

Is Optimistic Of Wheat Prices

Federal Minister Of Agriculture Speaks At Winter Fair. Maritime Ministers To Co-Operate In Advancing Farm Production.

AMHERST, N. S., Nov. 9. (By the Canadian Press)—Wheat prices will reach eighty cents on the present movement, and such improvement in the grain situation will go a long way toward bringing about a return to normal economic conditions, in the opinion of Hon. Robert Weir, Federal Minister of Agriculture. The Minister expressed this belief in an interview last night before addressing representatives of the three Maritime Provincial governments at the Maritime Winter Fair.

"What prices will reach eighty cents," he said. "There are some people optimistic enough to predict dollar wheat, but I prefer to make a conservative estimate."

The steady movement of the wheat crop would continue through the present year and extend to the 1932 crop, he believed. "Improved prices and movement of wheat were bound to come," he said. "We have been looking for it for a long time. The high quality of Canadian wheat contrasting sharply with the poor

U.S. WORRIED AT HOSTILITIES IN FAR EAST

(Canadian Press) WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 9.—The United States Government today continued its efforts at pacification of the dispute between China and Japan.

President Hoover called Secretary of State Henry L. Stimson into a hurried conference early in the day. Afterward fresh instructions were prepared for forwarding to United States diplomatic representatives at Tokyo and Nanking.

These were understood to direct Ambassador Forbes, in the Japanese capital, and Minister Johnson in China, to renew their endeavors to bring about a cessation of hostile acts and withdrawal of troops from the danger zone.

To this end, the wishes of the United States that the sanctity of the Kellogg Pact and the nine power treaty guaranteeing Chinese integrity be strictly observed will be restated under the new instructions.

While hope was expressed that this attitude, made known through friendly diplomatic conversations, would have some effect, there was no disposition to underestimate the seriousness of the latest developments, prominent among which was the outbreak of rioting in Tientsin, sea port for the former Chinese capital of Peiping.

Except for working through diplomatic channels, the United States is said to be allowing Aristide Briand, French foreign minister and chairman of the League of Nations Council, to play the major role. Briand, it was learned today, is informing Secretary Stimson of his every move.

The Secretary was asked in his press conference whether the Government was considering sending any additional armed U. S. forces to the orient. He replied that he would rather not answer that question but later had a representative inform newspapermen that this should not be construed as meaning such a move is under consideration.



Re-Elected Speaker British Commons

Capt. the Rt. Hon. Edward A. Fitzroy, who has been re-elected speaker of the British House of Commons. In accordance with an ancient custom, relic of days when it was not always healthy to be speaker, Capt. Fitzroy was "dragged" to the chair by Sir Geo. Court-hope and Wm. Thorne.

WESTERN GUARDIAN

—BORDEN HALL, Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bingo, lotteries, etc. Lunch served. Doors open at 7 o'clock. 10021-11-11-21

—FORFEITED BAIL—In the Summerside Police Court on Tuesday one drunk forfeited his bail of \$10. S.

—COME AND meet your friends in Wilmot Valley Hall, Friday, Nov. 13, and enjoy a delicious supper in aid of North Bedouque Manse Fund. 10017-11-11-21

Stronger Feeling In Potato Market

Increased Prices Noted In Both Table And Seed Stock During Past Few Days.

A strengthening of the potato market, both in seed and table stock has been evident during the past few days. Prices of seed are reported to have increased from twenty-five cents, to twenty eight and thirty cents a bushel, while table stock is selling at 35 cents per 90 pound bag.

Over and above the price increases dealers report a much more optimistic feeling in the potato market, a factor of immense importance to the economic situation generally, both in Canada and the United States.

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asked all concerned to make every effort to close the trial tonight, but this was impossible. Court set until 10 o'clock, when the weary jury, officials and accused were allowed to leave.

Buck's address to the jury was one of the highlights of the crowded day. His lean face glowing with an almost-ascetic fervor, the Communist leader talked with terrific speed. As he concluded, he almost collapsed. During his address he had given the jury a brief sketch of economic conditions throughout the world; predicted a revolution that was bound to come; and outlined the steps which, he claimed, the party had taken to ameliorate the conditions which confronted the working class.

At times he was checked up sharply by His Lordship for digressing from the evidence introduced at the trial.

Remembrance Day

Sleep on ye heroes of the famous dead,
Your valiant deeds shall live forevermore;
Ye that have fought so well—aye fought and bled
On Flanders' field, amid the battle's roar.

Far, far from home, your sacred bones repose,
Mingled with others in a foreign strand;
Now silence marks the place where friends and foes
Died for the honor of their homes and land.

Sleep, soldiers sleep! no more the bugle's blast
Shall call you forth to join the bloody fight;
No more you'll watch brave Comrades breathe their last,
Nor gaze upon war's awful gruesome sight.

Rest, Comrades rest! the troubled night is past;
No tramp of marching men shall reach your ear.
Immortal fame has crowned your works at last;
The world your names shall reverently revere.

—F. H. MACARTHUR
Lorne Valley.

INDIAN CONFERENCE

The Indian Round Table Conference continues its work and a conference with representatives of Burma will very shortly assemble.

It is my earnest prayer that the deliberations of both these conferences may be crowned with success.

IMPERIAL CONFERENCES

In conformity with an undertaking given to representatives of my Dominions in 1930, measures will be laid before you to give statutory effect to certain of the declarations and resolutions of the Imperial conferences of 1926 and 1930.

This measure is designed to make clear the powers of the Dominion parliaments and to promote a spirit of free co-operation among members of the British Commonwealth of Nations.

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newly 150,000. The outlay for these annually is more than \$30,000,000. Ten million dollars in addition is paid for treatment, training and other forms of re-establishment.

"Today, thirteen years since hostilities ceased, the board of pension commissioners are receiving about 1,700 new applications each month for pensions on account of death or disabilities. Men who came home honestly believing that war service had not affected their physical condition, find themselves breaking down prematurely. The pension list grows and the grants of money for this purpose increases, and will increase for years to come. Thus, Canada strives, inadequately, perhaps, but earnestly and sincerely to keep the faith."

A clear, emphatic mandate to that effect.

Important problems involved already are under detailed examination by my Government.

Decisions will be taken and applied with the least possible delay and in due course any legislation that may be required will be submitted to parliament.

I pray that the blessing of Almighty God may rest upon your deliberations.

My ministers now have received

War Declared By General Of Chinese Forces

Chinese Government Not Involved In Manifesto, Despatches State.

TOKYO, Nov. 10. (AP.)—A manifesto declaring war on Japan, said newspaper despatches last night, has been addressed to the Chinese nation by Mah Chan-Shan, a north Manchurian militarist, and fighting has recommenced.

The Chinese government at Nanking, on the face of the despatches, was not involved. The war office here claimed, however, that an intercepted message indicated the purpose of the move was to draw the Japanese army farther north in Manchuria as a means of strengthening China's case at Geneva.

Due to this development and to riots in Tientsin, the Minister of War postponed his departure for army manoeuvres.

On the diplomatic side of the Manchuria difficulty there were few developments. Scant hope for peace from the newest Briand-Yoshizawa conversations were felt in official circles. The foreign office announced a reply to the latest note of the United States was nearly complete.

The war declaration is said to be dated Saturday and signed by Mah Chan-Shan. He is commander of the Heilungki Province army which was defeated by the Japanese last week at the Nonni River Bridgehead on the Tsosnan-Anganchi railway, in Western Manchuria.

The manifesto contained Mah's assertion of determination to "fight J-pan to the very last man."

Rengo news agency said General Mah also had wired to Chang Hsueh-Liang, Governor of Manchuria ousted by the Japanese; Chang Tso Hsiang, commander of all Manchurian forces north of the great wall, and Wan Fu-Lin, Nationalist governor of Heilungkiang province, all of whom are believed to be at Peiping, requesting that they order the mobilization at Tsitsihar, Heilungkiang, capital, of all troops of Kirin province, the middle province of the three which make up Manchuria.

The newspaper Asahi said Chinese bombardment of the Japanese positions above the Nonni Bridge at Tahsing actually had begun but there was no confirmation of this report in official quarters.

There was confirmation, however, for reports of Chinese concentrations near the Heilungkiang capital.

CENTRAL GUARDIAN

TOKYO CLINIC at Lower Montague School, Friday, Nov. 13, at 3.30 p.m. 10020-11

FINED FOR DISTURBANCE—A man from Melville was fined \$10 and costs before Magistrate Tweedy yesterday for creating a disturbance. 10021-11

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CELEBRATE THE FIRST ARMISTICE

holiday by attending the B. I. S. social evening. Card game starts at 8.30 sharp, followed by old time dancing. The usual special arranged program. 10018-

COASE DISMISSED — The case against two young men charged with highway robbery at Stanley Bridge was dismissed yesterday before Magistrate Shaw for lack of evidence.

GOOD ATTENDANCE AT LEGION PLAY

An excellent attendance, well taken parts and a fine evening combined to make the final presentation of the Canadian Legion's play "The Heart Cry," a thorough success. The members of the cast gave an interpretation of the play, unmarred by signs of nervousness which were evident during the previous performance, which greatly pleased the large audience, who were loud in their applause.

REPORTS SUCCESSFUL FAIR

Mr. J. W. Boulter who has returned from Amherst where he attended the Winter Fair, which was officially opened Monday evening reports that a wonderfully successful fair is in progress. So far the weather has been excellent and consequently there is a good attendance. There is a large showing of fine quality live stock, yesterday morning the judging of Ayrshire and Holsteins was under way. Exhibitors from this Province are making a fine showing. Hon. G. Shelton Sharp, Minister of Agriculture and Mr. W. R. Shaw are expected home this evening.

ENTERTAINMENT AT FALCONWOOD

A devotional service was presented at Falconwood Infirmary by the Y. P. S. of Zion Church. A choir of between thirty five and forty young people assisted in the service. Rev. G. Carlyle Webster preached the sermon taking as his subject the thirty fourth psalm. A beautiful solo entitled "Sweet Peace, the Gift of God's Love" was rendered by Mrs. Jean Richards. Mr. Raymond Aorn playing a cornet assisted with the musical part of the service. A much appreciated duet entitled "When I Need Him Most" was rendered by Rev. and Mrs. G. C. Webster. At the close of the service each of the inmates was given a well filled bag of home made candy.

SITUATION COMPLICATED

By F. I. Lapey, Jr., Associated Press Staff Correspondent

GENEVA, Switzerland, Nov. 9.—Reports that General Mah Chang-Shan has taken it upon himself to declare war against Japan have injected skepticism into the confusion which reigns in Geneva as to the true status of hostilities in Manchuria.

There is no confirmation here of these Tokyo reports. And while General Mah, or any other general with any army, may actually make war in the most dreadful form, he may not "declare war," in the opinion of League of Nations authorities and international law experts.

Only governments are competent to declare war and both Nanking and Tokyo have made clear that they have no intention of going to war over Manchuria.

Chinese in Geneva scoffed at the idea of General Mah declaring war. They said the reports were similar to erroneous rumors that the Japanese consul at Tsitsihar had been assassinated.

The Japanese have expressed regret at certain military developments in Manchuria and even have announced that aeroplane bombings were contrary to the will of their government.

The Chinese are at least equally regretful. The attitude of both governments strengthens the league in maintaining there is no war.

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man. Prescott Blanchard of Truro was well up in the awards. Stephens and Son, Sackville, James Pauley, Albert, N. B., McRae and Son of Charlottetown, Easton and Son and Ings Brothers were other winners.

Again Abbe Kirk Sylvius Lad of the Lonsdale Farm won the grand championship for Holsteins, Walter Jones of Charlottetown followed the McCarthy herd closely, winning the award or senior yearlings. Walter

Annual Meeting Childrens Aid Prince County

The annual meeting of the Childrens Aid Society of Prince County was held last night in the Town Hall, Summerside, immediately following the regular monthly meeting. The president, Dr. J. A. MacPhee, presided.

Members present showed a keen interest in the work of the Society and the splendid address by Dr. MacPhee and the report of the agent Mr. V. J. Harrington, received the close attention of those present. A resolution of regret at the death of the second vice president of the society, Rev. John J. MacDonald, parish priest of St. Paul's Church, was placed on record. Mr. Vincent J. Harrington then gave his report as follows:

REPORT OF V. J. HARRINGTON, TRUANT OFFICER AND AGENT FOR C. A. SOCIETY

To the President and officers of the Childrens Aid Society of Prince County.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

As another year of our Society draws to a close we meet here tonight to give an account of our stewardship in the various fields of action to which we have been assigned. It is my duty as Truant Officer and Agent for the Society to lay before you the various phases of my work since our annual meeting of Dec. 10, 1930.

But before proceeding therewith I regret very much and I feel that I voice the sentiments of all our officers and members in the great loss sustained by our Society in the death of Rev. J. J. MacDonald, Parish Priest of St. Paul's Church, Summerside, who always took an active interest in every move made by our Society in the interest of neglected children and was of invaluable assistance to me in reducing truancy to its present low mark. To his bereaved relatives I wish to extend my sympathy.

In regard to my duties as Truant officer I am pleased to report that I have not had as busy a year as last, the attendance at school being well maintained.

Fifty nine visits were made to the school during the year, this was twenty visits less than last year, which shows a marked decrease in truancy. In regard to the good work being done by His Honor, Judge Inman, in Juvenile Court, I may say that in this department of my activities there is also a marked decrease in the number of sittings of the Court and cases tried therein.

This year as compared with 1930 we had only five sittings of the Court, two were for truancy involving four boys; one case for breaking and entering which had to deal with four boys; one case of window breaking in which three boys were involved. This case is not yet concluded, a case dealing with five neglected and dependent children.

As Agent for the Society I made two visits to country districts to investigate the cases of five children, four of whom were placed in Dr. MacPhee expressed the hope for that more money would be avail-

able for the Government for the Society to carry on its work, so that cases sentenced by the Juvenile Court Judge to the reformatory may be sent there. A reform school is really needed in this Province, but failing this, the Government should provide sufficient funds to send boys to the Reformatory when occasion requires.

The President referred to the great loss the Society had sustained in the death of Rev. John J. MacDonald. Father John was one of those who were responsible for the formation of the Society and the Juvenile Court. Upon his shoulders devolved the greater part of the work of the Society and he was always ready and willing to do it.

Dr. MacPhee extended his hearty thanks to Judge Inman, Judge of the Juvenile Court, to Mr. Heath Strong, K. C., Honorary Solicitor of the Society, to Miss Eleanor Green, the efficient secretary treasurer, and to the members of the Board of Management for their loyalty and help in the work of the Society; and to the Press for their interest in the doings of the Society.

Following this address a nominating committee composed of Hon. Adrien F. Arseneault, Mrs. L. A. Moore and Miss Mary Mill was appointed to elect the officers for the ensuing year. Officers elected as follows:

President—Dr. J. A. MacPhee.
First Vice President—Mr. A. S. MacKay.
Second Vice President—Rev. Dr. G. J. MacLellan.
Secretary Treasurer—Miss Eleanor Green.
Hon. Solicitor—Mr. Heath Strong, K. C.

Board of Management—Ladies: Mrs. H. T. Colvin, Mrs. L. R. Allen, Mrs. G. E. Smith, Mrs. L. A. Moore, Mrs. J. M. Noonan, Mrs. J. J. Morris, Mrs. Sonneman, Mrs. Kate Doyle, Miss Mary Mill and Miss Margaret Wedge.

Gentlemen: Ven. Archdeacon White, D. D., Rev. Mr. Campbell, Rev. C. J. St. Clair Jeans, Rev. Mr. Harding, Rev. Mr. Wilson, Hon. A. F. Arseneault, Hon. L. M. MacNeil, Dr. J. F. MacNeill, Mr. J. J. McNally and Mr. E. P. Foley. Meeting adjourned. S.

TRUANT OFFICER AND AGENT FOR C. A. SOCIETY

Hon. Adrien F. Arseneault in moving the adoption of Mr. Harrington's report for the year, highly complimented him on his good work and faithful service performed. Speaking as a member of the government he stated that he was in hearty accord with the aims and efforts of the society and felt sure they would receive every support from the present administration. He fully endorsed the kind remarks made by Mr. Harrington, speaking of the work of Rev. J. J. MacDonald in the interests of neglected children. Miss Eleanor Green read the financial statement which was very satisfactory.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The President, Dr. J. A. MacPhee, stated in his report that the Society had done considerable work during the past year. There were not so many cases of delinquency this year. This is due in part at Juvenile Court. There is also an least to the salutary effect of the improvement in the matter of truancy.

The agent of the Society, Mr. V. J. Harrington is also truant officer and is doing excellent work. There are a number of children in the Orphanages and in foster homes. These later are under the control of the Society and are well looked after. There are also two boys in the Reformatory at Halifax.

In Memoriam

In loving remembrance of Miss Annie Lucinda Shaw, who departed this life at Charlottetown, 11th, November, 1927.

Inserted by her brothers and sisters. 10016-11

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Honjo, commander of the Japanese troops in Manchuria. The war office was informed by the General that throughout Manchuria the situation steadily grows worse. There are sporadic bandit uprisings and General M-h Chang-Shan in command of Chinese troops about the Noni bridgehead, is continuing his activity, the General reported.

The proposal for cooperation with the opposition government at Canton came from Eugene Chen, former Foreign Minister and member of the delegation at the Versailles conference. Chen is perhaps the best known journalist in China. The purpose of his plan would be to expel "the greedy and meddlesome war lords" from Manchuria. He would permit Japanese troops to remain there to maintain peace and order and would set up a High Commissioner to administer the Province.

Baron Kijuro Shidohara, Japanese Foreign Minister, today sent his answer to U. S. Secretary of State Henry L. Stimson's diplomatic communication on the Manchurian conflict. The Foreign Minister decided not to make public the notes exchanged with the United States.

Portland cement manufactured in Yugoslavia is exported to nearly every world market.