

WHEAT MORE ACTIVE AND PRICES IMPROVE

Increase in Visible Supply Results in Setback—Crop News Is Good

GRAIN BELT WEATHER FORECAST... CHICAGO, June 4.—The weather forecast for the grain belt...

Trade in wheat was more active today and the market was good. Although the increase of 2,118,000 bushels in the visible supply in the United States for the week...

Cotton ends higher after nervous day. Flood of selling orders causes decline early, but buying brings recovery.

COTTON BELT WEATHER CONDITIONS... NEW YORK, June 4.—The following temperature record was received in the cotton belt...

There were irregular price movements in the cotton market throughout the day, but the close was higher, July ending at 22.34, up 17 points; October at 21.72, a gain of 10 points and December 2 points higher at 21.90.

A flood of selling orders greeted the opening ring, and all through the call offers were competitive, forcing prices downward. The supply was general, but was led by uptown interests and prominent operators usually acting for continental account.

July started 15 points net higher, October was up 10 points, December advanced 2 points. The market was 5 to 11 points net lower.

The market, after the start, dropped off rapidly, there being as much as 20 points between sales on October. At the end of the initial sale and October dropped to 21.56, 68 points under first transaction and 50 points under the last call price.

The early break extended to 21.80 for July and 21.25 for October, making a decline of 62 to 63 points from the opening prices. Selling was extremely active and excited, with sentiment unaltered by reports that spots were below a parity and that the crop was improving under more favorable weather conditions.

But offerings subsided toward the middle of the morning, and there were rallies later, which carried active months to within six or seven points of Saturday's closing figures.

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PHILADELPHIA CANAL CO. DIRECTORS... The annual report of the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal Company made at the annual meeting today showed that the total revenue was \$1,180,555, an increase of \$12,819.

BOYING PUZZLES SUGAR TRADERS... NEW YORK, June 4.—The buying of sugar was active months by a leading sugar trader who is expected to be active in other futures today, as there seemed to be a particular change in the spot market.

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Corporal Edward Hinkle Forced to Descend Behind Enemy Lines in France

CHICAGOAN WINS PRIZE... PARIS, June 4.—Corporal Edward Hinkle, of Cincinnati, had another narrow escape in an exploit of the American flyers of the Lafayette Escadrille, news of which reached Paris today.

Private J. A. Drexel, of Philadelphia; Corporal Kenneth Marr, of Alaska; Corporal Hinkle and Corporal Harold Willis, of Boston, were in a squadron of the Lafayette flyers who penetrated fifteen miles back of the enemy's lines in a reconnaissance flight.

The next day, however, Hinkle crossed back to his own side, reporting his arrival in the north, over the British front near Soissons. He lost his way in the cloudy sky and his machine began behaving badly.

He came down and lay hidden over night. Despite the British barrage, the French army, was today announced as second in command of the Lafayette Escadrille under Lieutenant William Thaw, of Pittsburgh.

Canadian Troops Won Back TRENCHES LOST TO FOE... BY WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS... WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN THE FIELD.

Canadian troops were back today in the same trenches they occupied last Friday after a victory and a defeat around Avion. Sunday afternoon the Prussians retook the electric light station east of Avion in a mad fury of attack that totally disregarded losses inflicted upon them.

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GERMANS WIN FOOTHOLD IN FRENCH POSITIONS... PARIS, June 4.—Strong German attacks northwest of Froidmont farm last night gained the enemy a foothold on an advanced element of the French positions.

At the plateau of Vaucoulers and Callorfne the enemy did not renew his attacks last night, but bombarded our positions.

In the Champagne east of Teton Mount we carried out a successful raid. The enemy yesterday made an air raid on Hankirk and Nancy, killing several civilians.

All day Sunday and throughout the night the big guns thundered in Belgium. The north, over the British front near Soissons.

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The death and sickness are due to the crowded conditions made inevitable by mobilization, according to Dr. Henry A. Dunn, executive surgeon of the hospital, who gave out the statement.

No epidemic is feared, he said, but every precaution is being taken to prevent the disease from appearing again. Immediately upon being admitted to the hospital during the reorganization of the cabin, but all authority is apparently vested in Hsu Shih-Chiang, the dictator.

After less than six years' existence, a complete collapse today threatened the republican form of government in China. A military dictatorship has been established and President Li Yuan-Hung is virtually a prisoner in Peking.

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TWO HUNDRED automobilists, who violated the speed laws along Old York Road during the last two days, have been listed for arrest. Summonses will be sent out today.

THE PHILADELPHIA Trust Company, executor of the estate of George Kirk, said a plot of ground on the south side of Washington avenue between Eighteenth and Nineteenth streets to the Philadelphia, Reading and Washington Railroad Company for \$125,000.

A CAMPAIGN to establish a pharmaceutical corps in the United States Army has been started by the Philadelphia Pharmaceutical Exchange. Commissioners for pharmacists will be sought to place them on an equality with members of the medical, dental and veterinary services.

REQUEST FOR AN increase in pay has been made of the Board of Public Education by the clerical assistants through their association. In a petition to the board, attention is called to the fact that clerical assistants are the poorest paid employees in the city.

CAPTAIN A. J. DREXEL BIDDLE, of the United States marine corps, bade farewell to the Drexel Middle Bible Class in Holy Trinity Church yesterday. He has been called into active service and told his associates he was going as far as the next.

ALLEGED INTERFERENCE with a traffic policeman at Broad and Chestnut streets caused the arrest yesterday of Police lieutenant George Stringer, of Twenty-third and Federal streets station, and his son Edward. When the lieutenant's identity was discovered at City Hall the prisoners were discharged.

A CLASS OF SEVENTY-TWO was confirmed yesterday by Bishop McCort at the dedicatory exercises of the parish school of St. Joseph's Church at Collingsdale. Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Joseph B. Monville, rector of the Holy Spirit Church, Sharon Hill.

STUCK by an automobile at Twenty-eighth and Reed streets, George Hodgson, ten years old, of 2112 Gray street, is in a serious condition in the Polyclinic Hospital. The accident occurred at Collingsdale. Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Joseph B. Monville, rector of the Holy Spirit Church, Sharon Hill.

POTTSVILLE Fishers Pay \$20 Fines... CHARLES R. POTTSVILLE, Pa., June 4.—Charles R. Potts, rector of the Holy Spirit Church, Sharon Hill, was fined \$20 for each of two children who were caught fishing in the Potomac river.

BANK MESSENGER VICTIM OF AUTOMOBILE BANDITS... GEORGE MEYERS, messenger for the Stockmen's Trust and Savings Bank, at the point of a revolver shortly after noon today and escaped with \$600.

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TO ARRANGE PLANS FOR ENVOYS' VISIT

Meeting at Mayor's Office Will Complete Program for Receiving Italian Mission

WASHINGTON, June 4.—Prince Udine, of the Royal Italian Commission, who had a sudden and severe attack of catarrhal tonsillitis yesterday, today had a temperature of 104. He is being attended by Doctor Floria, of the Italian embassy.

The illness of the Prince has resulted in the temporary cancellation of the proposed southern and midwestern trip of the Italian Commission. The State Department will make further announcement concerning the tour as soon as the condition of Prince Udine permits his traveling.

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