

Something Has Gone Wrong With the Machine — by Albert T. Reid



terminals, while southern arrivals declined from \$18 a barrel to \$6. Just the reverse has been true this season, as prices tended upward almost continuously during the past six weeks and the recent advance placed all potatoes in a far stronger position than a year ago. Demand has been active at shipping points. Northern Round Whites closed from \$1 to \$1.50 higher than the preceding week, reaching a range of \$1-\$1.70 or nearly twice last June's price. Maine Green Mountains almost touched \$5 by the end of the week. Similar strength was reported in southern districts. Top of \$9.00 per barrel prevailed in North Carolina and the Cobbler movement at San Antonio, Texas, was winding up at \$4.50 per 100 pounds. Southern Alabama was about the only section shipping red potatoes and a sharp advance there resulted in a \$6 f. o. b. market. Strength of the situation in the United States was attracting numerous shipments from Canada. Fully one third of Boston's arrivals of 300 cars during the week came from Canada.

VICTIMS OF NEGRO'S AUTO IN SERIOUS STATE

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Condition of the four seriously injured victims of the mad auto driven by Julius Whitmire, 17-year old Canton negro, who drove his automobile through a crowd of 50 people near Clyde Sunday night, continued critical last night.

Little Max Rogers, 9 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Rogers of Canton, lay in the French Broad hospital unconscious throughout the day yesterday and though his general condition remained strong, hospital authorities stated that his injuries were very serious. In addition to a heavy blow on his skull he received numerous body injuries.

Mrs. J. C. Taylor, of West Asheville, who sustained a broken pelvis and internal injuries; Carey Byers of Clyde, who also sustained a broken pelvis and numerous bruises and lacerations and F. E. Bronson of Canton whose leg was broken and maimed so that amputation may be necessary, rested nicely at the Meriwether hospital yesterday, but the hospital authorities state that all of them are in critical condition.

In the meantime Whitmire, and his male companions, rest in Buncombe county jail without bail. They landed here Sunday night after a crowd gathered in Clyde and made threatening gestures, suggesting to the officers the advisability of whisking them away before any trouble developed.

The less seriously injured victims, all of whom are at the Meriwether hospital, are A. G. Russell, chief of police of Canton, who sustained several broken ribs and a lacerated leg; Hugh Snyder of Clyde, who sustained a broken arm, a lacerated head, and many other lacerations; Charles Bronson of Clyde, brother of F. E. Bronson, with left foot crushed, ankle broken and many lacerations; and Ben Hill and John Smathers, both of Clyde, who received first aid treatment but were released from the hospital.

What action will be taken against the reckless drivers, Canton authorities stated last night, depends upon the outcome of the injuries of the victims in the hospital. If any of the victims die it is understood that a charge of murder would be lodged against Whitmire.

The young negro declared yesterday from the jail that he and his companions had not been drinking and that the accident occurred solely because he had been blinded by lights of two automobiles. With him in the car were Rob Richards, 27, and J. Rhinehart, 26, Canton negroes who were returning to Canton from Waynesville.

Whitmire also declared that he had not been driving rapidly. He said it was dark when he rounded a sharp turn in the road and that there was nobody between the curve and the wreck to warn him that any crowd had gathered in the road.

"I slid my wheels several feet and hit the car that was pulling another automobile from the ditch" he said. "Then we bounced off and hit the crowd."

"We helped pick up the injured persons," Rhinehardt said. "I myself picked up Chief Russell and helped to carry him to an automobile."

He said the chief told him not to run and that then a white man came up and took them to jail.

According to word received from Clyde the crowd that gathered Sunday night dispersed quietly when it learned that the three men had been brought to Asheville.

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WEEKLY MARKET REVIEW

Cool weather in northern markets probably restricted produce trading during the first week of June, although several lines made notable price advances because of a limited or decreased supply. Apples, particularly the northwestern crop, faced a fairly strong ending of the season. With Carman and Hiley peaches soon expected from Georgia, that fruit will tend to displace apples. Potato prices made sensational gains. Strawberries and tomatoes closed higher. Onion prices were well maintained, and cabbage trended upward under the rather meager receipts. Shipments of domestic onions were very light, but 250 carloads arrived from Egypt. Western lettuce sold up \$7 per crate in several markets. Prolonged drought has damaged and reduced some crops in southeastern States, especially melons. California cherry output was fast increasing and plums and prunes were starting to market. Combined shipments of 28 fruits and vegetables for the week decreased to 14,275 cars or 3,000 less than for the same period last season.

Potatoes were the center of interest during the week. Another sharp advance of \$2 or \$3 per barrel resulted in an average jobbing price of \$10.50 for South Carolina and North Carolina Cobblers, while southern Bliss Triumphs jumped \$1.50 reaching \$6-\$7.25 sacked per 100 pounds. Maine Green Mountains closed 75% higher in eastern markets at \$4.15-\$5.35 and an advance of at least \$1 on northern Round Whites made that stock range \$4.50-\$5 per 100 pounds. Considerable excitement prevailed in many shipping sections, as markets climbed to new high levels.

The situation was in decided contrast to that of a year ago. Weekly movement of old potatoes had decreased to 760 cars, or scarcely more than half the output of early June, 1926. Shipments of southern stock also were temporarily decreasing and totaled only 2,200 cars, compared with 3,300 a year ago. Either earliness of the season or damage from unfavorable weather had brought Alabama, Louisiana and South Carolina almost to a close, whereas at this time last season those States were still shipping actively. During the past week about 1,000 cars originated in the three States against 2,500 a year ago. But North Carolina with 650 cars shipped four times as many as during the opening week of June, 1926; Texas was still fairly active; Oklahoma and Arkansas were getting under way; Kansas will soon be starting and first shipments were reported from the Norfolk section and Eastern Shore of Virginia. Baltimore quoted first arrivals from Virginia at \$8.50-\$9 per barrel. Georgia has shipped 500 cars of potatoes this season, and Georgia Bliss Triumphs advanced in the Atlanta market to \$9. This stock brought top of \$12 in Cincinnati.

Markets were rather weak a year ago. Price trends of both old and new potatoes had been downward since the middle of April. Northern stock had dropped from \$6 to less than \$4 per 100 pounds in leading

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