

TRYING TO CORNER THE POTATO CROP

ALLEGED DEALERS IN LARGE CITIES ARE BUYING UP THE SHORT SUPPLY.

WASHINGTON INVESTIGATES

Country Endorses Justice Department's Endeavor to Break High Food Prices.

Washington.—A new phase of the cost of living problem was brought to the attention of the department of agriculture. T. P. Gill, secretary of the Irish board of agriculture, told Secretary Houston that speculators in the large cities of the United States were actively buying up this year's short American potato crop and planning to hold out for high prices, counting on the existing quarantine against potatoes from many foreign countries to aid them in their undertaking.

Mr. Gill is here to urge the removal of the embargo on potatoes from Ireland and has been getting private advice from various sources on the potato situation.

Secretary Houston and the Federal horticultural board held a conference after Mr. Gill's statement, but no action was announced.

Representative McKellar of Tennessee, author of a pending bill to prohibit the keeping of products in cold storage for more than ninety days, was in conference with department of justice officials over the department's investigation of the storage of eggs, poultry and dairy products. It is said a preliminary inquiry has revealed that 55 per cent. of the present egg supply held in storage is in the hands of the great meat packers of the country.

Letters and telegrams poured in from all parts of the country, from individuals, associations of various kinds and from business men praising the department's efforts to break high food prices by proceedings against the alleged combination of cold storage dealers. Interest in Attorney General McReynolds' declaration that a sweeping investigation will be made of the alleged combination and that if violations of the pure food act were disclosed prosecutions could be looked for, apparently is greater than in any move the department has made in a long time.

WASHINGTON AS A SURVEYOR

George Washington Perfect Surveyor, Say Government Experts.

Washington.—George Washington's surveying done in 1751 when, as a lad of 19, he ran lines with chain and compass through the wilderness of the Virginia hills for Lord Fairfax, has been checked up by government surveyors who have just made their reports and who found the work of the immortal patriot perfect.

Washington, running his lines with primitive instruments and bon fires on hill tops, left monuments and boundaries to which technically educated surveyors, using high power transits and all the refined and accurate methods of modern instruments, allow they have been able to find no variation.

From the top of Middle mountain in the Massanutten range the old Fairfax line may be distinguished without the use of instruments and can be followed by boundary fences dating from the earliest days and by blocks of timber which come up for the county lines and stand out like squares upon a checker board. Down across the valley of the south fork of the Shenandoah as far as the eye can distinguish the line shows plainly.

Washington's survey blazes cut into the trunks of trees and long grown over have been rediscovered and all are several feet higher from the ground than those the woodsmen of today would make. Some authorities contend Washington made them from the saddle with a long handled ax.

The government has been retracing the old lines because it is buying land through the territory which they run for the new Appalachian forest reserve.

Sultan Loses Suit in New York.
New York.—The Sultan of Turkey was a losing litigant in the appellate division of the supreme court of New York. His highness sued to recover \$10,000 from the estate of Hovhannes Tavshanjian, a wealthy Armenian rug dealer, murdered in this city in 1907. This sum was left to Tavshanjian's mother, who died before receiving it. Because she died intestate in Constantinople the sultan claimed the money. The suit was decided against him by the supreme court and the appellate division affirmed the decision.

Mayor Shank Resigns.
Indianapolis, Ind.—Samuel Lewis Shank resigned as mayor of Indianapolis. The resignation is the result of labor troubles in the city and a threat of impeachment proceedings by a committee of business men unless further disorders were averted. Harry R. Wallace, city controller, succeeded to the mayor's chair. Shank offered his resignation after he had conferred with a number of union labor officials regarding an impending strike of teamsters who told him there was little hope of averting the strike.



RAILWAY CHIEFS ARE DEAD

HEAD OF SOUTHERN RAILWAY IS OVERCOME IN WASHINGTON BY APOPLEXY.

President of Atlantic Coast Line Dies in Wilmington, North Carolina.

Washington.—William Wilson Finley, president of the Southern railway and a leading figure in movements for the development of the South, died here, as a result of a stroke of apoplexy he suffered a few hours before. He did not regain consciousness after he was stricken.

Mr. Finley's family, friends and associates were wholly unprepared for his sudden death. Scarcely past the prime of life, he was vigorous and energetic, and seemingly in the best of health, until a moment before he was felled by the stroke.

Mr. Finley was born on September 2, 1853, in Pass Christian, on the gulf coast of Mississippi. He was educated in the private school of Pass Christian and grew to early manhood in the atmosphere of this picturesque section of the South. At the age of 20 he entered the railroad service as a stenographer and by 1889 he had filled almost every minor position in the clerical department of various railroads. During the succeeding six years Mr. Finley served several railroad systems in important executive capacities. He became on October 1, 1895, third vice president of the Southern railway. Later he was second vice president of the Great Northern railway, but on September 15, 1896, he returned to the Southern railway as second vice president. Ten years later, in December, he was chosen president of the Southern in succession to Samuel Spencer, who was killed in a rear-end collision on the morning of Thanksgiving day, six years ago.

Wilmington, N. C.—Thomas Martin Emerson, president of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad company, died at his home in this city following an attack of acute indigestion while on a trip of inspection over the system. Mr. Emerson was taken ill at Dupont, Ga., while on an inspection tour of the road of which he was president. He was taken to Waycross, Mr. Emerson was elected president of the Atlantic Coast Line eight years ago.

He rose to the presidency of one of the South's greatest railroad systems from the very ranks by successive steps, first as clerk in the freight offices, later as chief clerk in the passenger office, then general freight agent and later, until July, 1902, general traffic manager, being accounted at that time one of the best traffic men in the entire country. He later became third vice president of the system in charge of traffic, and in November, 1905, he was elected president to succeed the late R. G. Erwin, of Savannah, Ga.

Clements Found Guilty.
Valdosta, Ga.—Warren Clements, who has been on trial in the superior court here, charged with the murder of E. J. Griffin, a merchant of Cat Creek, was found guilty with a recommendation that he be sent to the penitentiary for life. The killing of Griffin occurred about two years ago during a drinking bout. Clements was tried in the superior court last year, and found guilty with a recommendation to mercy. His attorneys carried the case to the court of appeals and obtained a new trial.

Over \$200,000 Stolen by Clerk.
New York.—The theft of more than \$200,000 worth of Union Pacific Railroad company and General Electric company securities from the Farmers' Loan and Trust company of this city became known when James E. Foye, 35 years old, a former \$75 a month clerk of the trust company, was arrested as he stepped from a train from Philadelphia. Foye was charged with being a fugitive from justice. At police station, where Foye was searched, the police alleged that a certified check for \$97,000

U. S. ARMY BIRDMEN KILLED

LIEUTENANTS ELLINGTON AND KELLY ARE INSTANTLY KILLED IN CALIFORNIA.

Control Was Lost, and the Aeroplane Fell, Crushing Both Men to Death.

San Diego, Cal.—Two intrepid navigators of the air, Lieut. Hugh M. Kelly and Eric L. Ellington, U. S. A., attached to the camp of the First aero corps, were instantly killed at North Island, when they fell from an altitude of eighty or more feet in a dual control biplane.

Within eight minutes after Lieutenant Ellington had waved his hand as signal to the mechanics to let go the biplane, the army aviator and his brother officers were dead.

Lieutenant Ellington, a skillful pilot, occupied the instructor's seat in the biplane, with Lieutenant Kelly at his side. The latter, a comparative novice in the art of flying, was receiving instructions in the handling of control levers. Owing to the general arrangement of the controlling wires, Lieutenant Ellington could be at all times absolute master of the machine.

The engine, one of six cylinders and 60-horse power, was working perfectly and the late officers ascended to a height of 300 feet, circled and then began a volplane, which was to have brought them back to the hangars.

Whether at this instant the aeroplanists temporarily lost control of the machine, or the initial impetus of the revolving propeller when the biplane was at so low an altitude, caused the machine to tip forward, can only be conjectured. But the spectators of the flight saw the biplane suddenly pitched forward, nose downward, and shot to the earth.

WILSON NAMES COMMISSION

Two Americans Are Named for the Philippine Islands.

Washington.—President Wilson nominated the three following named for American members of the Philippine commission:

Secretary of public instructions and vice governor of the Philippine Islands, Henderson S. Martin of Kansas.
Secretary of commerce and police, Clinton L. Riggs of Baltimore, Md.
Secretary of the interior, Winifred T. Denison of New York.

Mr. Henderson is a lawyer and chairman of the state board of public utilities of Kansas and lives at Topeka. He was, for a long time, chairman of the Democratic state committee of Kansas. He was born in Marion, Kan.

Mr. Riggs was graduated as a civil engineer from Princeton university in 1887. Subsequently he became a manufacturer and retired from business some years ago.

Mr. Denison was born in Maine, but is now a legal resident of New York. He graduated from Harvard university

Ship Loads With 56,534 Cross-ties.
Brunswick, Ga.—What was probably the largest argo of cross-ties ever shipped from any port in the world went forward from Brunswick on the steamship Evelyn. The cargo consisted of exactly 56,534 ties, every one of which were cut in this immediate vicinity and shipped to Brunswick. Sailing vessels as well as steamers have often sailed from this port with as many as 40,000 or 45,000 ties, and on one or two occasions large steamers have carried as many as 50,000, but this is the first time for \$50,000.

Stole Necklace Worth \$650,000.
London.—Sentence was pronounced on four prisoners charged with stealing and receiving the pearl necklace valued at \$650,000, which disappeared during transit by registered mail from Paris to London on July 16, but was afterwards found lying on a sidewalk in London with only one or two pearls missing. The accused were arrested while negotiating the sale of the pearls. Two of the men, Lockett and Grizzard, were condemned to seven years' penal servitude each; Silberman to five years.

REBELS PREPARING TO BREAK HUERTA

GENERAL VILLA IS NOW MAKING READY FOR AN ATTACK ON CHIHUAHUA CITY.

FEDERALS SUFFER DEFEAT

Spanish Residents Appeal to the American Consul for Protection for Lives and Property.

El Paso, Texas.—Rebel scouts reported to General Francisco Villa at Juarez that they had sighted the Federal outposts at Villa Ahumada, 84 miles south of Juarez. The presence of the Federal forces at Villa Ahumada has caused no little concern in Juarez, as the rebel officers do not know definitely whether they are the troops which retreated from Tierra Blanca after their defeat or are reinforcements from Chihuahua, again moving north to engage Villa.

"I will leave to attack Chihuahua just as soon as I can get my trains loaded with provisions and troops," said General Villa at Juarez.

General Villa will hold a review and parade of his troops in celebration of the victory over the Federals at Tierra Blanca. After the parade the troops will make immediate preparations for leaving for the south.

Thousands of dollars' worth of provisions were transferred from El Paso to Juarez to be loaded on Villa's trains.

Villa expects to have at least 12,000 men when he attacks Chihuahua. He said he had sent word to Gen. Thomas Urbina to bring 3,000 men north from Torreon district, and that Gen. Manuel Choa is now in the vicinity of Chihuahua with 2,000 rebel troops. Villa will take 7,000 soldiers from Juarez, leaving a garrison of about one hundred men to protect the city.

Spanish residents of Juarez appealed to American Consul Thomas B. Edwards of that city, to take charge of their possessions in the city, as General Villa has threatened to confiscate their stores and other property. Consul Edwards accepted the custody of the property. There are about one hundred Spaniards in Juarez. They have aroused Villa's displeasure by refusing to accept rebel fiat money and closing their stores.

One hundred and eighty-four wounded men are in the Juarez hospitals as a result of the unsuccessful attack on Juarez by the Federals.

Villa captured a number of Federal field pieces and a military train. He said that he captured 500 Federals. He admits executing some of them. Apparently the greatest number of dead as a result of the fighting are those who faced the firing squad and paid the penalty of supporting the Huerta cause rather than that of Villa, Madero or Carranza.

NO BAIL ALLOWED ZELAYA

Former Ruler of Nicaragua Is Held on the Charge of Murder.

New York.—Jose Santos Zelaya, the former president of Nicaragua, arrested in bed at midnight on charges of having committed murder in Nicaragua, was held without bail for examination. Pending the arrival of a request for extradition to Nicaragua, he was remanded to prison.

General Zelaya was arrested as a fugitive from justice on complaint of Roger B. Wood, an assistant United States attorney. Mr. Wood charged that a warrant for Zelaya's apprehension for murder had been issued in Nicaragua, but did not name the alleged victims. It was said, however, that they were two countrymen slain twelve years ago and that the death of Leroy Cannon and Leonard Groce, Americans slain in Nicaragua, in 1909, in an uprising against the Zelaya regime, had nothing to do with General Zelaya's arrest.

Zelaya was arrested at midnight in the apartment of Washington S. Valentine. He made no effort to escape and went uncomplainingly to the police station, asking them to give him what conveniences they could. The marshals had traced him to the apartment after having spent a week on his trail.

Picked His Wife From 400 Women.
New York.—Ernest W. Darrow, a contracting mason of Patchogue, Long Island, celebrated Thanksgiving Day by taking his pick of over 400 women who had offered to be his life mate. Darrow had been advertising for a wife since last May and the several hundred applicants not only besieged him by letter, by telegraph and by telephone, but many visited him in person. Miss Julia Stagg, an English girl who landed in Canada from England, won and the couple were married.

Two Boys Killed Hunting.
Atlanta, Ga.—Charles Bridwell, 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Bridwell, residing on the Mayson and Turner road, was instantly killed at two o'clock Thanksgiving Day in a pasture not far from his home, when a shotgun in the hands of his brother, Basil, aged 15, exploded, blowing off the entire base of his skull. Shot accidentally while on a Thanksgiving hunting trip, Johnnie Garst, aged 14 years, son of James E. Garst, a recent candidate for recorder, died in the Grady hospital later the same day.

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