

WHEAT SITUATION IN SOUTH BAFFLING TO CROP EXPERTS

Winter Wheat Has Yet to Show Signs of Vitality--Farmers Will Know in a Week Whether to Sow Spring Wheat. Unprecedented Immigration into the Lethbridge District. Orders for 200 Steam Plow Outfits Have Been Placed by Farmers in This Section This Spring.

April Weather Was a Disappointment--Spring Wheat Seeded in March Has Taken a Great Jump in Past Few Days, After Lying Dormant During Cool Weather of April--Atmospheric Conditions Are Now Perfect.

By Bulletin Staff Correspondent. Lethbridge, May 6--Lethbridge is a city that never sleeps. Its period of activity extends from midnight to midnight. Midnight is when most of the trains get in. The city inhabitants have their usual sleeping hours, but not so the traveler or the immigrant.

Great influx of Settlers. The influx of settlers is unprecedented. Many of them have more money than they know what to do with. They introduce them to a half section or more, and the sale is made. A surprising amount of rich wheat land has changed hands in the past few weeks in this way.

Situation is Baffling. There are men going up and down Southern Alberta today who do not know what to make of the grain position. Winter wheat is baffling them as it never has done before. Two years ago the arrival of warm growing weather was delayed but it came at last under most favorable conditions of moisture and sunshine and a great harvest was the result.

Several large farmers in the Lethbridge district have brushed aside the uncertainty of the situation and have re-seeded hundreds of acres to spring wheat. On the other hand most of the farmers throw the dice for leave the grain to work out its own salvation. The remarkable thing is that some fields have come up beautifully, others, perhaps adjoining them, have not recovered at all yet, while some fields are winter killed in streaks and spots.

Wait another week, says the optimist, "and you will get the whole story. This is no time to make any final declaration." Locally the custom, as is easily seen, is to consider the matter subjective. The authorities are still mum.

SOUTHERN COAL STRIKE IS ENDED

Miners Agree to Application For Arbitration Board Under Lemieux Act--Men Suffered. Coleman, Alberta, May 7.--A new and interesting feature has been added to the coal miners' strike by the application of Robert Evans, who is directing the struggle in behalf of the men, owing to the illness of President Frank Sherman, for a board of arbitration under the Lemieux Act.

TWO YOUNG MEN ACCUSED OF ARSON

Jonathan Davidson and George Fisher Now Under Arrest at the Police Station. Charged with the crime of arson in burning down their meat market, situated at 1843 Syndicate avenue, on the night of the 22nd of February last, Jonathan Davidson, aged 29, and Geo. Fisher, aged 18, are now in the city police cells awaiting trial. They were arrested last night at their homes, one in the East end of the city and were assigned before Police Magistrate Cowan this morning. Bail for \$1,000 each was asked but neither have been released up to the present, as the authorities are not forthcoming.

JURY FINDS GUS ZUCHT GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER

Verdict Returned at 2 O'Clock Friday Afternoon--Prisoner Receives it Without an Expression of Feeling--His Parents Are Visibly Affected--Justice Harvey Refuses Application of Defense Counsel For Reserve Case--Sentence Will Be Pronounced Later. "We find the prisoner guilty of manslaughter with a strong recommendation for the leniency of the court," With these words H. Bowen, foreman of the jury empaneled for the trial of Gus Zucht, son of Edward Zucht at the Royal Hotel, Stoney Plain, on April 3rd, delivered the verdict agreed upon when the court resumed at 10 o'clock Friday afternoon. The other jurors, Fred Schee, Al. Brown, Geo. W. Dawes, Wm. Howie and A. E. Jackson, assented to the verdict given by the foreman. Mr. Justice Harvey refused to grant the application of the defense counsel for the right to appeal the case. The judge pronounced a verdict of manslaughter with a recommendation for the leniency of the court. Sentence was reserved until a later date.

YOUNG TURK LEADER FAVORS EXECUTION

Of Abdul Hamid, According to Report. According to present appearances the International officers are beginning to get the better of it, so far as the men are concerned. After Mr. Sherman called the strike it was remembered he called a convention of the district at Ferzie, at which over sixty per cent of the delegates were in favor of the strike. This convention endorsed Mr. Sherman's action in calling the strike, but only after a hard fight. The feeling of the men on strike has been taken again by open vote in the various camps, and the men at Coleman, Bellevue and Hillcrest voted against the continuing of the struggle, and it is said there was also a substantial vote of the same nature in the other districts, although the figures have not been given out. One of the anomalies of the strike is the fact that Mr. Evans is asking for an arbitration under the Lemieux Act and has named Mr. Sherman as the men's representative on the board, although Mr. Sherman has always contended this was no good, and also though he is now supposed to be too ill to conduct the strike. Now that Mr. Evans has asked for an arbitration board the operators, who all along have been standing pat, have something to say.

OPERATORS WITHDRAW AGREEMENT

At each of the various conferences which have taken place between the representatives of the operators and those of the men since the strike began, the Macleod agreement has been open to acceptance by the men. The operators now, however, take the ground that the application by the strikers for a board of arbitration does away with the Macleod agreement, and that they will place several demands before the arbitrators. These will include a reduction in several contract prices, differential rates for lower rate for mining plants and the striking out of the "check-off" clause. The operators point to the fact that under the wage schedule under which the men have been working until they went on strike, some of the miners were making as high as

WILD SCENE IN THE WHEAT PIT

Chicago, Ill., May 7.--Wheat today proved itself the most headless creature of the season, from a bear point of view. Hundreds of bear speculators on the Board of Trade cursed the cereal as the most foolish, flippant and traitorous of created things. During the forenoon the price of July wheat had fallen from 1.17 1/2 to 1.13 1/2. It rested to 1.15 just before trading closed at 1.17. A few minutes, while the fateful figures from Washington were clicking over the wires, the farmers and plowmen to the charge with an irresistible onslaught.

RICH POORER AND THE POOR RICHER

Socialists in British Parliament Will Bend Efforts to Increase Taxation of Unearned Incomes. London, May 6.--The debate on the budget in the House of Commons was concluded by the government abruptly this evening by the government moving the closure rule. The result on the division gave the government a majority of 107, but this was so greatly below the average that the Unionists cheered tumultuously and shouted "Down with the Socialists and Laborites" gave the government their general support, although, as Mr. Snowden, one of their most eloquent speakers declared, the proposals did not go far enough to please them.

WHITLA KIDNAPPING CASE

Sharon, Penn., May 7.--Little Billy Whitla's kidnaping is assuming daily a more interesting and mysterious character. Mrs. Boyle's defence rested their case tonight without calling her. Boyle, who was in court, was boiling with rage and created some disturbance and was rebuked by the court. Boyle stated his lawyers permitted his case to be railroaded through without permitting him an opportunity of squaring himself.

NOW IT IS PUGSLEY'S TURN

Minister Will Have an Accounting in Central Railway Matter. St. John, May 7.--As outlined by his answer to T. W. Crothers, M.P., in the House of Commons, Wednesday, how Mr. Pugsley is instructed by his solicitor, W. B. Wallace, K.C., of this city to begin proceedings in equity for an accounting of expenditure, the appropriation of all subsidies, bonds, debentures, etc., and other moneys received by the present and past directors of the New Brunswick Coal and Railway company from the Dominion and local governments. All defendants must be served with a copy of the original summons by the sheriff of the county, where they reside, causing some time to elapse before the case comes up. It will come up before Chief Justice Barker, who will decide the date of hearing.

MILITARY TRAINING IN SCHOOLS

Announcement of Appropriations to Various Cadet Corps. Ottawa, Ont., May 7.--The first announcement regarding the mode by which military drill will be encouraged in the schools under the training trust is made today. For the training of a cadet corps during the school year, subject to the certificate of a military inspection officer, allowances will be paid to lieutenants as follows: When the corps has less than twenty members no allowance; from 20 to 50 \$1 per cadet; for each additional cadet up to 100, 75 cents per cadet; for each in excess of 100 up to 125, 25 cents per cadet.

Strike Symptom: Threw Bomb

Buenos Ayres, May 7.--A bomb was exploded today at the corner of Corrientes and Cerro streets, having supposedly been thrown by one of the strikers in sympathy with the strike inaugurated in protest against the action of the police in firing upon a crowd of May Day demonstrators. As a result a police agent's leg was torn off and a little girl had both legs fractured.

Illegally Caught Fish Seized

Walkerville, Ont., May 7.--Five hundred pounds of pickled, cured, by Essex County fishermen during the closed season, and consigned to a Detroit firm, were seized last night.

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