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WHEAT'S STRONG POSITION.

Pacific Northwest wheat, oats and barley growers have entire control on the making of prices for cereals at this time, providing they do not overdo the job, says "Ty" Cohen in the Oregon Journal.

The demand for cereals from Europe is extraordinary. Growers should not for a moment be misled by the temporary showing of wheat and loss in prices either here or abroad because such conditions are the making of the foreign interests who want to buy. Only by forcing temporary weakness in the price are they able to secure their supplies. That, at least, is the way they figure.

Demand for all cereals from Europe is extraordinary. Several more cargoes of oats have been sold to Europe during the week and it is quite likely that every bushel available in the northwest will be wanted by the warring nations.

Wheat prices showed a very sharp advance throughout the world during the week and there is little doubt that they will go higher eventually. There is so great a shortage of supplies this season and so much stock is being wasted by warring nations that the shortage is the most acute in the history of the world. The fact that a shorter crop next year will be shown from all indications, makes the present position of the wheat market that much stronger.

Recently there has been more or less manipulation in the price of ships for carrying cargoes to Europe. Practically all the recent advance in the price of cereals abroad has been absorbed by the ship owners in the face of the fact that aside from the food-stuff trade, there is no demand for ships. Other shipping trade is demoralized therefore, if prices are not manipulated, ships should be cheaper.

There is some evidence in sight of a break in charter prices for ships. Already vessels for January and February loading are being offered at a reduction from present prices and if grain growers do not sell too freely at present, a further sharp loss will be shown. This must therefore be added to the price of wheat, oats and barley.

WHERE ARE HIS FOUR DOLLARS?

Brother Miller, of the Stanfield Standard, is getting mercenary. "Damn it all, where's our four dollars?" he howls to a head line. Being a friend of the administration we have a notion to send him four dollars and quiet his yawning. But we have another and better notion that Boyd ought to do it. Listen to his tale of woe:

"The Regional Reserve banks opened last week and floating around the country somewhere are about four hundred millions of dollars in emergency currency—that is, if we have the dope right. That would make about four dollars for every man, woman and child in the country. All this in addition to the money that was alleged to be in circulation before the regional banks opened. Now we have been looking forward to the release of all this money, expecting that we would, of course, get our four dollars. But where is it? We said nothing about this last week because we wanted to give William McAdoo and Paul Waring a chance to get on their feet and attend to the distribution.

"But ten or eleven days have gone by and yet there is nothing doing. This places us in an embarrassing position. We had learned that the Rock Island railway was to have been put up for sale at auction and we expected to be able to buy it. Now look at the hole we are in! Any day they may decide to put up the railway and here we are without our four dollars. We have made up our mind to one thing. If William McAdoo ever runs for president, we will refuse to support him and will leave him flat on his back."

WHO STARTED THE WAR?

Has the judgment of the world—or at least the anti-German world—been unjust to Emperor Wilhelm? asks the Oregonian. He has been held responsible for the present mighty debacle by most lovers of peace and haters of militarism. He could have prevented the collision; but he did not. He was accredited with ambitions of an Alexander and the designs of a Napoleon. He had for many years been getting ready to use the mallet flat and when the time seemed opportune the War Lord struck.

Early in the war there were stories that the Emperor was really against the war, but they were not widely credited. But now the effort to put Emperor Wilhelm forth as an apostle of peace is revived by Gertrude Atherton, the writer, who sends to the New York Times a letter from a woman in Germany who she describes as a "very gifted British woman who has been married for a number of years to a German occupying a high position." There is this paragraph:

"Then we know that the Emperor did not mean war—in private he had so often spoken of his mission to bring the peace party back, even though they reviled him and accused him of over-partiality for England—of a love of ease—of 'taking fine words into his mouth, but meaning to sacrifice Germany to his clinging to peace.' Each

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BELGIAN RELIEF IS ASKED OF WESTON

In common with other Oregon towns Weston is expected to do its share toward feeding the devoted Belgians, now starving through no fault of their own. Below is the text of a letter received by the editor of The Leader this week from the Oregon Belgian Relief committee, appointed by the governor, of which Samuel Hill is chairman. It makes an appeal to the good people of this community which we think they will not be slow in heeding:

Please ask the mayor of your city to act as chairman of a committee of three, of which yourself and the postmaster constitute the other two, to solicit funds for the relief of the starving Belgians.

Oregon, Washington and Idaho will send a ship-load of provisions, sailing from here during this month; the urgency of your action is apparent. Money collected should be receipted for and the names of contributors and amounts given should be published in your paper. Checks made payable to the order of the Chairman of our Committee will be endorsed by him, and the receipt sent you by the treasurer.

Only non-perishable provisions are acceptable, and are as follows: Flour, beans, peas, rice, condensed milk, fruits and vegetables dried or in tin cans, canned salmon and cured meats. The railroads will transport to Portland in carload and less than carload lots free of charge the supplies contributed; ship to the Belgian Relief Committee, care Municipal Dock, Portland, and it is needless to say "ship as soon as possible."

Belgium was a neutral country. All will agree that these starving innocents should be helped; feeding non-combatants should commend itself alike to all. The British, Dutch and German governments consent to the shipment of supplies; our government endorses it. Remember, these Belgians were industrious, peaceful, honest and law-abiding; they have lost their all; they must have food to survive the winter.

Put your hand in your pocket, and consider how you would feel if their condition was yours. Give all that you can, and help feed as many of those deserving people as possible. As an illustration, \$1.25 will buy and deliver in Belgium a 49-pound sack of flour; this sack of flour will feed a starving mouth for three months.

Kaiser Has Pneumonia.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 9.—Berlin dispatches received here today announce that the Kaiser is seriously ill with pneumonia.

day we heard worse news, and always the Emperor hung back. Perhaps that hanging back (for which no one will give him the credit) was the most heroic action of any sovereign of all history. Surely when the real and secret history of Germany does see the light that splendid patience of an impatient man will be recognized and admired.

The Germans have all the time said they did not want war; but it was forced upon them. Now it is declared that the Emperor did not want war, but it was forced upon him. Who, then, wanted war?

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

—Isolated Tract.
PUBLIC LAND SALE.
Department of the Interior,
U. S. Land Office at La Grande, Ore.,
November 21st, 1914.

Notice is hereby given that, as directed by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, under provisions of Act of Congress approved June 27, 1906 (34 Stat., 517), pursuant to the application of Herbert Hopkins, of Weston, Oregon, Serial No. 010023, we will offer at public sale, to the highest bidder, but at not less than \$2.00 per acre, at 10 o'clock a. m., on the 14th day of January, 1915, at this office, the following tract of land: NEM, NW 1/4, Sec. 22, Tp. 4 N., R. 36 East, Willamette Meridian. Serial No. 011023.

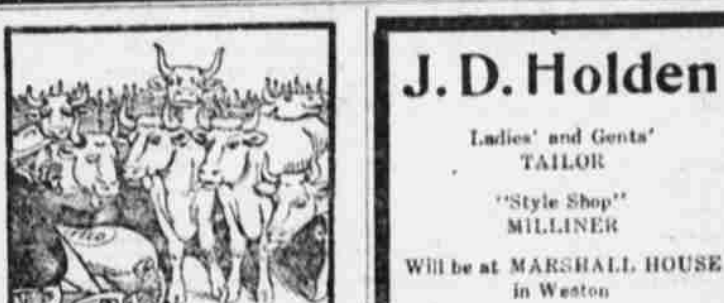
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