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BEAR PRICES GOING UP BECAUSE CATTLE ARE SCARCE

Sharp Rise in Past Ten Days—Thrifty Housewives Should Patronize City Market.

Hi, diddle, diddle. The cat and fiddle. Cow's jumping over the moon. Housewives are sad. Hobbies are mad. They won't afford beefsteaks soon. —The Cook's Canticles.

At the moment the citizens of Toronto are congratulating themselves on the passing of winter, and the corresponding reduction in their fuel bills, a surprise is due to be in store. The price of beef will be in the neighborhood of 30 cents a pound, while prices of beef will sell from 20 to 22 cents. In Toronto the advance is correspondingly great.

G. H. Waller of G. H. Waller & Son said to The World: "The advance in the price of dressed beef within the past eight or ten days is very sharp. A few days ago we purchased 17 cattle, and as serving to show the rise in price the same cattle now would cost us just \$20 more. Dressed beef has advanced from \$1.50 to \$2 per cwt., and the end is not yet.

"The bear comes at a time when in many cases the wholesale dealers are on the point of renewing their contracts with the hotels and restaurants. These contracts usually run from six months to a year, and call for considerable risk in the preparation.

"Six or eight weeks must at least elapse before there is any relief, and before the grain grows. Cattle are scarce, and already Chicago buyers have purchased from 1000 to 150000 head of animals. Mutton, too, is much higher, selling at 14 1/2 cents a pound, and the same at the same time last year.

"The advance in the price of beef is due to the fact that the supply is short, and the effect must be felt in the increased rates in the restaurants and boarding houses in the city."

Increased Cost of Living.
W. B. Leveck, "the king" of the higher rates, has an opinion as to the price which might obtain. "The price of beef has gone up \$2 per cwt., and the local trade is toward a higher rate. With export cattle it is more difficult to speak, as much depends on conditions elsewhere. The effect must be to increase the cost of living in the city."

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ROOSEVELT WANTS BIG GRIZZLY WON'T BE HAPPY TILL HE GETS IT

Is Now in Locality Where They're Numerous—Humane Society Stops One Hunt.

New Castle, Col., April 15.—At an early hour of the morning, President Roosevelt and his party of nine, composed of guides and friends, started at 11:30 this morning for the hunting and fishing grounds on East Divide River, twenty-three miles southwest of this place. The President rode a big white hunter, sure-footed but not speedy, and said to be one of the few horses not afraid of a bear.

About a foot of snow fell in the region of the camp the other day, and it couldn't be finer for tracking if made to order for Roosevelt's benefit. Signs of the grizzly bear—Travis Major in all truth—are reported to be plenty in that wild region, and the president has been told there is every chance of his taking back a monster pelt.

It's dangerous hunting, is the search for a grizzly, but Roosevelt's eye is clear, his hand steady and he has all confidence in his big calibre. Mountain lions are also plenty there, and they are hard to shoot, but the sport is tame in comparison with the real thing in a grizzly.

Before starting on the ride to camp the president had a cheerful talk to the town folk. He said he wasn't going to run into danger needlessly, nor was he going to catch mountain lions and tear their jaws apart with his bare hands. But he did want a grizzly—just one—and he would be satisfied. On Monday will come the first hunt for big game.

The bear chase that was to have taken place in the president's honor today was called off by the State Humane Society. The animal was to have an hour's start, but the society agent objected, saying the fierce animal only had been tamed for a short time, and might gobble up a few children before Roosevelt caught up with it.

A BLIND SAMSON



Quite oblivious of his own impending fate Samson Laurier vigorously plies the crowbar.

DISAPPEARANCE OF RUSSIAN FLEET SINCE THURSDAY A FEATHER IN ROJESTVENSKY'S CAP—NOTHING DEFINITE BUT MUCH IS POSSIBLE.

Manila, April 15.—Rumors of a battle between the Russian and Japanese fleets off the Viper Shoals came from night from Palawan Island and from night from British North Borneo, Sandakan, in British North Borneo. The two points are about equally distant from the scene of the reported battle, which lends some probability to the story, and the shoals are just northeast of what is called the "Philippine route" to Japan. There is no confirmation of the battle, but it is not improbable, inasmuch as Japanese cruisers were sighted on Thursday within 200 miles of Palawan Island on the northeast and the Russian fleet, Charlotte Banks, which would have brought the warships well in toward the Palawan Island, and it is certain that Admiral Togo's battalions and his big cruisers were sighted southwest of Formosa, and the engagement probably was a fight between the projected cruisers and the unarmored division of the Russian fleet.

THINK TOGO IS SURPRISED IS NOW COLLECTING FLEET

St. Petersburg and London Still Skirmishing is Expected Soon.

St. Petersburg, April 12.—(12:45 a.m.)—There is no information from Vice-Admiral Rojostvensky's squadron, but the admiral would not be surprised to learn of skirmishing between scout ships to-day or to-morrow and the insurrection of torpedo boat warfare soon is not unexpected.

The naval organ here expresses the opinion that Togo was taken completely by surprise when Rojostvensky suddenly appeared at the entrance of the China Sea, and is now concentrating his widely scattered fleet near the Peadores, where it is believed a sea fight will probably occur.

London, April 17.—There is as yet no news of a naval battle in the far east or of the whereabouts of the rival fleets. The Hong Kong correspondent of The Daily Mail sends a rumor of firing heard 150 miles north of the Natuna Island on April 12, but there is no confirmation of this report. Details regarding the Russian ships in Kamranh Bay, Cochin China, are too meagre to be instructive.

According to The Daily Mail's Singapore correspondent the North German Lloyd steamer Prinz Heinrich saw six battleships and six cruisers in the bay, but the dispatches to other of the London newspapers are not so precise.

The Daily Telegraph's Singapore correspondent says that possibly more warships were visible than he says, but that they were invisible from the British ship.

To Entrench Neutrality.

The presence of the Russian squadron off the Annam coast is raising keen interest here, in view of the possibility of their infringing Chinese neutrality and of the likelihood of Rojostvensky having had to split his squadron.

WIFE AWAITING FEDERAL HUSBAND WHO KILLS HIMSELF

Death of Life Partner Causes Richard J. Hunter With a Razor to Commit Suicide.

With his wife lying in her coffin awaiting burial, Richard J. Hunter, 32 Perth street, yesterday morning committed suicide by cutting his throat with a razor.

Mrs. Hunter died on Friday of diabetes. The funeral arrangements were completed and the body lay in a casket in the front room, surrounded by flowers. Saturday evening the children, Charley, aged 10, and Lizzie, aged 7, were taken into the residence of Thos. Coyle, a neighbor. The two sisters of the deceased woman, Mrs. and Miss Lalley, remained in the Hunter household with the husband.

COLONIES' COTTON COMPETITION HAS ALARMED UNITED STATES

Statistician Makes Special Trip Cross Ocean to Investigate Extent of Danger.

Washington, April 15.—The agricultural department is holding up an important bulletin already prepared on the prospect of more serious competition in the English cotton markets from the production of British colonies, until this subject can be personally investigated by John Hyde, the chief statistician, to see what are the grounds of present British optimism.

He will sail for Europe early in June, and is more dependent on his expert report in cotton than in any other crop, in spite of the increase in the harvest and the British claims regarding colonial supplies should materialize. American export trade would suffer a severe blow, although no new source of production, no matter how promising, could at once displace our exports.

Another object of Statistician Hyde's enquiry will be the increasing Lancashire demand for cotton, which will be given publicity, with the modifications that his findings may suggest.

Yonge Street Arcade Restaurant and Dining Room, 35 cents, other meals a la carte.

MINISTRY LOSES GREATER TRIUMPH COULD HAVE FORCED ORIGINAL BILL

Le Nationaliste Says Discussion Would Not Have Been More Violent—Fight Not Yet Begun on Revising "Lame and Infirm Law."

Montreal, April 15.—(Special.)—Le Nationaliste says to-day: "Hon. Frank Oliver is not a bad subject, although not broad in his ideas. He is a fanatic, but a good sort of a fanatic. He would like to see the west completely English and the last Catholic school disappear, yet he is just for all that."

Le Nationaliste says that it becomes more evident as the debate progresses, that the ministry could have forced the bill thru the house as first proposed. The discussion would not have been more violent, and the triumph of the champions of the bill

TOGO MAY DELAY

Tokio, April 15.—Outside a semi-official statement that the Japanese fleet has been no disclosure here, the Jiji Shimpu throws any light upon the movements of the Japanese fleet. The Jiji Shimpu is regarded as an organ of the government. The higher Japanese officials do not need any newspaper organ, and so the statements made from time to time in the Jiji Shimpu are not regarded as inspired. Generally, however, they are authentic, and this has been proved more than once since the beginning of the war. There is some significance, however, attached to the article which appeared to-day, inasmuch as it implies, it suggests that the Japanese navy will be inactive for some time to come.

"That Japan is certain to knock trading vessels and commercial steamers of all kinds, the Jiji Shimpu thinks inevitable, because the Baltic fleet is traversing the path of navigation."

Nevertheless, the enemy will be allowed some latitude without molestation to its movements. Even marauding in the open sea will be tolerated while the Japanese complete their plans to catch the enemy's fleet and effect in a single engagement the annihilation of Rojostvensky's squadron. Meanwhile the Japanese should bear slight losses of commerce with equanimity, awaiting Togo's ultimate glorious victory."

INSIDE INFORMATION

This announcement suggests that the Japanese navy will permit Rojostvensky to get into the Sea of Japan without opposition and destroy Japanese commerce between Japan and Korea as well as between Japan and the Chinese coast. Few of the representatives of foreign governments here take the announcement seriously, although they admit in the past this newspaper has been accurately informed as to the intentions of the government.

DEFENSE ZONES

Tokio, April 15.—The navy department Continued on Page 2.

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ONE CENT
LICENSE PLAK IN CONTEMPT
SPECIAL OFFICER IS BUSY
Open Violations by Licensed Houses and Numerous Blind Pigs in New Ontario.

Reports from New Ontario go to show that when Provincial Secretary Hanna wrote to the license commissioners and inspectors that he expected the hotelmen to "keep hotel" and that violations of the law would not be tolerated he was in earnest. Within the last two or three weeks there has been an awakening in the "wild and woolly north" and a state of things has been found to exist that no one unfamiliar with the facts would have dreamed of.

The license law under the old regime was apparently held in contempt, for the new inspectors have had no trouble in securing convictions against the majority of hotelkeepers as well as searching out "blind pigs" and illicit breweries which flourished under the very ribs of the law. In Port Hope, Ontario, the license law was "pulled" in Halleyville, New Lakeside and several other northern towns from three to ten indictments have been laid against hotelkeepers for violations, and several "pigs" have been closed up and their owners fined.

Along the line of the Temiskaming Railway peddlars did a rushing trade in "ford" and other brands of liquor. A man named Joyce was growing rich carrying it to the laborers and his wagon-load, seized by the authorities, comprised brands a quart of which would paralyze a regiment. One woman kept a full supply of intoxicants, and her place was known to all the neighborhood.

In a week's time the special officer sent by the provincial secretary's department to find more business than he could handle, naturally found more, and in many of the main line towns the proprietors of "blind pigs" had been found, and the illicit groceries were found doing a thriving business, some of them with their signs out.

The special officer will have several offenders before the local magistrates this week. If convictions are not secured where the evidence is conclusive, ample it is said, special magistrates with roving commissions will be sent into New Ontario. The license inspectors will be absolutely enforced. The activity of the department is striking terror into the hearts of the licensees, and no one knows just where the ax is going to fall.

BATTLE ROYAL SURE NOW WHERE MOUNTAIN IS WON

Liberals Will Confront To-Day and Big Speakers Are to Take the Stump for Both Parties.

Winnipeg, April 15.—(Special.)—The announcement of the Liberal convention at Balour to-morrow, to nominate a candidate to contest Mountain in April 27, together with reports from Ottawa that ex-Premier Greenway and Messrs. Jackson and Crawford are coming west to stump the constituency, confirms the prediction that there will be a battle royal on this by-election. The provincial government have made the stand and it is up to them to make good by winning the election. Mountain has been consistently Liberal for 25 years.

Mr. Rogers will tour the constituency, starting about the middle of the week, and will be followed by the line of attempts by the hierarchy and Premier Laurier to coerce the province into the re-establishment of separate schools.

The line of the Liberal defence is not yet divulged, but probably an appeal will be made to out-Hero Herod, so far as the boundary question goes.

WHERE HATS CONGREGATE

More highly creditable hat is acquired at Dineen's. At the beginning of the week, a lot of hats at his corner store. There is a good hat at a low price. Dineen's has been general with a few exceptions. The hats are of the best quality, and the prices are low. Dineen's, corner Yonge and Temperance streets.

STILL CHILLY

Metropolitan Office, Toronto, April 16, 8 p.m.—Temperature in Canada today from Alberta to the Atlantic have been almost uniform and with a few local exceptions, mostly in the north, there has been general with a few exceptions. Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 10-34; Port Simpson, 28-41; Yellowknife, 41-58; Kamloops, 46-52; Calgary, 18-36; On Appleton, 14-41; Winnipeg, 20-34; Regina, 20-34; Toronto, 20-40; Ottawa, 26-42; Montreal, 21-41; Quebec, 22-42; Halifax, 30-50.

PROBABILITIES

Lower lakes, Georgian Bay, Ottawa and Upper St. Lawrence—Fresh to strong northwesterly winds; fair; not much change in temperature.

Lower St. Lawrence and Gulf—Strong westerly winds; mostly fair and cool; local snowdrifts.

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