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THE GREAT GOD MAKES GREAT—"Thine is the Kingdom, O Lord, and Thou are exalted as head above all. Both riches and honor come to Thee, and Thou reignest over all; and in Thine hand is power and might; and in Thine hand is to make great, and to give strength unto all." 1 Chron. 29:11, 12.

All's quiet on the Rio Grande—no sound but the bubbling of oil wells.

So now, as a result of the charges made by the president of the Pittsburg baseball club, America has a Dreyfuss case.

Do you remember the good old days when villages limited automobile speed to eight miles an hour? Some of the signs are still up.

That new English television machine, which it is said will enable a ship to see ahead in the dark, should be standard equipment hereafter on all ships of state.

Congress, which has refused to reapportion its membership on the basis of the 1920 census, as required by the Constitution, promises to do it after the 1930 census. Which will be good as far as it goes, but won't really give us fewer congressmen—it will only look like fewer.

STARVING PUBLIC SERVANTS

That Uncle Sam is starving most of his employes is the charge of Congressman Richard Welch of San Francisco. His figures show that 75 per cent of the federal employes working under the classified civil service receive $1,320 or less. Could you bring up a family of five on $1,320 a year? Or of two?

The National Bureau of Economic Research says that it takes $1,800 a year to rear a family of five under decent conditions. The Postoffice Laborers' Union has figured $1,945 as the minimum. Of the two, the union ought to be the closer to the actual facts.

If this is the situation, Congress's duty is plain. Look at that half-billion treasury surplus. This is too rich a country to starve its servants. The machinery of the government could not be carried on without the thousands of clerks and minor officials who are being so stingily treated. Congress should guarantee them a living wage, or confess the rest of us to be either parasites or misers.

THE MEXICAN GAME

The Mexican government's bark is usually worse than its bite, since the days of Huerta and Carranza. President Calles is harder to get along with than was his immediate predecessor, Gen. Obregon, whose honesty and fairness won the general confidence of Americans. Nevertheless Calles and the truculent foreign minister who speaks for him may not act so boldly as they talk.

It does not seem likely that the Mexican government is much more eager to confiscate American property than the American government is to have it do so. The Mexican statesmen must realize what a heap of trouble that would get them into. If they have had any serious thoughts of confiscation, the chances are that they will hedge, after a decent interval. There have been no concrete offenses yet.

This isn't the first poker game played between governments. And the Mexican authorities must know that, whatever their theoretical "national rights" may be in the matter—and of that there is serious question—in practice, they hold a rather poor hand.

They know that Americans do not want any trouble with Mexico, and will not resort to armed intervention to rescue oil properties belonging to American owners who refuse to trade titles for long-term leases. They also know that Americans like to see property rights safeguarded and business obligations kept, and that the American business arm is as powerful in the long run, to reward or punish, as is the governmental arm.

For Mexico's own future prosperity, she must be fair about American investments. So it is likely that the Mexican authorities, not being fools, are now figuring out a way to be fair, while maintaining the principle they contend for, as nearly as possible.

Kelso Golfer In Lead in Tourney

EL CABALLERO COUNTRY CLUB, VAN NUYS, Cal., Jan. 8 (AP)—John Jones, of Kelso, Wash., took the lead in the $10,000 open golf tournament here today in turning around the second 18 qualifying round in a 69, three strokes under par. He went around yesterday in a 73.

Todays card of Jones was: Out 444 524 534—33. In 445 235 455—36—69.

This give Jones a 73-69-142 for the 36 holes.

Charles Guest, of Hollywood, after a series of bad breaks for a 39 out this morning, played sensational gold on the incoming nine for a 32, four under the line par and took the lead again in the tournament with a 70-71-141.

Dust we are and to dust we shall return, but that doesn't keep us from throwing a little mud once in a while.

BUTTER, EGGS GO DOWN THIS WEEK

Higher Trend Develops in Country Dressed Meats and Poultry

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 8 (AP)—The week just ending has witnessed liberal declines in butter and egg prices and a higher trend in country dressed meat and poultry values. Production of dairy commodities continues heavy and receipts in the local market have shown a big increase during the week. On the other hand arrivals of country meats and poultry have fallen off and the meager receipts were snatched up quickly at good prices.

Print butter closed two cents a pound lower than a week ago with local creamery stock selling at 56 cents and cartons at 51 cents. Cube prices were fairly steady at the close outside of a half cent decline in extras, but for the week they ranged from one to 2½ cents lower; top grades taking the heaviest loss. Closing prices on the exchange were: Extras, 45½ cents; standards, 42½ cents; prime firsts, 42 cents and firsts 40 cents.

Butterfat prices ranged 3 cents lower during the week with 48 cents being bid in the valley at the close, 49 cents in zone one and 51 to 52 cents delivered Portland.

Fresh egg values declined almost daily during the week. Firsts, pullets and current receipts dropped another cent over night, while extras held steady at the close. Losses for the week ranged from three to five cents, as in butter top grades took the largest drop. Closing prices on the exchange were: extras 36 cents; firsts and pullets, 33 cents; undersized, 30 cents, and current receipts 32 cents.

Country dressed calves and hogs closed firm at 17 cents with the street bare of all offerings today.

NAVY SUPPLY BILL STEAMS INTO SENATE

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Tilson, the republican leader, appropriating $450,000 for preliminary work on the cruisers, was the most exciting the house had seen in many a day.

The measure finally passed, but the house by a vote of 185 to 105 refused to change its previous stand in overruling the president and the budget by appropriating $200,000 toward a dirigible to replace the Shenandoah.

War Discussed

The statement that he believed the United States "deliberately and conscientously was drifting into war with Mexico," was made in the house today by Representative Huddleston, democrat, Alabama.

The administration policy in Mexico and Nicaragua set off an oratorical conflagration today in congress.

From the floor of both senate and house individual members asked President Coolidge whether he was leading the U. S. into war.

Agree On Radio Bill

Senate and house conferees on the radio bill have reached a tentative agreement upon a compromise clause delegating regulatory authority as being the department of commerce and a federal radio commission, Senator Dill, democrat, Washington, told the senate today.

The house today sent the rivers and harbors bill to conference with the senate for adjustment of differences. The measure passed the senate and house in differing forms and an agreement must be reached on its final nature.

Farm Bill Up

Taking up the Curtis-Crisp farm relief bill the house agriculture committee today heard a denial by Representative Crisp, democrat Georgia, that the measure was written in the office of Secretary Jardine.

He asserted it was drafted in the house office building after extended consultations among prominent farm relief advocates in and out of congress.

$10,000 X-Ray Is Installed at Lake

HOT LAKE, Ore., Jan. 8. (Special)—Complete new X-ray equipment for diagnosis and treatment is being installed this week at the sanatorium by Dr. W. T. Phy, owner and director.

Installation is being made by the Hoag-X-Ray company of Spokane. The apparatus is one of the newest models put out by the Acme International X-ray company of Chicago, and represents a $10,000 improvement at the sanatorium.

Fall's Condition Said Satisfactory

EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 8. (AP)—The condition of Albert B. Fall, former interior secretary, ill of pneumonia, remained satisfactory today, his secretary, H. G. Clunn, declared.

"There is no cause for apprehension," Clunn said.

Stimulants were used yesterday to increase Fall's blood pressure.

FORESTALL COMPLICATIONS

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 8. (AP)—Possible complications with Canada over the water of the Columbia basin would be forestalled by the state department under a request of U. S. Senator C. C. Dill, says a Washington dispatch to the Chronicle.

Senator Dill has asked Dr. Elwood Mead, a commissioner of reclamation, to take up with the state department the matter of making representations to Canada to effect an agreement.

MARKET NEWS OF THE DAY

CHICAGO GRAIN

Wheat	Open	High	Low	Close
May	138½	139⅝	138½	138½
July	129½	130¼	129¼	129⅝
Sept.	127⅝	127⅝	126⅝	126⅝

LIVERPOOL WHEAT

LIVERPOOL, Jan. 8 (AP)—Close wheat ½ to ½d lower; March 10s. 4⅝d; May 10s. 1¼d; July 10s. 1¼d.

PORTLAND WHEAT

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 8 (AP)—Wheat—BBB hard white, $1.34; hard white bluestem, baart, federation, soft white, western white, $1.33; hard winter, $1.31; northern spring, $1.32½; western red, $1.29.

Today's car receipts—Wheat, 55; flour, 16; oats, 4; hay, 9.

CHICAGO CASH

CHICAGO, Jan. 8 (AP). Cash: Wheat—No. 3 hard, $1.43.

Corn—No. 4 yellow, 64½@66⅝c; No. 2 white, 75½c.

Oats—No. 2 white, 45½c; No. 3 white, 45@47c.

Rye—No. 1, $1.01.

Barley—58@78c.

Timothy seed—$5.00@5.75.

Clover seed—$25.00@32.50.

Lard—$12.22.

Ribs—$15.00.

Bellies—$18.00.

Today in Washington

Congress meets at noon.

House takes up District of Columbia bills.

Lausanne treaty and other matters are before the senate.

House agriculture committee continues their hearings on Curtis-Crisp bill.

Norbeck seed and feed loan bill is before the senate agriculture committee.

Senate elections sub-committee continues investigation of Gould case.

Move Newspaper From Oregon Town

MEDFORD, Ore., Jan. 8. (AP)—Regarding the decision of Paul Robinson, editor and publisher of the Central Point American, to move that weekly newspaper to Ashland, the paper said editorially, in part:

"Business is business, and there is no business in Central Point, for a paper as you have noticed by its columns. It is a good town and is going to be a great deal better but we cannot afford to wait for the thing to happen."

Would Increase Size of Council

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 8. (AP)—With a view to making the state judicial council more thoroughly representative of the legal profession, the council in session here yesterday afternoon with circuit judges and justices of the state supreme court, proposed to the legislature that the council be increased in size. Five judges at present constitute the council, and it was proposed that three members of the state bar association one prosecuting attorney, and the chairman of the senate and house judiciary committees of the state legislature be made members. The judicial council was created to frame recommendations for improving judicial procedure.

Now, if we just had an Oil Commissioner!

F. N. Ford, the real estate man of the Pyramid Land company, bought a supply of Royal coal. I just went to collect the money and found out that he had that much on hand. But he wanted to know why I charged him the same price for this batch of coal that I did the first he bought. He allowed that the first that people sold him he usually got a reduction but after that it was usually a little more. But not so with the "poor man's friend." If anything we will keep selling cheaper all the time, as the large volume of business will enable us to sell at a much lower margin.

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Bulls Continue To Rule Wall Street

NEW YORK, Jan. 8 (AP).—Constructive forces were again at work in today's stock market which continued to respond to investment buying and easy credit conditions. American Telephone common was the individual feature touching 155⅝, an overnight gain of four points and the highest since 1906. Buying of this issue undoubtedly was influenced by the possibility of increased earnings through the inauguration of the new trans-Atlantic telephone service.

Railroad shares attracted a large investment and speculative following with the best gains being recorded by such issues as Atlantic Coast Lines, Atchison, Delaware and Hudson and New York Central.

Commercial Solvents B soared seven points to a record top at 240. U. S. Steel common also responded to reports of expanding operations. The closing was strong. Total sales approximated 750,000 shares.

CHICAGO LIVESTOCK

CHICAGO, Jan. 8 (AP)—U. S. Department of Agriculture).—Hogs 8,000; active; generally steady to strong; top $12.20 paid for 150 to 160 pound weights; bulk desirable 140 to 200 pound averages, $12.00@12.15.

Cattle—500; compared with week ago better grades fed steers and yearlings, 50@75c higher; short fed offerings, 25@50c higher; butcher heifers, 25@50c up; fat cows mostly 25c higher; vealers, $1.00@1.50 lower; week's extreme top, $12.25 paid for yearlings; heavy steers, $11.75; week's bulk prices follow: fed steers, 10.50; fat cows, $5.35@6.75; heifers, $8.75@$10.75; yearlings, $8.65@; cows, $6.50@9.00; veal calves, $11.50@13.00.

Sheep—1,000; odd loads wooled lambs firm; $12.50@13.00 mostly; for week—5,000 direct and 50 doubles from feeding stations; slaughter lambs and yearling wethers closing mostly 15@25c higher; sheep and feeding lambs 25@50c higher; week's top fed western lambs, $13.25; natives, $13.00; fed clipped lambs, $11.00; fat yearling wethers, $10.75; two-year-old wethers, $9.00; fat ewes, $7.25; range feeding lambs, $12.50; bulk prices: fed western lambs, $12.00@13.00; natives, $12.00@12.75; fed clipped lambs, $10.00@11.00; wooled culls, $9.00@10.00; yearling wethers, $9.50@10.50; aged wethers, $7.25@8.00; fat ewes, $5.00@7.00; feeding lambs, $11.25@12.25.

NEW YORK FRUIT

NEW YORK, Jan. 8 (AP).—Evaporated apples dull; prunes steady; apricots steady; peaches firm.

Wheat Gains But Fails To Keep Level At Close

CHICAGO, Jan. 8 (By the Associated Press).—Opening unchanged to ⅜c off, wheat soon showed gains. Corn and oats likewise developed firmness, corn starting unchanged to ¼c lower and rising to well above yesterday's finish. Provisions were easy.

Wheat closed unsettled, ¼@1⅜c net lower, corn ¾ to ⅞c up; oats unchanged to ⅛@¼c off, and provisions varying from 2c decline to 25c advance.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 8 (AP)—Today's receipts—Hogs, 550 (direct).

Cattle—Compared to week ago: Steers and she stock mostly steady with spots 25c higher; bulls steady to 25c lower; calves and vealers steady to 50c higher; week's bulk prices: beef steers, $7.50@8.50; top, $8.45 for one load cows and heifers, $5.00@7.25; top heifers, $7.50; top cows, $6.50; bulls, $5.00@5.50; a few at $5.75; calves, $7.50@9.00; vealers, $10.00@12.00; off quality calves and vealers down to $6.00@7.00 respectively.

Hogs—Compared with week ago: Mostly steady; bulk light butchers week, $12.75@13.00; mostly $12; weightier kinds, $12.50 down; heavies down to $10.50; slaughter pigs, $12.00@12.75; packing sows, $9.00@10.00; feeder pigs practically absent; a few selling at $12.00@12.50.

Sheep—Sheep and lambs quotations on a purely nominal basis: 50c@$1.00 lower than a week ago; strictly choice Mt. Adams lambs and similar type lambs quoted up to $11.50; most valley offerings selling around $10.50; best yearlings quoted at $9.50; ewes, $6.00 down.

PORTLAND PRODUCE

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 8 (AP)—Eggs—Firsts, pullets and receipts down one cent. Current receipts, 31c; fresh mediums, 31c; fresh standard firsts, 31c; fresh standard extras, 34c; undersized, 28c.

Butter—Extras down ½c. Extra cubes city, 43½c; standard, 42½c; prime firsts, 42c; firsts, 40c; prints, 50c; cartons, 51c.

Milk—Steady. Best churning cream, 48c; in valley, 49c net; shippers' track in zone 1. Cream delivered Portland, 50@52c per pound. Raw milk (4 per cent), $2.60 cwt. f. o. b. Portland.

Poultry—Firm, scarce; heavy hens, $26@27c; light, 20@22c springs, 21@22c; broilers, 26@28c; Pekin white ducks, 26c; colored, 20@21c; turkeys, live, 35c; dressed, 43@44c.

Onions steady; local, $1.75@1.85.

Potatoes, $1.40@1.75 sack.

BUTTERFAT

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 8 (AP)—Butterfat f. o. b. San Francisco, 50c.

STAR SUNDAY MONDAY

Comedy——
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BANKING CONDITIONS

NEW YORK, Jan. 8 (AP).—The actual condition of clearing house banks and trust companies for the week shows a deficit in reserve of $69,015,000. This is a decrease in reserve of $90,193,030 compared with the week before when excess reserve of $21,087,130 was reported.

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