

FAMINE IN RUSSIA

Minister Smith Cables that the Distress is Great.

ALARMING REPORTS MADE

The Northwest Preparing to Donate a Cargo of Breadstuffs for the Sufferers.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 6.—Gov. Merriam has received a cablegram from Charles Emery Smith, minister to Russia, which is sufficient to show that there is widespread suffering in Russia which ought to be relieved.

On December 28 Gov. Merriam, wishing to find out the exact condition of affairs in Russia, sent the following cablegram to Charles Emery Smith, minister plenipotentiary and envoy extraordinary at St. Petersburg, Russia:

"Minnesota and the northwest are preparing to donate a cargo of breadstuffs for the famine-stricken people of Russia. This morning's papers contain Washington dispatches of sensational character, stating that reports of distress are very much overdrawn, and that outside contributions are not necessary. Please cable me immediately full information as to the exact condition of affairs, and whether our contributions are needed and will be acceptable."

In reply to the above Gov. Merriam received Tuesday night from Minister Smith the following cablegram, dated at St. Petersburg:

"Distress in Russia from short crops is widespread and severe. Distress is overdrawn the extent of the suffering. Many provinces are destitute and must be helped until next harvest. Am able to say that proposed contributions of Minnesota and the northwest indicated in your dispatch will be accepted with most grateful appreciation."

THE MARKETS.

Grain, Provisions, Etc.

CHICAGO, Jan. 6. Flour—Quiet. Spring Wheat Patents, \$1.25; \$1.20; \$1.15; \$1.10; \$1.05; \$1.00; \$0.95; \$0.90; \$0.85; \$0.80; \$0.75; \$0.70; \$0.65; \$0.60; \$0.55; \$0.50; \$0.45; \$0.40; \$0.35; \$0.30; \$0.25; \$0.20; \$0.15; \$0.10; \$0.05; \$0.00.

WHEAT—No. 2 cash and January, \$1.05; \$1.00; \$0.95; \$0.90; \$0.85; \$0.80; \$0.75; \$0.70; \$0.65; \$0.60; \$0.55; \$0.50; \$0.45; \$0.40; \$0.35; \$0.30; \$0.25; \$0.20; \$0.15; \$0.10; \$0.05; \$0.00. Corn—Fairly active and steady. No. 2 and No. 3 Yellow, \$0.45; \$0.40; \$0.35; \$0.30; \$0.25; \$0.20; \$0.15; \$0.10; \$0.05; \$0.00.

MEAT—Rather active and prices higher. Quotations ranged as follows: Beef, \$10.00; \$9.50; \$9.00; \$8.50; \$8.00; \$7.50; \$7.00; \$6.50; \$6.00; \$5.50; \$5.00; \$4.50; \$4.00; \$3.50; \$3.00; \$2.50; \$2.00; \$1.50; \$1.00; \$0.50; \$0.00.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6. Wheat—No. 2 red dull, \$1.05; \$1.00; \$0.95; \$0.90; \$0.85; \$0.80; \$0.75; \$0.70; \$0.65; \$0.60; \$0.55; \$0.50; \$0.45; \$0.40; \$0.35; \$0.30; \$0.25; \$0.20; \$0.15; \$0.10; \$0.05; \$0.00.

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 6. Flour—Easy. Standard white, \$1.10; \$1.05; \$1.00; \$0.95; \$0.90; \$0.85; \$0.80; \$0.75; \$0.70; \$0.65; \$0.60; \$0.55; \$0.50; \$0.45; \$0.40; \$0.35; \$0.30; \$0.25; \$0.20; \$0.15; \$0.10; \$0.05; \$0.00.

CHICAGO, Jan. 6. Cattle—Market only moderately active, and dull. Prices \$3.50 lower. Quotations ranged as follows: \$3.50; \$3.00; \$2.50; \$2.00; \$1.50; \$1.00; \$0.50; \$0.00.

GRAND RAPIDS' MARKETS. Prices to Farmers. Wheat, \$1.00; \$0.95; \$0.90; \$0.85; \$0.80; \$0.75; \$0.70; \$0.65; \$0.60; \$0.55; \$0.50; \$0.45; \$0.40; \$0.35; \$0.30; \$0.25; \$0.20; \$0.15; \$0.10; \$0.05; \$0.00.

Local Fur Market. Beaver, large, \$15.00; \$14.00; \$13.00; \$12.00; \$11.00; \$10.00; \$9.00; \$8.00; \$7.00; \$6.00; \$5.00; \$4.00; \$3.00; \$2.00; \$1.00; \$0.50; \$0.00.

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