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WILD SCRAMBLE TO BUY WHEAT

Sensational Advance on Chicago Board of Trade

Brokers had Orders to Purchase Millions of Bushels at Opening, and Prices Soared Above the Dollar Mark—Has Advanced About Fifteen Cents a Bushel in a Week and Likely to Go Higher.

Chicago, May 13—In the most sensational opening in the history of the Chicago board of trade, wheat today shot past the dollar mark. Heavy realizing sales pushed the price backward somewhat, but at the close the market was strong and according to the majority of speculators on the board, the demand upon which the late advance has been made is still unsatisfied. The late advance today for wheat was four cents for the July and September options and 4 1/8 cents for the December option.

From the low point of Monday of last week July wheat has advanced 13 3/4. September has gone up 15 3/4. In the December option the high price today was 16 3/4 above the low price of last Monday.

It was a certainty that a strong bulge would take place in the wheat market at the opening. Country orders had poured in, seemingly in an endless stream, and in obedience to them brokers stood ready to buy millions of bushels at the market price. Shorts were in a highly nervous condition and were ready to cover.

The result was that as soon as the gong sounded there was a terrific roar of voices, all anxious to buy, and nobody offering to sell. The trade was too big and too broad to be followed with any certainty, and brokers filled orders frequently several cents away from the point at which they had hoped to buy. The confusion was so great that for a few minutes but little actual business was transacted, the brokers fighting and struggling in efforts to get hold of wheat from anybody at any price.

The rush of buying orders seemed to come from almost every town in the United States, which was indicated by telegraph wires. They came from Winnipeg and from Louisiana and from points

on the Pacific and Atlantic seaboard. The professional trader went to the opinion that the opening was a little too vigorous and that the chance to seize profits on lines of long wheat carried over Sunday was tempting. As soon, therefore, as trade secured a trifle, millions of bushels were thrown upon the market in realizing sales.

As a result the advance for a time was checked. The buying orders, however, still poured in and the market again soared. Again the long wheat came out and brought a reduction, and again the country buyers forced prices up. The situation was too strong for men or clique of men to stem. The country at large seemed determined to buy at whatever price it could be had.

There were no claims in any direction that the market was being manipulated. The general opinion seemed to be that the advance was based upon natural conditions which are certain to curtail first large crops of the world's coming crop of wheat. Advances from all parts of the west and northwest confirmed previous reports of damage by weather and by insects. In addition telegrams from the Canadian Northwest declared that there was still no possibility of seeding in that district and that every day of delay meant the loss of thousands of acres that might otherwise have been sown in wheat.

Big Advance in New York. New York, May 13—The public ran away with the wheat here this morning and scored one of the biggest advances since the government report last Friday. Live sales New York jumped four cents a bushel from the regular close of Saturday, making ten cents a bushel advance since the government report last Friday. Live sales New York jumped four cents a bushel from the regular close of Saturday, making ten cents a bushel advance since the government report last Friday.

There are now sixteen ocean vessels in port and today this number will be increased by two. Last night there was very little work going on and what there was, was being performed by the stewards and crews of the various boats which were quite happy to earn their thirty-five cents an hour, in addition to their regular pay as members of the crew.

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SLOW PROGRESS SECURING JURY IN THE HAYWOOD MURDER TRIAL



FREMONT WOOD, JUDGE WHO WILL PRESIDE AT TRIALS OF HAYWOOD AND ASSOCIATES. JAMES H. HAWLEY, CHIEF COUNSEL FOR THE STATE.

Boise, Idaho, May 13—Only a fragment of today was given over to actual work in the trial of William G. Haywood for complicity in the murder of former Governor Steunenberg, and the one step forward was the qualification of a single talsman.

Next there was a batch of federal grand jurors, who are under call to meet on June 15, a date that will surely conflict with this trial, and after them trooped a little column of officers, great and small. Then there were administrators of estates, with heirs who may suffer by their enforced absence, and two bankers, who must watch and count the coin in national banks.

Judge Wood called the case at 2 o'clock and at once gave attention to the 100 men summoned by Sheriff Hodgins in the special venire issued on Thursday last. The court asked those who had special excuses to offer to come forward, and up surged thirty-five men. They swarmed around the clerk's desk and choked up the approach to the bench.

With tact and patience, Judge Wood heard them through and the thirty-five tales were not all told until 3:20 by the clock. Twenty-four of the pleaders were excused, and the other eleven returned to the panel, either temporarily or permanently.

To the court room this afternoon came Julian Stuenkel, son of the murdered former governor, a tall, sturdy youth, striking like his father in face and figure. For two hours he sat with the members of the Boise bar, ten feet from the chair of the prisoner, William D. Haywood. He spoke to no one and remained a quiet, unobtrusive spectator. He is here under subpoena as a witness, and it is expected that he will be among the first called.

There are now twelve men occupying the jury box and jury house. Of the number four have been examined and temporarily passed by both sides, and eight remain to be questioned by the defense.

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BOLD SCHEME TO LOOT BANK

"Steal a Million and They Will Be Glad to Settle," Advised Lawyer

Douglass, Loan Clerk of a New York Trust Company, Confesses to District Attorney of Conspiracy to Make a Big Haul, and the Man That Told Him to Make a Big Haul Was to Dicker for Immunity—Bold Plan to Kill Czar Failed.

(From Our Own Correspondent) New York, May 13—The details of the robbery of the Trust Company of America, which have been kept secret until now, were learned today, as the coming trial of Oliver M. Dennett, the broker, relieves the necessity of guarding them so closely. It is a story calculated to make the bones of the late lamented Dick Turpin, considered a fairly good man in his line, rattle with envy.

Never was there a more daring attempt at a "hold-up" for a big stake than in the stealing of \$800,000 worth of bonds and securities from the trust company. It was planned that the clerk, William O. Douglass, should steal \$1,000,000 worth of negotiable paper, and that \$200,000 should be demanded for its return, with the guarantee that everything be kept secret and no one punished.

The scheme in all its details was unfolded by Douglass, the clerk, in a confession made to Oakleigh Thorne, president of the trust company. Two other persons are involved by Douglass in his confession—Dennett and a lawyer, who seems finally to have become the chief conspirator, if the story told by Douglass is true. Douglass has sworn to his statement in the district-attorney's office, and will repeat the story on the witness stand if Dennett decides to go to trial.

Lawyer to Get Third of Loot. In his confession to Mr. Thorne, Douglass stated that the lawyer advised that while they were at it Douglass might just as well make a good job of it and steal so much that the trust company would fear to have the matter become public. Then, Douglass said, the lawyer proposed to conduct the subsequent negotiations, taking as his share a third of the loot that remained to the conspirators.

Dennett is under indictment on three charges of grand larceny as a result of his connection with the stealings of Douglass. He has already pleaded not guilty, and has until Wednesday in which to decide whether he shall continue that plea or plead guilty and throw himself on the mercy of the court. His trial is expected to begin on Thursday. Douglass will be the principal witness against him.

"Steal a Million," Says Lawyer. As to the advice given by the lawyer, all Douglass knows is what Dennett told him. As Douglass understands it, the lawyer advised that the only way to avoid prosecution and make anything out of the matter as it stood, was for Douglass to "go out at good"—steal \$1,000,000 worth of bonds and securities and turn them over to Dennett, who in turn was to place them in the hands of the lawyer.

Then, Douglass understands, the lawyer said: "I will see President Thorne. I will tell him of the loss he has sustained, which will be news to him. I will point out that he cannot afford any publicity in the matter, as it comes at a bad time for him, just when his company is merging with the Colonial Trust Company." (Continued on page 7, fourth column.)

FAST ATLANTIC SERVICE SEEMS ALMOST ASSURED

Report That Laurier Will Lay Before British Government a Scheme for 25-Knot Steamers Between Canada and England, and Lessen Present Time to Australia Several Days.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Ottawa, May 13—Although nothing official is obtainable at the trade and commerce department, the prospects of a fast Atlantic service are brighter today than they have been for some years. With Sir Wilfrid Laurier working in behalf of it with the British government, and Sir Richard Beharrell favorably disposed at this end there ought to be some definite information on the subject at an early day.

A fast Atlantic service, the parties who have got the contract for the Australian mail service by the Suez Canal do not appear to fulfill the terms with the Australian government, and mails could be brought by the new fast line on the Atlantic and Pacific across Canada with a 24-knot service in 27 days in all or five days better than the time now made with the Australian mail by the Suez route.

The present Canada-Australia steam service is very indifferent, there being no improvements since its inauguration. The journey from London to China by the Canadian route can be shortened by two days notwithstanding that the distance is longer than by the Suez route.

The American routes with reasonable assistance from the British government, and Canada willing, as she undoubtedly is, a fast Atlantic and fast Pacific service may be realized in the near future.

Laurier's Proposal. Montreal, May 13—(Special)—A special cable to the Montreal Star says: Sir Wilfrid Laurier will tomorrow lay before the imperial conference with every prospect of its acceptance in principle before the present week is out a scheme of empire transport which has been authoritatively called the biggest proposal submitted to any British government for over 100 years.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier refuses to discuss the question at the present stage but I am able to give the following outline: The proposal is for the immediate creation of an empire mail service of the highest speed and efficiency, to Canada and via Canada to New Zealand and Australia on the one hand, and China and Japan on the other, the Canadian service to consist of three 25-knot steamers, capable of

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Met J. H. Barry, K. C., at the Queen hotel, and had a consultation with him with regard to the "Gleaner" libel suit.

Asked by The Telegraph correspondent if the report was true that he intended to withdraw his civil suit and substitute a criminal action against J. H. Crockett, manager of the Gleaner, Mr. Emerson declined to make any statement. He said that the object of his visit here was merely to have a consultation with his solicitor in regard to the case.

Hon. A. S. White was asked if there was any truth in the report that he was likely to succeed Hon. Dr. Pugsley as attorney-general and seek election in Kings. He replied that some of his friends were anxious for him to re-enter politics, but he was not inclined that way. "I hold the office of attorney-general once," said he, "and gave it up, and I am not seeking it again."

He went on to say that he was here to interview the government in regard to the Restigouche Boom Company matter.

Government Meeting Tonight. The monthly meeting of the local government will be held here tomorrow evening. Rumors of reconstruction are in the air, but it is hardly likely that there will be any change at the present time.

BRITISH MINISTRY HEARD CANADA'S SIDE OF AMERICAN DISPUTES

Sir Wilfrid Laurier Had Long Conference Last Week.

Winston Churchill Tells Why Britain Is Against Preference to the Colonies—Premier Bond Hopeful to Adjust Newfoundland's Troubles.

Montreal, May 13—A press cable says: Hon. Alfred Deakin at tomorrow's sitting of the colonial conference will propose that there should be a reconstruction of the colonial officers to provide for periodic interchange of officials between Downing street and various parts of the empire.

It has been decided to publish in extenso the proceedings of the colonial conference, the publication to be at an early date, but the speeches will require some revision before publication.

Winston Churchill replying to a question said the colonial premier made clear to the government that their policy was to protect their position from British and foreign competition they could not in any way reciprocate the free and unrestricted right imposed upon them by this country. On the other hand his Majesty's government were not prepared to place a tax on foreign imports for the purpose of conferring further advantages on the self-governing colonies.

The delayed conference of Sir Edward Grey and Lord Elgin respectively secretaries for foreign affairs and for the colonies with Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the Canadian premier, on the questions pending between the United States and Canada on which Secretary of State Root is anxious to reach an understanding took place at the foreign office last Thursday. The discussion was rather prolonged. Premier Laurier fully set forth the views of himself and his government at the conference.

Sir Robert Bond, the premier of Newfoundland, also has been discussing the Newfoundland fisheries question with the imperial ministry and today in an interview expressed confidence that before he leaves England an understanding will be reached as to the attitude the foreign office will adopt in future on these questions with Washington.

BARK OSBERGA REACHES BOSTON BADLY BATTERED. Boston, May 13—Shorn of her top hamper and with her crew practically exhausted from hard work and meagre provisions the British bark Osberga, of Maitland (N. S.), Capt. Hatfield, arrived in the harbor tonight from Turk's Island, after a tempestuous passage of fifty-nine days. The usual passage by vessels of the Osberga type is from twenty to twenty-five days. Almost from the time that the bark left Turk's Island until she finally reached the Nantucket lightship she was subjected to a continuous series of gales which wrenched all her upper spars and set her but few sails with which to reach port.

Pay \$150,000 for Race Track. Toronto, Ont., May 13—(Special)—The Ontario Jockey Club has decided to purchase Woodbine race track from the heirs of the late Joseph Duggan for \$150,000. The property is about sixty acres and in the hands of the club has been improved and reclaimed so as to be double in value. It had been largely mired.

HORRIBLE DEED OF ONTARIO FARMER

Killed Wife and Two Little Ones With a Hammer, Then Suicided.

LEAVES NOTE BEHIND. After Committing the Terrible Crime, William Waldie Penned a Few Lines Declaring He Was a Maniac and Couldn't Bear to Leave His Family For the World to Scoff At.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Kingston, Ont., May 13—A terrible murder and suicide occurred close to Ganouke early this morning. William Waldie, a respected resident, aged thirty-eight years, killed his wife and two children with a hammer, and then cut his throat. His hired man found the dead bodies. A note was left by Waldie stating that he had meant at first to kill only himself. This is a copy:

"Up stairs will be found the work of a mental and physical wreck, a maniac for the last two years, unknown to anybody but myself, I suspect. When to God I had never been born. I have killed the dearest woman and her unborn baby and two sweetest of children. I had intended to kill only myself, but I could not at last leave them to the scoff of the world. I have been hoodwinked by those who should have been my friends and can see no future, as I am mentally unable to manage myself or to accomplish my work."

GALA FUNCTION FOR CANADIAN MINISTERS. American Ambassador to Britain Banquets Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Other Notables.

London, May 13—Ambassador and Mrs. Reid welcomed this evening, at Dorchester House, a distinguished company, representative of various parts of the British empire. The dinner was given in honor primarily of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the premier of Canada, and the other delegates from America's neighbor on the north to the imperial conference now in session in London.

In addition to the Canadian premier and Lady Laurier and Hon. L. P. Brodeur, Canadian minister of marine and fisheries and Mrs. Brodeur, there was present at the dinner Premier Campbell-Bannerman. After the dinner a concert, which was followed by a dance and buffet.