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Washington and Oregon Mills To Be In the Scheme.

Principal Purpose is to Raise Price in China, Where It Sells Same As at Home.

A movement has been on foot to organize a trust among the millers of Oregon and Washington, but it seems to have fallen through now.

It is estimated that about 90 per cent of the total output of all flouring mills in the northwest goes to the markets of the Orient.

Millers claim that heretofore flour has been delivered in China for $2.75 per barrel, about the same price charged in the markets here, flour even running as high as $4 per barrel in former times.

The theory on which the trust scheme is based is this: Prices at home are entirely satisfactory to the mill men, but but they are seeking better prices in the orient, as well as better rates on shipments.

Consumption will not cease in oriental countries, but on the contrary is in a fair way to increase, whether at the present prices or at an advance. By forming a trust the millers of the northwest hope to raise prices in the orient and at the same time hold the bulk of trade in competition with the rest of the world. They do not wish to continue longer the present ruinous competition among themselves, in bidding for a share of the oriental trade, since they claim to have sustained a positive loss during the year just closing.

Millers claim that such an organization will not raise the price of flour here, but with a higher price for shipments in the orient, they may possibly be enabled to lower the price of flour to local consumers.

The promoter of the trust scheme, James Barnes, Jr., of Boston and New York, has recently made a canvass of all the millers of Oregon and Washington, except possibly nine or ten. Each local miller enters the trust on the same condition, i. e. by agreement for three years—the local miller to sell to the trust with the understanding that he receives one-half the value of his property in cash and the balance to be retained as shares of stock. For instance, a company owning a mill worth $10,000 would receive $5000 in cash and $5000 worth of stock in the trust, and if he chose to do so,could still remain as local manager of the same.

Mr. Barnes represents eastern capitalists who seek safe investments in such schemes as trusts, especially of this nature. After paying 7 per cent on the investment the remainder of the dividends go into a sinking fund which yields 6 per cent interest for 20 years. Millers in the trust hope to get a shipping rate of $4 per ton, or 40 cents per barrel, where they now pay $6 per ton on each and every consignment.

In reply to a question from a Gazette representative, L. T. Bragg, the Colfax miller, said in substance: "I would rather not say anything until I hear something more definite. Millers generally now think it is all a 'fake,' but the organizer promised to let us know definitely by July first."

People usually condemn trusts as a gigantic scheme for defrauding the people, but they are not necessarily such. If by forming a trust prices can be raised in the orient, the millers will be enabled to realize a better margin on flour, and consequently they will be in a position to pay a higher price for wheat; then, too, by such an arrangement the value of other products would no doubt be enhanced, thus working another advantage to the producer.

Another benefit would be in the increased number of mills, that will no doubt be established and an opportunity for hundreds of operatives to earn remunerative wages therein. To do this, we could in time almost, if not wholly stop wheat shipments and substitute flour, thereby keeping so much more money in circulation here.

True, there is another side to the proposition and some will no doubt hold that if such a trust is formed it will force prices of wheat down and at the same time keep flour up at home, as well as abroad. However, there is no great danger of this occurring, for such could be regulated by appropriate legislation were such an attempt ever made.

WHEAT PRICE IS JUMPING.

Short Crops in Middle West and Northwest Turns the Market.

Chicago, June 13.—Wheat was irregular but firm, following a weak opening. Good rains were reported from South Dakota and Minnesota and this was sufficient for a drop in prices, July opening ¾@1c under yesterday at 72¾ to 72c½. The northwest was a buyer from the start, however. North Dakota and Manitoba were still in need of moisture and sent in a flood of unfavorable reports. For many of the counties where rain had fallen only a half a crop was claimed. The steady northwest buying looked as if the rains had come almost too late. The situation in China was also of some help in the recovery. July rallied during the forenoon to 74c. Later on profit-taking it reacted ⅝c, but steadied, and the close was firm; July at 72½@72⅝c.

Was a Little Weaker.

Chicago, June 14.—The market for wheat opened strong, July 3-4 to 1 1-8c over yesterday at 74 1-4 to 74 3-4c. This was because early reports showed that the northwest during the previous 24 hours had but little rain. There was a big business done the first hour, mainly between 73 3-4@74c. The crop reports from Indian territory, which has absorbed attention recently, were not materially changed from their gloomy tendency. A reaction was started by the weather bureau prediction of rains in Minnesota and the Dakotas. Later Aberdeen, S. D., reported rain falling. Longs sold heavily, the northwest following the local lead, and July gradually declined to 72 7-8c. The close was weak, July 5 8c down at 72 7-8@73.

Drouth Cut a Figure.

Chicago, June 15.—At the beginning of the session and for a brief time following there were the following considerations of a bluish hue: Weak cables, rain in South Dakota and the southern part of North Dakota and weather bureau predictions of rain for Minnesota and the two Dakotas. July opened 3 8 to 1-2c under yesterday at 72 3 8 to 72 5-8c. The bears had a short inning, however. The bulls turned to their great friend and throughout the session received from the northwest the most gloomish brand of crop reports in the market. Some said the northwest would get half a crop, others that any kind of crop would be a delightful surprise. A board of trade statistician wired that the yield in the drouth territory this season under favorable conditions from now would not be over 100,000,000 bushels. Besides these dismal reports, Kansas City complained of damage and Tennessee, Indiana and southern Illinois complained of floods. There was a steady demand from the northwest during the day as well as excellent support from local interests. July from the opening advanced steadily to 74 1-8c and closed strong at 1@1 1-8c over yesterday at 74c.

Still Going Up.

Chicago, June 16.—The wheat market today was excited. The increase in outside interest was especially noticeable, although most of the time trade was altogether too large to follow in detail. In a general way it was a market made by an array of buyers on one side and a numerous contingent of longs after profits. The buyers were the more numerous, as well as the more eager,and an advance was the result. July opened ⅝@1c higher at 75 to 75⅝c and shortly afterward sold at 75c. Liverpool was 1½d higher, an evidence that the English are at last beginning to appreciate something of the reported blight in the northwest. July, following the opening was crushed back to 74⅝c by the liquidation of longs. A rally ensued to 75⅝c, the highest price of the recent bulge. Over 75c there was heavy selling by longs, but so well were their offerings taken that July reacted only ⅜@½c and closed buoyant, 1⅛@1¼c over yesterday at 75⅛@75¼c.

Wheat Went Jumping.

Chicago, June 18.—Sterling reports of the extreme gravity of the crop situation in the wheat growing states of North and South Dakota and Minnesota made a wildly exciting opening in wheat. The demand for wheat, especially from the northwest, was far ahead of any day this year. The commission houses were stuffed with buying orders from all sections. There was scattered selling for profits, but it was readily absorbed and the advance began with the ringing of the gong at 9:30 a. m. July opened 1-4@5 8c higher at 75 3-8 to 75 7-8c, and almost without a check went booming up to 79c, 1-8c under the high mark of last year. The top was reached half an hour before the close, and such dips as occurred on the advance were comparatively frail. From the pinnacle of its strength July reacted to 78 3-4c and closed 3 5 8c over Saturday at 78 3-4@78 7-8c.

The great mass of reports may be briefly summarized as follows: Saturday and Sunday were the worst days of the season for the spring wheat crop in the northwest; many sections in the northwest will not raise enough wheat for seed; 30,000,000 bushels is an outside possibility for the North Dakota crop, which last year approximated 80,000,000. North Dakota, South Dakota and Minnesota combined can not raise over 100,000,000 bushels, a decrease from last year of 120,000,000 bushels. The entire yield of winter and spring wheat, notwithstanding the "bumper" crop of Kansas, will not be over 500,000,000 bushels, according to the estimate of statisticians now.

In comparison with the spring wheat advices, the winter wheat complaints received little attention, although they were serious enough to start things themselves. Illinois, Indiana and Missouri reported injury from excessive rains, and Russia was said to be suffering from drought in the south. The market was several cents out of line in respect to cash business, and in many instances cash wheat was resold to advantage.

Market Was Nervous.

Chicago, June 19.—The wheat market opened today nervously and remained in that condition throughout the day. In the northwest, while there were some rains, the situation was unchanged. Southwestern sections sent in some favorable advices and the bears called attention to the unresponsive attitude of foreign markets to the advance. The French crop was also reported to have derived some benefit from seasonable weather. July wheat opened ½ to ¾ under yesterday at 78⅜@78c and rallied sharply to 79¼c under the influence of good gains at Minneapolic and Duluth. Over 79c, however, there were millions of bushels for sale and, under enormous pressure from longs combined with some slackening in the demand, July broke from the top to 77c. On the dip some bulls sold out, others bought and the outside demand showed something of its old form, causing a rally to 78⅛c. Again the bulls were unable to hold their position and July broke to 77½c, closing 1⅛@1¼c under yesterday,at 77⅜c.

Fear Short Wheat Crop.

New York, June 16.—The stock market abandoned its attitude of waiting in which it has been so long steadfast and gave itself over to active liquidation with all appearances of a state of alarm. Two expected incidents were the cause of this change. First of these was the action of the directors of the Northern Pacific railroad in reducing its dividend on common stock. This was accepted as a decision that a serious shortage in the wheat crop of the northwest was to be faced this year and that a period of declining railroad earnings was to be expected as a result of this, and a reaction in general business. The effect was pronounced on stocks of grain carrying roads and especially in the northwest. The second cause of alarm was the situation in China.

Done With the Boers.

London, June 18.—There are some indications that Lord Roberts considers the end of the war in South Africa not far distant. One of these is the fact that the national volunteers who had seen hard service were dismissed to their homes by Sir Redvers Buller Saturday. They were cheered as they left camp. Another indication is the report current in authoritatively informed military circles in London that a complete division of regulars is to be withdrawn from General Buller's army and embarked at Durban for China. The troops drawn from India will probably go next.

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IT IS WAR WITH CHINA

Seventeen Forts at Taku Touched Off Their Guns.

In Seven Hours the Blue Jackets of the Nations Took Them in Out of the Wet.

London, June 19.—China declared war against the world when the Taku forts opened fire upon the international fleet. The accounts of what took place are still unsatisfactory, the best semi-official information being the dispatch received at Berlin from Che-Foo.

The unofficial narratives coming by way of Shanghai vary, and bear evidence of supplementing the main facts with guess-work. One dispatch says that the Yorktown participated in the bombardment. Another asserts that American marines formed part of the storming force of 2000. An Associated Press dispatch from Che-Foo, dated yesterday afternoon, says;

"The forts on both sides of Taku are now occupied. The Chinese opened fire unexpectedly. The casualties to the mixed force were as follows:

"Killed—British 1, German 3, Russian 1 and French 1.

Wounded—British 4, German 7, Russian 46 and French 1.

"Chinese torpedo boats were seized."

First News of the Chinese War.

London, June 18.—Shanghai is to the front again with the statement that the Taku forts have been occupied by the international troops. According to a Che Foo special, 17 forts opened fire upon the warships, whereupon the fleet replied in kind and silenced the Chinese guns and seized the forts. The news of this engagement is stated to have been brought to Che Foo by a Japanese warship, but the date of the occurrence is not given. According to a dispatch the bombardment followed an ultimatum sent by the commanders of the fleet.

Confirmed by Admiral Kempff.

Washington, June 18.—The navy department has been informed by Admiral Kempff that the Taku forts have fired on the foreign warships, and after a brief engagement surrendered.

British Gunboat Was Damaged.

London, June 18.—A dispatch from Che Foo, under today's date,says: "The forces of the combined fleets occupied the Taku north forts yesterday after exploding a magazine. The British gunboat Algerine was damaged and two of her officers and four men were wounded. Japan and Russia are reported to be landing a large force of troops."

Laid Torpedoes.

Berlin, June 18.—The German consul at Che Foo telegraphs that a Japanese torpedo boat from Taku has brought the following:

"The Chinese laid torpedoes in the Taku river and collected troops from Shan Hei Kwan. The foreign commanders assembled on the Russian flagship and addressed an ultimatum to the commanders of the Taku forts summoning them to withdraw their troops before 2 o'clock June 17.

Forts Opened Fire.

"At 1 a. m. June 17 the guns of the forts opened fire, to which the Russian, British, French and Japanese warships replied. The bombardment lasted seven hours. Two British ships in the river between the forts are reported to have been sunk. The telegraph line and railroad between Tientsin and Taku were destroyed. Communication by water is also threatened."

Boxers Tasted Maxims.

London, June 16.—Dispatches from Tientsin received in Rerlin say the "boxers" entered Peking on the evening of June 13, destroyed several missions and attacked the legations, but were repulsed with the aid of Maxims. No Europeans were reported killed. The attitude of the Chinese troops towards the "boxers" was uncertain.

London Discounts Some Rumors.

London, June 17.—4 a. m.—There is no confirmation of the reported destruction of the legations in Peking and the killing of Baron von Ketteler, the German ambassador, nor the later report of fighting between the British and the Chinese. Dispatches from Shanghai, dated last evening, state that Admiral Seymour's force is in a tight place between Lang Fang and Yung Sun, with enormous masses of soldiers in front, while the "boxers,"with the soldiery, are cutting the railway in the rear.

The Kiang Nan arsenal, outside of Shanghai, is sending vast quantities of ammunition north.

All is quiet at Shanghai, but trade has been disrupted.

It is stated that 7000 Americans are coming from Manila, and that large forces of Japanese are also en route. The wires south of Tientsin have been cut and the city telegraphically isolated.

Reinforcements for "Boxers."

Shanghai, June 16.—According to information received from foreign sources 10,000 imperial troops, who were between Peking and the international force advancing on that city,have disbanded and joined the "boxers."

A special dispatch from Hong Kong says that all the Peking legations have been destroyed and the German minister, Baron von Ketteler, killed.

Mr. W. S. Whedon,cashier of the First National Bank of Winterset, Iowa, in a recent letter gives some experience with a carpenter in his employ, that will be of value to other mechanics. He says: "I had a carpenter working for me who was obliged to stop work for several days on account of being troubled with diarrhoea. I mentioned to him that I had been similarly troubled and that Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy had cured me. He bought a bottle of it from the druggist here and informed me that one dose cured him, and he is again at his work." For sale by all druggists.

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