

FARM PRICES STILL BELOW LEVELS OF THOSE LAST YEAR

Some evidence that the downward course of farm prices the last seven months has been checked is seen by the bureau of agricultural economics in a report just issued, which says that prices of all farm products except meat, animals and wool advanced from March 15 to April 15.

The bureau's index of farm prices is reported at 127 per cent of the pre-war level on April 15, which is one point higher than on March 15, but 11 points below April 15 a year ago. From March 15 to April 15 this year prices of fruits and vegetables advanced 18 points, grains 3 points, and poultry and dairy products 2 points. There was a 5 point decline in farm prices of meat animals, and the index for dairy products showed no change.

Compared with a year ago, the April 15 index of prices of meat animals down 18 points, dairy products down 16 points, and grains and poultry products down 10 points each. Prices of fruits and vegetables were up 77 points, the only group to show an advance over a year ago.

Hog Ratio Declines
Farm prices of hogs declined approximately 4 per cent from March 15 to April 15, and brought hog prices to a level about 10 per cent below a year ago. Coming at a time when market receipts of hogs were decreasing, the lower farm price was apparently a reflection of a much weaker demand situation. As a result of the decline in hog prices and advancing farm prices of corn, the corn-hog ratio for the United States declined from 12.8 on March 15 to 11.7 on April 15. During the same period, the Iowa ratio declined 2 points to 13.3.

Sheep Also Decline
Farm prices of sheep and lambs declined under pressure of heavy marketing. Although market receipts did not increase at a much faster rate during this period than in 1929, the much higher level of supply has exerted a depressing influence on sheep and lamb prices during the past two months. Farm prices of sheep declined 2 per cent and farm prices of lambs, 6 per cent from March 15 to April 15, when sheep prices were 23 per cent and lamb prices 32 per cent lower than a year ago.

The farm price of corn was approximately 5 per cent higher on April 15 than on March 15, but despite this upturn, corn prices on April 15 were about 10 per cent below a year ago. Farm prices of corn advanced generally throughout the country during the month, except in the north Atlantic states, where no change occurred. Commercial corn stocks in store in principal United States markets decreased at a somewhat faster rate from March 15 to April 15 than during the same period a year ago.

Adverse weather conditions in the southeast apparently favored the advance for the month of about 7 per cent in the United States average farm price of potatoes. In this period farm prices advanced about 13 per cent in the north Atlantic states, 7 per cent in the east north central states, 6 per cent in the far west and 4 per cent in west north central and south central states. Farm prices declined about 1 per cent in south Atlantic states, however, as shipments of new potatoes from Florida continued to increase. Recent reports indicate that unusually heavy March rains have resulted in greatly reduced early crop yields in Florida.

Wool at Low Level
The United States average farm price of wool has declined every month since March 1929 and reached a new low point of 21.4 cents per pound on April 15. At that time, wool prices were approximately 37 per cent below a year ago, 40 per cent below April 15, 1928, and at the present April figure in the past 2 years. A continuation of the decline in consumption and indications of a record clip of domestic wool (this spring accompanied the 10 per cent decline in the farm price from March 15 to April 15).

FIRST GOLD STAR MOTHERS' UNIT TO LEAVE TOMORROW

NEW YORK, May 6.—The first contingent of Gold Star mothers to visit the graves of their sons in France as guests of the United States government will sail tomorrow from Hoboken, N. J., the great departing port of the U. S. E. F.

The first group will number 25 mothers, mostly from the west and south, and additional groups will sail each week until the 6,000 mothers who have accepted the government's invitation will have made the pilgrimage overseas.

The pier of the United States lines from which the liner America sails will be decorated with American flags in honor of the occasion and twenty-four members of congress have arranged to be present to bid the mothers bon voyage. As the ship passes down the bay, forty-two airplanes will rain poppies on board.

Cereomonies, such as New York usually reserves for distinguished guests, have been arranged in honor of the Gold Star mothers. Members of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars have been assigned to escort the mothers to city hall late today, to receive the city's welcome from Mayor Joseph P. McKee.

The ceremonies included a guard of honor in the plaza of the city hall composed of detachments of the army, navy, marines and national guard together with 600 Gold Star mothers of New York City whose sons died in France but

Convicts Rule Ohio Prison Monarchy



Firm in their demands that Warden Preston E. Thomas be removed as head of the Ohio state penitentiary, before they will return to their cells, convicts, after the fire that claimed 320 lives, formed a "forty-four faces" committee and are in control of the institution. Reports made daily to a committee of nine, which virtually rules the prison. Left to right, these committeemen are Murray S. Wolfe, Charles Quinn, Perry Sullivan, Ed Dolan, Roy Steele, J. R. Winning, Louis Wolfe, Al Far and Lester Paisley.

whose bodies have been returned to this country. Each mother making the pilgrimage will carry with her a silk American flag to place on her son's grave as a gift from the City of New York.

WOMAN'S CLUB TO ELECT THURSDAY

Election of officers for the ensuing year will be held and plans for the club convention will be discussed at the meeting of the Business and Professional Women's club of Roseburg to be held on Thursday evening of this week at the Yoncalla club building.

YONCALLA TAKES ZONE BALL TITLE

Yoncalla clinched the championship of the northern division of the Junior baseball league by defeating Sutherlin Saturday 9 to 7 in a game played in the rain and mud. Sutherlin led most of the game but Yoncalla tied the score in the 7th inning and won the game in the 8th when Cox slammed out a three banger. The pitching of Cellars and the hitting by Cox and Taylor featured the game.

BULLET SAVES MAN WITH BAD APPENDIX

(Associated Press Local Wire)
CHICAGO, May 6.—The law has a paradox.

Miss Eva Martinez, 30, shot Fred P. Palmgren, hotel owner, in the abdomen March 28.

The bullet, physicians said, saved his life.

Rushed to the hospital after the shooting doctors found that within an hour or two Palmgren's appendix would have burst and possibly caused his death.

Miss Martinez was arrested at Aurora, and returned to Chicago. She said she did not recall the shooting.

Legal experts have been unable to find any statute covering life-saving by accident, and Miss Martinez remains in jail.

BILLION ASKED FOR U. S. NAVY INCREASE

WASHINGTON, May 6.—Chairman Britton of the house naval committee announced today that he would introduce a bill for naval watercraft costing \$1,000,000,000 which he said would be "necessary to bring the American navy to parity with Great Britain in the next ten years."

Britton conferred with Secretary Adams today on navy needs under the London naval treaty.

Returning to the capital, the Illinois representative said he had obtained confidential figures which showed that new construction requirements for the next ten years would call for 15,500 tons in steel-hull gun cruisers, 150,000 tons in new destroyers, 52,700 tons in submarines and 29,000 tons in aircraft carriers.

The Britton measure was being drafted for introduction tomorrow. Secretary Adams and the naval general board will be requested to report on the program and called before the naval committee to testify.

MARSHAL JOFFE TOO ILL TO WALK UNAIDED

PARIS, May 6.—The serious illness of Marshal Joffre, who returned from northern France a week ago, was made known tonight.

The celebrated marshal, who is 78 years old, had to be assisted from a train to his automobile when he arrived and saved at a moment when he had no information he lacked of his whereabouts.

ST. DONAVENTURE LOSS FROM FLAMES \$2,000,000

DUTY, N. Y., May 6.—Rev. Thomas Plazman, president of St. Donavente's college, the central building of which was destroyed by fire late yesterday, today estimated the total loss at \$2,000,000.

LINCOLN MCCONNELL DIES

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., May 6.—Dr. Lincoln McConnell, former policeman who turned author, lecturer and humorist, finally becoming pastor of many leading Baptist churches in the south and southwest, died of a heart attack today.

Guns Bristle at Ohio Prison



The lengths to which the State of Ohio has gone to quell its threatened recurrence of difficulties in disciplining prisoners at the Ohio State prison are indicated by this photo of national guardsmen grouped around a machine gun prepared to "shoot to kill" if threatened rioting developed serious proportions. During a recent disturbance guards sent bullets into the ranks of the mutineers, wounding two convicts, one seriously.

Joined in Prison



Clarence A. Reid and his mother, Mrs. Evelyn Rosenkrantz are both serving time in San Quentin prison. Son for auto theft and mother sentenced for life on fourth conviction as a bad check passer. Mrs. Reid was formerly secretary to William Kiker, so-called bishop of Italy City in Santa Cruz mountains, California.

DAVIS AND MARTIN, DESERT SQUATTERS, PLEAD NOT GUILTY

(Associated Press Local Wire)
PORTLAND, May 6.—Emory Davis, Umpqua national forest squatter, charged by the government with contempt of court because he continued to reside on his alleged illegal claim after having been ordered off through court action, today pleaded not guilty to the contempt charge in federal court.

He based his plea on grounds that he had maintained practically continuous residence since 1902, before Congress passed an act reserving the forest land for home-seeing entry. Because of his prior residence, he does not believe he should be deprived of his forest home and therefore is not in contempt by continuing to live there, his plea set forth.

CORVALLIS HAS 7,581

CORVALLIS, Ore., May 6.—Corvallis has a population of 7,581, an increase of 1,829 or 21 per cent, according to the official census announced today.

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KING OF ENGLAND 20 YEARS ON THRONE

(Associated Press Local Wire)
LONDON, May 6.—George V. "By the grace of God, King of Great Britain, Ireland and the British dominions beyond the seas, defender of the faith, and Emperor of India," today celebrated the twentieth anniversary of his accession to the throne.

The day was observed, for the most part, quietly. Twenty-one guns in Hyde Park boomed a salute, and naval stations throughout the empire took up the refrain. Bells of St. George's chapel, Windsor chapel, and Windsor parish hall were rung, and flags were flown from public buildings.

King George succeeded his father, Edward VII, termed the "Peacemaker" while there was still peace. Four years afterward he saw his kingdom and dominions and almost the entire world plunged into the great war. England since the war has experienced one of the most difficult periods of readjustment in its history.

Now, on the twentieth anniversary of his accession the king emperor and his subjects see on the eastern horizon what to many seems almost the looming of another war. The situation in India has grown steadily worse, and the signs are not yet happy.

The British policeman there has had once again to take up his baton to preserve order, and maintain the institution of the emperorship—the brilliant stroke of the eastern-minded Disraeli—which fixes in the person of Britain's ruler the man to whom the princes of India kneel and the Sepoy pay allegiance.

London morning papers editorially commemorate the accession anniversary, and in special articles recall the chief events of the reign, which some regard as the most eventful of modern British history. All comment on the king's devotion to duty, his self-effacement and tact, and the meticulous observance of his position as a constitutional monarch is emphasized.

RED CROSS TOLD AMERICA REQUIRES HEALTH CONSCIENCE

(Associated Press Local Wire)
WASHINGTON, May 6.—A thousand delegates to the annual meeting of the American Red Cross today heard two doctors urge upon their organization the undertaking of certain readjustments in American family life and the initiation of a comprehensive campaign to give the nation a "health conscience."

Professor C. E. A. Winslow, director of the school of hygiene at Yale university, contended the Red Cross has never had a national health program in the fullest sense. He said there was today an "urgent need for a more active and enlightened conscience in regard to health."

Dr. Ellen Patten, director of the New Jersey division of institutes and agencies, likewise urged the need of greater physical and mental health. She asserted the "fact that our great social order promotes the survival of the unfit, where in generations past the unfit died in large numbers, makes this problem more acute."

Professor Winslow, in citing the need for greater physical health, asserted that at present 5,000,000 children apply yearly for admission to American schools, and that of this number 50,000 are tubercular. This number rises to 250,000 by the time this group of children reaches high school age, he said.

Could the total of mental diseases and defects be weighed, he continued, they would be found equivalent to "all other types of physical diseases and defects taken together."

"We know that the provision of institutional facilities for care of mental diseases and defects, even today, is approximately equal to the total of hospital beds required for other conditions," he said, "and we know that such facilities are grossly inadequate to meet existing needs."

"The causes of mental disease and defects so pronounced as to require institutional care are serious enough. Yet if we could really measure all the effects involved, the burden laid upon society by such conditions as these is far less than that created by the more widely prevalent, though less extreme, deviations from the normal. It is the innumerable minor emotional maladjustments, hampering us all in our daily lives, which constitute the real burden."

The Yale hygiene director urged that the American Red Cross seek

He Keeps Solemn 65- Year-Old Tryst Alone



Pleasant Marion Keeble, 84-year-old veteran of the Civil war, journeyed the distance of eight miles to Rockford, Tenn., to keep a promise made 65 years ago with Civil war buddies, all of whom are now dead. When the Sultana, prison ship, sank near Memphis in the Mississippi river, April 21, 1865, the Tennessee federal soldiers who were saved in the disaster, which cost 1,328 lives, decided to hold an annual reunion. The 84-year-old veteran is now the sole survivor.

to terminate these conditions, not in the spirit "which fears disease and strives to evade it," but rather in "the spirit of ancient Greece which loves health and pursues it."

Other addressing the second general session of the convention were Thomas W. O'Sullivan, superintendent of schools, Akron, Ohio, who appealed for the devising of means to let American youth share further "our social and national aspirations," and Walter Davidson, assistant general manager of the eastern area of the Red Cross, who urged the retention of the Red Cross as a "household word."

24 DEAD, 25 HURT IN INDIAN CLASH

(Associated Press Local Wire)
HANOI, Indo China, May 6.—Rebels led by communists invaded concessions in the vicinity of Vinh today and killed four natives. Police and soldiers counter-attacked, killing 20, wounding 25 and arresting 90 of the insurgents.

COMPARATIVE WEATHER DATA

U. S. WEATHER BUREAU
Observations taken at 5 a. m.
12th Meridian

THE WEATHER

STATIONS	State of Weather	Temperature	High	Low	Precip.
Baker	cloudy	41	50	41	0.0
Boise	rain	41	50	41	0.0
Boston	clear	74	85	50	0.0
Chicago	cloudy	60	68	50	0.0
Denver	cloudy	36	42	34	0.0
El Paso	cloudy	40	50	40	0.0
Galveston	cloudy	74	84	70	0.0
Havana	cloudy	74	84	70	0.0
Los Angeles	cloudy	54	64	50	0.0
Marshall	cloudy	40	50	40	0.0
Memphis	cloudy	60	70	50	0.0
New Orleans	cloudy	74	84	70	0.0
New York	cloudy	72	84	70	0.0
North Head	rain	42	52	42	0.8
Phoenix	clear	54	64	50	0.0
Pocatello	cloudy	40	50	40	0.0
Portland	cloudy	44	54	44	0.0
Roseburg	cloudy	42	52	42	0.0
Salt Lake	cloudy	48	58	48	0.0
San Diego	cloudy	54	64	50	0.0
San Francisco	clear	50	60	50	0.0
Seattle	cloudy	40	50	40	0.0
Spokane	cloudy	48	58	48	0.0
Washington	cloudy	48	58	48	0.0
Yakima	cloudy	42	52	42	0.0

The western weather system covers the region from western Canada to Texas, and has been associated with unsettled showers, weather from the Pacific northwest and abundant rain eastward to Rocky Mountain and plateau region. Fair weather is indicated for this vicinity tonight and Wednesday.

E. H. FLETCHER,
Meteorologist

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MRS. ANNIE TAFT GIVES
\$2,000,000 TO A SCHOOL
(Associated Press Local Wire)
CINCINNATI, May 6.—Mrs. Annie Taft, sister-in-law of the late Chief Justice William Howard Taft, today gave \$2,000,000 to the University of Cincinnati, as a memorial to her husband, Charles P. Taft, philanthropist and publisher, who died last December.

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