

CANADIAN WHEAT GOES EAST THROUGH AMERICAN CHANNELS

In What is Said to Be an Effort to Head Off Deep St. Lawrence Waterways

Fort William, Ont., Dec. 9.—About 600,000 bushels of wheat left this port Wednesday under the hatches of three ships Buffalo-bound, sending the exports of grain to the United States up another notch, and adding to the keen interest in these shipments manifest throughout North America following the announcement that this country had successfully marketed a huge quantity of its farm produce when selling everywhere was bad.

Deep Laid Scheme

Now comes another angle to the story through R. A. Ursell, statistician for the Board of Grain Commissioners for Canada, who finds in the tremendous movement of wheat to Buffalo an alarming fact—nothing less than a deep laid plot of New York to head off the deep St. Lawrence waterways by re-establishing the Erie Canal route for Canadian wheat.

Moreover, as an aid to the Erie Canal in the diversion of Canadian wheat through United States seaports instead of through the St. Lawrence Canal system or any other canal system which keeps this trade within Canadian borders and in Canadian ships, Mr. Ursell refers to the steps which have been quietly going on to develop the Oswego Canal which runs from Lake Ontario to the Hudson River and so to New York.

Mr. Ursell who has at his disposal here probably the most complete statistics on grain transportation available in Canada, makes the estimate that not more than 10,000,000 bushels will be milled in the United States and the balance exported through New York, Boston and other Atlantic ports. Ordinarily the wheat sent South by railroads West of here is that used by millers, something like 4,500,000; but this year, owing to the low quality of wheat raised throughout the United States, this figure has been more than doubled.

Therefore, the balance already shipped to Buffalo and that which will continue to go forward until the close of navigation, is destined for export. It has actually been sold to United States merchants, and

LOUGH ACQUITTED OF KILLING SIX MEN AT GRAND PRAIRIE

Edmonton, Dec. 9.—A special Bulletin from Grand Prairie states that Daniel Lough, charged with Snyder murders, near there, in last, has been found not guilty by the jury, after it had been out for an hour.

It is also reported from Grand Prairie that owing to the lack of evidence the case against Munch charged with Hillas' murder of June, has been called off.

The acquittal of Lough leaves a mystery of the killing of the six men at Grand Prairie still unsolved.

TEN ENTRIES FOR HUDSON'S BAY DOG DERBY TO DATE

Race From the Pas to Ft. McMurray Distance 200 Miles—Purse \$2,500

The Pas, Dec. 14.—The fourth Hudson Bay Dog Derby, which will run over a course from here to Ft. McMurray, a distance of 200 miles, for a purse of \$2,500, is already attracting a great deal of attention among followers of the game here and to date the entries number ten, including those from Alaska. The two from Alaska are Guyne, who won last year's derby, and Goppala. Other well-known "handlers" who have announced their intention to face the starter are March, and R. B. Bessert. The first of the founders of the Derby, Larry McKay and Sam Pranteau, of Grand Rapids, Jack Hayes, of St. George Landing, Halsea Campbell, B. Morgan, Jack Bacon, of the Pas, and Steve Bjorkman, of Winnipeg, whose entry was received first this year.

It is practically certain that many of the teams will use the Alaska dogs and sleds. Derby officials think a good deal of credit belongs to Guyne for coming here last winter and introducing the Alaskan style of racing. They believe it has given a great impetus to dog breeding and caused increased interest throughout The Pas district.

ALIEN MINORS ADMITTED TO U.S.

New York, Dec. 9.—Abraham Engel

deported from Canada as an undesirable alien, applied at Ellis Island for admission to the U.S. Their case according to immigration officials, brings up a delicate question affecting the mutual immigration policies of Canada and the U.S.

The Russians arrived on the S.S. Saxonia from Halifax, where they had been refused admission to the Dominion. While technically under guard of the captain of the Saxonia as deportees, they were allowed to apply for admittance under a ruling by a U.S. court that once within the three mile limit any alien may make such application.

Last week, according to records at the island, two alien minors deported from Canada were accepted at this port.

JUGO-SLAVIA AND HOLLAND QUARREL

Holland Dismisses Serbian From Hague and Recalls Minister From Belgrade

The Hague, Dec. 14.—Democratic relations have been broken between Holland and Jugo-Slavia, it was stated here Monday.

Holland has recalled her minister from Belgrade and has dismissed the Serbian charge d'affaires at The Hague. The action was taken as the result of what the Dutch Foreign Office terms "a long series of insults to the Dutch Government."

The beginning of the difficulty with the arrest in the early part of the war without notification to Holland, of the Dutch consul at Belgrade, who was an Austrian subject. Since then, according to the Foreign Office, repeated efforts to Holland to adjust the difficulties amicably had met with no success.

The break is only a diplomatic incident and no other developments are expected. The Associated Press correspondent was told at the Dutch Foreign Office.

RURAL VICAR FIRST CONCEIVED IDEA OF BURIAL OF UNK

Margate, Dec. 14.—The Rev. David Ballion, the vicar here, was the author of the idea of the burial of an unknown soldier in Westminster Abbey, which took place on November 11. Mr. Ballion, who was a military chaplain in France, communicated his idea to the Dean of Westminster and it followed.

S. REVISION OF TARIFF LAWS TO BEGIN JAN 6TH

and Continue Until Shortly Before President-Elect Harding is Inaugurated

Washington, Dec. 9.—The Republican revision of the tariff laws will be started Jan. 6, Republican leaders of the House have decided. Hearings, which are expected to continue until early before President-elect Harding is inaugurated, will be started on that date by the House Ways and Means Committee. It was agreed.

The decision was taken to mean that revision of the tariff schedules will precede revision of the revenue laws in the work of the special session of the new Congress shortly after inauguration.

Republican members of the committee, however, agreed that some hearings should be held before the Christmas holidays on demands for immediate relief from the present laws, including proposals to allow the deduction of losses sustained during the year from tax returns to be filed in March. Another proposal is to exempt from taxation mortgages on buildings when the amount held by an individual does not exceed \$40,000.

This is to encourage building. Many tax increases proposed by the House of Representatives, including a 2 per cent. on incomes under \$5,000, Houston at the time asked that:

Surveys be lowered on the larger incomes. Corporations made to pay a flat tax of 20 per cent. on undivided profits. Big increases be made in existing business taxes on tobacco, cigars, cigarettes, candy, chewing gum, and so like.

Gasoline be taxed 20 cents per gallon and automobiles 50 cents per horse power.

Houston's proposals were contained in his annual report presented to Speaker Gillett, of the House, and intended to net the government approximately \$2,000,000,000 a year.

That part of the report dealing with taxation was intended as a guide to congress in passing new revenue laws to take the place of those enacted during the war period, and which are failing to produce sufficient revenue for the government, according to the secretary. At least \$12,000,000,000 more is needed.

WE HOPE FOR AN IRISH TRUCE

Premier Lloyd George Declares Prospects for Settlement Brighter Than Appear

London, Dec. 9.—Prospects of an Irish truce, which last night were generally regarded as having receded almost out of sight, have been revived, according to a late edition of the Daily Mail, as a result of a private interview between Archbishop Clune and Premier Lloyd George yesterday. The archbishop, the paper declares, conveyed to Lloyd George what, in effect, was a message from Michael Collins, commander-in-chief of the Sinn Féin army. It is understood the impression given that Collins and other Sinn Féin leaders were extremely desirous of a truce and were prepared to take definite steps to secure it. The Daily Mail adds that the Premier was much reassured, concluding by saying: "It is definitely stated that prospects for a settlement are much brighter than they appear on the surface."

MY COMPASS BROKEN OPEN TO GET ALCOHOL: MANY REPAIRS MADE

Washington, Dec. 9.—Many repairs to my compasses have been made during the last year by reason of the fact that the instructions have been broken open for alcohol they contained, says the naval report of Rear-Admiral Stewart, superintendent of the observatory.

BENNETT FARMER HAD A GOOD YEAR

Swift Current, Sask., Dec. 11.—Does all farming pay? Axel Nelson, of Bennett, a firm believer that it does, set year Mr. Nelson bought a quarter section of land two and a half miles South of Penzance, for which he paid \$3,200. He cropped the land last year and he sold 1,500 bushels of wheat at \$2.00 a bushel, or \$3,000. At the same time ago at \$2.50 a bushel, he sold 1,500 bushels of wheat, or \$3,750. That is not all, as Mr. Nelson still has 500 bushels of wheat and 1,000 bushels of oats left from this season.

UNITED STATES WAR BILL

IS \$24,010,000,000

Washington, Dec. 9.—The net cost of the war to the U.S. Government was fixed by Secretary of the Treasury Houston at \$24,010,000,000. This, he said, represented the "adjusted" expenditure of the Treasury, excluding all other outlay which had no relation to actual prosecution of the war at the period from April, 1917, to June 30 last, which, he said, covered the extremes of the Government's war time financial operations.

CATTLE EMBARGO NO SLUR ON HEALTH CANADIAN ANIMALS

British Secretary of Agriculture Reterrates His Inability to Remove Embargo

London, Dec. 9.—The Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture admitted in the House of Commons yesterday that his attention had been drawn to a statement by Hon. Manning Doherty, Ontario Minister of Agriculture, that the British embargo on cattle was a gross injustice to Canada. He reiterated his inability to remove the embargo, although he denied that any slur was implied on the health of Canadian cattle.

REDUCTION OF WAGES IN TEXTILE MILLS PREDICTED

Boston, Dec. 9.—A wage reduction of 25 per cent. in the textile mills in the New England states was forecast today in a statement issued after a conference of textile manufacturers.

A beaver says a woman's sphere is that she will not find a husband.

FREIGHT RATES INQUIRY TO COME AFTER CHRISTMAS

Conference to Be Held Next Week Will Determine Principles and Procedure

Ottawa, Dec. 9.—There is little expectation here that the general inquiry into railway freight rates, arising out of the Government's action in asking the Board of Railway Commissioners to reconsider the judgment granting increases now in effect and the application of the Manitoba Government for a suspension of the same, will be commenced before the new year. While nothing will be decided before the conference of all the interested parties, to take place on Tuesday, Dec. 14, it is regarded as practically certain that the decision will be that a beginning should not be made with this most important case until after the Christmas holidays.

Next week's conference will decide in a general way what is to be investigated, the principles and procedure to be adopted, and where the sittings are to be held. As the chief question likely to be considered is one of discriminatory rates, it is assumed that the hearings in this case will be held in all the most important centres from coast to coast and that they will be protracted.

While the main question at issue is one of discriminatory rates as between sections of the country lying West and East of the Great Lakes, respectively, British Columbia and the Maritime Provinces will have special representations to make to the Railway Board. It has been contended in British Columbia for some time past that the Coast province labors under discriminatory rates as compared with the Prairie Provinces, the reason for the higher rates being the assumption that the cost of operation is greater in the mountains of British Columbia than

on the plains. It will be argued that the time has arrived when these difficulties should be wholly or partially removed. Then the Maritime Provinces will have some demands to make in regard to certain rates that have been complained of, so that the case will affect the Dominion as a whole to a greater degree than any matter that has ever been considered by the Railway Board.

NO CASKET, HEARSE OR CHAPEL SO BIG

Sacramento Joe Weighed 640 Pounds—His Funeral a Special One

Sacramento, Dec. 14.—Relatives of Sacramento Joe who died here while on two operating tables, are trying to make funeral arrangements. A special casket with twelve handles is being built. It will be six feet six inches long, two feet deep and wide enough to hold the bodies of four ordinary men.

The funeral director figures that he will be unable to get the casket into any chapel, so the funeral will be held in the hallway of his establishment. Sacramento has no hearse big enough to hold the casket, and a wagon has been secured.

Krebeck, known among circus people as "Sacramento Joe," died as surprised were preparing to remove 100 pounds of fat. For several weeks he had been so fat that he was helpless and slept almost twenty-four hours a day. He was 44.

\$500,000 WORTH TORONTO BONDS QUICKLY BOUGHT UP

Toronto, Dec. 14.—Fully one-half of the \$1,000,000 bond issue just put out by the City of Toronto has already been absorbed by investors and that in less than two full working days. Rich widows are the most desirable second hand articles on the market.

HON. DR. THORNTON VISITS BRANDON NORMAL SCHOOL

Third Class Students Leave at Christmas—Another Class Begins After Holidays

Hon. Dr. Thornton, Minister of Education, and Mr. W. Fletcher, the Deputy Minister, visited the Normal School Wednesday, and in particular the class of students attending the Third Class session, which will close next week. The Minister addressed the class, dealing particularly with the spirit which will inspire them in the work of teaching.

There are two classes of students at the Normal School at present, each numbering sixty members. The Third Class will leave at Christmas holidays and their place will be taken after Christmas by another class of sixty.

The students attending the Second Class term will graduate in May, so that during the year the Brandon Normal will contribute one hundred and eighty recruits to the teaching staff of the province. The other Normal Schools in the province are well attended. Altogether six hundred teachers will be trained during the term.

BUS DRIVER KILLED: 20 HURT DODGING TRUCK

New York, Dec. 9.—The driver of a Fifth Ave. bus was killed and 20 persons injured Wednesday when the vehicle overturned at 79th St. in attempting to dodge a truck.

HERON BAY TRAPPER MISSING

Port Arthur, Ont., Dec. 9.—William Lavell, a trapper at Heron Bay, Ont., of here, has been missing for ten days and several search parties have been unable to locate him.

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Raccoon Scarfs, original price \$17.50, now **\$12.75**
Hudson Seal Muff, original price \$44.00, now **\$29.50**
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Beautiful Mink Collar, original price \$85.80, for **\$42.90**

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presented a Canadian immigration achievement, so Norman Patterson, chief exporter here says.

What the United States buyers do with the wheat after they get it is regarded among grain exporters here as none of their business. The contention is put forward that unless protective measures are provided the Canadian merchant marine will slip from its eighth place in the shipping world and not climb to third place as a maritime power as formerly. The claim is made that statistics indicate that New York State shippers are trying to grab the Canadian wheat trade.

All United States ports took 75,000,000 bushels of wheat in 1935 and only 23,000,000 in 1934, when the restrictions existed. Up to November of this year the records here reveal the shipments as 43,000,000, since which date it is estimated that 10,000,000 have gone forward, and that 1936 exports to United States ports bid fair to reach the pre-war standard.

COOPER ARRESTED ON CHARGE OF MARRYING MOTHER OF HIS WIFE

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 10.—(By Canadian Press)—Walter Thornton, a Paducah cooper, married his mother-in-law on Thanksgiving Day, and the honeymoon lasted four days. They were arrested on a charge of violating the Kentucky statute which says "that a man shall not marry the mother of his wife."

Thornton married Miss May Hale five years ago. Recently Thornton obtained a divorce on the ground of infidelity, and he and his young daughter continued to live at the home of the mother-in-law, Mrs. Ellis Hale. Thornton is thirty-two and his bride is forty-two. Arraigned before County Judge Lang they pleaded that the bride was no longer Thornton's mother-in-law after he obtained his divorce. Judge Lang said there might be something in that and took the case under advisement.

GRANULATED SUGAR DROPS TO 8 1/2 CENTS PER POUND

New York, Dec. 14.—New low record prices were established for refined sugar here Monday.

The Federal Sugar Refining Company reduced its list prices another half cent to the basis of 8 1/2 cents per pound for fine granulated.

Other refiners, who had maintained their list prices of 9 cents, reduced their quotations to 8 1/2 cents.