

A BREAD SHORTAGE IN THE OPINION OF SECRETARY WILSON, NOT TO BE FEARED

But Secretary Thinks Increase in Population May Some Day Embarrass the Farmer.

DEPARTMENT DISAPPROVES OF WHEAT GROWING METHODS

Practice of Syndicates in Sowing Wheat Year After Year Is Rapidly Exhausting the Soil.

Washington, Nov. 4.—Some day the steady increase of population in the United States is bound to overtax the ability of the farmer to provide for its sustenance; but that day is very remote, according to Secretary Wilson, and it will not be necessary, in the immediate future, to import grain for bread, notwithstanding doleful predictions of some publicists.

The prospects for a great increase in wheat production are excellent, in the opinion of the secretary, for two reasons: first, the greatly enhanced market price would surely tempt American farmers to plant more, and second, the possibilities of growing durum, Siberian wheat, in a large part of the country regarded hitherto as unavailable.

Secretary Wilson did not think it probable that wheat would go below one dollar again, but he said: "There is no telling what might follow a disturbance in the industrial and financial world, such as we had in 1907, and should we again meet such a crisis, it is possible that there would again be 55 cent wheat."

THE BUTLERS GET A NEW TRIAL

Such Decision Given by the Supreme Court, the Opinion Having Been Written by Judge Hoke.

Raleigh, Nov. 4.—The state Supreme court has granted ex-United States Senator Marion Butler and his brother, Lester Butler, editor of the Caucasian, new trials in the case against them in Guilford county in which they were fined respectively \$500 and \$250 for criminal libel against ex-Chief Justice Spencer B. Adams of the Choctaw-Chickasaw Court of Land Claims, Indian Territory, now republican state chairman. The opinion is written by Justice Hoke, and the new trial is granted because of the wrongful admission of evidence as to law of a statement by a District of Columbia judge as to the famous \$750,000 counsel fees, which the judge, in the North Carolina court rules, merely treated as a fact, and also the action of the trial judge in holding the Butlers as defendants to admissions that had been made in the justice of the peace's hearing purely for purposes of continuance and which should not have been held against them until proven in the final trial.

WILL TRAIN WITH GOTCH FOR HEAVYWEIGHT FIGHT

Chicago Paper Says Jeffries Has Engaged Champion Wrestler to Try His Strength.

Chicago, Nov. 4.—The Inter-Ocean says that with the hope of being good and strong when he meets Jack Johnson, in the heavyweight championship contest, J. J. Jeffries has decided to engage Frank Gotch, the champion heavyweight wrestler of the world, to work with him for a few months, when he begins training.

Two-Cent Fare Hearing. Guthrie, Okla., Nov. 4.—The application of a number of railroad companies doing business in Oklahoma for an injunction to restrain the state from enforcing the two-cent passenger fare law and making certain changes in the freight schedules came up for hearing today before Judge Cottrell in the United States Circuit court.

RAILWAY OFFICIAL IS FOUND SHORT

C. L. Warriner of the Big Four Offices, Cincinnati, Behind, Perhaps \$100,000.

STOCK GAMBLING ALLEGED; HE ADMITS HE TOOK MONEY

He is Said to Have Admitted, Also, That Stock Gambling Had Been His Ruin.

New York, Nov. 4.—C. L. Warriner, until last Monday treasurer of the Cincinnati offices of the Big Four Railroad passenger department, is accused of being short in his accounts. While the amount is not given, it is believed the shortage may reach \$100,000. Warriner made a statement in the office of Albert H. Harris, vice-president of the Big Four and general counsel of the New York Central lines, in the Grand Central station here.

Warriner admitted taking money and it is said declared stock gambling had been his ruin.

For hours the accused treasurer was closely questioned by Mr. Harris in the presence of J. J. Hackney, general counsel of the Big Four; Vice President Carstensen of the New York Central lines and E. V. W. Rossiter, financial head of the system.

Leaves for Cincinnati. After this searching examination, the officers held a long conference as to the best course to pursue in Warriner's case. Warriner started for Cincinnati. He was under surveillance and every movement is said to have been closely watched although he was not under arrest. Mr. Harris said the amount of the shortage was "considerable," but he could not name the exact figures.

Carried \$50,000 Indemnity. "An investigation is now under way at Cincinnati," said Mr. Harris, "and we shall have to wait until it is finished before we can deal in exact figures. The railroad company, however, carried an indemnity policy in Warriner's case to the amount of \$50,000, issued by the American Surety company, and a claim on account of the losses through Warriner is now being made under this policy."

"The shortage was discovered when the auditor in Cincinnati instituted a new system in the treasury department. Mr. Warriner did not deny that his accounts were short. He admitted taking money that did not belong to him. Mr. Warriner has been with the Big Four for ten or fifteen years. He has a wife and several children. He was among the most trusted employees of the road."

KENTUCKY'S TROUBLE CENTER AGAIN SHIFTS

Father of Girl Who Routed Night Riders Has Made Appeal for Troops.

Louisville, Nov. 4.—Jackson is quiet for the present and Mason county has again taken the center of the stage, one of its residents having called for troops as a protection against night riders.

The suppliant is Ben Longenecker, whose young daughter, some nights ago, held back attacking night riders at the muzzle of a rifle. The farmer refuses to tell who threatened him and for this reason Governor Wilson is disinclined to send troops.

Cotton Oil Dividend Increased. New York, Nov. 4.—The directors of the American Cotton Oil Company, which has plants in 16 different states, today declared an annual dividend of 5 per cent on cotton stocks, an increase of 2 per cent over last year.

No Money for Burial Expenses. Atlanta, Nov. 4.—In order that she may procure money to defray burial expenses, the sister of Jud Elliott, under sentence to be hanged tomorrow for murder, has addressed a letter to Governor Brown, asking that execution be postponed for ten days.

Like Famous Tichborne Case In Some of Its Strange Features



PHOTOGRAPH OF THE LATE DANIEL RUSSELL OF MELROSE

Accounting of a Million Dollar Estate Is Demanded of W. C. Russell, the Heir.

CLAIMANT HAS WITNESSES TO PROVE HE'S A BROTHER

But Another Man Swears He's His Brother, and Not William C. Russell's.

East Cambridge, Mass., Nov. 4.—Recalling in some of its strange features the fight for the Tichborne millions in England, the case of a man calling himself Daniel Blake Russell, but who is claimed as a brother, James Deibert Rousseau, by William Rousseau, of Brasher, N. Y., will be heard here next month before Judge George F. Lawrence in the Probate court of Middlesex county.

Daniel Blake Russell, as he styles himself, asserts that he is the son of Daniel Russell and demands from William C. Russell, son and heir of the elder Russell, an accounting of an estate said to amount to \$1,000,000. There also is involved in this action the estate of Mrs. Daniel Russell, which is estimated to be worth more than \$70,000.

Although the man calling himself Daniel Blake Russell has produced more than 30 witnesses who stoutly aver that he is the man he asserts himself to be, William C. Russell, co-executor with Ferdinand R. Almy, of the father's estate, utterly repudiates him and has produced witnesses who say that he was born in Bombay, N. Y., three years before the true Daniel Blake Russell and went west years ago after learning the blacksmith's trade.

MR. TAFT AGAIN IN 'POSSUM LAND

He Took Breakfast With Congressman Bartlett in Macon This Morning—A Warm Welcome.

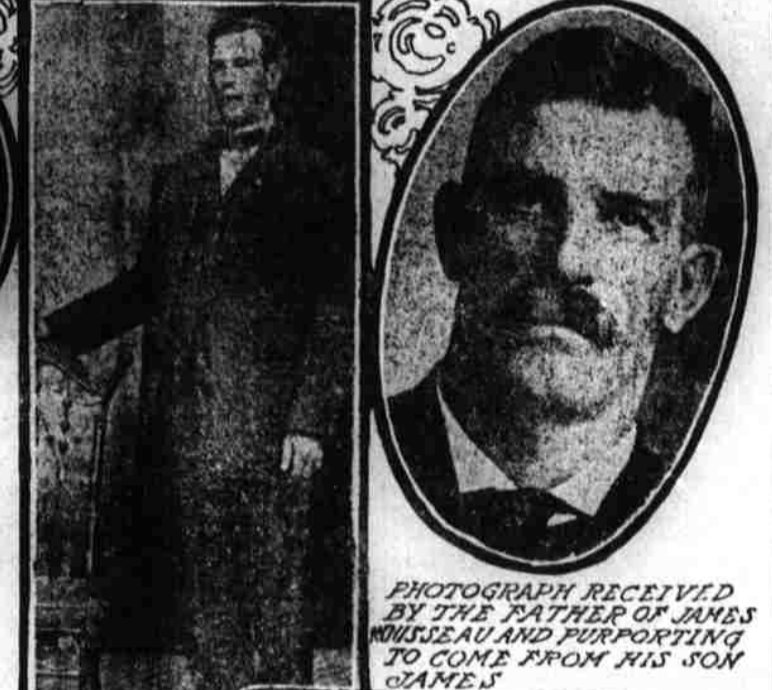
Macon, Nov. 4.—President Taft breakfasted this morning with Congressman Bartlett, Mrs. Bartlett being assisted in the reception proceeding by eleven Macon ladies. Afterwards the president was escorted to the fair grounds, where the welcome extended was one of the most enthusiastic on the tour. Stores, offices, and homes were gay with national colors, mixed with a liberal display of Confederate emblems. The decorations were suggestive of "Taft day," live "possums and persimmons forming a part of the elaborate display."

Governor Brown and other state officials left with the president for Savannah after the ceremonies at the fair grounds.

Decision in Roques and Mabry Case. Richmond, Nov. 4.—The judgment of the lower court in the case of Abraham in Acord against the Western Pochontas corporation, appealed from the United States district court of southern West Virginia, was affirmed here today by the United States Circuit Court of Appeals. This is the case in which the Baroness Roques and Mrs. Florence Mabry, her daughter, have fought so vigorously in courts.

Seaboard Out of the Woods. Baltimore, Nov. 4.—The Seaboard Air Line railway, which on January 1, 1908, was placed in the hands of receivers because of its inability to meet maturing obligations, has settled with its creditors and at midnight tonight the authority of the receivers will end and the property will be returned to the company's directors.

Stockholders Take Seaboard. Baltimore, Md., Nov. 4.—The receivership of the Seaboard Air Line Railway company, which has existed since January 2, 1908, ends at midnight tonight, when the property of the company is to be turned over to the stockholders, in accordance with the decision of the court.



STEINHEIL CASE HAS NEW TURN

Letter Signed "Jean Lefevre" Contains Confession of Participation —Mme. Steinheil Baffles Judge.

PARIS, Nov. 4.—A new sensation was added to the trial of Madame Steinheil, charged with the murder of her husband, Auguste, and her step-daughter, Mme. Japy, late this afternoon when M. Aubin, the prisoner's attorney, suddenly interrupted the proceedings to present a letter received by him, signed "Jean Lefevre," in which the writer stated that he wished to confess to participation in the murders of which Madame Steinheil is accused.

Madame's Consummate Acting. Madame Steinheil's examination was concluded in court today. She made a wonderful single-handed fight for her life, displaying as much skill in countering the judge as she had in battling the police. The most experienced court reporters in France consider the woman the most consummate actress ever seen at the bar of justice. Public conviction is strong already that while Madame Steinheil may be guilty, she will not be convicted.

PETITION IS FILED FOR A REHEARING

Attorneys for John R. Walsh Take Such Action Before the U. S. Court of Appeals.

Chicago, Nov. 4.—A petition for a rehearing in the case of John R. Walsh, the convicted Chicago banker, was filed today by attorneys for the plaintiff in error in the United States Circuit Court of Appeals. The petition sets forth that the opinion of the court in its decision upholding the verdict of "guilty" from the court below, was based "upon misconception of the case and the rules of the law applicable."

Cook Preparing His Data. New York, Nov. 4.—Dr. Frederick A. Cook, here after his lecture tour, just begun today to assemble the data of his polar expedition, which he intends to submit to the University of Copenhagen. He hopes to get his report ready in a week.

HOOKWORM FOUND, BROUGHT FROM THE ORIENT AND HAWAII, ON PACIFIC COAST

OCEAN GAMBLER CAUGHT CHEATING

Hero of Episode Is Lieut. Fortescue, a Cousin of Col. Theodore Roosevelt.

CAUGHT GAMBLER'S HAND HOLDING A LOADED DIE

Then There Was a Fight, in Which Ex-Army Man Came Out with Honors.

New York, Nov. 4.—While the paternal ocean liner, Kronprinzessin Cecilie, was speeding across the Atlantic to her western destination at this port, melodramatic scenes were being played in her smoking room. It fell to the lot of Lieut. Granville Fortescue, a retired officer of the United States army, cousin of Theodore Roosevelt and formerly social aide in the White House, to detect and punish a strapping gambler. The latter was down on the ship's manifest as Gilbert A. Hilton, a big fellow—he was above 50 years of age—with a gray mustache carefully trimmed and waxed. Hilton was liberal and companionable and an adept at all games of chance.

Gradually Increased Stocks. He threw dice for rounds of beer and highballs or for a sovereign a toss. He gradually increased the stakes to pounds or hundreds, and was ready for any limit. He appeared to be alone. He was generally successful and was thought to have won \$1,000 or so. Those who played with him are sorry they did so, after what happened just before midnight of Sunday in the green-cushioned, hand-painted smoking room around a cozy grate fire.

Among those who had lost to Mr. Hilton were W. G. Hay, an Englishman; Richard Koller, who lost about \$70, and a man named Miller or Miller. "It was only for sovereigns or rounds of drinks we played for at first," said Mr. Hay. "Finally he proposed 'doubles and sixes.' Instead of three dice a single die was used for this with a counting up after every five throws. I lost until I had no money and I owed him \$100 beside."

On Sunday night Henry Clews, Jr., and James de Wolfe Cutting, whose engagement is rumored to Mrs. W. B. Leeds, the beautiful widow of the tin-plate king, were playing chess in the smoking room. Lieut. Fortescue went into the smoking room to watch the game. Mr. Clews gave the ex-army man a wink as Hilton and the man named Miller or Miller began to shake dice. Fortescue softly approached and watched the stalwart Hilton. Unobserved, Fortescue learned far over and looked into the big man's closed hand and crooked little finger. Inside the finger Fortescue saw distinctly an ivory cube, the player juggled and palmed at will, now catching it on its way out of the dice box while another die shot from the palm, which was cast out of the leather box replaced. This was the explanation of a five or a six every time Hilton needed one.

And Thy Fought. As he was about to throw again, Fortescue, who is of medium height and quite slim, but wiry and quick as a cat, grabbed Hilton's loaded hand and smashed it down upon the table. An ivory rolled out upon the green cloth, an oath from Hilton's mouth, Hilton sprang up. Witnesses say he struck the army man, who, in spite of his smaller size, was more than a match for the dice thrower. The men fell over chairs and went down; friends rushed to the side of each, and for a minute or two the mix-up was an exciting one. Then Fortescue, Clews and Cutting fled from the room to escape further association with the encounter.

With his accusers facing him and Hilton protesting that he was on the square, Capt. Hagemann was called to discipline Hilton. "As for you, sir," said the captain, "you will not be permitted to enter this room again, and as for you, gentlemen, I beg of you to be cautious about playing games of chance with strangers and remember the warnings, which are posted with the kindest intent, while not intended to restrict your liberties."

After the ship arrived Hilton could not be found. He left his hat box and a bag on the pier. The Adriatic Aground. New York, Nov. 4.—The steamer Adriatic, of the White Star line, ran aground at the entrance of the Ambrose channel, while attempting to enter the harbor early today. She lies in an easy position, and probably will be floated on a rising tide. The Adriatic sailed October 27, from Southampton and from Cherbourg for New York, with a large passenger list.

Shortly before 3 o'clock the steamer freed herself and proceeded to dock. Orville Wright, the aviator, and his sister, Miss Katherine Wright, are among the passengers. Forecast until 8 p. m. Friday for Asheville and vicinity: Continued fair weather tonight and Friday; slightly cooler tonight.

Hundreds of Cases of Dejection and Laziness, Now Attributed to Inroads of the Little Parasite.

PEST HAS A STRONG HOLD IN WEST INDIA ISLANDS

Thousands of Laborers Were Imported into Hawaii from There and With Them the Parasites.

San Francisco, Nov. 4.—The hookworm disease has been brought to San Francisco from Hawaii and the Orient, and hundreds of cases hitherto unexpected of dejection, laziness and supposed lack of moral initiative, are now attributed to the inroads of the little parasite.

Dr. Herbert Gunn, who is directing a campaign against the disease, said yesterday that he had treated more than 100 cases here and recalled one death. The disease had not been known to exist in California except in rare instances until four years ago. A colony of laborers born in the West Indies came to the state from Hawaii, and 45 per cent. were found to be seriously affected. Sugar planters, the doctor declared, had imported thousands of laborers into Hawaii from the West Indies, where the hookworm runs riot among the laboring classes. Their languor, due to ravages of the worm, made the colonization in Hawaii a failure, and the laborers began to drift in small bands to California. He declared that in addition to the laborers, many soldiers of the Philippines and travelers and business men from the Orient have returned afflicted with these small vampires.

SUFFRAGETTE IS PLACED ON TRIAL

One of the Militant Members Threw Acid on Ballots and Election Officers.

London, Nov. 4.—Mrs. Chaplin, the militant suffragette, who made an attack upon a polling place in the election last Thursday, was committed for trial today upon the double charge of having unlawfully meddled with the ballot box, and of having caused grievous harm to the presiding officers.

The woman broke a bottle containing corrosive acid upon the ballots with the apparent intention of destroying them. The acid scattered upon the election officers, one of whom was severely burned.

ASSAULT MADE BY THREE NEGROES

A White Woman, Mrs. Albert Lockwood, Attacked Before Husband in West Virginia Town.

Glasgow, W. Va., Nov. 4.—Residents of this place are greatly excited over the brutal assault made yesterday by three negroes, on Mrs. Albert Lockwood, white, at Exchange, near here. The negroes tied the husband, hands and feet, and before his eyes, ill-treated his wife. Two negroes are under arrest here in connection with the crime, and a third, Charles Lewis, was shot dead near the Lockwood home last night. Every precaution is being taken to prevent a lynching.

After the Lahm Cup. St. Louis, Nov. 4.—Miss Julia Holmer and Captain John Berry, who left yesterday in the balloon, Melba III, in an attempt to lift the Lahm cup, named after Hollow Rock, Tenn., 240 miles southeast of St. Louis, early this morning. This information was conveyed in a message dropped from the balloon.

Chicago Pioneer, J. M. Smith, Dead. Chicago, Nov. 4.—John M. Smith, pioneer, millionaire, merchant and politician of Chicago died today. Mr. Smith was a close business associate of John R. Walsh, and is said to have impaired his vitality in an endeavor to help straighten out Walsh's tangled financial affairs.

Mr. Bryce Addresses Farmers. Raleigh, Nov. 4.—The feature of the session of the Farmers National congress, which convened today, was a speech by Ambassador Bryce. Hundreds of delegates from the west are here.