The book contains many interesting and characteristic photographs which will give those who never had the privilege of knowing Doctor Marbut personally a clearer picture of him as a man. To those of us who knew him well, they will serve to recall many treasured memories. This book is worthy of a place in every soil science library in the world, whether private or public. (R.B.)

AGRONOMIC AFFAIRS

THE NATIONAL SEED CAMPAIGN TO REPLENISH
THE SCORCHED EARTH

The seed campaign which has been conducted for the past year and particularly since last July in the United States and Canada for Russia, has assumed quite unexpected proportions. About a million pounds of vegetable seeds have already been shipped to Russia, half of which were contributed and the other half were purchased with the funds contributed for that purpose. In addition to these vegetable seeds of all kinds, large quantities of cereal, forage, legumes, and other farm crop seeds have been contributed by farmers either through the statewide campaigns in various states or, as in North Dakota, Nebraska, Minnesota, South Dakota, Iowa, Arizona, California, and several provinces in Canada, the extension department of the agricultural college, particularly the extension agronomist, representatives of the state Farm Bureau Federation, representatives of the seed trade and grain elevators designated a committee, composed of three to five persons, in every county to solicit cash. With the cash thus obtained, seed grown in the particular states was purchased and sent on to the Pacific ports and from there they were sent directly to Russia.

North Dakota has sent over 11 carloads weighing over 1 million pounds; Minnesota sent 5 carloads weighing over 400,000 pounds; Nebraska sent 2 carloads of oats weighing 130,000 pounds; etc.

In states where no statewide committees were organized, contributions were made largely through the State Crop Improvement Association of which the extension agronomist is usually the secretary. Certified seeds of all cereals and hybrid seeds of corn were contributed in this way from Iowa, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Texas, Oklahoma, Arizona, California, etc.

In addition to these commercial seeds, a special shipment of experimental seeds was sent at the request of the Russian Governmental Commission for Testing Crops. Twenty-five state agricultural experiment stations in the United States were approached and requested to send from 4 to 112 pounds of the different new varieties of wheat, barley, oats, as well as corn and corn hybrids, alfalfa, clover, flax, beans, and soybeans. In Canada, through the cooperation of Dr. L. H. Newman, Dominion Cerealist of the Experimental Farms of Canada, 24 bags of the most valuable planting material were obtained.

Many of the experiment stations also sent small quantities of their latest developments in various farm and vegetable crops. Through Dr. W. G. Morse a collection of 36 varieties of soybeans were sent;