

WILD MARKET HERE FOR SHEEP AND HOGS

Leads the World in Live Stock Receipts — Hogs Forty Cents Higher.

CHICAGO PRICES HIGHER

Omaha led the world in live stock receipts this morning.

A "wild" market pervaded the hog and sheep division. First hogs sold at \$14, or a full 20 cents higher than the record of \$13.80, established at the close of the market Monday.

When asked for a reason for the high prices and the wild market, A. C. Davenport, stock authority for the Journal-Stockman, said, "No one knows. It is just a wild, crazy market and the best we can do is to lie back and wait for the very top to come."

Commission men conferring Monday at an informal meet in the Exchange lobby ventured that \$13 was too high for hogs. Three months ago when 12 cents was being paid for hogs these same commission men predicted that the "limit had about been reached."

AUSTRIA HOLDS NEUTRALS MUST TAKE OWN RISK

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ton cabinet, in view of statements made on February 10 of last year and on January 31, 1917, by the Austro-Hungarian government is now in doubt regarding the attitude which Austria-Hungary will henceforth observe regarding the submarine war and as to whether the assurances given by the Austro-Hungarian government to the Washington cabinet, in the course of negotiations about the Ancona and Persia papers, have not been nullified by the aforementioned statement.

The Austro-Hungarian government may be allowed first of all to discuss briefly the methods employed by the entente powers in waging submarine war, because they are the starting point for the intensified submarine war begun by Austria-Hungary and its allies and also throw a bright light upon the attitude which the Austro-Hungarian government has taken hitherto in regard to the questions which have arisen.

When Great Britain, joined the war against the central powers only a few years had elapsed since that memorable time when it, in union with other states, began to lay the foundation at The Hague for modern naval war law. Soon afterward the British government had assembled in Holland representatives of the great sea powers in order to consolidate the further work of The Hague conference, especially in the sense of a just arrangement between the interested belligerents and neutrals.

These efforts aimed at nothing else than the mutual establishment of principles of right, which even in war times should embody the principles of freedom of the seas and the safeguarding of the interests of neutrals.

Britain Disregards Own Proposals. "Neutrals were not to enjoy these benefits for long. Hardly had the United Kingdom decided to participate in the war when, almost at once, it began to break down the barriers which the principles of international law had erected.

When Austria-Hungary's southern neighbor joined the enemies of the central powers, its first act was to declare as blockaded all coasts of the enemy, following, of course, the example of its allies in ignoring all the legal rights in the creation of which Italy had taken an active part.

a short time before. Austria-Hungary did not neglect to inform neutral powers at once that the blockade was not legal.

Wait Long Before Retaliating. "For more than two years the central powers hesitated. Only then and after long and careful consideration of pros and cons did they begin to return like for like and attacked the enemy on the sea.

The proclamations which they issued last January are apparently directed against the rights of neutrals only. In reality they serve towards the restoration of these rights which their enemies have incessantly violated and which, if they were victors, they would destroy forever.

Fighting Battle of Neutrals. "We cherish the hope that this announcement will find an echo everywhere where neutral peoples live and that it will especially be understood by the great people of the United States, whose most illustrious representative has during the war defended with flaming words the freedom of the seas as the highway of all nations.

Ancona and Persia Cases. "In reply now to the question put in the American note of February 18 the Austro-Hungarian government firstly remarks that in the exchange of notes referring to the cases of the Ancona and the Persia it restricted itself to defining its attitude to concrete questions which individually arose, without laying down its fundamental legal conception.

Warning Kernel of Subject. "Above all, the Austro-Hungarian government desires to emphasize that it is also its opinion that the thesis set up by the American government, which also is represented in various learned records, that enemy merchantmen, apart from cases of attempted flight and resistance, must not be destroyed without precautions for the safety of the persons aboard, forms so to say, the kernel of the whole subject.

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when executing the right of destroying enemy merchantmen the loss of human life should, as far as possible, be avoided. To this principle the belligerent can only do justice by issuing warning before exercising the right. Therein he can choose the way, which the aforementioned thesis of the American government indicates, which the commander of the warship himself gives warning, so that the crew and passengers could bring themselves into safety in the last moment, or the government of belligerent states can, if this is recognized as an inevitable necessity of war, issue warning of full effect also before the departure of the vessel which is to be sunk; or finally, it can, if it establishes extensive measures against enemy sea trade, employ a general warning for all enemy vessels in question.

Rights of Belligerents. "The Austro-Hungarian government can suppose that the Washington cabinet will agree with these explanations which, according to the Austro-Hungarian government's conviction, are unassailable; as otherwise, disputing their correctness would doubtless be tantamount to saying—which certainly does not correspond to the opinion of the United States—that neutrals must be free to interfere with military operations of belligerents or even directly assume the office of judging as to the war means which are to be employed against enemies.

Neutrals Must Take Risks. "It appears that it also would be a flagrant misunderstanding if a neutral government, only to enable its subjects to travel on enemy vessels while they as readily and even with far greater security could use neutral vessels, should fall to arms with a belligerent power which perhaps was fighting for its existence not to speak of the most serious abuses for which the road would be left clear if the belligerent were to be forced to lower arms before every neutral who desired to use enemy vessels for his business or pleasure trips.

Rescue Left to Chance. "Moreover, it may be pointed out also that there is no unanimity as regards in what cases the sinking of neutral merchantmen at all is admissible. The obligation to issue a warning immediately before sinking vessels leads, according to the opinion of the Austro-Hungarian government, on the one hand to harshness which could be avoided; on the other hand, it is under the circumstances calculated to injure the justified interests of belligerents. In the first place, it must not be overlooked that the rescue of persons is almost always left to mere chance, as the only choice remaining is to take them aboard war vessels which are exposed to any enemy influence, or to expose them in small boats to the danger of the elements; so that it therefore corresponds much better to the principles of humanity to prevent persons by timely warning from using endangered vessels.

Further examination of all legal questions referring thereto, the Austro-Hungarian government could not come to the conviction that subjects of neutral states are entitled to travel unmolested on enemy vessels. For Neutral Ships Only. "The principle that neutrals in war time also should enjoy the advantages of freedom of the seas refers only to neutral vessels, not to neutral persons on board enemy vessels, because belligerents, as is well known, are entitled to prevent the enemy's sea traffic as far as they are able. Being in possession of the necessary war means and considering it necessary for the attainment of their war aims, they can prohibit sea traffic of enemy merchantmen on pain of their destruction, provided they have previously announced this to be their intention, so that everyone, whether enemy or neutral, may be enabled to avoid endangering life.

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can therefore state, what attitude soever the Washington cabinet may take in regard to individual questions raised here, that it, as especially recognized here, is essentially in accord with the American government. But it was not only satisfied to put into effect in the course of this war the conception represented by it, but beyond that it also accommodated its attitude with painful care to the thesis set up by the Washington cabinet, and would feel inclined to support it in its endeavor to secure American citizens against dangers at sea, which endeavor it supports by the warmest philanthropy and by instructing and warning those entrusted with it.

Arming the Merchantmen. "As regards circular note 10,602 of last year regarding the treatment of armed enemy merchantmen, the Austro-Hungarian government, it is true, has to state that, as already mentioned previously, it is of the opinion that the arming of merchantmen, even solely for defense against the exercise of the right of capture, is not established by modern international law. A war vessel is obliged to come into contact with enemy merchantmen in a peaceful manner. It has to waylay the vessel by certain signals, to enter into communication with the captain, to examine the ship's papers, draw up a protocol and, if necessary, take an inventory, etc. Fulfillment of these duties presupposes naturally that the war vessel has full certainty that the merchantman, its part, also will act peacefully. Without doubt such certainty does not exist if the merchantman possesses armament which is sufficient to fight the war vessel. It can hardly be expected to discharge its duties under the muzzle of guns, whatever their purpose may be, without mentioning the fact that merchantmen of the entente powers, despite all assurances to the contrary, are—as this has been proved—provided with arms for an aggressive purpose and also use them for this purpose.

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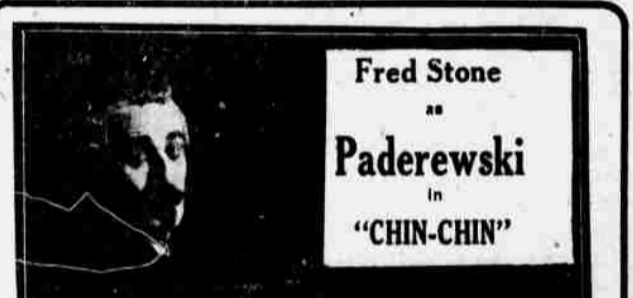
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