

JUST GET READY TO HOLD WHEAT, FARMERS' ONLY SOLUTION TRANSPORTATION PROBLEM

By WILLIAM R. SANBORN

Senator Capper, of Kansas, is pessimistic as to the early movement of new crop wheat, not only in Kansas, but anywhere. He says that his state still holds 25,000,000 bushels of old wheat, "which could not all be moved in 60 days, by loading 480 cars per day." In the meanwhile there will presently be more than 100,000,000 bushels of new Kansas wheat seeking both cars and storage facilities.

When we consider that there are still more than 45,000,000 of 1919 wheat on the farms, and around 100,000,000 in elevators "in sight," the early marketing and shipping of the new crop presents an almost impossible problem. The movement of the Southwest has already begun. Kansas City began receiving new wheat last week, running about 25 cars per day so far. Much of the southern wheat will find an outlet at Gulf ports, and a little of the wheat grown along the Mississippi will go to New Orleans in barges, but the great bulk of the harvest will seek terminal markets in the north and east.

The Ohio Farm Bureau. Realizing the gravity of the car situation, are preparing to hold from 75 to 85 per cent of their wheat crop. The secretary of the state bureau federation states that they "will do it cars are not plentiful," as is feared. The banks have been consulted and replies received show that hundreds of local banks "are in" on this and are arranging to finance the farmers pending sale of the grain to be stored.

An Eastern Editor's View. "Food must become cheaper because of unexpected abundance, both in Canada and the United States. The world's price could hardly stand up under the enlarged supplies, and a hundred million hungry foreigners would be fed, if the foodstuffs could be moved to them. But the abundant supplies are a mockery, alike to them and to the farmers here, who are hungry for profits out of reach because of im-

possibility of moving their crops to market." After stating that our wheat crop, including our old grain reserve, will total 856,000,000 bushels, and that we shall grow 11,000,000 more bushels of wheat this year, the editor says: "These figures are like water in the sight of Tantalus. To farmers, sorrow's crown of sorrow is memory of the times when their railway rates were higher, and there was a car supply to match the crops."

Troubles of the Railways. The public is aware of what has been going on in railway circles; of the efforts made to move tonnage, the heaviest in our history. We all know of the strikes, of congestion of millions of tons of freight in the great terminals; of the shortage of all kinds of rolling stock, including engines, and of the crying need for the distribution of every class of material and commodity. The strikes of dockmen at the seacoast has prevented the export of millions of bushels of grain and other foodstuffs.

The business of transportation has been tied in knots from various causes while the struggle on the part of the roads to move freight persisted, and still persists. In spite of all obstacles more tonnage has been moved in the past 90 days than during the same period a year ago, on all the great trunk lines, but seemingly there is a vasty greater tonnage to move.

What Should Farmers Do? The peak load on this crop will come along in September. The pressure will come from farm, factory, steel plants, coal mines, etc. That conditions will greatly improve is not to be anticipated. The marketing of wheat is likely to be slow and unsatisfactory process, at best. There will be a shortage of grain cars at country points during the rush season. Undoubtedly so. But how great the shortage remains to be discovered. In the meantime what is the grain farmer to do?

It would seem the part of wisdom to prepare to store wheat, to hold and care for it at home or locally, because many will find it hard to move. That the banks in the Richmond radius will lend a hand in this direction can scarcely be questioned. Should the movement of grain be broader than now seems possible, so much the better. At the best the situation promises to be serious for the man who "must" sell early, or at once. Those who are better prepared to store and wait will help a lot by not forcing their wheat or oats on the market, "until a more convenient season."

HEAVY IMPORTS NOTED FOR MONTH IN LEAF TOBACCO

The heavy demands of domestic trade on foreign leaf tobacco and its manufactured products is apparent from the official statistics representing the re-exports for the month of April, 1920. Compared with the corresponding month last year, wrapper leaf shows a decrease of 243,487 pounds, or 61 per cent; all other leaf a decrease of 4,750,709 pounds, or 94 per cent. The total value of leaf re-exports decreased \$1,977,759, or 91 per cent. Of the manufactured products re-exported cigars and cheroots decreased 101 pounds, or 33 per cent; cigarettes decreased 898 pounds, or 19 per cent; all other manufactures increased 2,909 pounds, or 415 per cent. The total value increased \$435, or 9 per cent. The record for 10 months of the fiscal year reveals the following comparisons: Wrapper leaf increased 205,537 pounds, or 10 per cent; all other leaf decreased 9,314,758 pounds, or 44 per cent; total leaf value decreased \$351,276, or 5 per cent; cigars and cheroots increased 2,367 pounds or 52 per cent; cigarettes decreased 114,910 pounds, or 91 per cent; all other manufactures increased 2,806 pounds, or 30 per cent; total value of products decreased \$126,454, or 72 per cent.

THRASHERS RAISE PRICES

NEWCASTLE, Ind., July 14.—The thrashing prices for this year have gone up with the trend of times, and after a meeting of the thrashers of the county on last Saturday, it was announced that it will cost the farmers more this year than last, both for oats and wheat. The thrashing prices on wheat were increased to 10 cents, and on oats to 6 cents a bushel. Last year the price of wheat thrashing was 8 cents, and on oats was 5 cents a bushel.

The complete list of prices is as follows: Wheat, 10 cents; oats, 6 cents; rye, 15 cents; barley, 7 cents; clover, 10 cents; hay, a bushel, and corn shredding, 10 cents a bushel.

FIRST NO. 1 WHEAT SOLD. **SHELBYVILLE, Ind., July 14.**—Testing 61 pounds to the bushel, the first yield of 1920 Shelby county wheat crop arrived here Tuesday, and at a local mill was graded No. 1, carrying with it the premium price agreed upon between the farmers and the grain dealers of the county. The wheat was exceptionally good and was produced from a farm in Washington township, south of here. Other wheat thrashed yesterday and today in the same vicinity tested 58 to 60 pounds to the bushel.

The youthful ambition of Sir Arthur W. Pinero was to become an omnibus conductor.

Suburban

MIDDLEBORO, Ind.—Mr. Boon Lieng, a graduate from Northwestern University, was the week-end guest of Mr. Lowell Patti. He leaves the states this week for his home in Siam. Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Dilly of Richmond, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Stanley of Marion, spent Friday evening with Charles Borton and family. Mr. Harry Patti and Mrs. William Borton called on Mrs. Russell Clark Monday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Hardwick spent Sunday in Modoc, visiting relatives. Miss Marjorie Gault was the guest of Miss Madge Whitesell of Richmond, Thursday evening. Mrs. Howard Jeffers and daughter spent Monday afternoon with Mrs. William Jeffers. Mr. and Mrs. Lindsey Canaday visited at Hagerstown Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. George Canaday. Mr. and Mrs. Muncie Eubanks were dinner guests Monday of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Dougherty. Mr. and Mrs. York Little and Mr. Denver Coffield are spending their vacation near James Lake. Mr. and Mrs. Clester Rockhill and daughter were the week-end guests of Mr. Charles Borton and family. Mr. and Mrs. Borton and family called on Mrs. Lindsey Canaday Monday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. William Curtis and son, Francis, of California, and Mrs. Baldwin of Chicago, spent Wednesday evening with Mr. Donald Baynes and family. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Broadstock, O., visited with Mr. and Mrs. Muncie Eubanks, Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Miller were Sunday evening guests of Norman Kirtman and family. Mr. and Mrs. Little and family of Richmond, called on Mrs. M. B. Little Sunday evening. Mr. and Mrs. George Baker and daughter Yelma, called on Mrs. Sam Danner Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Pleasant Seaney, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hartman and daughter visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bradberry, of near Abington. Howard Jeffers and family called on Morrison Skinner and family Sunday afternoon. Miss Florence was a week-end guest of Clarence Jeffers and family. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Roll spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Reid. Miss Esther Boyd called on Miss Marjorie Kirtman Sunday evening. Mr. William Hanesbarger and family visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Via at Richmond. Muncie Eubanks and family spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Hyatt. Miss Marjorie Kirtman was the guest of Miss Ardith White Wednesday and Thursday. Donald Baynes and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Guy Anderson.

OTTERBEIN, O.—Sunday school attendance, 98; collection, \$5.64. Mrs. Enzia Leas and daughters spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Broadstock. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Minnich and family and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Beutler, of Greenville, spent Sunday evening with Earl Nisonger and family. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sharriff entertained at dinner Sunday, Ollie Schlecty and family. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Snyder of Richmond, spending the week with her cousin, Miss Naomi Brookman. Miss Cecil Broadstock of Greenville, and Miss Alma Burkhardt of Eldorado, spent Saturday night with Miss Ethel Coblenz, Misses Garnet and Ruth Nisonger, Miss Helen Howell, John Stoner and family and Noah

Charles and family were Sunday visitors. Missionary society meeting which was held with Mrs. Laura Nisonger, was well attended. There will be community social in the basement of the church next Saturday evening. Ice cream and cake will be served. Everybody invited.

DALTON, Ind.—Miss Edna Borough and Miss Hazel Farlow were visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Hazel Maynard, Friday. Mrs. Lena Borough, Mrs. Brooks and Miss Edna Borough spent Thursday with Mrs. Harry Williams, near Mooreland. Miss Bessie Alread and Tessie Vanderman spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Beeson, of Hagerstown. Quite a number from here attended church at Morgan Creek, Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Honsil Dennis, Miss Ruth Dennis, Mr. and Mrs. Arthel Dennis and children and Mrs. Lee Reynolds and son, Leon, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Dennis and Miss Zelma Dennis Sunday. Mrs. Malissa Richardson left today for Kentucky to visit her mother. Miss Ruth Richardson spent the Fourth in Newcastle. Arch Taylor, Orville Watchett, Fred Llewellyn and Curtis Bales were in Newcastle recently.

WINCHESTER, Ind.—Mrs. Coral Matheson has gone to Madison, Wis., to visit her daughter, Miss Loreta, who is instructor in Spanish at the Wisconsin state university. Miss Derle Browne has returned from Indianapolis. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Browne left Sunday for Conway, Mich., to join Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Cheney and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pierce, at the Brown cottage. W. D. Remmel, of Fort Wayne, spent the week end in this city with his daughter, Geraldine, who has been visiting here for several days. Lewis Jones, of Indianapolis, spent Sunday here with his family, and Mrs. Louise Study. The White River Friends church, east of the city, who are the guests of Mrs. Jones's mother and sister, Mrs. Adam Hirsche was dedicated Sunday afternoon. It has been remodeled and is one of the best country churches in this part of the country.

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Richmond, Indiana.

The Farm and the Farmer

By WILLIAM R. SANBORN

According to Charles Carpenter's records, the first load of 1919 wheat to arrive in Richmond was received at the mill on July 5th, and came from a threshing rig near Centerville. The seller, Robert Boval, got \$2.12 per bushel. He said he had hauled it here "because the Centerville elevator was not ready to take in wheat."

The mill records show that wheat came in four days earlier last year than in 1918, when the first load was weighed in on July 9.

There is a feeling among Wayne farmers that those unable to market before the elevators are filled up, will do well to prepare to hold their wheat. The transportation problem is paramount. There is no telling to what extent the mills and elevators will be supplied with cars and the feeling is that there will be more wheat than cars for a time to come. The price on oats still remains high, relatively, and these will be the next to seek an outlet, although the pressure to market oats will not be great, as these can be largely fed and sold at home.

Hopes Farmers Will Hold.

Goodrich Brothers, of Winchester, have been quoting prices for grain to country elevators in this district, and will provide an wholesale outlet, as far their capacity and inflow of cars will permit. Their opening price on new wheat, quoted last week, was \$2.65 to elevator men, the price to farmers being proportionately lower to permit a profit to the handlers at country points. The Goodrich idea is that every farmer able to hold wheat should do so, both for his own and the public good, "and we hope to see this done, because of railway congestion and absolute shortage of cars."

Township Federation Meetings

Three township federation meetings are announced for this week. The Webster meeting will be held on Thursday evening, as will that of Center township. The latter will be held at the town hall at Centerville. The Washington township meeting will be held at Milton on Friday night. Much business of importance is scheduled to come up and all farmers are invited.

Grain Dealers at Muncie.

The Indiana Grain Dealers' association went into session at a called meeting at Muncie on Wednesday afternoon. Matters of interest in connection with the opening of the speculative wheat markets on Thursday, and others of importance with relation to the handling of the new wheat crop are the principal topics of discussion. Charles Carpenter, of Richmond, is among the Wayne county men present.

A Giant Cherry Tree

There is a cherry tree on a farm near Wapakoneta, that is known as "Ohio's great pie tree," and is supposed to be the largest cherry tree in the state. It stands 50 feet high, has a trunk 30 inches in diameter, and has been producing cherries for 56 years. No one remembers when it failed to produce a crop, and for many years its smallest yield has been 15 bushels.

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CAMBRIC MUSLIN—Yard-wide, soft finish, for underwear and fine sewing. This is an exceptional value. —July Sale, 35c

BROWN SHEETING MUSLIN—40-inch, extra heavy quality, easily bleached, 2 widths makes a sheet. —July Sale, 40c

EXTRA SPECIAL—Just 2,000 yards short lengths in Bleached Muslin; perfect goods, 2 to 5-yard pieces; these are worth 40c; limit 10 yards. —July Sale, 32c

PILLOW TUBINGS—What we have just said about sheetings is equally true about Pillow Tubings—36-inch Seamless—July Sale 65c 40-inch Seamless—July Sale 70c 42-inch Seamless—July Sale 75c 44-inch Seamless—July Sale 80c

TURKISH WASH CLOTHS—Good size, assorted color borders. —July Sale, \$1.00 Dozen

INDIAN HEAD—Fine for middie, aprons and dresses; these goods are worth 60c. —July Sale, 43c

CHEESE CLOTH—Just ten pieces; not many, considering the price; fine for cleaning and polishing. —July Sale, 15c

CHEVIOT SHIRTINGS—500 yards 29-inch in stripes and checks, a real bargain. 45c value. —July Sale, 35c

TABLE DAMASKS—\$1.25—4 pieces 66-inch Mercerized Damasks, good line of patterns, beautiful finish. —July Sale, \$1.25

\$2.00—70-inch Union Table Damask, fine finish, good line of patterns. —July Sale, \$2.00

SHEETS AND PILLOW CASES—63x90 Seamless for child's bed. —July Sale, \$1.45 72x90 Seamless for single bed. —July Sale, \$2.05 81x90 Seamless for double bed. —July Sale, \$2.25 45x36 Pillow Cases. —July Sale, 50c 42x36 Pillow Cases. —July Sale, 65c

CRASH TOWELINGS—STEVEN'S UNION CRASH—17 inch, blue border, half bleached. Limit 10 yards. —July Sale, 23c STEVEN'S ALL-LINEN—18-inch, full bleached; none better than Steven's. Limit 10 yards. —July Sale, 37c

UNBLEACHED LINEN WEFT—500 yards, fine for tea towels; absorbs the water; limit 10 yds. —July Sale, 20c

SHEETING—Now is the time to buy sheetings. Full bleached, all standard brands, measure full width and, of course, makes a seamless sheet. Consider well these prices—64 54-inch. —July Sale, \$.65 74 63-inch. —July Sale, \$.75 84 72-inch. —July Sale, \$.85 94 81-inch. —July Sale, \$.95 104 90-inch. —July Sale, \$1.05

TURKISH TOWELS—59c—This is a double thread towel, size 13x20, extra weight. —July Sale 59c, 6 for \$3.25

FANCY TOWELS—Not many in this lot, guest size in pink or blue borders. —July Sale 49c, 6 for \$2.75

BED TICKING—32-inch full 8-ounce Ticking, guaranteed to hold feathers, 85c value. —July Sale, 69c

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1 to 5 yard lengths, perfect goods, limit 10 yards. Today's mill price is 33c; July Sale—32c

PERCALES—2,000 yards, all new goods, yard wide, light or dark colors, 45c value. —July Sale, 29c

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CANTON FLANNELS—As long as ten pieces will last we offer a very heavy canton in either bleached or unbleached; fine, soft fleece. —July Sale, 35c

Very Extra Special Percales

Yard wide Percales, either light or dark colors, good line of styles. We reserve right to limit quantity; July Sale—29c

COMFORT COTTONS

This is the time to buy cotton for the comforts for Fall and Winter. Just three big values: 22c ROLL—Good, clean cotton, a very special value, bought for the sale. —July Sale, 22c 27c ROLL—Weights full pound, soft and clean, special for the sale. —July Sale, 37c \$1.10 ROLL—Weights full three pounds, opens up in one sheet; one roll makes a comfort. —July Sale, \$1.10

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