



PATTEN SQUEEZES NEW YORK SHORTS

Sends Wheat Up Notch and Worries Them.

BEARS BEGGING FOR MERCY

Many Riding in Autos Will Soon Not Have Dollar.

SCALPERS LOSE \$2,000,000

Many of Them Wiped Out and Elevators Lose Much—Patten Is Hailed as Greatest Speculator, Owing All Cash Wheat.

CHICAGO, Feb. 27.—(Special.)—James A. Patten, manipulating the lever of the wheat market of the world, today sent May wheat to \$1.19 a bushel, and confronted Reginald Vanderbilt, William H. Moore, Jesse Livermore, J. Brant Walker and other well-known New York operators with a situation that will mean the loss of millions.

But the Wall Street coler was not the only ones bitten. The bears in the Chicago pit who have been selling short for weeks in the hope that a flaw would be found in Patten's armor have practically given up hope, and are now preparing to beg for mercy.

May wheat is now held more securely than it ever was "old Dutch," John W. Gates or "Joe" Leiter when they were engineering their famous corners, and Mr. Patten is hailed as the greatest wheat operator the world has ever known. He predicts that he will send May wheat past the high-water mark set in February, 1906—the black rust year, when it went to \$1.25 a bushel. It will go to \$1.25, perhaps higher, he says.

New Yorkers Grow Anxious.

When Mr. Patten began his operations on the Board of Trade this morning there was a flurry in the pit, as white-faced brokers began feeling out the market. "Reggie" Vanderbilt, Judge Moore and the New York plungers who were lured into the market by Sidney C. Love, were watching the market in New York with eager anxiety for what now means millions of profit or loss to them. They did not have long to wait, as May wheat opened at \$1.19, and then went steadily upward to \$1.25. Then there was a reaction to the opening price and more fluctuations, the market finally closing at \$1.19.

Confidentially and to a few personal friends only, Mr. Patten has stated that as yet there have been no private settlements of any moment between himself and the "shorts." However, the coming week, it is predicted, will witness many busy scenes in Mr. Patten's private office in the Western Union building.

"There are a lot of men living in mansions now and riding around in big limousines who won't have a dollar two weeks from now unless Patten wants to show them mercy," remarked one Board of Trade man to another at the close of today's trading.

"Well, Jim Patten has been in deals before and never squeezed anybody more than they should have been squeezed," was the reply. "If a man comes to him and says, 'Jim, I want to buy 2,000,000 bushels of wheat; I have gone short on the market,' Patten will sell the whole lot to him at the market price and not make the unfortunate speculator rush into the pit and send its price up by trying to buy enough to cover his contracts."

Many Scalpers Wiped Out.

It was said today that the "scalpers" on the Board of Trade had lost \$2,000,000 on the Patten deal and that many of them had been wiped out entirely. Besides individuals, a large number of the elevator interests are short on wheat and face heavy losses.

"Patten is the greatest of them all," said a speculator. "Patten now owns all the cash wheat in the country and has options on everything else in sight. To illustrate his shrewdness, he, as all other speculators, knew of the pure food law, recently passed, prohibiting the bleaching of flour by peroxide."

GOLDENROD GOWN FOR INAUGURATION

MRS. TAFT WILL WEAR NATIONAL FLOWER.

Woven Into Lace and Cloth, Design Is Patriotic Emblem for New "First Lady of Land."

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—(Special.)—All feminine Washington is eager for details of the gown which Mrs. Taft is to wear at the inaugural ball. Those who have seen it are unanimous in pronouncing it one of the triumphs of the millinery art. In her choice of the toilette in which she is to appear for the first time as the "first lady of the land," Mrs. Taft has shown not only exquisite taste in dress, but patriotism as well, for the design in which the beautiful costume is richly embroidered shows the national floral emblem, the golden rod.

The embroidery in silver appears not only on the chiffon overdress, but on the long court train as well.

The foundation of the gown is of heavy white satin, cut in a Princess effect. Over this chiffon is draped with consummate skill, giving the effect of long, straight lines. The sleeves are formed of rare point lace. The golden-rod design is also woven in the lace.

Mrs. Taft will wear her hair rather high, with a pompadour. A single diamond spray will decorate her coiffure, and she will wear no other jewelry, excepting the pearl collar which is her favorite ornament.

GHOST TO WAIL NO MORE

Indian Phantom Turns Out to Be Whistling Buoy Adrift.

VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 27.—The light-house tender Quindra, which returned today from a cruise to northern light-houses, spoiled an Indian ghost story told in many villages, by the recovery of the missing Stenhouse Shoal whistling buoy behind the reefs at Nichols Bay, Prince of Wales Island.

Early in January eight Haida Indians, three men, three women and two children, were wrecked in a small schooner on the reefs at Pow Island when bound from Skidegate, the mainland, and a party of Indians went to endeavor to recover the wreck. They made a camp near the wreck of the schooner at dusk, when prolonged walks, louder than could be made by any human being, were heard beyond the reefs. The Indians launched their canoes and fled in great fright, and the tale of ghosts that wailed and moaned terribly loud, was told in many northern villages. When the Quindra towed the buoy away the ghosts were laid low.

HIGH SCHOOL FRATS UNITE

Meet to Devise Means to Continue Their Future Existence.

SCHENECTADY, N. Y., Feb. 27.—The first inter-fraternity convention ever attempted met here today with delegates present from all of the leading high school secret societies of the country. The convention was called for the purpose of devising means of preventing the oppressive legislation which now threatens the existence of high school and preparatory school secret societies.

TWO CRUISERS SAIL SOUTH

Go to Watch Developments Where War Cloud Looms in Honduras.

PANAMA, Feb. 27.—The cruisers California and Pennsylvania, of the United States Pacific squadron, now here, will leave tomorrow for Amapala, on the west coast of Honduras. The cruise follows instructions believed to have been received from Washington because of the troubled condition of affairs in Central America.

POPE SUFFERS ILLNESS

Pontiff Abandons Audiences, but Condition Is Not Grave.

ROME, Feb. 27.—The pope was indisposed today and felt so ill that he was obliged to suspend further audiences. The attending physicians do not consider his sickness grave, and believe that his indisposition is often largely due to the frequent sudden changes in the weather.

OREGON ASSURED ANOTHER JUDGE

House Agrees and Fulton Will Get Job.

CONSTITUTION NO OBSTACLE

Taft's Friendship Makes Appointment Certain.

ELLIS LEADS HARD FIGHT

Shows Crowded Condition of Federal Court and Cost of Travel From Remote Sections—Opponents Won Over.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 27.—Late this afternoon the House of Representatives by a vote of 10 to 2 agreed to the Senate amendment to the Washington judicial bill, authorizing the appointment of an additional Federal Judge in Oregon. This assures the final approval of the bill, which will be sent to the President for signature early next week.

Senator Fulton will be the new Judge. Of this there is no longer any doubt, for his intimate relations with the incoming President and Mr. Taft's known regard for Mr. Fulton's legal attainments are ample assurance that Mr. Fulton will be offered the judgeship, and it is also known that the appointment would be very acceptable to him. Moreover, constitutional lawyers who have been looking into the case are now agreed that Mr. Fulton will be eligible for appointment to this judgeship after the expiration of his term in the Senate.

Ellis Shows Judge Needed.

The adoption of the Oregon amendment was accomplished in the House only after a hard fight. Representative Ellis, who made the principal speech in support of the amendment today, prepared data showing the overcrowded condition of the present court and pointed out that some relief ought to be granted the people should rest under indictment four and five years without being able to get the speedy trial that the Constitution guarantees them. He said it was also unjust that litigants and witnesses should be compelled in attending court to go from remote corners of Oregon to Portland at great expenditure of time and money. The amendment provides for a term of court each year at Medford and Pendleton, as well as at Portland.

Opponents Become Friends.

A remarkable thing about the debate was the fact that the men who heretofore were most bitter in their opposition to this amendment were today its most outspoken advocates. The principal objector today was Representative Menzies, who opposes everything on general principles. His attack was bitter and forceful, but met with little response. Representative Hawley closed the debate with a brief speech in support of the amendment.

Section 6, article 1, of the Constitution of the United States has this provision:

"No Senator or Representative shall, during the term for which he was elected, be appointed to any civil office under the authority of the United States, which shall have been created, or the emoluments whereof shall have been increased, during such time."

It would seem, then, that if Senator Taft is to be appointed by President Taft to the judgeship after March 4, 1909 (the expiration of the term for which he was elected Senator), his title to the office just created by Congress will be clear. It is the general assumption that the constitutional provision prevents the appointment by the President of any member of Congress to any office created by Congress during the incumbency of the member; but strict construction would seem to justify another interpretation. In any event, that is the interpretation evidently placed on this provision by Senator Fulton and his friends.

SACKVILLE'S SON SHOWS SKELETON

CONTEST FOR ESTATE AND TITLE DRAWS WITNESSES.

Peer's Son by Spanish Dancer Says He Is Lawful Heir, but Uncle Springs New Marriage.

PARIS, Feb. 27.—Over 100 witnesses have been summoned to appear in the case of Ernest Henri Jean Baptiste West, claimant to the Sackville peerage and estates, against Lionel Edward Sackville-West, his nephew, to whom the estates have passed, which comes up for trial Monday.

Ernest is the son of the late Lord Sackville, and he was born at Arcachon, in the Gironde, June 24, 1865. His mother was Josephine Duran de Ortega, a Spanish dancer. The case hinges upon the legitimacy of Ernest.

No attempt will be made to deny that Lord Sackville lived with Josephine de Ortega as his wife, and that he formally legitimized his children by her, but Lionel will contend that the dancer in 1881 contracted a marriage with a Spanish noble named Olivia, and that consequently Lord Sackville's legal recognition of his children is nullified. He will produce copies of the register of the church in Madrid purporting to show the marriage of Ernest's mother to Olivia. The outcome hangs upon the validity of the marriage of 1881.

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FISH TRUST KINGS ACCUSED OF FRAUD

Booth and Robbins Indicted for Conspiracy.

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SECRET CONFESSION MADE

Founder of Big Business Was Simple Fisherman, Son Who Expands It Into Trust Is Noted as Good Polo-Player.

CHICAGO, Feb. 27.—W. Vernon Booth, president of A. Booth & Co., the so-called fish trust, which went into the hands of a receiver last September, and F. Robbins, ex-assistant treasurer of the company, were indicted today. They "with others to the grand jury unknown" were charged with entering into a conspiracy by which they secured "willfully, maliciously and feloniously" etc., the sum of \$3,000,000 from the Continental Bank of Chicago. The two men are jointly indicted in one true bill, which contains only three counts, none of them differing substantially.

Father Fisherman, Son Polo-Player.

W. Vernon Booth inherited from his father what is said to have been the largest fishing business in the world. The elder Booth was a hard-working business man who to his last day could and would clean a fish or handle a sailboat with any of his employees. His son, W. Vernon, upon his accession to power, was one of the best-known polo players in the country, and was socially prominent. Under try, and was socially prominent. Under try, and several years ago the company had grown to proportions which attracted the attention of the United States Government. The firm was brought to trial for accepting rebates and pleaded guilty to one count of the indictment. The case is still under consideration.

Assets Padded \$2,000,000.

A search for assets was instituted before Master in Chancery Harvey Booth, in behalf of the creditor banks to which the company is alleged to owe large sums. The liabilities were estimated at over \$5,000,000, but the assets divided as the investigation proceeded, and finally, unofficially been estimated as low as \$3,000,000. This investigation has not been concluded.

Sensational testimony, however, was adduced by F. R. Robbins, who was indicted with Booth today. The witness told a startling story of false statements presented to the banks to bolster up the tottering credit of the firm. These statements, by reducing the figures showing liability and increasing the assets, Robbins, said were \$2,000,000 away from the true condition of affairs.

Told Banks Truth Secretly.

The statement of July 19, alleged to have been presented to the Continental National Bank, forms the basis of today's indictment. Robbins said that when Booth learned that the statement had been made to the banks and that it was false, he insisted that the banks be properly informed of actual conditions. This was done at a secret meeting in the Continental National Bank, when, the witness said, "the whole fabric of the alleged conspiracy was laid bare," and the figures showing liability and increasing the assets, Robbins, said were \$2,000,000 away from the true condition of affairs.

Bonds were fixed at \$25,000 in each case, but capias were issued but not formally served. The indicted men have informed the State's Attorney that they will appear in court Monday.

Ohio River Still Rising.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 27.—While the Ohio River here continues to climb today, it is believed it will not go above 60 feet.

"TENNIS CABINET" FOR SIMPLE LIFE

RETIERING SECRETARIES PLAN NEW WORK.

Cortelyou to Head Gas Company, Newberry to Build Ships and Bonaparte to Seek Obscurity.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—(Special.)—With but two of its members getting pink transfers to the Taft Cabinet, the remaining advisers of President Roosevelt are rapidly completing plans for business and recreation after March 4. Not only will the traditional Cabinet be scattered, but the very effective and much advertised "tennis" Cabinet separates.

There is no mystery about the plans of Secretary of the Treasury George B. Cortelyou. Mr. Cortelyou will be president of the Consolidated Gas Company of New York.

Truman H. Newberry, Secretary of the Navy, will go to Detroit and earn a living by directing half a score of big business enterprises and with which he is identified.

"I shall return to my pristine and congenial obscurity," is the characteristically humorous answer of Attorney-General Bonaparte to a request for a dim outline of his plans.

"Back to the practice of law in Cleveland, O.," is the message from Secretary Garfield.

Secretary Straus has not defined his plans but he will undoubtedly return to New York.

PACKERS SUED BY STATE

Arkansas Wants Over \$3,000,000 Each From Beef Firms.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Feb. 27.—Suits were filed here today by the state against the Cudahy Packing Company, National Packing Company, Jacob Doid Packing Company, the Morris Packing Company, Swift & Co. and the Southern Beef & Provision Company, asking penalties aggregating \$3,300,000 each for alleged violations of the state antitrust laws, last week upheld by the Supreme Court of the United States in the case against the Hammond Packing Company.

The state charges the companies with being in an unlawful combination to control prices and with discriminating against their competitors from January 19, 1907, until February 27, 1909.

BERLIN NOT ENTHUSIASTIC

Receives Roosevelt's Appeal on Conservation With Cold Shoulder.

CHICAGO, Feb. 27.—Marked indifference characterizes the German reception of President Roosevelt's proposal of an international conference for the conservation of natural resources, according to a cablegram to the Daily News from Berlin today.

The dispatch adds that the proposal, however, doubtless will be accepted. A financial authority suggests that Roosevelt is "trying indirectly to get back at the trusts, which are exploiting America's natural wealth."

BEACH HARGIS IS IN JAIL

Bondsmen Surrender Warlike Kentuckian to Authorities.

JACKSON, Ky., Feb. 27.—The men on the bond of Beach Hargis, charged with the murder of his father, Judge James Hargis, surrendered him today to Breathitt County officers, and he was taken to jail at Irvine to await his second trial in April. Hargis' recent outbreaks, in which he created a reign of terror, are said to have caused his bondsmen to surrender him. The youth recently went to a dance and attempted to murder his cousin.

MAKES RAISULI GOVERNOR

Sultan Promotes Bandit Chief, Who Promises to Reform.

FEZ, Morocco, Feb. 27.—The Sultan has appointed Raisuli, the ex-bandit chief, Governor of the Province of Djebala. Raisuli has promised to renounce the ransom paid in behalf of Sir Henry McLean. The new Governor promises to fulfill the duties of his office honestly, and not to oppose Europeans.

GOVERNMENT PAYS HENEY \$65,000

Large Fees for Prosecuting Land Frauds.

NAME IS STILL ON PAYROLL

Retained to Advise Counsel on Pending Cases.

TAFT LIKELY TO DROP HIM

Payments as Special Attorney in Oregon Cases Extend From July, 1906, to January, 1909, but May Soon Be Dropped.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 27.—Francis J. Heney has been paid a total of \$65,000 to date for his services in connection with the prosecution of the Oregon land fraud cases, these payments covering the period beginning November 7, 1904, when he was first appointed "Special Assistant Attorney-General of the United States to assist the United States Attorney for the District of Oregon," down to the beginning of the present year. The last payment was made to Mr. Heney January 21, 1909.

From the Attorney-General it is learned that payments to Mr. Heney have been made as follows:

July 6, 1904	\$ 5,000
March 10, 1905	7,500
February 13, 1906	6,000
August 24, 1906	7,500
August 2, 1907	8,000
December 26, 1907	8,000
March 2, 1908	8,000
July 5, 1908	10,000
January 21, 1909	5,000
Total to date	\$65,000

More Money Due Him.

It is evident, from a statement made by the Attorney-General, that Mr. Heney will receive further compensation, for, contrary to public knowledge, he is still retained on the Government payroll, and paid out of special appropriations placed at the disposal of the Attorney-General. Since Mr. Heney retired from the active prosecution of the land fraud cases, he has been, says the Attorney-General, retained in an advisory capacity to co-operate with and advise other Government counsel, in whose hands rests the prosecution of the cases still untried.

Taft May Drop Him.

Whether Mr. Heney will continue on the payroll of the Department of Justice after March 4, will depend upon the attitude of the incoming Attorney-General. Those who are close to Mr. Taft freely express the opinion that the next President does not entertain for Mr. Heney that same regard that has been shown by President Roosevelt and, according to those authorities, the "advisory" services of Mr. Heney may be dispensed with.

DEATH IS WINNING FIGHT

Lucky Baldwin Likely to Cross Divide Any Minute.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 27.—A telephone message from the Baldwin ranch at 11:30 tonight says that E. J. Baldwin's death is momentarily expected.

For three days he has been hysterical and entirely unbalanced at times. He hovered about death's door for an hour last night, but rallied about 9 o'clock.

PISTOL DUEL ON STREET

Detectives Kill Italian Thief and Wound Companion.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 27.—In a running fight between detectives and Italian thieves here today, one of the thieves was killed and another fatally wounded. Two other men alleged to be implicated in the robbery were captured.

HARRY MURPHY PUTS IN PICTORIAL FORM SOME OF THE WEEK'S EVENTS IN THE HOPE OF EXCITING THE RISIBILITIES OF THE PUBLIC.



"I'll Certainly Remember You, Theodore." Affiliates. Road They'd Have Him Travel. Murder! Police! Where's the Doctor? Jarring the Tariff Wall. Some People Have Such a Nerve. "Wonder What It's Like!"