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WHEAT PRICES TAKE TUMBLE

WHEAT BULLS RECEIVE SETBACK ON CHICAGO EXCHANGE.

MAY FALLS OFF NEARLY 4 CENTS

After New High Records Had Been Made, the Bears Smashed Furiously at Prices and September Started the Break—Patten Buys More.

Chicago, April 15.—Wheat bulls received a setback today on the board of trade when prices tumbled precipitately. July tumbled an extreme 4 1/2c, May 3 3/4c and September 1 1/2c.

Patten bought furiously all along the line and the close showed a reaction averaging something over a cent. The market was nervous all day. Favorable reports from Illinois and Missouri as to the growing crop led to steady selling of September which was further encouraged by a five-cent drop at Winnipeg where it was reported exports were re-selling wheat purchased for the European market. The northwestern markets were weak all day. Prices here, however, with the exception of September, held up until near the close.

New High Records Made.

May and July both established new high records, thus maintaining their record of having risen consistently to a new high level each trading day for a fortnight. May on a very nervous market, rose to \$1.29 1/4 and July to \$1.18 1/2.

Bears Smash Prices.

September led the break, for after selling at \$1.08 1/2 the bear forces made a terrific smash at the price and forced it back to \$1.06 1/4 and \$1.06 1/2. May dropped to \$1.26 1/4 at a time and July receded to \$1.14 1/4. May at the close sold at 1 1/2c and 1 1/2c, July at \$1.15 1/2 and \$1.15 1/2, and September at \$1.06 1/4. These prices showed a net loss from last night of 1 and 1/4 cent for May, 2 1/4 cent for July and 2 1/4 and 2 1/4 cents for September.

The purchases of James A. Patten and immediate associates during the final fifteen minutes of today's session of the board of trade are approximately 3,000,000 bushels of May, July and September wheat.

PRICE OF BREAD ADVANCED.

Men Who Bake Say It Is Due to Sensational Advance in Wheat.

Omaha, April 15.—Omaha bakers have made the announcement that owing to the high price of wheat and the corresponding high price of flour, they cannot bake bread and sell it at five cents a loaf. As a result of the announcement bread has risen one cent per loaf, and the chances are that if wheat continues on its upward journey it will advance another cent within a short time.

Des Moines, Ia., April 15.—The first result of the Patten wheat deal was felt here when Des Moines bakers voted to reduce the size of loaves of bread to meet the price of flour, which has advanced over \$1.

PATTEN TALKS OF WHEAT.

Says Market May Go Still Higher. Denies He Has Corner.

Chicago, April 15.—The appeal of Pittsburgh bakers to Secretary of State Knox to take steps to end manipulation of wheat and other markets excited comment by James A. Patten of Chicago, popularly alleged to control the present market for the high priced cereal.

"In the first place," said Mr. Patten, "I don't control the market. My line at no time has run over 10,000,000 bushels. I have preached the gospel of higher wheat because I saw what was coming. I saw it first, I believe, but when it comes to controlling the market there are 200 or 300 other men who have bought who have something to say about that."

PRIZE FISH STORY.

Tale of a Remarkable Catch Near Miller, S. D.

Miller, S. D., April 15.—Some pickerel have already been caught in the streams here this spring. A woman reports a remarkable catch. It is said at least three persons besides the woman will make affidavit to the truth of her story. In company with her son the woman walked up the stream and threw out a line for pickerel. Failing to catch any, she started to return to her home, tossing the pail that she had taken along to carry the fish home into the creek. Before going into the door of her home she noticed that the pail which she had thrown into the water was moving with the current, almost sinking at times as it wobbled about. She became curious to know what might be causing the pail to act that way. As it stopped against an obstruction near the shore she took hold of the handle and lifted it out of the water. To her great surprise and delight she saw in the bottom of the pail a large pickerel, hemmed in so tight that he could not move. Once on the shore and out of the pail the big fish made a fight to get back into the stream. It seems that the big fellow had jumped into the floating pail after the woman had thrown it into the water.

MAN DEAD; WOMAN ARRESTED

Chicago Milk Dealer Found in Woman's Home, Bullet in Brain.
Chicago, April 15.—Frank Yerkes, a milk dealer, was found shot to death today in the home of Mrs. Rose Shuman at 758 West Sixty-first street place.

While the police are inclined to believe Yerkes fired a bullet into his head with suicidal intent, circumstances connected with the case prompted them to place Mrs. Shuman and Miss Ethel Blackwell, who is visiting at the Shuman home, under arrest. Two letters written by Yerkes to Mrs. Shuman in which the market dealer told of his affection for her are in the hands of the police.

Mrs. Shuman has been living apart from her husband.

RANDALL BILL FOUND ILLEGAL

MADISON COUNTY SENATOR'S MEASURE DEFECTIVE.

CONTAINED TECHNICAL ERRORS.

The Bill Provided for the Purchase of County Bonds by Banks—Groves' Health Inspection Bill is Also Declared Illegal.

Lincoln, April 15.—Special to The News: Technical defects render Senator Randall's bill, S. F. 122, illegal. The bill provides for the purchase of county bonds.

Groves' health inspection bill, H. R. 499, also is defective.

FIRE AT STERLING, NEB.

Loss Amounts to About \$20,000, Partially Insured.

Tecumseh, Neb., April 15.—At the town of Sterling, in this county, occurred a disastrous conflagration shortly after midnight and the aggregate loss is about \$20,000, partly covered by insurance.

The Page-Taylor lumber yard and buildings, J. L. Francis' one-story brick building, and Mrs. Martha Thrupp's store and residence and outbuildings were burned to the ground.

The origin of the fire is unknown.

PLATTSMOUTH MAN KILLED

William Murray's Clothes Catch in Elevator; Skull Crushed.

Plattsmouth, Neb., April 15.—William Murray, twenty-five years of age, was killed here this morning in his father's elevator, near the Missouri Pacific station. It is supposed that in starting the engine Murray's clothes caught in the machinery. He was hurled some distance, and his skull was fractured.

ROBBERS BLOW POSTOFFICE

Four Masked Men Get Small Haul in Missouri Town.

Wellsville, Mo., April 15.—Four masked robbers blew open the safe of the postoffice here today and escaped with a small quantity of stamps and one registered letter. The explosion aroused the town but citizens were held back at the points of revolvers while the bandits climbed into a buggy and drove away. Thomas Sharp, postmaster, had removed most of the valuables from the safe, owing to the presence of suspicious strangers about the office yesterday, and this accounts for the small loot.

ILLINOIS BANK ROBBED

Bank of Wood Lawn Dynamited and \$1,900 Secured.

Mount Vernon, Ill., April 15.—The bank at Wood Lawn, a small town several miles west of here on the Louisville and Nashville railroad, was robbed early today. Five masked men dynamited the safe, wrecking it and the interior of the building, and escaped with \$1,900 in currency. They were tracked for some distance by bloodhounds but the dogs lost the trail when the bandits entered a vehicle and drove away. The bank was insured against robbery.

The Prince Arthur Safe.

Portland, Me., April 15.—The Dominion Atlantic line steamer Prince Arthur, with a party of Maine tourists on board bound for Bermuda, was reported by cable today as having arrived at Bermuda. The message came to parties interested in the tour and disproves the sensational rumors set in circulation to the effect that the Prince Arthur had met with an accident.

BRAZIL CONCLUDES TREATIES.

Rio Janeiro, April 15.—The Brazilian government has concluded permanent arbitration treaties, during the week, with the United States, France, Portugal, Spain and Mexico.

Missouri Fruit Crop Not Destroyed.

Sedalia, Mo., April 15.—The killing frost of Monday night did not destroy the Missouri fruit crop. This positive statement was made by a number of experts who have made a thorough investigation.

TAFT SENDS A SPECIAL MESSAGE

MAKES RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING PHILIPPINE TARIFF.

PROTECT ISLAND'S INDUSTRIES

The Message. Sent to Both Houses of Congress, Gives Recommendations Made by the Secretary of War—Adds Some to Free List.

Washington, April 15.—The president today sent to congress a special message in relation to the Philippine tariff. The message transmits recommendations by the secretary of war for a revision of the Philippine tariff so as to permit as much customs revenue as possible for the island and at the same time extend to the islands the principal of a protective tariff for its industries.

The message and accompanying letter with a copy of the proposed act, were submitted to both houses of congress shortly after they convened.

Generally speaking, the bill submitted by the president, makes a slight increase in the rates of duty now provided in the Philippine tariff but its framers say its tendency is to insure as far as practicable the benefit of the Philippine market for American manufacturers and products. The bill makes some additions to the free list. There will be an increase in internal revenue duties by which it is hoped to make up the loss which the Philippines will sustain by the provisions in the pending Payne tariff bill. The internal revenue laws for the Philippines are enacted by the Philippine assembly.

TARIFF TALK NEXT MONDAY

Senate Finance Committee Meets and Fixes Date to Begin.

Washington, April 15.—At a meeting of the committee on finance today it was agreed that the opening of discussion on the tariff bill should go over until Monday.

The session of the committee was called by Chairman Aldrich for the purpose of arriving at some understanding with the minority members as to the manner of taking up the bill. Senators Daniel and Bailey were not present, but Senator Money spoke for the democrats and asserted that the minority was not disposed to delay the passage of the bill by general debate. Mr. Money asked if the committee would consider amendments offered by the democrats. The republicans declined to make any agreement to open the bill for amendments generally but said that amendments admitted to be of an important character would be considered.

Missouri Prohibitionists Hopeful.

Jefferson City, Mo., April 15.—The prohibition amendment passed by the house yesterday, was reported to the senate today. It was read the first time and referred to a committee to take the ordinary course. Friends of the measure predict that the upper house will likewise pass it and that voters of Missouri will have a chance to express their views on statewide prohibition at the election in November 1910.

JEROME FAVORS SUNDAY BOOZE

New York District Attorney Advocates Bill Permitting Sabbath Sales.

New York, April 15.—Declaring that the section of the liquor tax law prohibiting saloons from opening on Sunday cannot be enforced in New York City by local officials because of the influence to which these men are subjected District Attorney William T. Jerome of New York appeared at Albany before the senate committee on taxation and retrenchment in favor of the bill of Senator Brough, which would permit saloons to open on Sunday in first class cities from 11 to 1 p. m. Representative W. S. Bennett of New York also spoke in favor of the measure. Several speakers vigorously opposed the bill.

District Attorney Jerome said that the sixty state excise department agents could enforce the law better in New York in a single day than the whole police department could in a year.

Mr. Jerome characterized as a "dream" the statement that former President Roosevelt, when police commissioner, had closed the saloons on Sunday in New York.

"If prohibition were practicable," said he, "I would be for it. If Commissioner Bingham were removed and I were given twenty men from the state excise department, I would close the saloons in New York within three months as tight as a drum."

Iowa Governor Signs Moon Bill.

Des Moines, April 15.—Governor B. F. Carroll today signed the Moon liquor bill which limits the number of saloons in any city in the state to one for every 1,000 inhabitants. It will not affect any saloon now operating in excess of the limitation, but it aims to prevent the establishment of any new saloons by the brewers.

Game Postponed Today.

Philadelphia, April 15.—Philadelphia-Boston game postponed; wet grounds.

ROOSEVELT MELTS IN RED SEA

Steamer Admiral Reaches Aden, Arabia—Plan a Little Shooting, Aden, Arabia, April 13, 10 a. m.—Delayed in transmission.—The steamer Admiral, with Theodore Roosevelt and members of his party on board, came in here this morning for a short stay. All on board are well.

Several members of the party are planning to come ashore here and go on a shooting expedition to obtain specimens of the local birds as they have done at several of the other ports touched at on the way out.

The run down the Red sea from Suez was fairly cool, but yesterday the weather was hot, with a brilliant sun and a smooth sea.

REPORT THIRTY MEN KILLED

NITRO-GLYCERINE FACTORY DESTROYED BY EXPLOSION.

CATASTROPHE AT GOODSELL, ILL.

Details of the Disaster are Meager.

But Reports From Sullivan, Ind., Across the Wabash River, Say Many Men Are Dead.

Sullivan, Ind., April 15.—The nitro-glycerine factory at Goodsell, Ill., across the Wabash river from this place, was destroyed by an explosion this afternoon and it is reported thirty men were killed.

Dakota Charities and Corrections.

Sioux Falls, S. D., April 15.—The third annual session of the state conference of charities and corrections began here and will continue several days. A large number of those prominently identified with charitable and corrective work in South Dakota and other states are attending. Colonel Melvin Griggs, acting on behalf of Mayor Doolittle, welcomed the delegates to the city in the absence of Prof. George W. Nash of the Aberdeen state normal school. S. E. Young, superintendent of the state industrial and reform school at Plankinton, responded to the address of welcome. Among those who addressed the session were Dr. J. G. Parsons of Sioux Falls and Mrs. Dora Donald Humbert, superintendent of the state school for the blind at Gary.

No More Cigarettes in Minnesota.

St. Paul, Minn., April 15.—Governor Johnson signed the anti-cigarette bill which will be in effect August 1.

RURAL ROUTES ARE SPREADING

THREE NEW ONES SOON TO RADIATE FROM BURKE, S. D.

TO BUILD FARMERS' PHONE LINE

I. S. Dickson Has Been Appointed Postmaster at Herrick, S. D., and is Now in Charge of the Office—New Building for Herrick.

Burke, S. D., April 15.—Special to The News: Three rural mail delivery routes will be established from Burke soon, having been approved by the government. The matter is now in the hands of Postmaster Jury, who is rapidly securing the signatures of patrons to an agreement to put up approved boxes, which is all that remains to be done before the formal establishing of the routes. Two of the routes run north, one of them to the town of Lucas; the other goes south to the town of Jamison, Neb.

Farmer's Phone Line.

Burke, S. D., April 15.—Special to The News.—On May 1 a meeting will be held at the residence of Oliver Dion six miles north of Burke to organize a farmers' telephone company for the purpose of building a line covering that country and connecting with Burke, which is the market town for a large territory in that direction. Mr. Dion's place is about in the center of the territory it is desired to cover.

New Herrick Postmaster.

Herrick, S. D., April 15.—Special to The News: Christ Reichel commenced building his new pressed brick saloon.

I. S. Dickson has been appointed postmaster, and took charge of the postoffice Sunday.

Lloyd Line Steamer Ashore.

Baltimore, April 15.—A dispatch to the Baltimore maritime exchange from Cape Henry today reports a steamer, supposed to be the Wittekind, of the North German Lloyd line, ashore near Cape Charles City, Va. The weather is cloudy with the wind blowing twelve miles an hour from the north. The Wittekind sailed from Baltimore yesterday for Bremen with passengers and cargo.

PRICE OF FLOUR KEEPS GOING UP

OHIO MILLERS CAN'T GET WHEAT FOR MILLS.

PREDICT FLOUR AT \$9 PER

Forty Cents a Barrel is Added to Winter Wheat Flour in Columbus, O., Today and Market is Now Quoted at \$7-\$1 Advance in Ten days.

Columbus, O., April 15.—The price of flour continues to soar in sympathy with the advancing tendency of the wheat market. Columbus millers today put the price up forty cents per barrel for winter wheat flour and the market is now quoted here at \$7. This advance makes a gain of \$1 per barrel here in the past ten days.

Jobbers say the price will go to \$9 before the close of this year.

Millers throughout Ohio complain of difficulty to get sufficient wheat to keep their mills running and some of them are only running short time.

DEMOCRATIC SENATORS SCRAP

Hold Conference but Can't Agree. Some Want Protection.

Washington, April 15.—For more than four hours the democratic members of the senate conferred in an effort to agree upon a policy toward tariff legislation. At the end of that time Senator Culbertson, the minority leader, announced that the democrats had agreed to support an income tax amendment and to stand for substantial reductions in schedules, and particularly for a decreased rates necessary of the necessities of life.

The conference was not binding, but regardless of this fact, it was not entirely harmonious. Some of the senators present admitted frankly that they would ask for protection for the industries of their states. Senator Stone spoke in favor of his program for independence for Filipinos after fifteen years and absolute free trade with the islands during that period. Senator Foster was opposed to free trade with any of the colonies. Neither of the senators, it was apparent, would have obtained a majority of the delegates for their proposition, had a vote been taken. On only one question was the conference agreed, and that was the income tax arrangement. No details were decided in the program to fight for reductions in rates all along the line. The conference was adjourned until Friday, as all those present were agreed that they were not sufficiently acquainted with the bill to pass judgment intelligently upon it. While the democrats were in session, notices of the meeting of the finance committee of today were delivered to the minority members of that committee.

ROOSEVELT INTO SMALL POX?

Forty Cases Have Broken Out in Region Where He Will Visit.

Mombasa, British East Africa, April 15.—A cablegram received here from Theodore Roosevelt, declining an invitation to a public reception and dinner, makes it evident that he has decided to stop in Mombasa, therefore there is much disappointment here. Mr. Roosevelt asks in this message that he be met at the pier by his special train and conveyed direct to the ranch of Sir Alfred Pease, on the Athi river, where he will be Sir Alfred's guest for the first fortnight's stay in the protectorate.

The steamer Admiral is expected here at daybreak of April 21. At present the monsoon is blowing vigorously.

There has been a sudden outbreak of smallpox at Nairobi. Forty deaths have occurred in the quarantine camp and three cases are reported from Ju Ja ranch, the property of George McMillan, who will be Mr. Roosevelt's host during a portion of his stay in this section.

3 MINERS DIE IN EXPLOSION

Mine at Fairmont, W. Va., Takes Fire. Following Blow-Up.

Fairmont, W. Va., April 15.—A gas explosion occurred today at the No. 2 shaft mine of the George Creek Coal and Iron company at Farmington, seven miles from here. Three miners are known to be dead. Immediately following the explosion the mine caught fire. Dense smoke is coming from the mouth. It is said, however, all the other miners have been accounted for.

CONGRESSMEN GO TO PANAMA

Party Including Norris of Nebraska, Leaves New York.

New York, April 15.—A party of United States congressmen and their friends sailed today on the steamer Panama for Colon, on a visit to the canal zone. The party is not an official business. Congressman Norris of Nebraska is in the party.

SNOWING IN NORFOLK AGAIN.

Large Flakes Began Falling at 11 O'clock in This City. Snow began falling heavily in Norfolk at 11 o'clock. The flakes were large.

CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Temperature for Twenty-four Hours. Forecast for Nebraska.

Condition of the weather as recorded for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 a. m. today

Maximum .. 44
Minimum .. 22
Average .. 33
Barometer .. 29.98

Chicago, April 15.—The bulletin issued by the Chicago station of the United States weather bureau gives the forecast for Nebraska as follows:

Showers tonight or Friday, warmer tonight.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

Sun sets 6:35, rises 5:15; moon rises 3:40 a. m.; moon's age 25 days; noon today, sun directly south at noon.

GOTCH EASILY RETAINS TITLE

BULGARIAN WRESTLER LIKE A CHILD IN GOTCH'S HANDS.

TOE HOLD WASN'T NECESSARY

In Fast and Furious March, Iowa Champion Easily Put Much Touted Bulgarian to Mat With Crotch and Half Nelson Holds.

Chicago, April 15.—Frank Gotch, of Humboldt, Ia., succeeded in retaining his title to the world's championship last night by defeating Yusif Mahmoud, of Bulgaria, in a fast and furious match.

The much touted Bulgarian was as a child in the hands of his opponent. Gotch took both falls with a crotch and half Nelson holds in eight and nine minutes and ten seconds.

The victory of the champion is all the more notable inasmuch as he did not use his famous toe hold in bringing about the downfall of powerful foreigner. Gotch was able to secure most any hold he desired, so limited was the Turk's knowledge of the game.

CATCHER MAY RECOVER

Baseball Player Who Was Operated on Has Good Chance to Live.

Philadelphia, April 15.—The condition of Catcher Powers of the Philadelphia American league baseball club, who underwent an operation yesterday for gangrene poisoning of the intestines is improved today and he has a good chance for recovery.

FOOTBALL STAR KILLED.

James Montgomery, Jr., Loses His Life in Snowslide in Alaska.

New York, April 15.—James Montgomery, Jr., has lost his life in a snowslide near Valdez, Alaska, according to a message received here by his father.

Young Montgomery was graduated from Harvard in 1906 and was a member of the football team for four years. Soon after graduation he went to Alaska to prospect for copper along the Kennecott river, on one of the Guggenheim properties.

YESTERDAY'S BASEBALL SCORE

American League.

Detroit .. RHE .. 2 4 1
St. Louis .. RHE .. 2 8 3
Chicago .. RHE .. 0 1 2
Cleveland .. RHE .. 4 5 1
Other games postponed.

National League.

Chicago .. RHE .. 3 9 15
St. Louis .. RHE .. 1 3 2
Cincinnati .. RHE .. 0 6 1
Pittsburg .. RHE .. 3 4 2
Boston .. RHE .. 9 13 3
Philadelphia .. RHE .. 5 10 0
New York-Brooklyn game postponed.

American Association.

Louisville .. RHE .. 6 11 0
Columbus .. RHE .. 1 5 0
Milwaukee .. RHE .. 9 15 1
St. Paul .. RHE .. 5 4 7
Indianapolis .. RHE .. 4 9 2
Toledo .. RHE .. 2 6 1
Kansas City .. RHE .. 0 3 4
Minneapolis .. RHE .. 2 4 1

Knox Passes Matter Up.

Washington, April 15.—It was stated officially at the state department that the appeal of the Pittsburgh bakers to Secretary of State Knox, made through George S. Ward of Pittsburgh, asking that steps be taken to do away with the "manipulation and selling of futures in wheat and other food products," had been received by him but had not been referred immediately to the department of justice, which would have jurisdiction in the matter if there is any law covering the case. The department of justice has not yet decided whether any action can be taken.

AMERICANS MASSACRED

MURDER OF TWO MOSELSM BY AN AMERICAN STARTS BLOOD.

MERZINA, ASIA MINOR SEAPORT

Mohammedan Population of Town of 10,000 Takes Law Into Its Own Hands and Attacks American Quarters—Two American Missions There

Constantinople, April 15.—A massacre of Americans is in progress today at Merzina, a seaport of Asia Minor on the Mediterranean sea.

Enraged at the murder of two Moslems by an American and the fact that the assassin was not apprehended, the Mohammedan population of Merzina, which counts a total of 10,000 inhabitants, took the law into their own hands and attacked the American quarters.

The christian communities of Merzina are appealing to the consuls here for help.

Two American missions are represented at Merzina.

The trouble at Merzina is in no way connected with the political upheaval at Constantinople of the last two days. It involves recrudescence of the Armenian question, which is religious and racial, and has nothing to do with the internal policies.

ALL QUIET AT CONSTANTINOPLE

Appointment of Nazim Pasha at Head of Army, Peaceful Move.

Constantinople, April 15.—The Turkish capital is again assuming its normal aspects and there is this morning little outward evidence of the political ferment that has marked the previous two days.

The new ministry has promptly removed Taver Pasha from the command of the first army corps and given this post to Nazim Pasha. Nazim Pasha was minister of war for a brief period prior to the fall of the Kaimil cabinet, and the malcontents among the troops have urged his reappointment to this post. He is a popular and able officer, and the command given him today will in all likelihood be a stepping stone to his return to the ministry.

It is believed his appointment will have a good effect toward restoring order and discipline in the army.

Rumor Ship Wreck.

London, April 15.—There are rumors, coming from Plymouth, that the British cruiser Argyle has met with an accident. The Admiralty has no knowledge on this subject and the rumor cannot be confirmed.

PRESIDENT TAFT IN NEW HAVEN.

Left New York at 9:15 a. m. To Attend Yale Corporation.

New York, April 15.—President Taft left New York at 9:15 a. m. today on the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad to attend a meeting of the Yale university corporation, in New Haven.

MAN BURIED SEVENTY FEET.

Ohioan Has Been at Bottom of Deep Well for Four Days.

Springfield, Ohio, April 15.—Neighbors have been working night and day for four days to rescue John Toler, who was buried alive at the bottom of a deep well.

Tappings on the pump stock showed he was still living after the well caved in upon him. One thousand men are taking turn-about digging out the debris.

Toler was repairing the pump in the bottom of the well on the Oelker farm north of this city. The well was seventy feet deep and was walled with boards of various sizes and shapes. Toler jarred the wall, which tumbled in on him, carrying part of the earth, and filling the well to the brim.

The news spread rapidly and hundreds flocked