

COTTON PRICES "BOOM" ON GOVERNMENT REPORT

Almost Reach the Record of the Sully Boom—Crop is a Poor One.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Not since the Sully boom of 1904 has the New York Cotton Exchange witnessed a more spectacular rise in prices than occurred today, with the announcement from Washington of the government crop report. The galleries were crowded with visitors, who saw the market soar to a new record for the season, with gains of more than 22 cents yesterday. Both the May and July options touched the high mark of 15.50, both gaining approximately 42 points over yesterday's close.

It was 2 o'clock when the news came that the government estimates only 10,088,000 bales, the smallest crop since 1903 and less by nearly 3,000,000 bales than last year's crop of American cotton. Immediately there was a tremendous rush of buying. Orders poured in from the world over and prices jumped from 29 to 30 points on the first transactions.

The government estimate is about 200,000 bales below the predictions of the most sanguine of the bulls. Sixteen-cent cotton, so much talked about, was not realized, but the market came near to attaining the sensational price of 17 1/2c, the highest since the civil war, brought on by the Sully boom five years ago.

It now remains to be determined whether the federal estimates have underestimated the yield, as has been the case for the past ten years. During that time the crop has been underestimated at from 500,000 to 600,000 bales.

Cochrane Gets Seven Months.
Samuel Cochrane, one of the seven blameless for the Robert Smith company, who have admitted stealing from the company, was sentenced to seven months in the Central Prison, in police court yesterday morning. He is being held to come up for sentence Monday morning.

The Bane of Beauty

Is Pimples, Boils, Blackheads, Eruptions—It's Blemish Is "Stuart's Calcium Wafers."

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Is your blood out of order? Have you pimples on your face and body? Do you have boils, tetter, eczema, blackheads, rash and rough, scabby skin? If you have all or some of these it is a sure indication that there is something the matter with your blood. Of course you know this as well as any one and have suspected it from the first appearance of a pimple or boil. You have been told to "keep it clean" to yourself and your case; this is all it is so easy to be negligent and put off for another time that which should have been done right away.

And all these vexatious and annoying eruptions—pimples, boils, etc., are your good friends, so don't harbor ill feelings towards them and attack them with ugly remedies in order to rid yourself of them. Besides being the escape of bad and poisonous humors, they act as messengers, which the blood sends out, to tell you that it is in peril and needs help and seeks it from you. The blood is starving and must have supplies; famishing for some certain kind of food of which it has been denied and unable to get. More messengers and yet more eruptions out as the delay becomes longer and they plead for and almost demand help.

Eczema, rash, tetter, blackheads come, all persistently telling the same story of the great and imminent need of aid. Science has carefully elaborated the remedy when these various eruptions appear on the surface of the body that the blood and system need a calcium—lime—mineral in order that it may be chemically correct and able to do all the important work assigned to it.

The scientific and medical laboratories have been busy for years in order to produce a product, manufacture a medicine, invent a remedy adequate to this need and entirely adapted to the purpose required. The demand was for something more carefully elaborated than the rude and rather elementary remedies heretofore used. The happy outcome of this combined effort is the STUART CALCIUM WAFER, which contains in agreeable and convenient form the lacking food which the blood has been craving and demanding, and with the use of these as a medicinal agent, the blood becomes pure and normal and the outward indications disappear. No more pimples, boils and blackheads; no more eczema, rash, eruptions and scabby skin for the reason that there is no cause for them, and the skin very soon becomes clear and smooth and the entire system suffers under a new lease of health and activity.

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CAMPAIGN WARMING UP BALFOUR'S LEAD AWAITED

Unionist Speakers Fight Shy of Tariff Reform—Austen Chamberlain is Heckled.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—The Unionist leaders who are much slower in getting to work in the election campaign than their rivals, have now arranged to start in earnest.

A long program of meetings in all parts of the country was issued from the Conservative organization office to-night. These will be addressed by Arthur J. Balfour, the opposition leader in the house of commons; Lord Lansdowne, who holds a similar position in the house of lords; Lord Curzon of Kedleston, Lord Milner and other prominent statesmen. The campaign, however, will not be in full swing before January.

Winston Spencer Churchill, president of the board of trade, is pursuing a campaign of daily speeches in Lancashire with unabated vigor.

Chancellor Lloyd-George, after a brief vacation, addressed a great meeting at Carnarvon to-night in both the English and Welsh languages.

Austen Chamberlain, ex-chancellor of the exchequer, also addressed a great gathering to-day at Great Shrewsbury, but had a bad reception, meeting continually with interruptions.

He referred only in the most general terms to tariff reform.

None of the Unionist speakers has yet grappled with this question. They probably are waiting for a lead from Balfour, who is expected shortly to issue an election manifesto.

The campaign is still distinguished by the strong line taken by the religious bodies against the house of lords. The Christian World publishes declarations from some thirty Free Church leaders, of moderate views against the rejection of the budget.

EARTHQUAKE AT OTTAWA

People Felt It and Officials Confirm It.
OTTAWA, Dec. 10.—A distinct earthquake, which lasted five seconds, was felt over the city and district this morning. It began at 12:40. Windows were rattled, beds shaken, and particularly in the southern part of the city the shock was severe. Dr. Klotz, of the Dominion Observatory, said this morning that the oscillation was one-third of an inch of the earth's particles, and moved in easterly-southerly and westerly-northerly directions. He said it was due to the readjustment of the strains in the earth's crust and took place along the weak lines of the district.

FEDERAL GRANT FOR FAIR

Sir Wilfrid Laurier Doesn't Enthusiasm Over Selkirk Centennial.
OTTAWA, Dec. 10.—Replying to a western deputation asking a federal grant of \$250,000 toward the Selkirk centennial celebration, which is to be held in Selkirk, Man., Sir Wilfrid Laurier said that the total amount which the exhibition management proposed to raise—\$500,000—was too small for an international fair and too large for a provincial show. So far, the directorate have promised from Winnipeg and various provincial governments only \$100,000. The premier pointed out that the Portland and Seattle Exposition had received only \$500,000 from the U. S. government.

To Wind Up Milton Firm.
Herbert Hind, cement manufacturer of East Toronto, who is a creditor to the extent of \$100,000, has made an application for a winding up order against the estate of C. R. Wilmut Co., Limited, of Milton, Ont.

The company was formed for the purpose of manufacturing agricultural implements, and had been purchased and some buildings partly erected. Look at this, however, hindered the enterprise, with the result that several liens were made against the company. An extension of time being sought, as it is claimed that the property is worth \$20,000, with liabilities not exceeding \$800.

Henry Decker has been appointed liquidator.

CEMENT FACTS.

There is a long-standing dispute among scientists as to whether cement was used in building the Pyramids. The accepted opinion at present is that it was not. The famous Apollon Way, the Roman aqueducts and the roof of the Pantheon, all in a state of remarkable complete preservation, were built by the use of cement which was very extensively employed by the Romans.

Portland cement was introduced into America about 1855, being imported from England. Its cost at that time was about \$40 a barrel, and it was from five to seven dollars a barrel, so that its use was greatly restricted. Its manufacture was begun in the United States on a very small scale in 1872.

Down to 1902 the greater part of the cement used in Canada was imported from the United States, Spain and Germany. Since that year the domestic manufacture has increased very rapidly, the amount manufactured in Canada last year being nearly six times the total imports. From 1905 to 1908 the domestic output increased 1,000,000 barrels, while imports during the same period fell from 918,000 to 457,000 barrels.

Liquid air and carbon dioxide have been successfully employed in the treatment of various skin troubles, such as moles, pimples, superficial cancer, and tuberculous abscesses. The temperature of the carbon is the same as that of snow, and the carbon seems to answer all purposes just as satisfactorily as the other. The method of treatment is as follows: Cotton wool, wound tightly on the end of a rod, is dipped into the double-walled glass on the affected part of the skin. The skin freezes and becomes inflamed, and in from 10 to 30 days the morbid growth sloughs off.

L.O.L., No. 404, Officers.
L.O.L., No. 404 has elected the following officers: W. M. Wood, D. M., C. E. Clarke, chaplain; W. Chamberlain, recording secretary; R. B. Magill, financial secretary; W. A. Brown, treasurer; J. E. Nichols, D. of C.; R. McBride, physician; Dr. F. S. Minnie, organist; B. Dayton; representative to county lodge, W. Bro. W. Burns.

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ICE CUT HOLES IN DREDGE

Six Men Lose Their Lives When Craft Sinks.
PORT ARTHUR, Dec. 10.—Six men were drowned at five o'clock last evening when a dredge No. 8 of the Great Lakes Dredging Company's fleet sank near Mutton Island, about four miles from Port Arthur.

Heavy ice was encountered in the Mutton Island, and it is believed that cut holes in the dredge, causing the disaster; at any rate when off Mutton Island those on the dredge saw that it was sinking and gave the alarm. Before the tug could put out, the dredge had disappeared with all on board.

Two men attempted to save themselves by clinging to the line, but one went down. The dredge had a crew of fourteen men, seven of whom were employed on the scows.

The victims are: John Wilson, cook; Port Arthur; Robert Smith, cook; Port Arthur; Peter McDonald, night-watchman; Port Arthur; Neil Cameron, deck hand; Port Arthur; John Henderson, oiler; Port Arthur; Peter Rhallon, dredge, Port Arthur.

Hodge Rugby, S.O.E.B.S.
At the 21st annual meeting of officers of the Hodge Rugby, S.O.E.B.S., on Thursday last the following were elected: Past president, S. J. Gibson; president, J. E. Townsend; vice-president, A. Martin; chairman, W. Colclough; secretary, W. Barker; treasurer, E. E. Morris; surgeon, Dr. S. G. Parker; committeemen, S. J. Challinor, W. Fernan, G. W. Knight, A. E. Bromage, A. Goodman, A. Davis, inside guard, W. D. Knight; outside guard, J. Goodman; auditors, C. E. Swait, W. A. Soley, L. Harford; trustees, J. C. Swait, E. F. Harris; lodge delegate, S. J. Gibson; organist, A. L. Harley; marshal, A. Martin.

On "Short Time" Schedules.
LONDON, Dec. 10.—Notices were posted to-day at the weaving mills in the Bolton, Wigan and Leigh districts announcing that short time working schedules would go into effect next week, owing to the prohibitive price of cotton. Many thousands of operatives will be affected.

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SPANKHURST SHOOTS UP YOUNG MEN'S PARLIAMENT

Uproarious Scene at Varsity on Appearance of Champion of Votes for Women.

"I have learned from chumming round with one of the professors in the oriental department of this university," declared Rt. Rev. Glory Alleluia Macdonald, D.D., M.A.D., premier and champion of praise and song (Sing-Sing) in the dying hours of the Varsity mock parliament, in Convocation Hall Thursday night. "That according to Hebrew tradition and Israelitish history, woman is a side-issue. If Mrs. Spankhurst, the redoubtable champion of 'votes for women' was present in propria persona, armed with a shooting-iron that would have sunk the flagship of the new Canadian navy, and had report rang thru the startled assembly, the smoke rolled away, the daring statesman lay stretched on the floor of the house, the members had fled, and the representative of the senate would have stood on top of one of the desks of the deserted legislative hall, triumphantly flourishing his revolver. The house had apparently adjourned sine die."

The member of the university, the suffragette leader was only half a blue-stocking. The other was red.

One of the most interesting developments of last night's session was the discovery of the true explanation of the recent Halloween disturbance. A persecuted band of higher critics, it appears, had sought the seclusion of the bandstand in Queen's Park late that evening for mutual consolation and encouragement. Just as one had ventured a doubt that Moses really spoke English, cries of "blasphemy" and "give us back our Bible" rent the air. The critics took refuge at the alumnae dance. But the apostles of orthodoxy were on the war path. There were no motor cars in Genesis, so the first man made had a hard fate. A selected doctor of divinity spoke on the dangerous similarity of a certain law roller to the car of Juggernaut. The roller had to go. The inspired band, passed by the university constabulary, fled to Rosedale, where they spent the night chanting the first 11 chapters of Genesis.

The parliament had the usual production of local high school make-ups were admirable, especially the representation of a certain lecturer in French in University College.

LOANS TO THE OFFICIALS OF INSURANCE DEPT.
Former Deputy Supt. Got \$60,000 and Another Official About the Same.
NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Concerning loans made to state officials by the Phoenix Insurance Co., the Brooklyn Fire Insurance company, the presidency of which George P. Sheldon was removed last week, the state insurance department, to-day issued a statement.

"The books of the company show that it loaned to Robert H. Hunter, while he was first deputy superintendent, at the New York office, \$50,000.77. "The records of the company" show that the company, not Mr. Sheldon, loaned Mr. Hunter the money, and received the principal and interest on same.

The closing of the loan shows a loss of \$18,000 to Mr. Sheldon to whose account it had been transferred.

"The department has also been asked as to the accuracy of the statement of Wm. E. Buckley, that the loans to him, which aggregated \$51,000 in less than a year, and were made when he was third deputy, were not properly will, it is thought, not be questioned. They were equally illegal.

Buckley received from the company in 1904 and 1905, \$9,000, which was stated on the books of the company to be "legal services."

STORAGE BATTERY CARS.

Storage battery cars are now running on a number of Peussan railroads, where they have proven very satisfactory.

On a car of the Limberg-Camberg line the battery was 176 cells, yielding current at 240 volts and there are four 50-horse power motors, permanently coupled in parallel. The cars weigh 60 tons, including 10 tons of electrical apparatus and 15 tons of battery. Speed is regulated by different couplings of the cells and the groupings is operated by a small electric motor.—Newark News.

Wood Chopping a Sport.
Dundee Advertiser: In Tasmania is to be found a national pastime that is special and particular to that state alone—the sport of wood-chopping. It says much for the grit and vigor of Tasmanians, that this really serious and arduous work should be regarded as the finest sport. At Hobart and Launceston they have their turf meetings; their cricket, football, golf, cycling, and so forth, but to a wood-chopping contest people will flock from far and near—men, women and children—and watch the ax wielders heaving away at huge blocks of timber as if life and reputation depended upon the issue. Thud, thud, thud, go the axes, and the splinters fly in all directions, the judges calmly sitting near, taking notes of the strokes, the spectators cheering the competitors from time to time as frantically as if they were racers. So to a woodchopping champion means something to a man in Tasmania.

The amount of cement used in Canada last year would be sufficient to build a four foot sidewalk half way around the world; it would pave a boulevard fifteen feet wide from the Atlantic to the Pacific. It would produce a column a foot square and 15,000 miles in height. The barrels in which it is contained, if laid end to end, would stretch 1750 miles.

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CITY TO PAY ONE-THIRD

Railway Commission Judgment in Parkdale Crossing Case.

OTTAWA, Dec. 10.—The railway commission to-day gave its decision in regard to the Parkdale crossing case. There is one crossing in Etobicoke, and for this the government will pay \$5000 and the township \$15,000. For the work in Toronto the government can only pay \$15,000, as that is all they are allowed to pay in any one municipality, and the board ordered the payment of the full amount.

The city is ordered to pay one-third of the balance of the cost, and the Grand Trunk the remaining two-thirds. This estimate is based on a two track viaduct only and not on the four track scheme which the G. T. R. asks. The section on which the city will have to contribute is from Dufferin street crossing to west of the western crossing into High Park, the estimated cost of which is \$600,000. The estimated cost of the whole work out to Mimico is \$1,100,000. Chairman Mabey intimated that the work must be completed in two years.

Mr. Shepley, K.C., for the G. T. R., agreed to this course.

London Druggists and Optum.
LONDON, Ont., Dec. 10.—G. M. Anderson and M. T. Neils, members of the firm of Anderson and Neils, druggists, were committed for trial this morning on charge of selling opium.

Complaint had been made at police headquarters that Chinese and dupes were securing large quantities of opium in the city.

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STRIKE SYMPATHIZER'S CRIMES

Fires a Roundhouse and Wrecks a Switch Engine.

PUEBLO, Colo., Dec. 10.—J. A. Kirk, a yardman, and supposed switchman strike sympathizer, to-day climbed on to a switch engine, drove the engineer and fireman from the cab and started the engine. After it got well under way he jumped off and the engine was derailed by a thrown switch. Before this the big roundhouse and tool house had been set on fire, and the switches on the main track spilled. Kirk escaped.

Lodge Preston 67, S.O.E.
The following officers of Lodge Preston, S. O. E., were elected: Past president, J. Giddings; president, E. W. H. Vernon; vice-president, W. Maltby; chaplain, W. Billings; secretary, C. Weatherill; treasurer, H. G. Ford; guides, A. Ford, Jr., Geo. Hawkins, C. Elson, G. Billings, A. Dawson, Jr., L. E. Billings; inside guard, W. Higgins; outside guard, J. Randall, sr.; surgeon, Dr. W. O. Simpson; auditors, E. Cormick, H. Crossland, A. Ford, sr.; trustees, J. J. Pritchard, Jr., E. Nuttall; grand lodge delegate, A. Dawson, sr.; alternate, H. G. Ford; juvenile delegates, A. Dawson, sr., A. Dawson, Jr., C. Elson; hospital delegate, A. Dawson, sr.

The Physics of Flame.
The Canadian Institute will hold their annual meeting in the "Physics Building," Queen's Park, this evening. Prof. J. C. McLennan will read a paper entitled "The Physics of Flame," with lantern slides and experiments. The meetings of the Canadian Institute will be held in future at the Physics Building.

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