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## GAMBLING BLAMED FOR CRISES IN FUR MARKET

Warehouses of Canada are Stocked With a Large Supply of Furs of Good Quality—Gamblers in Furs Have Been Shot to Pieces—Retail Prices on Good Stock Said to Be Holding Up Well.

(Agnes C. Laut in Financial Post.)

The idea has gone broadcast that "the fur market is completely shot to pieces."

It is well to recall the fable of the thief, shouting "Thief! thief!" to cover his own getaway.

What has been "shot to pieces" is not the fur market, but the gambler; and he is so full of small buck shot just now that his howls resound round the world.

Retail prices on good furs—please stress the word good—have receded little if any. Trade demands for good furs—stress good again—have curtailed not a jot. The trade absorbed four million muskrats last year in the United States. It demands seven millions this year.

What bedevils the American fur market this year is the fact that warehouses are crammed with second grade and poor and no grade furs.

What happened was this:

The war left the United States oozing with money—oodles of it. People, who never had had money, had it. People, who never before could afford furs, now could afford furs. The country had three very severe winters. Wool had gone to unheard-of prices—shoddy wool, too.

Furs were unsaleable in Europe and came pouring into the United States.

Dye works in Europe were stalled by the war. Dye workers, chiefly from Germany and Russia, came pouring here to escape conscription; and they brought with them their trade secrets.

Industrial Development.

From employing a few hundred dyers and dressers, the fur trade of Manhattan suddenly jumped to 10,000 skilled workers drawing wages of \$100 a week, and 60,000 unskilled workers.

A furious campaign of conscious and unconscious fur booming swept the country. The price of furs doubled, quadrupled, quintupled. Muskrats jumped from 25 to 50c each to \$4 and \$7. Fox, marten, mink, followed suit in an aeroplane flight above the clouds.

As usual, the Seventh Avenue bar-room gamblers of New York sensed the coming boom first. They had played out the gold brick game in Nevada. They had worked the oil boom in Texas to its death. The country had gone "dry" and "wet" was proving dangerous. Furs offered these gentry a new game, where illicit whiskey might play a winning part; so they hied them to the Canadian Northwest in 1919, to Siberia, to Kamchatka, and with a good stock of illicit whiskey and dope and about as much knowledge of furs as I have of differential calculus, they set out "to bust the old companies" by buying furs at fabulous prices right under the old traders' noses. The old traders were a bit staggered and at first bid against the new comers. The Indian isn't a fool. Neither is the white trapper. They sized the new comers as "boastful kikes"—as one of the buyers described them to me; and they tipped the trappers and Indians off "to soak them for all the traffic would stand."

Booming the Prices.

The Indians took the advice. They took it so literally that poor muskrat not worth 10c—taken out of season and likely to shed hairs—was sold for \$4 and \$5 and white fox turning dun color for summer brought almost \$100. The Indians and trappers did their job so thoroughly they can afford to quit trapping for several seasons and laugh! The pity is—the illicit whiskey and dope left their effects in a fur trade world more debauched and unclean than it has been in a hundred years, when the old companies were locked in bitter fight; and whole tribes have been so demoralized that for the first time in a hundred years white men's caches of provisions are no longer safe. The Indian does not commit murder as he did a hundred years ago, but if he does not want his tribe debauched, when whiskey scoundrels go into the wilds with dope, the red man has another remedy. He goes in behind the white scout and destroys every vestige of every cache. When the white scoundrel prepares to come back on his trail, he has neither the goods to barter nor the food to sustain him. He may come out alive or he may not but the Indian has not committed murder—that is clear. I could describe such a scene, which I witnessed coming out of the North;

but the details of the debauch are too obscene for print. Suffice to say the only constable on hand was one man to six and didn't make any arrests.

Prices were fabulously high all 1918 and 1919 down to the spring sales of 1920, when it was perfectly evident at the auctions that while good furs never sold so high poor furs were being bought in by their owners. The gamblers were then in a quandary what to do with the poor furs they had bought at such a high figure the trade would not touch them.

Slashing Prices.

The banks solved the problem by closing down advances and seizing furs, which were consigned to the auction rooms to be sold for what they would bring. There followed the sealed private sales of furs this last fall to clear the warehouses out; and you could hear the laugh of the old companies all the way from London to Athabasca and Peace River. They helped the slump along by foregoing all profits in 1920 fall sales and slashing prices another 50 per cent.

Buyers out on the field for the gamblers got rush wires and messages by scouts not to buy any furs at any price. Fur journals were asked officially not to boom prices, but to sit tight till the crisis passed. Trappers, who came down to selling posts with last year's catch, could not sell in the summer of 1920 at any figure but slaughter prices. Many did not sell at all, but stored their furs in the banks, and took jobs in mines and lumber mills and on rail tracks for the season. Some sold low and let go, but did not get enough of an advance to outfit for 1920-21.

The result will be threefold.

Game will increase this year in the north.

By the spring of 1921 the warehouses will be cleared of all the poor furs which will be dyed and dressed and released to the retail trade for what they will bring.

Good furs are still high in price and by the fall of 1921 will be scarce.

## SOCIALIST ATTACKS REDS

Chicago, Dec. 8—Meyer London of New York, Socialist Congressman-elect, criticised the Soviet Government of Russia before a crowd of 3,000 Socialists in Carmen's Hall here, and a riot started that resulted in the smashing of many chairs, hats and heads and the turning in of several calls to the Police Department.

Order was restored after the police battled with the rioters for some time and then the injured were treated by police surgeons.

London was the principal speaker at



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## HAWKER'S Tolu and Cherry BALSAM

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the meeting, and he spoke for twenty minutes amid applause. Then he suddenly attacked the Bolsheviks, asserting that the principles of Lenin were not necessarily the principles of pure Socialism, and that the Socialists of New York were entirely out of sympathy with developments in Russia.

"But here in Chicago," said Mr. London, "you are too slow to realize the faults of the Russian Government. You go blindly on in the belief that anything a Socialist does must be right."

There had been considerable movement and comment in the hall from the beginning of the attack upon Lenin and the Bolsheviks, and hisses and hoots came when the speaker referred to Chicago. It seemed as if about half the crowd agreed with Mr. London, while the other half was much opposed to his views. Those who agreed with him began fighting those who did not, and in a moment there were at least a hundred fights in the hall. At first these were strictly private encounters, but after a few blows had been struck they became anybody's fight, and everybody joined. When the police reached the hall from the Warren avenue station, the hall was in an uproar, with practically every one of the 3,000 men there busily engaged in trying to hit some one else.

The meeting was the principal event

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of a three day meeting of the National Executive Committee of the Socialists.