

Portland Leads in Wheat Shipments.

Portland, July 22.—For the 12 months ending June 30, Portland exported more wheat than any other port in the United States, and is the only city on the Pacific coast to which that honor has ever fallen.

The shipments from Portland were 1,474,147 bushels, valued at \$1,331,913. San Francisco came next with 1,315,447 bushels; the Puget Sound district is third with 1,246,616 bushels. These figures were compiled by the department of commerce and labor.

In 1904, Galveston took the lead, with 17,135,435 bushels. In 1905, she exported only a total of 56,000 bushels, but at the same time sent more grain across the sea than any other port in the country, with the exception of the three named.

While Portland has gained first place she is considerably under the showing she made in 1904, when she dispatched 3,476,453 bushels of the cereal to foreign markets. The decrease is easily accounted for by the fact that thousands of bushels of wheat have been sent from this territory in the past year to California and inland points. It is estimated that the Willamette metropolis has sent at least twice as much wheat to domestic points as she exported. In 1904, San Francisco exported 1,774,431 bushels of wheat and the Puget Sound cities 1,725,073, and consequently in that period Portland exported as much as both districts.

The flour exports from this port for the past year reached 766,858 barrels, valued at \$2,991,341, which places her fourth on the list in this line of business. New York comes first with a shipment of 2,030,001 barrels. Puget Sound second with 1,009,173 barrels, and Philadelphia third with 985,080 barrels.

For the year the value of the wheat and flour exports from Portland total \$4,323,254; in 1904 they amounted to \$6,031,514. The decrease is due to the great quantities of grain sent down the coast and to interior points. It is also held that the war in the Orient contributed in no small measure to the shortage.

Off to Dig Canal.

New York, July 20.—John F. Stevens, the newly appointed chief engineer of the Panama Canal, sailed today for Panama on the steamship Mexico. Chairman Shonts of the Canal Commission accompanied him. Mr. Stevens will assume control of operations immediately upon a riving at the isthmus.

Neither Mr. Shonts nor Mr. Stevens has visited the isthmus before and both said they would prefer to wait until their return before talking of conditions down there. They told something of the plans, however, and the work they propose to do at once to assure success.

Mr. Shonts said he had heard many complaints regarding conditions on the isthmus, but had paid no attention to them.

"There are men down there who have a just complaint, and that is that they have nothing to do but work. They have no amusements and no friends. Men 2000 miles from home under these conditions get homesick, of course. What they want is amusement, healthy games and outdoor exercise. In order to remedy this, we will establish a separate department and we expect to establish clubhouses across the isthmus.

"Mr. Stevens and I saw the President and we talked over the canal plans in a general way. Of course, the kind of canal to be dug is yet to be decided upon. I should say that it would take 10 or 12 years to construct a seal level canal and about five years to dig a lock canal."

Mr. Shonts said that arrangements have been made to carry on the work without any interruption, whatever, should Mr. Shonts resign as chief engineer.

"I have tried the Chinese in this country and found them good. I will try many experiments until we get the best kind of laborers."

Teamster's Strike Ended.

Chicago, July 21.—Six hundred lumber drivers of this city have voted to declare the strike off and return to their former positions, regardless of the action of other striking unions. Department store drivers began voting today on the question of declaring the strike off and the railway express drivers and truck teamsters will soon vote. This action is being taken without the sanction of the strike leaders, the teamsters' joint council having adopted a motion advising the strikers on the local unions that the time has come to vote the strike off. Following the calling off of the teamsters' strike by the joint council the strikers broke ranks today in order to secure work. In most cases the conditions imposed by employers was hiding union buttons. Of five thousand men who quit, probably not more than 1500 will be taken back within the next few days.

The employers held a meeting today and adopted rules to govern the conduct of employees, which will be one of the conditions on which the strikers are taken back.

The strike has cost 21 lives, \$15,000 in money and 500 injured in rioting.

Morton Welcomes Inquiry.

New York, July 20.—Chairman Morton, of the board of directors of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, made the following statement today in regard to Governor Higgins' message to the Legislature recommending an investigation of the life insurance companies of the state:

"I do not object at all to an official investigation of the life insurance companies of the state. The more complete and searching the legislative investigation is the better it will suit me and the better it will be for the Equitable. We hope that the proposed investigation of all New York insurance companies will be as exhaustive as I propose to make the investigation of the affairs of the Equitable which began over a month ago by chartered accountants.

"So far as the Equitable Society is concerned, it is my intention that the policy-holders, the trustees, the new directors and the chairman of the board shall know the exact condition of the company from top to bottom."

Boycott on Yankee Goods.

Washington, July 19.—The state department has been informed by its consuls that the Chinese boycott against American goods, which was instituted today, was organized by the trade guilds in five ports, Shanghai, Canton, Tientsin, Hankow and Newchwang. It is believed the boycott will not be successful or do any particular injury to American goods, except in the cities of Canton and Shanghai, where the guilds are stronger than elsewhere.

There is no official action which the United States government can take as long as it remains a simple boycott or refusal to purchase American goods, but it is thought the boycott will be discouraged by the Chinese government as far as possible.

Cutting Wasco Grain.

Harvesting throughout Wasco county is now in full blast. Headers are running everywhere, and a few threshers have started. Combines have been operating all this week in the vicinity of Dufur, and reports are that the yield of wheat in many fields averages 40 bushels to the acre. North and east of Dufur the yield is somewhat lighter, and the average in the north end of the county will probably not be much over 15 bushels to the acre of wheat and probably 25 to 30 of oats and barley. The weather for harvest is ideal.

Boycott Effective.

Shanghai, July 21.—The boycott of American goods is now effective, although all running contracts will be allowed. All schools and colleges in this section will discard American books.

New Trial For Williamson.

Portland, Ore., July 20.—After being closeted together for 46 hours and taking 42 ballots in which the vote was 10 for conviction and two for acquittal, the jury in the Williamson-Gesner Bugge case reported to Judge Dehaven in the federal circuit court at 1 o'clock today that it could not agree and was discharged.

Judge Dehaven asked if the jury understood that they could find one defendant innocent and the jury said it did. W. O. Cook then addressed the court, saying that the jury had balloted many times with the same result, that each man had taken a part in the discussion and that it was evident that no verdict could be reached.

Judge Dehaven then dismissed the jury from further attendance on the court. The two jurors who stood out against the majority were for acquittal or compromise. It has been ascertained that W. O. Cook, who was supposed for a long time to have stood out alone for acquittal, was favorable to the government.

District Attorney Heney stated he would like to try the Williamson case over at once, whereupon Judge Dehaven set the Williamson case for tomorrow.

Judge Bennett, for the defense, was much averse to going to trial tomorrow and pleaded for time in which to "get ourselves together," but Judge Dehaven having said the case would be set for tomorrow, when the work of impaneling a jury would begin and by the time this was done the witnesses would be on hand.

Nine Indicted.

Boise, Idaho, July 20.—It develops

there were nine indictments by the special United States grand jury in timber fraud cases.

New Wheat at 68 Cents.

Lewiston, Idaho, July 20.—The first sale in the Lewiston market took place today, and beats the price opening in the Palouse country by half a cent. The Vollmer Clearwater company bought 7000 bushels of A1 blue-stem of George W. Riggs at 68 cents a bushel, the wheat to be delivered at Lewiston roller mills. It is the highest opening recorded in the wheat market here for many years, and the company is ready to purchase still more early wheat at the same price. The wheat was grown on Mr. Riggs' farm on the Lewiston flat, and is nearly threshed, the machine now being at work in the field. It will be delivered here by team forthwith.

E. W. Eaves, manager of the Vollmer Clearwater company, says the wheat is of fine quality.

The Kettenbach company, limited, reports having purchased 10,000 bushels of blue-stem today on the Lewiston flat, but decided to give the price.

A Touching Story.

is the saving from death, of the baby girl of Geo. A. Eyer, Cumberland, Md. He writes: "At the age of 11 months, our little girl was in declining health, with serious Throat Trouble, and two physicians gave her up. We were almost in despair, when we resolved to try Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. The first bottle gave relief; after taking four bottles she was cured, and is now in perfect health." Never fails to relieve and cure a cough or cold. At Slocum Drug Co.'s drug store; 50c and \$1 guaranteed. Trial bottle free.

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