against Germany, we know now that the whole effort of war was futile, vastly worse than useless. Those who disagree with that will doubtless admit the war was not worth the terrific price.

But those young men who participated in the war—however tragically futile the effort—were just as brave and are just as worthy of honor as though the war had made the foremost contribution ever given to civilization.

**SCIENCE UP, WAR OUT**  
H. H. Killebrew, great California scientist, says: "War is in the process of abolishment due to the persistence of science. War will disappear when conditions which per-

Flyer To Wed



Romance now occupies a share of the life of Capt. Elmerford Smith, noted Pacific flyer. His betrothal to Miss Mary Powell, of Hawthorn, Melbourne, Australia, was announced recently. The couple is shown above.

mitted its survival disappear. "Every scientific advance shows ten times as many peaceful uses as those supplying warlike needs. Steel makes bayonets but it also makes ploughshares, railroad tracks, sewing machines, and countless other things related to peace. Science is diverting man's thought from war."

### HAVE THE FACTS

Perhaps our commonest failure is the failure to have the facts. Men and women rush into newspaper offices to make complaints about something in the newspaper which doesn't please them. Frequently their statements, influenced by irritating good too much territory. The complainant makes a declaration he can't prove. Patient analysis of the newspaper article shows he is wrong and the paper right. He is humiliated but more dissatisfied than ever. This sort of thing is not confined to newspaper offices. Most of us are prone to go wild in our charges, especially if we are angry. We face defeat and humiliation, if we don't have the facts. Get the evidence before you state your case.

### NOT FORGETTING BEAUTY

Connecticut sets a good example to sister states by doing more than merely building good roads. The state is setting out over 1,500 shade trees on its highways. The idea is to produce and preserve beauty. It is as important as to produce speed—perhaps more so.

### RUSSIA HAS IT, TOO

America isn't the only country that has the drink problem to wrestle with. England has it. Russia has it. It takes three quarters of a billion dollars to pay the drink bill of Russia's more so.

148,000,000 people. Russia has an Anti-alcoholic society. It is said the family of the average laborer in Moscow spends \$50 a year on vodka. The government has decided to reduce the production of vodka for the next five years from nearly 240,000,000 gallons to little over 100,000,000 gallons. It's a world problem—not a U. S. problem.

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