

CORN DOES WELL

MADE SPLENDID PROGRESS DURING THE WEEK.

THE YIELD OF WINTER WHEAT

In Nebraska It is Said to Be Better Than Expected—Rust Prevalent in the Dakotas and in Minnesota.

WASHINGTON.—The weekly bulletin of the weather bureau summarizes crop conditions as follows:

Favorable temperatures prevailed during the week ending July 17 throughout the country. The intense heat on the Pacific coast during the latter part of the previous week was followed by decided lower temperature. Heavy rains interfered with work in the Ohio valley and over a large part of the South Atlantic and Gulf states, but a very general absence of rain in the west Gulf districts with only light showers over much of the Missouri and upper Mississippi valleys afforded favorable opportunity for much needed cultivation. Rains would be of great benefit in the southern plateau region.

Corn has made splendid progress throughout nearly the whole of the corn belt and is decidedly improved in the states of the Missouri valley, where its previous progress has been retarded by cool weather. While the general outlook sustained some injury on low land in Missouri and in portions of the south Atlantic and east Gulf states and is not in a good state of cultivation in portions of the Ohio valley.

Further reports of injury to harvested winter wheat are received from the Mississippi and Ohio valleys, the middle Atlantic states, Texas and Oklahoma and Indian Territories, but no complaints of this character are received from Kansas and Nebraska, both quality and yield in the last-named state being better than was expected. Harvesting, where not finished in the more northerly districts, is well advanced.

Spring wheat has experienced a week of favorable weather and continues in promising condition. While rust is still prevalent in the Dakotas and to some extent in Minnesota, it is not increasing in the first named states and there is very little in Minnesota. Spring wheat is filling nicely on the north Pacific coast, where the hot winds of the previous week caused but slight injury. Rust is increasing in Washington, in central Mississippi and Ohio valleys and in portions of the middle Atlantic states oat harvest has been interrupted and considerable damage to both harvested and standing oats has resulted from wet weather. Harvesting is largely finished except in the more northerly districts, where good yields are promised.

Much hay has been damaged in the central Mississippi and Ohio valleys and middle Atlantic states, but in New England and the Missouri and upper Mississippi valleys haying has progressed under favorable conditions.

FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH CHINESE PEOPLE

SEATTLE, Wash.—Victor M. Metcalf, secretary of commerce and labor, passed through Seattle on his way to California. He came to the coast for the purpose of investigating the Chinese exclusion question. He stated while here that he believed the most friendly relations should exist between the United States and China, as the latter country is just awakening and that it will be to the advantage of any country to receive the bulk of her trade if possible. He says that if the better class of Chinese wish to educate their sons in America, they should be allowed to do so.

THE PEACE ENVOY LEAVES FOR AMERICA

ST. PETERSBURG.—M. Witte had a final interview with Emperor Nicholas at Peterhof. Foreign Minister Lamsdorff was present showing the complete harmony of views between M. Witte and the foreign minister. M. Witte left St. Petersburg for Paris accompanied by Mme. Witte. At Paris they will meet their daughter who is the wife of the secretary of the Russian legation at Brussels. Mme. Witte has no intention of joining her husband later in America.

PEARY STARTS FOR THE POLE

Bids Farewell to Friends and Boards the Roosevelt.

BAR HARBOR, Me.—The Arctic steamer Roosevelt, bound from New York for northern waters, via North Sydney, C. B., called here, and after Commander R. E. Peary had bade farewell to Morris K. Jessup of New York, whose contributions to the Arctic club have assisted the explorer to build and equip the vessel, she continued her voyage.

Doubt Russia's Sincerity.

TOKIO.—It is believed that Emperor Nicholas recently sent an encouraging message to General Lnevitch, promising him men, provisions and other necessities for attaining an ultimate victory. It is also reported that the Russian emperor recently ordered the mobilization of four army corps. This fact, taken in connection with the reported limitation of M. Witte's powers as peace plenipotentiary, is deemed to be a sign that Russia is not sincere in her expressed desire for peace.

MUST DIE BY HIS OWN HAND.

Fate of German Officer Who Drew Black Ball.

MARINETTE, Wis.—That he drew the black ball in a duel by lots with a German army officer and that he will be found dead as a result, is the substance of a letter just received by a friend of Victor Van Taske of this city who disappeared July 4. Von Taske, who is a young man, was a bookkeeper. According to the letter his death would result from a dispute of several years ago when he was a German army officer. A duel was proposed and it was agreed that they draw lots as to who should make away with himself. Von Taske drew the black ball which meant his death by his own hand.

ROOSEVELT'S SUGGESTION IS FAVORED

LONDON.—In the house of commons Mr. Robertson asked Premier Balfour whether there had been any further international conference proposed by President Roosevelt, and whether the government was prepared to agree to the president's proposal to include in the subjects for discussion the question of making private property not contraband of war free from capture or destruction. Mr. Balfour replied that the government cordially welcomed the proposal of President Roosevelt, but Great Britain, in common with other nations, reserved the right of considering what should be submitted to the conference.

WITTE FOR PEACE.

Russian Envoy Talks of Pending Negotiations.

ST. PETERSBURG.—M. Witte, the senior Russian peace plenipotentiary, received the correspondent of the Associated Press at his villa on Yelagin island. In according the honor of an interview to the Associated Press, he said he expressly desired it stated that he had declined all previous requests of journalists for interviews and would decline all future requests. He further said that he made an exception in the case of the Associated Press, as it was the representative of the press of the United States, and as he was about to become the temporary guest of the United States, and also as a mark of the particular sympathy he felt toward that country.

M. Witte spoke in French. After greetings, which were cordial, the conversation gravitated to the high mission with which the Russian statesman is charged and the disposition of the foreign press to interpret his appointment as an indication that Russia had desired to make peace at any price.

"No, no," said he, straightening up in his chair and speaking slowly and distinctly as if weighing the value of each word. "In the first place I have been designated by the emperor as his ambassador extraordinary for four parliaments with the Japanese plenipotentiaries to ascertain whether it is possible to conclude a treaty of peace. My personal views are of secondary importance, but my ideas are in entire accord with those of my friend, Count Lamsdorff.

"In serving my emperor I have received precise instructions from his majesty and shall follow them. "The ultimate decision remains in the hands of the emperor and it is for him to decide the destinies of Russia. The emperor is the friend of peace and desires peace, but I very much fear that the Japanese terms will be such that we will be unable to reach an accord.

"Secondly, the world should disabuse its mind of the idea that Russia wants peace at any price. There are two parties in Russia. One favors the continuance of the war a outcome—this is a large and influential party. The other, to which I belong, favors peace. I avow it frankly, because telling the truth has always been my rule in politics. I was for peace before hostilities broke out.

"Even though there are two parties as to the advisability of ending the war in the present circumstances, both would be united if the Japanese demands would the amerc people of the Russian people or jeopardized our future as a nation.

"I am sure if I report that the conditions of Japan cannot be accepted, Russia will accept the verdict and the Russian people will be ready to continue the war for years if necessary.

Granite Boys Will Entertain.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H.—The state of New Hampshire desires to participate in entertaining the Russian and Japanese peace envoys who are to hold their conferences in this city next month. Edward N. Pearson, secretary of state, will come from Concord Saturday evening to confer with Assistant Secretary of State Pierce regarding arrangements for the accommodation of the envoys and to tender the assistance of the state. It is expected that Mr. Pierce will come to Portsmouth Saturday or Sunday.

Opposes the Boycott.

WASHINGTON.—Mr. Rockhill, the American minister at Peking, has cabled the State department that the Chinese government is vigorously opposing the threatened boycotting of American goods.

Streets Full of Troops.

TIPLIS, Caucasasia.—The streets are occupied by troops, but the city has been quiet since the proclamation of martial law. The Official Gazette has resumed publication.

WILL PROBE DEEP

LIFE INSURANCE AFFAIRS TO BE INVESTIGATED.

RECOMMENDATION BY GOVERNOR

A Committee of Eight Appointed to Look Into Matters—Gov. Higgins Brings It About by a Message to the Legislature.

ALBANY, N. Y.—There will be a legislative investigation of the life insurance business as carried on in this state, both by New York state corporations and by those of other states doing business within this state. This investigation will be made by a special joint committee, with ample powers, of which the chairman will be Senator William W. Armstrong of Rochester, republican.

The other senators on the committee will be William J. Tully of Corning, republican, and Daniel J. Riordan of New York City, democrat. Senators Armstrong and Tully are lawyers; Senator Riordan is a real estate and insurance agent. The two republicans are said to have been selected by Governor Higgins and Senator Raines, republican leader in the senate, and Senator Riordan by the democratic senators. The five assemblymen members of the committee will be named by Speaker Nixon within the next day or two.

Chairman Armstrong said that, while the actual hearings by the committee would probably not begin for some time, the preliminary preparations, calculations, and so on, necessary in preparations for the inquiry, would be set in motion as soon as possible, and the organization of the committee would take place as soon as the assembly member had been appointed.

The institution of the committee followed hard upon a message of Governor Higgins to the legislature, which came as a complete surprise. The message was received in the senate after the conclusion of the Hooker case, and was not read in the assembly until late in the afternoon session. Its effect may be described as sensational.

THE CHINESE BOYCOTT HAS BEEN INAUGURATED

WASHINGTON.—The state department has been informed by its consuls that the Chinese boycott against American goods, which was instituted Wednesday, was organized by the trade guilds in five ports, Shanghai, Canton, Tien Tsin, Hankow and New Chungking. It is believed the boycott will not be successful or do any particular injury to American goods, except in Canton and Shanghai, where the guilds are stronger than elsewhere. There is no official action which the United States government can take as long as it remains a single boycott or refusal to purchase American goods, but it is thought the boycott will be discouraged by the Chinese government as far as possible.

Rebates to Grain Dealers.

WASHINGTON.—The inter-state commerce commission proposes to conduct an investigation in St. Louis, beginning July 22, into the question of alleged allowances made by railroads to companies or persons owning grain elevators or by such companies or persons owing elevators to shippers of grain.

Will Repatriate Spaniards.

MADRID.—The Spanish government, it is announced, is arranging for the repatriation of the Spaniards who were imprisoned in the Philippine islands by the Americans during the war of 1898 and who are still in the islands.

IS THE CZAR SINCERE FOR PEACE

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Will of Late John Hay.

WASHINGTON.—The will of John Hay, late secretary of state, was filed for probate in the office of the register of wills for the District of Columbia. The beneficiaries are his widow and his brothers and sisters. His brother, Leonard Hay, and his sister, Mary Hay Woodfolk, are given all of the property at Warsaw, Ill., and the sum of \$25,000 each. His brother, Charles Edward Hay, is given \$50,000, and Harwood Otis Whitney of Keokuk, Ia., \$2,000. All the rest of the property is left to Clara Stone Hay.

Word From Admiral Sigsbee

PLYMOUTH.—The North German Lloyd steamer Kaiser Wilhelm II from New York arrived here and reported passing in latitude 44.27 north and longitude 37.2 west the American squadron commanded by Rear Admiral Sigsbee, which is conveying the body of Admiral Paul Jones from France to the United States. Admiral Sigsbee reported all well on board the American warships, adding "Will be off Chesapeake cape July 22."

MORE POLICEMEN TAKEN OFF.

Mayor Dunne Permits Firms' Wagons to Go Unprotected.

CHICAGO, Ill.—The frequently deferred plan of Mayor Dunne to take policemen off the wagons of firms affected by the teamsters' strike went into effect Monday in the business district. About 300 policemen were returned to ordinary duties. For a time the business streets and crossings will be guarded by additional policemen. Specially guarded routes to all freight stations will be taken by wagons of the strike affected firms. As a preliminary to the change today the police on wagons in the business district have for a week been in plain clothing instead of uniforms.

SOCIAL REVOLUTIONISTS ISSUE A PROCLAMATION

MOSCOW.—The fighting organization of the social revolutionists has issued a proclamation announcing that the death sentence pronounced against Major General Count Shuvaloff, chief of police, who was assassinated July 11, was executed by one of its members "on account of this satrap and his cruel activity of this satrap at Odessa (where Count Shuvaloff was formerly prefect), and his subsequent return to active service of reaction at the recall of Treppoff, the pan-Russian dictator, to stamp out the revolution in Moscow."

The proclamation concludes: "Let this execution serve as a joyful signal to the Russian millions in revolt and as the death knell of the dying autocracy. Let it remind all dogs of the autocracy of national justice."

MERCHANT COMMITS SUICIDE.

H. J. Birkby of Nebraska City Jumps Into the Missouri River.

NEBRASKA CITY.—H. J. Birkby, a prominent dry goods merchant of this city, committed suicide by drowning in the Missouri river.

He had been sick for several years and during the last few months had nearly gone blind and was losing his mind. About 9:30 this morning he walked to the river bank at the foot of Central avenue. He took off his hat, coat and vest and laid them on the bank and jumped into the water. A number of persons witnessed the deed, but were unable to prevent him from carrying out his purpose.

ACCOUNT OF MR. BRYAN AND BENNETT ESTATE

NEW HAVEN, Conn.—A hearing was held in the probate court on the acceptance of the account of William J. Bryan as executor of the estate of the late Philo S. Bennett. M. H. Wickwire, counsel for Mrs. Delia Bigelow and George W. Cable legatees, filed a typewritten statement of his formal objections to certain items in the account. These items include the transfer tax of \$5,500 and charges made by attorneys. It was claimed that had Mr. Bryan settled the estate promptly without resorting to litigation, the tax would never have been so large. On the other hand, Mr. Bryan's counsel declared that the estate was liable to a ten percent penalty but he got that remitted, so that the estate may consider itself that much in.

HEAD G. A. R. DEAD

Blackmar Dies While on Inspection Trip.

BOISE, Idaho.—General W. W. Blackmar, commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, died Sunday of nephritis.

His wife was with him during his illness. The body will be embalmed and taken to the home of the family at Boston. The general arrived here on July 10 on a tour, during which he intended to visit grand army posts throughout the northwest. He was ill when he arrived and gradually failed. The seriousness of his condition was kept from the public at the request of his wife.

Treasury Balances.

WASHINGTON.—Today's statement of the treasury balances in the general fund, exclusive of the \$150,000,000 reserve in the division of redemption, shows:

Available cash balance.....	\$126,228,327
Gold	72,226,091
Total	\$198,454,418

Union Pacific Dividend.

NEW YORK.—The directors of the Union Pacific Railroad company declared a dividend of 2 1/2 per cent on the common stocks, payable October 1. The last semi-annual dividend declared by the Union Pacific was 2 per cent.

Harvest Hands Wanted.

PIERRE, S. D.—Five thousand laborers and harvest hands are badly needed in South Dakota at present. The men will receive from \$35 to \$45 per month and board.

Forbids Illegal Assemblies.

WARSAW.—General Maximovich, the governor General, has issued an order forbidding illegal assemblies, processions and gatherings in the streets throughout Poland. The government now feels strong enough to enforce the fullest order.

Advance in Window Glass.

CHICAGO.—At a meeting of the western window glass jobbers here the retail price of window glass was advanced 10 per cent. The raise takes effect at once.

A TALK ON CRAFT

MEMBER OF SUPREME COURT MAKES AN ADDRESS.

A DISHONEST TWIST OF FUNDS

Prostituting of "Public or Private Trusts by Trustee Alleged to Be More Dangerous than Coarser Kinds of Theft.

MILWAUKEE.—Justice David J. Brewer of the United States supreme court delivered a short address before a large assemblage of life insurance agents in the Masonic building in this city. He devoted most of his talk to modern graft and praised President Roosevelt in his efforts to make public affairs pure and honest. He said:

"This has been a year which may be characterized as one of great insurance upheaval. The result has been prejudicial to the interests of a certain company and also to the interests and business of others. I believe there will result great benefit to insurance business throughout the world. The moment private pecuniary gain is sought through the advantage of a trust someone is guilty of grafting. For instance, trust funds are the funds of this insurance company and this and that bank and this and that trust company. We will take these trust funds, put our assets in their place and let the insurance company carry them until we can sell them with a profit. The company takes a risk of carrying them until such time as they can sell the assets, the insurance company may be able to pay its interests in full as it has been doing theretofore, but the men who have done this have not fulfilled their trust with an eye single to the company's benefit. They have sought to make these funds insure to their private gain and cast upon the company the risk, great or small, of that speculation. Why, do you suppose for a moment that Mr. Ryan paid \$2,500,000 for property which under no legal circumstances could pay him more than 3 or 4 per cent interest, with the idea that all he could get would be this interest.

"There was never a truer saying than that by Grover Cleveland, that a public office is a public trust. There is today so much grafting going on among public officials as to startle us. I am not speaking now about the coarser kind of grafting, such as buying votes, paying money, etc., which we all condemn. I have reference to the more insidious ways that the one holding public office is not carrying on the duties of that office with an eye single to his trust, in prostituting in one way or another that office for his own gain or the gain of his friends.

"Take the president of the United States. Along last winter, San Domingo put itself on a financial footing. Suppose the president had acted secretly and advised his friends to buy San Domingo bonds. Would not that shock the people of the country? Yet the government would lose nothing and some would be private gainers. Suppose the United States supreme court justices would give out information in advance of certain decisions? Wouldn't you revolt at such a transaction. It would be unworthy—this would be grafting.

"A month ago today I was in Tennessee. I went to the Hermitage where lie the remains of Andrew Jackson, and I thank God today that there was another equally honest president, and it seemed as if I could hear falling from the lips of Theodore Roosevelt the words, "public affairs must and shall be pure and honest," no president can do all the work. No president or congress can do all this. It requires not merely action of officials of the government, but action of everyone that the administration of public affairs be pure and honest.

TOM LAWSON SAYS HE WILL PUT IT BACK

MINNEAPOLIS.—Thomas W. Lawson, the hero of "Frenzied finance," was the guest of the Minneapolis Commercial Club and spoke to 300 members of the club after luncheon.

"I'm not afraid of personal violence. I came out here unguarded. I have several millions myself and I wronged the American people by getting it. But I did not know it at the time. When the time comes I will give that money back to them."

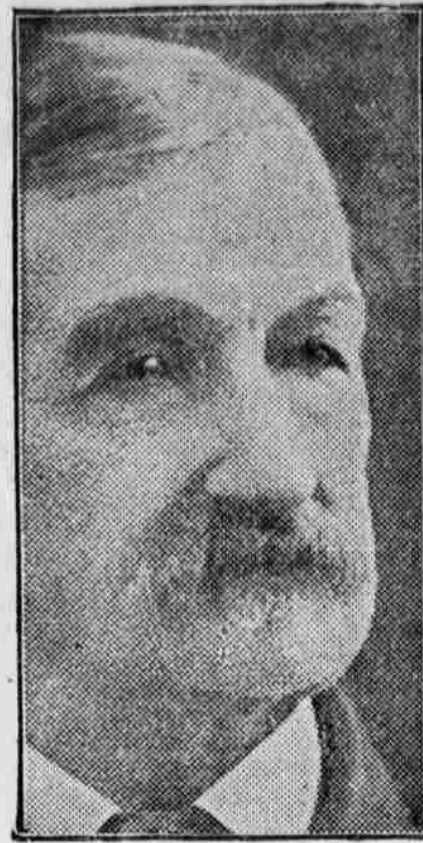
Chicago Strike at an End.

CHICAGO.—The teamsters' strike, which has so greatly disturbed business conditions in this city for over one hundred days, was at 12:30 o'clock on Thursday officially declared off by the members of the Teamsters' Joint Council. The men have been ordered to seek their old positions and it is estimated that less than one-half of them will be re-employed. The strikers have made a complete surrender and will apply for work as individuals and without an agreement of any kind with their employers.

Bribs Suit for Damages.

NEW YORK.—Denying that the wreck of its fast passenger train near Harrisburg, Pa., on May 11 last, was caused by dynamite or due to negligence of employees, the Pennsylvania Railroad company filed answer to a suit recently brought by Clarence F. Oppen, who asked \$50,000 damages for injuries received in that wreck. Mr. Oppen stated that he was compelled to walk a long distance in his bare feet and that his hearing was practically destroyed by the explosion.

A VETERAN OF THE BLACK HAWK, MEXICAN AND THE CIVIL WARS.



CAPT. W. W. JACKSON.

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