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THE BOLL WEEVIL GIVEN CREDIT FOR TURNING THE TIDE IN THE U. S.; HAS BEEN FOUGHT AS PEST

HAS TURNED THE PENDULUM
A Boost in the Cotton Market and Better Prices Have Been the Result of the Short Crop—A Progressive Moment Towards Easier Money is Going On.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 15—The lowly boll weevil, fought bitterly as a pest for two decades, and the anathema of cotton growers in the South, has turned the tide of business depression in the United States, thus vindicating the ancient philosophy that there is some good in everything.

The weight of the boll weevil's appetite for cotton in the young and succulent boll turned the pendulum of business and economic conditions and started the back swing toward better times according to high Government officials in Washington, including Secretary of the Treasury Mellon, one of the highest authorities on finance.

In a conference today with representatives of practically all the newspapers of the country, Mr. Mellon outlined tersely his viewpoint upon the economic situation. He told how step by step one factor in the economic wheel actuated another, and how better cotton prices, with increased demand because of a rising market, would sustain the South, and had already had a reflex in other markets, particularly in New York. The Secretary said better business in general was coming, though the iron and steel and other markets and not yet moved and he was chary of prediction.

It was all due, the secretary said, to the boll weevil. Cotton prices were not increased by demands but by definite word of a short crop, which decreased the available supply of the staple and put users into the notion that they had better buy.

Officials who have been studying closely the financial and economic condition of the country and who have steered the efforts of the Harding administration to stimulate business look for a further lowering of rediscount rates because of the progressive movement toward easier money and industrial recovery.

The reserves of some of the reserve banks in Eastern States are increasing, many of the reserve banks now having a ratio above 60 per cent. The tendency, officials said, is for the reserve rates to go lower toward the scale of commercial rates.

Reports from banks generally show that liquidation of bank loans is in progress as a result of larger activity in some commodity lines.

Officials generally predict an improvement in business will result from the more favorable factors noted in the cotton and wheat markets.

Successful Exhibitor.

Mr. John R. Jewett, a leading farmer of Island View, was among the successful York County exhibitors at the St. John exhibition last week. He won three first prizes on horses, and an equal number on Shorthorn cattle including a first for the best cow and three of her get. He also won seven prizes on his exhibit of pigs. Mr. Jewett will show his stock at the Fredericton exhibition next week.

U. N. B. Examinations.

Matriculation and supplemental examinations commenced at the University of New Brunswick today. The Junior Matriculation candidates are writing papers on Mathematics and Latin, Senior Matriculation, Mathematics, Latin and Drawing, while the Freshman, Sophomore and Junior Supplementals consist of Mathematics, Latin, Drawing, Highway Construction, Surveying, Railway Curves, Calculus Railroad Construction, History and Applied Mechanics.

Hon. Fred Magee, M. P. P., of Port Elgin, arrived in the city last night.

ENGINEER TO REPORT ON MINTO C. N. R. BRANCH

Government Willing to Assist Mine Operators—Fredericton Housing Board to Receive \$50,000 More

Wednesday afternoon a delegation of the mine operators in the Minto coal district waited upon the government and asked for the construction of a branch of railway from Hardwood Ridge on the Moncton-Edmundston sub-division of the Canadian National Railways to the Minto field. Hardwood Ridge is a short distance east of Cantor and the line proposed would be about four miles in length.

The government expressed willingness to grant the prayer of the petition but as a question of route had presented itself it was decided that an engineer be sent to the district at once to inspect the various routes offering themselves and to report upon which would be the one best adapted to serving the greatest number of mines.

The purpose of the branch is to give the Minto coal mines access to the C. N. R. system direct and thus extend the market for Minto coal.

For Fredericton Housing

A delegation from the Fredericton City Council asked that a further grant of fifty thousand dollars be made under The Housing Act for the purpose of erecting additional dwellings in Fredericton. An allotment of fifty thousand dollars made early in the year already has been used.

Premier Foster announced after the session that an allotment of fifty thousand dollars would be made to the Fredericton Housing Board as requested.

LIQUOR RUNNING CASE.

Three Witnesses Heard in Case of Driver of St. John Car, in the Police Court

The booze running case of the quartette who were taken in custody near Springhill on Monday night, occupied the attention of the police court again this morning. Proceedings consisted of the examination of three witnesses. Elmer Morrell, charged with operating a car while under the influence of liquor, P. J. Hughes was counsel for the prosecution and J. J. F. Winslow for the defence. Morrell's father first testified to the sober habits of the accused, the fact being brought out that Morrell was given to drinking an unusual amount of water.

Joseph Garnett was called next. He described the trip by car from St. John to the place where arrest of the occupants occurred, giving his opinion that accused was perfectly sober, having taken but a small drink of liquor on the five hour trip a few miles out of Fredericton, in order to overcome the effects of working in the rain over a breakdown of the car. He also told of carrying a bottle of water on the front seat and described meeting with the officers near Springhill.

The accused when called corroborated the evidence of the first two witnesses, claiming that he was sober throughout the trip and accounting for his excited appearance when in the cells by his experience and the soaking he received from the rain while repairing the breakdown. The case was then adjourned till this afternoon.

Will Again Make Connection.

By the new winter timetable which will come into effect October 3rd the Canadian National Railways again will make connection at Newcastle by the Maritime Express for Fredericton and points on the Newcastle-Fredericton Sub-division. Since last spring no connection has been made by that train.

WIGMORE MAY YET BE RETAINED IN THE MEIGHEN CABINET SAYS OTTAWA STORY

Premier Confronted With Problem of Preventing too Many Old Ministers From Deserting the Party Ship—R. B. Bennett Will Not Enter Government—Michael Clark Will Not Be Farmer Candidate.

Ottawa, Sept. 14—R. B. Bennett, K. C., former M. P. for Calgary, announced tonight that he would not accept a portfolio in the Meighen cabinet. It is his intention, however, to run if he gets the nomination in West Calgary. The sitting member, T. M. Tweedie, will be made a justice of the supreme court of Alberta.

From New Brunswick comes definite intimation that Hon. John B. M. Baxter opposition leader, is talking over with his friends an invitation to enter the cabinet. That has been considered a strong probability for some time, but today it appears that the great disfavor in which the Tory government is held by the electorate is making the work of building a presentable cabinet so difficult that the premier will be driven to keeping as many of the old ministers as he can induce to remain. That may yet include the Hon. R. W. Wigmore, so his friends say. The Hon. C. C. Ballantyne has reappeared on the scene and it is even rumored that he had to be resworn as a member, the story being that his resignation had already been acted on. He was in council today, and the expectation now is that he will stay with the premier until they all go down together on election day, and for so long hereafter as it takes to form the new administration.

The elevation of Major H. M. Mowatt to the high court of Ontario is believed here to be a matter of only a few days. The Hon. Hugh Guthrie might go there likewise if it were not that the strongest persuasion is being exerted to keep him beside the premier. The final decision in this matter cannot be long delayed. One disappointment after another is delaying the announcement of the line-up. The end of the work is now the time set.

CLARK NOT FARMER

Edmonton, Alta., Sept. 14—The Journal publishes a copy of a letter sent by Dr. Michael Clark, of Red Deer, to Hon. T. A. Crerar, leader of the National Progressive Party, in which Dr. Clark definitely makes the statement that he will not be a candidate in the forthcoming federal election under the Progressive or Farmer banner. He denounced H. W. Wood's government policy.

SHONTS ESTATE IS REDUCED TO HALF MILLION

New York, Sept. 15—Mrs. Amanda Thomas, to whom Theodore P. Shonts traction magnate willed the residue of his estate, will receive less than \$500,000.

This was shown when the Guaranty Trust Company, as administrator of the estate, petitioned Surrogate's Court for a judicial settlement.

The petition stated that out of a total estate of \$940,969, various loans had been repaid and \$96,320 paid the widow, Mrs. Milla D. Shonts, on her claim of \$100,000. Many securities were listed as valueless, so that the balance on hand is only \$536,504, out of which bequests must be paid several relatives.

OIL EXPLOSION KILLED TEN

Philadelphia, Sept. 14—Ten workmen were killed and more than a score injured, several of whom are expected to die, in the second serious fire to visit the big Point Breeze plant of the Atlantic Refining Company in a month. Three more men are reported missing and may have been burned to death beneath flaming tanks of petroleum.

The fire was preceded by a terrific explosion which drenched workmen with flaming oil before they could leap to safety, killing several instantly. Others employed further back from the tanks were sprayed with the searing petroleum and painfully injured. Only prompt action by the company's organized rescue squads prevented the death list from mounting higher, witnesses declared.

Mr. Arthur Jonah of Amherst was in the city yesterday on business.

PETER VERDE AND LITTLE PETER WERE WINNERS

St. Stephen, Sept. 14—The second day of the St. Stephen exhibition is closing with success written over every feature. The two days attendance has been the greatest in the history of the association and clear skies tonight foretell a record-breaking attendance on the third day.

The following summaries tell the story of exciting horse racing.

2.27 Stake Trot, Purse \$400.

Peter Verde, L. R. Acker, Halifax (Hanifan) 1 1 2 1
Lou Miller, F. A. Johnson, St. Stephen (Keyes) 2 2 1 2
Aristo, George Walker, St. Stephen (Walker) 3 3 3 3
Trixie Dillon, L. R. Acker, Halifax (Purvis) 4 4 4 dr
Time—2:25 1-4; 2:23; 2:17 1-4; 2:19.

2.21 Pace, Purse \$400.

Little Gillig, E. Gillman, St. Stephen (Keyes) 1 1 1
Bingen R., R. L. Todd, St. Stephen (Holmes) 2 3 3
Consewaugh Kate, M. T. McCrea, Calais (Southard) 3 4 2
Confection C. B. Dewitt, Bridge town N. S. (Hanifan) 4 2 4
Dick deForest, D. W. Groves, Calais (Kyle) 5 5 dr
Time—2:17 1-4; 2:17 1-4; 2:18

2.16 Pace, Purse \$400.

Little Peter, W. V. Dowse, Caribou (Dowse) 1 1 1
Billy Odonna, W. L. Eaton, Calais, (Holmes) 2 2 2
Hanks Belini, C. B. McKay, St. Stephen (McKay) 4 3 3
Wayland Echo, Means & Southard, Machias (Southard) 3 ds
Time—2:17 1-4; 2:17 1-4; 2:19 3-4.

Visiting Motorists

Among the guests registered Wednesday at the Queen Hotel was a motoring party from Boston, Mass., composed of M. Noonan, T. Murray and N. Noonan.

GRIFFITHS WILL HEAD SINN FEIN DELEGATION AS HAD BEEN EXPECTED; DE VALERA NOT MEMBER

JOHN R. BRADEN CAUSED UPSET AT WOODSTOCK

Margaret Dillon the Favorite Broke Badly—New Maritime Pacing Record 2.07 1/4.

Woodstock, Sept. 14—John R. Braden, 202 3-4, owned by the Mooseleuk Club at Presque Isle, Me., won the \$3,000 free for all at the Woodstock Fair this afternoon in three straight heats before 25,000 people and reduced the pacing record of the Maritime Provinces to 2:07 1-4.

Directum J. drew the pole, but was sent away half a length back in the initial heat and when they went into the first turn John R. Braden had taken the pole and was out in front, never to be headed again. The Dillon mare, which was favorite in the betting, because of her victory last week at Presque Isle, broke soon after the get away in the first heat and was not a contender thereafter in that heat and could not reach the Aroostook pacer in the other heats.

John R. Braden was heavily backed for a better place than Directum J., and the Mooseleuk Club cleaned up well on wagers on that basis, as well as the short ends, when backing their pacer to win.

The time became faster each heat; the first was in 2:10 1-2, the second in 2:08 and the third in 2:07 1-4. The former Maritime Provinces pacing record was 2:03 1-4, made at Fredericton in July by Roy Volo. John R. Braden will meet Roy Volo at Fredericton next Tuesday for the "Down East" championship.

The other winners today were Donald Keith, another Presque Isle entry, in the 2:20 stake, and Daniel Dorando, a fellow member, with Margaret Dillon in the Sunshine stables of Boston, who won the 2:25 trot.

Summary:

2.20 Trot and Pace.
Purse \$500.
Donald Keith, b g (Stewart) 1 1 1
Hayward Wilkes, b g (Nevers) 3 2
Corwin Hal (Steele) 2 4 3
Money Man (Garnum) 4 3 4
Time—2:16 3-4; 2:15 3-4; 2:15 3-4.

2.25 Trot

Purse \$400.
Daniel Dorando, b s (Munroe) 1 1 1
Uscita, b m (Steele) 3 3 2
Cegante Boy, b s (Garrison) 5 2 3
Leonora McKinney, b m (Mott) 2 4 7
Leavetta North, Harvest Queen and Aubrey McKinney also started.
Time—2:21 1-4; 2:22 1-4; 2:20 1-4.

Free for All

Purse \$3,000.
John R. Braden, b s (Willard) 1 1 1
Margaret Dillon, b m (Munroe) 3 2 2
Directum J, blk s (Page) 2 3 3
Time—2:10 1-2; 2:08; 2:07 1-2.

DUNRAVEN WANTS IRELAND A KINGDOM

London, Sept. 15—Lord Dunraven in a letter to the Times opposes the proposal to make Ireland a dominion and suggests the restoration of her status as a Kingdom. "Ireland," he says, "was deprived of her status of Kingdom and of her Constitution, and has ever since protested against it. "Why not restore it to her? It has the great merit of simplicity. The status of Kingdom is subject to one condition only—unity under the Crown."

KILLED BY KETCHUP BOTTLE

Warren, R. I., Sept. 15—While Samuel Boeniger, 50, was opening a ketchup bottle at his dinner table here today, the container exploded into a hundred pieces. A triangular bit of glass was driven into Mr. Boeniger's throat and he died a few hours later.

LLOYD GEORGE WAS NOT SATISFIED WITH REPLY

Something More Definite Requested by British Premier—Conference Expected to Open Next Tuesday—Interim Negotiations Will Clear Up Number of Points.

Dublin, Sept. 14—The appointment of plenipotentiaries to the proposed conference at Inverness with British representatives to discuss the settlement of the Irish question, was approved by the Dail Eireann at its session here today.

The Dail unanimously approved the reply to the recent proposals of Mr. Lloyd George, British premier, regarding the Irish peace negotiations.

The Dail's official bulletin announcing approval of the five plenipotentiaries, says this was done "in view of a possible conference with representatives of the British government."

The Dail plenipotentiaries, it was explained, were not appointed to go to Inverness in response to the premier's invitation, but have been chosen to carry on possible negotiations which may, or may not, follow the receipt by Mr. Lloyd George of the Dail cabinet's reply.

The appointments of plenipotentiaries approved were those of the following:

Arthur Griffith, founder of the Sinn Fein and foreign minister of the Dail cabinet, chairman.

Michael Collins, finance minister.

Robert C. Barton, who has been one of the leading figures in the preliminary negotiations.

Eamonn J. Duggan, Sinn Fein member of parliament and a leading figure in the arrangement of the Irish truce.

Geo. G. Duffy, who has acted as representative of the Sinn Fein abroad.

London, Sept. 14—Although no actual hitch has occurred in the Irish negotiations, says the Evening Standard today, "The premier was so dissatisfied with Eamonn De Valera's reply that he asked the courier sent to Scotland to return immediately to Dublin to convey to Mr. De Valera the premier's views on the points raised."

"In view of the indefinite character of the Sinn Fein proposals," continues the newspaper, "the couriers were in effect told to go home and produce something better. Mr. De Valera's note was so full of reservations as to precipitate all sorts of difficulties were they not cleared up in advance of the full conference."

"These reservations, also did not accept Mr. Lloyd George's first conference must be acceptance of Ireland's inclusion within the empire."

"It is believed the points at issue will be cleared up in sufficient time for the conference to open next Tuesday," continues the newspaper. "The premier," it adds, "is acting within the powers conferred upon him personally to conduct the interim negotiations in order that nothing might interfere with the holding of the conference Tuesday."

COL. RALSTON TO ARGUE

Nova Scotia Counsel Has Extended to Him Courtesy of N. B. Court

Before the Appeal Division, Supreme Court, this morning, in Cox's Towing Line Incorporated vs. Dunfield & Co., Ltd., M. G. Teed, K. C., for plaintiff, moved to set aside the verdict entered for defendant, and enter verdict for the plaintiff.

Fred R. Taylor, K. C., for defendant, asked that Col. Ralston of the Nova Scotia Bar be accorded the privilege of being heard on the same side. Chief Justice Hazen stated that the court was pleased to extend the courtesy asked for and would be pleased to hear Col. Ralston. Mr. Teed then argued.