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SALMON PACK WILL BE WORTH MILLIONS

The smashing of all previous records for "off years" in the Puget Sound salmon industry by the size of the 1914 pack in Sound waters, coupled with the extraordinary demand for local canned fish in European markets because of the world war now being waged, spells prosperity for the entire industry and indirectly through it for the Pacific Northwest and Seattle, says the Seattle Times.

Inquiries for quotations on the food fish are pouring into Seattle from all sections of this country and Europe, and with the providing of sufficient transportation facilities a huge "clean up" will take place.

Such is the enthusiastic declaration made today by salmon cannery and statisticians, following the announcement that the present season, although falling on a year following a quadrennial "big run" when the salmon flood Puget Sound waters, would produce a pack of 800,000 cases on the Sound alone, including heavy gains at Bellingham and other points.

In 1913, when the fish, according to the law of nature flocked to Sound waters after three years of small catches, an unusually large pack was made, but advance figures for this year's production indicate that the pack this year will not suffer. At Bellingham it was said that the pack from the Sound would total 275,000 cases as against 250,000 cases four years ago, the corresponding "off year," or year in which no "big run" took place.

The entire Northwest pack, including Alaska and British Columbia, will reach the enormous total of 5,257,500 cases, according to an estimate made by Miller Freeman, secretary of the salmon cannery associations, and while reports from Southeastern Alaska indicate that rainy weather has interfered to some extent with the catch in that vicinity, Western Alaska will produce an unusually large pack and other gains are predicted for other sections.

HIGH WATER KILLS FORTUNE IN FOXES

To secure several excellent specimens of live fox, to build castles in the air regarding the starting of a fur farm, and to lose the animals in a raging torrent, was the fortune, good and bad, that overtook William Link almost two months ago in the Bonfield country. Link, who is a prospector and trapper, reached Fairbanks recently, and the story that he tells is an interesting one of good fortune, which later turned into ill luck.

During the early part of June, Link caught four live pup foxes. Two of them were black, one was an excellent silver gray, and the fourth was a cross breed. The quartette made an excellent start for a fox farm and the owner started immediately to figure how many dollars they would bring within a few years.

Shortly after catching the animals, however, Link's supply of grub began to run short, together with his ammunition. He tried to feed the animals as best he could, on anything that he could find, but as his own supply of food dwindled he decided to return to town and bring the foxes with him.

The foxes were small, and he had no difficulty in carrying them, as he placed them in a box, which in turn was placed on a packhorse. Upon reaching the Totalanka, the river was swollen by the recent rains and was apparently impassable. Had the trapper had more grub he would not have attempted to cross under the conditions, but being almost desperate, he started to ford the stream. The horse lost its footing and was swept under a sweeper, taking with it practically the whole load.

While the horse was being washed under the sweeper, the owner attempted to cut the rope holding the box of foxes, and thought he had it, but found that it was only his blankets that he was saving while the foxes were washed downstream.

The value of the foxes which were lost is approximately \$4,000, according to Mr. Link, and he would not have accepted \$5,000 for them as he expected to start a fur farm.—Fairbanks Times.

FAIRBANKS NEEDS CHEAPER PRODUCTION

The time will come when the fertile valleys of Interior Alaska will support a large population. Agricultural development is going ahead rapidly, considering the manner in which the country is hampered, and each season furnishes additional evidence that the Northland some day will be almost, if not quite, self-supporting. When that time comes, it will matter little to Alaskans what takes place in other parts of the world. We will be independent of those captains of finance who lay awake nights figuring out schemes for adding to their profits at the expense of the common people. We will be independent of the men who control the markets of the United States and who are boosting the cost of living so rapidly that only the moderately rich can keep up with it. We will have our own crops to carry us over the winter, our own coal to run our machinery, and plenty of gold for the purchase of those things which we must buy elsewhere.

CARRIER PIGEONS ARE USEFUL IN ALASKA

FAIRBANKS, Sept. 15.—It was the intention of the millionaire hunting party when it left Fairbanks last night for the Mt. McKinley country to take with it some carrier pigeons which were to be turned loose from time to time with messages and the boys, however, in the hurry of departure they were forgotten. Perhaps they will be taken in later over the trail from here.

The plan is entirely feasible. Four years ago Fred Douse sent several to Iditarod with Mrs. Carrie Stever, who expected to keep them there. True to their homing instincts, however, they started for Fairbanks as soon as they were able to escape and reached here without difficulty. It is a great wonder to those who know of the practical uses to which carrier pigeons may be put, that more of them are not used in Alaska where very often messages of importance might be sent from remote points easily and safely.—Fairbanks News-Miner.

LONDON FINANCES ARE BEGINNING TO IMPROVE

NEW YORK, Sept. 5.—A London special says that the extent of the improvement in the London's financial position is shown by the fact that banks are already beginning to waive their right to protect themselves through use of the moratorium. Conditions, as between banker and depositor, are practically normal.

WHEAT EXPORTS ARE GROWING VERY FAST

WASHINGTON, Sept. 5.—The total wheat and flour exports last week amounted to 6,000,000 bushels and 144,000 barrels respectively. This compares with only 1,305,000 bushels the previous week and 5,577,000 the corresponding time last year.

CARNEGIE INCREASING HIS STEEL HOLDINGS

NEW YORK, Sept. 5.—Andrew Carnegie is said to be a heavy purchaser in United States Steel corporation bonds, which are now selling at par. He is already the largest holder of these bonds.

CANADIANS MAY ALL HAVE CHANCE

There is not the slightest doubt but that a second Canadian contingent will be mobilized as soon as the first contingent sails for the seat of war. With the formation of the Prince Rupert regiment, some of its members at least are sure of being given an opportunity of forming part of the second contingent. Those desirous of serving their country are pretty sure, therefore, of getting abroad by enlisting with our new regiment. Before the war is ended, Canada will unquestionably again prove her worth to the British Empire, and it will indeed be a proud day for us all if Prince Ruperts can figure in any achievements to be won.—Prince Rupert Empire.

HONOR AMONG FOES.

War necessitates suspension of many privileges which are rights in time of peace.

In fact, business honesty in some cases becomes national treason.

A British merchant is not allowed to pay his debt to a German creditor. Hence, the announcement from Montreal that the Imperial government has instructed the Canadian Pacific Railway to withhold dividend payment from stockholders in Germany and Austria.

It does seem unfortunate that when generous investors in foreign lands have been broad-minded enough to help develop an English dominion, they should be discriminated against now that a state of war exists.

But such are the fortunes of war. There may be honor among thieves, but as far as paying over money is concerned, there can be none among foes.—Boston News Bureau.

A LONG WAR.

Lord Kitchener's warning that the war may last three years or more and that it will strain all the resources of the British Empire is a professional opinion that cannot be waved lightly aside.

Now that the allied forces have experienced their first serious defeat, and the temper and purpose of German imperialism are more clearly revealed, it must be plain to London and Paris alike that this is no holiday war.

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GOOD GOLD STRIKE IN HEALY RIVER DISTRICT

A strike made on Kenyon creek, a tributary of Healey river, caused a stampede of some dimensions from Fairbanks.

The news of the strike was carried to Fairbanks in a letter from E. Hammer, who spent nearly a year on the claim on which the strike was made at a depth of 120 feet.

The letter said:

"We have drifted toward the left limit and have uncovered about thirty feet of what I call good pay. Best prospects were in the face when we quit. How much further it goes I do not know as I have not the time at present to go ahead. I also put one thousand feet of work on the face from the face which pans good. Panned one bucket that ran from 15 to 25 cents a pan. Rocked 200 pans out of the dump. I have no scales but judge we got between \$10 and \$13. I am satisfied without a doubt that we have good pay."

The Fairbanks News-Miner says:

"The strike is on Kenyon creek, a tributary of Healey river, eight miles above the Healey. It is 94 miles from there by trail to McCarthy, then 13 miles up the Tanana river to the Clearwater roadhouse. From there it is 27 miles to Healy post, at the mouth of Healey river, and 9 miles further to the strike. This makes a total of 48 miles beyond McCarthy, which is the end of the automobile road, or 142 miles from Fairbanks by trail. Steamers navigate easily to the Healey."

CALL FOR DEMOCRATIC DIVISIONAL CONVENTION

By virtue of the authority vested in us by the Territorial Democratic Convention held at Skagway, Alaska, Aug. 3, 1914, a call is hereby issued for a primary election for the purpose of electing delegates to a Divisional Convention, to be held at Juneau, Alaska, September 7th, 1914. Said convention to be for the purpose of nominating a Territorial Legislative ticket, the naming of a Divisional Committee and for such other business as may come before it.

The number of delegates to said convention are apportioned as follows, to-wit: Juneau, 12; Douglas, 6; Treadwell, 3; Haines, 1; Chilkat, 1; Sulzer, 1; Wrangell, 3; Silver Bow Basin, 1; Killisnoo, 1; Skagway, 3; Kotchikan, 7; Sitka, 2; Gypsum, 1; Petikook, 1; Tenakee, 1; Charco Point, 1; Sheep Creek, 1; Craig, 1; Craburg, 1; Chichagoff, 1; Julian, 1; Kasaan, 1; Hadley, 1; Loring, 1.

Primary elections for the purposes mentioned should be held on or before August 28, 1914.

Credentials of delegates selected for said convention must be in the hands of the Territorial Committee on or before September 6, 1914.

Dated at Juneau, Alaska, this 7th day of August, 1914.

J. F. McDONALD,
D. NOLL,
Territorial Committee on First Division.

NEARLY 10,000,000 UNDER ARMS IN EUROPE

LONDON, Sept. 5.—A conservative estimate of men under arms in Europe in September, says the London Economist, "is that there were 9,250,000 men to be maintained."

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AMERICANS MAY BUY BRITISH SHIPS ALSO

LIVERPOOL, Sept. 5.—The Liverpool Journal of Commerce says the American government is making inquiries on the Tyne and Clyde for a considerable number of ships which can be used for the conveyance of foodstuffs and passengers during the war. Options are being secured with the purpose of purchase in view.