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PATTON IS DEFEATED BY ARMOUR

Smashing of Prices Causes Wheat Market to Be in Panicky Condition—Bears in Possession—Floor Selling Orders Tumble in From All Sections of the Country.

CHICAGO, May 27.—The smashing of prices, the driving of smaller brokers to make sacrifice sales and the defeat of Jim Patton by his inveterate enemy, J. Ogden Armour, caused the wheat market to open today in a condition bordering on panic. Floor selling orders tumbling in from all quarters of the country forced the May options down 3-4 to 1 1-4 cents under yesterday's close. Lower foreign cables, good wheat weather and heavy stocks in transit added to the confusion of the already demoralized market. Brokers were on tiptoe during the morning session, fearing that the operations of the big men of the market would force smaller operators to the wall, rip open the wheat "reserve" and dump it on the market at lower than purchase prices. The operations of the Armour agents were watched closely and their trading largely determined the fluctuations of the market.

Later it became evident that the bears had possession of the market. The bear leaders predicted a drop of ten cents a bushel before a halt would come in the buying. Patton and the leading bull operators were credited with doing the bulk of the selling.

The bulls, to minimize their losses, were believed to be selling largely, although interposing small orders to bolster up the market when it shows signs of too great a weakness. When the market opened Patton was credited with still holding in line September wheat estimated from 5,000,000 to 8,000,000 bushels, which cost him on an average \$1.04.

JULIA WARD HOWE NINETY ONE TODAY

BOSTON, Mass., May 27.—Julia Ward Howe, author of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic," is celebrating her 91st birthday anniversary today. Surrounded by relatives and intimate friends, she received scores of telegrams, cable messages and letters of congratulation. A little procession of messenger boys carried the messages to Mrs. Howe in her Beacon-street home, and she smilingly opened them and even answered some of them with her own hand. She chatted cheerfully with the many friends who called on her, saying that she felt even better today than she did on her 90th birthday. She declared she was deeply touched by the attention she received and by the shower of messages from her friends.

CONAN DOYLE SAYS GEORGE ABLEST YET

NEW YORK, May 27.—That King George V is the biggest and strongest man mentally that ever ascended the English throne is the opinion of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. Believing that the people of the United States regarded King George V as a man of smaller caliber than his father, the late King Edward, Doyle wrote his views in a communication which he requested John Kendrick Bangs, humorist, to make public in America. Sir Arthur declares that King George has a greater familiarity with the needs and resources of the British nation than any other man in England.

AEROPLANE DAMAGED IN FLIGHT

Airship Slightly Disabled in Trial Flight—Will Make First Exhibit Saturday Morning—Money Will Be Refunded Unless a Successful Flight Comes Off.

There will be no aviation exhibition this afternoon at Oak Park by Ely in his Curtiss aeroplane, owing to an accident to the machine during an attempted trial flight early this afternoon, when Aviator Ely, after flying 150 yards at an elevation of from 10 to 20 feet, suddenly was hurled to the ground by a rift in the wind. The machine alone suffered and that only enough to keep the mechanics busy the remainder of the afternoon. The next flight will be attempted at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning, by which time the machine will have been repaired. The Crater Lake road commission, under whose auspices the meet is being held, announce that they will refund all money paid for admission unless a genuine flight is made. Mr. Ely states that he believes the conditions tomorrow morning will be such that a successful flight will be made.

HAT SENT TO JIM JEFFRIES

Express Companies' Employees Forward Lid to Champion With Good Wishes of Employees Tacked Thereon—Each Office Adds to List.

A curiosity drifted into the local office of the Wells, Fargo express office Thursday in the shape of a stiff hat on its way to James J. Jeffries in San Francisco, on which the well wishes of the express company's employees are being forwarded with an earnest hope that he may uphold the supremacy of the white race. Where the hat started is not known. A monster tag is affixed to it addressed to Jeffries and there are at least 500 shipping tags. The hat came here from Grants Pass and was forwarded by the local boys to Ashland. This course has been pursued in all sections, there being tags from nearly every state in the Union but California, where it reaches its destination. It is impossible to say where it started, but it is believed that the idea originated in Key West, Fla. There is not room for many more tags. It is to be kept traveling until just before the big fight in Frisco, when it will be delivered to the heavyweight champion.

THREE SUGAR TRUST WORKERS GUILTY

NEW YORK, May 27.—Withdrawing pleas of not guilty to charges of fraud, three former sugar checkers of the American Sugar Refining company, co-defendants with Charles R. Heike, secretary of the company, pleaded guilty today and asked the mercy of the court.

The men are Harry Walker, formerly Oliver Spitzer's assistant; Jean Hoelker and James Halligan, Jr., all of whom are now on trial with Heike.

NEW YORK, May 27.—Charles W. Morse, the New York banker who is serving a term in the federal penitentiary at Atlanta, is seriously ill and has been removed to the prison hospital, suffering from a form of kidney trouble. His health has been failing since he entered the prison.

A PAPER FOR THE ORCHARDIST

The Medford Mail Tribune has made arrangements with Charles W. Wilmeroth, manager of the Rogue River Fruit and Produce association, whereby he is to furnish this paper with complete crop and market conditions over the United States from day to day, and much other data of great importance to the Rogue River valley fruit growers. If you are an orchardist and are not a subscriber to this paper, it behooves you to send in your name at once.

Mr. Wilmeroth is already making plans which when consummated will place him in close touch with every market and every condition having an effect upon the fruit industry, and the Mail Tribune will be the medium for reaching the grower.

In addition the Mail Tribune prints articles by Professor O'Gara and other experts on fruit diseases. The Medford Mail Tribune publishes more data on scientific fruit culture and marketing than any other daily paper in the United States.

WILMEROOTH TO MANAGE THE FRUIT EXCHANGE

DEATH IN RIOT IN OLD IRELAND

One Killed, Dozen Wounded, Several Injured in Political Clash Between O'Brien and Redmond Factions at Newmarket.

NEWMARKET, Ireland, May 27.—One man is dead, a dozen persons are wounded and several hundred slightly injured today following a clash between the followers of William O'Brien, leader of the United Irish league, and John Redmond, head of the Nationalist faction.

The fight began last night when a Nationalist attempted to speak here. Newmarket is one of O'Brien's strongholds and a mob of Irish Leaguers gathered to break up the meeting.

The attempt by speakers to address a meeting led to a battle of fists which soon became a riot. The affray was the most violent of the present campaign.

Several houses were wrecked by the infuriated combatants and finally the police were called. After several vain attempts with clubs to disperse the rioters, the police opened fire. One man was killed and many were wounded.

REACH AGREEMENT ON SCALING QUESTION

VICTORIA, B. C., May 27.—Final negotiations for a sealing treaty between the United States, Canada, Japan and Russia in regard to the rights of each nation in northern waters, is reported to be practically settled, according to private information received here.

It is said that the United States has agreed to compensate Victoria sealing schooner owners, and Canada is to recover a percentage of the profit from the seal herds of the Pribiloff island.

Pelagic sealing in the North Pacific will be stopped for a long term of years, according to the report.

It is understood that the nations interested will pass laws making it an offense for vessels to be cleared for sealing.

The United States passed such a law a number of years ago.

MORGAN RUMOR UNSETTLES MARKET

NEW YORK, May 27.—Cotton and grain pressure combined with rumor regarding the health of J. P. Morgan, unsettled the stock market today. Declines were registered in many of the leaders. Amalgamated Copper, American Smelting, Southern Pacific, Baltimore & Ohio lost fractions; Union Pacific and Reading dropped 1. Later the market steadied and American Hide and Leather preferred rose 1. As did Pullman, Pressed Steel, American Cotton Oil and American Locomotive.

Bonds were steady.

WILL MARKET ROGUE FRUIT

Experienced Chicago Commission Merchant and Member of National Association Chosen by Newly Organized Association as Its Head.

Charles W. Wilmeroth has accepted the management of the Rogue River Fruit & Produce association, after having twice refused the management of the association, finally persuaded upon to accept the position and will enter upon his duties at once.

The association has taken over both of the J. A. Perry buildings, near the Southern Pacific depot, and after remodeling the front the new offices of the association will be located where Mr. Perry's office is at present.

It behooves every fruitgrower to lend all assistance in his power to making the association a success by coming to the aid of Mr. Wilmeroth, who made several sacrifices in order to accept the place. He intends to get in close touch with the growers and will have as his assistant Kirby S. Miller, secretary and treasurer of the association.

For 32 years Mr. Wilmeroth has been in business of jobbing and marketing fruit, starting as a boy in a Chicago commission house and operating on South Water street for more than three decades. He knows about all there is to know regarding the science of marketing fruit, and is now interested in studying the methods of production. At various times Mr. Wilmeroth has been associated with F. Newhall & Son. Of late (Continued on Page 8.)

TAFT DID NOT PAY HIS BOARD

Executive Publishes Letter Denying Accusation Made During Debate in House Yesterday by Congressman Tawney.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 27.—President Taft made public a letter to Congressman Tawney repudiating Tawney's statement made during debate in the house yesterday on the civil sundry bill that somewhere in the south during the president's "swing around the circuit," he had been charged for board. Tawney's statement was made during the discussion of the proposed appropriation of \$25,000 for the president's traveling expenses.

Taft complimented the hospitality of the southern people and said that many criticisms of the south grieved him deeply. He declared that the congressman traveling on his train were not receiving his hospitality, but were simply making a little more elaborate the welcome while they, as representatives of their districts, wished to give.

There was absolutely no reason, he said, why they should not voice their opinion of the proposed appropriation.

ALASKAN MESS TO BE AIRED

Open Investigation of Charges That Guggenheim Caused Appointment of Officials Likely to Result on Congress.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 27.—If the direct charges of Delegate Wickersham of Alaska before a subcommittee of the senate judiciary committee that the Morgan-Guggenheim syndicate caused the appointment of T. R. Lyons as federal district judge, the nomination of John Rustgard as United States district attorney and of Herbert Faulkner as United States marshal in Alaska, are sustained, today promise to start a movement in congress for an open investigation of Alaskan affairs.

The investigation, which is foreshadowed by previous developments, would not be confined to any special phase of the land situation. Every political act in which it is charged the syndicate participated would be probed and the probing would be open to the public.

The officials alleged by Wickersham to be syndicate appointees, will act in the Cunningham cases, which are pending in the territory unless the government interferences.

SHERIFF WON'T STOP JEFF-JOHNSON FIGHT

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., May 27.—Sheriff Thomas Finn of San Francisco county said today that he would not take any action at the present time tending toward interference with the Jeffries-Johnson fight, following a demand by the church federation of Los Angeles that he give assurance that he will prevent the fight. The churchmen of the southern city, in addition to their demand on the sheriff, threatened to take legal steps against the sheriff in the event that the fight is held.

HALL CRITICISES CHURCH CRUSADES

NEW YORK, May 27.—An open letter criticising churches for making a crusade against prize fights and advising them to give their energies to larger evils, including white slavery, has been sent to the Presbyterian general assembly by Bolton Hall, lawyer and author, and son of the late Rev. Dr. John Hall.

Hall says "it makes him sick" to see churches crusading against Sunday saloons and gambling, which he terms "petty evils," and not making any attempt to prevent monopolies from maintaining high prices on food-stuffs, or factories from employing children.

He concludes by saying: "Religion only makes itself contemptible by such bid for support as an anti-prize fight protest."

SCRIBER IS CONVICTED OF FORGERY

La Grande Banker Found Guilty on Four Counts of Indictment, Embellishment and Misapplication of Funds, by Jury in Federal Court—Shortage of \$134,000 in Accounts.

PORTLAND, Or., May 27.—J. W. Scriber, cashier of the defunct Farmers' & Traders' National bank of La Grande, Or., was today found guilty of four counts charging him with Embezzlement, forgery and misapplication of funds by a jury in the federal court.

The attorneys for the defense took an order for a ten-day stay of judgment to consider an appeal.

Evidence taken during the trial showed that there was a shortage of \$134,000 in the bank's funds and that \$90,000 of forged securities were in the vaults.

According to testimony of Witness Scriber has been misapplying the funds of the bank for five years before his shortages were unearthed by national bank examiners.

Scriber pleaded that temporary insanity, brought on by family troubles and business worries, was responsible for his acts. Scriber was indicted in May, 1909. The trial was in progress for three weeks.

LAWN FETE FOR CITY PARK

Greater Medford Club Function Tomorrow Afternoon Promises to Be Most Enjoyable Affair—Novel Events Arranged For.

The lawn fete of the Greater Medford club, which is to be given Saturday afternoon in the city park, bids fair to be one of the most enjoyable affairs of its kind ever conducted in this city. The ladies have arranged many novel events and the afternoon bids fair to be most pleasant.

The lawn fete was originally planned for May Day, but was postponed. Its nature, however, will partake of May day festivities. The public is cordially invited to attend.

TAFT'S SECRETARY RESIGNS HIS POSITION

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 27.—Following the resignation of Frederick W. Carpenter as secretary to the president and his nomination as minister to Morocco, official denial was given today from the White House that the withdrawal of Carpenter was in any manner the result of a statement made by Representative Tawney that Carpenter had given him certain information regarding Taft's southern trip.

Tawney had scored southern hospitality, declaring that while in the south Taft was charged for his board. He said that Secretary Carpenter had given him a list of names of southern congressmen whom Taft had entertained.

The White House denial said Carpenter's retirement was due to ill health.

Brigadier General Clarence Edwards, chief of the bureau of insular affairs, one of Taft's intimate friends, is mentioned as a possible successor to Carpenter.

An employe with only half a mind for your work should be a constant reminder of want advertising's usefulness to employers.

BALLINGER IS STYLED UNETHICAL

Critical Analysis of Secretary Made by Brandeis, Attorney for Glavis, in Summing Up Case—Calls Him Irresolute, Shifty and Unfit for Office—Summary Is Unemotional.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 27.—A keen and critical analysis of Secretary of the Interior Richard A. Ballinger, whom he characterized as "irresolute," "shifty" and "unethical," a public officer tried and found wanting, was the summing up of his case by Attorney Brandeis, counsel for L. R. Glavis, before the Ballinger investigating committee today. Brandeis dealt in facts, marshalled chronologically. His summing up was cold, concise and unemotional. He seldom dealt in oratory.

He described the Cunningham claims, declaring they showed Ballinger unfit for public office. He declared that one of the main essentials in an adequate secretary of the interior is resoluteness to resist aggression, insidious or otherwise. He declared that Ballinger exhibited a lack of this quality.

In the spring of 1907, he said, Ballinger agreed with Secretary Garfield that thorough investigation of the coal claims should be made. He went to the Seattle land office, Brandeis continued, far away from Washington, where the pressure of the claimants undoubtedly was great.

Yield to Claimants.

"Ballinger yields to the claimants and the investigation is stopped," the attorney declared. "In December, Ballinger is in Washington, and to him there comes L. R. Glavis and urges the resumption of the investigation. Some of the claimants are 3000 miles away. Ballinger yields to Glavis. But scarcely had Glavis left Washington when ex-Governor Moore, the tempter, appears. Now Glavis is 3000 miles away and the (Continued on Page 8.)

JACK JOHNSON TO RACE WITH HIS AUTO

(BY MAX BALTHASAR.) SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., May 27.—Cold chills are running up and down Tex Rickard's spine, and there's a good reason. Jack Johnson has entered his racing car in the automobile meet to be held at Tanforan Sunday and Monday, and proposes to drive it himself, despite the pleading of his manager, George Little.

Johnson's car is capable of making 85 miles an hour, and as the negro is one of the worst speed maniacs in the country, in addition to being exceedingly proud of his ability as a chauffeur, he is sure to throw things wide open in his efforts to distance his rivals.

Jack Gleason says he is not perturbed in the least, and to show he does not fear any harm to Johnson, offers to ride with the champion.

OHIO MAN PURCHASES C. F. ROWELL FARM

Dr. McCormick of Xenia, O., has purchased 132 acres south of Medford from C. F. Rowell, paying \$16,500. Brown & Wakefield made the sale. The land is uncleared foothill land and will be improved immediately and set out to fruit in the fall.

CUMMINS AMENDMENT DEFEATED IN SENATE

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 27.—The Cummins amendment to the railroad regulation bill was defeated in the senate by a vote of 29 to 33.