

GOVERNMENT STOCKS OF OLD WOOL MAY DEPRESS PRICE OF NEW CLIP

By WILLIAM R. SANBORN

Wayne county has about 8,800 sheep which have recently been robbed of their soft, warm coats, and said coats are now on sale.

But no one wants to buy them—not at any price, just now. Isn't that a peculiar situation? It is, and again it isn't. But quite a number of our readers want to know about it. They want information as to wool market conditions; also what they may hope to get for their wool and when they may hope to be able to sell it.

Government Selling Wool

The weight in the market this spring is the large stock of wool now in the hands of the government and for which it has no further use. For the first time in our history, perhaps, the men at Washington are competing for a market with the wool growers of the country. Now Uncle Sam is selling his wool philosophically, for an important loss is almost inevitable. Besides the people have already paid for all government wool and if we find it a losing transaction, it will be accredited to the loss incident to the proper preparation for a great war and the protection of our boys in the ranks.

What is true as to "medium" wools in Wayne county is true in the main throughout the central west. The market hasn't opened, except in spots, and the little buying so far done has been purely a matter of hope and speculation. They have a lot of wool in the adjoining Indiana and Ohio counties but are not marketing any for there are no buyers.

But there will be buyers in plenty a little later. It is a bit early for wool to begin to move under present conditions, but would not be in normal times. We are experiencing a period of waiting and expectancy. The pressure of government stocks must be entirely removed before we can get down to hard pan and to the trade practices of pre-war days.

Uncle Sam took over all the wool in the country, it will be remembered, and established a price for this purchase. But he is going out of the wool business and is feeding out his reserve supply as judiciously as possible so as not to to greatly overload the market. The government financed our last two wool clips and paid prices high enough to induce an increase in our flocks and recreate an interest in the lagging sheep industry.

And we should all be glad of it. We have never really had an over supply of good clothing wools in this country, though at times there has been a falling off in demand, owing to varying economic conditions.

Government Holdings

On April 1 the United States owned about 260,000,000 pounds of wool, 100,000,000 pounds of which was then in transit from Australia and New Zealand. Now, the wool crop this year is estimated at about three hundred million pounds, or not quite as much as our own government holdings last month. Australia has been accumulating wool for four years, and raises possibly, eight hundred million pounds per year, so must have a very large amount still left to ship. It was stated last week that Australia had nearly three hundred million pounds then enroute to Europe and a few cargoes on the way to America. So, then, on low grade wools we have to seriously reckon with the Island continent.

While it is true that Uncle Sam holds and owns the bulk of the wool in this country he does not own the entire supply. There is always a percentage in the hands of manufacturers, mostly obtained from the government, of course, but not counted in the government reserves, as herein enumerated.

Fine Wool in Demand

So far as we have ascertained the first sale of Indiana 1919 clips was made on May 2 near Marion, and the price paid was 40 cents for three-eights and quarter blood wool. The government set the price on this grade at 65 cents last year.

As to opinion in the east, it may be said that the mills are anticipating a lower market and will only buy for current needs until satisfied with the price. At the government auction held recently at Philadelphia, medium wools brought but 50 to 55 cents, and this for old and thoroughly shrunken stock.

Fine Wool in Demand

Coming down to April 7th, we find that on that date the stock as reported

visiting her son Grant and family for a couple of weeks.... Sam Brandenburg, wife and son, of Oxford, visited his parents here Saturday night and Sunday.

Lester Emerick of Germantown, spent Saturday night and Sunday with Heber O'Hara.... Chester Surface, son of Ad Surface and wife of near New Hope, arrived home Sunday afternoon from service on the New front.... Miss Ruth Wisman of New Paris visited Dorothy Sheffer the latter part of the week.... Everett Geeding and John McGill are on their way home from France and will land the last of the week.... Granville Maddock, son of Harvey Maddock, underwent an operation for appendicitis on Tuesday at the Reid Memorial hospital. He will be removed to his home this week.... One hundred attended Sabbath school last Sunday.... Two thousand dollars of the parsonage fund has been subscribed.... The Ladies' Aid society met last Thursday at the home of Emily Campbell. The next meeting will be June 5, at the home of Mrs. Fred Sauer.... The postoffice was moved Monday afternoon to the rear of O. B. Cooper's store.... Mrs. Dave Call is seriously ill with pneumonia at her home near New Westville.... Grange will meet on Thursday evening.

Centerville, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. James Alsman have moved to the Welfare property on Main street.... Mrs. Ed Smith attended a six o'clock dinner party given by her mother, Mrs. Canon of Richmond, in honor of her son.... Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence McConaha, Miss Grace Townsend and Evert Mason attended the commencement at Fountain City last Thursday evening.... Mrs. Florina Rhodes of Indianapolis was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Bost last week.... Miss Mabel Hosier returned Saturday from a week's visit with her brother in Detroit, Mich. She will leave in a few days for summer work in Mrs. Blanker's kindergarten school at Indianapolis.... A. G. Gates of Chicago who has been visiting his parents for several days left Friday for Salt City College at Hutchinson, Kans., where he has accepted a position.... Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Sullivan spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Castor.... Mothers' Day will be observed with an appropriate program next Sunday evening at the

M. E. church.... The members of the Busy Bee class of the M. E. church gave a party in honor of Ruth Compton and Edith Driver, members of the graduating class, Wednesday evening at the home of their teacher, Miss Bush.... Miss Clarissa Ann entertained the members of her Sunday school class at her home Wednesday afternoon. A delightful afternoon was spent on the lawn and games and refreshments were enjoyed.... Keith Hatfield of the Great Lakes Training Station, was called home by the death of his uncle, Oran L. Quig of Richmond. Mr. Hatfield has a seven-day furlough.... The Woman's Home Missionary society meets Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Helena Johnston.... Miss Retta Conrad was the over Sunday guest of Miss Mary Wilson.... Frank Henderson and Elmer Rodenberger are among the boys from across the sea who have been returned the past week.... Mr. and Mrs. Harry Shadel and son Roscoe attended a dinner given in honor of Elmer Rodenberger's return at his home near Philomath Sunday.... Mr. and Mrs. Donald Lantz have christened their eighth and half pound son who arrived the latter part of the week, Thad Lantz.

Monroe School Notes

Preble County, Ohio.

The animal husbandry class visited F. M. Davison Tuesday forenoon for the purpose of studying Oxforddown sheep.... The Monroe High school first met New Monday High on Monroe's field and was defeated by a score of 8 to 2.... The eighth grade has been reviewing for examination which will come the first of the week.... The Junior Domestic Science girls served their last lunch Thursday. The menu consisted of chicken, noodles, baked beans, potato salad, Parker House rolls, butter, rhubarb conserve, cake, peaches and ice cream.... Miss Florence Agier took teacher's examination at Eaton Saturday.... The following teachers attended teacher's association and banquet given at Eaton Saturday evening: Supt. L. L. Schlesier, E. A. Holcomb, P. G. Campbell, Miss Ruth Markey, Mrs. Blanche Shively, Miss Isla Crawford, Mrs. Leah Petry, Miss Lucie Gifford, Miss Florence Agier and Mrs. Esther Agier.... The following people visited the school during the week: Monday, County Super-

intendent W. S. Fogarty, Supt. Dennis of Camden schools, State High School Inspector Stewart and Carl Niswonger; Tuesday, Anna Gauth and Lowell Moore; Wednesday, Alta May Brunner, Geneva Frank, Norma Brown, Opal Eyer and Lloyd House; Thursday, Loyd Fudge; Friday, Ruth Furry, Helen Schlotterbeck, Lois Longenecker, Denver Wehrley and Marco Rush.... Mrs. Blanche Shively spent Wednesday night at the home of Luis Vila.... Supt. L. F. Schlesier had the misfortune of stepping on a nail and was unable to attend school Monday. His foot is improving.... Miss Mary G. Swartzell was unable to teach school Monday on account of a gathering in her ear.... The Monroe Freshmen gave Lewisburg Freshmen a return game Friday on the latter's field, resulting in a score of 30 to 22 in favor of Monroe.... The baccalaureate service was well attended Sunday, May 4. Rev. W. A. Vorhis delivered a fine sermon containing many good and practical points about the text which was found in II. Timothy, 2: 15, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God."

LEAVES FORTUNE TO FRANCE

(By Associated Press)

PARIS, May 8.—Miss Boute, who has just died at Parignan, at the age of 75, has left her whole fortune to France to be devoted to the work of rebuilding churches destroyed by the Germans. The amount will exceed 500,000 francs, or one hundred thousand dollars.

FAILED TO REMOVE HAT

CHICAGO, May 8.—A man who failed to stand or remove his hat during the playing of the national anthem is in a hospital today having been shot twice by a sailor guard after the man had flourished a revolver among hundreds of spectators at a Victory loan celebration yesterday.

Soldier's Headless Body
Drives Lieutenant Mad

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 8.—Private E. Covert of Divisional headquarters, now at Camp Devens, Mass., just back from overseas, tells what he claims is a true story of how a lieutenant went mad on beholding a headless man rushing side by side with him toward the Germans.

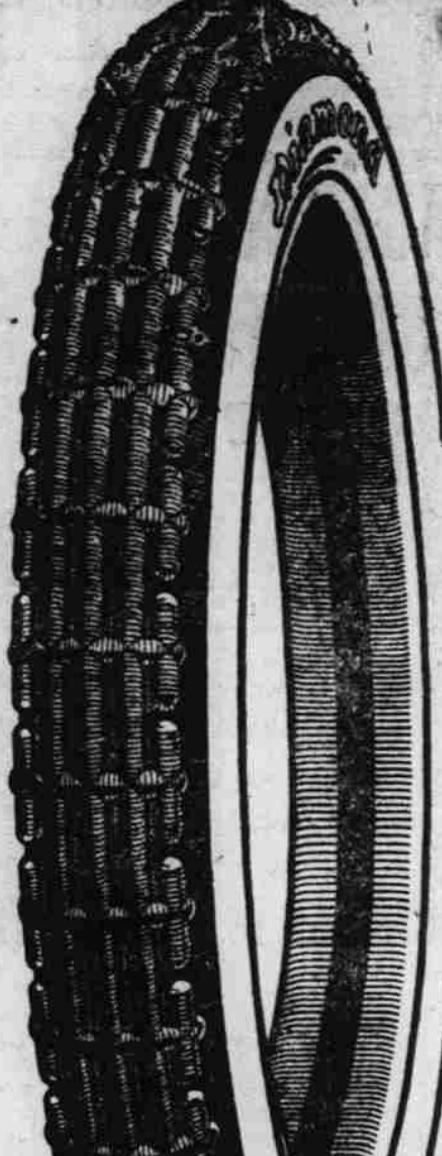
According to Covert, the lieutenant was running with his men toward a German stronghold. A shell took off the head of the man next to the lieutenant. The forward momentum of the man coupled with the steady effect of the lieutenant on one side and a private on the other was sufficient to carry the headless trunk 15 feet.

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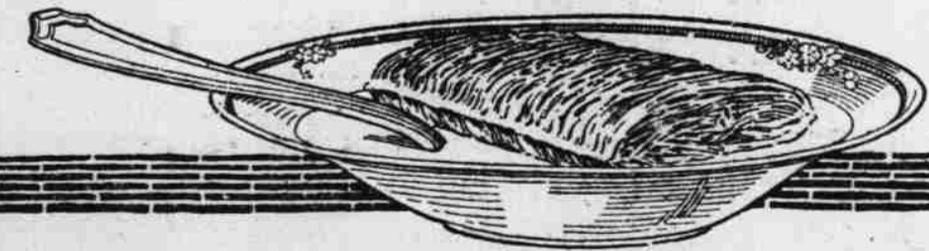
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Earl Of Athlone To Be Governor Of Canada

(By Associated Press)

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The Duke of Devonshire was appointed governor general of Canada on June 27, 1916, and was installed in office on November 11, 1916. The Earl of Athlone was born April 14, 1874, and is the son of the Duke of Teck. He was educated at Eton and later became a general staff officer with the rank of brigadier-general. He served in Matabeleland in 1896, being mentioned in dispatches during his service there. He was appointed governor general of Canada in 1914, but did not take office. He was created Earl of Athlone on July 17, 1917. He was married on February 10, 1904, to Princess Alice, countess of Athlone, daughter of the late first duke of Albany.

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