

WILD DAY WITH GRAIN TRADERS

(By Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—Wheat values plunged wildly downward twice yesterday—first on account of Germany's reported overtures for peace, and, secondly, owing to traders' assumption of a likelihood that the character of the terms reported to have been offered for discussion would bring about an acceptance. Extreme breaks in prices reached 1 1/4 cents a bushel and were accompanied by transactions amounting to millions of bushels.

Closing quotations of the day were at nearly the bottom level touched, with the market as a whole 4 1/2 to 10% under the previous day's finish. Hesitancy in the wheat market after the first break in prices was the result of opinions expressed by leading traders that a refusal on the part of Great Britain and her allies to treat on the basis of the supposed German offer would doubtless bring about a sharp rebound in wheat prices, whereas any serious peace discussion might cause a materially lower range of values.

Corn and oats felt the effects of the peace news to a much less extent than wheat. Pork and ribs also were comparatively stable, despite the excitement in wheat. On the other hand, lard jumped up 55 cents for the day, the general idea being that big shipments of lard would be wanted in central Europe if the movement for peace proved a success.

IDAHO DIVIDEND PAYER OWES ITS SUCCESS TO ASSESSMENTS

President A. S. Ross of the Cash Boy arrived this morning from his mines in Idaho, in the most optimistic spirit. Mr. Ross is a great advocate of the assessment system of operating mines and cites the example of the Pittsburgh-Idaho mine, of which he is also president. That company was developed by assessments which continued until eighteen months ago, when the mine was placed on a producing basis. Since then the Pittsburgh-Idaho has paid \$50,000 in dividends and has others in immediate prospect.

The last dividend, six cents a share, was paid December 8, making a total of \$100,000 in dividends paid this year by the company. He says that besides paying the \$100,000 in

dividends this year the company still has a reserve of \$100,000 and has also this year paid a floating indebtedness amounting to \$40,000, leaving the concern entirely free from debt.

Development work this year has been greater than ever before. During the year, in the neighborhood of 100 men have been employed, and a large percentage of these has been employed on development work. The tonnage from the property has also been better this year.

The machinery for the new power house at Gilmore is arriving slowly and delaying the work of installation. The big electric pump that will be used on the 500 level is now going in and will be in operation by the first of the year.

COST OF PRINTING PUBLIC DOCUMENTS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The actual cost of all printing and binding for the department of commerce during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1916, was \$389,805.78, according to the annual report of the chief of the division of publications to the secretary, made public today. Compared to the cost for the preceding year, which was \$399,399.47, this is a decrease of over \$10,000. However, there was an actual increase of \$696.31 for the department as at present constituted, because the amount for 1915 includes \$17,000 expended for the bureau of corporations.

The most significant feature of these figures has to do with the amount saved to the department in expenditures for printing. It is safe to say that were the department's publications distributed on a strictly free basis four publications would be given away where now only one is sold. One seldom buys what he does not want, while, on the other hand, modesty is rarely displayed in asking for something which may be had for nothing even though the free article has no value and is utterly lacking in interest to the recipient. And, as a result, instead of more than \$44,000 coming back into the treasury, probably \$175,000 more printing money would have been required in 1916 for the department to meet the free demand, and there still would be the costs of wrapping, mailing, transportation and delivery for additional millions of pamphlets, a large proportion for possible immediate consignment to waste baskets.

Worse and Worse.

A negro elevator man in a Broadway office building was telling Bide Dudley, the New York theatrical writer, that his landlord had forced him out of his home because he could not meet an increased rental.

"So he dispossessed you?" said Dudley sympathetically.

"Wuss'n dat, boss," said the darky; "he disfatted me!"—Railroad Red Book.

Mesmerism.

Franz Anton Mesmer, the founder of mesmerism, was a German physician of Merseberg. His thesis setting forth the science of mesmerism was published in 1766. Mesmer contended that the heavenly bodies diffused through the universe a subtle fluid, which acts on the nervous system of all animated beings and especially upon that of man. He gained a great number of followers and realized a splendid fortune. A committee of physicians and "philosophers" investigated his pretensions, which were finally exposed in 1784. Notwithstanding this, however, Mesmer continued to have many friends and followers, so great was the personal "magnetism" of the man.

A Second Washing.

"I've just washed out a suit for my little boy, and now it seems too tight for him."

"He'll fit it all right if you'll wash the boy."—Magdorter Blaetter.

ITALY'S WAR TAXES BRING FORTY MILLIONS

(By Associated Press.)
ROME, Dec. 13.—Italy's new war taxes, to be applied beginning next June, are expected to bring upwards of forty million dollars. The heaviest tax, apparently, is intended to fall on manufacturers of war supplies, to the extent of 60 per cent on profits earned over 20 per cent of invested capital. An additional tax of three-tenths of one per cent is levied on the foreign companies doing business in Italy.

Another heavy tax falls on property owners. A direct tax of 5 per cent monthly is to be paid by owners of apartment and tenement houses, or on rented houses. A small direct tax is imposed on all soldiers and officers who, though mobilized, do not form part of the active fighting troops, and another tax is imposed on men who perform no military duty because of ill health or other reasons.

Workshop Environment.

We cannot ignore the influence of surroundings upon the mental condition and therefore upon the spirit and efficiency of a working corps. Attractive buildings and pleasant surroundings very distinctly make for a higher tone and a better class of workers, even if they do not show an immediate increased productive efficiency, which it is maintained they actually do. And, whatever else may be said, grass plots instead of cinder piles, occasional trees instead of scrap heaps, vines or shrubbery instead of unsightly fences or sheds, certainly tend to make factory life less disagreeable and more pleasant to those obliged to live it and cannot fail to be, therefore, worth while intrinsically.—O. M. Becker in Engineering Magazine.

A Window Washer's View.

A window washer was called upon one day to clean the windows of a business concern on the nineteenth floor of a skyscraper in lower Broadway. The cleaner paused in wonderment as he passed through the lines of typewriter operators as they clicked off their correspondence and went to the window and fastened the two straps dangling from his belt to books at the side of the window frame. He cast another surprised glance at the men operating the typewriters, and as he swung outward over the dizzy height, his weight sustained by the slender straps, he muttered: "It's mighty odd how some people do make their living in this world anyway!"—New York Telegram.

No Trust.

"Then you won't sell me the place on time?"
"No."
"And you call this a trust company?"
"Bah!"—Louisville Courier-Journal.

One Reason Why, Perhaps.

"The world keeps moving."
"Yes, but the world doesn't have to go house hunting and admit to a landlord that it has children."—Detroit Free Press.

Caustic.

Peter (lovingly)—My wife made me what I am. Philby (cuttingly)—Have you forgiven her yet?

ASIATICS SHUT OUT BY ACT OF CONGRESS

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—After another day of debate over the exclusion of aliens on account of race, the senate late yesterday adopted the committee amendment to the immigration bill which would bar Hindus and certain other Asiatics without mentioning them by name, with an added provision stipulating that nothing in the act shall be construed to repeal any existing law, treaty or agreement which serves to prohibit or restrict immigration.

During the debate Senator Lodge and Senator Phelan engaged in a

lively colloquy, the former insisting that it was needless to insert in the bill any reference to agreements because they would not strengthen the position of the United States.

"It is a great mistake," said Senator Lodge, "for this congress to give wanton and needless offense to a friendly nation, by which we gain absolutely nothing."

Senator Phelan declared that after the bill had passed the house certain Japanese busy-bodies objected and that he thought "this government ought to be conducted from Washington, not from Tokio."

HELPING THE SOUTH TO BOOST COTTON

(Special to the Bonanza.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The sore which the Wilson-Gompers-Fitzgerald embargo proposal has started continues to fester. A western congressman states that if the administration tries to put anything like that across he is going to waltz an amendment into the house to embargo raw cotton and if he is downed there he is going to carry the fight to the senate. The effect of any such proposition on the "Thunderer from Georgia," Senator Hocus Smith, can be better imagined than described. About a year ago Hoke grabbed your Uncle Samuel by the coat tails and tried to drag him into the European war because England had held up a few bales of Dixie's upland down, but when the Lusitania was sent to Davy

Jone's locker and the corpses of American infants strewn the British coast, the senator from Georgia was singularly apathetic. This led Senator Lodge to level a shaft at Smith which frizzled the Georgian's marrow. Said Lodge: "The body of an innocent child floating dead on the water, the victim of the destruction of an unarmed vessel, is to me a more poignant and a more tragic spectacle than an unsold bale of cotton."

Northern and western congressmen can see no good reason why their wheat should have a presidential injunction laid on it while cotton should go free. Moreover, millions of pounds of raw cotton are used by the belligerents in the manufacture of gun-cotton to destroy those lives which are nourished by wheat.

FIFTY COUPLES JOIN THE GOLDFIELD ELKS

Over fifty couples went from Tonopah to share in the delights of the charity ball given last night by Goldfield lodge of Elks. The affair was ahead of expectations, which had been excited to the highest pitch by the preliminary advertising. The Big Pine delegation was there with the bells and expressed themselves heartily pleased with the entertainment. The chief feature was the cabaret performance and the dancing, which extended over three floors of the building. Julius Goldsmith of Tonopah supplied the music. This evening the Goldfield crowd will send a large delegation to the Christmas stocking event of the Tonopah Elks.

Now must we look forward to an eggless Easter?—Albany Journal.

NORTHERN NEVADA IS TO HAVE ZINC MILL

Should tentative negotiations now under way be consummated, northern Nevada will shortly witness the erection of a large zinc mill, and, incidentally, Utah stockholders in the Nevada Zinc and the Polar Star companies will automatically slide into a big company, where the stock may command large prices.—Salt Lake Herald-Republican.

ARRESTED ON CHARGE OF WHITE SLAVERY

A man named Breckenridge, wanted in Lunenburg on a charge of white slavery, was arrested in Reno Monday by Deputy Sheriff G. G. Montgomery on telegraphic information from Constable Ross of Lunenburg.

Rumania took a kick at Germany and Austria when they were down, but forgot to make sure that they were going to stay down.—Detroit Press.

SILVER SERVICE FOR BATTLESHIP

The silver service board has made a report of the purchase of the silver service for the dreadnaught Nevada, showing there is a deficit of \$1875 in addition to a bill of Wells Fargo for \$73.20 for carrying the service from Carson City back to the makers at Providence, R. I.

The financial report follows:
Appropriation \$5000
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Cash on hand 3.85 \$6635
Contract with Gorham Co. \$8500
Paid on account 6625
Balance due \$1875

CHICAGO POLICE CHIEF QUILTS UNDER PRESSURE

(By Associated Press.)
CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—Charles C. Healy, chief of police, awaiting trial on a charge of permitting the operation of vicious resorts, has resigned, effective January 1. The resignation followed statements by Chief Healy that he would leave the service only at the urgent desire of Mayor Thompson and that he was not resigning voluntarily.

Chief Healy expressed the hope that he would be restored to his former position as head of the traffic squad.

ENGLISH SALOON MEN ARE KEEPING THE LID ON

LONDON, Dec. 13.—The "lid" is being tilted so often by saloonkeepers in England that the liquor dealers themselves, fearing this continued winking at the closing time may advance the interests of prohibition, have launched a movement for a more rigid enforcement of the law.

SUICIDE OF OLD-TIMER

David E. Palmer, an old-time resident of this county, committed suicide by shooting himself in the head. His body was found on the bed in a cabin adjoining the family home at Sixth and Pavilion streets. In his right hand was an automatic revolver and an examination showed that he had placed the muzzle of the weapon in his mouth and fired.—Humboldt Star.



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