

WHEAT HARVEST ESTIMATES VARY

Conservative Judges Now Place Total at Under Hundred Millions

GRADE IS GENERALLY HIGH

Prairies Have New Experience in Overplus of Harvest Laborers

Winnipeg, Aug. 26.—Latest conservative estimates are inclined to put the total wheat crop of the prairie at 100,000,000 bushels, some experts placing the figures as low as eighty millions, while others run up to one hundred and fifty millions.

Southern Alberta is now safely harvesting wheat that will average 20 bushels per acre and has escaped all frost damage. In some parts of Saskatchewan and Manitoba, on the other hand, grain has suffered from the prolonged drought of July and early August, which checked growth prematurely, withered the straw before the heads had well filled out.

Early frosts have done damage to late grain in certain low-lying localities and on heavy lands, and the total damage from this cause will be considerable, but its effect on the crop as a whole can only be ascertained as threshing returns. Some in some cases, or suspected frost localities.

Where spring wheat has escaped frost and did not suffer much by reason of the heavy dews, the crop is a good one. It is not likely to average more than 16 bushels. In the heavy wheat sections, the yield will be about 20 bushels per acre. The early frosts have done considerable damage to the late wheat, but it is not likely to average more than 10 bushels per acre.

Mainly because of prolonged drought the straw is short and the crop will be considerably less than in years when farmers will not need so much help as was anticipated when the wheat field looked like a sea of gold. Millions more than today, and oats were also regarded as a big crop.

This year, combining the fact that many of the mechanics in the country, swelled by men from the ranks of the striking mechanics, has resulted in the demand for harvesters who are disappointed excursionists from the east. Many of these looked to terminal points, that is to the limit of the spring wheat belt, such as Moose Jaw.

The lack of a scientific system of distribution was not more serious, but it is mainly the fault of the man who pushed out along main lines when there has been a demand for hundreds of branch lines. But the real fault of the matter is that western farmers have been hard up in July and more, and now that the crop is not turning out up to early estimates they are cutting back on the boomers' expenses of harvesting, and the season being still apparently rely on luck to stock their wheat with inadequate help before the middle of September frosts set in.

All these tendencies have militated against the receipt of wheat from the eastern harvest labor, and the first contingent has had special difficulties to contend with, because of the unsavory reputation preceding it following its hasty progress through the Ontario hinterland. The first of these, if its source of origin be known, is turned down by the western farmer in favor of his less spectacular fellow from Ontario.

The first load of new wheat marketed in Winnipeg district this season was delivered on Wednesday, the farmer claiming a yield of 37 bushels an acre. The sample was chosen by a committee of experts of new wheat to date have proved that it is of superior quality.

Receipts at country elevators in the west are now running about 30,000 bushels per day.

TRANSCONTINENTAL WORK

Another Contract Let for 150 Miles of Road—Reynolds Company Not Fast Enough

Ottawa, Aug. 25.—The National Transcontinental Railway Commission is understood to have awarded the contract for 150 miles of road between Lake Superior Junction and Nipigon, to O'Brien and Macdonald, of Ottawa.

The Grand Trunk Pacific has taken steps to cancel its contract with the Reynolds Construction Company for the building of 150 miles of Abitibi section of the line because of failure to make adequate progress with the work.

Governor Mageon Reports Overtaxed. Mr. X. Y. Aug. 25.—Chas. E. Mageon, governor of Cuba, visited the president today. He came, he said, to make a detailed report to Mr. Roosevelt on Cuban affairs and the progress of the work preliminary to the withdrawal of American control from the island and the handing over of the government to the Cubans on Feb. 1.

Grand Trunk Wages. Montreal, Aug. 26.—The executive of the conductors and trainmen of the G. T. P. is in session here. It is admitted that the wages question is being discussed.

Irish Leadership. Halifax, Aug. 26.—The A. O. H. convention of the maritime provinces, in session today passed resolutions approving of William Redmond's leadership of the Irish party.

Halifax Candidates. Halifax, Aug. 26.—At the adjourned Conservative convention today Mayor A. B. Crosby signified his acceptance of the party nomination offered him. Mr. Borden has also accepted the nomination for the other seat.

Montreal's Aid to Fernie. Montreal, Aug. 26.—At a meeting of the board of trade council today it was decided to close the Fernie relief fund and send the balance to Fernie. The fund amounts to \$3,040, and already \$5,000 has been sent to Fernie. The remaining sum will go tomorrow.

Get Work at Fernie. Montreal, Aug. 25.—Hundreds of Italian men swimming around the labor department at C. P. R. headquarters this morning owing to the news that the party nomination offered him. They were engaged wholesale, and will leave tonight on special trains for the Crown's Nest division, where they will be put to work on the company's property recently devastated by the big forest fire around Fernie. It is understood that a thousand men were engaged.

DEFEATING JUSTICE BY TAKING POISON

Mrs. Howard, Indicted in Springfield, Dies as She Reaches Jail

Springfield, Ill., Aug. 25.—Mrs. Kate Howard, one of the leaders in the cent riot in this city, committed suicide today by swallowing acid, soon after being placed under arrest for the same offense. She was being led into the jail.

Before the special grand jury now sitting in Springfield, Ill., charged that Mrs. Howard was one of the ringleaders of the mob which wrecked a restaurant and cafe. She was the first woman indicted in the riot case.

Today after another indictment was returned against her, charging murder in connection with the recent lynchings, Deputy Sheriff Kramer was returned to the open market place.

Mrs. Howard received the officer at the door. She secretly swallowed a large dose of poison, and then said, "I'm going to die now." She accompanied the deputy to the jail, two blocks away, and was just entering the door when she fell dead.

Big Order for Rails. Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Aug. 26.—The C. P. R. has ordered an order for 35,000 tons of 85 pound rails for the Lake Superior corporation for the summer.

Paper at Auction. New York, Aug. 25.—In furtherance of the protest in July by the American Newspaper Publishers' association for the sale of periodical or news-print paper at public auction to the highest bidder, the chairman of the committee on paper, announces that a public auction of 15 carloads of news print paper, 300 tons in all, will be held in New York city on September 1.

BATTLESHIPS SAIL. U. S. Fleet Says Goodbye to Australian Pair's Comment. Sydney, N. S. W., Aug. 26.—The fleet of United States battleships sailed from this port this morning, bound for Melbourne. Sydney has done her best to make the stay of the Americans in this port a memorable one.

Winnipeg, Aug. 25.—Alexander Milton, chief accountant in the paymaster's office of the C. P. R., with headquarters here, and two station men were gunned and killed last night by a train from Fort William. The cause of the shooting was a dispute over the distribution of the pay checks to the employees along the route. He was on one of these regular trips when he met his death.

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Typoid at Artillery Camp. Ottawa, Aug. 25.—The Militia Department is advised that of the eight cases of typhoid fever which have been discovered in the Royal Garrison Artillery camp at Fitzroy, not a single case was contracted there. Seven of the patients came from Quebec and one from Toronto, and the opinion of the medical officer is that in each case the disease was contracted before the men reached camp.

MINERS CAUGHT IN DEATH TRAP

More Than Thirty Men Are Suffocated in an Oklahoma Colliery

TWENTY-FIVE ARE FOUND

Hoisting and Air Shafts Burned and Men Cut Off From Help

McAllister, Okla., Aug. 26.—More than thirty miners suffocated this morning in the Halley (Oklahoma) colliery No. 1, at Halleyville, 14 miles east of McAllister, when fire destroyed the hoisting shaft and air shaft and cut off air from the men below.

Twenty-five bodies were removed from the mine today, following a successful three hours battle with the flames. It is believed that six or eight more will be brought out.

Seven Men Killed and Many Injured in Chelsea Burned District

Chelsea, Mass., Aug. 26.—Quickly and without warning, a 48-foot high brick wall in Chelsea square collapsed today, burying beneath its heavy debris a number of men. Seven were killed outright or died in ambulances on the way to the hospital. Some twenty others were injured, and one woman was taken to the hospital in a serious condition.

St. John, N. B., Aug. 25.—At the convention of the Maritime Baptist union yesterday a resolution was adopted in favor of the constitution of a Dominion Baptist Union.

Overdose of Drug. Montreal, Aug. 25.—Jane Wilson, 42 years old, who arrived in Montreal recently from the Old Country and lived with her husband in East St. Catherine street, died in the hospital last night from the effects of an overdose of some drug.

LABOR'S ASSISTANCE FOR WM. J. BRYAN

Leaders of Organizations Hold Conference for Formulation of Plans

Washington, Aug. 26.—Union labor's equation in the Democratic national campaign, and the plans that have been formulated by officers of the American Federation of Labor to swing the labor vote to Wm. J. Bryan were discussed at a conference of labor leaders at the National Hotel, yesterday.

Supposed Safe-Blowers. Winnipeg, Aug. 25.—The city police arrested four men suspected of being concerned in safe-blowing exploits lately. Two of them are known to have had records, but the other two have comparative young men.

New Westminster's Fair. New Westminster, Aug. 26.—At the City Council meeting the most important business item was the granting of \$3,000 to the fund of the B. A. J. Society in view of the unusual individual subscription list, which has been raised by the committee in applying for the grant.

Rich Free Gold Ore Found in Old Time Property Near Nelson. Nelson, Aug. 26.—After twenty years of work in the Kootenay country the largest strike that has ever been made, as far as values are concerned, was made Friday upon the Granite-Poorman group, five miles west of Nelson, upon lease from the Duncan Mines company, to T. Gough and J. F. Swedberg. The ore is free-milling gold quartz, mellow in that and its value can not be expressed in hundreds, but must be stated in thousands of dollars.

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Ottawa, Aug. 26.—At the Conservative convention today the candidates were nominated for the federal elections. The French speaking nominee was Dr. J. E. Chabot, who was elected by acclamation. The English candidate selected was Thos. Blissett on the first vote by a majority of 364.

The South Huron Conservatives. Montreal, Ont., Aug. 26.—South Huron Conservatives today nominated John Sheppard, of Stephen, as their candidate for the commons.

Overcome by Grief. Edmonton, Aug. 26.—Battered temporarily insane through grief at the death of his young daughter, David A. Craig who resided on Ramsay avenue, in St. Albert, committed suicide on Saturday last by poisoning himself.

Tony Pastor Dead. New York, Aug. 26.—Tony (Tony) Pastor, the theatrical manager, died at his home, Elmhurst, L.I., at 10:05 o'clock tonight after an illness of several weeks at the age of 71 years. The member of his immediate family were at his bedside.

Fire in Havelock. Havelock, Ont., Aug. 26.—Fire supposed to have been caused by a honky-tonk, destroyed today a grocery store, destroyed Joyce's boot and shoe shop, Barrow's grocery, McKay's plant and stock hardware and the Havelock Standard office. Loss about \$4,000, partly covered by insurance.

Alberta Halldorm. Edmonton, Aug. 26.—A heavy hail storm, traveling from south to north, and lasting about an hour, passed over Spruce Grove shortly after noon yesterday. It was accompanied by heavy rain, and the hail stones were in places with the halldorms. A telephone message to the Bulletin states that about twenty-five telegraph wires were cut and a little damage is anticipated from the hail.

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St. Petersburg Critically Ill. St. Petersburg, Aug. 27.—The St. Petersburg morning newspapers state that Count Leo Tolstoy's condition is very grave. He has been suffering for some time past with diarrhoea, the veins, which recently became complicated by an attack of influenza. He is suffering greatly from weakness.

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Richmond and Wolfe Liberals. Richmond, Que., Aug. 26.—Richmond and Wolfe Liberals today nominated E. W. Tobin, the present member, for the commons at the next general election.

Killed While Hunting. St. John, N. B., Aug. 26.—Frank Dick, son of Hazen J. Dick, druggist, of this city, shot and killed his companion while hunting in the woods near St. George.

Struck by a Train. Truro, N.S., Aug. 26.—Walker and Herbert Scott were struck and instantly killed while driving across the transatlantic railway tracks at St. Elizabeth this morning. The horse was also killed and the carriage demolished.

Toronto's Proposed Loan. Toronto, Aug. 26.—Mayor Oliver and City Treasurer Coady have gone to New York to secure a list of bids for the buildings of the city electric power distribution plant, the completion of which will require \$1,000,000 and the erection of a filtration plant.

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FLOOD'S HAVOC IN THE SOUTH

Carolinians and Eastern Georgia Suffer Severely From the High Water

FIVE LIVES ARE SACRIFICED

Augusta's Business District is Flooded By a Dam Breaking

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 26.—The floods in the Carolinas and Georgia continued today in the breaking of the big dam six miles from Augusta, which diverts the water from the Savannah river into the canal at that point. The great flood of water let loose soon found its way into the city, and tonight, from this street, to the city's boundary, Augusta is under water from six to twelve feet, which is gradually rising. The big bridge across the Savannah river was down in the rush of waters and the dam at the lock seven miles above the city collapsed, adding to the havoc.

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