

HIGH BEEF PRICES ARE WORLD WIDE

Declaring relatively high beef prices a world-wide situation, the bureau of agricultural economics, United States department of agriculture, reports that low output, high prices, and a reduced volume of international trade are the outstanding features of the cattle and beef industry in most of the important exporting countries.

The United States imported less cattle but more beef during the first quarter of 1929 than in the corresponding period last year, and the prospects are that New Zealand, Canada, and Argentina will continue to ship beef to this country. Prices in European consuming countries, notably Great Britain, says the bureau, remain close to the high levels of 1928, but the relatively higher United States prices suggest that European buying can not be expected to reduce materially the volume of foreign cattle and beef seeking an outlet here.

New Zealand now leads Canada as a source of United States fresh and frozen beef and veal imports, while Argentina is sending larger quantities of canned beef. Canada is the leading source of live cattle, principally steers and heifers. The leading outlet for Canadian cattle and beef, under present world-wide conditions, has shifted from Great Britain to the United States. Mexico is sending a relatively small number of steers and feeder cattle to the American market.

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ports are below those of a year ago as a result of reduced supplies available for export in the southern hemisphere, notably South America. In Great Britain there has been a noticeable tendency to use the less expensive frozen beef rather than best chilled beef, but all beef is regarded as dear by most consumers. There is more consumer resistance to the existing price level in Europe than there is in the United States. Most European countries, especially on the continent, have been increasing their domestic beef supplies during recent years and including 1928, but this tendency has greater significance with regard to the volume of imports from the longer time viewpoint than it has under current market conditions.

The United States cattle industry is reported to be passing the bottom of a production cycle and approaching the peak of a price cycle. This means that as prices rise through the effect of a series of years of shortage in supplies of cattle, breeding animals are withheld from the market to build breeding herds and there is a temporary additional contraction of beef supplies. There has been a tendency toward smaller total inspected slaughter this year, with steer slaughter larger than a year ago, and slaughter of other cattle considerably less.

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Selections Will Determine Whether Dominance of Italians Will Be Continued.

BY MILTON BRONNER
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ROME, May 20.—The consistory of the Roman Catholic church, which met here today, is expected to deal with some of the most important questions now agitating the church. These questions have to do with the makeup of the college of cardinals, which now has 12 vacancies. They can be stated as follows:

First—Will the international character of the church continue to be emphasized by the presence of a majority of non-Italians in the college?

Second—Will the increasing request of Catholics of outside countries, particularly the United States, for a greater influence in the conduct of the church be heeded?

Third—Will the present overwhelming predominance of Italian cardinals in the great governing bodies of the church be continued or diminished?

New Cardinals Certain

No new cardinals have been created since 1927, and it is assumed that a number of new ones will be named at the coming consistory. The nationalities of the men elevated to the red hat may give a picture of the attitude of Pope Pius XI toward these questions.

In 1928 Sixtus V fixed the maximum number of cardinals at 70, of whom six were to be cardinal bishops, 50 cardinal priests and 14 cardinal deacons. The six cardinal bishops must reside in Rome and each occupies one of the six suffragan sees of the Roman diocese. Of the cardinal priests, 33 occupy archbishops or metropolitan sees in various parts of the world. Thus Cardinal Hayes is archbishop of New York.

All the important administrative machinery of the church is centered in Rome. Thus there are 12 "congregations," such as the congregation of the Holy Office, the congregation of the Consistory, etc. The congregation of the Holy Office has to do with the ethical teachings of the church. The congregation of the Consistory is entrusted with general oversight of the dioceses scattered all over the world, the appointment of bishops, etc.

But there is an even more important piece of machinery known as the Tribunals of the Curia—the Apostolic Penitentiary, the Sacred Roman Rota and the Apostolic Signatura. The first has jurisdiction over all questions of conscience presented to the Holy See; the second is really the law court of the Vatican and deals with all contentious cases; the third is a sort of

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RIVAL WIVES

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THIS HAS HAPPENED

Nan Carroll discovers after three years' work with Attorney John Curtis Morgan that she is in love with him, and, having a high sense of honor, determines to resign. Her resignation is postponed, however, because she believes Morgan is going to need the services of a faithful secretary during his defense of Bert Crawford, a supposed friend, who is indicted for embezzlement. Nan distrusts Crawford and Iris Morgan, beautiful wife of the lawyer.

Nan overhears by means of a listening-in device a conversation between Crawford and his switchboard operator in which he "fixes" the girl's testimony to divert suspicious evidence from him. When Nan confronts Crawford with what she has heard, and tells him her price of silence is that he give up Iris Morgan, he angrily agrees.

Morgan defends Crawford ably. On the last day of the trial, Nan prepares to go to the courtroom when Iris rushes in, accompanied by little Curtis Morgan, whom she leaves on Nan's hands for the morning. Nan is furious. When the little boy drops asleep, Nan finds beside him a note, evidently stolen from his mother's handbag, in which Crawford protests his love for Iris, admits his guilt, and lays plans for their elopement.

Nan hurries to the courthouse. She is too late. The jury comes in with a "not guilty" verdict. Outside the courthouse she meets Willis Todd, an old suitor, who takes her to lunch. Knowing he is trustworthy, she shows him the note and he advises her to tear it up. She tucks it in her bag, knowing well she would have died before she would have hurt Morgan with that note.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY

"Nice Christmas, Nan?" John Curtis Morgan greeted his secretary cheerfully on Tuesday morning. "Look! I'm wearing the tie you gave me. Best-looking one I ever had."

Nan Carroll could have burst into tears with relief. The two days since she had seen him had been a period of almost intolerable suspense. Her mildest nightmare had pictured him alone on Christmas Day, deserted by his wife for his "best friend"; her worst fear had been that he might be lying dead on his living room floor, his sightless eyes turned toward the portrait of the woman who had betrayed him. She had actually not possessed the courage to read the papers.

"You always say that!" she forced her trembling lips to retort flippantly, hoping that her eyes did not too shamelessly betray her. The cravat of dark blue and silvery-gray striped silk did suit him amazingly well. "Yes, I had a nice Christmas," she lied. "I've been trying to frame a letter that would adequately express my thanks for the roses and the check, but—"

"Don't be a goose!" Morgan interrupted brusquely. "I'm so indebted to you for your help on the Grace Cox case and the Crawford case, to say nothing of all the other cases, that all the thanks passed between us should come from my pen. Consider the hundred dollar salary bonus and not a tenth of what you're entitled to."

He passed on into his private office, and Nan sat staring at her typewriter, the tears, which she had had to control in his presence, slipping hotly down her cheeks. Her need to resign, to get away from this man whom she loved so much and so hopelessly, had become a desperate pain on Christ-mas Eve, when his roses had been delivered to her and the sight of his hand-writing on the card and check which had accompanied them had made her ill with too great joy.

The buzzer on her desk sounded. Nan dabbed furiously at the tears

on her cheeks, snatched a powder puff from the top drawer of her desk and covered the traces of her self-pity; then took notebook and pencil and went in to him, smiling.

A few minutes later, when he was dictating with a day-after-Christmas languor and tendency to irrelevant conversation, Bert Crawford charged into the private office without knocking.

"Hello, Jack! How's the greatest criminal lawyer in the United States? By golly, you're certainly a demon for work! Why don't you knock off for a few days? Hello, Nan! Happy New Year!"

Morgan frowned slightly. For the first time Crawford's blithe banter seemed to annoy him. "Anything special, Bert? We're pretty busy this morning."

Crawford laughed boisterously and slapped his friend on the back. "Nothing very special, old timer. Just thought I'd get rid of a scrap of paper while I was in the neighborhood." And he drew his wallet from his pocket, abstracted a check, and ostentatiously laid it before the lawyer. "Now, wouldn't you give me a bill, old man, so I let my conscience be my guide."

"Twenty thousand!" Morgan exclaimed. "I should judge then that you had a very troublesome conscience!"

"Twelve good men and true said 'not guilty,'" Crawford reminded him, laughing good-naturedly. "But seriously, old boy, you've earned that and more too, and I'll be glad to make the check bigger if you'll let me."

"I told you there wouldn't be any fee, Bert," Morgan frowned. "This business cost you dear enough, God knows."

"Fortunes of war, Jack!" Crawford shrugged. "I'm not down and out yet, and I never will be. If you don't want the money, give it to Iris. A woman likes to have a little fortune of her own tucked away in the bank."

Morgan's face lighted up with the tenderness which his wife's name always evoked. "That's not a bad idea, Bert. If you insist on paying, I'll open an account in her name today. She'll certainly be surprised and pleased. Mighty decent of you."

But Nan, sitting quietly, with pencil poised over her notebook, did not for a moment believe that it was "decent" of Crawford. He was either being diabolically clever or incidentally childish. If he was really going to run away with Iris Morgan, Bert Crawford would not lose the \$20,000 so grandly presented to the man he had used and deserted; he and Iris would have every penny of it, in addition to the quarter of a million that Crawford had stolen from the Mid-West Packing Company.

And if he was not going to keep his promise to Iris, was planning to abandon her as he had doubtless abandoned many other women, then this \$20,000—a small sum to a man who had a quarter of a million stashed away—was a end's way of canceling his love debt. And John Curtis Morgan—blind, trusting darling that he was—thought Bert Crawford was "mighty decent!"

"I didn't like to throw a damper over the Christmas payless yesterday, but the fact is, Jack, that I'm going to shake the dust of this man's town from my heels."

"What!" Morgan exclaimed. "Isn't this a hasty decision, Bert?"

Crawford shook his handsome blonde head emphatically. "No, old man, I've been mulling it over since the blow fell. The Mid-West Packing Company is bound to bust. It'll be in the hands of a receiver by the first of the year. And in spite of the fact that I was acquitted, my name won't be any too fragrant in those quarters."

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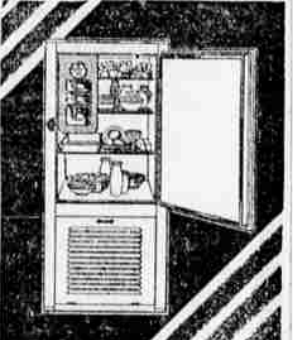
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