

# WHEAT GROWERS WARNED AGAINST SEED PROMOTERS

### Department Cautions Farmers Not to Be Misled, in Zeal for Increased Wheat Production, into Planting Abnormally High-Priced Seed for Which Extravagant Claim Is Made.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 10.—A warning to American farmers not to be misled, in their zeal for increased wheat production, into planting abnormally high-priced seed for which extravagant claims are made, has just been issued by the United States department of agriculture.

"Wheat is attracting, at the present time, greater attention than perhaps ever before, owing to its comparative scarcity and high price and the necessity of sowing a large acreage this fall," says the department statement. "As might be expected, therefore, various persons are offering to the public varieties that they describe as far superior to the kinds now being grown. These varieties are usually given some catchy name and extravagant claims are made for them.

#### Seven-Headed Wheat.

"An example of this kind is the Alaska, or seven-headed wheat that was exploited a few years ago. The backers of this wheat did not get very far with it, however, as the post-office department issued a fraud order and their business came to a standstill. This type of wheat, having a large, branched head, has been offered at high prices to the people of this country many times under one name or another. Records concerning it go back more than a hundred years. Just now another exploitation is threatened under the name 'Titanic.' This type of wheat with branched heads should be left strictly alone by the farmers of the country.

#### Miracle or Marvelous Wheat.

"A favorite scheme employed by those having wheat for sale for which they wish to obtain exorbitant prices is to claim that their variety requires but a small amount of seed per acre. A peck of seed, twenty pounds and a half bushel per acre, are amounts frequently mentioned. Of course the claims of maximum yields from these small seedings are not substantiated by fact. Only on dry lands or under very special conditions is the seeding of as little as even 45 pounds per acre of wheat advisable. On nearly all of the wheat lands of the country it is more profitable to sow from a bushel to two bushels of seed per acre than to sow less than a bushel.

"The United States department of agriculture has shown in previous publications that the claims of maximum yields obtained from sowing one or two pecks to the acre of the wheat known as Stoner, Miracle or Marvelous are not substantiated by experiments. Safe rules to follow in the case of all wheats for which such claims are made are first to sow as much as has been found profitable with other varieties in the neighborhood, and, second, not to pay high prices for the seed.

"Radical claims of high yields are made for some varieties of wheat. It is not uncommon in advertising a new variety for an unscrupulous or uninformative promoter to claim yields four or five times that of the average yield of the country. Claims as high as 15 or more times the average yield have been made in special cases. Such claims are absurd and no one need be misled by them. A well-bred variety in the section to which it is adapted may yield a few bushels more than the varieties being commonly grown. Very seldom, indeed, can a doubling of the yield be expected.

#### Buying at a Distance.

"Buying seed grown at a distance from home is another thing that the wheat growers should be on their guard against. No wheat grown and bred for California conditions, for instance, no matter how good for California, has been found adapted to the country east of the Rockies. California adapted wheats do not succeed east of that state. Neither would the wheat adapted to the Atlantic coast or the Mississippi valley succeed in California. In short, home-grown seed should be used unless the state agricultural experiment station or the United States department of agriculture advises otherwise."

### SOCIALIST CONFERENCE FOR SWITZERLAND

GENEVA, Sept. 10.—The Berne Bund says that the proposed socialist conference eventually will be held in Switzerland at a place and time yet to be determined.

# IRISH PARTIES GET TOGETHER FOR HOME RULE

### Emerald Isle Parties Settling Differences Amicably After Age-Old Strife and Bloodshed—"Tell U. S. to Get on With the War" Is Irish Convention's Message to America.

By Kenneth W. Payne. DUBLIN, Ireland, Sept. 10.—The great Irish convention called here to form a workable constitution for the Emerald Isle has at last got its machinery oiled and going.

It is the war's first "peace conference." Factions that for centuries have fought each other with words and sometimes guns are now assembled peacefully to settle their differences by negotiation.

This convention is veiled under legal restrictions as to secrecy, and outclassed in thrill by the war news from France and Flanders.

But how is it working? And what are its prospects?

#### How Is It Working?

These questions I came here from London to answer for the Americans over whose grave interest in Ireland the English have been so concerned of late.

It is generally agreed that the solution of the Irish question is a vitally important part of post-war problems. World peace, the league of nations, freedom of the seas, the trade routes—all these are more or less closely touched by the Irish problem.

I have talked with the leaders of every party, and with at least a dozen of the most prominent delegates to the convention. The lasting impression received from these meetings is that the delegates themselves, after getting their work in hand, were surprised to find it had possibilities of success.

#### A Thrill of Hope.

They had arrived in a state of considerable gloom. Dublin had not shown as much interest in the opening of the convention as it did in the races held the same day.

Sinn Fein held aloof, and claimed to represent a majority of the Irish people.

Surrounded by this pall of pessimism, the convention assembled, and to its own astonishment it has now felt the unmistakable thrill of hope.

For the first time in the seven centuries through which the Irish problem has been unsolved, Irishmen on Irish soil, representing practically every shade of opinion, have met to thresh their problem out face to face—and to their own surprise they seem to be coming to the opinion that their differences are not insurmountable, after all.

Among the more prominent of the members of the convention with whom I have talked are Sir Horace Plunkett, its chairman; Dr. J. P. Mahaffy, provost of Trinity college, Dublin; Sir William Goulding and Lord Middleton, unionists; Joseph Devlin, M. P., nationalist; H. E. Duke, chief secretary for Ireland; George Russell, Irish author of considerable note; Andrew Jameson, representing the Unionist alliance; J. J. Clancy, M. P., and Captain Stephen Gwynn, M. P., both nationalists.

#### Random Quotations.

Comments on the proceedings of

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the convention have been forbidden under the Defense of the Realm act. But here are a few random quotations from various of the delegates, given in private conversation, and showing what the general situation is and how the wind blows:

A Unionist—"We have come together without preconceived prejudices, and are sincerely trying to hammer the whole thing out."

John Redmond—"The auspicious organization of the convention raises hopes that its deliberations will lead to the early realization of a united and self-governing Ireland."

A Nationalist—"Sinn Fein, refusing to recognize the convention, claims to represent a majority of the nation. But I believe it certain that while the Sinn Feiners have won various bye-elections, in the case of a general election they would find they did not have the majority of the Irish people with them."

Joseph Devlin—"The Irish have always taken responsibility. Now the responsibility for solving their own problem has been put upon them, and I believe they will rise successfully to the occasion."

#### On African Lines.

Most of the delegates discussed hopefully the possibility of mapping

out a form of home rule similar to that of Canada or of South Africa. Some suggested there might be three provinces, with local self-government and a common parliament to sit in Dublin.

It was suggested that to Uster it would be more satisfactory if the powers of this general parliament were kept in Westminster.

"That question is the rock on which we may yet split," said a nationalist. "But we are more hopeful of an understanding than we have ever been before."

The Sinn Fein party has announced its policy as a demand for absolute independence for Ireland. Its program is to win as many seats in Parliament as possible, have the winners set up their own parliament in Ireland instead of going to Westminster, and, while carrying on its propaganda for an Irish republic, to refrain from outbreaks like that of Easter, 1916, and to try to present its case to the peace conference of the powers after the war.

#### Despite Sinn Feiners.

The delegates to the convention seemed nearly unanimous in disputing the possibility of the question ever appearing before the peace conference. They expected their consti-

tution would prove satisfactory to the vast majority of the Irish people, despite the Sinn Fein propaganda.

While the whole problem is being threshed out, a general armistice seems to have been proclaimed.

The Sinn Fein flag—minus the initials I. R., meaning Irish Republic—is allowed to fly from the convention hall. On one side of it is the area of destruction caused by the famous Easter uprising. On the other, the work of construction, the building of a new constitution to prevent the recurrence of such troubles, is now going on in an atmosphere of unexpected optimism.

"Have you any message for America?" I asked one of the most prominent members of the convention.

"Yes," he said, "tell America to get on with the war. The Irish question is no longer acute, for now quietly and slowly Irishmen themselves are trying to work it out together. The impossible is always possible in Ireland."

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land—even perhaps the solution of the Irish question!"

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