

Sheep And Cattle War Renewed in North Colorado

Bitter Feud Resumed Between Cattle and Sheep Men—Rancher Slain, Sheep Slaughtered.

By NEIL W. KIMBALL, Special Correspondent of the International News Service.

Craig, Colo., March 20.—One man is dead, six have been indicted in connection with sheep killings, several hundred sheep have been slaughtered on rural anarchy, while the sheep raisers blame the cattlemen, charging the latter with taking advantage of abnormal conditions resulting from the world war to break the unwritten contract that only sheep should graze on the Utah side of the imaginary "dead line."

The armed truce that existed between the two opposing stock raising interests for the last 25 years, following the establishment of a "dead line" over which neither side had dared step, has broken into open warfare that county, state and even federal officials are experiencing much difficulty in coping with.

Revelation of Bloodshed.

Cattlemen say that the sheep interests have been responsible for the renewal of bloodshed conditions bordering on rural anarchy, while the sheep raisers blame the cattlemen, charging the latter with taking advantage of abnormal conditions resulting from the world war to break the unwritten contract that only sheep should graze on the Utah side of the imaginary "dead line."

Utah sheepmen have openly stated that they would force the cattlemen to open all the free range in northwestern Colorado to stock of all kinds.

Three times within the past year they have endeavored to insert an enticing wedge by throwing solid bands of sheep across the boundary line into Colorado.

On the first occasion seven masked men rode into the sheep camp of Skellen Johnson, or Vernal, between Skull Creek and Red Wash, in southwestern Moffat county. The invaders bound the shepherders and clubbed 350 head of ewes and lambs to death.

Some time later the sheepmen again put their stock on the range in the same vicinity. For a month they were not molested, but then one night another masked party opened fire on the herders from the darkness. John Durnell of Craig, in charge of the sheep camp, was killed by a high-powered rifle bullet. Part of the sheep were killed and the remainder were scattered on the range to become the victims of predatory animals.

Sheriff Sam Mosier and Coroner J. G. Clayton investigated the killing of Durnell. Their attempts to secure evidence, however, was blocked. The sheepmen at the scene of the shooting were apparently reluctant to have the affair handled by the authorities. J. E. Price, father-in-law of the dead herder, testified that 11 men were in the party that attacked the camp, but he declined to identify any of the riders. It was openly stated by many residents of western Moffat county that Price suppressed the names of several prominent cattle raisers through fear.

Men Arrested.

The federal grand jury, sitting at Pueblo, returned indictments against six well-known Moffat and Rio Blanco county cattlemen in connection with sheep killings. They were arrested, but quickly gave bond.

In January three men were arrested on a charge of horse stealing preferred by John W. Spencer of Willow Creek. They were acquitted after a trial in this city. Charles Mantle, one of the men acquitted, who runs cattle close to the Utah line, charged that the arrest was a "frame-up" by Jensen, Utah, who was trying to "run him out of the country." Mantle declared that he had been warned that it would "be healthy for him" to leave the country.

Selling Whisky by Wireless Is Latest Wrinkle in Chicago

Chicago Tribune—Omaha Bee Leased Wire.

Chicago, March 20.—Formerly it was a "flash" by wire and wireless, but now it appears to be a flask. Radio experts began search for a bootlegger that had been selling hooch by wireless.

Woman Named In Stillman Case Fully Identified

Mother of "Mrs. Leeds" Acknowledges Daughter—Recovers Old Diary to Avert Publicity.

Chicago Tribune—Omaha Bee Leased Wire.

New York, March 20.—Mrs. Florence Leeds, a one-time musical show "Chicken" and "playing card" girl, whose name is connected with James A. Stillman in his divorce case against Mrs. "Fifi" Stillman, a year ago took precautions against publicity.

She and "Mr. Leeds" now identified as Mr. Stillman, multi-millionaire president of the National City bank, called on one of her school-day chums in the vicinity of her tenement home of former days and got a diary she had written.

The diary, according to the young woman, had nothing in it, however, it was a talk.

But all doubt about the identity of "Mrs. Leeds" as Florence Lawler was removed this evening. Mrs. James Lawler, at the tenement home admitted that "Mrs. Leeds" is her daughter.

Ever since "Mrs. Leeds" and her baby, Jay Leeds, 30 months old, were brought into the case by Mrs. Stillman's counsel, in preparing her defense, Mrs. Lawler, wife of a plumber, had denied that she ever had a daughter on the stage.

Whereabouts Not Known.

Neighbors, trades folk and chauffeurs for "Mrs. Leeds," however, contradicted the Lawlers.

"Now, for heavens sake, let me alone," Mrs. Lawler told reporters, she refused to discuss her daughter's life in any way.

Whereabouts of Mrs. Leeds and the baby, Jay, are not yet known in New York. Last word came from Miami, Fla., where it was reported she and the youngster were living in seclusion.

Criminals Have Lost Terror of Electric Chair

Life a Cheap Gamble With Odds All in Favor of Slayer, Says Sing Sing Warden.

By THOMAS WRIGLEY, International News Service Staff Correspondent.

Ossining, March 20.—One hundred and eighty have gone the way of "the chair" in Sing Sing prison. Last year 17 walked the march to death through the "little green door." In the first two months of this year three more have paid the extreme penalty, and March was ushered in with another electrocution.

With the announcement of these figures, given in an interview to the International News Service recently, Warden Lewis E. Lawes stated that fear of electrocution no longer exists in the criminal mind.

"Electrocution as at present carried out does not keep down the number of murders," he said in discussing the recent crime wave which has swept the country and has been attended by many wanton killings.

The list of murders has grown appallingly all over the country. Most of them have been committed, not for some great or fancied wrong, but in connection with hold-ups and petty robberies, the taking of life literally for a song.

"The odds are all with the murderer in this gamble," said Warden Lawes. "The percentage of those actually executed is so small compared to the number of murders committed that capital punishment fails as a deterrent."

"Here is another astounding fact," said Warden Lawes. "The majority of men who now occupy the death house have not been previously confined in prison." Life, indeed, has become a cheap gamble.

"In fact there now exists a spirit of bravado such as never before has been manifest. A typical instance of this was shown not so long ago when five condemned men were put to death at Sing Sing in a space of little over an hour, passing one after the other into the death chamber."

New Spirit of Bravado.

"Give her the gas—turn on the juice," said one of the men as he was strapped into the chair.

At Sing Sing where all electrocutions for New York state are now carried out, the toll of lives in exacting the extreme penalty is higher than in any other prison in the country because of the large state population. But in many of the 30 states which have capital punishment the stout oaken chair with its electrodes and straps has worked overtime in recent months. And in all of them electrocutions are carried out in practically the same manner.

same methods. From the time the contact is given until pronounced dead by the physician, the average is eight minutes. The first contact is for a period of one minute and 15 seconds. The second is usually for five seconds. From the time the first contact is applied the man is entirely unconscious. Care is taken to prevent burning and delirium, else the execution could be accomplished more quickly.

"Let me say, however," said Warden Lawes, "that to those in charge of carrying out the mandate of capital punishment it is indeed a most disagreeable duty. To those who must enforce the law it is one topic usually avoided."

"I believe that in time capital punishment will be abolished."

Consumption of Meat Shows Drop for 1920

Washington, March 20.—Americans ate 10 pounds less meat per capita last year than during 1918, but 11 pounds more than during the first year, according to figures made public by the department of agriculture. The consumption of meat and lard combined last year was 154.3 pounds per capita.

Less meat was produced, less exported and less consumed in 1920 than in either of the two preceding years, the announcement said. Beef consumption has fallen from 78 pounds 10 years ago to not quite 50-2 pounds per head of population last year. Veal was said to be gaining steadily in favor, and calves marketed last year were more than double that of six years previous.

Secretary Fall Approves Colorado Irrigation Plan

Washington, March 20.—Secretary Fall approved the Orchard Mesa irrigation project in Colorado to irrigate 10,000 acres, mostly in fruit trees, as a unit of the \$5,000,000 grand valley project.

British M. P. Says He Cannot Live On His Salary

Members of Parliament Get \$1,600 a Year—One Declares He Has to Get Along on \$14 a Week.

London, March 20.—Interesting evidence on how inadequate the average member of Parliament's salary is if he is without a private income was put before the select committee set up to inquire into members' expenses by Mr. Dan Irving, M. P., for Burnley.

"I reckon," said Mr. Irving, "that on an average I spend in London, after allowing for the time that I am away, \$14 a week, which includes postage, street car fares, food in the house and a single room in which to live."

Mr. Irving said the \$1,600 salary is now his only regular income. He had to give up his regular occupation when he became an M. P.

Out of this he pays \$420 a year for his third class railroad fare.

Keeps Two Homes.

He has to keep two homes, one in Burnley, where his family live, and the other in London, where he himself resides.

"To keep up these two homes," he said, "with my railroad fare brings my expenses up to \$1,400—not a cent for clothing, either for myself or my wife. One does not really live on the \$1,600 a year; I cannot do it."

The only possible way, that I could do it at all would be to abandon going home, except at the end of the session, and to give up my railroad pass.

"I have to devote time, attention and study to other methods of increasing my income; otherwise I could not possibly live."

Feels Humiliation.

"I feel," went on Mr. Irving, "sometimes a little sense of humiliation in mixing with my fellows, when I have to scan every item which I am called upon to spend when in company with other men of reasonable means, a sense of humiliation, because I appear to be mean when other men are. I do not say extravagant, but able to act differently."

All throughout the war he had been sitting on public bodies "raising everyone's wages except my own," he complained, "and I no sooner escape from that and come here than I am faced with the same situation myself."

After some deliberation the committee recommended:

No change in M. P.'s salaries, but that no income tax should be charged on the salary.

That M. P.'s should have free first-class railroad passes between London and their constituencies—but not their homes.

Free postage on parliamentary letters.

National Balloon Race To Go to Birmingham

New York, March 20.—The Aero Club of America announced that it had awarded the 1921 National balloon race to Birmingham, Ala., and that the start would be made May 21. Trophies will be announced later.

From the winners will be selected a team to go to Belgium to compete for the Gordon Bennett International Balloon cup.

Among the prospective entrants are Lieut. Louis A. Kloor, pilot of the American naval balloon which made its spectacular flight into Hudson Bay territory last winter; Bernard von Hoffman, H. E. Honeywell, J. S. McKibben and John Berry of St. Louis; Roy Donaldson, Springfield, Ill., and Ralph Upson, New York. In addition, three United States army and navy teams will be entered.

U. S. Must Raise \$17,000,000,000 Within 3 Years

Huge Sum Must Be Provided To Meet Running Expenses And Refunding Operations, Weeks Declares.

Pittsburgh, March 20.—Something like \$17,000,000,000 must be provided by the federal government within 30 months to meet its running expenses and refunding operations, Secretary Weeks declared.

"This," he said, "is a greater task than was ever undertaken by any nation in time of peace and there is no one who does not view the prospect with more or less alarm."

The secretary discussed economy in government operations, recognition of federal activities in Washington, taxation and the tariff. He urged repeal of the excess profits tax, declaring that with falling prices it was not an effective tax. He said there were innumerable instances where concerns which made large profits in 1919, paying a tax on these profits, lost so much during 1920, that on January 1, 1921, their resources were less than January 1, 1919.

Mr. Weeks said that the country had reached a point where it must make a radical change in its tariff system. New problems associated with rates of exchange, made the tariff a more complicated question, he said, adding that it would seem to him that the amount of revenue which should be produced from importations would be between \$500,000,000 and \$600,000,000.

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Prairie Fire Ties Up Trolley Traffic

Firemen laid 2,200 feet of hose to extinguish a prairie fire in East Omaha Saturday.

Two companies under Battalion Chief Cogan, answering an East Omaha alarm, found prairie grass on East Locust street blazing merrily. The nearest hydrant was 2,200 feet away.

The only damage done was to tie up the East Omaha street car line for a short period, as hose was laid across the track. The fire was a short distance east of the point where the Carter Lake car line, which runs east on Locust, turns toward the north.

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In a French factory turbines are driven by water from a reservoir on a mountain 600 feet above it.



This is the First Day of Spring

Today, March 21st, is the first day of Spring—the day that everybody has agreed upon as the time when "business will open up." Business is here. It starts from now. It should be greater every day.

Industry is awakening. On all sides you see the evidences of this. In every newspaper you read of resumption of work.

Back to normal! It is a cheering thought. Employer, employee, dealer and customer are glad of it.

Out in the country the crops are being put in as of old. Mother Nature never takes a vacation. She is swinging into her spring work, making the seeds sprout and the crops grow. The food of the world is going to be produced. The foundation of all prosperity exists as it always did.

Business is here. It is ready at your hand. It is not something to be waited for, not something to be wished for. It is.

The first day of spring is a splendid starting point. Winter, with all its handicaps and disappointments, is behind, and can be forgotten. Ahead of us all are days that grow better and better, days when work will

count more and more, when mutual understanding and helpfulness will bring their lasting benefits. The roads are getting better, the shops are showing the new things, people are putting money into circulation. Your dollar, paid out for a necessity, does not stop working. It keeps going on and on—increasing the volume of business.

"Good times" are coming back with the sunshine and the flowers, with the humming of machinery and the song of the whistles. The hour for moping and complaining has gone; the time for hustling and prospering is with us.

In the automotive industry the news is encouraging. Passenger car and truck manufacturers are welcoming the first day of spring with increased activities to satisfy the coming demand.

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