

PLACE IRISH AREAS UNDER MARTIAL LAW

BRITISH PREMIER ANNOUNCES INTENTION OF CONTROLLING INSURRECTIONISTS.

Expresses Conviction that Majority of People Are Anxious for Peace, But That Irishmen Must First Lay Down Arms.

London.—Martial law has been proclaimed by Dublin Castle over the city and county of Cork, the city and county of Limerick and the counties of Tipperary and Kerry.

In an announcement made to the house of commons on December 10 Premier Lloyd George declared it was the intention of the British government to put down the lawlessness which for months has been prevalent in Ireland.

Dublin city and the county of Dublin, although they have been the scenes of numerous affrays and of much vandalism, were not included in the district which is placed under martial law, but Mr. Lloyd George told the commons that if conditions should warrant it, the interdicted area would be extended.

Under the proclamation the person who without authority possesses arms or unauthorized uniforms must surrender them within a certain period or lay themselves liable to trial by court martial and the death penalty.

Premier's Statement. The premier said he was convinced that in all sections of Ireland the majority of the people were anxious for peace and that the government likewise was desirous of peace and fair settlement of the questions at issue.

To this end, the premier asserted that the government would treat with Sinn Fein members of parliament who had not been "involved in the commission of the serious crimes."

These Sinn Fein members, he added, would be afforded all protection. The government, however, would not grant safe conduct to London to such Sinn Fein members of parliament as had been involved in the commission of serious crimes.

In expressing the determination of the government to put down disorder in Ireland, the premier declared it had no option but to continue to intensify its campaign against the "small but highly organized and desperate minority" in Ireland which was "using murder and outrage in order to attain the impossible," and which could bring peace neither to Ireland nor to Great Britain.

Harding Hears Hughes' View. Marion, Ohio.—In fulfillment of his campaign promises for a "meeting of minds" to determine a new American foreign policy, President-elect Harding on December 10 began a month of conferences here by seeking the advice of Charles E. Hughes, Republican nominee for the presidency in 1913.

Will Make Peace With Germany. New York.—One of the first acts of the new administration will be to make peace with Germany and repeal the wartime powers of the president, Senator Lenroot of Wisconsin declared in an address before the annual convention of the international garment manufacturers.

Big Bill Haywood Loses Plea. Chicago.—Rehearing was denied by the circuit court of appeals, Thursday, to William ("Big Bill") Haywood, leader of the Industrial Workers of the World, and ninety-three co-defendants, convicted some time ago for violation of the espionage act and conspiracy to obstruct the selective draft.

Nobel Awards Are Conferred. Christiania, Norway.—Presentation of the Nobel peace prizes for 1919 and 1920, which have been awarded respectively to Leon Bourgeois of France and Woodrow Wilson, president of the United States, took place here December 10.

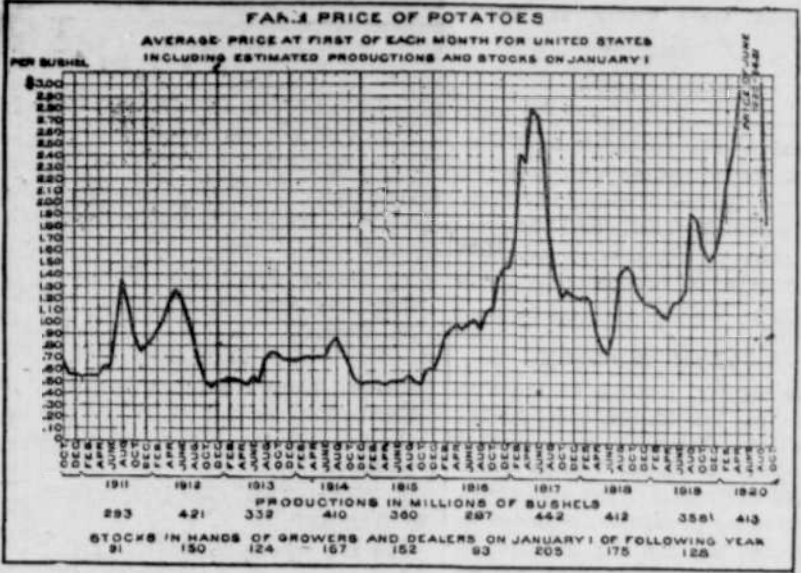
Would Finance Foreign Trade. Chicago.—Organization of a corporation to finance foreign trade, to be backed by bankers, manufacturers and merchants, was endorsed by prominent speakers before a conference under auspices of the American Bankers' association.

Pension Report Submitted. Washington.—Pension disbursements for the fiscal year 1920 aggregated \$213,295,314, according to the annual report of Commissioner Saltzgeber of the pension bureau, made public December 8. The figures showed a decrease of about nine million dollars from 1919 totals.

Boy Hanged on Birthday. Chicago.—Nicholas Viana, former choir boy, was hanged in the county jail on December 10, his nineteenth birthday. He was the second member of the "Cardinella gang" of robbers to die on the gallows in the county jail.

Satisfactory Report. Washington.—The military situation in Haiti and Santo Domingo from the point of view of the marine corps is "extremely satisfactory," Major General Lejeune, commandant of the corps, declares in his annual report.

WHEN TO SELL HIS POTATO CROP IS FARMER'S GREATEST PROBLEM



Whether to dispose of his potato crop direct from the fields or to hold it for possible later increase in prices is a problem which confronts the farmer every fall. On the one hand is the buyer offering figures based on the quantity and other conditions of the market, the tightness of money, and a number of related conditions which may depress the price. On the other he is confronted with the expense of storing, the shrinkage in volume, possibility of rot and the uncertainty of the number of bushels of potatoes which will be carried over by farmers throughout the United States to be thrown into the market during the winter.

It is a problem that has to be decided, because the crop is there. It is a problem that the farmer must decide for himself.

Lowest in October. Prices naturally are lowest in October, when the crop is just out of the ground. A study recently made by the bureau of markets of the United States Department of Agriculture, covering the last ten years, shows that the average price rises very slightly until the 1st of January, and then more rapidly until the 1st of March, another sharp advance taking place between April planting season and June.

These are only averages, however, and may be varied by many conditions which the farmer has to study largely for himself. Reasoning about future prices is unusually difficult at the present time.

A study of the general tendencies of the market, whether up or down, must be based on facts pertaining to the country as a whole. The supply may be less than usual in a certain county, but if the total crop is large the size of this total crop will have a tendency to lower prices even in this country of short production. Prices in that county may be high, but they will not be so high as they would have been if the total production of the country had not been so large. That is, the conclusions drawn from the broad and general information may be modified by local conditions in each section, but it remains true that each of these sections will be influenced by the up and down tendencies which move over the country as a whole. A grower should know the general situation in order to make proper allowances for local conditions, and he should not only study the potato market but should consider the size of the sweet potato and other food crops which may influence the demand and consumption of white potatoes. He must watch, too, the trend of general prices, especially food prices. If general prices should fall decidedly then the price of potatoes might be carried lower than the year's production would warrant.

The accompanying chart shows the farm prices of potatoes, averaged for all sections of the country on the first of each month from October, 1910, to September, 1920. In this table a comparison of the December and the following March prices show that in 1917 and 1918 the March prices were lower than the December prices, and in 1912 and 1914 they were slightly higher, although, allowing for shrinkage and other losses of storage, they really yielded a smaller return. That is, in all years having a production of more than 400,000,000 bushels, the March price was either lower than the December price, or the increase was negligible. When the production has been less than 375,000,000 bushels, the price has tended to increase as the season advances. The farmer may judge for himself whether the same factors will apply to the present year's crop, which is estimated at 413,000,000 bushels by the bureau of crop estimates, and he may apply his own conclusions in deciding when to sell his potatoes.

In comparing the prices of one year with those of another, allowance must be made for the rapid decrease during the last few years in the purchasing power of the dollar. For instance, \$1.61 per bushel in 1919 and 80 cents per bushel in 1911 does not mean that potatoes were twice as valuable at the later date. The increase in price may have had nothing to do with the potato business. It may have come from the general rise which increased the price of wheat, clothing and machinery as well as potatoes. The effects of the general increase in prices must be eliminated from the calculation.

Potato Exports Small. Before attempting to analyze the relations between the figures of production and stocks on the one hand and prices on the other, it should be mentioned that potatoes are not exported to any great extent, seldom more than 1 per cent of the crop be-

ing carried out of the country. Neither are potatoes carried over from one season to another, as is the case with some crops. That is, the potato crop is practically all consumed in this country and each season's crop is a separate problem in itself.

This is one of the large potato crop years, and the way in which the question of time of marketing is settled by the individual farmer means an immense sum of money in the gross returns from one of the nation's leading crops. The wise grower will study every phase of conditions, and will utilize the aids which are furnished by the crop and market reports of the United States Department of Agriculture.

MARKET INSPECTION PROTECTS SHIPPERS

Now Available in 25 Important Shipping Centers.

Well-Trained and Neutral Inspector Provided to Certify Quality and Condition of Various Perishable Products.

Market inspection of fruits and vegetables by representatives of the bureau of markets of the United States Department of Agriculture is now available in 25 important market centers, and in addition about 150 smaller markets tributary to these have been designated as inspection points.

The purpose of this service is to provide a well-trained and neutral inspector or who will certify the quality and condition of various perishables upon their arrival in the market. Such certificates are received in the federal courts as prima facie evidence of quality and condition at the time of arrival in the market.

The value of the service has been to bring about a settlement of claims against railroads and as a basis of arbitration where dissatisfaction arises between shipper and receiver. It protects the shipper who is trading at long-distance from unscrupulous dealers, and it also furnishes a protection to honest dealers against the possibility of being considered unscrupulous. These inspections are made on request and there is a nominal charge of \$4 per car for the service.

TRACTOR ESSENTIALS

If a farm tractor is to be profitable, the farmer who owns and operates it must provide the following conditions for success:

1. Work of a nature adapted to the use of a tractor.
2. A sufficient number of days of work in a year to reduce the cost of overhead charges per day.
3. Proper lubrication at all times.
4. Skill on the part of the operator to detect trouble at all times.
5. Knowledge of how to inspect the tractor.
6. Ability to make the necessary adjustments.
7. Provision of the proper farm implements to go with the tractor.

DECREASE NUMBER OF PESTS

By Destroying Hibernating Places of Insects in Winter Flight in Spring Is Easier.

The winter hibernating stage of most insects is a critical one, especially where their winter shelter has been removed. By destroying such hibernating places one simply increases the mortality of the pest and hence has a smaller number of insects to fight in the spring.

IMPLEMENT SHED IS NEEDED

Depreciation on Machinery Exposed to Weather Would Pay for Shelter in Short Time.

There is enough machinery on every farm to justify a good implement shed. If the depreciation on machinery caused by exposure to weather could be saved it would pay for an implement shed in one or two years.

PINOCHLE GAME CAME FIRST

Enthusiast Naturally Annoyed at Being Interrupted While Engaged in His Favorite Pastime.

However deplorable the fact may be, playing two-handed pinochle at 25 cents a hand is one of the favorite diversions of commuters between this city, New York, Atlantic City, Cape May and other commercial outposts of Philadelphia. One man, who carries his pleasure as well as his worries home from work, was playing pinochle in his library the other evening with a cronie, when the butler entered and handed him a telegram. He returned it unopened, "I'll look at it later."

"But the messenger is waiting, sir," the butler respectfully remonstrated.

The financier read the telegram. It said: "Struck 8,000-barrel gusher today. Everything fine."

"Confound you, Thomas, why did you spoil my game?" he cried.

He didn't care nearly so much about the fortune he had made, as about the 25 cents he was in danger of losing—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

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The Bitter Truth. Joseph Hergesheimer, who enjoys an even greater literary reputation in England than at home, dined recently with a friend at a New York restaurant.

The novelist was condemning the prevalent commercial spirit in literature and said:

"In true art money should never be an object."

At this point in the conversation the waiter brought in his exorbitant bill and Mr. Hergesheimer, scanning the document, sighed and remarked: "It is true that in art money should be no object, but it should be no objection, either, in these times."

A Surprise in Store.

Little Joan's canary, "Wifflie," had died, and the poor youngster seemed heartbroken. To console her somewhat her father gave her a cigar box in which to deposit the remains, and with much ceremony he assisted in burying the box in the garden.

"Dad," whispered Joan, when the funeral was over, "will Wifflie go to heaven?"

"I expect so," replied her father, "Why?"

"I was only thinking," murmured Joan, "how cross St. Peter will be when he opens the box and finds it isn't cigars after all!"

Works Both Ways.

Low—Statistics prove that marriage is a preventive against suicide.

Bow—It's a poor rule that won't work both ways. Statistics also prove that suicide is a preventive against marriage.—Cartoons Magazine.

Heavy Training.

"Why does Cholly insist on taking the stairs to the billiard room? He won't use the elevator any more."

"He thinks he ought to do a little climbing. He's joined an Alpine club."

Why They Don't Marry.

"I've been married for three years."

"And you're still single?"

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DISCOVERY CAME TOO LATE

Detective Forced to Admit He Was Slow in Ferretting Out Gross Case of Fraud.

While they waited for the train two passengers got into conversation. Presently one disclosed the fact that he was a detective, and the other was naturally greatly interested.

"I suppose you have an exciting time?" he exclaimed.

"Yes, I must say I have had my share of it," owned the sleuth.

"Discovered a great many gigantic frauds, I suppose?" invited the other, hoping for strange yarns to while away the time.

"I should say so," the detective replied. "Between you and me, the most complete case of fraud I ever saw was a woman, young and pretty. I would have been ready to swear she was an angel. But she has a temper like a whirlwind, and is as cunning as a serpent."

"How did you discover her true character?"

"I married her!"

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