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FAITHFUL WAITING—Behold, as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress; so our eyes wait upon the Lord our God, until that he have mercy upon us. Psalm 124:2.

The Kiwanis club in Medina, O., which recently gave the town on outfit of waste-paper cans, is distressed because the people insist on mailing letters in them.

The flight of the big plane, "Southern Cross," is appealing for various reasons. First, it accomplished again what many fliers sought to do last year, too many only to lose their lives. Second, it starts something never before accomplished by air, the crossing of the Pacific to Australia. Third, it demonstrated again the carrying capacity of a big plane—four men in a tri-motored monoplane for over 2400 miles. "It's never been done before" is the goal. We hope it has many advantages not now apparent.

PRISONS AND REFORM

The state of Missouri, we read in a news dispatch, is freeing one of its most notorious murderers—Mattie Howard, "the girl with the agate eyes." Entering prison in 1921 to serve a 12-year term for murdering one Joe Morino, Kansas City underworld leader, her release comes now because of her exceptionally good behavior in prison. The story quotes the parole board as saying they are confident she will "go straight" now, although before her arrest she was known as one of the most lawless women in the state. It reviews the case further:

"Back of her reformation is an interesting story. A wise prison matron believed the girl could be reformed. She stuck to this belief even after Mattie, in her first weeks of confinement, went on a rampage, swore at her guards, and had to be deprived of all privileges for 60 days. The matron went out of her way to be kind to her. She trusted her, gave her responsibility in helping care for the other girl prisoners. And it worked.

"Until comparatively recent times no one pretended that a prison was intended to reform a criminal. A prison was a place of punishment, pure and simple; it was made as dark and unpleasant as possible, with the thought that people would be frightened into observance of the law.

"But in the course of many years, people began to discover that it didn't work that way. Prisons became veritable breeding places for crime. A young man arrested for some minor offense and thrown into a cell with assorted murderers, burglars and thieves was sure to be a hardened, defiant crook when he came out.

"Slowly this idea sunk home. Little by little, intelligent people began to realize that society, in simple self defense, must do more than simply lock up law breakers. The idea of reforming prisoners began to spread. Gradually the old prisons were replaced by new and more enlightened institutions."

This kind of thing may have worked in Mattie Howard's case. Certainly it was worth trying since it was only a question of time until she would be turned out on an unsuspecting public again. Her original sentence was only twelve years. Under those circumstances, reform offered a real goal to the matron and the parole board, but too often we're afraid they carry their apparent faith in the power of reform too far and let parole or pardon become paramount.

Reformed murders under a life sentence, for example, can exhibit their reformation in prison quite as effectively as outside. From the standpoint of society they can serve better there than they can as a struggling private citizen—and society doesn't have to suffer if the parole board made an error in determining that the criminal in question had reformed. Mattie Howard may be a success, may vindicate the judgment of the state of Missouri in setting her free. If she does, reform has moved ahead; if she doesn't, a new murder is due to be recorded.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK

PORTLAND, Ore., June 2 (AP)—Receipts—Cattle 20. Totals for week (approximate): Cattle 2560, calves 185, hogs 3210, sheep 4410, cows 125.
Cattle—Compared with a week ago: Matured classes unevenly 25 to 75c lower, with spots in steers and she stock a full dollar under last week; calves and vealers steady; a few loads of good steers early Monday \$11.75; bulk of supply high medium to fairly good \$10.25 to 10.75; with medium and lower grades down to \$9.50 and below; best heifers \$10.25; bulk better grade cows and heifers \$8.75 to \$9.50; others \$8.50 down; low cutters down to \$5; bulk good bulls \$7.50 to \$8; bulk light vealers \$12.50 to \$14; strictly choice lights absent; calves \$10 down; heavies and thin

down to \$7 and under.
Hogs—Compared with a week ago: Butcher classes mostly steady; bulk light butchers 70c week, \$5.75 to \$6.10; a few shippers Monday \$6 to \$6.10; nothing over \$9.50 after Monday; overweight and underweights \$8.50 down; a few up to \$7.50; light pigs practically unobtainable; a considerable supply of mixed slaughter pigs and fenders cleaned up Monday at \$7.50 with-out sorting.
Sheep—Market quiet but steady with a week ago; strictly choice light lambs quoted up to \$12; a few lots sold that was, most valley offerings stopping around \$12; no choice light yearlings arrived; good to choice light mixed yearlings and two Monday reached \$3; strictly choice light slaughter ewes quoted up to \$6.

MARKET NEWS OF THE DAY

CHICAGO GRAIN				
Wheat	Open	High	Low	Close
July	146 1/2 @ 147	148 1/2	146 1/2	147 1/2 @ 147 3/4
Sept.	148 1/2 @ 148 3/4	149 1/2	148	148 1/2 @ 149
Dec.	146 1/2 @ 146 3/4	151 1/2	150 1/2	151 1/2 @ 151 3/4

Wheat Unsettled But Higher Today
CHICAGO, June 2 (AP)—Wheat—No sales.
Corn—No. 2 mixed, \$1.02; No. 2 yellow, \$1.04 1/2 @ 1.07.
Oats—No. 2 white, 66 1/2¢; No. 2 white, 66 1/2¢.
Barley—No. 2, 26 1/2¢; white feed, 44¢.
Clover seed—\$19.50 @ 20.75.

PORTLAND WHEAT
PORTLAND, Ore., June 2 (AP)—Wheat—BBW hard white, \$1.52; soft white, western white, \$1.44; hard winter, northern spring, west, 60¢, \$1.34.
Oats—No. 2, 26 1/2¢; white feed, 44¢.
Today's car receipts—Wheat 29; Oats 5; oats 1.

CHICAGO LIVESTOCK
CHICAGO, June 2 (AP)—Hogs—3,000; mostly steady with Friday's average; top \$9.95 paid for 275 lb. weight; shippers took 1000. Heavy weight hogs, \$9.25 to \$9.95; medium, \$8.30 to \$9.10; light, \$8.60 to \$9.10; light light, \$7.60 to \$7.75.
Cattle—500; calves 200; compared week ago: Heavy fed steers 50c to \$1 higher; yearlings and light steers 25 to 50c higher.
Vealers 50c to \$1 lower; extreme top yearlings \$14.75; mixed yearlings \$14.60; heavy steers \$14.60; heifer yearlings \$14.
Sheep—5,000. Odd loads around steady; for week: 55, doubles from feeding stations and 16,500 direct; better grade of spring lambs closing 25 to 35c higher; clipper's best most of week's advances; good and choice lightweight sheep 25 to 50c lower; others unevenly 50c to \$1 lower; feeder and stocker sheep and lambs scarce; little changed; week's top, spring lambs, \$19.25; clipped lambs, \$17.25; fat ewes, \$9; bulk prices: range springers \$18.75 to \$19.25; first babies Monday \$19; week's native springers \$18.90 to \$19; clipped lambs \$15.50 to \$16.50; fat ewes \$7.50 to \$8.50.

NEW YORK FRUIT
NEW YORK, June 2 (AP)—Dried fruit and hops steady.

LIVERPOOL WHEAT
LIVERPOOL, Eng., June 2 (AP)—Close wheat: July 10s. 9d. Oct. 11s. 1 1/2d. Dec. 11s. 3 1/2d.

General Motors Lead Stocks In Closing Ascent
NEW YORK, June 2 (AP)—Disregarding tightening credit conditions, prices ran up briskly in today's stock market under the impetus of pool operations.
Copper shares, after running into heavy profit taking all week, and only darted forward under the leadership of American Smelting, which crossed 200 to a new high record for a gain of about 5 points.
Chrysler and Dodge Brothers Motors were heavy on profit-taking by traders who bought those issues earlier in the week on the announcement of merger terms. Hupp and Hudson recorded substantial gains on reports of record-breaking May production.

International Telephone soared 9 1/2 points, Victor Talking Machine and Radio 4 on unconfirmed rumor of connecting those companies in negotiations for the sale of Radio's communications business to International Telephone and a subsequent merger of Victor and Radio. Western Union dipped 4 points to a new 1928 low at 150.
Midland Steel Products preferred jumped 6 1/2 points and Paramount Famous Players, Advance (mostly common and preferred), and Allied Chemical sold 4 or more points higher.

The closing was strong. Total sales approximated 1,800,000 shares.
A sensational buying movement in General Motors, which ran up more than 6 points to 200 featured the late dealings.

PORTLAND PRODUCE
PORTLAND, Ore., June 2 (AP)—Butter steady; wholesale prices (cubs): Extras 41 1/2¢; standards 40¢; prime firsts 29 1/2¢; firsts 29¢. Creamery prices: Prints 2c over club standards.
Eggs—Standard firsts 4 1/2¢ higher; medium extras 1c higher; medium firsts 1/2¢ higher; fresh standard extras 2 1/2¢; fresh medium extras 2 1/2¢; fresh medium firsts 2 1/2¢; prices to retailers 1 to 3c over exchange prices.
Milk steady; raw milk (4 per cent) \$2.30 cwt. f.o.b. Portland. Butterfat 4 1/2¢ station; 4 1/2¢ track; 4 1/2¢ f.o.b. Portland.
Poultry steady; alive hens over 4 to 4 1/2 lbs. 21¢; 4 to 4 1/2 lbs. 19¢; 3 to 4 lbs. 18¢; 1 lb. and under won't fair lady, or not past the front door with a vacuum sweeper.

Wool steady; Eastern Oregon quoted today at 12 1/2¢ to 15¢ per pound, white Bings, of which the supply was limited, sold at 17 1/2¢ to 20¢.
Nuts steady; walnuts 16¢ to 27¢; almonds 25¢ to 28¢; peanuts 10¢ to 11¢; pecans 35¢ to 42¢.
Hay steady; buying prices: Eastern Oregon timothy \$21 to 21.50; do valley \$19 to 19.50; alfalfa \$19 to 19.50; oat hay \$15.50 to 16; straw \$9.50 per ton. Selling prices \$2 a ton more.
Potatoes and onions steady.

EGG MARKET UP; BERRIES HIGHER
Butter Prices Firm and Steady—Cherry Supply Is Plentiful
PORTLAND, Ore., June 2 (AP)—Reports from principal markets throughout the country that storage holdings of eggs are considerably lower than at this time last year, coupled with belief that the peak of the laying season has passed, tended to make the local market very firm here today, and all grades were quoted higher except standard extras. Standard firsts were 1/2¢ higher at 25 1/2¢, medium extras were a full cent higher at 23¢, and medium firsts climbed 1 1/2¢ to 22¢ per dozen. Receipts of eggs were unusually heavy yesterday at 3,849 cases. Storage holdings last night were reported at 60,254 cases.
Although the butter market showed a firm tone today, prices were steady at yesterday's figures. Yesterday's receipts were 24,962 pounds and storage holdings 352,237 pounds.
Strawberry prices were sharply higher on wholesale produce markets this morning and indications were that available supplies would be cleaned up by noon. Demand by canners added to the values about 25¢ per crate. Most sales ranged from \$1.25 to \$1.40 per crate, while a few especially fine crates sold higher.
Cherries are coming in large quantities daily, and within the next week local black Tartarians are expected. The bulk of offerings so far have been California stock, mostly Bings, Royal Ann

and Tartarians. Royal Ann were quoted today at 12 1/2¢ to 15¢ per pound, white Bings, of which the supply was limited, sold at 17 1/2¢ to 20¢.
NEXT HOP TO SUVA WORST ONE OF TRIP
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tions to receive the "Southern Cross." Reports received from there said the municipal council had ordered a number of trees chopped away to provide sufficient clearing for a landing as well as a take-off for the third hop to Brisbane, Australia, a distance of 1,795 miles.
Next Hop Soon
Captain Kingsford-Smith planned to spend most of his time today at Wheeler field in making a thorough check of the "Southern Cross." If the craft is found airworthy it will be flown to the island of Kaula, one of the nearby Hawaiian group, and from the Barking Sands runway there, the second hop will take place.
Prior to the inspection by Captain Kingsford-Smith the "Southern Cross" had shown such airworthiness that he could say definitely that the take-off from Barking Sands would be made soon—not later than next Monday unless poor flying weather prevents.
The gasoline tanks of "Southern Cross" will be loaded with 300 additional gallons on the next hop 1,500 against 1,200 carried on the Oakland-Honolulu hop. C. T. P. Uim, co-pilot of the "Southern Cross" said last night that the landing proposed at the island of Opoia would be made only in event that the party discovers upon nearing the Samonai island that the gasoline supply is insufficient to carry them to Suva.
Guests at Dinner
After their arrival yesterday the four airmen slept at the Waikiki hotel. A small dinner was held in their honor last night and they planned a visit today to Governor General Farrington, who was at field yesterday to greet them on arrival.
Whether the radio beacon would be used on the flight from Barking Sands was a question which awaited later decision. Army authorities stood ready today to arrange the radio beacon service, if requested.
On the flight to Honolulu the radio beacon functioned perfectly for the first three hours when it was lost by the "Southern Cross." The famous directional signals

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