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RAIN FLOOD GROWS FAST AT THE MARKET CITIES

Over 800,000,000 Bushels Handled at Primary Points Last Year, According to Forthcoming Report. Chicago, April 17.—The receipts of grain and flour at the big primary grain markets of the United States in 1907 were 860,098,015 bushels, according to the annual report of the Chicago Board of Trade which soon will be issued. The receipts were larger than those of the previous year by over 41,500,000, probably because of prevailing high prices.

The receipts of grain at Chicago in 1907 were 264,787,241 bushels. The flour received was the equivalent of 42,458,889 bushels more. Minneapolis came next with total receipts of 137,277,045 bushels and with had a record of 84,549,599 bushels, grain and flour. The actual grain that rolled into Chicago and was put through the processes of grading, weighing and reshipping, would have filled an elevator three miles high and 20 feet wide. This was the grain that not only was bought and sold in the east, corn, oats, rye and barley "of the board of trade, but also the grain handled under the trade rules by grain inspectors, weighers and samplers.

The Country's Grain Bins.
The first requisite is storage. The elevators at the various ports and have a capacity almost a quarter billion bushels. These figures go to show how enormous the transactions in grain become in the exchanges—actual grain, which is bought and sold, sometimes many times before it is due, as in the storage yards at Chicago, over 81,000,000 bushels, includes "public" and "private" elevators, of which there are 16 public ones, two of them having a capacity of 3,000,000 bushels, two of 2,000,000 and several of 1,000,000 bushels each.

Now a million-bushel elevator is a giant. It would require five of the larger grain barges on the lakes to carry away a million bushels, and if a million bushels of grain were loaded into box cars of bushel capacity, the procession then would stretch away for a distance of over ten miles—a train long that it would take a brakeman over three hours to walk from the engine. Multi-train by sixty and the capacity of Chicago's elevators for storage would take a train miles long or long enough to reach from Duluth to Seattle.

Frequently emissaries of foreign governments and produce exchanges to the United States to study methods in vogue here in handling the crops. A few weeks ago a serious titled foreigner came to

Chicago for that purpose. He had heard, or read, that little grain was actually handled on the big boards of trade, that only a small part of the transactions on the boards of trade of this country were in actual grain. He had these ideas dispelled mighty soon and effectually, for he went on a tour with a grain man who promised to show him the process of grading and handling the grain sold on American grain exchanges. What he saw, any man would see who investigated any of the great primary grain markets.

He was whirled into a maze of dusty, lofty elevators, he walked beside long rows of freight cars loaded with grain, and he watched with undisguised surprise and interest the sifting that the grain was subjected to as a part of the board of trade transactions, intricate work done for the protection of producers and the buyers of crops. The bustling routine of inspection, sampling and weighing, was fascinating to him.

Sampling Grain—Its Benefits.
Nearly all boards of trade maintain departments for the purpose of resampling the grain when requested. For instance, if the owner of a car should be dissatisfied and thinks that the grain is graded too low, or if the purchaser thinks that it is graded too high, either one of them can call upon the board of trade sampling department to obtain an official sample and pass upon the grade of the grain. The official samplers mark the grain so that no one else knows to whom the sample belongs. The committee of appeals of the board of trade decides upon the grade of the grain in case the parties are still further dissatisfied as to the state grading. By this means, the committee can pass a fair, unprejudiced judgment not knowing to whom belongs the grain under discussion.

"Better come and see how they do it," suggested one of the private samplers as he gathered his samples together. He led the foreign investigator past the shouting brokers on the "floor", to the sample tables. Then they stepped into the elevator and it rose, and the voices in the pit grew fainter and fainter. In the sampling department of the board of trade, among the thousands of bags of grain, was the busy chief sampler. The visiting man saw various appliances for testing the grain; an intricate machine for determining the amount of moisture in it and various other appliances for determining specifically the grade of the grain.

Endless miles of grain cars, of bright colored grain, mammoth bins and dusty men; these are the factors of the grain exchange operations that few people consider or even know about. These factors brought the foreigner to the realization that grain dealers are merchants who buy and sell on boards of trade because the buyers and the sellers of the world meet there, and that without such exchanges the marketing of crops would be seriously crippled. Yet the proposal to abolish the present system of dealing in grain for future delivery if enacted into a law, would do no less than cause disaster not only to the exchanges but the producers and consumers whom they serve.

The Real Judge Landis.
Those writers who have pained Judge Landis as a demagogue are mistaken. The truth is that he is as independent as Robinson Crusoe. He has a sensitive, chip-on-the-shoulder independence. Either to bully or to drive him would be equally impossible, writes H. N. Casson in the New Broadway Magazine. Several months before the rebate trial, the American Federation of Labor tried to browbeat him in a trades union case, and he put it to rout by a series of smashing decisions. The big oil trust was no more to him than a rag peddler; rather less, for the reason that he is temperamentally out of sympathy with any great structure of the business world. And in his decisions he cares little for consequences. Possibly, if some Cherokee chief appeared in his court with what seemed to be a just claim on the whole state of Illinois, Judge Landis would feel keen pleasure in saying: "Take Illinois, my Cherokee friend, it is yours."

On the first day of the trial the trust lawyers had a glimpse of justice, according to Landis, which amazed and alarmed them. A negro was brought into court to receive his sentence, Judge Landis reviewed the case. He told the negro that there were several mitigating circumstances.

"I find," he said, "that you served in the army of the United States for seven years; that your record is good; that the negro women you killed was quarrelsome, and was trying to kill you." Then, when everyone was expecting a light sentence to be pronounced the Judge crushed their hopes by inflicting the utmost limit of the law—ten years in the penitentiary. The Standard Oil men shivered. If this was justice to an American soldier, they thought, what could a captive trust expect from such an off-with-his-head sort of a judge.

Death Was On His Heels.
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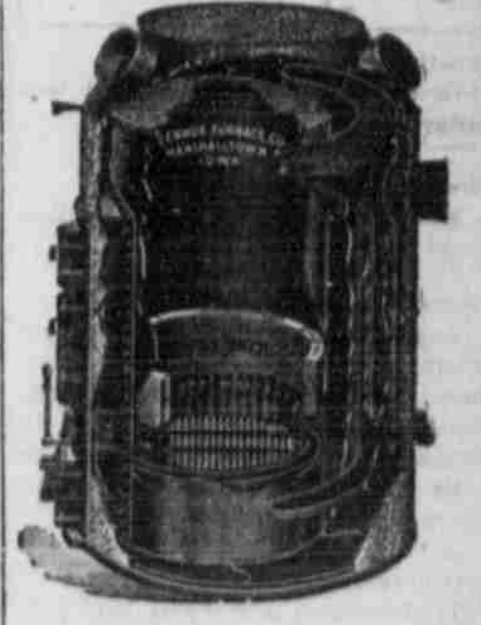
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