

GOVERNMENT STOCKS OF OLD WOOL MAY DEPRESS PRICE OF NEW CLIP

By WILLIAM R. SANBORN

Wayne county has about 8,900 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 largest since 1914, and 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 at auction, and will take his loss 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 but 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 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.

Governmental 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-eighths and quarter blood wool. The government set the price on this grade at 55 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

ed to the War department had been reduced to 342 million pounds, valued at \$221,000,000. The total amount of wool received by the government since it first began its operations in that staple, was 650 million pounds.

But very little, comparatively, of all this was fine wool, and fine wool is just what the manufacturer is now most in need of.

This means that fine fabric wools are to be in demand at good prices because these are relatively scarce and because, too, consumers have the money, and are willing to spend it for better apparel than war-time manufacture permitted, except to a very limited degree.

The chance that we may yet live to see good, all-wool suits on sale at prices within the means of the man who works for a living is very cheering. And there are wool dress fabrics to consider. With more good wool available the ladies of the household can dress more resplendently on a good deal less money. A decline in woolen and wool mixed fabrics will insure a lower cost on both silk and cotton dress and suit goods, a "consumption devoutly to be wished," and the earlier the better for all of us.

Campbelltown, O.

Frank Thompson and family from Holquin Wash., visited friends here the past week. Perry Wright and family are moving into Frank Thompson property this week. Many autoed to Eaton Sunday afternoon to see the army tank. The Jackson Grange degree team and drill team put on third and fourth degree work at Washington township Saturday evening. The Junior class gave a reception Friday evening in honor of the Senior class at the school building. An elegant supper was served. The Senior class play, "Dorothy's Neighbors," was attended by a large crowd Thursday evening. Wesley Melling and wife of New Hope have gone to Kansas for a four weeks' visit with relatives. Mrs. Mary Larsh is

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 Italian 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 paragon fund has been subscribed. The Ladies' Aid society met last Thursday with Miss 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 of this week.

Centerville, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. James Alaman have moved to the Welford 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. Florida Rhodes of Indianapolis was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. B. Boswell last week. Miss Mabel Hosler 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. Blankley'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 her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Castetter. 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 Commons and Edith Driver, members of the graduating class, Wednesday evening at the home of their teacher, Miss Buhl. Miss Clarissa Ahl entertained the members of her Sunday school class at her home Wednesday afternoon. A delightful afternoon was passed 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 Lague 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 Henderson 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 eight and half pound son who arrived the latter part of the week, Thad Lantz.

Monroe School Notes

Prefle County, Ohio.
The animal husbandry class visited P. M. Davison Tuesday forenoon for the purpose of studying Oxforddown sheep. The Monroe High school first met New Madison 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 Agler took teacher's examination at Eaton Saturday. The following teachers attended teachers' association and banquet given at Eaton Saturday evening: Supt. L. L. Schiesler, E. A. Holcomb, P. G. Campbell, Miss Ruth Markey, Mrs. Blanche Shively, Miss Isla Crawford, Mrs. Leah Petry, Miss Lucie Gifford, Miss Florence Agler and Mrs. Esther Agler. The following people visited the school during the week: Monday, County Super-

intendent W. S. Fogarty, Supt. Dennison of Camden schools, State High School Inspector Stewart and Carl Niswonger; Tuesday, Anna Gauch and Lowell Moore; Wednesday, Alta May Brunner, Geneva Frank, Norma Brown, Opal Ryler and Lloyd House; Thursday, Lloyd Fudge; Friday, Ruth Furry, Helen Schlotterbeck, Lois Longenecker, Denver Wehrley and Marco Rush. Mrs. Blanche Shively spent Wednesday night at the home of Lula Via. Supt. L. F. Schiesler had the misfortune of stepping on a nail and was unable to attend school Monday. His foot is improving. Miss Mary G. Swartzel 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 Boutet, who has just died at Pargipnan, 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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(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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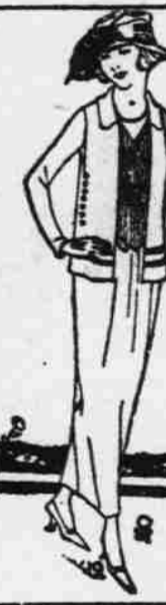
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