

# TRADING IN MAY WHEAT STOPPED

### Chicago Board of Trade Calls Halt in Futures.

## PATRIOTISM PROMPTS

#### Several Members Previously Called by Federal District Attorney—Speculators Freed from Blame.

Chicago—Trading in May wheat was ordered discontinued at a meeting of the board of directors of the Chicago Board of Trade Saturday night. The directors also decided that existing contracts should be adjudicated either by delivery of the property or at a selling price to be fixed by a committee appointed for the purpose.

It was rumored that action by the Federal authorities in the last few days—and particularly earlier in the day—had hastened the action of the board of directors. None of those at the meeting would confirm or deny that it had been intimated some action to curb soaring prices of wheat should be taken or government officials would close the board.

"The board of directors were prompted in reaching their conclusions by what they deemed to be their patriotic duty to the country in this hour of national stress," said Joseph P. Griffin, president of the board of trade. "True, this action is without precedent in the history of this exchange, although other exchanges in this country have taken similar action. It should be understood that the board of trade is neither a buyer nor a seller—it is merely a market place where meet daily the millions of producers and consumers throughout the country."

"I should like to emphasize that speculation has nothing whatever to do with the action of the directors in deciding to abandon trading in May wheat, nor is speculation in any sense responsible for the high prices prevailing for May wheat or the cash article. Generally speaking, the speculator is not interested in May wheat, his operations being confined to the future. Practically the entire interest in May wheat is restricted to farmers, grain dealers, millers and foreign governments."

"The recent hysteria over the food situation has caused a stampede of consumers in every direction, and while it is regrettable it is nevertheless a fact that even the leading governments of Europe seem to have become fearful as to their future requirements. The largest buyers of wheat for present and future delivery at this time in the market are the governments of Europe, not speculators."

"We are at a market place and so long as there are no restrictions such as we have just adopted, there is no limit to the amount of wheat those governments might purchase. Therefore the action of the directors does not interfere with the freedom of contract on the part of either the individuals or governments, but compels those requiring wheat for immediate consumption to make purchases from farmers and grain dealers rather than through the medium of a contract for future delivery on the floor of our exchange."

### U. S. Envoys to Russia Named.

Washington, D. C.—The State department Saturday announced the personnel of the American commission to Russia as follows:

- Elihu Root, of New York, chairman.
- Charles R. Crane, of Illinois, Chicago manufacturer and business man.
- John R. Mott, of New York, general secretary international committee of Y. M. C. A.
- Cyrus McCormick, president of the International Harvester company.
- Samuel R. Bertron, banker, of New York.
- James Duncan, vice president American Federation of Labor.
- Charles Edward, Russell, of New York, author and Socialist.
- Major General Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff, U. S. A.
- Rear Admiral James S. Glennon, U. S. N.

### Farmers Plow at Night.

Ione, Or.—A. Lieber and Arch Cogswell each unloaded a caterpillar engine this week. This makes six of these engines that have been brought here this spring. Laxton McMurray, Smith & Smouse, Davidson & Blake and Louis Padburg are the other purchasers. These six, as well as one from near Condon, are all plowing near Ione. The engines have electric lights and are run day and night. The high cost of feed and the scarcity and high price of horses and mules has had much to do with the purchase of so many engines.

### Japanese Tars Reach U. S.

San Francisco—Two Japanese naval training ships arrived Monday at a Pacific Coast port in the course of a training cruise, according to reports received here by the Marine Exchange. While on their visit in this country, the several hundred naval cadets and officers will be entertained by Japanese-Americans and by army and navy officials. The body of George W. Guthrie, late ambassador to Japan, is expected on a later cruiser.

## STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Jacob Trott, of Echo, who was seriously burned Wednesday while starting a gasoline engine, died from the burns at a Pendleton hospital.

Damage from the cloudburst at Heppner probably will reach \$100,000. Crops, roads, bridges and fences are ruined, and wires are down. Some stock was killed.

The handsome residence belonging to Jack Morrill, of Medford, one of the show places of the valley, burned to the ground Monday afternoon at a loss of \$25,000, largely covered by insurance.

Thurm Coulsen, a resident of Blaine, in Tillamook county, was arrested by the sheriff for manufacturing and selling intoxicating liquor. Coulsen appeared in the Justice court, pleaded guilty to a violation of the liquor laws and was fined \$150 and costs.

Lieutenant W. M. For, United States army recruiting officer, returned to Klamath Falls Thursday for a trip to Lakeview, Or. He and his host had the unique experience of nearly losing their automobile in a big snow drift in the mountains about 50 miles east.

Curry county officials intend to make a determined fight against the mandamus proceedings instituted by Governor Withycombe in the Supreme court recently, at the recommendation of Attorney General Brown, to compel such officials to hold the special election in that county in June.

Though the weather has been showery, the majority of the farmers of the Gaston section have taken advantage of every available moment to get their plowing done and get their grain crops in. There is no scarcity of help so far, and plans for a larger acreage than usual are going forward.

More than 500 men, employees of the C. A. Smith mills at Bay City and Bunker Hill, were at their places after a general strike which lasted just one week. The men demanded more pay, claiming they were unable to meet current expenses on the minimum wage of \$2.50 in force when the walkout occurred.

The stigma of "deserter" will be removed from the National Guard records of Carl von der Ahe and Arthur Lofts, the Hood River young men who recently were posted as deserters when they left the Twelfth company, Oregon Coast Artillery, and enlisted in the navy without first having obtained their discharges from the Twelfth company.

Crumbling like tinder when the abutments gave way, the county bridge at Island City, three miles from La Grande, dropped into the Grand Ronde river Monday, and now rests on the bottom of the turbulent stream. Some estimates place the total land under water in the Grand Ronde valley following the recent high floods and present inundation at 20,000 acres.

A box factory and sawmill located on Neil creek, seven miles south of Ashland, formerly operated by the Ashland Manufacturing company, but which have been in the hands of the First National Bank of Ashland for the past year, have been sold to a group of Los Angeles capitalists, who expect to have 100 men at work in the woods and at the mills inside of 30 days.

The Southern Pacific company has filed application with the Public Service commission asking that the operation of the fencing law be suspended as to certain portions of its line between Eugene and Marshfield. Parts of the country are sparsely settled, the application says, and parts of it form natural barriers.

Plowing of a six-acre tract adjacent to the city limits of Grants Pass, which will be used by the boy scouts for gardens, has been finished. Each of the 32 boys will have a lot 80 by 100 feet. Planting and care will be under the direction of County Agricultural Agent C. D. Thompson. Beans, corn and potatoes will cover the bulk of the planting.

Arrangements to purchase 160 acres of alfalfa land near Hermiston have been completed by a syndicate of Tillamook dairymen. Despite the fact that most of the agricultural lands of the Tillamook country are seeded to grass, the farmers expect their scheme to be a profitable one. Many carloads of hay are shipped into the county each year to support local cattle during the winter months.

All the railroad companies operating in the state now have filed with the Public Service commission tariffs providing for a general 15 per cent increase on intrastate rates to become effective July 1. These new tariffs are supposed to be due largely to the contention that the terms of the Adamson eight-hour law cause greatly increased operating expenses on the part of the railroad companies. No definite action has been taken on the new tariffs by the commission so far.

The fire bells of Lane county are to be used in connection with the registration of men under the selective conscription act on the date to be proclaimed by President Wilson. It is claimed by President Wilson. It is planned to have the alarm sounded in this way hourly where possible.

The first completed referendum petition to be filed with Secretary of State Olcott was presented Monday by Sanderson Reed, of Portland, and, if found properly signed, will hold in abeyance the operation of the Rogue River fish bill until the November, 1918, election.

## BRITISH U-BOAT IN A CLEVER RUSE

### Vessel, Disabled, Captures Mine-Laying Trawler and Sets a Trap.

## SINKS 6 ENEMY DESTROYERS

### Strews Sea With Score of Mines Then Calls Prussian Vessels in German Code and They Rush to Their Destruction.

New York.—How a British submarine, disabled and forced to come to the surface in Prussian waters in the North Sea, captured an enemy mine-layer and sank six Prussian destroyers was told in graphic language by an officer of a British vessel that arrived at an American port. According to the narrative the officer commanding the submarine forced the mine-layer to tow him out to sea and then, repairs being completed, sowed the sea with mines and in German code sent out a call by wireless that brought six Prussian destroyers down on them. Four of the destroyers struck mines and the remaining two were sunk by the submarine, which then made her way home in safety.

"We were cruising off the mouth of the Weser at night," the officer told a New York Herald reporter, "when something went wrong with our machinery and we came to a stop.

Setting the Trap. "We had passed close by to several Prussian vessels earlier in the evening, but had not touched them, for ours was a mission of observation. So we considered that we would fall in with one very soon. Sure enough, in an hour's time we caught sight of a dark shape coming down and which would apparently run afoul of us if we kept on. Through the night glasses our lieutenant made her out to be a trawler. At once he decided on a desperate expedient. He sent off the boat's sun and six men, all the available men we had, in our collapsible boat, and as the trawler bore down on us he balled her in German and reported himself as U-29, with machinery disabled.

"It wasn't till she was right on top of us that they smelled a rat. Someone shouted out an alarm as her overboard grazed us. And as the cry went up our collapsible, which had pulled around, boarded her from the other side. The lieutenant and I went over the trawler's side and shot two of them before they rushed us, for our boat's crew had kept the remainder of the watch on deck busy.

"Once in possession of the deck it was easy to do for the engine-room force of three and the boat was ours. We made sure that there was no communication from the fo'c'sle except by the locked hatch. Then the lieutenant passed a line to our own submarine and with her engine-room crew working like mad the rest of us on the trawler got under way. It was almost dawn before the engineer on the submarine hailed us and announced that

## SNAPS BIRDS FOR MOVIES



Norman McClintock of Pittsburgh, well-known naturalist and ornithologist, is shown here with his movie camera set to photograph birds at close range. He pitches his tent near the nest and stays there for hours inside it in all sorts of weather. To keep the click of the camera shutter from startling his subjects, he installs a ticking clock in the tent. The ticking metronome, used wherever young hopefuls bang the piano, ticks so constantly that the birds soon pay no attention to it, and its noise drowns the click of the camera.

he had cleared away the broken stuff and replaced the rods.

"The lieutenant then cast loose from our submarine and the trawler made a wide semicircle, dropping overboard all the surface mines she had on board—20 of them. Then we sent a radio in German—the lieutenant had found the Hun's secret code book in the wheelhouse—calling for help and announcing that the trawler had fallen in with a flotilla of fast British cruisers, evidently bent on a raiding expedition. With that we wrecked the wireless, abandoned the trawler with her crew still locked on the fo'c'sle and submerged behind our barrier of mines.

Destroying the Destroyers. "We didn't have long to wait. The dawn was just breaking when up from the east came four destroyers in column. We had hardly sighted them when they saw the trawler and spread out fanwise. As they shot into the mine field the leading destroyer went leaping out of the water with her bow torn off. The others sheered and the second and third, thus running up the mine trail, both struck, each one being

fairly torn to pieces. The fourth destroyer, her engines reversing at top speed and hauling her back on her haunches, took a pot shot at the trawler for luck, realizing that they had run into a trap. As she was firing we crept slowly up and let her have a torpedo amidships.

"The roar of the explosion had hardly died away when another detonation shook us and we found that two more destroyers had come up from the southward and had fallen afoul of the mines. The leading one was untouched, but the second had struck another mine. As the one remaining destroyer turned to run we made for her at an angle and got her. She went up with an appalling roar.

"We had no chance to breathe, however, for something dropped into the sea close by and exploded. Swinging our periscope upward we found three Taubes circling above us. We turned and cut for home, with the trio hanging over us for more than half an hour, dropping bombs all around us, and after running with the fear of death in our hearts for more than an hour we got within our cruising area and the Taubes were driven away by a couple of our own seaplanes.

"The lieutenant got the Victoria cross for his work and we all got the Military cross."

## HAPPY TO BE ALLIES IN THE WAR



Jean Mitchell, private in the One Hundred and Twelfth regiment of the French army, reflecting the smile of a United States naval officer, both happy in the relationship of their respective nations in the upholding of justice and human rights. The French soldier is in this country on a four months' furlough and is spending part of that precious time in helping the United States navy in its recruiting campaign.

## AMERICA IN WAR MEANS FREE WORLD

### Former Premier of Greece Says Democratic Nations Will Attain Peace Ideals.

## CHANGE IN RUSSIA PLEASES

### Attempt to Establish "Divine Right" in Greece "Doomed to Failure," Says Famous Statesman—Sympathies With Entente.

By ELEFTHERIOS VENIZELOS. (President of the Greek Provisional Government.)

Salonica.—The change that has taken place in the Russian government has been hailed by the new Greece with sincere joy, because the abolition of despotism and the triumph of democratic principles in Russia proves in the most conclusive manner that the struggle now going on in the world is essentially a contest between democracy and autocracy.

The entrance into the war of the great American republic is the most emphatic confirmation possible of the nature of the world conflict. The struggle of the Greek liberal forces against King Constantine's clique has never been a fight between people favoring war and those who favor peace, but it is a struggle of democracy against autocracy. No party wished for a prolonged period of peace more than the Liberals, especially after the exhaustion resulting from the two recent Balkan wars.

Sympathies With the Entente. Because of the democratic sentiments of the country, however, as well as on account of the bonds of gratitude and common interest existing between the powers that guaranteed Greek safety and constitution in the eastern Mediterranean, and also because of our alliance with Serbia, all our sympathies were from the beginning of the war with the entente powers. Moreover, we were firmly convinced that the developments of the great struggle would, sooner or later, make our intervention inevitable on account of our treaty with Serbia.

In this conviction we were strengthened after Turkey, which never recognized our sovereignty over the isles of the archipelago and which never ceased to proclaim plainly that she would go as far as a war declaration in order to take possession of them, had entered into the war on the side of the central powers.

There never was any doubt in our minds that the world war was our own war and that it was incumbent upon us to enter into it at the first opportunity.

Opposed to this policy was that of the king, who claimed that we should

maintain our neutrality until the moment Bulgaria attacked Serbia. Had this policy of the king been sincere it would have been entirely honorable. But, as events afterward demonstrated, his policy lacked sincerity. Under the veneer of pacifism that policy attempted to exploit the lassitude which seized Greece after the two Balkan wars.

But in reality his policy was due to a secret pact with Germany and had no other purpose than promoting the victory of Germany, because the triumph of Prussianism, in the king's opinion, was the only possible opportunity for him to impose on Greece an absolute monarchy.

We have proof of this. When Bulgaria attacked Serbia the crown immediately took a position conflicting with that of the majority of the new parliament, refusing to fulfill the obligations contracted by our alliance with Serbia, and thus opposing the will of the entire country as expressed through the recent election. The king told me at that time that he did not consider himself bound to abide by the wishes of the people. He said that whenever an important international matter came up for decision he reserved the right to impose upon the nation his personal viewpoint, claiming that he was responsible to God only.

"Divine Right" Doomed to Failure. It is quite obvious that such an attempt to establish in Greece the principle of monarchy by divine right is doomed to failure at a time when that very principle is abolished in Russia.

Furthermore, the victory over Prussian absolutism and militarism, which will be more decisive and more complete now, owing to the immense material and moral resources thrown in the balance by the great American republic, will not only result in the miserable failure of the attempt made by King Constantine, but, we believe and hope, will also demolish in Germany, to its very foundations, the antiquated institution of autocracy, which is incompatible with modern civilization and with the ideals that gave birth to the great North American republic.

Allow me to add that the entrance of the United States into the war against the central powers and the noble words uttered by the president in congress make it certain for us that the peace that will follow the victory will give birth to a new political world, in which the right of self-government will be guaranteed to every people. The league of democratic nations will attain the ideal of universal peace and eradicate forever the destructive agency now ravaging humanity.

The melting point of ductile tungsten is higher than that of any other known metal and its tensile strength exceeds that of iron and nickel.

## MADE PROPOSAL BY PROXY

### His Task Was Similar to John Alden's, but Fortunately It Had a Different Result.

One day while Rev. J. Hines, a well-known retired Canadian missionary, was residing near Sandy Lake an Indian came to him and after much preliminary conversation said: "Well it is about six months since my wife died, and just before she left me she said in the presence of witnesses that if I remained single until the following spring I was to get married again, and, as the leaves are already big on the trees, I have come to see you and hear what you have to say about it."

When I told him that there was no law to prohibit his taking another wife so soon, he went on, "I want you to select a wife for me."

"Why," I said, "I should not care to undertake such a responsibility, for, if I named a woman and you married her and afterward she did not please you, you would be most likely to blame me for your unhappiness."

"No, I should not," he said. "Then I said, 'In the first place I do not know whether you want to marry an old or a young woman, and I must have something to guide me in making a selection.'"

"Well," he said, "I do not want to be troubled with an old woman, and I do not suppose a young woman would care to be troubled with me; I want a woman about my own age."

I was much pleased with his words, for they seemed to me to be sensible and thoughtful; so I mentioned a widow about his own age, whom I had noticed taking great interest in his bereaved children.

"Ah!" he said. "I knew you were guided by the great spirit in all you undertake. That is the very woman I have been thinking about, and how could you have known this unless the great spirit had guided your judgment?"

"Well," I replied, "I am glad that you look at it in that way; now you had better go and propose to her." "No," said he, "I cannot do that. If I knew she would say 'yes,' I should go; but she might say 'no,' and Indians never like to have their petitions rejected when they go on business of that nature."

Then I asked him what he intended to do. "Why, sir," he said, "I want you to propose for me!"

Well, I was in a fix; but having yielded so far to his request, I felt bound in some way to go on to the end. So, having obtained my wife's permission, I called on the widow at my earliest convenience and explained matters to her, taking great pains to make her understand I was proposing for the other fellow and not for myself. My mission was successful, and in due course they were lawfully married, and the union proved a happy one.—The Red Indians of the Plains.

## Profit in High Wages.

Wherever rubber grows, there industry flourishes. Tropical fruits are made cheap because human life where they grow is cheap. The spirit of humanity is just beginning to creep into the relations between those who have much and those who have little. But a rare discovery has been made. Strange as it may seem, it has been proved by experiment that it pays to be reckless of expense when service is sought and rendered. That which has come to pass in the higher ranges of employment, where salaries have been increased tenfold and even more, is happening all along the line where labor and capital meet. Five dollars paid in wages to one competent man brings a larger return than \$5 paid to five incompetent men and women; and the larger wage brings the greater fitness for the work. Better wages stir ambition and cause the horizon to expand.—Christian Register.

## Chimney Comparatively New.

The chimney is something that is relatively new in architecture. Many of the old castles and other buildings of Europe which were constructed before the fifteenth century have no chimneys. In some of them a flue leads from the back and above the fireplace through the wall to the outer air. It was somewhere about the thirteenth century that in certain buildings the masons began to run the flue to the top of the building, but the chimneys of that period had openings in the side, the top being roofed over. It was about the fifteenth century that masons began to build chimneys that extended above the roof of the house and to leave the top of the chimney uncovered.—Washington Star.

## Rich Graphite Mines.

Important graphite deposits near Turkshansk are now being worked, and it is expected that the mines will supply sufficient mineral to fill the demands of the country and leave a little for export purposes. Tests have shown that this mineral is to be had at this point in very large quantities, but the most important feature of the mines is the purity of the yield, which is said to average 98 per cent pure carbon. The graphite supply has heretofore come mainly from Austria and Ceylon, but the Russian mines promise to equal these sources of supply.

## Second Thought.

Mrs. Fidgettes—I wish you'd call Willie in the house and punish him severely. He's been out in the yard whistling the same thing all afternoon and it annoys me dreadfully. Her Husband—That's not Willie whistling. It's a bird. Mrs. Fidgettes—A bird? How I love the dear little feathered songsters!