CROP REPORTS ARE FAVORABLE

Messages From Prairie Points to Railway Companies Represent Conditions As Being Quite Satisfactory

YIELD SHOULD BE LARGE AS USUAL

Canadian Northern's Weekly Statement Said to Be Exceptionally Cheerful — Some People Yet Pessimistic

WINNIPEG, July 5.—Despite the assurances that present crop conditions do not warrant the uneasiness which appears to prevail among a certain section of the farming communities, some pessimism still exists, notwithstanding the reports which have been issued by the railway companies regarding the wheat fields along their respective lines.

These reports show that the conditions generally are all that can be expected, and providing favorable weather prigns, there is no reason, many well-informed persons claim, to believe that the crop this year will not be as big as in any previous season, and perhaps bigger.

The weekly report of the Canadian Northern railway is exceptionally bright, and there are indications that everyone will be satisfied when the harvest is gathered in.

DENOUNCES COLLEGE FOOTBALL STRONGLY

Prof. Jordan Declares Game As Combination Brutality and Pugilism.

BOSTON, Mass., July 5.—Denouncing college football as a combination of pure brutality and pugilism, David Starr Jordan, president of Leand Stanford University, led up to the discussion that followed the report made

WILL KILL THOUSANDS OF THE BULL SEALS

United States Government Will Make Killing of Eight Thousand Male Seals on Seal Rookeries

WASHINGTON, July 5.—Commissioner of Fisheries George M. Bowers made the estimate today that the government will kill about 8,000 male seals on the Pribyloff islands, his instructions being to allow only 1,000 bulls to remain among the herds. The commerce and labor department will have to arrange for the sale of the furs, Secretary Nagel having made no plans.

The slaying of the seals by a private firm under contract with the government was ordered stopped by an act of congress last April, but the department of commerce and labor is given authority to dispose of the bulls that take no part in propagation of the herds. The polygamous habits of the seals make a thousand males ample, and it was therefore decided to kill the others. This will be done by the special agents stationed on the island. The government will take over the properties of the private company and maintain the schools for the natives that it conducted under its contract.

JOHNSON SAFE

Apparently No Foundation for Rumor That Black Champion Had Been Shot

OGDEN, Utah, July 5.—Southern Pacific railroad officials when asked this afternoon concerning the rumor that Jack Johnson, the heavyweight champion, had been shot and killed while en route from Reno to Chicago, said they knew nothing on which such a rumor could be based. They expect the train bearing Johnson and his party to reach Ogden at 5:40 this afternoon. Johnson's train reached Montello, 120 miles west of Ogden at 3 o'clock this afternoon. At that time the negro was asleep in his car, and his companions reported that he had enjoyed every waking moment of his trip across the state of Nevada.

Bismarck and England.

BERLIN, July 5.—The "Grenzboten," the well known periodical in which Bismarck used to take great interest, publishes an article on Bismarck and England. It summarizes Bismarck's well known views on England, and says that if he were alive today the great chancellor would probably place the following alternative clearly before "nervous Britons:" "Either they submit to the inevitable and treat us Germans au pair by recognizing that the rapid increase of our armaments is absolutely necessary for the maintenance of the German empire and its healthy development, or they must risk war, which, in spite of Bertha von Suttner, is still the ultima ratio." "Five years ago," continues the "Grenzboten," "the English might have checked Germany's development; today things are different. Germany has had time to arm, and with the fleet she now possesses she will be able not only to defend her coasts, but to prevent, to a certain extent, the British piracies that are to be expected in case of war."

PARIS, July 5.—The news that Baron von Lancken-Wakemtis, the German Charge d'Affaires here, has informed M. Pichon that the German customs duty on sparkling wines, champagne and cognacs will be raised by more than one-third as from July 1, has created some surprise in this country, as it was supposed that the concessions in the new French tariff had been sufficient to prevent retaliation. The new duty will mean an extra charge of about twelve cents a bottle, and attention is drawn to the secrecy and suddenness with which it has been imposed.

Mrs. Carew-Gibson is spending a short time in Victoria and is a guest at the Empress Hotel.

MISSIONARIES AND MOB

Italian Demonstration Is Brought to Attention of American Ambassador.

ROME, July 5—The U. S. ambassador, John G. Leishman, has brought to the attention of the Premier and the Foreign Office the situation arising from recent attacks made upon Baptist missionaries in the province of Avellino. At the time of the earthquake in that district, early in June, James P. Stuart, of St. Louis, representative of the American Board of Baptist Missions in Italy, and other missionary workers were attacked by a mob and were escorted out of the district by a detachment of soldiers.

After a conference with Premier Luzzatti at Rome, Mr. Stuart returned to the Avellino district with his companions. He telegraphed a statement of the affair to the United States ambassador, who requested him to come to Rome. This Mr. Stuart did, and he had a long conference with Ambassador Leishman today.

Boy Disappears

VANCOUVER, July 5.—The disappearance of E. Y. Ingram, a 17-year-old boy residing at 1001 Eighth avenue west, Vancouver, is puzzling the police of North Vancouver municipality, worrying a large number of friends, who left Vancouver early this morning to search the Capilano valley for him, and causing no end of anxiety to his parents. It is generally believed that the boy has become lost in the woods in the Capilano valley.

Montreal Aviation Meet

MONTREAL, July 5.—The aviation meet wound up today, but not in a blaze of glory, only about a thousand people being present, and the programme consisting merely of two short flights by Count de Lesseps. The count is going to Toronto for the week, which opens there on Thursday. Of the four Wright machines, one lies a wreck at the railway, one had been sent to Dayton, Ohio, one with Brookens and Coffien to Atlantic City, and the fourth with Johnson and Lachappelle to Detroit. None of the contests arranged for the Montreal meet were brought off, the meeting being confined to exhibitions. Financially it is stated to have been a success.

MORE ARGUMENT IN FISHERY CASE

Sir James Winter Combats Contentions Put Forward by Former Senator Turner for United States

THE HAGUE, July 5.—The fisheries tribunal has asked the lawyers to finish their speeches in another fortnight.

Sir James Winter, on behalf of Newfoundland, endeavored to show the hollowness of former Senator Turner's argument that legislation on Newfoundland fisheries favored Newfoundland fishermen at the expense of Americans. In repard to the herring fishery regulations, Sir James observed that they could not affect American fishermen, because this kind of fishing was carried on in the bays, harbors and creeks of the territorial waters which Americans were ngt allowed to enter by the treaty of 1818.

Sir James argued that Newfoundland had not infringed the treaty of 1818 in forbidding Americans in 1905 and 1906 to buy hering in Newfoundland as bait for cod fishing and engage inhabitants of Newfoundland to catch herring. These regulations were commercial in character. In regard to other regulations prohibiting the use of certain nets, etc., even if the American criticism was justified, which he denied, that was no proof that the United States had a right to veto Newfoundland fishery legislation, which affected the vital interests of Newfoundland and tended to prevent Americans from abusing their privilege by destroying the fisheries.

AMERICAN RACING SCHOONER TRIUMPHS

WARENMUNDE, Germany, July 5.—Westward, the new racing schooner yacht owned by Alexander Schran, of New York, added another victory to her credit in German waters today. She won the 43 mile schooner race from Travemunde to Warenmunde. Emperor William's Meteor finished second. The Hamburg, owned by Theverein Zeefahrt and the Meermann, owned by Dr. Krupp Von Bohlen Und Halbach did not classify.

Montreal Relief Fund

MONTREAL, July 5.—The city council at a meeting this afternoon voted the sum of $10,000 to the fund for the families of the victims of the Herald disaster.

Visited by Fire

BROCKVILLE, July 5.—Picnic Island, one of the largest in the St. Lawrence, controlled by Brockville, had a narrow escape from devastation by fire during the night. Just how the blaze originated is not known, but it is thought to have been caused by rockets exploded from the main shore and dropping into the dry grass. The summer residents at Fern Bank and adjacent points turned out en masse, and after vigorous work succeeded in extinguishing the flames, which covered a wide area. The fire broke out again today, but was quickly put out. On the island is a large pavilion erected by the Dominion Government.

Bucket Shop Swindlers

LONDON, July 5.—Many persons have good reasons for remembering the sudden closing of a bucket-shop run by a number of smart Americans three or four years ago. When the crash came it was found that investors had lost some hundreds of thousands, not a penny of which was recoverable, as the principals had hied themselves back to the United States. The Scotland Yard authorities have received information to the effect that the same gang are again in London under a new alias, and are shortly to commence operations. Whether they will be permitted to do so is open to doubt, as their arrest may take place at any moment.

CANNERS DECIDE PRICE OF FISH

Fraser River Men Agree to Pay 25 Cents for Sockeye Salmon—None Appear in the Straits or River Yet

GLOOMY WEATHER SAID TO BE CAUSE

Burning of Burrard Company's Plant at Steveston Leaves But Twenty to Operate in Fraser District

VANCOUVER, July 5—Twenty-five cents for sockeyes on the Fraser River and Gulf. That is the price fixed upon today by canners embraced within the membership of the British Columbia Salmon Canners' Association. Official announcement of the price will be made by the association to fishermen within the course of a few days.

Practically all the associated canners who will this season operate in the Fraser River district attended the meeting held this morning to determine prices. In a very few minutes it was decided that present conditions on the Fraser warranted the payment of twenty-five cents per fish, and from this date that will be the ruling rate.

So far very few sockeyes have made their appearance on the Fraser, and very few have been seen in the gulf. Reports from Victoria are to the effect that the traps on the straits are still carrying springs, with a few scattering sockeyes. It is not expected that there will be any run of fish in the river for a week or ten days at the earliest. Reports from Puget Sound say no sockeyes have appeared there. Along the northern British Columbia coast sockeyes are scarce, and the non-arrival of the fish in the rivers is attributed largely to bad weather conditions. Unless bright sunny weather comes the pack in the north this year may fall short of first expectations. A few sockeyes are being taken at Rivers Inlet and a few on the Skeena.

The Burrard cannery, situated on the main Fraser River at Steveston, was destroyed by fire at 3 o'clock this morning. The loss is estimated at $30,000. The principal owners are James Webster and Ross and Howard. The destruction of the Burrard Canning Company's plant on the eve of the fishing season will entail considerable loss on the owners through their inability to reconstruct their cannery in time to participate in the season's operations. A little over a week ago the plant of the Eagle Harbor Packing Company, Howe Sound, was totally destroyed, and the loss of these two canneries will leave but twenty plants in operation in the Fraser River district this year.

SOLVES MYSTERY OF F. GOULDTHRITE

Body of Missing Printing Bureau Official Is Found in Detroit River and Sent to Ottawa

DETROIT, July 5.—The body of F. Gouldthrite, formerly superintendent of the printing bureau at Ottawa, was found in the river near here. A few days ago it was reported that Gouldthrite, who was being sought by the Dominion police, had jumped from the deck of a lake steamer while on the way to Cleveland. Upon taking the clothes off the body of Gouldthrite, Undertaker Baker discovered $960, which, with $96 already found in the pocketbood, makes a total of $1,056 in money, with other valuables, discovered on the remains. The body was shipped to Ottawa last night.

SIR ELDON GORST STAYS IN EGYPT

Sir Edward Grey in Commons Gives Definite Statement in Reply to Questions Asked of Government

LONDON, July 5.—Replying to a question in the commons this afternoon, Foreign Secretary Grey stated that Sir Eldon Gorst would remain in Egypt as British diplomatic agent and consul-general.

Several questions have been asked of the government since Mr. Roosevelt's Guild hall speech on Egypt as to what the government was going to do in regard to the British agent there, in view of Mr. Roosevelt's statements. This is the answer.

EARL CREWE TO DISTRIBUTE PRIZES

BISLEY, July 5.—Earl Crewe will distribute prizes to successful competitors at Bisley Saturday, July 16. The King is paying a visit to Aldershot next Monday, and it is probable that colonial teams will go there on Tuesday to be inspected.

OFFICER'S MISTAKE

Immigration Officials Uses Insulting Language to Well Known Publisher.

WOODSTOCK, Ont., July 5.—The departmental investigation into the charges preferred in an article published in a recent issue of the Sentinel-Review against an officer of the Canadian immigration department for using insulting language and ordering W. J. Taylor, the well known newspaper and magazine publisher of this city, off the train at Windsor, was held yesterday afternoon.

The investigation, which was held at the Sentinel-Review office, was conducted by N. G. Herbert, traveling inspector of the immigration department, the officer against whom the charges were laid being also present. The inspecting officer had in his possession a written statement from an eye-witness of the affair, which tallies with the account as outlined by Mr. Taylor.

Before the investigation closed the offending official acknowledged that he had made a mistake in addressing Mr. Taylor in the way he had and stating that he was under the impression that he was addressing another man with whom he had an altercation a few minutes before. The offending officer consequently tendered a verbal and a written apology to Mr. Taylor for his conduct on the night in question and for the remarks made on the occasion referred to. The report of the investigation is being forwarded by the inspector officer to the departmnt at Ottawa.

Objections From Toronto.

TORONTO, July 5.—Among the business men and members of the Toronto board of trade there is a strong feeling against the action of the British Columbia government in fixing the commercial business in that province, instead of allowing a license to be issued as the Ontario and other provinces on the amount of capital required to do business in the province, where license is sought. The matter will be taken up by the Manufacturers' association and Merchants and members of the board of trade who will wait upon the Dominion Government and ask for a veto of the legislation declared to be unBritish. In Ontario a man may sell goods without a license and still have a standing in the court. This is denied by the British Columbia law.

FIRE THREATENS PART OF NELSON

Breaks Out in Shingle Mill on Waterfront and Spreads to Other Premises—Checked by Good Work

NELSON, July 5.—At 1.50 this afternoon flames were seen issuing from the Kootenay Shingle company's mill, on the east waterfront of the city. In a few moments the mill and stock of shingles and bolts stacked up along side were a mass of flames, which quickly enveloped the building of the Kootenay engineering works, adjoining immediately on the east. The brigade responded promptly and quickly had four streams at work, but by this time the fire had leaped across the railway track and attacked five residences, setting the north fronts all ablaze.

A strong gale was blowing, making the brigade's work very difficult. To make matters worse, two fresh fires broke out to the east, caused by the flying burning shingles that were carried in some instances a mile and more from the scene of the fire. Eight streams were playing on the fire when at its height. Fortunately the fire was near hydrants with excellent water pressure.

The fire brigade was handled exceedingly well and accomplished fine, persistent, well directed work. It was a hard heart-breaking fight for about an hour, but by two o'clock the fire was clearly under control, though it may smoulder for days yet. But for the fact that Nelson has fine fire fighters well equipped and an equal water supply, the northeastern quarter of the city at least would have been destroyed this afternoon.

The loss is placed at $44,000, with insurance for half that sum. The Kootenay engineering works have been closed down for the past three months, and the chief loss was there.

Fire Chief Guthrie's resignation was only accepted at last night's council meeting. The chief is leaving on August 1st and a successor is wanted.

Sockeye in Australia.

OTTAWA, July 5.—Trade and Commerce department has been notified by Trade Commissioner Ross, at Melbourne, that the Commonwealth government has decided the form "Sockeye" shall be allowed only in reference to salmon imported from British Columbia or Puget Sound waters. This prevents Alaskan salmon competing under the same name in the Australia" market.

German Army

BERLIN, July 5.—The North German Gazette officially denies rumors to the effect that after the expiration of the current quinquennate—that is to say the period covered by the German Army bill of 1905—further provision for the army will be suspended on financial grounds. It is emphatically denied that the Imperial Chancellor entertains any such schemes of economy. Nothing will be left undone "which, in the opinion of the competent authorities is required in the interests of the efficiency of the army."

Condemns Cattle Driving.

DUBLIN, July 5.—Speaking last Monday at Castlegar, near Galway, Stephen Gwynn, M.P., condemned the recent Agrarian outrages in the district. He said that cattle driving injured the prospects of a satisfactory arrangement with the congested districts board, and that if the people wanted to have the grazing lands divided an end shoul be put to the policy of outrage. In a letter to the Freeman's Journal Mr. Gwynn says that his advice to his constituents was not given on the mere ground of expediency. He told them that, although they had received great provocation, no provocation could excuse the maiming of dumb brutes. He feels "cut to the very heart that brave and kindly people should be betrayed into a barbarous folly."

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RAILWAY AFFAIR WILL BE SETTLED

Canadian Pacific Officials and Representatives of Employees Holding Conferences —Details Being Considered

MONTREAL, July 5.—Further conferences were held today between Messrs. J. W. Leonard and A. D. McTier, representing the Canadian Pacific and Messrs. Murdock and Berry, representing the conductors and trainmen, but no definite conclusion has yet been reached, and it has been arranged to hold another conference tomorrow.

Mr. Leonard after the conference made the following statement: "The conference was mainly devoted to a discussion of the different rules and conditions of service in order to definitely settle the terms of the agreement which is to be arrived at. These questions naturally involve a great many details, which take up a lot of time, and it will probably be several days yet before they are definitey settled. The discussions, however, are proceeding amicably, and there is not the slightest indication at present that there will be any trouble. A short time now should see the whole matter closed, so far as the Canadian Pacific is concerned."

BULLS ON RAMPAGE

Animals Scared by Collapse of Stand Trample and Gore Many People.

LISBON, July 5.—A bullfight entirely without precedent has occurred at Pelayos, where there is a large cattle ranch for the breeding of fierce Spanish bulls for the various Sunday contests in Spain and Portugal.

Herders were engaged in separating the bulls and driving them into enclosures, preparatory to shipping them to Madrid and Valencia, when a large wooden stand, in which were many spectators from the surrounding villages, suddenly collapsed.

Over 100 persons were thrown among the bulls, which stampeded around the enclosure, trampling and tossing the victims.

Ten courageous 'cowboys,' armed with shot-guns and rifles, jumped into the arena and fired repeatedly at the bulls, which were charging into the crowd.

Santo Crocco, Italian, has been arrested at Nelson on a charge of violating the Dominion immigration law, he having succeeded in entering Canada surreptiously, after having been three times rejected by the authorities.

ALBANY, July 5.—As soon as the full report of the state examiners, who made an examination of the Phoenix Fire Insurance Company, of Brooklyn, is printed, probably by the end of this week, Superintendent of Insurance Hotchkiss will forward a copy to District Attorney Whitman, of New York for such action as he sees fit. The report pointed out alleged gross irregularities in connection with the management of the company, especially as to the falsity of statements.

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