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A GREAT DECLARATION—I will declare my name into my brethren in the midst of the congregation with 1 voice this, Psalm 22:27.

The latest argument between America and England shows again how foreign debt settlements refuse to stay settled.

The president thinks the big flood is bad enough, without giving congress a chance to turn loose a flood of oratory about it.

If Sacco and Vanzetti had been tried for murder in some of our other states, they'd have been sentenced to life imprisonment, finished serving their terms and got out long before this.

The world's chief forests are being chewed up by American gum chewers and their imitators in other lands. Certain varieties of trees whose sap is used in making chewing gum are killed by the necessary tapping, not immediately but within a few years. Thus the original stands in Central America and along the Amazon valley are slowly disappearing. Last anyone to whom gum chewing is an annoyance leap to the conclusion that the pastime will disappear along with the original trees, it should be said that cultivated plantations are to take place of the wild forests. Before extinction has actually overcome all the gum-producing trees in the world, manufacturers will have established plantations big enough to supply their growing needs. Some other means must be sought to combat the chewing gum menace.

FRENCH FORTS

The world is surprised by the announcement that France is going to begin at once constructing a vast system of fortifications along her frontiers. Next year's budget provides an enormous sum for building what is described as "a powerful series of defenses and fortresses at strong points, to be linked with the latest improved earthworks, with strategic highways, railways, air-roads, batter emplacements, troop-assembling shelters and other appurtenances that were demonstrated as necessities to the Great War."

President Poincaré announces that a series of giant forts like those barring invasion from the east—Belfort, Metz, Toul and Verdun—will be built along the north frontier and all through the Ardennes. And all this must be completed before the government will reduce the military service of conscripts to one year. That stirs a universal sigh of discouragement. The need of such mighty and costly defenses was supposed to be past, even if "the war to end war" failed to accomplish its full purpose.

Are they really necessary? It is hard for Americans to think so. Where is the peril? From Germany, disarmed and apparently disposed to be friendly, or at least conciliatory? From Great Britain, which obviously wants no more war with any first-class power? From Russia, which is broken economically and politically, and far away? From Italy, strong-spirited but poor in resources? From America, which wants no more wars anywhere?

It is hard for us to judge the necessities or appreciate the fears of France, but one thing at least is safe to say: America should furnish no more money for any such purpose as that, to any European nation. And perhaps we should be less considerate in future debt conferences.

ALL GRADES OF EGGS DOWN CENT

Butter Is Unchanged in Portland—Lettuce Gluts Market

PORTLAND, Ore., May 14 (AP)—All grades of eggs are one cent lower today following yesterday's transactions on the local dairy exchange. New prices are: extras, 22c; standards, 21c; mediums, 19c; and current receipts, 18c. Yesterday's receipts, 1,114 cases, was the largest of the season. Storage additions amounted to 1048 cases. Butter is unchanged today. Local demand is good, also from California and southern points. Storage holdings were increased 14,857 pounds yesterday. Conditions in the produce market continue about steady, with lettuce in especially due to large lots standing on the track, despite a reported strong eastern demand. A more liberal supply of home-grown stock has weakened onions. No Oregon strawberries are yet available, though the market is three weeks behind a year ago.

LA GRANDE WHOLESALE MARKETS

Poultry (live weight)
Heavy hens—22c lb.
Light hens—14 to 16c lb.
Stags—8c lb.
Flour
Hard Federation (hard wheat)—\$7.50 bu.
Soft wheat—\$7.40 bu.

LA GRANDE RETAIL MARKETS

Dairy
Butter, creamery—\$4.90 lb.
Eggs—25c doz.
Cheese—35 to 40c a pound.
Honey, comb—25c lb.
Vegetables
New potatoes—2 lbs. 25c.
Spring beans—20c lb.
Green peas—15c lb.
Potatoes—8 lbs. 25c.
Celery hearts—25c.
Sweet potatoes—2 lbs. for 25c.
Spinach—3 lbs. for 25c.
Tomatoes—20c lb.
Parsley—10c bunch.
Cabbage—5c lb.
Local asparagus—2 lbs. 25c.
Walla Walla onions—2 lbs. 25c.
Lettuce—10c head.
Celery—25c bunch.
Cauliflower—20c lb.
Cucumbers—2 for 25c.
Bunch carrots—3 for 25c.
Bunch beets—10c.
Bunch turnips—10c.
Green onions—5c bunch.
Wax onions—2 lbs. 25c.
Radishes—5c bunch.
Fruits
Strawberries—20c box.
Blackberries—20c box.
Apples—2 lbs. 25c.
Bananas—2 lbs. 25c.
Lemons—25c lb.
Oranges—50c doz.
Grape fruit—2 for 25c; 2 for 25c.
Sugar
Cane sugar—46.25 @ 7.25
Flour
Soft wheat—\$7.20 bu.
Hard Federation—\$7.20 bu.

Meats and Fish

Beef, bulk—12 1/2 @ 15c.
Chops and steaks—24 @ 20c.
Salmon (strictly fresh)—40c lb.
Halibut—35c lb.
Crabs—15c lb.
Oysters—25 @ 40c lb.
Casings
Gammas, regular, retail, 25c.

IN POLE VAULTING

NEW HAVEN, Conn.—Probersek Harry Sturdy, Yale's pole-vaulter, is proving himself a star runner-up to Sabin Carr. Sturdy placed second this year at the H. A. A. games in March with 12 feet 6 inches. His schoolmate took the same year, but lost the runner-up to Sabin Carr. He was graduated from Los Angeles high school and entered Yale with the class of 1925. As a freshman he won the Princeton and De-Harvest meets.

AMERICA HAS TO WALK HER TALK

AMERICA HAS TO WALK HER TALK, says a headline in the New York Times. America is a big country, but the only thing counted so far in Europe is a head-ache.

MARKET NEWS OF THE DAY

CHICAGO GRAIN				
Wheat	Open	High	Low	Close
May	142 1/2	142 1/2	142	142 @ 142 1/2
July	136 @ 136 1/2	136 1/2	135 1/2	136 @ 136 1/2
Sept.	133 1/2 @ 133 3/4	133 3/4	133	133 @ 133 1/2

Wheat Unchanged To 1/8 Cent Higher

CHICAGO, May 14 (AP)—Open unchanged to 1/8 cent higher, wheat advanced 1/8 cent to 142 1/2. Corn started 1/2 cent off to 1 1/2 and then made a sharp general advance, September rising to well above 96 cents, with oats and provisions firmer. Corn closed strong, 1 1/2 to 2c higher; wheat unchanged to 1/8 cent higher; oats 1/2 to 1/4 cent up and provisions at the same as yesterday's finish to 2 1/2c higher.

PORTLAND WHEAT

PORTLAND, Ore., May 14 (AP)—Wheat—BHH hard white, \$1.55; hard white bluestem, hard, \$1.51; hard white, western spring, \$1.47; hard winter, western red, \$1.44. Today's receipts—Wheat, 25; barley, 2; flour, 14; corn, 5; oats, 1; hay, 2.

CHICAGO CASH

CHICAGO, May 14 (AP)—Cash: Wheat—No. 2 red, \$1.43; No. 3 hard, \$1.42 1/2; No. 4 mixed, 55c; No. 5 yellow, 52c. Oats—No. 2 white, 57 1/2 @ 57 1/2; No. 3 white, 48 1/2 @ 48 1/2. Bye not quoted. Barley—80 @ 92. Timothy seed—\$4.00 @ 5.25. Clover seed—\$19.00 @ 26.00.

PORTLAND PRODUCE

PORTLAND, Ore., May 14 (AP)—Butter steady; extra cream, city, 40c; standards, 29c; prime firsts, 28 1/2c; fringes, 28c; creamery extras, 27c; standards, 26c; butterfat, 56c f.o.b. Portland. Milk steady. Raw milk (4 per cent), \$2.25 cwt f.o.b. Portland. Eggs—All grades down 1c. Current receipts, 18c; fresh medium, 19c; fresh standard firsts, 20c; fresh standard extras, 21c. Poultry steady; heavy hens, 24 @ 25c; light, 18 @ 20c; springs, nominal; broilers, 18 @ 20c. Poultry white ducks, 29c; colored, nominal; turkeys, live, nominal; dressed, 27c. Oysters steady; local, \$2.75 @ 7.00; potatoes steady, \$1.50 @ 1.55.

NEW YORK, May 14 (AP)—The actual condition of clearing house banks and trust companies for the week shows excess reserve for the week shows excess reserve of \$28,597,710. This is an increase in reserve of \$64,203,423 compared with the week before when a deficit in reserve of \$25,742,728 was reported.

Cross Currents Numerous Today In Wall Street

NEW YORK, May 14 (AP)—After an early exhibition of strength, in which various groups showed sharp advances, particularly railroad equipment, food, oil and the Van Sweringen transportation issues, today's brief session of the stock market developed numerous cross-currents. Selling conducted elsewhere under cover of the rise in the leaders eventually showed up the general advance and caused substantial reaction.

Distribution of large railroad orders and opening of short interests in Baldwin Locomotive, which went up to 29 1/2, a new peak, were the outstanding causes of their early goal showing. Confusion in the market transferred toward the close when high priced stocks, particularly the railroads, were given another vigorous whirl upward. U. S. Steel Iron Pipe went up 9 points, Wilson Packing preferred 6, and Wilson Company "A" 4.

The closing was steady. Total sales approximated 1,000,000 shares.

CHICAGO LIVESTOCK

CHICAGO, May 14 (AP)—U. S. Department of Agriculture: Hogs—4,000; fairly active, strong; top, \$16.00; bulk, 150 to 200 lbs., \$12.50 @ 16.00; 210 to 240 lbs., \$9.50 @ 12.50. Cattle—500; compared week ago, good to choice fed steers with weight, 25c lower; heavy grades 25 to 40c higher; all yearlings strong; fat cows 25c up; week's extreme top heavy steers, \$12.85; supply western fed and corn belt fed steers liberal at \$11.50 @ 12.75; long yearlings, \$12.85; light yearlings, \$12.50; yearling heifers up to \$11.00.

Sheep—Compared week ago: Slaughter lambs, \$1.30 @ 2.00 low; close dull at decline; good classes weak to unevenly lower; best springers late, \$12.25 with some yearling lambs topping \$11.00; lambie early and week, \$14.00; most short ewes, \$5.50 @ 6.50.

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week's bulk prices follow: fat hogs, \$10.00 @ 16.25; best, \$9.75 @ 15.50; clipped cults, \$11.75 @ 12.50; spring lambs, \$17.00 @ 18.00; clipped ewes, \$5.00 @ 8.50; clipped feeding lambs, \$12.00 @ 12.50.

NEW YORK FRUIT
NEW YORK, May 14 (AP)—Evaporated apples, prunes, apricots and peaches steady.

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There is probably no other industry which has so potent a natural safeguard in the conduct of its business as the manufacturing of lime.

In the management of most factories, large quantities of raw material must be purchased, and often stored, to secure lowest possible prices and to insure adequate supplies.

Quantity production must follow to keep down the cost per unit of finished product to a minimum. Stocks on hand are therefore often large and must be stored. Under normal conditions this is well and good. Shipments are fairly regular and quantities stored are normal and customary, in anticipation of usual business.

But when the slump comes, as it does periodically to every industry, it invariably catches the manufacturer with large supplies on hand which he has generally produced under a high wage scale and a high cost of raw material. No need to mention the result; everybody knows the answer.

Broadly speaking, lime must be used as produced. It will slake if exposed to the air for any great length of time and be useless for most purposes, and it is too bulky to store in great quantities even though it were practicable. Therefore, lime manufacturers are never caught with embarrassing surpluses. There is no incentive to over-production. General depression in the business world, with corresponding lowering of wages, means only to them a readjustment of output to meet a temporary lessening in demand. This is one of the reasons for the universal stability of the lime industry.

So closely related are the factors of supply and demand that if the lime kilns of the country were shut down, at the end of 90 days there would not be a paper mill, an iron foundry, a gas plant, or a paint factory in operation, and the building trades would be at a standstill.

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