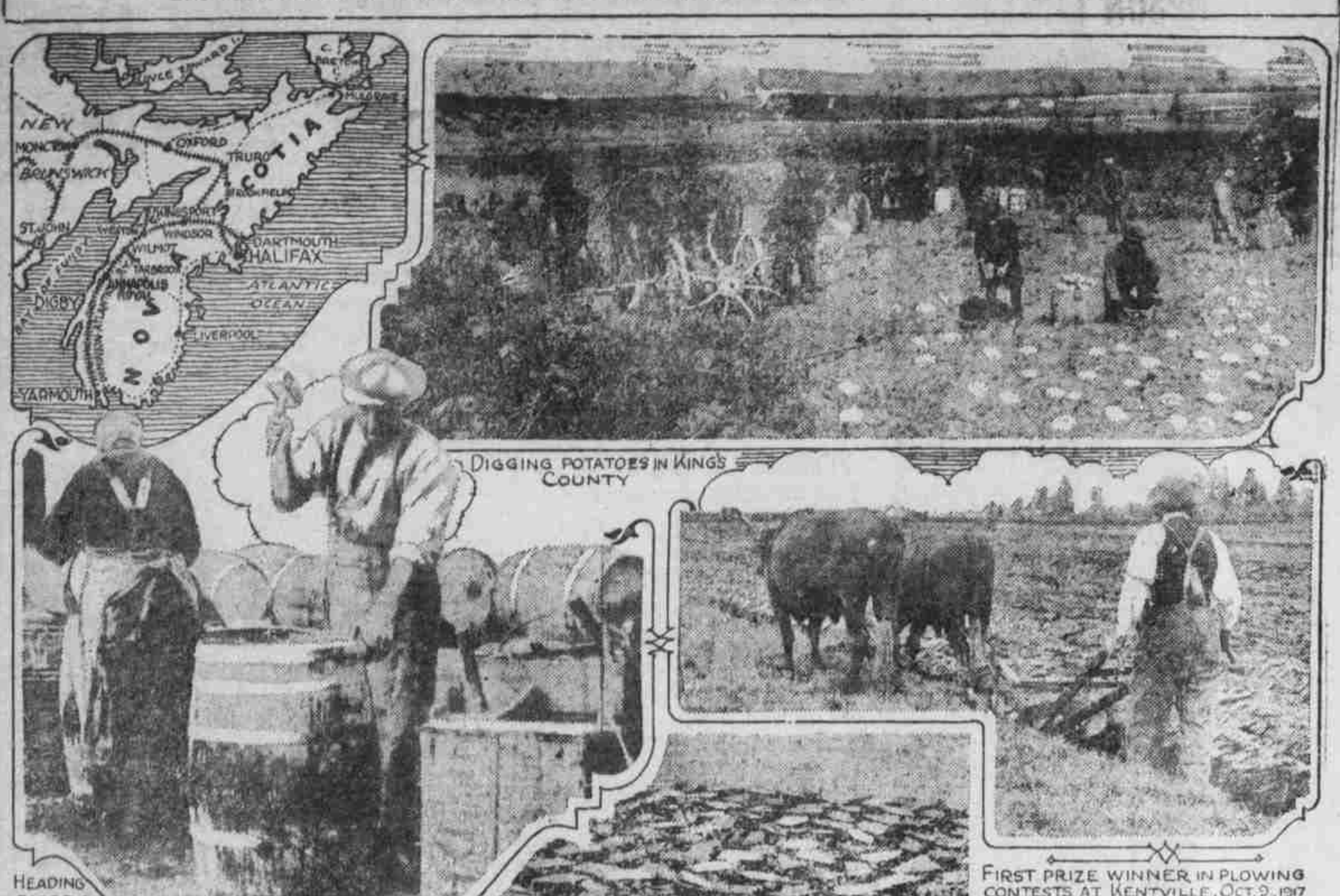
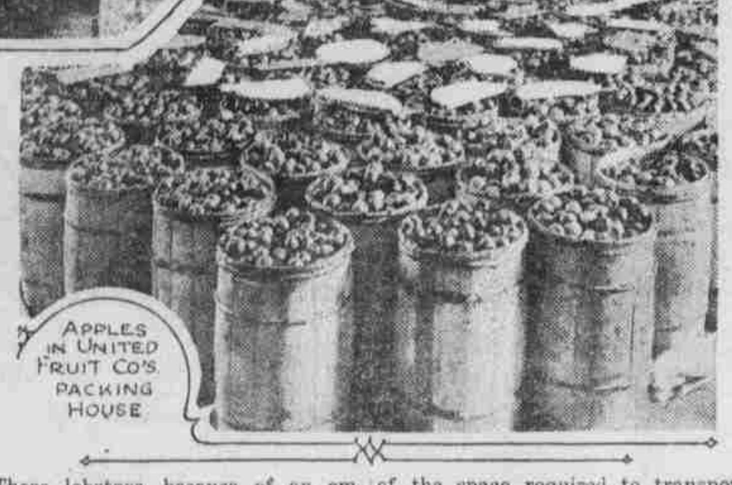
NOVA SCOTIA ORGANIZES INTO SOLID ARMY OF FOOD PRODUCERS



DIGGING POTATOES IN KING'S COUNTY

HEADING BARRELS OF FISH FOR OVERSEAS, HALIFAX

FIRST PRIZE WINNER IN PLOWING CONTESTS AT KENTVILLE, OCT. 9, 1917


APPLES IN UNITED FRUIT CO'S PACKING HOUSE

Fish, apples and potatoes are Nova Scotia's answer to the world's demand for food. That ocean-bound bit of garden is setting a good example in helping feed the world.

Nova Scotians are not only doing without beef, bacon and wheat to a large extent, but they are supplementing the released quantities of these necessary foods with Nova Scotian products.

Every fishing hamlet and seaside town is alive with the bustle of preparing and shipping great catches brought in daily by Nova Scotia fishermen. Fish are spread to dry on every available space, even housetops are utilized. The air resounds with hammer blows as coopers head up barrels of briny beauties. Wharves are piled high with boxes and barrels of fish awaiting transportation. The number of available vessels, while large, is inadequate to keep pace with the incoming supply. More ships are needed. They are being built as fast as possible and may be seen in all stages of construction along Nova Scotia's rivers and inlets. Ninety per cent of the world's lobster supply comes from Nova Scotia. These lobsters, because of an embargo, remain in America.

Annapolis Valley, near the west coast of Nova Scotia, is really one great apple orchard. In springtime it is a sea of pink and white blossoms; in autumn it glows for hundreds of miles with reds and yellows of ripened fruit. This year's crop will fill one and one-half million barrels. These apples will remain in America, due to an embargo because of the space required to transport them. Their use here is expected to release other foods. Apples are bringing as high as $7 per barrel in the orchards; the average will probably run to $4 per barrel, which means $6,000,000 for Nova Scotia, pockets. A tidy sum!

The humble potato rises to the dignity of aristocrat in Nova Scotia, with the title of "Blue Nose." The climate is peculiarly suited to the culture of apples and potatoes, making them famous for quality and flavor. Busy days of gardening the "Rosy Cheeks" are succeeded by more busy days of gathering the "Blue Noses." College girls in overalls have aided in this work this year and the farmers agree that the girls have made good.

Substituting fish for beef and bacon sets the latter free for service "somewhere in France." A more general use of apples and potatoes means more wheat for the boys "over there." Nova Scotia is increasing her output of fish, apples and potatoes in order to release prairie products needed overseas.

George E. Graham, General Manager of the Dominion Atlantic Railway, is one of the moving spirits of this effort. The Provincial Demonstration Farm at Kentville, N. S., provides a field for his enthusiasm and energy. In October Graham and his associates brought together more than 5,000 Nova Scotia farmers at the farm. They inspected the many phases of mixed farming carried on there which are suited to Nova Scotia. An old-time plowing contest, with men over sixty plowing with oxen, added interest to a tractor demonstration.

EXPLAINS WORKINGS OF STATE TAX LAWS

Six Per Cent Limitation Does Not Apply to the Equalization

The following letter has been sent out by Tax Commissioner Galloway to all county clerks:

"We write to correct what appears to be a misunderstanding as to the bearing of the Tax Limitation amendment on apportionments of State taxes.

"The state stands in a relation to the counties similar to that of a county to the various taxpayers therein. While the six per cent increase limitation applies to the state tax levy as a whole (and has been observed in both the 1917 and 1918 levies), it does not apply on the particular amounts charged against the several counties.

"To assume that the state tax levied on any given county cannot exceed the amount of the last preceding year by more than six per cent would mean that equalizations between counties could no longer be made and that readjustments, based on increases or decreases in actual values and on additions of new properties to tax rolls or eliminations of properties no longer subject to taxation, could not even be attempted. Such an assumption would be similar to saying that no taxpayers in a county could be required to pay a tax bill more than six per cent larger than the one presented to him in the last preceding year, regardless of any change in valuation, quantity or amount of real or personal property held by him. We cannot believe that the tax limitation amendment has any such unreasonable and inequitable intention or meaning.

"The amount of the state tax apportioned to a county does not affect the amount which that county is permitted to raise for other purposes. We suggest that the proper method for arriving at the total amount to which tax levies for various county purposes are restricted is substantially as follows:

"Subtract from last year's total the amount required for payment of the state tax, also the amount (if any) required for payment of principal and interest of bonded indebtedness; to the remainder add six per cent thereof, then add the state tax for the ensuing year, and also whatever amount may be required during the year for payments on bonded indebtedness; the final total will represent the maximum amount which may be levied for all the various county purposes under the tax limitation amendment."

was to appear at this afternoon's hearing.

Another line connecting the present yards management with the packers was traced when Heney established that Wadden, Prince, Armour and other packers are joint owners in the Bankers Realty company, a Boston brokerage house.

Industrial Education Will Get by Boost at Teachers' Assemblage

Superintendent of public instruction, J. A. Churchill, today received a telegram from Ben W. Johnson, federal agent for industrial education, stating that he and W. G. Hummel, federal agent for agricultural education, expect to pass through Portland during the second day of the session of the State Teachers' association. Superintendent Churchill immediately took the matter up with the secretary of the association, and although the program has been prepared, arrangements were made to have Mr. Johnson and Mr. Hummel meet all the teachers in the auditorium of the Lincoln high school at 4 o'clock Friday afternoon. The speakers will explain fully to the teachers of Oregon the subject of vocational education as it pertains to the administration of the Smith-Hughes law, not only in Oregon but in other states. The whole trend of secondary education may be changed through the plan worked out in the various states for the administration of the Smith-Hughes law, and every teacher should be informed as to the progress of the work thus far.

Court Listens to Story of Mystery Ship

San Francisco, Dec. 21.—Part of the story of the "mystery ship" Maverick was unfolded in the Hindu plot trial by George E. Roedik and H. R. Schroeder, formerly of the Honolulu German consulate, when they resumed their testimony today. Both have pleaded guilty to complicity in the Hindu conspiracy.

Roedik connected the San Francisco German consulate directly with the Maverick's movements when he revealed how he was instructed from San Francisco to provision the steamer at Hilo. A mysterious German agent, designated as "K-17," whom the government claims was a man named Kirchheisen, was brought into the case by Roedik as a messenger from the San Francisco consulate who brought money to Honolulu to pay for the Maverick's supplies.

"The Yellow Ticket" and "Innocent"—well-known stage successes are to be scenarioized for Fannie Ward.

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WILLARD AFRAID TO RISK CHAMPIONSHIP

Insists On 10 Rounds Only and Will Not Take Chances On His Title

By H. C. Hamilton
(United Press staff correspondent)

New York, Dec. 21.—Jess Willard seems to have taken all the immediate pep out of his offer to box for the benefit of the Red Cross. His statement that he does not care to have the affair made a championship event and the stipulation that it shall be for ten rounds only, probably will serve to make the fight fans of the country sit up and wonder why they ever fell for such a proposition anyway.

If Fred Fulton accepted such an offer and should it happen that he was able to put over the crushing finishing punch he would be acclaimed the heavyweight champion of the world without any further notice. But Fulton would be foolish to listen to such a proposition. It would cost him a considerable sum to prepare for the bout. The Red Cross would benefit very little from such a contest, for fight fans could not be bilked into attending a burlesque.

Jess might do better if he offered to take on half a dozen challengers, three rounds each, for there would be little danger to his jaw in such encounters, the exertion would not be so great and there would not be so much trouble in counting the shekels.

To Manage Cardinals

New York, Dec. 21.—Wild Bill Donovan will manage the Cardinals next year, according to a report here today. The former leader of the Yankees, it was stated, was asked to name his terms after an option on the Indianapolis club expired. The expiration of the option killed any chance Jack Hendricks had of going to the Cards.

Fulton Claims Championship

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 21.—Fred Fulton declared himself heavyweight champion of the world today.

This was the last day of the ultimatum he delivered to Jess Willard to fight or forfeit the title.

Fred accompanied his claims with a lengthy statement on why he should be declared champion. He has offered to box Jess for the Red Cross and hand Jess $1000 as a gift, win or lose.

Sacramento Incorporates

Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 21.—Articles of incorporation for the Sacramento Coast league baseball club will be filed here in a few days. Charles Hesseman will be president and Charlie Graham secretary.

Preliminary meetings of the promoters have intimated a strong sentiment in favor of Bill Rodgers of Portland as manager of the club instead of Spider Baum. Some of the promoters fear Baum lacks sufficient aggressiveness.

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VICK BROTHERS JUMP INTO LEAD

Every Employe of Big Plant Take Out Red Cross Membership

Vick Brothers' garage batted 1000 yesterday in the matter of Red Cross memberships, thereby making TY Cobb look sick and jealous. Solicitors from the Eastern Star auxiliary, Mesdames McDaniel and Rahn, called at the Vick place of business in the course of their rounds, and were taken in charge by Ralph Thompson, who made a personally conducted tour, with the result that every employe signed up, and Vick Bros. is one of the many honor spots in the country today.

The total this morning is over 2000, this representing for the most part only the city precincts, there being only scattering reports from the county at large, and those from the smaller communities. The Liberty auxiliary has shown up well, reporting 46 memberships taken, in spite of impassible and impossible roads.

A new auxiliary was organized at Chemawa last evening by campaign manager Gill, who reports 112 members for the Indian school, from the students, employes and teachers. A rousing meeting was held, with a large number in attendance. This promises to be one of the largest auxiliaries in the county, before the final returns are in.

Curious results are coming to light in the campaign in Salem. Workers report for the most part a courteous reception, but there are instances of not only indifference but actual hostility. Workers have been ordered out of places of business, have had doors slammed in their faces, and have been told "We are not interested in the Red Cross." Pro-Germanism is not the only or even the chief foe of the Red Cross apparently. Sometimes it is a matter of misinformation, and ofttimes absolute ignorance. Or at least this is felt to be the most charitable construction to put upon the matter by the campaigners.

Many places in the county report "Unable to work outside of a very restricted district because of floods." This condition has been true also in the city.

STOCKHOLDERS WERE OUT MILIONS ASSERTS PROSECUTOR HENEY

Brings Affairs of Old Stockyards Company Into Packing Probe

Washington, Dec. 21.—As Francis J. Heney today tried to show fleecing of $3,600,000 from stockholders in the old Chicago Stockyards company, packers made their first open move to block the federal trade commission's food probe.

Swift and company refused to permit federal agents to examine private files, Heney stated. Should the company continue this policy, the courts will be appealed to, Heney said.

Heney brought out from N. W. Wadden, ex-treasurer of the old Chicago Junction Railways and Union Stockyards company, that F. H. Prince, its president, secretly agreed with J. Ogden Armour to form the Maine holding corporation. Stockholders in the former lost $3,600,000 in accrued surplus by this deal, Heney charged.

Tattered sheets of foolscap, traced across with faded shorthand notes, revealed the cutting of the melon among the promoters of the new concern. Wadden recognized the notes as dictated to him by Prince in 1910, concluding "leaving $3,600,000 in surplus accruing to promoters of the new company, our share to be in proportion to our holdings."

Heney attempted to show that the entire management of the yards has been corrupt; had fleeced stockholders of millions in dividends and had worked in close collusion with the packers.

Armour and company, Heney developed, put up $700,000 toward buying the stock from holders in the parent company. The packers and the controlling clique in the old company conspired to transfer the property to the new concern, Heney sought to show.

The directors of the old company, Heney drew from Wadden, were merely a "dummy" board controlled by Prince.

These directors, Wadden admitted, had been selected by Wadden, who entrusted to them ten shares of stock each to give them the status of stockholders.

A cable from Prince to Wadden showed that half the expense, "or all" of engineering the transfer of stock to the Maine company was to be borne by the packers.

A tale of how Armour and company threw off the scent Chicago reporters who in 1914 got wind of the deal, was then told.

"We, of course, denied all knowledge of the matter in speaking with reporters," F. W. Croll, confidential secretary to J. Ogden Armour, wrote Prince. Croll, en route to Washington,

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