

# WHEAT PRICE JUMPS; MEN ASK CONTROL

Orgy of Speculation Renewed, After Brief Hesitancy When May Delivery Is Declared Closed.

NOW OVERSOLD 100 TIMES  
Price Could Have Been Hiked to \$10 a Bushel by Longs—No Check on Other Deliveries.

Chicago, May 14—The state council of defense, composed of 16 of the most prominent business and professional men of Illinois, today adopted resolutions urging congress to enact at once, as a measure of the utmost necessity, a law creating a commission for the absolute control of food stuffs, fuel and other basic commodities.

Chicago, May 14—The most sensational advance in history of the present crop, if not in history, marked the trade in wheat today when net gains ranging from 27 to 32 cents were scored in the July and September options.

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The settlement price, which met this morning, had practically no effect on speculation. For weeks new business in May wheat had been comparatively slight and what there was simply accrued to the more distant futures when trading resumed.

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Washington, D. C., May 14—Ten million men in the United States will be subject to the selective conscription on July 1, within the ages agreed upon in the conference report on the war army bill, Director Rogers, of the census bureau announced today.

The action of the board, while not interfering with the freedom of contracts on the part of either individuals or governments, compels those requiring wheat for immediate consumption to make purchases from farmers or grain dealers rather than through the medium of a contract for future delivery on the floor of the exchange.

### ST. LOUIS STOPS IT.

St. Louis, Mo., May 14—Trading in May wheat was discontinued at the Merchants' exchange here today after the price had been bid up from \$3.25 yesterday's close, to \$3.37 1/2. No rule was fixed as to the price at which contracts should be closed, this being left to private arrangement.

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### OMAHA FOLLOWS CHICAGO.

Omaha, Neb., May 14—The closing of the Chicago Exchange to deals in May wheat will have no effect on the Omaha market, as there has been no dealings in May here for several weeks. The local board has taken similar action to that of the Chicago board.

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### BRITISH DESTROYER SUNK.

Beilin, May 14—The admiralty announces that a British destroyer was sunk in the engagement on May 10 between German light forces and British cruisers and destroyers.

### VERDUN SMASH COMING?

Paris, May 14—Unusually heavy artillery fighting took place last night on the Verdun front near Avocourt, today's official statement says. French patrols penetrated the German lines at several points in Alsace and near Bezonvaux.

### GERMANY REPORTS GAINS.

Berlin, May 14—German troops operating in the Aras-Cambrai on the Aisne front forced the French back yesterday at Eovelle ridge, says today's war office statement.

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### SOLDIERS KILL COOPER.

El Paso, Tex., May 12—Trooper Raymond H. Westcott, of the Seventh United States cavalry, has confessed to taking part in the boldup of the non-commissioned officers' club at Camp Baker, near here, in which Sgt. Samuel P. Cooper, of the 16th United States infantry, formerly of Springfield, Miss., was killed. In his signed confession, Westcott implicated two fellow members of his machine gun troop—Walter C. Jensen and Walter Wehr.

### STARVING ON ICE FLOE.

Marquette, Mich., May 12—Members of the crew of the freighter Munising, stranded for five days in an ice floe, in Lake Superior, seven miles off shore, are starving. All efforts to get food to them have been futile.

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Only 66,000 Springfields Have Been Made in America Since Beginning of War.

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### MARRIED MEN MUST GO TO ARMY UNDER DRAFT UNLESS WILSON PREVENTS

Washington, D. C., May 14—Married men are not exempted in the army bill as adopted either by Senate or House. Married and single men, however, are exempt when they have dependents, but only by a special provision by the president. This section reads:

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### IOWAN ASKS PROHIBITION DURING WAR

America Must Choose Between Booze and Food, Senator Declares in Urging Quick Action to Stop Waste.

### "DRY" PLAN WINS SUPPORT

Statistics Show That England, Nearing Hunger, Has Wasted 7,000,000,000 Pounds of Food in Liquor.

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### Dakota Jack Tar Refused to be "Goat" for Killing of Chinese

### Warship's Officers Back Up "Tommy" Riley, of Roubaix, When Celestial Officers Decide He Is Guilty of Turning Machine Gun on Inspection Party.

Roubaix, S. D., May 14—"Tommy" Riley, a South Dakota boy who is serving in the United States navy, in a letter just received by his parents here, tells of an incident which for a time threatened serious consequences and which might have involved the United States' difficulty with China.

The letter was written from Hongkong, where the American warship on which young Riley is serving is temporarily stationed. A party of prominent Chinese visited the warship and during their inspection of the ship stopped to have explained to them the mechanism of machine guns. During the demonstration of the machine gun for the benefit of the visitors the weapon, in some unaccountable manner, was accidentally discharged and a member of the Chinese party was killed.

The remaining members of the party were thrown into a state of great excitement and anger by the tragic death of their companion, and as the dead man was a person of considerable im-

portance in China they were determined that someone should be held responsible and punished for his death.

They scanned the faces of the American sailors who had been at and in the vicinity of the machine gun when it was accidentally discharged, and when their eyes lighted on the young South Dakota boy, they decided he was responsible for the discharge of the gun, and demanded that he be tried by court-martial.

Young Riley determined not to be in the "goat" of the affair and made a vigorous defense, protesting his innocence. The officers of the ship made an investigation and this resulted in Riley being cleared of all responsibility for the accident and their refusal to hold him for trial. The Chinamen insisted that he be held and the officers of the ship were especially persistent in their refusal to hold him. The Chinamen finally left the ship in a high state for a coal bunker until he was sure of the indignation. While "Tommy" made party had gone ashore.

### WEEKLY WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, D. C., May 12—Weather predictions for the week beginning Sunday, May 13, issue today, follow: Plains States and Upper and Middle Mississippi Valley—Normal temperatures probable. Generally fair except that local rains are probable Tuesday and Wednesday.