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MEAT A LUXURY

Serious Condition of Affairs In British Market—American Predominance Feared.

London, June 15.—An examination of the position with regard to the existing and prospective scarcity of meat discloses a number of factors which make the outlook for the future serious. If present conditions continue meat will within a few years come to be regarded as a luxury.

The increasing prosperity of large classes in different countries has reinforced the ranks of the consumers of meat. Population has increased, while the heads of cattle have in some countries—notably in the United States—shown a considerable decline.

The supply of meat in England is gradually being handed over to the control of American organizations. The sole source of chilled beef is now Argentina, and the trade from that country is passing into the hands of American firms whose working agreements permit them to control not only the price but the quantity of meat that is sent to England. Recently one whose knowledge of the conditions is undoubted predicted that within two years the whole of the trade from Argentina will be controlled by three American firms. Working in concert they would be able to dictate to Great Britain the price to be paid.

Side by side with this absorption of the foreign trade by America there are conditions at the London markets which make the cost of meat to the consumer higher than it might otherwise be. The system of tolls is still continued. Rents which were fixed at two cents a foot a week, are now doubled.

USED WRONG PAPER.

(By Leased Wire to the Journal of Commerce.)

Washington, June 10.—Members of the Senate Committee on rules and the census were indignant to-day over the use of the official stationery of the committee carrying the names of all the members to boom a gold mine in North Carolina, but Senators Overman and Chilton, chairmen of the two committees, both of whom admit an interest in the mining venture, insist that the use of the stationery which was employed to give a glowing account of the prospects of the mine was due to a mistake, that the clerks were to blame and that they are personally not responsible.

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REBELS FLEEING BEFORE FEDERALS

According to a Report Received by Pres. Huerta Siege is Broken

CITY MUST FALL

Cut Off From All Supplies Defenders Can Not Hold Out Long Against Enemy Outnumbering Them By 15 to 1.

(By Leased Wire to The Journal of Commerce.)

Mexico City, June 15.—A message was received by President Huerta last night containing the information that the rebels who had been attacking Zacateca for several days were practically routed during yesterday's fighting.

"I have the honor to inform you that today between three and four o'clock the enemy were practically defeated, having been repulsed in a driving attack which he attempted at that hour. Under the command of Benjamin Argumeda and Col. Azeona went in pursuit of rebels who not only have withdrawn from Zacatecas but also have evacuated Guadaloup de Zacateca which they held.

They are fleeing in confusion and are leaving behind them numerous dead and a great quantity of arms and horses the number of which cannot yet be estimated.

General Medina Barron with another column sallied forth in pursuit of the main body of the rebels and is on their track to Veta Grande."

—Jose Hernadez Corona.

Longing for Peace.

There is great activity being displayed in the government departments and preparations are being made for events which are expected this week. The general belief is that the peace conference will come to an end by the middle of the week. The Mexican people are confident that the agreement to be reached at Niagara Falls will concur in an early settlement of Mexican troubles and the restoration of peace which is earnestly desired. Political developments are anxiously awaited but the heads of the government refuse to give out any statement until the result of the peace conference is known about which they are very optimistic.

Guadalajra to Fall.

Vera Cruz, June 15—Guadalajra is going to fall within a week according to information reaching here last night. The garrison defending the city numbering only a thousand cannot possibly hold the city against the beseiging force numbering more than 15,000. The city is practically cut off, without a railroad leading from the west and the roads between this city and the capital are impassable. A battle has been raging for sometime continuing night and day without cessation. The loss of life has been great. News also reached here today that Pueblo is now in the hands of the rebels after a terrible battle.

Choose Rear Admiral Fletcher.

Washington, June 15—Rear Admiral Fletcher who conducted the operations at Vera Cruz is to be the next commander of the Atlantic battleship fleet. This was announced by Secretary Daniels last night who took occasion to praise the officers efficiency. The selection of Admiral Fletcher was in the form of a statement from the navy department. It has been conceded for sometime that Admiral Fletcher would be the choice of the department, although Rear Admiral Winslow in command of the flying squadron now in Mexico waters and Rear Admiral Fisk aide for operations and Rear Admiral Victor Blue aide for navigation were prominently mentioned among others.

Reward for Men.

Washington, June 15—The Navy Department has issued a general order awarding medals of honor and a gratuity of $100 to eleven enlisted men of the navy for extraordinary heroism at the seizure of Vera Cruz on April 21 and 22.

The general order highly commends the conspicuous acts of valour and courage of these men basing its commendation on the reports of Rear Admiral Fletcher. It also describes that each of them, except Chief Turret Captain DeSummers be advanced to the next higher position, which carries with it an increased rate of pay, De Summers being already a chief turret captain no further advancement for him as an unlisted man is possible. To him is extended the privilege of taking the examination to be held in the fall for either boatswain or gunner and if he passes he will accordingly be made a warrant officer.

FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD.

Washington, June 15.—It is learned definitely at White House that the personnel of the Federal Reserve Board will be as follows:

Paul Warburg, of New York; Adolph P. Miller, of San Francisco; W. C. P. Harding, of Birmingham, Ala.; Thos. D. Jones, of Chicago; Chas. S. Hamlin, of Boston, at present Asst. Sec. of Treasurer, and Sec. of Treasury McAdoo, and Comptroller of Currency Williams, ex-officio. President Wilson will not nominate a Governor of the Board at this time.

PLEADED NOT GUILTY.

Henry H. Bell, colored, charged with attempting to murder his wife, pleaded not guilty this morning before Judge St. Cyr, and was remanded until the 17th.

BACKS AVIATOR.

London, June 15.—Harris Singer, a wealthy American resident of Paris, has entered the French aviator Auguste Macon in the Daily Mail's transatlantic flight for a prize of $50,000.

$26,697,554 OF AN INCREASE IN THE CANADIAN TRADE

While Exports Showed a Marked Advance in Volume Imports Were Less In Aggregate Than Last Year

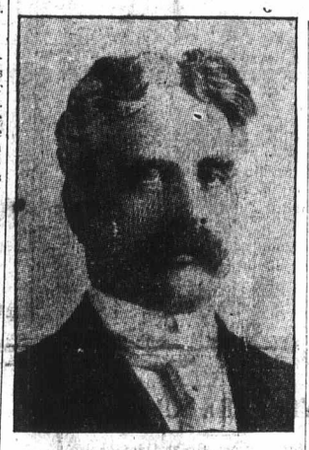
GREATER BULLION MOVEMENT

Trade with United Kingdom Showed Net Increase of $37,634,098, While Increase With United States Was Nearly Three Millions—Falling Off in Trade With British West Indies in Spite of Reciprocal Agreement.

(Special to The Journal of Commerce.)

Ottawa, June 15.—A statement of Canadian trade for the last fiscal year has just been issued by the Trade and Commerce Department. The total trade in merchandise for the year was $1,073,766,098, an increase of $26,697,554 over the previous fiscal year. Imports totalled $618,328,874, a decrease of $51,671,315, while exports totalled $455,437,224, an increase of $78,368,869.

The net increase in trade for the year was due to the big gain in exports of agricultural products, animal produce and manufactured products, particularly during the autumn months. Since then there has been a considerable falling off both in imports and exports. The total exports of agricultural products was for the year $198,220,029, an increase of $48,074,368, or nearly thirty per cent. Exports of animal product total $53,349,119, an increase of $8,564,526, and exports of manufactures totalled $57,443,452, an increase of $13,750,644.



HON. R. L. BORDEN, Premier of Canada.

Greater Movements.

There was a much greater movement of corn and bullion during the year than during 1912-13. Imports of corn and bullion totalled $15,235,305, an increase of $9,807,326. Exports of corn and bullion totalled $23,560,704, an increase of $7,397,002. In the liquidation of balances, Canada thus sent out of the country $8,325,399 more of gold and bullion than was brought in.

Trade with the United Kingdom showed a net increase of $37,634,098. Trade with the United States showed a net increase of nearly three millions. With British West Indies, including Bermuda, despite the recent reciprocal trade agreement, there was a falling off in trade of $1,620,283. From nearly every country imports decreased, while to every country except the Argentine Republic exports increased.

From the United Kingdom, Canada took last year imports valued at $131,942,763, or $6,706,666 less than the preceding year. Canadian exports to the United Kingdom totalled $222,322,766, a gain of $44,340,764.

Imports from the United States last year totalled $410,786,091, a decrease of $30,369,764. Exports to the United States totalled $200,459,373, a gain of $33,348,991.

Statistics of trade with the West Indies show imports of $4,354,849, a decrease of $1,662,281, and exports of $4,770,200, a gain of $41,998.

Details of Increases.

Some details of the more important increases, or decreases in imports, and exports are interesting. In imports there were decreases of over two million dollars each in breadstuffs, and in guttapercha, rubber, and manufactures thereof. There was a decrease of over twenty-three millions in the imports of metals, minerals, etc., of nineteen milloins in iron and steel and manufactures, thereof, and of one and a quarter millions in the imports of provisions. On the other hand there was an increase of over six million in the imports of coal, coke, etc., and of nearly one million in the imports of fruits. The total imports of foodstuffs was over sixty-three millions, including breadstuffs, $9,425,412; fruits, $17,233,223; provisions, $10,813,459; sugar molasses, etc., $17,949,396; and vegetables, $3,306,930.

In exports there was an increase of over six and a half millions in living animals, nearly thirty millions in wheat and of over eight millions in oats. It may be noted that Canada sent to the United States last year animals worth $6,802,403, bran to the value of $1,509,595, oats to the value of $6,802,403, and wheat to the value of $6,891,624. Exports of fish to the United States amounted to $6,644,365.

JAPAN AMBITIOUS NOT FOOLHARDY

Conquest of Australasia Would be Attended by Too Many Risks

London, June 15.—

Last week I mentioned the profound change that is coming over migration in general. I mentioned the Japanese, who are credited with a desire to colonise Australia and New Zealand.

It is well to look at both sides of this question, particularly as it affects the Japanese. Mr. Robert Young, the well-known editor of the Japan Chronicle, who is at present in London, has supplied some information with which we may check the theory that has already become so widely accepted.

Mr. Young points out that there is no present ground for the fear, that Japan contemplates the conquest of Australasia. He advises the people who think like that to study the map. Yokohama is 4,500 miles from Sydney—only a few hundred miles more than it is from Victoria, B.C. Japan would have to establish and effectively maintain coaling and re-fitting stations all along that route. She would have to do this in the sight of the whole world, and with an object that she could not hide. Having done it at vast expense, she would then have to convoy an army across this great stretch of waters, subject all the way to attacks from opposing fleets.

I am bound to say that when such simple considerations as these are brought under one's notice the suggestion of conquest begins to appear rather ridiculous. Mr. Young, indeed, does not hesitate to assert that the suggestion is made solely in the interests of the Navy Party in Australia and New Zealand.

Nobody has yet imagined that Japan contemplates a descent in force upon Canada. But there seems to be no better reason for the suggestion in respect to the Southern hemisphere. Japan has her hands full. She has not yet recovered, even financially, from the war with Russia. It is not likely that she is contemplating such a mad escapade as the conquest of a distant continent.

CONCILIATION BOARDS AT WORK

Labour Dept. Reports the Appointment of Number of Special Boards Lately

Ottawa, June 15.—

The labour Department records a substantial number of boards of conciliation in existence throughout the Dominion at present in connection with labour disputes of one kind and another. It is stated this morning that a board of conciliation has been asked for by the carpenters of Montreal who were on strike for two weeks but who returned to work this morning, as a result of enquiries made by Victor Dubreuil, Fair Wage Officer of the Department of Labour.

There has been an exceptionally large number of disputes between electric interests and their employes of late. The Ontario Hydro-Electric both at London and at Toronto has had trouble. At London it is expected that the two parties may come together without resort to a board. At Toronto a board, under Judge Snider is now proceeding with an enquiry.

Two other enquiries are in progress at Toronto. These are in connection with the dispute between the Toronto Street Railway and its employes. Judge McGibbon of Brampton presides over the board appointed to deal with both disputes.

At Winnipeg Judge Gun of Ottawa is presiding over an enquiry into the C. P. R. conductors and trainmen's dispute. There is also an enquiry in progress in the east in connection with the dispute between the Michigan Central and its telegraphers.

SEARCH FOR BALLOON.

Portland, Ore., June 15.— Search is still being made for the balloon Springfield, the only one still missing of the four which started in the Portland Rose race last Thursday.

THROUGH CANAL 9 HOURS.

Panama, June 15.—A quiet journey was made yesterday through the canal by the sea-going dredge Culbra, a vessel of 3,000 tons, which made a continuous trip from ocean to ocean, in nine hours.

WAR IMMINENT TURKEY AND GREECE

Feared that Outbreak of Hostilities in Europe is Now Inevitable

NO REPLY RECEIVED

Turkey Has Made No Move to Answer Demand of Greece for Redress, But Reported to be Concentrating Forces at Various Points.

Athens, June 15.—While no official statement can be obtained regarding the government plans, the increased activity in the naval department has an ominous appearance. No reply has yet been received to the demands of the Greek Government for redress for alleged wrongs inflicted on Greek subjects in Turkish territory, but it is the general opinion that Turkey will reply to the Greek Government's demands for immediate redress by dilatory promises which will make a conflict inevitable.

War seems inevitable. It is reported from Mitylene that the Turks have attacked the town of Alcalik on the mainland, where there are 25,000 Greeks.

Greece threw a firebrand at Turkey Saturday by announcing the annexation of the Turkish Islands of Chios and Hitylene. Turkey has always maintained that these islands were necessary for the Ottoman defence of near-by territory.

War between Greece and Turkey is inevitable, according to the newspaper Hestia, which is considered as voicing the majority of Greek public opinion. The Government has not as yet received any intimation of the nature of the Sublime Porte's reply to the Greek note, demanding that Turkey cease its persecution of the Greeks in Turkey and make reparation to them for the losses incurred.

It is feared here that, in accordance with the usual method of Turkish diplomacy, the Turkish note will contain vague promises and denials, and will seek to delay a settlement. But public opinion is strongly opposed to dilatory tactics, says the Hestia, and will compel the Government to insist that the persecutions cease or war will follow at once.

It is reported that there have been encounters between Turks and Christians in the Asiatic littoral and that the Turks are concentrating arms and ammunition at various points. Several sailing vessels with Greek refugees aboard, it is also reported, have been captured by the Turks.

FIVE WERE KILLED

Electric Storm Does Great Damage In London, In Addition to Fatalities.

(By Special Cable to The Journal of Commerce.)

London, June 15.— A series of thunderstorms tha tfollowed each other in rapid succession which were violent in character, completely deluged South London, killing five persons and causing great damage. Three children who with two others had sought the shelter of a large tree at Wandsworth during the storm, were injured when lightning shattered the tree. The children were singing at the time. An unknown man who was crossing the Wandsworth Common was also struck by lightning, and his body horribly disfigured. Almost at the same moment another bolt struck and injured a young girl who was walking on the common with her lover. The latter escaped unharmed.

TO PREVENT COLLISIONS

British Board of Trade Makes Several Important Suggestions to Merchant Service Guild.

London, June 15.—The Imperial Merchant Service Guild have been invited by the British Board of Trade to consider several important suggestions concerning alterations to articles 2, 10, 14, 15 and 31 of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea. These suggestions include the making of a second mast-head light compulsiry; the provision of a fixed stern light; a special signal for motor vesesls proceeding under sail and mechanical power simultaneously; a suitable sound signal for a vessel in tow, or for the last vessel of the tow, and an addition to the distress signals by the inclusion of the radio-telegraph distress signal. The Board of Trade have requested the views of the Imperial Merchant Service Guild, which represents approximately seventy-five per cent of the total British captains and officers, to send a representative to discuss the matter with the Board of Trade at Whitehall.

COMPETITION RULES.

$100,000 Win First Prize in Round-the-World Aeroplane Race at Exposition.

(By Leased Wire to the Journal of Commerce.)

New York, June 15.—The Aero Club of America will to-day consider the rules which have been submitted the round-the-world aero fair at the Panama Exposition. The fair has offered $150,000. Licensed pilots of any country may compete and any kind of aeroplane may be used. An entrance fee of $500 must accompany the application. Of the $150,000 prize money so far subscribed for, $100,000 will go to the competitor finishing first, $30,000 to the second, and $20,000 to the third. There will probably be fourth, fifth and sixth prizes in addition.

All competitors must pass over the course in an easterly direction and controls will be named where each must alight in the order named. Competitors may take any route but supply stations will be established.

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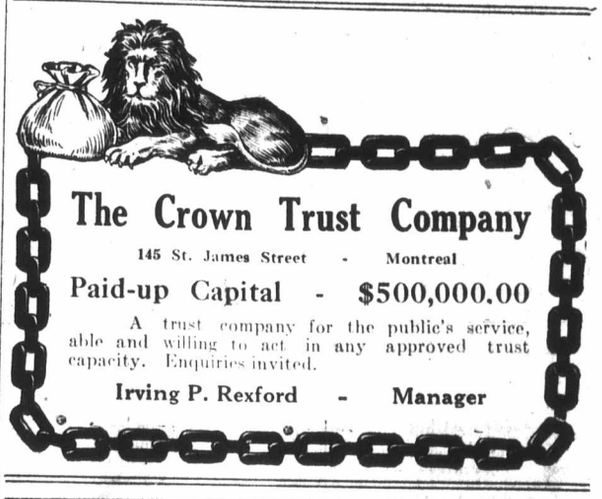
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FIGHT IN CATHEDRAL

WholeCongregation Surge on Disturbing Militants and Eject Them From Edifice.

(By Special Cable to the Journal of Commerce.)

London, June 15.—Violent scenes were enacted in St. Paul's Cathedral yesterday, when a number of suffragettes who had succeeded in chaining themselves to their seats, repeatedly attempted to interrupt the service which was attended by many prominent members of the bench. The congregation, incensed almost beside themselves, by the acts of the militants in trying to create a disturbance in the historic edifice, at such a time, rushed almost en masse to attack the disturbers, and in an instant the place was a swirling mass of men and women, who seemed to have one object in view, the forcible and violent ejection of the militants. It was some time before even a semblance of order was restored.

WAR SEEMS IMMINENT.

Athens, June 15.— Great activity is being shown here in naval circles and hurried preparations are being made. The opinion that Turkey will reply to the Greek government's demands for immediate redress by dilatory promises, which will make a conflict inevitable. War seems inevitable. The Turks have attacked the town of Alvalik, on the mainland, where there are 25,000 Greeks.

EGGS BY PARCEL POST

Ample Demonstration of Possibilities of System Made by U. S. Department.

Washington, June 15.— That eggs can be marketed successfully by parcel post and that this method frequently secures a better price for the producer and a fresher article for the consumer has now been demonstrated to the satisfaction of the experts in the United States Department of Agriculture. The department conducted tests that covered a period of five months. At the end of that period it came to the conclusion that the parcel post was of particular value to the man whose flock was too small or who lives too far from express service to permit him to ship his eggs in the regular commercial case, which holds 30 dozen eggs.

In the course of these experiments the department shiped 9,131 eggs in 466 lots. Of these 327, or eighty less than 3.6 per cent., were broken, but only 209, or slightly less than 2.3 per cent., were absolutely wasted. The others, though broken, still could be used. The percentage of breakage, moreover, will be reduced greatly, it is said, when the employes of the Post Office become more accustomed to handling such fragile matter.

FOUR YEARS FOR MURDER.

St. Petersburg, June 15.— The trial at Warsaw of Baron John Bissping, a wealthy Lithuanian land-owner, for killing Prince Drutzka Lubteski, is over, and the prisoner has been sentenced to four years' imprisonment.

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