

## BIG BOOM IN COTTON.

Great Excitement Attends Fluctuations in New York and New Orleans Option Market.

Advance May Have Serious Effect upon the Canadian Industry—Eleven Cent Mark Has Been Crossed.

New York, July 12.—An advance of more than \$2 was recorded on the open market here today on reports of heavy rains in the West, private advisers of crop damage and the belief that the June acreage report of the Bureau of Statistics had under estimated the percentage decrease. The movement was accompanied by great activity and excitement. All options on the local markets sold over the 11-cent mark during the few minutes trading. October, after opening at 10.85, advanced to 11.21, a little more than \$2 a bale over the closing figures of Saturday. Other months were equally strong and excited.

### THE CLIMAX OF THE MARKET.

The advance reported above in the price of cotton comes on the top of several other sensational advances and enormous trading extending over a period of several weeks. No such violent fluctuations have attended the speculation in this staple since the era of wild transactions which marked the Sully boom in 1903. On last Monday the United States Government issued a rather sensational crop report and the market instantly responded with an advance of 100 points, or \$5 a bale, an advance never before equalled in the history of cotton speculation in "options,"

even during a "corner" movement. The market has since scored an almost uninterrupted rise until the October option touched 11.21 today. This price compares with 6 1/2 to 6 3/4, the low point of last December and January, and is equivalent to a maximum advance since that time of 4 cents per pound, or \$20 a bale.

The effect of this remarkable advance on the Canadian cotton industry is problematical. Already all the large companies have withdrawn all their prices and have substituted another schedule, representing an advance of 5 to 70 per cent, and, according to leading cotton men, the prospects are for a still larger advance in the very near future.

In this connection a Montreal wire to The News says:—"The sensational rise to 11.40 in the raw cotton market is looked upon with considerable apprehension by leading Canadian cotton mill interests. No more Sully booms are wanted. The trade has just about recovered from that disastrous movement and now that it is firmly established on its feet mill people trust that there will be no more disturbance. At present the Canadian mills are making money, but if they have to buy high-priced cotton the venture will be uncertain."

## MAINE'S NATURAL ADVANTAGES.

In natural advantages for agriculture, manufactures and commerce, Maine surpasses all the states of the North Atlantic division, which includes Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Her area of 33,040 square miles just about equals the area of all the other New England states combined. Her area of fertile, cultivable land exceeds that of all of them, the county of Aroostook alone, in this respect surpasses any one of them.

The forests of Maine cover an area of 20,000 square miles, clothed with pine, spruce, hemlock, oak, maple, poplar, cedar and other valuable woods.

She has more than 1,500 lakes and ponds, covering 2,300 square miles, and over 5,000 rivers and streams, affording more than 2,500,000 horse power; more available water power than any equal area of the surface of the earth, not even excepting that of which Niagara is the centre.

The seacoast of Maine, extending for 225 miles in an air line from Kittery Point to Quoddy Head, is broken by the great bays of Casco, Narragansett, Muscongus, Penobscot, Frenchman's, Passamaquoddy and numerous smaller ones, forming a succession of long, rocky peninsulas, separated by deep and narrow inlets with many safe and commodious land locked harbors.

Maine has a longer line of navigable seacoast with more accessible

harbors than all the other states of the North Atlantic division combined. New Hampshire has no seacoast accessible for the largest modern ships. Massachusetts has but one considerable port of entry, Boston, the long, sandy peninsula of Cape Cod, which constitutes the largest part of her coast line, having not a single harbor suitable for maritime commerce. Connecticut and Rhode Island have not a single first-class ocean port.

Aside from Long Island, which has not an available harbor, New York has not a mile of seacoast outside of New York Harbor, while New Jersey with 130 miles of ocean front from Sandy Hook to Cape May is a waste of sandy beach without a single navigable harbor. In addition to her coast line Maine possesses an advantage not enjoyed by any other state upon the Atlantic coast, in two great navigable rivers, the Penobscot, 275 miles long, navigable for 55 miles to Bangor, and the Kennebec, 155 miles long, navigable for 42 miles to Augusta, and many other rivers, which at a comparatively small expense might be made available for maritime commerce.

In Portland Harbor, Maine has the finest seacoast on the Atlantic coast, with great natural advantages of constantly increasing value, by reason of the steadily increasing draft and tonnage of sea-going vessels which are placing an embargo on Boston, Montreal and other less accessible harbors.—A.

## DUPED PRINCE OF WALES.

Bogus-picture Swindlers Assume Large Proportions.

New York, July 12.—Numerous relations in recent years of spurious ancient and modern masters in public and private galleries are causing a feeling that some drastic steps are necessary to stop the system of wholesale swindling in this manner, the centre of which is Paris, cables the London correspondent of The Sun.

A case which has attracted the most attention recently is a Corot which the Prince of Wales purchased on advice and presented to the new Dublin Gallery of Modern Art. This, despite the support of four leading London experts, is known to be a poor copy of a picture by Meszoly in the Budapest Museum.

One of the best-known connoisseurs in Paris suggests that every picture painted nowadays shall have a certificate signed by the artist in the presence of official witnesses.

The correctional tribunal of Paris is now trying ten prisoners on a charge of forging pictures by Corot, Courbet, Chintreuil, Dupre, Diaz, Daubigny, Sisley, Willette and others, forgeries of whose works have been discovered in large numbers in their manufactories. Willette is the only living artist among the above. He testified that after twenty years of incessant work, and in spite of his success he is only just able to make a living owing to the large number of forged pictures and drawings bearing his name which are on the market in France and abroad. Wealthy Englishmen and Americans are the chief purchasers of these forgeries and Paris, Vienna, Berlin, Rome, and St. Petersburg are the principal centres of the trade.

### GAMBLERS' QUARREL.

So Secretary Wilson Describes Crop Report Scandals.

Washington, July 12.—That Secretary Wilson Describes Crop

Report Scandals. Wilson intends to take no step backward in his report on the cotton crop investigation was evidenced today by his statement that he was not afraid of any libel suit which might be filed against him by Mr. Price or others mentioned in the report. In fact, he said he would welcome such action, because it might be the means of developing some of the facts not already uncovered and which it was desirable to know.

"This is a quarrel among gamblers," he said, "brought about by the dissatisfaction of some of them in not getting what they thought was their due. I have nothing to take back. As the head of an executive department of the Government, it was my duty and my right to give to the public the results of the investigation by the secret service in the charges which have been held leading up to the dismissal of Mr. Holmes."

The Secretary added that he had given consideration to Mr. Price's request, as presented through his attorney, "to withdraw the unjust, offensive and unsubstantiated charges and implications," and had reached the determination to take no further action in the matter. He said he would not communicate with Mr. Price or his attorney in any way.

### BRIDAL PAIR IN CIRCUS CAGE.

Pittsburg, July 12.—F. C. Zimmerman of Hackensack, N. J., and Miss Louise Timmins of the East End, were married by the Rev. Mr. M. Annly, pastor of the Roman Avenue Christian Church. They were kidnapped by the wedding guests, headed by a brother of the bride, and placed in a circus menagerie wagon. Headed by a brass band, and followed by the guests in carriages, and about a thousand citizens, the caged couple were paraded through all the principal streets of the fashionable East End district.

When Director Harry Moore of the department of public safety, heard of the affair, he was so indignant over what he termed an outrage that he ordered the arrest of all the participants for holding a circus parade without license. Superintendent of

police Wallace considered the thing such a joke that he refused to act. The parade lasted until ten o'clock when Mr. and Mrs. Zimmerman were driven in the wagon to the depot and allowed to depart on their honeymoon.

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### JUMPED 1,000 FEET.

Aeronaut Left Leaking Balloon To Save Woman's Life.

New York, July 12.—With a drop of 1,000 to what seemed certain death, William Canfield, a Boston aeronaut, leaped from his balloon over Lynn Common last night in order to save Mrs. Camille Stafford, a woman aeronaut, that ascended with him, says a Lynn special to The Tribune. She escaped unhurt. He was badly injured by striking the side of a house as his parachute swung in the strong wind. Five thousand persons witnessed the startling feat.

At the time that he leaped the balloon was over the most thickly populated part of Lynn. It was leaking badly, and the aeronaut's combined weight was a drag. Canfield saw that the only way to save the woman was to cut loose in his parachute. The woman remained with the balloon until it passed over the meadows a mile away. The ascension was one that had been postponed from July 4.

### Coaling the Sun.

Coaling the sun is an expression used by physicists to indicate the necessity of renewing the stock of motive power, exactly analogous to coaling a vessel for an ocean journey. Many maintain that this is done by the incessant showers of meteorites which rain in upon it from celestial space. Thus it is that the sun's energy is continually kept up and its fires are fed. Atom after atom in the continuous collisions of matter is changed into vapor and adds its quota of energy to the great central storehouse—in fact, "coals the sun."

### Climbing Parnassus.

In mythology Parnassus, a mountain in central Greece, was sacred to the muses. The Delphian sanctuary of Apollo was on its slope and from between its twin summit peaks flowed the fountain Castalia, the waters of which were reputed to impart the virtue of poetic inspiration. The highest peak, 8,008 feet, was held sacred to Bacchus and the rest to Apollo and the muses—whence the saying of young poets "climbing Parnassus."

### Subtle Scheme.

"Do you like Wagner's music?" asked the caller.

"No," said the young woman at the piano. "I hate it."

"Why do you play it, then?"

"Because this instrument is dreadfully out of tune, and if I played any other kind of music you'd notice it."

### Easily Remedied.

A shoemaker was fitting a customer with a pair of boots when the buyer observed that he had but one objection to them, which was that the soles were too thick. "If that is all," replied Crispin, "put on the boots, and the objection will gradually wear away."

### Two Bad Moments.

There is only one thing that is said to be worse than being called upon unexpectedly to make an after dinner speech. That is to prepare an after dinner speech and not be asked to deliver it.

### It Sometimes Falls.

"There's nothing like perseverance. It wins out in the long run."

"Not always. Did you ever see a hen on a porcelain egg?"—Brooklyn Life.

### A Bit of Good Advice.

One of the best things to do before we criticise others much is to begin an intelligent study of ourselves.—Chicago Journal.

### BLESSING THE WATERS.

Unique and Solemn Annual Ceremony on the River Neva.

Midwinter in St. Petersburg each year sees a unique and solemn ceremony called "the blessing of the waters." A chapel of ice, richly decorated with ornaments from the palaces and churches and dedicated to St. John the Baptist, is erected on the frozen surface of the river Neva. The river is then called the Jordan, and religious services are conducted in the temple by the metropolitan or high priest of the national church, attended by the emperor and all his court. The ceremony is in memory of the baptism of Christ and is supposed to be a safeguard against dangers from floods as well as to benefit those who make their living on the sea.

A hole is cut in the ice in the center of the floor of the chapel. From this the people are baptized by sprinkling by the priests, and the faithful members of the Greek church go in vast crowds to get their share, while religious devotees often plunge into the ice cold flood through the hole. If they catch cold and die, as they often do, heaven is secured for them. On the evening before the ceremony devout churchmen make crosses on their thresholds to prevent the evil spirits that are driven from the water from taking refuge in their houses.—Chicago News.

### STORY OF "LAS MENINAS."

How One of Velasquez's Notable Pictures Came to Be Painted.

The story of "La Meninas" is that Velasquez was painting a portrait of the Spanish king and queen (who sat where the spectator is when he looks at the picture). Their little daughter, the Infanta Margarita, came in with her maids of honor, her dog and her dwarfs and accompanied by her dwarfs and a courtier. The little princess asks for a drink of water; a maid of honor hands it to her with the elaborate etiquette prescribed by the formalities of the most rigidly ceremonious court in Europe. The scene presented so charming a picture that the king desired Velasquez to paint it. The artist has included himself in the group at work upon a large canvas on which it is supposed he was painting a portrait of the king and queen when the interruption occurred. The reflection of the king and queen appears in the mirror at the end of the room, and the chamberlain, Don Jose Nieto, stands outside the door drawing the curtain. The scene is, indeed, represented with such wonderful realism that a famous French critic said of it, "So complete is the illusion that, standing in front of 'Las Meninas,' one is tempted to ask, 'Where is the picture?'"—St. Nicholas.

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