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THE WAY OF SAFETY—The Lord knoweth the way of the righteous; but the way of the wicked shall perish. Psalm 1:6.

Many parents forget how much gasoline it takes to run a car until their sons and daughters come home from college for a little vacation.

AIR PIRATES

When Major Larre-Borgen, the Uruguay aviator, got lost in Morocco on his flying trip home from Europe, there was method in it. Not method on his part, but on the part of the Moroccans. Native bandits there calmly held him for ransom when he made a forced landing. It cost him and his three companions their plane, their ready cash and \$4250 besides, to win their freedom.

It was a good haul for the bandits, but not a wise one. The Moors could make more money in other ways if they had good business sense. They are playing air pirates, just as the tribesmen of northern Africa have always played sea pirates when they were allowed to get away with it. Air piracy is the safer of the two, because lone aviators cannot defend themselves. But there is not so much profit in it, because aviators, being warned, will stay away.

The Moors should invite fliers to their country, treat them courteously, show them the sights, sell them supplies and souvenirs—and charge them well for everything. The tourist traffic everywhere is a modern form of the bandit traffic, far more efficient than the old. Europe does that sort of thing better than Africa. And possibly America, we blush to say, does it still better.

SITTING ON A VOLCANO

An American naval officer is in command of the entire international navy now gathered on the Chinese coast. He holds that position by the mere accident of outranking in title the commanders of the fleets of the other powers. Those other powers are well satisfied to have this country accept the responsibility for whatever may be done for the protection of their citizens by force and coercion. It is not unlikely that they have purposely created that situation.

It is a responsibility in which Americans need take no satisfaction. It suggests pulling the other western powers' chestnuts out of the fire, and it is full of peril. Any additional outbreak on either side may precipitate international war against China, and it will be lamentable if America can be charged, by virtue of her technical command, with responsibility for that war.

Wise old Japan is not joining in those naval demonstrations in Chinese ports. Her government is said to have "no intention of dispatching land forces." Japan stands prepared, but inactive, preferring diplomatic action to force, and ready, in her relations with China, to take advantage of any misfortune into which the western powers may blunder.

Meanwhile what is the Chinese attitude? As regards America, at least, it seems conciliatory. The Chinese invite peaceful approaches from all the powers, but especially from the United States. A clear statement from the nationalist government at Hankow has said:

"Liberation of China from the yoke of foreign imperialism need not necessarily involve any armed conflict between Chinese nationalism and foreign powers. For this reason the nationalist government prefers to have all questions outstanding between nationalist China and foreign powers settled by negotiation," though new China is declared to be "strong and conscious of power and its ability to enforce its will on Chinese soil against any powers."

The British government a month ago favored negotiation for the surrender of special privileges in China, and recognition of Chinese sovereignty on equal terms, but less wise counsels prevailed. Such liberal treatment is in line with the past policy of the United States. It is the only logical or possible course open in the future, apparently.

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ISSUES MOVE UP AS TRADE ENDS

U. S. Steel Reaches New High — Colorado Fuel Goe to 10-Year Record

NEW YORK, Mar. 31 (AP).—Widely conflicting price movements again characterized today's stock market. Renewal of selling pressure against oils, motors and some specialties brought about further unimpaired early in the session but persistent demand for a number of rails, coupled with a revival of activity and strength in U. S. Steel common, turned the main course of prices upward again by early afternoon.

Call money rates continued relatively firm but this was regarded as a temporary condition, a return to the 4 per cent level being looked for early next week. The steady accumulation of the high priced rails and industrials was construed in some quarters as an indication that part of the half billion dollars to be distributed within the next week in the form of dividend and interest payments would be utilized for investment in seasoned dividend-paying stocks.

A few of the oil stocks moved against the general trend. Lard advanced two points to a new high for the year in response to the inauguration of dividends on the common stock, and Houston and Atlantic Refining also recorded sharp gains. International Silver jumped almost 11 points to a new high record and gain of three to nearly six points were scored by Colorado and Southern, Porto Rico Sugar, Commercial Solvents "B," Delaware and Hudson, Kelsey Wheel and Western Union.

The closing was strong. A number of issues moved up buoyantly in the final hour when shorts began to get nervous over the steady accumulation of various shares. U. S. Steel touched 168 and the "when issued" shares 121, both new high records. Colorado Fuel jumped five points to 62½, the highest in over 10 years, in anticipation of an early resumption of dividends. Jersey Central went up 10 points and National Lead half as much. Total sales approximated 2,200,000 shares.

PORTLAND PRODUCE

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 31 (AP).—Wholesale prices: Butter steady; extra cubes, city, 41½¢; standard, 41¢; prima firsts, 41¢; firsts, 40¢; prima, 40¢; cartons, 47¢. Bids to farmers: Milk steady; best, churning cream, 42¢ in valley; delivered Portland, 45¢ per pound. Raw milk (4 per cent), 32½¢ ewt. f.o.b. Portland.

Eggs easy; current receipts, 20¢; down 20¢; fresh medium, 20¢; fresh standard firsts, 22¢; down 12¢; fresh standard extras, 24¢; down 16¢.

Poultry steady; heavy hens, 25¢; 25¢; light, 20¢; 21¢; springs nominal; broilers, 20¢; 21¢; Pekin white ducks, 20¢; colored, nominal; turkeys, live, nominal; dressed, 37¢.

Onions steady; local, \$3.00 a sack. Potatoes steady, \$1.40 a 100 lb. sack.

A Parisian cook, defending French culinary art, says people offered her a "brides of gold across the ocean to Palm Beach." A born princess, she said, she was waiting her time with a skillet.

MRS. T. R. IS BACK



Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, wife of the late President, returns to New York from the S. Pan America after an extensive tour of South America.

MARKET NEWS OF THE DAY

Wheat	Open	High	Low	Close
May	133½	133½	131½	131½
July	128½	128½	126½	126½
Sept.	126½		127	

PORTLAND WHEAT

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 31 (AP).—Wheat—No. 1 hard white, 11.33; hard white bluestem, 11.33; federation, soft white, western, 11.33; white, northern spring, 11.33; hard winter, 11.30; western red, 11.28. Today's car receipts—Wheat, 21; flour, 7; corn, 2; oats, 3; hay, 10.

LIVERPOOL WHEAT

LIVERPOOL, Mar. 31 (AP).—Close: Wheat unchanged to 3½d lower; May 10s, 3½d; July 10s, 2½d; Oct. 2s, 11½d.

CHICAGO CASH

CHICAGO, Mar. 31 (AP).—Cash: Wheat—No. 2 red, 11.31; 11.37½; No. 3 red, 11.29. Corn—No. 3 mixed, 67½¢; No. 2 yellow, 69¢. Oats—No. 2 white, 47½¢; 48¢; No. 3 white, 42½¢; 46½¢. Rye not quoted. Barley—65¢; 82¢. Timothy seed—\$4.50; 5.25. Clover seed—\$29.25; 30.00. Lard—112.32. Hides—116.00. Buttes—116.25.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 31 (AP).—Cattle steady; no receipts. Hogs slow; receipts 230 (880 direct). Heavy weight, 250 to 350 pounds, medium, good and choice, \$10.00; 12.00; medium weight, 200 to 250 pounds, common, medium, good and choice, \$11.00; 12.25; light weight, 140 to 200 pounds, common, medium, good and choice, \$12.00; 12.50; light lights, 130 to 160 pounds, common, medium, good and choice, \$12.00; 12.35; packing hogs (rough and smooth), \$9.00; 10.25; slaughter pigs, 90 to 120 pounds, medium, good and choice, \$12.00; 12.50.

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 31 (AP).—Butterfat f.o.b. San Francisco, 66½¢.

LA GRANDE WHOLESALE MARKETS

Poultry (live weight). Heavy hens—22¢ lb. Light hens—14¢ to 16¢ lb. Stage—3¢ lb.

Flour.

Hard Federation (hard wheat) \$7.60 bbl. Soft wheat—\$7.40 bbl.

LA GRANDE RETAIL MARKETS

Butter, creamery—48¢; 50¢. Butter, creamery—48¢; 50¢. Eggs—25¢ doz; 2 for 45¢. Cheese—35¢; 40¢ a pound. Honey, comb—25¢ lb.

Vegetables.

New potatoes—25¢ lb. String beans—30¢ lb. Potatoes—9 lbs, 25¢. Cauliflower—15¢ doz. Celery—25¢ bunch. Sweet potatoes—3 lbs, for 25¢. Turnips—6¢ lb. Spinach—3 lbs, for 25¢. Carrots—4¢ lb. Parsley—10¢ bunch. Cabbage—6¢ lb. Asparagus—25¢ lb.

Walla Walla onions—5¢ lb. Green peppers—25¢ lb. Lettuce—10¢; 15¢ head. California tomatoes—25¢ lb. Parsnips—4¢ lb. Celery—2 for 35¢. Cucumbers—25¢ each. Lunch carrots—10¢. Ranch butts—2 for 25¢. Ranch turnips—2 for 25¢. Green onions—2 bunches 15¢. Radishes—2 bunches 15¢.

Fruits.

Rhubarb—20¢ lb. Apples—5¢ lb. Bananas—15¢ lb. Lemons—40¢ lb. Oranges—55¢; 75¢ doz. Grape fruit—3 for 25¢; 2 for 35¢.

Sugar.

Cane sugar—36.38; 7.25. Flour.

Soft wheat—\$8.20 bbl. Hard Federation—\$8.20 bbl.

Poultry

Chickens—25¢; 32¢ lb. Meats and Fish.

Beef—10¢; 12½¢ lb. Sheep and steaks—25¢ lb. Salmon (strictly fresh)—55¢ lb. Halibut—25¢ lb. Clams—10¢ lb. Crabs—55¢; 40¢ lb.

Gasoline

Gasoline, regular, retail, 22¢.

Five Railroads Report Losses For Past Year

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 31 (AP).—Net losses amounting to \$2,615,583.58 are reported by five of the railroads operating in this state during the year 1926 in reports filed with the state public service commission this morning. None of the five report a profit for the year, losses ranging from \$47,760.04 in the case of the Gales Creek and Wilson River railroad, to \$912,609.34 for the Spokane, Portland and Seattle line.

The S. P. & R. report shows operating expenses of \$5,265,565.92 during the year, with an operating revenue of \$8,645,179.20, taxes and interest on the funded debt accounting for the reported deficit.

The Oregon Electric railway, running between Eugene and Portland, reports a loss of \$309,336.43, operating expenses being \$1,169,937.74 and operating revenue, \$956,581.30.

The United Railways report a net loss of \$194,488.72. The Oregon Trunk railway, operating in central Oregon, reports a loss of \$551,244.45 for the year.

NEW YORK FRUIT

NEW YORK, Mar. 31 (AP).—Evaporated apples and prunes steady; apricots barely steady; standard, 19¢; 21¢; choice, 22¢; 23¢; extra choice, 23¢; 24¢; peaches barely steady; standard, 3½¢; 10¢; choice, 10½¢; 11¢; extra choice, 11½¢; 12¢.

CHICAGO LIVESTOCK

CHICAGO, Mar. 31 (AP).—U. S. Department of Agriculture.—Hogs—22,000; early market mostly 10 to 15¢ higher than Wednesday.

Wheat Stronger; Much Fluctuation

CHICAGO, Mar. 31 (AP).—Starting at ¼ to ½¢ decline, wheat recovered at times to about yesterday's finish. Corn and oats were easy with provisions firm, corn opening unchanged to ¼¢ off and later showing a ½¢ rise. Wheat closed unaltered, ¼ to ½¢ higher; corn at a shade to ½¢ advance; oats ¼ to ½¢ up and provisions varying from 7¢ decline to a rise of 5¢.

Eggs Lose Price Scored Yesterday

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 31 (AP).—Close on yesterday's abrupt rise of one cent in the wholesale price of formal grades of market eggs in the local trade, eggs were again down one cent today for extra and first grades as the result of trading on the daily exchange. Extras were priced at 24 cents for today's trading while firsts came down to 22 cents. Current receipt eggs were down two cents from the three-cent advance of yesterday and quoted at 20 cents. Mediums were steady.

HAY SELLING \$25 A TON IN WALLOWA AREA

WALLOWA, Ore., Mar. 31 (Special).—The stock feed situation is easing somewhat in this county. Warmer weather has brought out grass to such an extent that some grazing is possible. John McDonald and some others have moved a part of their stock onto the range.

Some hay has been shipped but only a small quantity is on the market, and prices are ranging around \$25 a ton.

Most of the lambing in this section has been finished and with the pastures greening, both ewes and lambs are coming along in fine shape.

POULTRY

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 31 (AP).—U. S. Bureau Agricultural Economics.—The poultry market was reasonably steady under moderate receipts today and good demand. Leghorn hens of good quality cleaned up quickly, while poorly conditioned stock was somewhat drab.

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