

**MARQUIS WHEAT
YIELDS 4 BUS. PER
ACRE OVER RED FIFE**

Figures Obtained From Long Series of Experiments at Experimental Farm

**DISCOVERY, DISTRIBUTION
Of Marquis Wheat Has Increased
Value of Yield by \$20,000,000
Annually**

Ottawa, Jan. 27.—J. H. Girdale, deputy minister of agriculture, announces that from figures obtained in a long series of experiments carried on at the Dominion experimental farm it has been shown that Marquis wheat will out-yield Red Fife, the best of the older varieties, by four bushels to the acre.

The discovery and distribution of Marquis wheat has, therefore, resulted in increasing the value of the wheat crop in the provinces of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba, by reason of the increased yield, by over twenty million dollars annually for the past five years.

**KILLED MAN WITH AXE:
HAMILTON FOREIGNER SAYS
ACT WAS DONE IN DEFENSE**

Hamilton, Ont., Jan. 27.—Holton Semnovitch was placed on trial for his life here Monday on a charge of murdering a fellow countryman, Jhn Rahn, on the night of Nov. 23rd. Semnovitch admits the slaying, but claims he struck in self defence. He split Rahn's head open with an splitting a fellow countryman, John Rahn.

**POURED GASOLINE
ON FIRE TO MAKE
A BETTER BLAZE**

Explosion and Fire Which Resulted Injured One Man. Caused \$2,700 Damages

A sequel to the destruction by fire of the small storehouse near the Hotel for the House Pumping Station last Friday morning was brought to light when investigation proved that the fire was much more serious than was at first thought. In the building was stored a small gasoline engine, tools and some electrical supplies which were completely destroyed. It is estimated that the damage done amounts to about \$2,700. The two men, J. Buzak and S. Diminski who were in the shack, poured gasoline on the fire in the stove to make it blaze better. The result was an explosion which caused the building to be destroyed. J. Buzak, who was taken to the hospital badly burned, is getting along as well as can be expected. S. Diminski suffered some burned fingers but was not seriously hurt.

**HENDERSON SEES
DANGER OF GRAVE
CLASH IN IRELAND**

London, Jan. 27.—Arthur Henderson, Labor leader, who is on the Labor delegation investigating conditions in Ireland, in an address to Irish business men in Dublin, appealed to the Irish commercial classes to help the rebuilding of trade and industry.

"Unless the Irish question is speedily solved on constitutional lines some of us have grave apprehension," he said, "deepened and intensified by our experience here, that there is grave danger of its settling itself on unconstitutional lines."

William Adamson, chairman of the Parliamentary Labor party, contrasted the cordial reception of visitors as individuals with the bitter hostility of political views they encountered. He suggested that if rather more of the former spirit were infused into Irish political discussion there would be a better chance of a satisfactory settlement.

**JUGO-SLAVS ACCEPT
ALLIED ULTIMATUM**

Belgrade, Jan. 27.—A Belgrade dispatch says that the Jugo-Slav government has decided to accept the allied ultimatum with regard to the settlement of the Adriatic controversy.

**NEW LOW RECORD FOR
STERLING EXCHANGE ON
NEW YORK MARKET**

New York, Jan. 27.—Sterling exchange reached another low mark at today's opening of the market, when it dropped to 33.57, or 1/4 cents under the previous low record.

**ALL AMERICANS
OUT OF SIBERIA
BY MARCH 1ST**

U. S. Authorities Believe This Is Best Progress That Can Be Made

Vladivostok, Jan. 27.—American army authorities believe it will be March 1st before the last American soldiers and Red Cross workers will be out of Siberia. Orders have been sent that all American women be hurried out of Trans-Baikal, which is in the path of the advancing Bolshevik army that has moved steadily eastward along the Trans-Siberian railroad and now seems to be nearing Irkutsk.

**SOLDIERS GUARD
GOVT. BUILDINGS
IN HUN CAPITAL**

Traffic Stopped and Streets Leading To Government Buildings Barricaded

**MONARCHIAL UPRISING
Said To Have Been Planned For
Today, Birthday of Former
Kaiser**

Berlin, Jan. 27.—The Government buildings have been guarded by soldiers during the past night and all traffic has been stopped over the streets in that neighborhood, where barricades have been erected. Rumors were heard during the evening that the Monarchists had planned an uprising today, which is the birthday of the former Emperor, and that Gustave Noske, Minister of Defence had massed troops as a precautionary measure. Government officials have denied any knowledge of an intended insurrection and say the attack on Erzberger yesterday prompted the mobilization of the forces.

**FRENCH DEPUTIES
WANT MORE PAY**

Claim 15,000 Francs They Receive as Salary Is Insufficient

Paris, Jan. 27.—Many of the deputies, finding it difficult to meet their expenses with the 15,000 francs they receive as annual salary, are preparing a bill to put before the chamber which would raise their pay to 25,000 or 30,000 francs.

They point out that since the beginning of the war salaries of all government employees have been virtually doubled, the deputies and senators alone still receiving remuneration on a pre-war basis.

Cabinet ministers at present receive 60,000 francs yearly, the premier 70,000 francs and the Presidents of the Senate and Chamber 72,000 francs.

**COMPERS DEFEATED IN
ELECTION FOR DELEGATES
TO UNION CONVENTION**

New York, Jan. 27.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, was defeated Monday in the election for delegates to the Cigar Makers' International Union's convention, held by Local 144, the organization to which he has belonged for more than forty years.

Mr. Gompers was a cigar maker until 1882, when he became President of the American Federation of Labor, and is first vice-president of the Cigar Makers' International Union. The coming convention, which is expected to be held in Chicago in April, will be the first one to which he has not been a delegate in many years.

Morris Brown, secretary of Local 144, and one of the elected delegates, said Monday night that he believed the defeat of Mr. Gompers was due to the influence of the younger men in the union.

Mr. Gompers is seventy years old today. A number of telegrams congratulating him on his birthday were sent to Washington Monday night by local unions.

**HOLLAND MAY
ACCEPT MANDATE
FOR ARMENIA**

Paris, Jan. 27.—In case the United States refuses to accept a mandate for Armenia it may be given Holland, according to a dispatch from the Hague.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
CHILDREN TO HELP
SAVE ARMENIANS**

Special Collection To Be Taken Second and Third Sundays In April

**CANADIAN KIDDIES
Asked To Contribute Sufficient
To Provide for 2,500
Starving Orphans**

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 27.—The Religious Education Council of Canada will issue an appeal to the Sunday Schools of Canada for a contribution, on the second and third Sundays of April, of at least \$150,000 for saving 2,500 out of the 250,000 starving orphans in Armenia. During the year 1918 and 1919 Canadian Sunday Schools contributed over \$200,000 for Armenian and Syrian relief.

**PAPER SHORTAGE FORCES
SASKATOON STAR TO
SUSPEND PUBLICATION**

Saskatoon, Sask., Jan. 27.—With the non-arrival Monday of the carload of newsprint announced to have been shipped from the Fort Frances mill several days ago, the Saskatoon Star, local paper, was compelled to suspend publication Monday. A supply of paper is expected today or Wednesday.

**FOUR CASES OF FLU
'AT SASKATOON**

Regina Prepares For Possible Recurrence of a Wide Spread Epidemic

Saskatoon, Sask., Jan. 27.—Four cases of influenza were reported to the local health department Monday. The medical authorities are not unduly alarmed, but are preparing to take active measures to cope with the situation if an epidemic is threatened.

Planning to Fight the Flu
Regina, Sask., Jan. 27.—At a meeting of the executive of the Provincial Council of St. John Ambulance Association, representatives of the Public Health Commissioner of the Province, and of the City Health Department, a province-wide plan was decided on to enroll all nurses, V.A.D.s, and others who could assist in the event of the province being visited by an epidemic. It is proposed to make the organization permanent.

**SWEDISH EMPLOYERS
PLAN LOCKOUT TO
BEGIN JANUARY 31**

Labor Unions Refused To Return To Work Though Leaders Urged Such Action

Stockholm, Jan. 27.—Following a decision of the labor unions not to end the strike, which has affected fifty per cent of the plants in the country, the employers association today passed a resolution that a lockout would begin immediately, where possible, and that all shops represented in the association would close by January 31st. Labor leaders fearing a growing Bolshevik influence in their ranks, opposed the refusal to end the strike, but had small influence.

**19 CARS HORSES
SHIPPED EAST
FROM BRANDON**

Since September First, Some of Which Will Be Returned Here Next Spring

The value of Brandon as a centre for distributing horses is becoming known throughout the West, and besides the shipments which have been made to this city lately from Scotland and the States, large numbers of horses are being shipped East to the lumber camps from the Brandon district. Since the first of September, nineteen cars of horses have been shipped to the lumber camps from this district by W. J. Elder, the total number being about 325. The last shipment was made on January 15th.

All the horses shipped East by Mr. Elder were purchased in the Brandon district and were all heavy farm horses. About 175 of them will be returned to Brandon next Spring and put up for sale some time around the first of April. The sale held of these animals last Spring, was very successful and was very largely attended by buyers from many outside points.

375,000 AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN
PRISONERS OF WAR HAVE
PERISHED IN SIBERIA

Geneva, Jan. 27.—Nearly 375,000 of the 800,000 Austro-Hungarian prisoners of war taken by the Russians have perished in Siberia from small-pox and typhus, according to Red Cross headquarters here.

**JAP SUGAR PLANTATION
WORKERS IN HAWAIIAN
ISLANDS TO STRIKE**

Honolulu, Jan. 27.—Twenty-four thousand men will be affected by the order of the Japanese Federation of Labor of Hawaii, calling a general strike of Japanese sugar plantation workers for Feb. 1st.

**SHORTHORN BULL
IN BRIDAL SUITE OF
MONTGOMERY HOTEL**

Ready For Auction Sale To Be Held by Southern Cattlemen's Association Wednesday

Montgomery, Alta., Jan. 27.—Lodged in the bridal suite of a local hotel, Lavenders Lord, a pure bred short-horn bull formerly owned by President Wilson, is ready for auction tomorrow, the event of the annual convention of the Southern Cattlemen's Association. The animal brought \$10,000 at the Red Cross auction in Birmingham in 1918.

**POWHATAN AND CONVOY
ARE NEARING HALIFAX
IN SOUTHWEST GALE**

Halifax, N.S., Jan. 27.—At 9 o'clock this morning the disabled American transport Powhatan and convoy were reported as being 37 miles off Chisecto Head in a South-Southwest gale. If the present rate of progress is maintained now she should reach Halifax at 5 o'clock this afternoon.

**UNITED FARMERS
PLAN MEETING
FOR SATURDAY**

To Be Addressed By Some Speaker Conversant With Their Objects

The United Farmers of Brandon will give the public a chance to hear the aims and objects of their organization when a special speaker will address a meeting in the City Hall on Saturday afternoon. Who this speaker is has not been definitely announced, but the United Farmers state that one of the best speakers in their organization will be here on that afternoon.

Since their first meeting at which officers for the Brandon branch of the United Farmers were elected, the farmers have held another session and their board of officers is now claimed to be solely composed of farmers. According to the information given out today, the officers of the Brandon branch are as follows: President, T. Patterson; Vice-President, R. Drysdale; Sec. Treas., Archie Macpherson; Directors, Dr. Fisher, Thomas Chambers, A. Goodlands, G. Medd, and A. Aberdeen.

The Brandon branch has now become an active organization and is out seeking a large membership. Timely questions will be taken up by the local branch and it is possible that Saturday's meeting will be but the first of a series to educate the public in the objects of the organization.

**SWEET YOUNG THINGS
SWEAR NOT TO KISS
TILL FLU IS PAST**

Elmira, Jan. 27.—Young women of Sayre, Penn., in an effort to prevent the spread of the "flu" have organized a society the members of which are sworn to refrain from being kissed until all danger is passed.

**EX-KAISER GREATLY
DISCOURAGED**

Writes To Friend That He Does Not Ever Want To Return To Germany

Mayence, Jan. 27.—German newspapers publish a letter from the former Emperor William to a personal friend in which he expresses his absolute discouragement and says he does not want ever to return to Germany. He says he believes his return would cause a split between the German factions.

**DEATH COUNT IN
RAILWAY WRECK
REMAINS SAME**

Escape of Engineer and Fireman One of Wonders of Corbell Wreck

**NEITHER SAW DANGER
Brakeman Declares He Put
Pedoes on Track Twenty
Poles From Train**

North Bay, Ont., Jan. 27.—(Canadian Press)—Individual railroad men here last night assert that there may be more bodies still buried under the wreckage of the Winnipeg train No. one, the second section of which telescoped the first section at a curve about one and a half miles East of Corbell, and eight miles from North Bay. The total of eight dead, officially announced Monday afternoon, included two bodies recovered from the wreckage.

On the left side of the track coming toward North Bay the huge freight engine, which was drawing the second section, lies on his side on top of a mass of wreckage. Railway men say when she is lifted there will probably be bodies found underneath. Officially, it is not expected the death list will be added to. The hospital authorities report all thirteen injured victims doing as well as could be expected, but there are many passengers suffering from minor injuries, who were not named in any official list issued. Wonder is expressed now that the casualty list was not greater. The second section, travelling at a rate of between 35 and 40 miles an hour, crashed into the first section and the huge engine ploughed her way through three cars, practically, before the emergency brakes brought her to a standstill. Then she tumbled over on her left side on top of what was left of a standard sleeping car. The observation car was crumpled almost to matchwood, and the sleeper near her was thrown to the right side of the track.

How the firemen and engineer of the engine on the second section escaped is one of the miracles of the wreck. The fireman, who was sitting in the engine as their engine rounded the curve, the noise of his shovel probably had much to do with failure to hear the torpedoed engine. Brakeman Curlew vowed he had placed on the track some twenty poles behind the first section. As his engine rounded the curve toward the stalled train, the huge boiler shut off the engineer's view of the track until he was within a car length of the first train.

Neither Saw Danger
Neither the engineer nor the fireman had time to jump. Engineer Modin, of North Bay, shut off steam and jammed on his emergency brakes. The next thing he knew his engine had turned over and he was lying beside a telegraph pole with only a few minor scratches about the face. His fireman, Gleason, also escaped serious hurt, but he is in bed suffering from the effects of shock.

Brakeman Kent, of Ottawa, was on the rear platform of the observation car and beside him stood the colored porter, Shumons, of Montreal. Kent jumped off when he saw that a smash was imminent.

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**LENINE ABANDONS
FIRST IDEA OF
WORLD REVOLT**

Because Russia Has Demonstrated It Can Exist Against Rest of World

Washington, Jan. 27.—Lenine has abandoned his idea of world revolution. Ludwig C. A. K. Martens, Soviet representative in the United States, told the Foreign Relations sub-committee Monday.

"There was a time when the Russian Socialists believed that revolution in all other countries was necessary," Martens said. "The idea is disappearing now, because Russia has demonstrated that it can exist against the rest of the world. Russia is now strong enough to defy the other governments. That is the reason Lenin wrote the Italian Socialists, advising against revolution. He believes this is a period of reconstruction."

INFLUENZA AT CHICAGO

Chicago, Jan. 27.—Monday's death toll from influenza and pneumonia was the highest since the epidemic began. New cases of influenza reported Monday numbered 1,058 as compared to last Friday's high mark of 2,220. New cases of pneumonia totalled 260 during the past 24 hours as against 321 last Friday. Deaths from influenza Monday totalled 69 and from pneumonia 68.

**GERMANS ONCE
AGAIN TRY TO
CALL OFF ALLIES**

From Demanding Surrender of Persons Accused of Violating Laws of War

Paris, Jan. 27.—The German government has sent a note to Paris trying once more to induce the allies to renounce the execution of article 228 of the peace treaty, dealing with the surrender of persons accused of acts in violation of laws and customs of war.

**WIRELESS HEARS
QUEER SOUNDS**

Which Frequently Resemble Morse Signal Letters—No Proof of Origin

London, Jan. 27.—Interruptions of the Marconi wireless instruments by mysterious undecipherable signals, which were noted before the war and have been publicly referred to since, were specially featured in the Daily Mail Monday morning and discussed by Marconi in an interview published by the paper.

"We occasionally get very queer sounds and indications which might come from somewhere outside the earth," said Signor Marconi. "We have had them both in England and America. The Morse signal letters occur with much greater frequency than others, but we have never picked up anything that could be translated into a definite message."

"The fact that the signals have occurred simultaneously at New York and London with identical intensity seems to indicate that they must have originated at a very great distance. We have not yet the slightest proof of their origin. They might conceivably be due to some unnatural disturbance at a great distance—for instance, an eruption of the sun, causing electrical disturbances."

Asked whether possibly attempts were being made by another planet to communicate, Signor Marconi said: "I would not rule out the possibility of this, but there is no proof. We must investigate the matter more thoroughly."

**MURDERER NOT TO
DIE, TO SERVE LIFE
IMPRISONMENT**

Ottawa, Jan. 27.—Fred Skrycki, sentenced to death at Winnipeg, had his sentence commuted to life imprisonment Monday afternoon. Skrycki was to have been executed Thursday. He was found guilty of strychnine poisoning.

Skrycki's case was one of the most sordid that has come before the Manitoba courts. He is a Galician, and was convicted of having poisoned John Kohut, a farmer in the strathburn, Man., region.

Skrycki, it was alleged, had become intimate with Kohut's wife while Kohut was away, and he resided at the house as a hired man, maintaining the intimacy with the woman without the husband suspecting what was going on.

Kohut died suddenly after his return and was buried, but owing to suspicions among the neighbors the authorities had the body exhumed, and an analysis of the contents of the stomach was made. The results of the analysis led to the prosecution of Skrycki. He was committed for trial by R. M. Noble, Provincial Magistrate, and was found guilty of murder by a jury and sentenced to be hanged on January 29th.

**HIGHER FOOD
COSTS IN 1920
CANNERS' PREDICT**

Delegates To U. S. National Canners' Convention Point To Increased Cost of Production

Cleveland, Jan. 27.—Higher food prices for 1920 were predicted, owing to the increased cost of production by delegates to the convention of the National Canners' association and other organizations identified with the canning industry.

**DEINKINE AND STAFF
SAFE ON BRITISH VESSEL
AT CONSTANTINOPLE**

Paris, Jan. 27.—General Denikine and his staff have taken refuge on board a British vessel at Constantinople.

**LONG COMPLAINT
ABOUT PRICE OF
HUMMING BIRDS**

Received on Cards on Which To Register Complaints of Profiteering

25,000 CARDS DISTRIBUTED

By Illinois Women's Fair Price Commission—Ten Replies Received

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 27.—The Illinois women's Fair Price Commission, which distributed 25,000 blank "complaint" cards, received only ten replies from women who believed they were victims of profiteers. One card carried a long complaint about the price of humming birds, and another protested against profiteering in akunks.

**CHANGE OF VENUE
REFUSED IN TRIAL
OF STRIKE LEADERS**

Justice Metcalfe Declares No Fairer Trial Could Be Had Than In Winnipeg

Winnipeg, Jan. 27.—A change of venue for the trial of the strike leaders was refused by Mr. Justice Metcalfe at Monday evening's session of the assize court.

The motion had been introduced by John Queen, one of the accused, on the grounds that the minds of the people of the Eastern judicial district of Manitoba have been and are inflamed and prejudiced against the accused men, and that the Crown Counsel had prosecuted inquiries among the respective jurors to the prejudice, it was claimed, of a fair trial. It was asked that the trial might be sent to the Dauphin court.

In refusing the motion, his lordship said he did not feel justified in changing the venue, as he was of the belief that the accused would not get a fairer trial than in the Winnipeg court.

His lordship, in giving his explanation, added that the mysterious sounds are not confined to any particular diurnal period; they are frequent equally by day and night.

Both the Sheriff and the Deputy Sheriff willingly took the witness stand, although it was pointed out that it was very questionable whether they need have done so or not.

Following the retirement of the jury, R. A. Bonnar announced a new jury panel on grounds of partiality. The accused, Ald. John Queen, then continued with his motion commenced at the morning session, for a change of venue or location for the trial. He read at length from numerous publications to show that the strike leaders were very prejudiced in public opinion.

**NEW SECRETARY
OF AGRICULTURE
IN U. S. AN EDITOR**

Edwin T. Meredith To Succeed Secretary Houston, Who Moves To Treasury

Washington, Jan. 27.—Edwin T. Meredith, of Iowa, editor of "Successful Farming," will be named Secretary of Agriculture to succeed Secretary Houston, who is to become Secretary of the Treasury in place of Carter Glass.

**U. S. CONGRESS
ASKED FOR LOAN
FOR FOOD RELIEF**

Washington, Jan. 27.—Congress will be asked by President Wilson to authorize a loan of \$150,000,000 to Austria, Poland and other European countries and Armenia for food relief as requested by secretary Glass.