

# FALL TRADE TO BE GOOD

Reports From Various Commercial Centers Are Very Encouraging.

## CROP CONDITIONS BETTER

One Disturbing Element Now Is the Strike of the Butchers, Which Will Influence Commodity Prices.

New York, July 15.—Special advices received this week from correspondents of the International Mercantile Agency in the chief commercial centers of the country indicate that, apart from the usual summer dullness, there is evidence of a better fall trade than merchants have been looking for. Just now there is the lull in business usual at this season of the year, though some industries report a demand for their products that outstrips the preparations to supply it. The crop situation and the political outlook seem to have cheered commercial communities and to have removed some of the feeling of doubt and discouragement that has been so marked in the past eight months.

The one new disturbing feature is the strike of the packing house employees. This dispute over higher wages will directly influence the commodity price barometer, which was declining last month, but may turn in July with provisions and grain both rising sharply.

From the west and northwest the reports regarding crop conditions are more encouraging than they were a week ago. The floods throughout the winter wheat section, though entailing a great deal of loss to growers and railroads, subsided quickly and probably left a much smaller percentage of damage behind than has been claimed. Kansas City reports a few cancellations in the affected territory and say that crop conditions elsewhere are good. Collections in that section are a little slow but the outlook for fall business is good. St. Paul suggests some alarm over the heavy rainfall in the Red River valley where the precipitation has been unusually severe. Mid-summer dullness in the jobbing trade obtains in St. Paul. Milwaukee is more optimistic. "Hard times" talk there is absent and merchants are pleased with the general outlook, while some manufacturers in the state who had expected to shut down during the summer have more than they can do. Railroad earnings for the first week in July are somewhat irregular. When wheat begins to move the latter part of this month the average ought to increase. Indications point to a dull season in the iron and steel trade now that the spring demand has been satisfied. Producers are offering no concession in the price list and buyers have begun to realize that they must meet the schedules offered or go without the material.

### BRITT AND HANLON TO MEET.

Prospects for Another Fight Between Men Said to Be Good.

San Francisco, July 15.—Jimmy Britt and Eddie Hanlon may meet to settle their long-standing grudge in this city ere many moons have waned. The Hayes Valley Club is hot after a match between the two native sons and even now a representative of that organization is on his way to Los Angeles to undertake the task of talking the conquerer of Corbett into mixing it with Hanlon.

When Eddie made a proposition a short time ago for a match with Britt many seemed to think the matter a joke. But the promoters of the Hayes Valley Club evidently imagined that there was a chance. Manager Morris Levy and his able assistant, Billy Roche, have not said a great deal, but they must have been thinking some, otherwise they would not have gone to the expense of sending a man all the way to Los Angeles to bring the boys together.

George L. North, well known in sporting circles, has been deputized to try and coax Britt into a match with Hanlon. He left for the south last night with instructions to sign the men at all costs for a 20-round go in this city in September. It is well known that Hanlon is just aching for a chance to try and wrest Britt's laurels from him, but the latter may not be willing to accommodate him.

North has been instructed to sign the men for 60 per cent of the receipts and Britt is to receive a 5 per cent bonus for signing up. The question of the referee will be settled later and a

side bet may be made should the boys agree to do battle. The boys will be asked to make 130 pounds at 6 o'clock. Manager Levy did not have a whole lot to say about the proposed scrap and tried to pass it all off. Billy Roche would have it appear that he is also skeptical, but nevertheless they entertain fond hopes away down deep in their hearts. Britt has theatrical engagements in August, but he may possibly sidestep the trip if he sees more money in sight by fighting Hanlon.

### LANDED IN JAIL.

Husband of Street Walker is Suddenly Arrested and Fined.

Portland, July 15.—Sad was the story told Judge Hogue in the municipal court by May Stanton yesterday—a story that landed William I. Bitters in jail with a fine of \$100 over his head.

Wednesday night at a late hour May Stanton and Mrs. Belle Jones were arrested and taken to the station, where charges of begging, vagrancy and street-walking were entered against them. May Stanton gave her name at the time as Mrs. W. I. Bitters, and when the case was called in the municipal court yesterday the man whose wife she claimed to be was there to see the outcome of her hearing. Facts which were brought to light during the hearing caused Deputy City Attorney Fitzgerald to issue a warrant for Bitters, and before he realized what was up he was tried, found guilty and fined the limit.

"My real name is May Stanton," said the woman who called herself Mrs. Bitters. Bitters met her eight years ago in Spokane. I was sick then and he took care of me for a while, and I was so grateful that I consented to be his common-law wife. We came to Portland. He worked for a time and supported me, but three months ago I was obliged to walk the streets to get money to pay for the necessities of life. He said he was sorry that his circumstances were so that I had to do it. I couldn't do anything else, and so I began." Deputy Fitzgerald gave Bitters a strong rebuke, and the court imposed a fine of \$100. This is the first prosecution under the new ordinance covering such cases, which passed the city council June 17 of this year. The Stanton woman was fined \$10, as was Mrs. Jones.

### SUICIDE OF ELOPERS.

Man and Girl Drown Themselves After Running Away From Home.

Roseburg, Ore., July 15.—Double suicide is now the accepted verdict in the case of William Ford and Emily Bogard, whose bodies were found Tuesday morning in the Umpqua river, near Millwood, 25 miles northwest of Roseburg. The tragedy is the common topic all over Douglas county, in which it is perhaps the most shocking tragedy that ever occurred. Ford was middle-aged, married, and had four children. Miss Bogard was the 16-year-old daughter of A. H. Churchill, a well-known resident of Millwood. Ford's eldest child is aged 6.

The girl's parents knew nothing, it is said, of the relations existing between her and Ford until the morning of the elopement, which was so soon followed by their death. Mr. Churchill telephoned Sheriff McClallen of Roseburg after the elopement, asking him to come immediately and arrest Ford, but the Sheriff informed Mr. Churchill that he would have to come to Roseburg and swear out a warrant first. The next word that came to Sheriff McClallen was the tidings of the drowning in the Umpqua, parties from Millwood having gone out to trace them.

### WILL INCREASE THE NAVY.

Portugal Figuring on Having Vessels Built in America.

New York, July 15.—The government of Portugal recently decided to increase the royal navy by one battleship and one torpedo boat and a commission consisting of First Lieutenant Authogia, Captain Rollapereira and Lieutenant Captain Carniero were delegated to visit the principal ship-building plants of the United States. They have just arrived and after inspecting the plant at Newport News will visit all the great yards, returning to Lisbon in October. Before the first of the coming year it is believed that the award for the construction of the vessels will be made to an American firm.

### Is the Emperor Ill?

Pekin, July 15, noon.—The report that the emperor of China is seriously ill with dysentery is not confirmed here.

# LANKY BOB LOCKED UP

Noted Pugilist Jailed at Coney Island for Carrying Away a Pet Lion.

## SUPPOSED THE CUB WAS HIS

The Animal Got Away, Bob Captured It and One of the Proprietors Said He Might Have It.

New York, July 15.—Robert Fitzsimmons, the pugilist, has spent two hours under arrest in a Coney Island police station because he refuses to return to the proprietor of an animal show a small lion cub asserted by the complainant to have been taken without his consent. Fitzsimmons' friends finally appeared and arranged a bond of \$1,000 pending a settlement of the case.

Fitzsimmons recently visited the animal show with several other men, including one of the proprietors of the place. While they were looking about a lion cub escaped from its cage and the pugilist, after a lively chase, captured it. He exhibited so much interest in the animal that the man mentioned told him to take it home. When the rightful owner demanded its return Fitzsimmons refused and his arrest followed.

### Robbers Bind and Gag Woman.

Georgetown, July 15.—Three men bound and gagged Mrs. Nellie Shaw of Georgetown last Sunday evening and ransacked her residence, securing \$10 in coin and some small articles of jewelry. Mrs. Shaw was found about an hour after the occurrence of the deed by her daughter, Miss Anna M. Shaw, and a young man who boards at the house, gagged with a dollie and bound to a piano. The doors and windows were all locked and the key to the front door thrown into the yard.

In the early part of the evening Mrs. Shaw was seated on the steps when a hand was suddenly thrust over her shoulder and across her mouth, preventing her from making an outcry. At the same instant two men leaped up from below the piazza and seized her. She was roughly dragged into the house, thrown to the floor, gagged and bound to the piano. The men then ransacked the residence, securing \$10 and some small articles of jewelry. The men then closed and locked all the windows and on leaving the house made fast all the doors. Mrs. Shaw lay bound and gagged for about an hour, when her daughter and the young man returned and released her.

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