

LIGHT ALASKA PACK

Several Northern Canneries Will Not Open This Season.

FISHERMEN'S SCALE TOO HIGH

Recent Cutting of Price of Cheap-Grade Fish Also a Factor—Independent Packers Not Able to Beat Trust.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 20.—The Bulletin says:

It is probable that there will be a light pack of salmon at the Alaska canneries this season. A number of the canneries will not open for operations, their managers claiming that they will not be able to pay the advanced schedule of wages demanded by the members of the Fishermen's Union. It is known that for the past three years several of the independent canneries that are not controlled by the Alaska Packers' Association have been struggling along barely able to pay their bills, and in some cases running considerably behind.

Most of the canneries that will probably remain closed are along the shore of South-eastern Alaska, and at those canneries much of the fish caught has been of the inferior grade. Prices for these grades have been cut by the Associated Packers since the last season to figures below the actual cost of packing, and it is held that this was done to force the inferior grade out of the market as a measure of protecting the market for the better grades. The men of the Fishermen's Union have demanded a considerable increase in wages, and they claim that unless the canneries agree to pay the advance they will be unable to operate their plants. Arrangements were made today for the men of the canneries operating at Kodiak and the wages advanced to \$7.50 per salmon and 10c for king salmon. The fishermen are also to be paid \$1 a month from the time of arrival at the canneries until they leave, and should humpback salmon or the lower grades be canned, they should receive \$2 per 1000 for fish advanced to \$7.50 per salmon and 10c for king salmon. The fishermen at Kodiak and Cook Inlet have agreed to pay the price demanded by the fishermen.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

Wheat is very dull, with no buying reported except for millers. Shippers complain of an absence of export inquiry. As the amount of wheat still in the country is small, not much business is looked for during the remainder of the season. WHEAT—Walla Walla, 74c; bluestem, 85c; Valley, 78c. HAY—Feed, \$23.50 per ton; brewing, \$24; milled, \$24.50. OATS—No. 1 white, \$11.50; No. 2, \$11.25; No. 3, \$11.00. MILLS—Flour, \$19 per ton; middling, \$18.50; extra, \$18.00. RYE—Timothy, \$11.12; clover, \$10.50; grain, \$10.10 per ton. BUTTER—Valley, \$3.00 per lb; hard, \$2.75; soft, \$2.50. LARD—No. 1, \$10.50; No. 2, \$10.25; No. 3, \$10.00. CORN—No. 1, \$1.10; No. 2, \$1.05; No. 3, \$1.00. HOPS—No. 1, \$1.10; No. 2, \$1.05; No. 3, \$1.00. WOOL—No. 1, \$1.10; No. 2, \$1.05; No. 3, \$1.00.

Butter, Eggs, Poultry, Etc.

Local demands are large, with practically no export receipts and very light shipments. The accumulation is growing, some of the commission houses having as many as 300 cases on hand. There is no prospect of moving this quantity, increasing the market and the market settles down to what may be considered a bottom. What this figure will be is a question, but the trade believes it will be about 2 below the present quotation. Yesterday's price was 14 1/2c, with more or less shading. Price of the country equal the domestic, and steady quotations are the result. There is a shortage of creamery butter, owing to the withdrawing of a San Francisco steamer for one trip. BUTTER—Creamery, \$20.50 per 100 lbs; Country, \$19.50 per 100 lbs. EGGS—No. 1, \$1.10; No. 2, \$1.05; No. 3, \$1.00. POULTRY—Chickens, mixed, 12 1/2c per lb; young, 11 1/2c; ducks, 11c; geese, 10c; turkeys, 15c. CHEESE—Full cream, 16c; factory, 15c; Young America, 14c; factory, 13c; California, 12c. EGGS—Oregon ranch, 14c per 100.

Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc.

HOPS—No. 1, \$1.10; No. 2, \$1.05; No. 3, \$1.00. WOOL—No. 1, \$1.10; No. 2, \$1.05; No. 3, \$1.00. HIDES—No. 1, \$1.10; No. 2, \$1.05; No. 3, \$1.00. GRAIN AND PRODUCE AT NEW YORK. NEW YORK, March 20.—Flour—Receipts, 45,870 barrels; exports, 40,962 barrels. Market firm on Spring patents, but easy on Winter. Wheat—Receipts, 22,000 bushels; exports, 53,601 bushels. Market for spot steady. Corn—No. 1, \$1.10; No. 2, \$1.05; No. 3, \$1.00. RICE—No. 1, \$1.10; No. 2, \$1.05; No. 3, \$1.00. SUGAR—No. 1, \$1.10; No. 2, \$1.05; No. 3, \$1.00. BUTTER—No. 1, \$1.10; No. 2, \$1.05; No. 3, \$1.00. EGGS—No. 1, \$1.10; No. 2, \$1.05; No. 3, \$1.00. POULTRY—No. 1, \$1.10; No. 2, \$1.05; No. 3, \$1.00. CHEESE—No. 1, \$1.10; No. 2, \$1.05; No. 3, \$1.00. LARD—No. 1, \$1.10; No. 2, \$1.05; No. 3, \$1.00. HOPS—No. 1, \$1.10; No. 2, \$1.05; No. 3, \$1.00. WOOL—No. 1, \$1.10; No. 2, \$1.05; No. 3, \$1.00. HIDES—No. 1, \$1.10; No. 2, \$1.05; No. 3, \$1.00.

Grain at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 20.—Wheat weaker. Barley, no sales. Oats quiet but steady. Spot quotations: Wheat—Shipping, \$1.85; No. 1, \$1.80; No. 2, \$1.75; No. 3, \$1.70. Barley—Feed, \$1.15; No. 1, \$1.10; No. 2, \$1.05; No. 3, \$1.00. Oats—No. 1, \$1.10; No. 2, \$1.05; No. 3, \$1.00. RICE—No. 1, \$1.10; No. 2, \$1.05; No. 3, \$1.00. SUGAR—No. 1, \$1.10; No. 2, \$1.05; No. 3, \$1.00. BUTTER—No. 1, \$1.10; No. 2, \$1.05; No. 3, \$1.00. EGGS—No. 1, \$1.10; No. 2, \$1.05; No. 3, \$1.00. POULTRY—No. 1, \$1.10; No. 2, \$1.05; No. 3, \$1.00. CHEESE—No. 1, \$1.10; No. 2, \$1.05; No. 3, \$1.00. LARD—No. 1, \$1.10; No. 2, \$1.05; No. 3, \$1.00. HOPS—No. 1, \$1.10; No. 2, \$1.05; No. 3, \$1.00. WOOL—No. 1, \$1.10; No. 2, \$1.05; No. 3, \$1.00. HIDES—No. 1, \$1.10; No. 2, \$1.05; No. 3, \$1.00.

European Grain Markets.

LONDON, March 20.—Wheat—Carries on average, quiet and steady; Walla Walla, 26c; English country markets quiet and steady. LIVERPOOL, March 20.—Wheat—No. 1 standard California, 65c; No. 2 standard California, 64c; No. 3 standard California, 63c; No. 4 standard California, 62c; No. 5 standard California, 61c; No. 6 standard California, 60c; No. 7 standard California, 59c; No. 8 standard California, 58c; No. 9 standard California, 57c; No. 10 standard California, 56c; No. 11 standard California, 55c; No. 12 standard California, 54c; No. 13 standard California, 53c; No. 14 standard California, 52c; No. 15 standard California, 51c; No. 16 standard California, 50c; No. 17 standard California, 49c; No. 18 standard California, 48c; No. 19 standard California, 47c; No. 20 standard California, 46c; No. 21 standard California, 45c; No. 22 standard California, 44c; No. 23 standard California, 43c; No. 24 standard California, 42c; No. 25 standard California, 41c; No. 26 standard California, 40c; No. 27 standard California, 39c; No. 28 standard California, 38c; No. 29 standard California, 37c; No. 30 standard California, 36c; No. 31 standard California, 35c; No. 32 standard California, 34c; No. 33 standard California, 33c; No. 34 standard California, 32c; No. 35 standard California, 31c; No. 36 standard California, 30c; No. 37 standard California, 29c; No. 38 standard California, 28c; No. 39 standard California, 27c; No. 40 standard California, 26c; No. 41 standard California, 25c; No. 42 standard California, 24c; No. 43 standard California, 23c; No. 44 standard California, 22c; No. 45 standard California, 21c; No. 46 standard California, 20c; No. 47 standard California, 19c; No. 48 standard California, 18c; No. 49 standard California, 17c; No. 50 standard California, 16c; No. 51 standard California, 15c; No. 52 standard California, 14c; No. 53 standard California, 13c; No. 54 standard California, 12c; No. 55 standard California, 11c; No. 56 standard California, 10c; No. 57 standard California, 9c; No. 58 standard California, 8c; No. 59 standard California, 7c; No. 60 standard California, 6c; No. 61 standard California, 5c; No. 62 standard California, 4c; No. 63 standard California, 3c; No. 64 standard California, 2c; No. 65 standard California, 1c; No. 66 standard California, 0c; No. 67 standard California, 0c; No. 68 standard California, 0c; No. 69 standard California, 0c; No. 70 standard California, 0c; No. 71 standard California, 0c; No. 72 standard California, 0c; No. 73 standard California, 0c; No. 74 standard California, 0c; No. 75 standard California, 0c; No. 76 standard California, 0c; No. 77 standard California, 0c; No. 78 standard California, 0c; No. 79 standard California, 0c; No. 80 standard California, 0c; No. 81 standard California, 0c; No. 82 standard California, 0c; No. 83 standard California, 0c; No. 84 standard California, 0c; No. 85 standard California, 0c; No. 86 standard California, 0c; No. 87 standard California, 0c; No. 88 standard California, 0c; No. 89 standard California, 0c; No. 90 standard California, 0c; No. 91 standard California, 0c; No. 92 standard California, 0c; No. 93 standard California, 0c; No. 94 standard California, 0c; No. 95 standard California, 0c; No. 96 standard California, 0c; No. 97 standard California, 0c; No. 98 standard California, 0c; No. 99 standard California, 0c; No. 100 standard California, 0c.

Wheat at Tacoma.

TACOMA, March 20.—Wheat weak and 1/2 lower; bluestem, 81c; club, 79c. METAL MARKETS. NEW YORK, March 20.—There was a sharp advance in the London tin market following yesterday's decline. Prices gained 2 1/2c per lb, with spot closing at 118 1/2c, and futures at 118 1/2c. The London market was quiet and higher, with spot quoted at 25.00/25.00c. COPPER was 2d higher for spot, which was quoted at 100 7/8c in London, but 7d lower for futures, or at 99 1/2c for futures. Here copper was unsettled, but it is said that contracts for Lake Lake have been above quotations. It is also reported that leading houses are asking but little over quotations. Standard is quoted at 14c; Lake and electrolytic, 14 1/2c.

Wool Markets.

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Vegetables, Fruit, Etc.

Three carloads of California vegetables, consisting of cabbage and celery and a little cauliflower, arrived yesterday. The green truck expected on the steamer Geo. W. Elder will come up overland, arriving here Monday or Tuesday. The next steamer is not due until Wednesday night. Asparagus is lower. Two cars of bananas are expected today. Lemons and southern soft, \$25.00/25.00c. Warrants are nominal.

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