

CANADA IN HIGH GLEE

Revelation Of Reciprocity Tickles The Dominion Immensely

ANNEXATION TALKS SCARE 'EM

Laurier Whose Retirement is Regarded As National Calamity Will Yield Reins To Borden

Montreal, Sept. 22.—That popular post-election puzzle "How did it happen?" has fascinated all Canada today. "Reciprocity is repudiated," states an evening paper in three-inch type beneath which is a cartoon headed "The Archangel Chains the Destroyer." Figure of "Anti-Reciprocity Forces" with the drawn sword of "Loyalty" enchains the prostrate "Reciprocity" with a chain of votes.

"Yesterday's victory was not a triumph any political party," an editorial declares. "It was won by a patriotic coalition of Conservatives and Liberals determined that the dream of a great, imperishable Canada should not be dispersed."

Another paragraph relating the severed heads of the eight defeated Laurier ministers, insists that the time had come for a change in government, lest the controlling party become, even against its will, entrenched in its policy.

THE ANNEXATION GHOST

Fear of annexation, disagreement with the government's naval and transportation policies, and an anxiety lest the principle of national development be abandoned, were other assigned causes for the change which gives the Borden government a majority of at least 48 in the new house of Commons.

The Borden regime will be inaugurated with even more completeness of power than is indicated by the new statement of majority in the 112 Conservative seats but one is held by a Nationalist.

The names of the victorious leader and the defeated one have not been more on the popular tongue today than has that of the late Laurier. What, if any, effect the result would have on his political career, or on that of his party, was much discussed.

That his own often-quoted words, which were assigned meanings he had said were unintended, have been some of the most potent weapons against reciprocity, is generally conceded. The "parting of the ways," as synonymous with the severance of political ties, has brought much destruction to the Laurier forces.

Canadian milling and industrial stocks generally were strong today, with considerable price gains in several instances.

STUDY FOR POLITICIANS

The tables showing the vote by province are of great interest. It was noted that the Conservative gains in the maritime provinces were seven to the government's three. In the Western provinces, the opposition increased its representation by one, while the opposition secured four new seats.

The two most populous provinces show the most serious government losses. The opposition gained 33 to the government's 2 in Ontario and 14 to 4 in Quebec. Deferred elections in four districts are expected to result in four Conservative gains, experience showing that under such conditions a majority of the electorate prefer their representative seated on the side of the party in power.

LAURIER RETIRES SOON

The Borden party will soon take up the reins of government. That Sir Wilfrid Laurier will allow no technicalities to delay the opening of the Twelfth Parliament is certain. Today he went to Ottawa from Quebec, where he had received the news of his defeat.

It is expected that he will retire at the earliest moment consistent with the proper arrangements of the large affairs which have so long been under his control. That his striking figure and strong personality will be missed in public affairs is certain.

The Liberal organs describe the Premier's defeat as a little short of a national calamity.

PHOTOGRAPHERS TO MEET

Asheville will act host to the Virginia-Carolina Photographers Association Next Week.

Special to The Observer.

Asheville, Sept. 22.—Following the big three-day convention of the North Carolina Postmasters' Association here this week, another one, equally as large, is scheduled for four days next week. This is the Virginia-Carolina Photographic Association, comprising Virginia and the two Carolinas, and the sessions will begin on Tuesday, continuing until Friday. One hundred or more members are expected to attend. The sessions will be held in the convention hall of the Swannanoa-Berkeley hotel.

Quite an interesting program has been arranged for the meeting and it is confidently expected that it will be the most instructive of any yet held. There will be an exhibition some of the finest photographic work in the United States and a number of papers will be brought here from the national convention, which was held only a short time ago. There will, of course, be some very fine exhibits by the members of the association. One hundred or more members are expected to attend. The sessions will be held in the convention hall of the Swannanoa-Berkeley hotel.

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McDOWELL COURT

Charles Lytle, Colored, Convicted of Manslaughter and Sentenced to 4 Months in the Chain-Gang—Hailroads Fined \$500 for Operating Freight Trains on Sunday.

Special to The Observer.

Marion, Sept. 22.—The fall term of superior court of McDowell county has been in session this week. Judge Long is presiding with that ease and dignity for which he is noted through the State. Solicitor A. Hall Johnston has prosecuted the criminal docket with vigor and alertness. The principal cases on the criminal docket were against Charles Lytle, charged with a murder, and against the Southern Railway and Carolina Clinchfield & Ohio Railroad, charged with operating freight trains on Sunday.

Charles Lytle killed Mack McKinney in Old Fort less than a month ago. Lytle admitted the killing, but pleaded self-defense. A verdict for manslaughter was returned, and Lytle was sentenced to 4 months on the chain-gang. The trouble between Lytle and McKinney was of a domestic nature, and the public seems to be entirely satisfied with the verdict and sentence. The parties were all colored.

The two principal railroads in the county were indicted from presentments from the grand jury for operating freight trains on Sunday. Three bills were found against the Southern Railway and against the Clinchfield & Ohio Railroad. The grand jury found the railroad guilty in all the cases, and Judge Long fined each road \$500, suspending judgment in the other cases. These cases have been more talked of than any other, and it has been the practice of operating freight trains by these roads and others should be stopped, or the law repealed.

The criminal docket was closed yesterday, and the remainder of this week will be taken up with the civil docket.

Lawyers Frank Watson of Burnsville, J. F. Spaulding, I. T. Avery and S. J. Ervin of Morganton, W. C. Newland of Lenoir and D. F. Morrow of Rutherfordton have been attending the court.

WALL STREET DEMORALIZED BY STEEL TRUST RUMORS

Landslide in Market Values Follows Report of Dissolution of Giant Corporation, and Defeat of Canadian Reciprocity Pact Contributes to the General Confusion

New York, Sept. 22.—The stock market was overwhelmed today by a wild outburst of selling which for a time resulted in demoralization and swift depreciation in market values. The cause of the panic was a report of the dissolution of the United States Steel Corporation, which has resulted in an enormous volume of selling by holders of the corporation's stock in all parts of the country and in Europe. The defeat of reciprocity in the Canadian elections contributed to the unsettlement of the market. Not since the panic which grew out of the Northern Pacific "corner" seven years ago has such a convulsion of the stock market occurred.

Wall Street was in utter confusion. Officials of the steel corporation maintained the silence and the situation remained virtually unchanged. The only fact which stood out from the confused rumors and opinions was a definite statement from Attorney General Clegg that no arrangements for the dissolution of the corporation had been made and that no such action had been proposed to the Department of Justice. This put a stop to the rumor that the corporation had been dissolved.

The scene upon the floor of the stock exchange during the height of the excitement was almost unprecedented.

WILL HEAR COMPLAINTS

Corporation Commission Will Attempt to Adjust Railroad and Taxation Matters

Observer Bureau.

Raleigh, Sept. 22.—The North Carolina Corporation Commission has announced a number of hearings to be held at various points in the State involving railroad and taxation matters. The commission will be at Tarboro September 29 for the purpose of hearing a petition for the Atlantic Coast Line to be re-chartered to extend to Wilmington-Rocky Mount shortly to Tarboro.

September 30 the commission will be at Washington to hear a petition for the removal of the local freight business office of a major convention in the freight schedule of the Madison County Railroad.

BROTHER AGAINST BROTHER

With Mother Nature as the Sole Witness Robert Watson and Thomas Cantrell Fought to Death in a Luscious Spot in the Arkansas Woods

Arkansas City, Ark., Sept. 22.—In a lonely spot in the Arkansas woods, near Lead Hill, two brothers fought to death this afternoon. Reuben Cantrell, 35 years of age, was slain and Thomas Cantrell, 55 years old, is dying. The former was shot to death and the latter will not survive a dozen knife wounds which he received in the battle.

Leaving the body of his brother where it had fallen, the wounded man walked a mile to his home, where he declared Reuben had attacked him with a knife while he was at work in the woods. A bitter struggle followed, and Thomas secured possession of his shotgun and killed his antagonist. Reuben's body was found in a nearby thicket many times into his brother's body. Physicians tonight say there is no chance for his recovery. The battle was the outcome of a family feud.

TAFT IN SERIOUS MOOD

Downcast By Defeat He Talks In Personal Veil

SAYS HE IS POOR POLITICIAN

Didn't Want The Presidency Anyway, But Chief Justiceship—Doing What He Thinks is Right

Peoria, Ill., Sept. 22.—President Taft had a heart-to-heart talk here today with the leaders of the different Republican factions in Illinois, defining his status as a progressive, pleading guilty to being a poor politician, acknowledging again that his ambition had lain in the direction of the office of Chief Justice rather than the presidency; admitted that he undoubtedly had made many mistakes, but asserted that as President he had tried to do what he thought to be right. What the future held for him, he did not know; he would go ahead doing the best he could. Mr. Taft declared he was not allied with the extreme right or left, either conservatives or progressives, but had tried to take a middle ground between the two.

"But we middle-of-the-road people believe we are the real progressives," said the President, "and we do not make progress in great strides, you make it step by step."

TALKS PLAINLY

The President was in a serious mood. He declared that while it might not be so for a time, the people in the end would distinguish between "fact and fiction" and recognize the difference between substance in progress and platform declarations written for campaign purposes only.

The speech made by the President was the most significant and interesting of his trip thus far. He still was downcast by the defeat of the reciprocity agreement in Canada, but his only reference to that subject was made early in the day when he addressed the workers in a local manufacturing establishment where farming implements are made.

"I was sorry to hear that in Canada they do not care to have closer commercial relations with us," he said. "If reciprocity had been adopted, we could have gotten our agricultural implements into Canada at a substantial decrease. But I guess we can get along."

LUNCHEON IN HIS HONOR

The President's political speech following his defeat in Canada was the subject of a luncheon given in his honor by the Republican State central committee attended by State party leaders, including Senator Cullom and Lieutenant Governor Oglesby.

The leading present view with each other in pledge of their support to the President and predicted that he would be re-nominated and re-elected. Charles E. Williamson of Quincy, a prominent member of the State central committee, said he had taken a poll of the train for five days ago en route from Keokuk to Quincy and that of sixty-two voters interviewed, fifty-eight had declared for Taft, three for Colonel Roosevelt and one for Senator Cullom. He added that he believed his poll accurately represented the views of Illinois Republicans.

CULLOM GETS PERSONAL

Senator Cullom gave a more or less intimate account of his own life and love for President Taft. He said that with the Chicago convention not six weeks away in 1908 Mr. Taft had told him that if Chief Justice Fuller should be induced to resign he would prefer the honor to any other office in an entirely different direction and was not gratified.

"I am not giving you to understand that I ran away from the nomination," he said, "but the fact is that it was not in the line which I had marked out, but being nominated and getting into the fight, I did the best I could and, being elected, I took up the discharge of the presidency with certain hesitations that I had gathered from judges and great statesmen."

"Of course I made a great mistake, I shall continue during this term to make them. That is hardly to be avoided. But there are certain things, certain rules that I wish to say to follow. One is that when you have made a promise it is your obligation to keep it."

EXPLAINS VETO

In this connection the President explained his veto of certain measures in Congress and declared that he was "as much under an obligation to veto them as if I had said, when I was on the platform running for the presidency, that I would veto just those bills. For the reason that the whole Republican party had taken the position that it was necessary to maintain the industries of this country by protection."

"I would have vetoed those bills under any conditions even if it would have cost me my life. I say that with all the earnestness possible because what I did was the result of a conviction as deep-seated as any principle I ever had."

"So far as the veto of the Arizona bill is concerned I just vetoed that because I could not do anything else. I wrote my heart into that veto."

TRIED TO DO RIGHT

"My friends, I have tried to follow what I thought to be right in the administration of my office. There has been a division in the party and I have been charged with not being progressive and therefore to be condemned. What one does this man thinks is retrograde. There are, however, two great schools of thought which believe that the present is not perfect progress, but that changes from it would be dangerous. They are strictly conservative and perhaps are known as the reactionaries. Then there is another class at the other end which is extreme in its view that the whole present condition is wrong and there must be radical changes if we live at all."

"Now, I think—perhaps I am wrong."

MAY INCREASE FRICTION

Senator Overman Fears Results Of Reciprocity Rejection

TAFT'S DEFEAT INEVITABLE

Loss Of President's Pet Measure Knocks Props From Under Him

Observer Bureau.

421 North Main Street, Salisbury, Sept. 22.

Senator Lee S. Overman, when seen at home tonight by The Observer correspondent and asked for an interview regarding the defeat of reciprocity by the Canadian people, said, "I am much surprised at the result. The defeat of the Canadian reciprocity was not caused so much by the fear that it would materially affect the price of commodities but from the fear of annexation as claimed by the speakers who opposed the measure."

"I favor reciprocity and free trade with Canada. There is no more reason for a tariff between the United States and Canada than there is between North Carolina and Pennsylvania. I believe in a free exchange of trade between two countries. It would benefit both countries."

"The Canadian people were frightened and believing that the price of commodities would be lowered, while the opposers of the bill in the United States claimed it would lower the price of our products. In the great tariff history of Canada the tariff was voted almost solidly against the measure, under the impression that it would lower the prices, which would not have been true."

This defeat and his vote of all the tariff bills have knocked the props from under him and it seems to me his defeat is inevitable."

The Senator said he thought the time spent in Congress by the reciprocity bill was not lost; that the Democratic party had performed its duty and had kept its promises to the people to revise the tariff, reduce the duties on raw materials, and lower the taxes.

WISCONSIN MILLIONAIRE FALLS FROM HOTEL WINDOW

Charles W. Allen Killed at Chicago in Unusual Manner—Police Say It Was an Accident But Chicago Physician Says Suicide—Brother of Man Under Indictment for Smuggling

Chicago, Sept. 22.—Charles W. Allen, a wealthy Kenosha, Wis., manufacturer and brother of Nathan Allen, was killed here late today when he fell from a fourth-story window at the rear of a downtown hotel. Allen's body was found in a small courtyard. The police declare that Allen's death was accidental, but Dr. F. M. Gill, house physician at the hotel, believed Allen jumped from the window.

Soon after the discovery of the body, it was reported that the dead man was Nathan Allen, who was recently indicted on a charge of smuggling \$300,000 worth of diamonds into the United States, and whose name was linked with that of Mrs. Helen D. Jenkins. Unsuccessful attempts were made by the police and Nathan Allen in Chicago tonight to notify him of his brother's death. At the hotel where he usually stops, it was said that he was in New York.

Kenosha, Wis., Sept. 22.—Charles W. Allen, found dead in Chicago late today, was well known and popular here. He was 40 years old. With Nathan Allen, he owned large manufacturing properties and was rated a millionaire. He is survived by a widow and three children, who reside here.

RALEIGH AD CLUB FORMED

Will Do Big Things in the Boosting Line For the Capital City—Semi-Monthly Dinners to be a Feature

Observer Bureau.

Raleigh, Sept. 22.—With James L. McGord as president, C. W. Gold as vice president, and A. Park as secretary and C. L. McClintock as treasurer, the Raleigh Ad Club was formed today at a banquet served for the purpose and with plans that mean much for the progress of Raleigh through semi-monthly dinners of the sort, advertising, both commercial and for the city, will be studied and promoted. This in addition to pushing many matters that will be of the upbuilding of the city. For instance, today a fund was raised to provide a unique entertainment for the hundreds of sailor lads who will come to Raleigh October for the training day football game with A. & N. It is big feed and the distribution of "Wide-Awake Raleigh" hat bands as special favors. There were eighty or more prominent business and professional men present in the formation of the Raleigh Ad Club.

IS ROASTED IN MID-AIR

Aviator Miller's Horrible Death At Ohio County Fair

CROWD'S JEERS FORCE FLIGHT

Maddened At Large Number Toledo Bird-Man Attempts Stunt In Crippled Machine

Dayton, O., Sept. 22.—Forced into the air by jeers of thousands who called him a coward, Frank H. Miller, aged 23, a Toledo, O., aviator, shot into the sky at twilight this evening and at the height of two hundred feet was burned to death before the eyes of the terrified spectators on the Miami county fair grounds at Troy, north of here.

Miller had circled the race-track and was just starting on a spiral glide into a neighboring corn field when something went wrong. Suddenly the whirling of the propellers ceased. The craft then dropped like a shot for a distance of 50 feet. A tiny blue flame was emitting from the engine and in an instant the gasoline tank exploded.

The machine, wrecked by the impact and debris, was hurled hundreds of feet in all directions, what remained of the machine and its driver burning almost to a crisp as they dropped rapidly to earth.

In a short flight shortly after noon today Miller's machine acted unsteadily and he did not care to go up.

The crowd jeered him this afternoon when he said he would not make a flight and this evening he went into the air.

"Let her go; I'll be glad when this is over," he shouted to his mechanics.

Miller used a Strobil biplane.

TRAFFIC TIED UP

Spartanburg Street Car Company Abandons the Effort to Operate Cars After a Large Number of Street-Breakers Are Won Over to the Union Cause—Situation Grows Serious

Special to The Observer.

Spartanburg, S. C., Sept. 22.—Street car traffic was tied up this morning at 11 o'clock and since that time no car, other than those carrying the mails, have been operated over the Spartanburg system. The union men, since their mass-meeting last night, have gradually won over the other men who had not quit the service of the company until today, when the force was so badly demoralized and the ridicule of those who continued to work was so severe that the company saw fit to send all of the cars to the barn, where they have since been.

All day long and late tonight crowds have lined the streets of the city and elicited the sympathy of the public. The matter has reached a point where something has to be done.

An arbitration committee met at 3 o'clock. This committee consisted of representatives of the labor organization, and the company and Mayor J. B. Lee. The terms under which men are willing to go back to work were submitted to the company and at 11 o'clock the answer had not been received. If the company agrees to the terms of the union, the cars will be taken from the shed as usual tomorrow. If the union agrees to the counter petition of the company, the same result will follow. Demands for better conditions are made.

While the entire system was tied up today an effort to operate the cars proved fruitless. There was no violence resorted to, and the police have not been called on to arrest any one. One or two small fights occurred, but were of a trivial nature.

Spartanburg is in bad shape without the street cars, as there are many persons who live several miles from the city and who depend on the railway company to bring them to their work and to carry them home. Private conveyances were used at a heavy expense. The weather is bad also, which tends to make conditions even worse.

HELD UP AND SHOT

Three Mountaineer Brothers Open Fire on Railroad Men and Gang of Labor Without Warning—One Killed and Two Wounded

Special to The Observer.

Bristol, Tenn., Sept. 22.—Parham, Robert and Zeb Peterson, brothers, waylaid and shot Robert McCoy of Green Mountain station on the Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio Railway in Yadon county, N. C. today, killing him instantly. In the volley of shots fired by the mountaineer brothers two negro members of a party of construction hands who occupied the vehicle with McCoy, were shot and mortally wounded.

The Petersons held the party up and began firing without a word of explanation. After the shooting they disappeared in the mountains.

McCoy, who employed men in the building of the Tennessee & North Carolina Railway, with headquarters at New Port, Tenn., was ready to leave Green Mountain with a party of laborers. He was shot twice. One bullet penetrated his brain and another his heart.

The Petersons are believed to have been intoxicated.

A posse went in search.

Dr. John A. Ferrall Reads the Book

Special to The Observer.

Raleigh, Sept. 22.—Dr. John A. Ferrall, in charge of the campaign against nookwork in North Carolina, is being congratulated on his election as president of the Southern Conference of Nookwork Forces held in Nashville, Tenn.

SIX-FOOTER GETS ROUGH

Admirer, Beating First to His Wife and Then to a Photographer—Eases Out of First Trouble, But is Landed in Lock-Up For the Second

New York, Sept. 22.—A man of powerful physique, who he was Edgar R. Smith, mining engineer of Des Moines, Ia., was arrested today on a charge of beating with his cane a handsome young woman who said she was his wife. The alleged beating was administered in the street, but the young woman who was also locked up, refused to press a charge against him and they left the court together.

From the feet from the door, the man attacked a photographer aiming his camera at the pair. The camera was broken and the photographer was bruised and bleeding when his assailant fled. After a chase of a half block, the six-footer was rearrested and held in default of \$500 bail for examination in the court of special sessions. The young woman escaped. The initials "E. R. S." found on the prisoner's hatband caused several persons to declare that the man's name was not Smith. It was said he came from a wealthy Virginia family.

ANOTHER COAST-TO-COAST

Phil O. Parmelee Announces That He Will Attempt to Fly From New York to Los Angeles

Knoxville, Tenn., Sept. 22.—Phil O. Parmelee, the aviator, announced tonight that he had decided to try a coast-to-coast flight and that he would make the attempt in a biplane. He had already been shipped to Los Angeles, Cal., in charge of his mechanic. Since the machines were started West, however, he has decided that he would start from New York and fly West, fearing that cold weather may overtake him if he tries the West-to-East trip. He expects to start on his journey during the first week of October and that he will complete the trip in twenty-six days. He outlined his route as New York, Albany, Buffalo, Detroit, Chicago, St. Louis, El Paso and Los Angeles.

TWO ENGINEERS CRUSHED WHEN NO. 11 COMES TO GRIEF

Southern Train Runs Into Switch Engine in Suburbs of Atlanta, Killing Engineer and Fireman and Painfully Injuring a Number of Passengers

Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 22.—Two engineers were killed and several passengers slightly injured when Southern Railway passenger train No. 11 struck a switch engine on the outskirts of Atlanta tonight. The switch engine was knocked off the bridge to the Seaboard Air Line track, blocking traffic on both lines several hours.

The dead.

J. R. FARRIS, crushed under engine.

W. M. ROBINSON, fireman, caught under engine and scalded.

Among the injured, most of whom received only bruises, was Mrs. W. H. Felton of Cartersville, Va., well-known in literary circles throughout the South. The cause of the wreck has not been fully ascertained, but it is stated that the engine was trying to cross the trestle load of the passenger train, when the latter crashed into it, toppling it off the bridge.

CIVIL SERVICE PROBLEMS

House Committee on Reform in the Civil Service Will Take Up During Regular Session of Congress Important Questions Involving Government Employment

Special to The Observer.

Washington, Sept. 22.—When the Sixty-second Congress convenes in regular session in December, the House committee on reform in the civil service will take up the cause of the under-paid government clerks, the question of superannuation and pensions and the system of demotion.

The committee will be thoroughly thrashed out by the committee.

Chairman Hannibal L. Godwin of the House committee has been collecting data on these questions and when the committee meets in December the North Carolinian will be prepared to probe the matter to the bottom.

The committee is now considering several plans to print about better pay and better conditions in the civil service. Many believe that the question of higher pay is not so important as is the matter of having the civil service appointments and pensions and the system of demotion.

Mr. Godwin has devoted considerable time to this question and is probably prepared to go into the question involved and probe to the bottom more than any other member of Congress.

Only one phase of the subject was taken up during the extraordinary session of Congress just ended. That was whether the government employees would be allowed to join labor unions affiliated with the American Federation of Labor. The Postoffice Department officials say they shall be denied this right and so far they have been backed up by President Taft, who has put his stamp of approval on former President Roosevelt's executive order denying to government employees the right of organization. Both Taft and Roosevelt have been severely criticized by labor unionists and the labor movement. This question will finally be settled by Congress this winter.

Mr. Godwin has introduced government employees to unionism in confidence any change that might better their conditions and he has received hundreds of letters—not only from complaints, but a number of helpful contributions to the campaign which the committee has planned.

A strict civil pension system.

A contributory pension system.

An increase of salaries only.

An increase of salaries, with pension and superannuation included.

It is probable that these several proposed measures the committee will draft on its own, embracing what the committee thinks to be the best plan for the relief of government employees.

Godwin's committee aims to hear all phases of the question. Department heads, members of the civil service commission, bureau chiefs, and scores of clerks through the country will be given an opportunity to state their views.

FOODSTUFFS GO HIGHER

Defeat Of Reciprocity An Excuse For Advancing Prices

ADDED WOE TO CONSUMER

Wheat Takes Balloon Ascension And Oats Follow—Means Increased Prices For Breakfast Foods

Chicago, Sept. 22.—Foodstuffs which might have been affected by an influx of Canadian products had Laurier and his government not been defeated in Canada yesterday, rose sharply in price in all American supply centers today. Wheat led the advance and was followed late in the day by flour when millers ignored their previous price lists and justified their quotations to figures more commensurate with the advanced cost of the grain staple.

Oats, too, felt the effect of the Canadian vote and as a result consumers may expect soon to pay increased prices for breakfast foods. The initial meal of the day, in fact, seems destined to bear the brunt of higher living costs within the next few months, as it needed only today's developments in the trading pits to add force to the recent advances in coffee and sugars. The consumers' toast and biscuit, wheat cakes and porridge it is probable will but add to the woes of the housekeeper.

WHEAT LEADS ADVANCE

The greatest advance in wheat during the day was recorded at Duluth. There traders were paying as high as 8 cents a bushel more for the grain than they did before reciprocity was rejected. Minneapolis, the greatest milling center of the country, showed a maximum net advance of 6 cents.

Increase of a less sensational character were recorded at Kansas City, St. Louis, Omaha and Chicago. Immense stocks of grain in the elevators of this city acted as a check to a severe advance here and brokers on the board of trade bought wheat for about 3 cents more a bushel than they had paid yesterday. The Chicago market was the lowest of the important grain centers. It is by no means certain that today's advances in the price of wheat and allied foodstuffs indicate that the maximum has been reached. One of the most prominent wheat traders of Chicago advanced the opinion that spring wheat the grade used most extensively for fine flour, is due to increase in cost 20 cents a bushel.

BLOW THAT KILLS FATHER

A further blow to consumers, at least a certain class, may result when millers have studied the situation in the barley markets. In some quarters the price advanced as much as 8 cents. This, if maintained, probably will mean increased cost of material to brewers and the smaller-sized malted barley, which has become popular with the students. There is a grain of comfort for the householder, however, in the meat situation. While packing house products rose in price today they did so only out of sympathy with grains.